

Camelids around the world

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Andes

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Llamas are still used as pack animals in the Andes. In North America they are used to guard sheep from predators.

Canary Islands

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Dromedaries were introduced from mainland Africa in the 15th century. They are now used for tourism.

Middle East

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Dromedaries traditionally carried loads across the desert. Many have now been replaced by trucks.

The Gulf

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Wealthy city-dwellers keep **dromedary** herds in the desert, cared for by paid staff. Camel racing is a popular sport.

Mongolia

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Bactrian camels are well adapted to the huge range of temperatures in the Gobi desert.

Wild Bactrians

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Critically endangered **wild Bactrian camels** in Mongolia and eastern China are now recognized as a separate species.

Vicuñas

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The fine wool of the **vicuña** is highly prized. The wild animals can be rounded up for shearing only every 3 years.



Central Australia

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Dromedaries introduced from South Asia for transport are now feral. Ranchers muster them to sell for meat.

Camelid species

	Alpaca	domesticated
	Bactrian camel	domesticated
	Dromedary	domesticated, feral
	Llama	domesticated
	Guanaco	wild
	Vicuna	wild
	Wild Bactrian	wild

Altiplano

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Herders on the Altiplano have created and extended wetlands to act as a source of forage for their **alpacas**.

Guanacos

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Wild **guanacos** live in the Andes, Patagonia, and in the Atacama desert, where it almost never rains.

Sahel

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Peul herders move their livestock north towards the Sahara in the rainy season, and to the south in the dry season.

Sudan

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Dromedary camel herders in Kordofan are known as **Abbala**. Herders near the Red Sea export racing camels to the Gulf.

Somalia

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The world's largest number of **dromedaries** (7 million). A vital part of the economy, used for milk, meat and transport.

South Asia

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Raika herders in Rajasthan graze their **dromedaries**, goats and sheep on fallow fields, in the desert and in forests.