

## Top 100 smallest countries by area

Along with big countries, there are many small independent states, and some are so tiny that are called microstates.

The smallest one of them is the Vatican city (Holy See), it actually occupies only an old quarter with a few buildings and parks in the center of Rome (Italy). Perhaps it is the most unusual country with own government, army, diplomatic missions, but without permanent native population (the citizenship is granted to persons who work in the Vatican and its missions worldwide).

Many other countries ranked in the top 30 of our list have some common features. Most of them are European microstates or the tiny islands in the Caribbean, the South Pacific and Indian Ocean (mostly the former overseas colonies gained their independence in the second half of the 20th century). Further, in the table below you can find more known nations ranked by total area, and also see neighbors with whom they share land borders.

Note that the list includes only officially recognized independent states, and excludes dependent territories. For example, you cannot find here the Puerto Rico (it is a part of the USA), and also the Bermuda (it is the British overseas territory).

### List of the 100 smallest countries by total area (land and water surface)

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| Rank | Country                          | Total area in sq. km.<br>(sq. miles) | Continent                   | Bordering countries by land |
|------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1    | <a href="#">Vatican City</a>     | 0.44<br>(0.17)                       | Europe                      | Italy                       |
| 2    | <a href="#">Monaco</a>           | 2,02<br>(0.78)                       | Europe                      | France                      |
| 3    | <a href="#">Nauru</a>            | 21<br>(8.1)                          | Australia<br>and<br>Oceania | -                           |
| 4    | <a href="#">Tuvalu</a>           | 26<br>(10)                           | Australia<br>and<br>Oceania | -                           |
| 5    | <a href="#">San Marino</a>       | 61<br>(24)                           | Europe                      | Italy                       |
| 6    | <a href="#">Liechtenstein</a>    | 160<br>(62)                          | Europe                      | Austria, Switzerland        |
| 7    | <a href="#">Marshall Islands</a> | 181<br>(70)                          | Australia<br>and<br>Oceania | -                           |

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| 8  | St. Kitts and Nevis            | 269<br>(104)     | North America         | -                        |
| 9  | Maldives                       | 300<br>(116)     | Asia                  | -                        |
| 10 | Malta                          | 316<br>(122)     | Europe                | -                        |
| 11 | Grenada                        | 344<br>(133)     | North America         | -                        |
| 12 | St. Vincent and the Grenadines | 389<br>(150)     | North America         | -                        |
| 13 | Barbados                       | 430<br>(170)     | North America         | -                        |
| 14 | Antigua and Barbuda            | 442<br>(171)     | North America         | -                        |
| 15 | Seychelles                     | 455<br>(176)     | Africa                | -                        |
| 16 | Palau                          | 460<br>(178)     | Australia and Oceania | -                        |
| 17 | Andorra                        | 468<br>(181)     | Europe                | France, Spain            |
| 18 | St. Lucia                      | 616<br>(238)     | North America         | -                        |
| 19 | Micronesia                     | 702<br>(271)     | Australia and Oceania | -                        |
| 20 | Singapore                      | 719.1<br>(277.6) | Asia                  | -                        |
| 21 | Tonga                          | 747<br>(288)     | Australia and Oceania | -                        |
| 22 | Dominica                       | 751<br>(290)     | North America         | -                        |
| 23 | Bahrain                        | 780<br>(301)     | Asia                  | -                        |
| 24 | Kiribati                       | 811<br>(313)     | Australia and Oceania | -                        |
| 25 | Sao Tome and Principe          | 1001<br>(386)    | Africa                | -                        |
| 26 | Mauritius                      | 2,040<br>(788)   | Africa                | -                        |
| 27 | Comoros                        | 2,235<br>(863)   | Africa                | -                        |
| 28 | Luxembourg                     | 2,586<br>(998)   | Europe                | Belgium, France, Germany |

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| 29 | Samoa               | 2,842<br>(1,097)  | Australia and Oceania | -   |
| 30 | Cabo Verde          | 4,033<br>(1,557)  | Africa                | -   |
| 31 | Trinidad and Tobago | 5,131<br>(1,981)  | North America         | -   |
| 32 | Brunei              | 5,765<br>(2,226)  | Asia                  | Malaysia  |
| 33 | Palestine           | 6,220<br>(2,402)  | Asia                  | Egypt, Israel, Jordan   |
| 34 | Cyprus              | 9,250<br>(3,571)  | Asia                  | United Kingdom (Akrotiri and Dhekelia)                              |
| 35 | Lebanon             | 10,452<br>(4,036) | Asia                  | Israel, Syria   |
| 36 | Kosovo              | 10,887<br>(4,203) | Europe                | Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia                              |
| 37 | Jamaica             | 10,991<br>(4,244) | North America         | -   |
| 38 | Gambia              | 11,295<br>(4,361) | Africa                | Senegal   |
| 39 | Qatar               | 11,586<br>(4,473) | Asia                  | Saudi Arabia  |
| 40 | Vanuatu             | 12,189<br>(4,706) | Australia and Oceania | -   |
| 41 | Montenegro          | 13,812<br>(5,333) | Europe                | Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia            |
| 42 | Bahamas             | 13,878<br>(5,358) | North America         | -   |
| 43 | Timor-Leste         | 14,874<br>(5,743) | Asia                  | Indonesia   |
| 44 | Swaziland           | 17,364<br>(6,704) | Africa                | Mozambique, South Africa  |
| 45 | Kuwait              | 17,818<br>(6,880) | Asia                  | Iraq, Saudi Arabia  |
| 46 | Fiji                | 18,274<br>(7,056) | Australia and Oceania | -   |
| 47 | Slovenia            | 20,273<br>(7,827) | Europe                | Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy                                    |
| 48 | Israel              | 20,770<br>(8,019) | Asia                  | Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine (Gaza Strip and West Bank), Syria |
| 49 | El Salvador         | 21,041<br>(8,124) | North America         | Guatemala, Honduras   |
| 50 | Belize              | 22,966<br>(8,867) | North America         | Guatemala, Mexico   |

