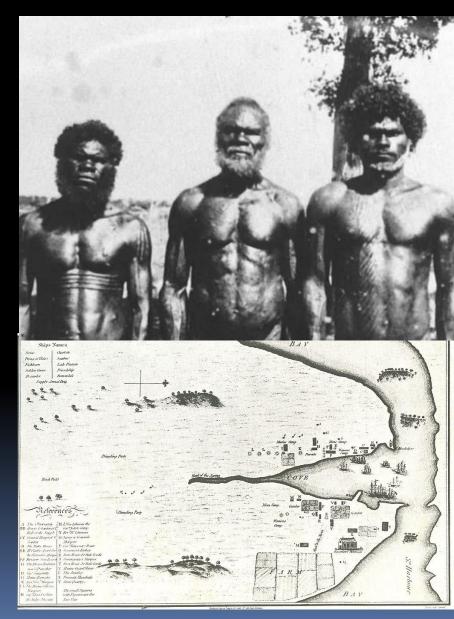


Australia is a country located in the southern hemisphere, including the world's smallest continent, the island of Tasmania and the other much smaller islands in the Indian Ocean and the

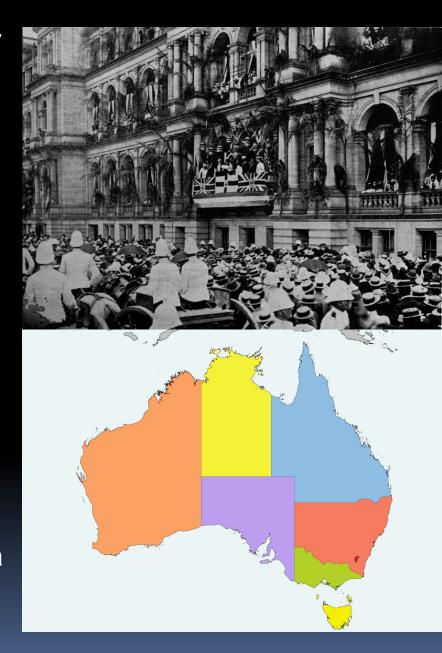


History

- For at least 40,000
 years before the first British
 settlement in the late 18th
 century, Australia was
 inhabited by indigenous
 Australians, who spoke
 languages grouped into
 roughly 250 language
 groups.
- After the European discovery of the continent by Dutch explorers in 1606, Australia's eastern half was claimed by Great Britain in 1770 and initially settled through penal transportation to the colony of New South Wales from 26 January 1788



- The population grew steadily in subsequent decades; the continent was explored and an additional five self-governing crown colonies were established.
 On 1 January 1901, the six colonies federated, forming the Commonwealth of Australia.
- Since Federation, Australia has maintained a stable liberal democratic political system that functions as a federal parliamentary democracy and constitutiona I monarchy comprising six states and several territories



 Australia is a member of the United Nations, G20, Commonwealth of Nations, ANZUS, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), World Trade Organization, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, and the Pacific Islands Forum.





