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**Deserts of the world (Defined as lack of Usable Water).** Revised 2/14

- <http://library.thinkquest.org/J0112482/desert.htm>
- <http://www.tigerx.com/trivia/deserts.htm>
- <http://oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/education/projects/>
- <http://www.runet.edu/~swoodwar/CLASSES/GEOG235/biomes/desert/desert.html>
- <http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0778851.html>
- <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0778851.html>
- <http://www.desertusa.com/glossary.html>
- <http://www.explorenorth.com/library/weekly/aa111700b.htm>
- <http://www.desertusa.com/life.html>
- <http://www.oneworldmagazine.org/focus/deserts/mainintr.htm>
- <http://pubs.usgs.gov/gip/deserts/>
- <http://geography.about.com/library/weekly/aa112299.htm?terms=World+Deserts>
- <http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/glossary/gloss5/biome/deserts.html>
- <http://www.desertusa.com/life.html>
- <http://infoplease.kids.lycos.com/ipka/A0778851.html>
- <http://www.mapsofworld.com/world-desert-map.htm>
- <http://www.mbgnet.net/sets/desert/index.htm>
- <http://geology.com/records/largest-desert.shtml>
- [http://www.worldbiomes.com/biomes\\_desert.htm](http://www.worldbiomes.com/biomes_desert.htm)

**Survival**

<http://www.desertusa.com/mag99/mar/stories/desertsur.html>

**Four categories of deserts: subtropical deserts cool coastal deserts, cold winter deserts and polar areas.**

**SUBTROPICAL DESERTS**

Rank	Name	Place	Size
1	Sahara	North Africa	3,320,000 to 3,500,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0842962.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0842962.html</a>			
<a href="http://www.windows.ucar.edu/tour/link=/earth/images/Sahara_image.html">http://www.windows.ucar.edu/tour/link=/earth/images/Sahara_image.html</a>			
<a href="http://www.lonelyplanet.com/theme/deserts/deserts_sahara.htm">http://www.lonelyplanet.com/theme/deserts/deserts_sahara.htm</a>			

Name	Place	Size
Libyan (Western Desert)	Northeast Sahara	? sq mi
<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/65/li/LibyanDe.html">http://www.bartleby.com/65/li/LibyanDe.html</a>		
<a href="http://i-cias.com/e.o/libyan_d.htm">http://i-cias.com/e.o/libyan_d.htm</a>		

Name	Place	Size
<b>Nubian</b>	<b>Eastern Sahara</b>	<b>157,000 sq mi</b>
<a href="http://i-cias.com/m.s/sudan/nubian_d.htm">http://i-cias.com/m.s/sudan/nubian_d.htm</a>		
<a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0836132.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0836132.html</a>		

Rank	Name	Place	Size
2	<b>Australian</b>	<b>Australia</b>	<b>600,000 to 1,470,000 sq mi</b>
<a href="http://www.utexas.edu/depts/tnhc/.www/fish/dfc/australi/desrtgen.html">http://www.utexas.edu/depts/tnhc/.www/fish/dfc/australi/desrtgen.html</a>			
<a href="http://www.herbertonss.qld.edu.au/landofoz/patrick.htm">http://www.herbertonss.qld.edu.au/landofoz/patrick.htm</a>			

**Australian Desert contains the Great Sandy, Great Victoria, Simpson and Sturt Stony deserts.**

Name	Place	Size
<b>Great Sandy (Canning Basin)</b>	<b>Northwestern Australia</b>	<b>130,000 to 150,000 sq mi</b>
<a href="http://www.nationalgeographic.com/wildworld/profiles/terrestrial/aa/aa1304.html">http://www.nationalgeographic.com/wildworld/profiles/terrestrial/aa/aa1304.html</a>		
<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Sandy_Desert">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Sandy_Desert</a>		

Name	Place	Size
<b>Great Victoria</b>	<b>Southwestern Australia</b>	<b>130,000 to 250,000 sq mi</b>
<a href="http://www.csr.utexas.edu/projects/rs/aussie.html">http://www.csr.utexas.edu/projects/rs/aussie.html</a>		

Name	Place	Size
<b>Simpson and Sturt Stony</b>	<b>Eastern half of the Australia continent</b>	<b>56,000 sq mi</b>
<a href="http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/galileo/messenger/oldmess/Earth6.html">http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/galileo/messenger/oldmess/Earth6.html</a>		
<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Victoria_Desert">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Victoria_Desert</a>		
<a href="http://www.lakeeyrebasin.org.au/tour/stony_desert.html">http://www.lakeeyrebasin.org.au/tour/stony_desert.html</a>		
<a href="http://www.lpi.usra.edu/publications/slidesets/geology/sgeo/slide_04.html">http://www.lpi.usra.edu/publications/slidesets/geology/sgeo/slide_04.html</a>		

Name	Place	Size
<b>Gibson</b>	<b>Southern portion of the Western Australia desert</b>	<b>85,000 to 120,000 sq mi</b>
<a href="http://www.worldwildlife.org/wildworld/profiles/terrestrial/aa/aa1303_full.html">http://www.worldwildlife.org/wildworld/profiles/terrestrial/aa/aa1303_full.html</a>		

<http://netscape.factmonster.com/ipd/A0456806.html>  
<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~michaelt/gibson.html>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gibson\\_Desert](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gibson_Desert)

Rank	Name	Place	Size
3	Arabian (Eastern Desert)	Southwest Asia	500,000 to 900,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0804471.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0804471.html</a>			
<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabian_Desert">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arabian_Desert</a>			

One fourth of the Arabian Desert is the Rub al-Khali.

