



La Palma Island: Spain

Why in News

Recently, the Cumbre Vieja volcano in La Palma, one of Spain's Canary Islands, erupted.



Key Points

▪ About:

- The Cumbre Vieja volcano **erupted for the first time in 50 years**. The last time hot molten lava erupted and spread was in 1971.
- **La Palma** is the **most north-westerly island of the Canary Islands, Spain**.
 - It's geography is a **result of a volcanic formation** and has an area of 708 square kilometres making it the **fifth largest of the eight main Canary Islands**.
 - Its highest mountain is the **Roque de los Muchachos, at 2,423 metres being second among the peaks** of the Canaries only to the peaks of the Teide massif on Tenerife.
- The **Canary Islands are a group of ocean island volcanoes** located off the coast of western Africa that have been formed by volcanic activity since around 20 million years ago. It comprises the Spanish provinces of Las Palmas and Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

▪ Other Recently Erupted Volcanoes:

- [Kilauea Volcano: Hawaii](#).
- [Fukutoku-Okanoba Volcano: Japan](#)
- [Sangay Volcano: Ecuador](#)
- [Taal Volcano: Philippines](#)
- [Mt. Sinabung](#), [Merapi volcano](#), [Semeru volcano](#) (Indonesia)
- **Volcanoes in India:**
 - **Barren Island**, Andaman Islands (India's only active volcano)
 - **Narcondam**, Andaman Islands
 - **Baratang**, Andaman Islands
 - **Deccan Traps**, Maharashtra
 - **Dhinodhar Hills**, Gujarat
 - **Dhosi Hill**, Haryana

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