

***ACTIVE** Volcanoes*

There are active volcanoes all over the world. Some erupt often, sending hot lava down their slopes. People often live near these volcanoes. Because of the ash, the land is good for farming.

The longest-erupting volcano is Mount Etna, in Sicily. It has been active for 3,500 years. Mount Etna erupts very often. It has destroyed many towns. People have tried to change the lava flow. They've built earth walls and used explosives. Some towns have avoided destruction. Successful evacuation plans have kept people safe.