

EUROPE & IBERIAN PENINSULA

Europe is one of the world's largest peninsulas and is also a continent. Europe is made up of lots smaller peninsulas but the four largest peninsulas in Europe are Italian, Balkan, **Iberian** and Scandinavian Peninsulas.

PENINSULA is a piece of land almost surrounded by water and connected to the mainland on **at least** (=almeno) one side.

The Iberian Peninsula is the continent's second-largest peninsula.

It is located on Europe's southwestern tip (=estremo/punta). It is part of the southern Europe peninsula, between Atlantic Ocean to the north/west, and the Mediterranean Sea, to the south/east.

The Iberian Peninsula's southern tip is separated from the Africa continent by the narrow (=stretto/corto) Strait of Gibraltar. At the narrowest point, the peninsula is only 14 km from Morocco.

The Iberian Peninsula covers approximately 583.000 km²: it's around 5.9% of Europe's total area.

Iberia has a population of 52,3 million people.





It extends from Punta de Tarifa on the extreme **south** to Punta de Estaca de Bares to the **north**. From the **west**, the peninsula begins at Cabo da Roca and extends to Cap de Creus in the **east**. It forms an irregular octagonal shape (=forma).

The Iberian Peninsula is separated from the rest of Europe by the Pyrenees mountain range located between France and Spain. The peninsula is mainly occupied by **Spain** and **Portugal**. However, it also comprises **Andorra**, part of Southern **France** and **Gibraltar**, a British overseas (=oltremare) territory.

EXERCISES:

1. Read the text and complete the table below asking to your classmate (use those questions):
 - a. what's the name of.....?
 - b. where's the.....?
 - c. which states are in it?

Name	Iberian
Continent	
Position	
Borders	To the north there's; to the south.....
States into it	
Surface km ²
Extreme N-S-W-E point	The northeast point is: The
Population	

2. True or false

	T	F
The Iberian Peninsula is divided from the rest of Europe by Pyrenees		
The Strait of Gibraltar separates Iberian Peninsula from Asia.		
The Iberian Peninsula is around 8.5% of Europe's total area.		
Iberian Peninsula is formed by 4 states.		
It's bathed (=bagnata) by Atlantic Ocean and Black Sea.		