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| 51 | Djibouti   | 23,200<br>(8,958)  | Africa                | Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia                                  |
| 52 | Macedonia  | 25,713<br>(9,928)  | Europe                | Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Kosovo, Serbia                   |
| 53 | Rwanda   | 26,338<br>(10,169) | Africa                | Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Uganda |
| 54 | Haiti  | 27,750<br>(10,714) | North America         | Dominican Republic  |
| 55 | Burundi  | 27,830<br>(10,745) | Africa                | Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania          |
| 56 | Equatorial Guinea                                  | 28,051<br>(10,831) | Africa                | Cameroon, Gabon   |
| 57 | Albania  | 28,748<br>(11,100) | Europe                | Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro                       |
| 58 | Solomon Islands                                    | 28,896<br>(11,157) | Australia and Oceania | -   |
| 59 | Armenia  | 29,743<br>(11,484) | Asia                  | Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, Turkey                           |
| 60 | Lesotho  | 30,355<br>(11,720) | Africa                | South Africa  |
| 61 | Belgium  | 30,528<br>(11,787) | Europe                | France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands                    |
| 62 | Moldova  | 33,843<br>(13,067) | Europe                | Romania, Ukraine  |
| 63 | Taiwan   | 36,000<br>(13,900) | Asia                  | -   |
| 64 | Guinea-Bissau                                      | 36,125<br>(13,948) | Africa                | Guinea, Senegal   |
| 65 | Bhutan   | 38,394<br>(14,824) | Asia                  | China, India  |
| 66 | Switzerland  | 41,285<br>(15,940) | Europe                | Austria, France, Italy, Liechtenstein, Germany              |
| 67 | Netherlands<br><i>(incl. overseas territories)</i> | 42,199<br>(16,293) | Europe                | Belgium, Germany  |
| 68 | Estonia  | 45,227<br>(17,462) | Europe                | Latvia, Russia  |
| 69 | Dominican Republic                                 | 48,670<br>(18,792) | North America         | Haiti   |
| 70 | Slovakia   | 49,036<br>(18,933) | Europe                | Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Ukraine           |
| 71 | Costa Rica   | 51,100<br>(19,730) | North America         | Nicaragua, Panama   |
| 72 | Bosnia and Herzegovina                             | 51,209<br>(19,772) | Europe                | Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia                                 |
|    |  | 56,594             |                       | Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Montenegro, Serbia,        |

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| 73 | Croatia                 | (21,851)            | Europe           | Slovenia  |
| 74 | Togo                    | 56,785<br>(21,925)  | Africa           | Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana  |
| 75 | Latvia                  | 64,589<br>(24,938)  | Europe           | Belarus, Estonia, Lithuania, Russia   |
| 76 | Lithuania               | 65,300<br>(25,212)  | Europe           | Belarus, Latvia, Poland, Russia (Kaliningrad Oblast)  |
| 77 | Sri Lanka               | 65,610<br>(25,332)  | Asia             | -   |
| 78 | Georgia                 | 69,700<br>(26,911)  | Asia /<br>Europe | Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Turkey   |
| 79 | Ireland                 | 70,282<br>(27,136)  | Europe           | United Kingdom  |
| 80 | Sierra Leone            | 71,740<br>(27,699)  | Africa           | Guinea, Liberia   |
| 81 | Panama                  | 75,420<br>(29,120)  | North<br>America | Colombia, Costa Rica  |
| 82 | Serbia                  | 77,474<br>(29,913)  | Europe           | Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary,<br>Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania |
| 83 | Czech Republic          | 78,867<br>(30,451)  | Europe           | Austria, Germany, Poland, Slovakia  |
| 84 | United Arab<br>Emirates | 83,600<br>(32,278)  | Asia             | Oman, Saudi Arabia  |
| 85 | Austria                 | 83,879<br>(32,386)  | Europe           | Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein,<br>Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland    |
| 86 | Azerbaijan              | 86,600<br>(33,436)  | Asia /<br>Europe | Armenia, Georgia, Iran, Russia, Turkey  |
| 87 | Jordan                  | 89,342<br>(34,495)  | Asia             | Iraq, Israel, Palestine (West Bank), Saudi Arabia, Syria                                      |
| 88 | Portugal                | 92,220<br>(35,606)  | Europe           | Spain   |
| 89 | Hungary                 | 93,028<br>(35,918)  | Europe           | Austria, Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia,<br>Ukraine                             |
| 90 | South Korea             | 100,266<br>(38,713) | Asia             | North Korea   |
| 91 | Iceland                 | 103,000<br>(38,768) | Europe           | -   |
| 92 | Guatemala               | 108,889<br>(42,042) | North<br>America | Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico   |
| 93 | Cuba                    | 109,880<br>(42,425) | North<br>America | -   |
| 94 | Bulgaria                | 110,879<br>(42,811) | Europe           | Greece, Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Turkey  |
| 95 | Liberia                 | 111,369<br>(43,000) | Africa           | Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Sierra Leone   |
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| 96  | Honduras    | (43,278)            | America | El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragu   |
| 97  | Benin       | 114,763<br>(44,310) | Africa  | Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Togo |
| 98  | Eritrea     | 117,600<br>(45,406) | Africa  | Djibouti, Ethiopia, Sudan          |
| 99  | Malawi      | 118,484<br>(45,747) | Africa  | Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia       |
| 100 | North Korea | 120,540<br>(46,541) | Asia    | China, South Korea, Russia         |

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