Name	Place	Size
Rub al-Khali (Empty quarter)	Southern Arabian peninsula	225,000 to 250,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.saudinf.com/main/a35.htm">http://www.saudinf.com/main/a35.htm</a>		
<a href="http://www.datadubai.com/rubal1.htm">http://www.datadubai.com/rubal1.htm</a>		
<a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0842602.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0842602.html</a>		
<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rub'_al_Khali">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rub'_al_Khali</a>		

Name	Place	Size
Syrian (Badiyat Ash Sham)	SW of Asia, W Iraq, E Jordan, SE Syria, Northwestern part of Arabian desert	200,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/65/sy/SyrianDe.html">http://www.bartleby.com/65/sy/SyrianDe.html</a>		
<a href="http://www.damascus-online.com/se/geo/syrian_desert.htm">http://www.damascus-online.com/se/geo/syrian_desert.htm</a>		
<a href="http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=3056">http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=3056</a>		

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4	Kalahari	Southwestern Africa	200,000 to 225,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0826902.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0826902.html</a>			
<a href="http://www.southafrica-travel.net/kalahari/e6kala05.htm">http://www.southafrica-travel.net/kalahari/e6kala05.htm</a>			

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5	Chihuahuan	Mexico/Southwestern USA	140,000 to 175,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.desertusa.com/du_chihua.html">http://www.desertusa.com/du_chihua.html</a>			

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6	<b>Thar (Tuhr or Tahr)</b>	India/Pakistan	74,000 to 175,000 sq mi
<a href="http://edugreen.teri.res.in/explore/life/thar.htm">http://edugreen.teri.res.in/explore/life/thar.htm</a>			
<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/65/th/TharDese.html">http://www.bartleby.com/65/th/TharDese.html</a>			

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7	<b>Sonoran</b>	Mexico/southwestern USA	70,000 to 120,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.desertmuseum.org/desert/sonora.php">http://www.desertmuseum.org/desert/sonora.php</a>			
<a href="http://members.aol.com/Melasoma/">http://members.aol.com/Melasoma/</a>			
<a href="http://www.amdest.com/az/Tucson/Sonora/Desert.html">http://www.amdest.com/az/Tucson/Sonora/Desert.html</a>			
<a href="http://www.sonoranbounty.com/Desert_Facts/Wildlife/wildlife.html">http://www.sonoranbounty.com/Desert_Facts/Wildlife/wildlife.html</a>			
<a href="http://www.arizonensis.org/sonoran/">http://www.arizonensis.org/sonoran/</a>			

Rank	Name	Place	Size
? Not ranked in some lists	<b>Kenya-Somali</b>	Somalia, E. Africa	100,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.britannica.com/eb/article?eu=114429&amp;tocid=37159">http://www.britannica.com/eb/article?eu=114429&amp;tocid=37159</a>			

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8	<b>Mojave (Mohave)</b>	California, Southwestern USA	13,500 to 25,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/us/A0833596.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/us/A0833596.html</a>			
<a href="http://encarta.msn.com/find/Concise.asp?ti=05AB1000">http://encarta.msn.com/find/Concise.asp?ti=05AB1000</a>			

### **COLD COASTAL DESERTS**

Rank	Name	Place	Size
1	<b>Atacama</b>	Northern Chile	54,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.musc.edu/cando/geocam/atacama/atacama.html">http://www.musc.edu/cando/geocam/atacama/atacama.html</a>			
<a href="http://sunsite.dcc.uchile.cl/chile/turismo/atacama.html">http://sunsite.dcc.uchile.cl/chile/turismo/atacama.html</a>			
<a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0805151.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0805151.html</a>			

Rank	Name	Place	Size
2	<b>Namib</b>	Southwest Africa, mainly in Namibia	13,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.melaniff.com/features/travels/namib.htm">http://www.melaniff.com/features/travels/namib.htm</a>			

Rank	Name	Place	Size
?, Not ranked in some list	<b>Sechura</b>	North	10,000 or 71,400 sq

		west Peru	mi
<a href="http://www.worldwildlife.org/wildworld/profile/s/terrestrial/nt/nt1315_full.html">http://www.worldwildlife.org/wildworld/profile/s/terrestrial/nt/nt1315_full.html</a>			

### COLD WINTER DESERTS

Rank	Name	Place	Size
1	<b>Gobi</b>	Mongolia, Northeastern China	400,000 to 500,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.adventureatlas.com/Gobi_Desert.htm">http://www.adventureatlas.com/Gobi_Desert.htm</a>			
<a href="http://www.oneearthadventures.com/gobi/wildlife/wildlife.htm">http://www.oneearthadventures.com/gobi/wildlife/wildlife.htm</a>			

