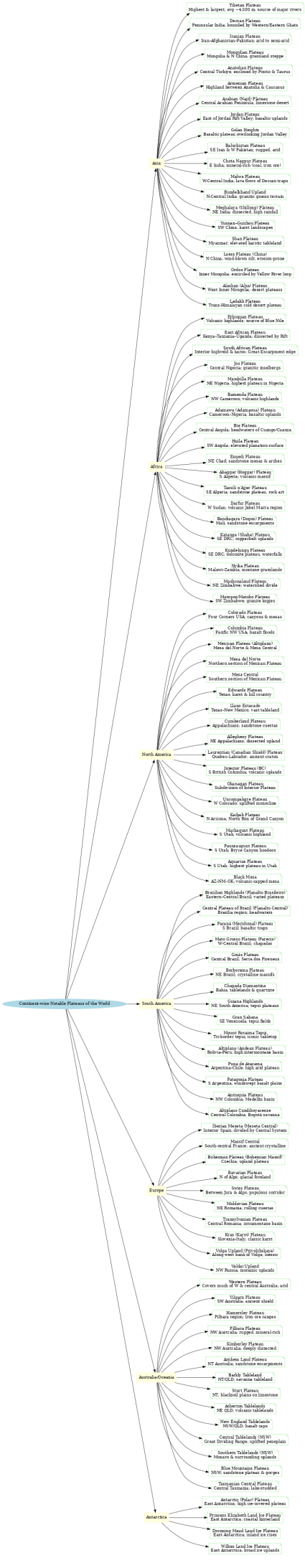
Continent-wise Notable Plateaus of the World
Asia
Tibetan Plateau
Highest & largest; avg ~4,500 m; source of major rivers
Deccan Plateau
Peninsular India; bounded by Western/Eastern Ghats
Iranian Plateau
Iran-Afghanistan-Pakistan; arid to semi-arid
Mongolian Plateau
Mongolia & N China; grassland steppe
Anatolian Plateau
Central Turkiye; enclosed by Pontic & Taurus
Armenian Plateau
Highland between Anatolia & Caucasus
Arabian (Najd) Plateau
Central Arabian Peninsula; limestone desert
Jordan Plateau
East of Jordan Rift Valley; basaltic uplands
Golan Heights
Basaltic plateau overlooking Jordan Valley
Baluchistan Plateau
SE Iran & W Pakistan; rugged, arid
Chota Nagpur Plateau
E India; mineral-rich (coal, iron ore)
Malwa Plateau
W-Central India; lava flows of Deccan traps
Bundelkhand Upland
N-Central India; granitic gneiss terrain
Meghalaya (Shillong) Plateau
NE India; dissected, high rainfall
Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau
SW China; karst landscapes
Shan Plateau
Myanmar; elevated karstic tableland
Loess Plateau (China)
N China; wind-blown silt, erosion-prone
Ordos Plateau
Inner Mongolia; encircled by Yellow River loop
Alashan (Alxa) Plateau
West Inner Mongolia; desert plateaus
Ladakh Plateau
Trans-Himalayan cold desert plateau
Africa
Ethiopian Plateau
Volcanic highlands; source of Blue Nile
East African Plateau
Kenya-Tanzania-Uganda; dissected by Rift
South African Plateau
Interior highveld & karoo; Great Escarpment edge
Jos Plateau
Central Nigeria; granitic inselbergs
Mandilla Plateau
NE Nigeria; highest plateau in Nigeria
Bamenda Plateau
NW Cameroon; volcanic highlands
Adamawa (Adamaoua) Plateau
Cameroon-Nigeria; basaltic uplands
Bie Plateau
Central Angola; headwaters of Cuango/Cuanza
Huila Plateau
SW Angola; elevated plateau surface
Ennedi Plateau
NE Chad; sandstone mesas & arches
Ahaggar (Hoggar) Plateau
S Algeria; volcanic massif
Tassili n'Ajjer Plateau
SE Algeria; sandstone plateau; rock art
Darfur Plateau
W Sudan; volcanic Jebel Marra region
Bandiagara (Dogon) Plateau
Mali; sandstone escarpments
Katanga (Shaba) Plateau
SE DRC; copperbelt uplands
Kundelungu Plateau
SE DRC; dolomite plateau; waterfalls
Nyika Plateau
Malawi-Zambia; montane grasslands
Mashonaland Plateau
NE Zimbabwe; watershed divide
Matopos/Matobo Plateau
SW Zimbabwe; granite kopjes
North America
Colorado Plateau
Four Corners USA; canyons & mesas
Columbia Plateau
Pacific NW USA; basalt floods
Mexican Plateau (Altiplano)
Mesa del Norte & Mesa Central
Mesa del Norte
Northern section of Mexican Plateau
Mesa Central
Southern section of Mexican Plateau
Edwards Plateau
Texas; karst & hill country
Llano Estacado
Texas-New Mexico; vast tableland
Cumberland Plateau
Appalachians; sandstone cuestas
Allegheny Plateau
NE Appalachians; dissected upland
Laurentian (Canadian Shield) Plateau
