

THAL DESERT



The third major desert in Pakistan is the Thal Desert. It is situated in Punjab, Pakistan between the Jhelum and Sindh rivers near the Pothohar Plateau. The Thal Desert has an approximate area of 20000 km square. It is also the third-largest desert in Pakistan. The desert extends over a length of 305km and has a width varying from 32km to as much as 112km. Around 50-60% of the desert is covered in dunes. The desert covers the districts of Bhakkar, Khushab, Mianwali, Layyah, Muzaffargarh as well as Jhang, from the left bank of the river Jhelum. Vegetation in the area is not possible because of hot and dry weather. The only vegetation possible in the region includes a few species of drought-resistant grass, shrubs, and trees. The inhabitants of the desert get the water from the Thal Canal. The water is used for everyday tasks, irrigation, and feeding the cattle.