

Top 10 Smallest Countries in the World by Area & Population

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Smallest Countries in the World: While size is often seen as a measure of importance, Vatican City is an exception. Located at the heart of Rome, this independent city-state holds the title of the Smallest Country in the World. Despite its modest dimensions, Vatican City's influence, rich history, and cultural significance extend far beyond its borders.

The smallest Countries in the World, often referred to as ministates, are defined by their limited land area and population. Till today the List of Smallest Countries in the World include Vatican City, Monaco, Nauru, Tuvalu, and San Marino. At the top of this list, Vatican City remains the smallest of them all.

List of Top 10 Smallest Countries in the World By Area

The world is home to several tiny nations that may be small in size but are rich in history, culture, and global influence. These microstates are often located on islands or within larger nations and are famous for tourism, wealth, or unique governance systems. Below is the list of the **Top 10 Smallest Countries in the World by Area** along with their approximate land sizes.

Rank	Country Name	Area (in sq. km)	Continent	Capital
1	Vatican City	0.44	Europe	Vatican City
2	Monaco	2.02	Europe	Monaco
3	Nauru	21	Oceania	Yaren District
4	Tuvalu	26	Oceania	Funafuti
5	San Marino	61	Europe	San Marino
6	Liechtenstein	160	Europe	Vaduz
7	Marshall Islands	181	Oceania	Majuro
8	Saint Kitts and Nevis	261	North America (Caribbean)	Basseterre
9	Maldives	300	Asia (Indian Ocean)	Malé
10	Malta	316	Europe	Valletta

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List of Top 10 Smallest Countries in the World By Population

When considering the List of Top 10 Smallest Countries in the World, another criteria apart from land area is population size. By this measure, Vatican City also ranks as the smallest country, with an estimated population of just 825 residents. Following closely are Tuvalu, Nauru, Palau, San Marino, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Marshall Islands, and Dominica. Below is a table including the List of Top 10 Smallest Countries in the World by population.

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Rank	Country Name	Population (2025)	Continent	Capital
1	Vatican City	825	Europe	Vatican City
2	Tuvalu	11,508	Oceania	Funafuti
3	Nauru	12,704	Oceania	Yaren District
4	Palau	17,907	Oceania	Ngerulmud
5	San Marino	33,785	Europe	San Marino
6	Liechtenstein	38,557	Europe	Vaduz
7	Monaco	38,682	Europe	Monaco

List of Top 10 Smallest Countries in the World By Population				
Rank	Country Name	Population (2025)	Continent	Capital
8	Saint Kitts and Nevis	52,441	North America (Caribbean)	Basseterre
9	Marshall Islands	58,413	Oceania	Majuro
10	Dominica	71,625	North America (Caribbean)	Roseau

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Smallest Country in the World

The **smallest country in the world** is **Vatican City**, an independent city-state surrounded by **Italy**. It serves as the spiritual and administrative headquarters of the **Roman Catholic Church** and is the residence of the **Pope Leo XIV**. It houses the famous **Vatican Museums** and the **Sistine Chapel**, known for the artworks of **Michelangelo**.

Second Smallest Country in the World

Monaco is the **second smallest country in the world**, covering just **2.02 square kilometers**. Located on the French Riviera in Western Europe, it is renowned for its luxury lifestyle, casinos, and the annual Formula One Grand Prix. Despite its small size, Monaco boasts one of the highest GDPs per capita in the world and is famous as a global hub for wealth, tourism, and glamour.

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