California and the World

North America is a continent, which is located in the Northern Hemisphere. The United States is a country, which is located in North America. California stretches for 800 miles along the western edge of North America between 32° and 42° north **latitude**, or about halfway between the Equator and the Arctic Circle. Referring to the system of **longitude**, California is also in the Western Hemisphere, falling roughly between 115 and 125 degrees west longitude.

California is one of fifty states in the United States. The Pacific Ocean lies to the west, with its coastline forming California's western border. The state of Oregon lies to the north. The border between the two states follows the line of 42° north latitude. The country of Mexico lies to the south, with the international border following a surveyed line that falls between 32° and 33° north. The states of Nevada and Arizona sit to the east of California. The border with Nevada is made up of two straight line borders, while the border with Arizona follows the course of the Colorado River.