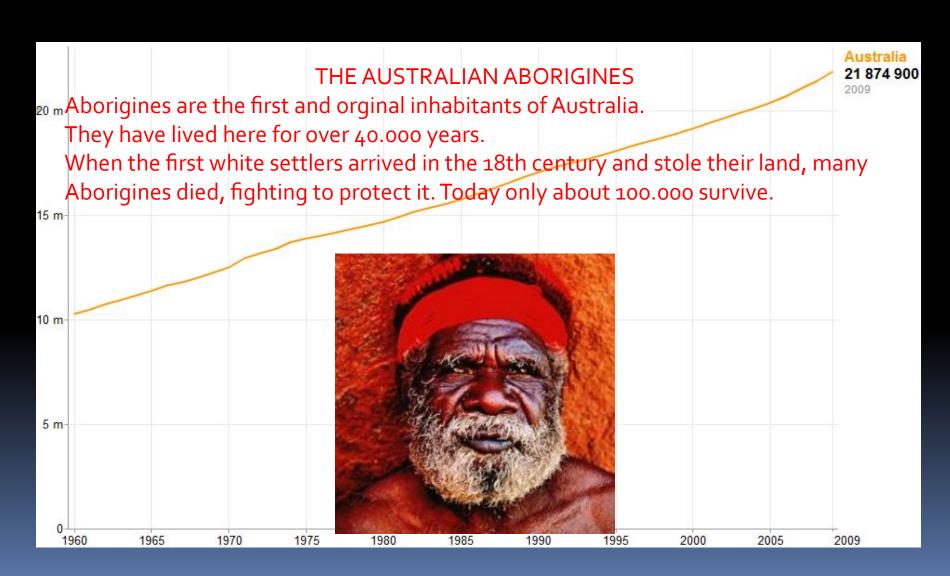


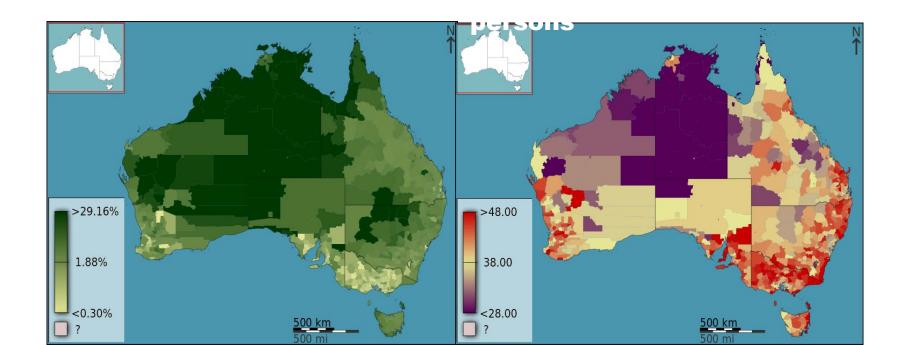






Australian population



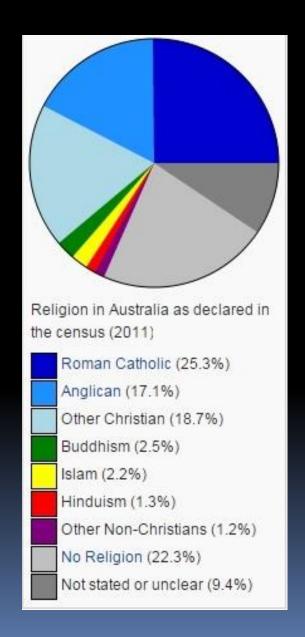


Language

- Although Australia has no official language, English has always been entrenched as the de facto national language.
- Australian English is a major variety of the language with a distinctive accent and lexicon, and differs slightly from other varieties of English in grammar and spelling.
- According to the 2011 census, English is the only language spoken in the home for close to 81% of the population. The next most common languages spoken at home are Mandarin (1.7%), Italian (1.5%), Arabic (1.4%), Cantones e (1.3%), Greek (1.3%), and Vietnamese (1.2%)

Religion

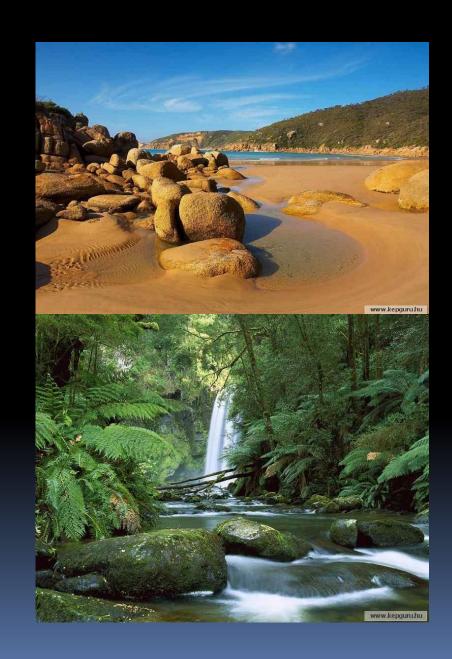
- Australia has no state religion; Section 116 of the Australian Constitution prohibits the federal government from making any law to establish any religion, impose any religious observance, or prohibit the free exercise of any religion.
- In the 2011 census, 61.1% of **Australians were counted** as Christian, including 25.3% as Roman Catholic and 17.1% as Anglican; 22.3% of the population reported having "no religion"; 7.2% identify with non-Christian religions, the largest of these being Buddhism (2.5%), followed by Islam (2.2%), Hinduism (1.3%) and Judaism (0.5%). The remaining 9.4% of the population did not provide an adequate answer.



CLIMATE

Most of the territory of Australia is located in a tropical continental climate zone, dry or very dry.

Location of Australia in the southern hemisphere determines the distribution of the different seasons of the year than in the northern hemisphere. January is the warmest month of the year, while July has the lowest average temperatures.



Animals in Australia

Animals in Australia - are fundamentally different from the fauna from other parts of the world. Many Australian animals are not found anywhere else. 83% of mammals, 89%reptiles, 90% fish and 93% of amphibians living in Australia does not occur in other parts of the world.

