

ASIAN CONTINENT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS

Reference Chart for Regional Classification

REGION	PRIMARY CHARACTERISTICS	REPRESENTATIVE COUNTRIES & TERRITORIES
Central Asia	Landlocked, former Soviet republics, silk road history.	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.
East Asia	High population density, major global economic hubs.	China, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan.
South Asia	Subcontinental geography, diverse climates and cultures.	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.
Southeast Asia	Tropical archipelagos and Indochinese peninsula.	Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam.
West Asia	Commonly known as the Middle East; arid climate, oil reserves.	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, UAE, Yemen.
North Asia	Siberian wilderness, subarctic and arctic climates.	Siberia (Asian Russia).