**GEOGRAPHY: FRANCE – FONTAINEBLEAU AND VARENNES SUR SEINE**



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**Total Size:** 547,030 square km

**Geographical Coordinates:** 46 00 N, 2 00 E

**General Terrain:** mostly flat plains or gently rolling hills in north and west; remainder is mountainous, especially Pyrenees in south, Alps in east.

There is the Auvergne volcanoes.

**Geographical Low Point:** Rhone River delta -2 m

**Geographical High Point:** Mont Blanc 4,807 m

**Currency:** Euro

**Climate:** generally cool winters and mild summers, but mild winters and hot summers along the Mediterranean; occasional strong, cold, dry, north-to-northwesterly wind known as mistral.

**Major Cities:** PARIS (capital) 10.41 million; Marseille-Aix-en-Provence 1.457 million; Lyon 1.456 million; Lille 1.028 million; Nice-Cannes 977,000 (2009).

**Major Landforms:** French Alps, Jura Mountains, Pyrenees, Massif Central plateau, Gorges du Verdon canyon, Loire Valley, Corsica Island

**Major Bodies of Water:** Seine River, Loire River, Meuse River, Rhone River, Gulf of Lion, Bay of Biscay, English Channel, Strait of Dover, Etang de Berre lagoon, Lac du Bourget, Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic Ocean

**Famous Places:** Eiffel Tower, The Louvre Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe, French Riviera, Champs Elysees, Palace of Versailles, Les Invalides, Mont Blanc, Gorge du Verdon, Mont Saint-Michel, St. Tropez, Chateau de Chambord, Dune of Pyla.

**FONTAINBLEAU**:

 

 Chateaux de Fontainebleau

**VARENNES SUR SEINE:**

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