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# World Explorer [Laminated] (National Geographic Reference Map)



## Synopsis

National Geographic's World map is the standard by which all other reference maps are measured. The World map is meticulously researched and adheres to National Geographic's convention of making independent, apolitical decisions based on extensive research using multiple authoritative source. The Explorer style World map uses a vibrant color palette that fills each country for easy identification, stunning shaded relief, and a light blue background grid pattern that echoes the cartographic precision that underlies all National Geographic maps. Drawn in the Winkel Tripel projection, distortions are minimized and unlike many other World maps, Greenland is shown the same size as Argentina and not as the size of all of South America. Thousands of place names are carefully and artistically placed on the map to maintain legibility even in the heavily populated areas of Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Details include clearly defined international boundaries, cities, physical features, rivers, and ocean floor features. Inset charts list the largest cities by population and the largest countries by land mass and population. The map is encapsulated in heavy-duty 1.6 mil laminate which makes the paper much more durable and resistant to the swelling and shrinking caused by changes in humidity. Laminated maps can be framed without the need for glass, so the frames can be much lighter and less expensive. Map Scale = 1:42,334,000 Sheet Size = 32" x 20"

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science of mapmaking. Today, National Geographic Maps continues this mission by creating the world's best wall maps, recreation maps, atlases, and globes which inspire people to care about and explore their world.

I ordered two maps (U.S. and world map). The plastic packaging sleeve showed them to be correct but when I opened them for my son I found I had two U.S. maps and no world map even though the packaging showed a world map. We had delayed opening them until his room was finished and by then it was too late to return. We're disappointed and it was not worth the money.

The detail on the map is nice and the lamination seems sturdy enough for the poster to support itself when hung on a wall. I wish the colors were a bit more vibrant, but am overall happy with the map.

I didn't retain enough from my geography classes! This map makes it easy for me to keep up with where things are happening in the world. Nice size and lamination. Also it's up to date (2014) with any changes in country names. I only wish I had bought this sooner!!

Map itself is fine, but the laminate is a joke, paper thin and can't hold a thumb pin on the wall. Very dissapointed.

I ordered both the world and the U.S. maps, and must say that I would never have paid this much for them had I known how thin and flimsy they were going to be. I would say they are worth about 5.00 each. Definitely not the 14 each I paid. Definitely disappointed.

This is an excellent for detail. It was also the exact right size for the space that I had for it next to my desk. It lamination was added flawlessly.

This map is perfect. The laminate is good quality, the size is perfect, and it works wonderfully for our homeschooling purposes. I am so glad I went back to National Geographic for another great wall map.

This world map was purchased for a school project in which various locations needed to be noted with a pin. The picture on the website is a bit deceiving, as I had the impression that the continents, countries, states, etc. would be bigger and would be easier to differentiate than what I found upon

receiving the map. While the map is of good size, the continents and all therein seem small - it was hard to find where one state, province, or country began and another ended, as many city, state, province, and country names run over into adjoining states, provinces and countries and boundaries are not always clearly marked. For example, Kentucky is about the size of the tip of my little finger on the map. New Mexico smaller than the size of a dime (if it were squared off), California 1 1/2 inches long and as wide as a pencil, and so on. We have another world map of a similar size but that seems to better size and differentiate between these areas. However, it is a kids map and has pictures of local dress, foods, exports, etc. all over the map so we could not use it for the project. We had expected this map to be sized similarly. All said I'm sure it is a good map that is to scale (and likely why everything is so small compared to our other world map which may not be to scale), however, if you have a project that requires a more clear delineation between states, provinces, countries, etc. you may want to consider an alternate.

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