



Country Profile: Australia

Australia is a highly developed stable democracy with a federal-state system. Tourist facilities are widely available. Read the State Department [Background Notes](#) on Australia for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Australia
Continent:	Oceania
Capital City:	Canberra
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Sydney Adventist Hospital (Wahroonga), Royal North Shore Hospital (Sydney), Royal Adelaide Hospital (Adelaide) Please contact our office for information on our numerous referral Medical Service Providers throughout Australia.
Main Cities:	Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane, Newcastle, Darwin, Adelaide, Gladstone, Hobart, Calms, Townsville, Mackay, Alice Springs
Country Size:	7,686,850 sq km, incldes Lord Howe Island & Macquarie Island
Population:	20,434,176

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	English 79.1%, Chinese 2.1%, Italian 1.9%, other 11.1%, unspecified 5.8%
Currency:	Australian dollar (AUD)
Predominant Religions:	Catholic 26.4%, Anglican 20.5%, other Christian 20.5%, Buddhist 1.9%, Muslim 1.5%, other 1.2%, unspecified 12.7%, none 15.3%
National Holidays:	Australia Day, 26 January (1788); ANZAC Day (commemorated as the anniversary of the landing of troops of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during World War I at Gallipoli, Turkey), 25 April
Economic Status:	Australia has an enviable Western-style capitalist economy with a per capita GDP on par with the four dominant West European economies. Robust business and consumer confidence and high export prices for raw materials and agricultural products are fueling the economy.
Security:	Australian Defense Force (ADF): Australian Army, Royal Australian Navy, Royal Australian Air Force, Special Operations Command
US Presence:	Embassy in Canberra, Consulate Generals: Melbourne, Perth, Sydney In the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) or Queanbeyan: For emergency services (i.e. the arrest, death or serious injury of American citizens) please contact the US Embassy in Canberra. The Embassy is located on Moonah Place, Yarralumla, ACT 2600, telephone (61) (2) 6214-5600, fax (61) (2) 6273-3191, web site http://au.usembassy.gov/ . NOTE: Passports and other routine citizen services for Canberra and the rest of the ACT are provided by the US Consulate in Sydney (see contact information on the embassy website).

Major Airports:	Airports: 455, Airports with paved runways: 311 Sydney Airport, Australia, Airport Central, 241 O’Riordan Street, Mascot NSW 2020, AUSTRALIA Tel: +61 (0)2 6274 7291, +61 (0)2 6274 7674 Fax: +61 (0)2 6274 6719 Email: info@sydneyairport.com.au Website: www.sydneyairport.com.au
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