



The Antarctic Peninsula: The Antarctic continent is considerably larger than either the United States or Europe, and twice the size of Australia. It is surrounded by a frozen ocean that varies in area from 2.4 million square kilometers in the summer to 20 million square kilometers in the winter. The Antarctic Peninsula, the continent's most accessible region, is 1,930 kilometers in length, with volcanic peaks as high as 3,350 meters. Home to great concentrations of wildlife, the Falklands (Islas Malvinas) and South Georgia are subantarctic islands with a rich natural history.