

# Africa

The Continent!



# Continents



- Africa is the second largest continent
- Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, and Red Sea

# Africa - Countries

- Second largest continent
- 54 countries
- Over 1000 languages
- About 1.1 billion people



# Africa - Climate

Sahara Desert

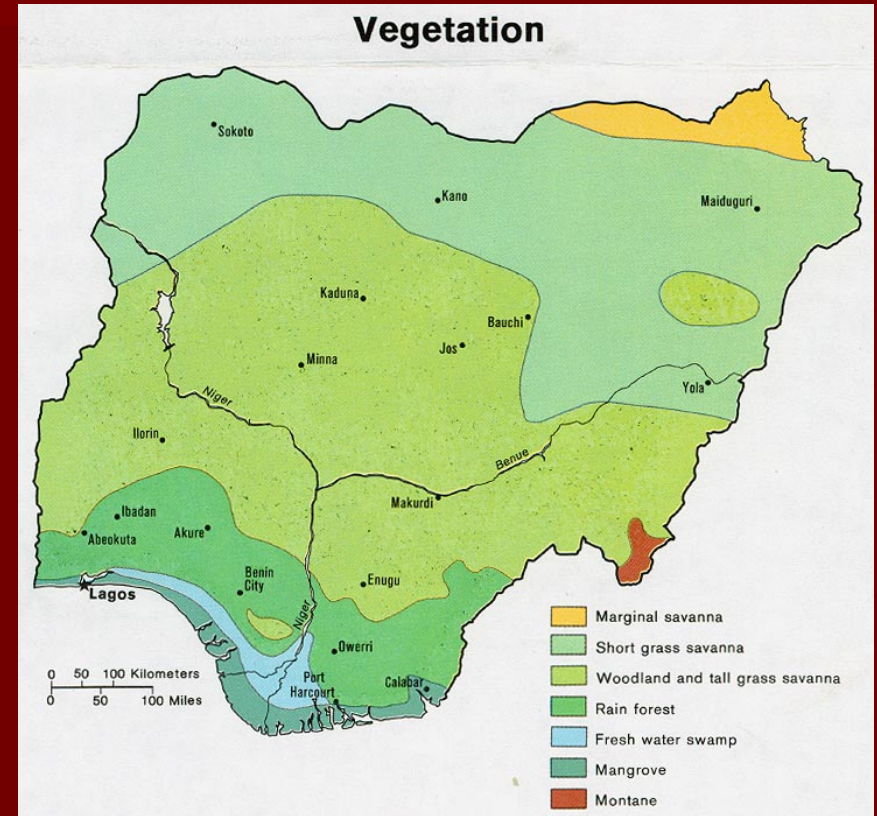
Rainforest

Savannah



# Nigeria

- Largest population in Africa
- Same size as combined states of California, Utah, and Nevada
- 70% farmers or ranchers
- Export oil
- Niger and Benue Rivers
- Elephants, lions, buffalo, hippopotamuses, and crocodiles
- Nollywood – Nigerian movie industry



- Dry climate in north
  - rainy season April to October
- Hot and humid in south

# Egypt

- Mostly covered by desert
  - Part of Sahara Desert
  - western Egypt
  - Ancient pyramids
  - Camels
- Around Nile River
  - Green and some of best farmland
- Summers hot and winters mild



# Sahara Desert

- Largest hot desert in the world
- About as big as the whole USA
- Sand dunes as high as 600 feet



# Nile River

## Most well known in Egypt

- Longest river in the world
- 4132 miles long
- Flows from south to north





# Kenya

- About the size of Texas
- Savannas
  - Beautiful grasslands
  - Gazelles, zebras, etc.
- Great Rift Valley
- Lakes
  - Lake Turkana
  - Lake Victoria
- Mount Kenya
- Chalbi Desert
- Maasai – jumping dance

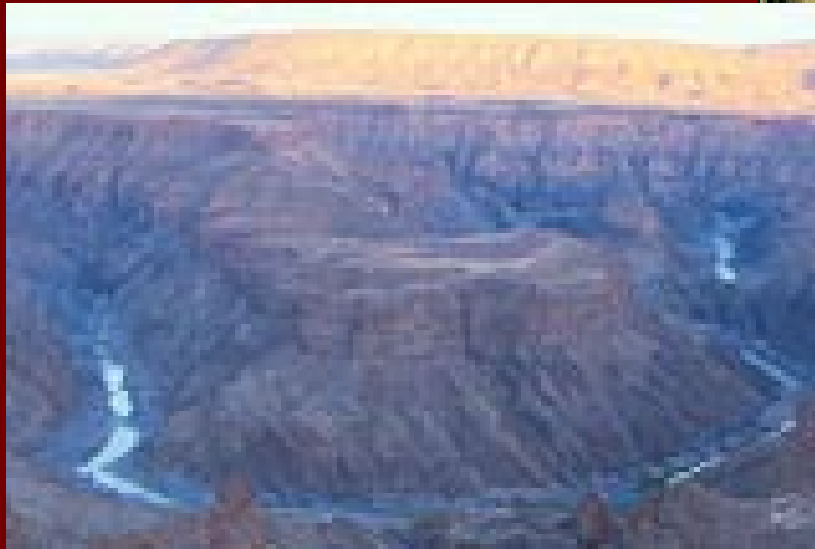


- Equator runs across Kenya
  - Hot weather
- Wet seasons
  - April to June
  - October to November

