

CLIMATE ZONES OF ASIA

CLIMATE ZONE	CHARACTERISTICS	REPRESENTATIVE REGIONS
Arctic / Tundra	Extreme cold, permafrost, minimal vegetation.	Northern Siberia (Russia), Arctic Ocean coastline.
Subarctic (Taiga)	Long, cold winters; short, cool summers; coniferous forests.	Central Siberia, Northern Mongolia.
Humid Continental	Large seasonal temperature differences; moderate precipitation.	Northeast China, Northern Japan, Korean Peninsula.
Arid / Desert	Very low precipitation; extreme temperature swings.	Gobi Desert, Arabian Peninsula, Thar Desert.
Semiarid / Steppe	Grasslands with light seasonal rainfall.	Central Asian Republics, parts of India and Iran.
Mediterranean	Dry, hot summers and mild, wet winters.	Western Turkey, Levant Coast (Syria, Lebanon).
Humid Subtropical	Hot, humid summers and mild winters.	Southeast China, Southern Japan, Northern India.

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Tropical Monsoon	Heavy seasonal rainfall (monsoons), warm year-round.	India, Bangladesh, mainland Southeast Asia.
Tropical Rainforest	High temperatures and rainfall throughout the year.	Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka.
Highland (Alpine)	Varies by altitude; generally colder than lowlands.	Himalayas, Tibetan Plateau, Pamir Mountains.

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