

MAJOR DESERTS OF THE WORLD

Global Distribution & Classification Guide

DESERT NAME	LOCATION / CONTINENT	TYPE	APPROX. AREA (KM²)
Antarctic	Antarctica	Polar Ice	14,200,000
Arctic	Alaska, Canada, Russia	Polar Ice	13,900,000
Sahara	Northern Africa	Subtropical	9,200,000
Arabian	Western Asia	Subtropical	2,330,000
Gobi	China / Mongolia	Cold Winter	1,295,000
Kalahari	Southern Africa	Subtropical	900,000
Great Victorian	Australia	Subtropical	647,000
Patagonian	Argentina / Chile	Cold Winter	620,000
Atacama	Chile / Peru	Coastal	105,000

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