Quetta:

**Quetta** is the capital of [Balochistan](https://wikitravel.org/en/Balochistan" \o "Balochistan) province in [Pakistan](https://wikitravel.org/en/Pakistan). If you are taking the [overland route from Istanbul to New Delhi](https://wikitravel.org/en/Istanbul_to_New_Delhi_over_land) without going through [Afghanistan](https://wikitravel.org/en/Afghanistan) you will have to pass through Quetta.

Quetta is an excellent base for exploration of Balochistan. Kan Mehtarzai (2224 meters), the highest railway station in Asia, is a two-hour drive away. Loralai, the almond bowl of the country, is 265 km away. Besides, there are numerous other valleys that are fascinating places for explorers.

Strategically, Quetta is an important city due to its proximity to borders with [Iran](https://wikitravel.org/en/Iran) and [Afghanistan](https://wikitravel.org/en/Afghanistan). There is a huge military base just outside the city. Historically, Quetta owes much of its importance to the Bolan Pass which links it to [Kandahar](https://wikitravel.org/en/Kandahar), Afghanistan.

Excavations in the Quetta valley have proved that humans have lived there since pre-history. Modern day Quetta is a growing centre of excellence.

The population of Quetta district is approximately two million, and the city has an area of 2653 sq. km

Hanna lake:

**Hanna Lake** is a [lake](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake) in [Urak Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urak_Valley" \o "Urak Valley) near [Quetta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quetta) city in [Balochistan Province](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balochistan_(Pakistan)" \o "Balochistan (Pakistan)), in southwestern [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan). It is surrounded by mountains.

Hanna Lake is one of the most visited and accessible lakes in Balochistan. There is a lakeside restaurant with picnic tables shaded by pine trees at the end of the river, where families can enjoy the food and weather. On the eastern side of the lake stands the Hayat Durrani Water Sports Academy (HDWSA), the first and only rowing, canoeing, kayaking and sailing training and championships organising centre in Balochistan Province, with provision of rough swimming facility.

Murdar mountain (koh-i-murdar):

**Koh-e-Mohrdar** ([Pashto](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pashto_language): مہردار‎) (Mohrdar Mountain) is a peak located in the Mohrdar mountain range of the [Sulaiman Mountains](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sulaiman_Mountains" \o "Sulaiman Mountains) System, located in the East of [Quetta District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quetta_District), in western [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan).

The highest peak of Koh-e-Mohrdar mountain range is at one of the "Salore Ghasha" peaks, 3,184 metres (10,446 ft)  It is the fourth highest peak in Quetta District and sixth highest peak of Balochistan.

Murdar mountain has wild life animals living freely throughout the mountain including Jackals, Foxes, rabbits and Wolves and wild birds.

Chiltan mountain:

**Koh-i-Chiltan**, ([Urdu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urdu_language): کوہ چلتن‎; *”Mount Chiltan”*) is a peak located in the Chiltan mountain group of the [Sulaiman Mountains](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sulaiman_Mountains" \o "Sulaiman Mountains), in the [Quetta District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quetta_District) of [Balochistan Province](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Balochistan_(Pakistan)" \o "), in western [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan).

Koh-i-Chiltan is the summit of a steep, rocky mountain called Chiltan or Chehel-Tan (Persian/Balochi: 'Forty Bodies'). 'Lwarrh Saar' is the highest peak of Chiltan mountains range at 3,194 metres (10,479 ft), it is the third-highest peak of Quetta after Zarghoon Ghar and [Koh-i-Takatu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koh-i-Takatu), and fifth-highest peak of Balochistan.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koh-i-Chiltan#cite_note-Chiltan_Adventures_Association_Balochistan.com-1) There are many juniper trees found in high ranges.

Chiltan mountain has various animals and different kind of birds seem to be living freely throughout the mountain chiltan, more than thousand markhors have been reported. And another animals have also been reported including Jackle Fox buck and Wolf, one of extinct animals those had once been reported was chiltan Ibex.

Iqra park:

A very beautiful , well maintained small park in heart of quetta cantt outside staff college. Good hangouts for fast food , coffee and oriental dining are available here. ATM and super store are also present just opposite the main gate of park. Overall a very beautiful place for families.