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2	<b>Patagonian</b>	Argentina	260,000 sq mi

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3	<b>Great Basin (Great American Desert, Basin and Range Country, the Sagebrush Ocean)</b>	US; Large areas of Nevada and parts of California, Idaho, Oregon and Utah.	190,000 sq mi, Min of 3000 feet in elevation
<a href="http://www.desertusa.com/du_basin.html">http://www.desertusa.com/du_basin.html</a>			
<a href="http://www.learnthegreatbasin.net/links.htm">http://www.learnthegreatbasin.net/links.htm</a>			

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4	<b>Turkestan</b>	Central Asia	174,000 to 175,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.fotw.net/flags/cn-eturk.html">http://www.fotw.net/flags/cn-eturk.html</a>			
<a href="http://www.comptons.com/encyclopedia/ARTICLES/0175/01846272_A.html">http://www.comptons.com/encyclopedia/ARTICLES/0175/01846272_A.html</a>			
<a href="http://ebooks.whsmithonline.co.uk/encyclopedia/11/M0013411.htm">http://ebooks.whsmithonline.co.uk/encyclopedia/11/M0013411.htm</a>			

Name	Place	Size
<b>Kara Kum (Black sand)</b>	Kazakhstan/ Turkmenistan	120,000 to135,000 sq mi
<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/65/ka/KaraKum.html">http://www.bartleby.com/65/ka/KaraKum.html</a>		
<a href="http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ubar/hotscienceubar/desert05.html">http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/ubar/hotscienceubar/desert05.html</a>		
<a href="http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0827078.html">http://www.infoplease.com/ce6/world/A0827078.html</a>		
<a href="http://ebooks.whsmithonline.co.uk/encyclopedia/01/M0014001.htm">http://ebooks.whsmithonline.co.uk/encyclopedia/01/M0014001.htm</a>		

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<b>Kyzyl Kum (Kizil Kum, Red sand)</b>	<b>Uzbekistan/Kazakhstan</b>	<b>115,000 sq mi</b>
<a href="http://encyclopedia.com/articles/07130.html">http://encyclopedia.com/articles/07130.html</a>		
<a href="http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/world/A0828461.html">http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/world/A0828461.html</a>		
<a href="http://www.encyclopedia.com/printable/07130.html">http://www.encyclopedia.com/printable/07130.html</a>		
<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/65/ky/KyzylKum.html">http://www.bartleby.com/65/ky/KyzylKum.html</a>		

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<b>5</b>	<b>Colorado Plateau (upland region)</b>	<b>US, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, SW-US</b>	<b>75000 to 150,000 sq mi</b>
<a href="http://www.encyclopedia.com/articles/02947.html">http://www.encyclopedia.com/articles/02947.html</a>			
<a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/colorimagemap/images/313.html">http://www.fs.fed.us/colorimagemap/images/313.html</a>			
<a href="http://historytogo.utah.gov/utah_chapters/the_land/coloradoplateau.html">http://historytogo.utah.gov/utah_chapters/the_land/coloradoplateau.html</a>			

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<b>6</b>	<b>Takla Makan (Taklimakan)</b>	<b>North West -China</b>	<b>105,000 to 125,000 sq mi</b>

Rank	Name	Place	Size
<b>7</b>	<b>Iranian</b>	<b>Iran</b>	<b>100,000 sq mi</b>

Name	Place	Size
<b>Dasht-e-Kavir (Great Salt Desert)</b>	<b>North Central Iran</b>	<b>78,000 to 100,000 sq mi</b>
<a href="http://www.encyclopedia.com/ency005/45954.html">http://www.encyclopedia.com/ency005/45954.html</a>		
<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/65/da/DashteKa.html">http://www.bartleby.com/65/da/DashteKa.html</a>		

Name	Place	Size
<b>Dasht-e-Lut (Rock and Stone)</b>	<b>Eastern Iran, Asia (South of Kavir)</b>	<b>20,000 to 65,00 sq mi</b>
<a href="http://www.encyclopedia.com/articlesnew/45954.html">http://www.encyclopedia.com/articlesnew/45954.html</a>		
<a href="http://www.bartleby.com/65/da/DashteKa.html">http://www.bartleby.com/65/da/DashteKa.html</a>		

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Rank	Name	Place	Size
<b>1</b>	<b>Antarctic</b>	<b>Antarctica</b>	<b>5,400,000 sq mi</b>

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/school/Antarctica/>

<http://terraweb.wr.usgs.gov/TRS/projects/Antarctica/AVHRR.html>

Rank	Name	Place	Size
2	Arctic	Arctic ocean	5,400,000 sq mi
<a href="http://maps.grida.no/arctic/">http://maps.grida.no/arctic/</a>			
<a href="http://kids.infoplease.lycos.com/atlas/arctic.html">http://kids.infoplease.lycos.com/atlas/arctic.html</a>			

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3	Alaska	Alaska	
<a href="http://www.blm.gov/education/00_resources/articles/alaskas_cold_desert/">http://www.blm.gov/education/00_resources/articles/alaskas_cold_desert/</a>			

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