

Welcome...

... to the fascinating continent of Europe! With at least 48 countries, and probably more joining some day, it is home to over 800 million people from hundreds of cultural backgrounds. Europe is also home to animals of all sizes and shapes, and beautiful mountains and rivers. It is full of impressive structures to see and delicious food to eat, as well!

Most of the countries in Europe are on the mainland, which stretches from the North Atlantic Ocean in the west to the Ural Mountains of Russia in the east, and from the frigid Arctic Ocean north of Norway to the Mediterranean Sea down south.

These "mainland" countries are divided into Eastern, Northern, Southern, Central, and Western regions. This is where three of our friends- Ernie, Stevie, and Wendy- will take you on an exploration!

Wendy

Ernie

Stevie

Mickey



Western Europe is also where six microstates (small republics or principalities) are found. These interesting countries are among the smallest in the world. Most are merely the size of large towns! As a special treat, your buddy, Mickey, will take you on a quick journey through these wonderful places.

A country can be part of Europe, even if it does not lie entirely on the mainland. For example, the island countries of Iceland, Ireland, and the United Kingdom are located in Western Europe, although they are not on the mainland. Many people who live in these places don't consider themselves to be "Mainland Europeans."

Other examples are the transcontinental countries, which lie partly in Europe and partly in the continent of Asia to the east. In the case of Russia, most of the country is in Asia. However, its European part alone would be the largest country in Europe! Your pal, Tricia, will finish your travels with a tour of these fine countries.



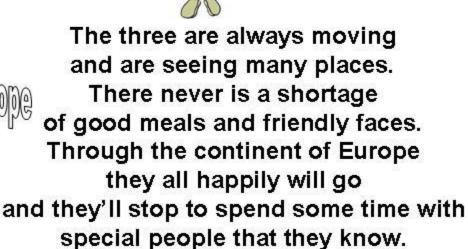




Ernie hikes the Swedish hills in the chilly regions north, while Stevie climbs the southern Alps, and continues moving forth.

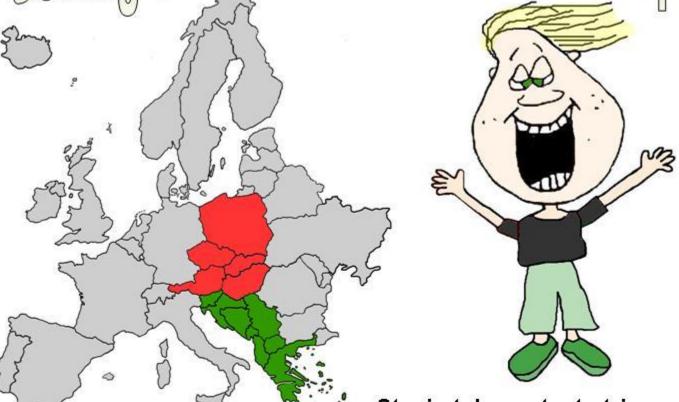
Wendy visits islands of

Great Britain in the west, Mand settles up in Iceland where she takes a needed rest.

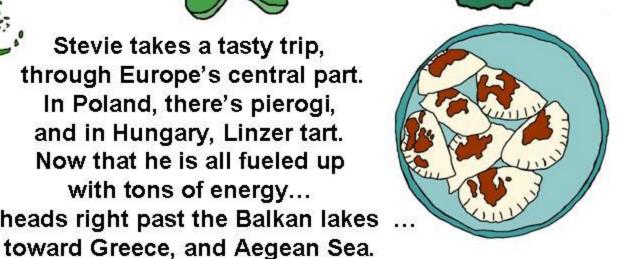




Central and Southern Europe with Ster



Stevie takes a tasty trip, through Europe's central part. In Poland, there's pierogi, and in Hungary, Linzer tart. Now that he is all fueled up with tons of energy... He heads right past the Balkan lakes



Central Eur

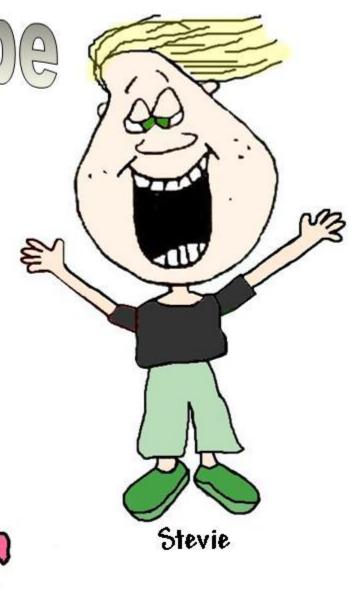
Southern Europe

Baltic Sea JU CZECHREPUBLIC SLOVAKIA AUSTRIA HUNGARY

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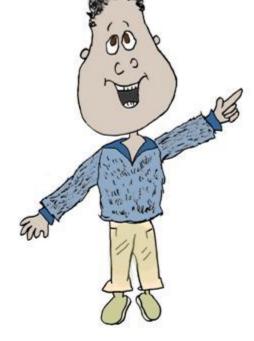
Southern Europe





