3. France

France boasts the largest number of Neandertal fossil remains sites uncovered to date in Europe.







Discovered in 1910, the "Old Man of La Chapelle-aux-Saints" fossil remains were initially incorrectly described. This led to a belief that the Neandertals walked in a stooped manner. New evidence indicates he was a toothless 40 year old and suffered from arthritis of the spine.

Italy





The Italian examples exhibit some physical characteristics similar to the more northern examples of western Europe and prove the species existed in different climates and many geographic locations.

