

Difference Between Asian And African Elephants

Numerous differences separate the Asian variant of elephants from their African brethren. Some of the major Difference Between Asian and African Elephants have been enumerated below -

Asian Elephants vs African Elephants

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Sl. No.	Type	Asian Elephants	African Elephants
1	Head	They have an indented twin dome-shaped head. The indentation runs through the center of the head.	They have dome-shaped heads fuller and round without any indentation.
2	Ears	They have circular ears, which are comparatively smaller than African elephants.	The African elephants have fan-shaped large ears. According to some, their ears symbolize the map of Africa.
3	Height	The height of an average Asian elephant is about 3.5 meters, which is centimetres shorter than its African counterparts.	The average height of African elephants is above 4 meters, which is notches above their Asian counterparts.
4	Weight	The average weight of Asian elephants varies between 3,000 and 6,000 kg.	The average weight of African elephants varies between 4,000 and 8,000 kg.
5	Tusks	Tusks are seen only on the male variant. On the other hand, the females have tushes, a type of rudimentary tusks.	Both the male and well as female variants of African elephants have tusks.

6	Lips	The lower lips of Asian elephants are tapered and longer.	They have shorter and rounder lower lips.
7	Teeth	Asian elephants enjoy compressed diamond-shaped tooth profiles.	They have a "loxodont" (sloping) tooth profile. This essentially provides their scientific name - <i>Africana Loxodonta</i> .
8	Areas	Asian elephants are found mainly across the Indian subcontinent and parts of Southeast Asia, including Laos and Myanmar.	They are present across the Central and West African rainforests though their presence has also been noted through the African savannas and deserts.
9	Skin	Their skin is usually pretty smooth.	They have rough and wrinkled skin.
10	Life Expectancy	Their average life expectancy is 48 years.	Their average life expectancy is 70 years.

Asian and African Elephants

Elephants are the largest mammals living on the earth's surface. Known for their huge bodies, ears, and trunks, elephants are also one of the most well-known living beings. However, when talking of elephants, there are two most distinctive types of elephants inhabiting the earth now - the Asian and the African elephants.

Asian Elephants

The Asian elephants are known for their one-of-a-kind head, which is "twin dome-shaped." The texture of the skin of the Asian elephant is smoother as compared to other elephants. Even their tusks are diamond-shaped. The scientific name is *Elephas maximus indicus*.

The Asian elephant is the land mammal, the largest on the Asian continent. They are majorly found in South and Southeast Asia. Asian elephants are among the endangered species, and various measures are being taken to save them.

African Elephants

The African elephant is larger than the Asian elephant and is called the largest land mammal in the world. Their heads are fuller and dome-shaped. The African elephants live up to 70 years. The height of the African elephant is higher than that of Asian elephants.

The scientific name of the African elephant is *Loxodonta africana*. Although the differences are stark between African and Asian elephants, their eating and movement habits (in the herd) are the same.

