



FUN FACT

Middle East

- In Dubai, the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa. It is 828 metres or 2,717 feet high. The world's largest metro system where the trains don't have any human drivers.
- Hamsters. First found in Syria and now found all over the world but mainly as household pets. David Attenborough once filmed a thriving colony of hamsters living in an Austrian cemetery. They munched on flowers and the wax from candles which had been left there.
- Large reserves of crude oil. This is sold to other countries and has made countries like Saudi Arabia very rich.
- The title, « The cradle of civilisation, » and « The Fertile Crescent. » Farming around the area of the great rivers Tigris and Euphrates enabled the construction of the world's first cities.
- A lot of sand and camels in their deserts. In spite of this Saudi Arabia prefers to import sand and camels from Australia believing both to be of superior quality to their own.

