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# Largest and Deepest

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## 1. What country has the longest coastline?

Canada has the longest coastline of any country. It is 56,453 miles long.



## 2. Which ocean is the deepest?

The Pacific Ocean has the greatest average depth of about 4282 meters.

## 3. What is the longest coral reef?

The Great Barrier Reef, along the continental shelf of northeastern Australia, is the longest coral reef measuring about 1,243 miles long.



#### **4. Where is the deepest point on the ocean floor?**

The Challenger Deep is the deepest point at 35,802 feet deep. It is located off the coast of Guam in the Marianas Trench. This depth was recorded in 1960 by the TRIESTE, a manned submersible owned by the U.S. Navy.

#### **5. What is the longest river?**

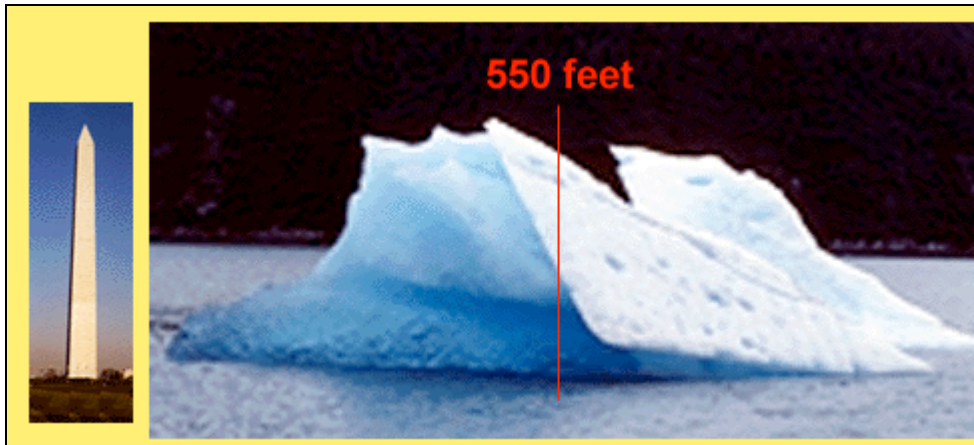
The Nile River, in Egypt, Africa, is 4,160 miles long and flows northward into the Mediterranean Sea.

#### **6. What is the longest mountain range?**

The Mid-Ocean Ridge is Earth's longest mountain range. The ridge circles the globe from the Arctic Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean passing into the Indian Ocean and crossing into the Pacific Ocean. This range is four times longer than the Andes, Rocky and Himalaya Mountains combined.

#### **7. How tall was the tallest iceberg?**

The tallest iceberg, measuring 550 feet, was located in 1958 off the coast of Greenland. This iceberg was only 5 feet 6 inches shorter than the Washington Monument in Washington, DC.



## 8. What is the largest island?

Greenland, with 840,000 square miles, is the largest island. This is not to be confused with Australia, which is a continent and therefore cannot be an island. New Guinea (306,000 square miles) is the second largest island, Madagascar (226,658 square miles) is the fourth largest island, and Great Britain (84,200 square miles) is the eighth largest island.

## 9. How high was the largest tsunamis?

The largest tsunami recorded measured 210 feet, about 18 stories above sea level, when it reached Siberia's Kamchatka Peninsula in 1737.



## 10. Which mountain is the tallest?

Although Mount Everest, at 29,028 feet tall, is often called the tallest mountain; Mauna Kea, an inactive volcano on the island of Hawaii is actually taller. Only 13,796 feet of Mauna Kea stands above sea level, yet it is 33,465 feet tall if measured from the ocean floor to its top. Mauna Kea would be 4400 feet taller than Mount Everest if they were placed next to each other. Also, if Mauna Kea was placed in the Marianas Trench, there would be about 2,000 feet between its top and the surface of the ocean.

## 11. What is the deepest lake?

Baykal Lake in the USSR, just north of Mongolia, is the deepest lake with a maximum depth of 5,315 feet.



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