Exploring Fastern and Northern Europe with Ernig

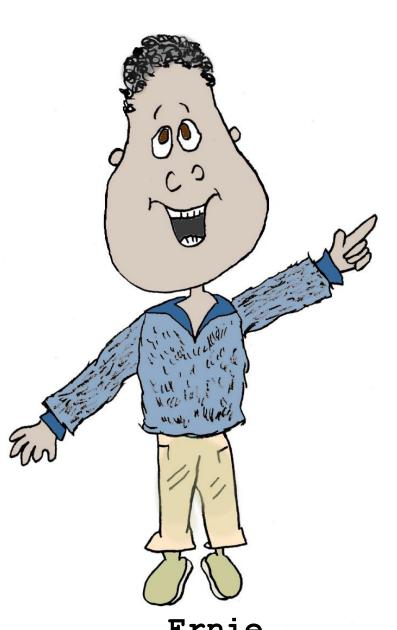






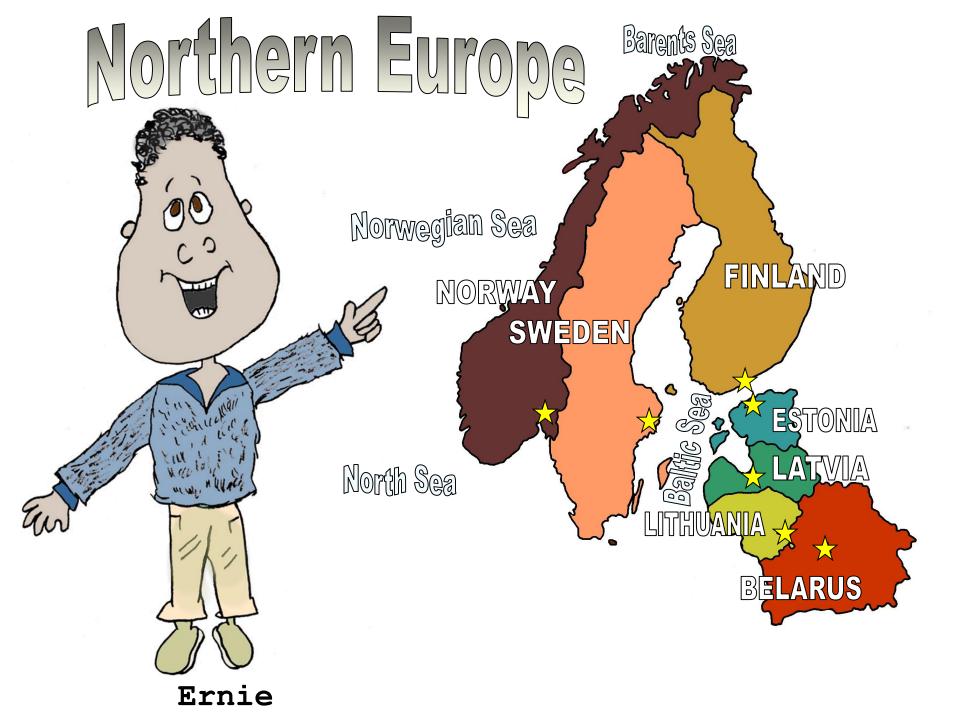
As Ernie travels toward the east,
a pack of wolves he'll pass.
There's nothing like a sight like that
to make a boy run fast!
Ernie walks the northern plain
and sails the Barents Sea.
He goes through Finland heading to
Helsinki and Mikkeli.





UKRAINE **MOLDOVA** ROMANIA Black Sea GARIA

Ernie

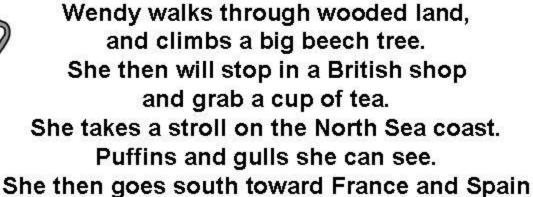








Western Europe



and east toward Italy.





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