# Great Rift Valley

## Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania

- 3,700 miles long, 31 miles wide
- Steep-sided valleys
- 9850 feet deep
- 30 volcanoes
- Can see it from space



# Serengeti Plains Tanzania and Kenya

- Masaai for “the place where the land moves on forever”
- 9173 sq. miles (2X size of CT)
- Home to 70 types of large mammals
  - About 500 species of birds
  - Zebras, gazelles, buffaloes, and wildebeests are common



# African Animals

- Lions
- Elephants
- Rhinoceros
- Cape Buffalos
- Leopards



- Zebra
- Giraffes
- Cheetahs
- Impalas
- Wildebeests
- Hippopotamus
- Gorillas

# Tanzania

- Same size as Egypt
- Highest and lowest points in Africa
  - High mountains
  - Tropical beaches
  - Savannas
- Many world-famous national parks
  - Elephants, lions, rhinos, and hippos, leopards, giraffes, antelope, cheetahs, etc.
- Listen to stories instead of watching TV



- Warm and humid
- Dry and rainy season

# Mount Kilimanjaro Tanzania



Highest mountain in Africa  
19,340 feet high

# Victoria Falls

## Zambia/Zimbabwe

- Africans call it "the smoke that thunders"
- Largest waterfall in the world
- Zambezi River
- Water flows over edge at 100 mph
- 360 foot cliff



# South Africa

- Most of country
  - High, flat, and dry plateau
- Rest of country
  - Mountains, grasslands, and flat coastal areas
    - Drakensberg Mountains
      - Table Mountain
- Few rivers
  - Gariep (Orange River)
- Penguins, seals, birds, and game animals
- Ostrich Farms
- Great white sharks

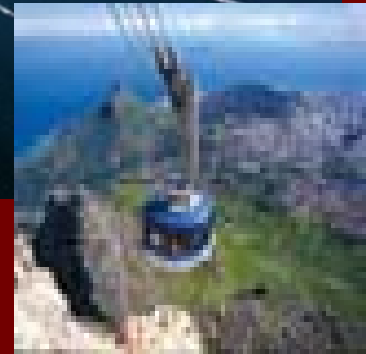


- Pleasant weather most of year
- Hot in summer
- Cold in winter



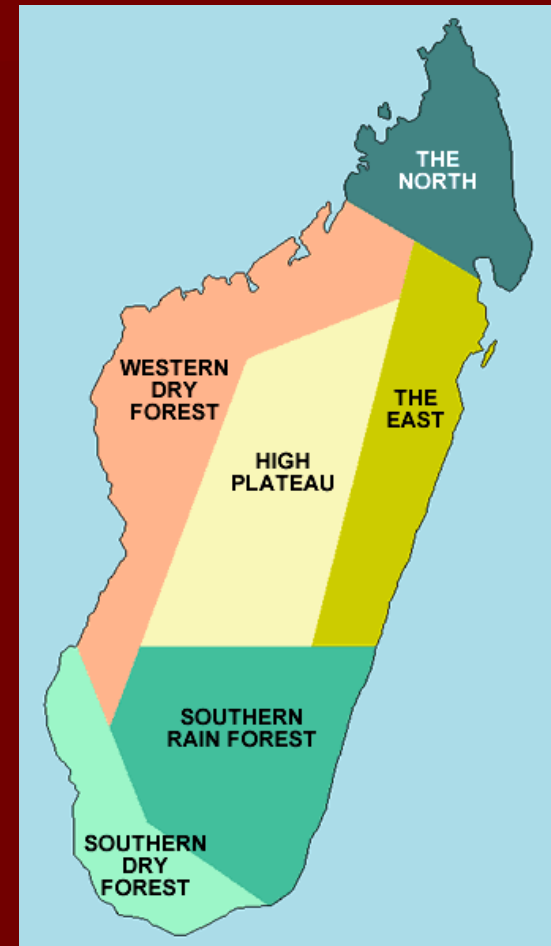
# Table Mountain South Africa

- Cape Town,
  - South Africa
- Flat top
- Go up by cable car
- Tablecloth



# Madagascar

- Fourth largest island in world
- Separated from mainland
  - Species of animals and plants not seen anywhere else in world (endangered)
  - <http://www.wildmadagascar.org/wildlife/animals.html>.
- Forests – half of island
- Central plateau
  - Hills perfect for grazing
  - Valleys – Grow rice
- East coast - migrating humpback whales
- West – hilly and dry, flattens along coast
- Mt. Maromokotro – highest point



- Generally tropical
- Two separate seasons
  - Hot rainy and dry, cool

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