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Mediterranean climate! The climate of this region is very interesting: it is a type which prevails also in central Chile and southwestern Australia, and on the California coast. The general characteristics are rainy winters and dry summers. In winter the whole basin is under the influence of the stormy westerlies; most of the rain falls then. In summer the northeast trades prevail with sunny skies--almost a Saharan climate. During spring and autumn the damp westerlies control the climate on the northern coast, and the dry trade winds on the southern or African coast. The rainfall varies from 10 inches a year on the Egyptian coast to 180 inches in the Montenigor mountains near the Adriatic Sea.
