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## 10 Minutes with Science: Geographical Accidents

**Peninsula:** Land area surrounded by water all on sides but one, where it connects to the mainland.

### THE IBERIAN PENINSULA



The Iberian Peninsula is located in the southwest corner of Europe and is linked to the rest of the European continent by the northeast. The peninsula has almost 4,000 kilometers of coastline with many beaches and is surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea, the Cantabrian Sea, and the Atlantic Ocean.

During most of the year, the warm beaches of southern Spain bathed by the Mediterranean Sea are visited by tourists from northern Europe because of its pleasant weather.



The Iberian Peninsula has about 623,000 square kilometers,  $\text{km}^2$ , if the 40,000  $\text{km}^2$  belonging to the French is included. Although some experts place French sections in the Iberian Peninsula,