Mediterranean Sea

The **Mediterranean Sea** borders several countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. The region is hugely popular with tourists, both for the warm and sunny Mediterranean climate, and for the ancient and modern civilisations that have risen and fallen here over millennia. The region is also known for its long tradition of gastronomy, with some of the most revered cuisines in the world.

See also Ferries in the Mediterranean.

Regions

- Balkans
- Eastern Mediterranean
- Iberia
- North Africa
- Middle East

Countries

Twenty-one countries and several territories have a coastline on the Mediterranean Sea. They are, roughly clockwise from the Strait of Gibraltar:

Mediterranean

Europe

- Gibraltar (United Kingdom)
- Spain
- France
- Monaco
- Italy
- Malta
- Slovenia
- Croatia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Montenegro
- Albania
- Greece
- Turkey (part)
- Cyprus
- Northern Cyprus
- Akrotiri and Dhekelia (United Kingdom)

Although Portugal does not lie on the Mediterranean, it is often considered to be culturally Mediterranean, especially the Algarve and Alentejo regions.

Asia

- Turkey (part)
- Syria
- Lebanon
- Israel
- Gaza Strip (Palestine)

Africa

- Egypt
- Libya
- Tunisia
- Algeria
- Morocco
- Ceuta and Melilla (Spain)

Seas

- Aegean Sea
- Black Sea