

The Alps Notes

mountain range in the middle of **Europe**.

8 countries

- France
- Monaco
- Italy
- Switzerland
- Liechtenstein
- Austria
- Germany
- Slovenia

Formed when **tectonic plates** collided over tens of millions of years,

The highest mountain in the Alps is **Mont Blanc**, others are the Jger and Matterhorn

The **weather** affected by different temperatures of air coming from the north, west and south. Different climates different heights

Mountains tops covered in **snow** and **glaciers**. Provide water, source of rivers and lakes. Dams built and create **hydroelectric power** for nearby towns and cities

Different types of animals and plants live in the different climate zones and some are not found anywhere else in the world.

Tourism is main industry in the Alps. Around 30 million people visit the Alps each year:

- skiing and snowboarding
- walking
- sightseeing
- trail running
- mountain biking
- paragliding