Platypus

<u>Mammals</u>

Koala



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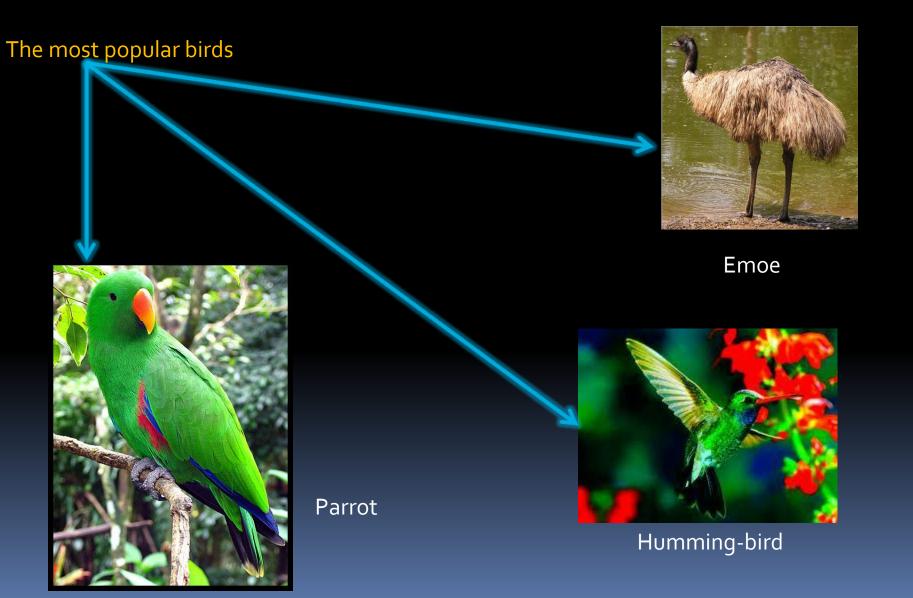




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Kangaroo

In Australia and surrounding territories there are more than 800 species of birds.



GREAT BARRIER REEF

Great Barrier Reef - the world's largest coral reef, located off the coast of Australia. It is the largest single structure on earth created by living organisms, visible even from space.









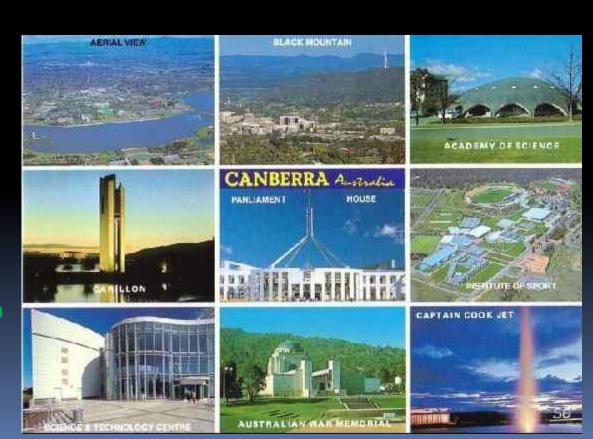


CITIES

Canberra - the capital of Australia, is located in the Australian Alps over Molonglo River just 320 km from Sydney and 480 km from Melbourne.



Crest of Canberra



SYDNEY

Sydney is the largest and most famous city in Australia. Sydney is located on Australia's south-east coast of the Tasman Sea.

The most well-known attractions include the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.



MELBOURNE

The metropolis is located on the large natural bay known as Port Phillip, with the city centre positioned at the estuary of the Yarra River.

Today, it is a centre for the art, commerce, education, entertainment, sport and tourism. It is the birthplace of cultural institutions such as Australian film Australian television, Australian football.



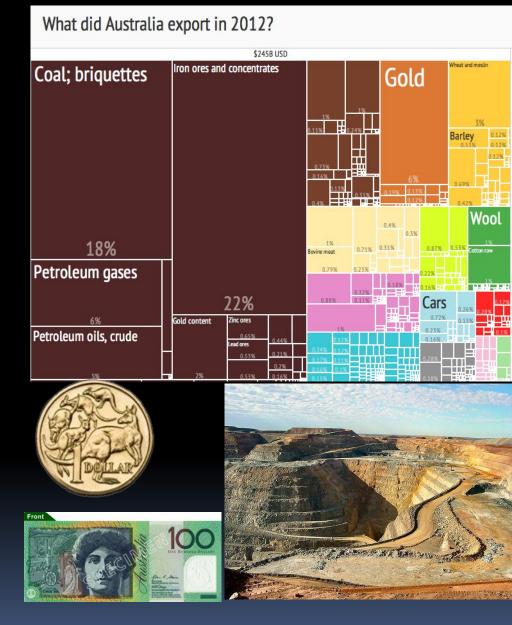
Economy

Australia is a wealthy country; it generates its income from various sources including mining-related exports, telecommunications, banking and manufacturing

In terms of average wealth, Australia ranked second in the world after Switzerland in 2013, although the nation's poverty rate increased from 10.2% to 11.8%, from 2000/01 to 2013

The Australian dollar is the currency for the nation

In May 2012, there were 11,537,900 people employed (either full- or part-time), with an unemployment rate of 5.1%.



