

A whole new meaning to bad weather: Top ten worst weather places in the world

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Have you ever wondered what places on Earth experience the worst weather? Ed Darack has. His article, "The 10 Worst Weather Places in the World," featured in this month's issue of *Weatherwise* magazine attempts to name the top ten places in the world that continually experience the most extreme weather. Inverting our fascination with "the grass is always greener" lists, (best beaches, places to live, vacation, etc.), Darack investigates the top ten places in the world with the worst weather.

Darack defines "bad" [weather](#), what a "place" consists of, and the analysis of the conditions themselves. However, due to the lack of comprehensive global meteorological research, especially in the harshest climates where the risk to human life is significant, Darack relies on the available data and an effort to be objective.

Oymyakon, Republic of Sakha, Russian Siberia ranks number ten on the list. It has been recorded, although with dispute, that Oymyakon has reached the lowest temperature of Earth outside of Antarctica and the coldest permanently inhabited place at -89.9°F . On average, it drops to -50°F every night. Also, it is one of the places on the planet with the greatest annual swing rising to 86°F during the summer.

Number six on the list is Gandom-e Beryan, Dasht-e Lut, Iran, which is known for the hottest [land surface temperature](#) ever recorded. Using data from NASA's Earth Observing System's *Aqua* satellite, measuring the [skin temperature](#) of the planet, Gandom-e Beryan reached a

staggering 159.3°F over the course of 2003-2009.

Next we visit the entire coastline of Antarctica, which stands at number three, not so much for the temperature, although extremely freezing, as for the storms. The driest continent meeting the world's most tumultuous ocean, the Southern Ocean, results in almost constant storms racing around the continent. In addition, extreme katabatic wind is also a factor. At Cape Dension in Commonwealth Bay in 1995 a wind speed of 129mph was measured. The highest wind speed ever recorded in Antarctica was 199mph.

More information: Find out which other places made the list by accessing "[The 10 Worst Weather Places in the World](#)" free until the end of December 2013.

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