

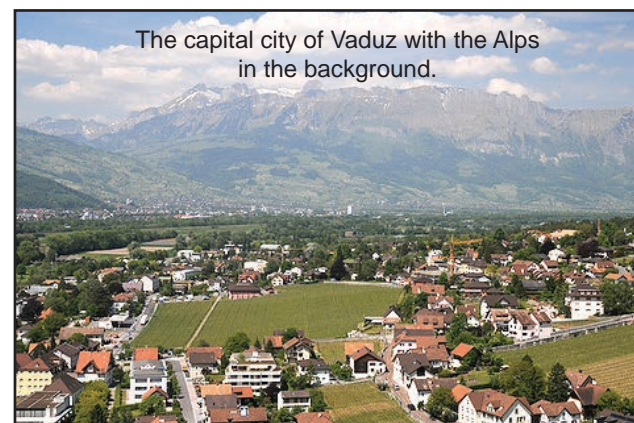
## Principality of Liechtenstein



- In 1719, the princely House of Liechtenstein, which still rules as a constitutional monarchy, purchased a strip of Rhine floodplain and adjacent mountains and called it Liechtenstein. Liechtenstein is not quite as large as Washington D.C. The country lies on the east bank of the Rhine River, south of Lake Constance, between Austria and Switzerland. The total area is 62 square miles. Prince Hans-Adam II is the present reigning prince of Liechtenstein. He ascended the throne in 1989.
- Liechtenstein is very mountainous and is the only country to be completely located within the Alps. It is also one of the world's two doubly-landlocked countries (along with Uzbekistan). Most of the country's population lives in the long and wide Rhine Valley. The highest point in Liechtenstein is Grauspitz which is 8,526 feet. It's large number of hiking trails are a major tourist attraction.
- The country has a continental climate with cold, cloudy winters and frequent snow or rain. Summers are cool to moderately warm and often cloudy and humid.
- Industry includes, electronics, metal manufacturing, dental products, ceramics and pharmaceuticals. Historically agricultural, Liechtenstein has been increasingly industrialized with industry and services now employing most of the workforce.
- Liechtenstein measures tall in economy as a highly industrialized nation with a vital financial service sector. Moreover, it has one of the highest per capita incomes in the world!
- Agriculture in Liechtenstein are wheat, barley, corn, potatoes, dairy products and livestock. Liechtensteiner's are also known for their cheeses and wines.
- Tourism is another major source of income. Snow skiing is a major attraction.
- The capital city is Vaduz. Vaduz serves as the administrative center plus the seat of the national parliament. Also at Vaduz is

the Postage Stamp Museum, the National Library and Ski Museum. Regierungsgebäude is one of the oldest government buildings.

- German is the national language. It is the only German speaking country not to border Germany and also the smallest of all the German speaking countries.
- The Castle Liechtenstein is located in Austria! This castle was built in the early 1100's and destroyed twice by the Ottomans. It wasn't rebuilt properly until 1884. The castle is still the property of the Liechtenstein Royal Family since 1807.
- Liechtenstein has no military force. They uphold a stance of military neutrality. They have a police force that takes care of crime within the country.
- Liechtensteiners usually eat Zmorga for breakfast which comprises of coffee and bread with jam. Zmittag is their main meal of the day which typically includes a main dish, soup, salad, and dessert. Znacht is eaten at dinnertime and comprises of an open-faced sandwich made with various kinds of meat and cheese.
- Käsknöfle, a distinctive regional dish consists of noodles made by squeezing a mixture of flour, water, and eggs through a perforated board after which, the noodles are baked with grated cheese.
- Joseph Rheinberger, a famous musician and composer was born the son of the Prince of Liechtenstein's treasurer on March 17 1839 in the capital village of Vaduz.



The capital city of Vaduz with the Alps in the background.