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Introduction

Some cities are in very dry places called deserts.

People in desert cities have to find enough water to live and grow food, so living in a desert city can be hard.

Three famous desert cities are Dubai, Las Vegas, and Coober Pedy.



Dubai



Las Vegas



Coober Pedy

Dubai

Dubai is a big desert city in the United Arab Emirates. It lies in the Arabian Desert on the Persian Gulf.

Dubai is a place where ships load and unload goods, so it is called a **port**. Dubai is famous for its markets, or **souks**. Dubai's gold souk is famous because people can buy cheap gold there.

Location of Dubai



Dubai has a lot of famous buildings.
The Burj Dubai is famous
because of its unusual shape
and because it is one of the tallest buildings
in the world.

The Burj Al Arab is famous
because it is the world's tallest hotel,
and builders shaped its sides
to look like the sides of a sail.



The 321-m-high Burj Al Arab
looks like a billowing sail.