

Australia

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Australia is the world's smallest continent, but surprisingly the sixth-largest country. The population is concentrated along the eastern and southeastern coasts. The Australian environment is unique. From its unspoilt beaches, tropical rainforest, rugged mountain ranges and vast tracts of desert, Australia is a country of contrast. Home to an amazing 16 World Heritage listed areas, Australia's diversity is there for your enjoyment. A multi-cultural country boasting a diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, as well as a plethora of palate-pleasing cuisine!

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Natural Resources

From diamonds, emeralds, gold, silver, industrial and rare earth minerals, Australia's natural resources are fabulous. This amazing natural wealth, still largely untapped, makes Australia one of the most resource-rich nations on earth.

Cultures

The Australian love of life shows in the culture. Whether spent appreciating the arts or exploring the great outdoors, leisure time is an important aspect of Australian life. The multicultural diversity has also influenced the culture, from Chinese New Year to the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

People

While it's common knowledge that Australians speak English, Australia also has a unique colloquial language that can confuse visitors when they first hear it. From 'fair dinkum' to 'cobber,' our colloquial language is common throughout the land. Don't worry, you'll pick it up!

Climate

With the reverse seasons of the northern hemisphere, Australia enjoys a largely temperate climate. Most of Australia receives more than 3,000 hours of sunshine a year, or an amazing 70 percent of the total possible hours. Grab a hat and sunscreen and enjoy our delightful climate.

DO & SEE



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Tropical Getaway

For a tropical getaway to the Great Barrier Reef, fly from any major city to Cairns. After being dazzled and captivated by the reef, why not stop off in Brisbane, for a visit to Queensland's capital and gateway to the Sunshine Coast – one hour north by car – and drop by the famous Australia Zoo.

City Escapes

Are you a city person? Can't get enough of the bright lights and culture that only the big cities can offer? Why not travel Australia's 'Golden Triangle'? Visit Sydney, voted as one of the most beautiful harbours in the world, with plenty of beaches and Australia's night life capital. Then duck down to Melbourne for all the culture, arts, cafés and theatre you can fit in! Next stop is Brisbane, famed for over 300 days of sunshine every year, famous for its food, galleries and proximity to the Sunshine and Gold Coasts (one hour north/south).

Cross Country

So you want to cover as much ground as possible? Try this for an itinerary. Starting from Sydney, travel to Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane and back to Sydney. See all that each city has to offer. Sydney for the harbour, beaches and nightlife, and Melbourne for all the culture you can cram in. Adelaide, the city of churches, for a beautifully laid out and friendly city with amazing parks. Over to Perth, in Western Australia, which will leave you

inspired by its natural Swan River, stunning Kings Park lookout and beaches as far as the eye can see.

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DINING



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Please note: on Public Holidays most restaurants include a surcharge to the bill. Some fully licensed restaurants do not allow BYO alcohol. Ones that do often have a corkage fee charged per person or per table. Please phone ahead if not sure. Tipping is not expected, but appreciated for great service.

ACCOMMODATION

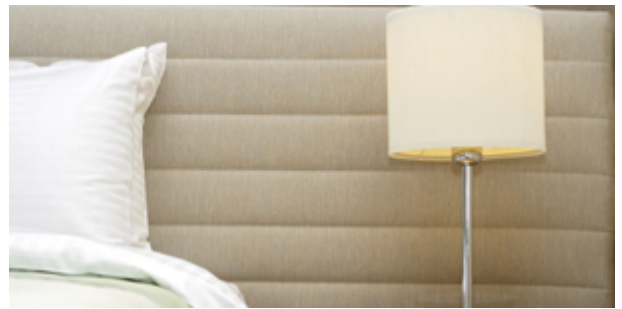


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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Area

7,686,850 sq km

Comparative area

Slightly smaller than the USA.

States and Territories

There are seven states and two territories.

Government

A Commonwealth country with Federal Parliament.

Time zones

There are three time zones in Australia: Eastern Standard Time (EST), which includes New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory. Central Standard Time (CST), which includes South Australia and the Northern Territory. And Western Standard Time (WST) – Western Australia. CST is half an hour behind EST, while WST is two hours behind EST.

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