



# Australia

Australia is the sixth largest country in the world.

- **Name:** Commonwealth of Australia
- **Government:** Democracy
- **Population:** 25 million (2019)
- **Urban Population:** 90%
- **Capital:** Canberra with 403,000 people (2019)
- **Language:** English
- **Unemployment:** 12.7%
- **Currency:** Australian Dollar (=100 cents)
- **Religion:** Mainly Christian
- **Time Zones:** 3
- **National Symbols:** Wattle (flower), Opal (gemstone), Green & Gold (National Colours)
- **National Holiday:** 26th January (Australia Day)

- The highest mountain of Australia is Mount Kosciuszko which is 2,228metres or 7,310ft.
- Ayers Rock also called 'Uluru', which is in the centre of the country, is the largest alone standing rock in the world.
- The longest river of Australia is the Murray River with a length of 2,508km/1558 miles.
- The Great Barrier Reef in Eastern Australia is the biggest coral reef in the world. The reef consists of more than 3,000 reefs in which live more than 350 species of corals and over 1,500 species of fish.
- Australia is the world's largest exporter of coal
- Australia is in fact the driest inhabited continent of the world.
  
- The main cities in Australia are: Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane, Darwin, Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra (capital city). The cities are all located at the coast or close to the coast.
  
- The country's interior, which covers two thirds of the country, consist of desert landscape which is referred to as 'outback'. The main city in the country's interior is Alice Springs.

## Australian Animals



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## Map of Australia