Quebec-Labrador; ancient craton
Interior Plateau (BC)
S British Columbia; volcanic uplands
Okanagan Plateau
Subdivision of Interior Plateau
Uncompahgre Plateau
W Colorado; uplifted monocline
Kaibab Plateau
N Arizona; North Rim of Grand Canyon
Markagunt Plateau
S Utah; volcanic highland
Paunsaugunt Plateau
S Utah; Bryce Canyon hoodoos
Aquarius Plateau
S Utah; highest plateau in Utah
Black Mesa
AZ-NM-OK; volcanic-capped mesa
South America
Brazilian Highlands (Planalto Brasileiro)
Eastern-Central Brazil; varied plateaus
Central Plateau of Brazil (Planalto Central)
Brasília region; headwaters
Paraná (Meridional) Plateau
S Brazil; basaltic traps
Mato Grosso Plateau (Parecis)
W-Central Brazil; chapadas
Goiás Plateau
Central Brazil; Serra dos Pireneus
Borborema Plateau
NE Brazil; crystalline massifs
Chapada Diamantina
Bahia; tablelands & quartzite
Guiana Highlands
NE South America; tepui plateaus
Gran Sabana
SE Venezuela; tepui fields
Mount Roraima Tepui
Tri-border tepui; iconic tabletop
Altiplano (Andean Plateau)
Bolivia-Peru; high intermontane basin
Puna de Atacama
Argentina-Chile; high arid plateau
Patagonia Plateau
S Argentina; windswept basalt plains
Antioquia Plateau
NW Colombia; Medellín basin
Altiplano Cundiboyacense
Central Colombia; Bogotá savanna
Europe
Iberian Meseta (Meseta Central)
Interior Spain; divided by Central System
Massif Central
South-central France; ancient crystalline
Bohemian Plateau (Bohemian Massif)
Czechia; upland plateau
Bavarian Plateau
N of Alps; glacial foreland
Swiss Plateau
Between Jura & Alps; populous corridor
Moldavian Plateau
NE Romania; rolling cuestas
Transylvanian Plateau
Central Romania; intramontane basin
Kras (Karst) Plateau
Slovenia-Italy; classic karst
Volga Upland (Privolzhskaya)
Along west bank of Volga; loessic
Valdai Upland
NW Russia; moraine uplands
Australia/Oceania
Western Plateau
Covers much of W & central Australia; arid
Yilgarn Plateau
SW Australia; ancient shield
Hamersley Plateau
Pilbara region; iron ore ranges
Fitzroy Plateau
NW Australia; rugged, mineral-rich
Kimberley Plateau
NW Australia; deeply dissected
Arnhem Land Plateau
NT Australia; sandstone escarpments
Barkly Tableland
NT/QLD; savanna tableland
Sturt Plateau
NT; blacksoil plains on limestone
Atherton Tablelands
NE QLD; volcanic tablelands
New England Tablelands
NSW/QLD; basalt caps
Central Tablelands (NSW)
Great Dividing Range; uplifted peneplain
Southern Tablelands (NSW)
Monaro & surrounding uplands
Blue Mountains Plateau
NSW; sandstone plateau & gorges
Tasmanian Central Plateau
Central Tasmania; lake-studded
Antarctica
Antarctic (Polar) Plateau
East Antarctica; high ice-covered plateau
Princess Elizabeth Land Ice Plateau
East Antarctica; coastal hinterland
Dronning Maud Land Ice Plateau
East Antarctica; inland ice rises
Wilkes Land Ice Plateau
East Antarctica; broad ice uplands