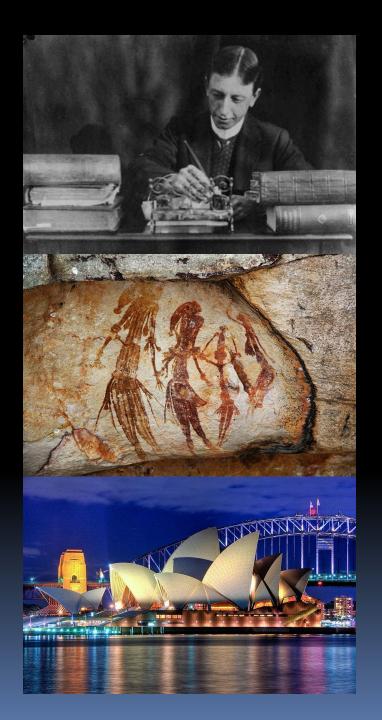
Culture

Since 1788, the basis of Australian culture has been strongly influenced by Anglo-Celtic Western culture

Since the mid-20th century, American popular culture has strongly influenced Australia, particularly through television and cinema

The rock art of Australia's Indigenous peoples is the oldest and richest in the world, dating as far back as 60,000 years and spread across hundreds of thousands of sites.

Australia has three architectural listings on UNESCO's World Heritage list: Australian Convict Sites (comprising a collection of separate sites around Australia, including Hyde Park Barracks in Sydney, Port Arthur in Tasmania, and Fremantle Prison in Western Australia); the Sydney Opera House; and the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne



Culture

Many of Australia's performing arts companies receive funding through the federal government's Australia Council.

There is a symphony orchestra in each state, and a national opera company, Opera Australia, well known for its famous soprano Joan Sutherland

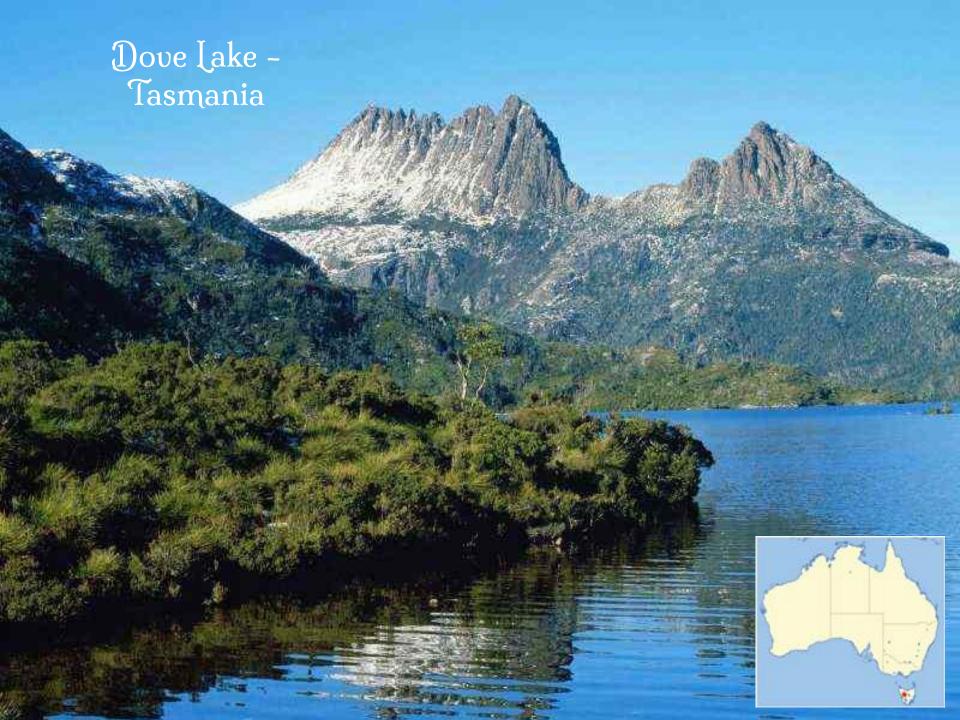
Notable Australian musicians include: solo artists Kylie Minogue, Natalie Imbruglia, Gotye and Sia, folk-rocker Paul Kelly; Dance groups The Avalanches and Cut Copy; jazz guitarist Tommy Emmanuel;, global rock and pop bands Crowded House, AC/DC, INXS, Little River Band, Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, Midnight Oil, Dragon, Silverchair, Youth Group, You Am I and Powderfinger; Pendulum,



Some beautiful photos of Australia





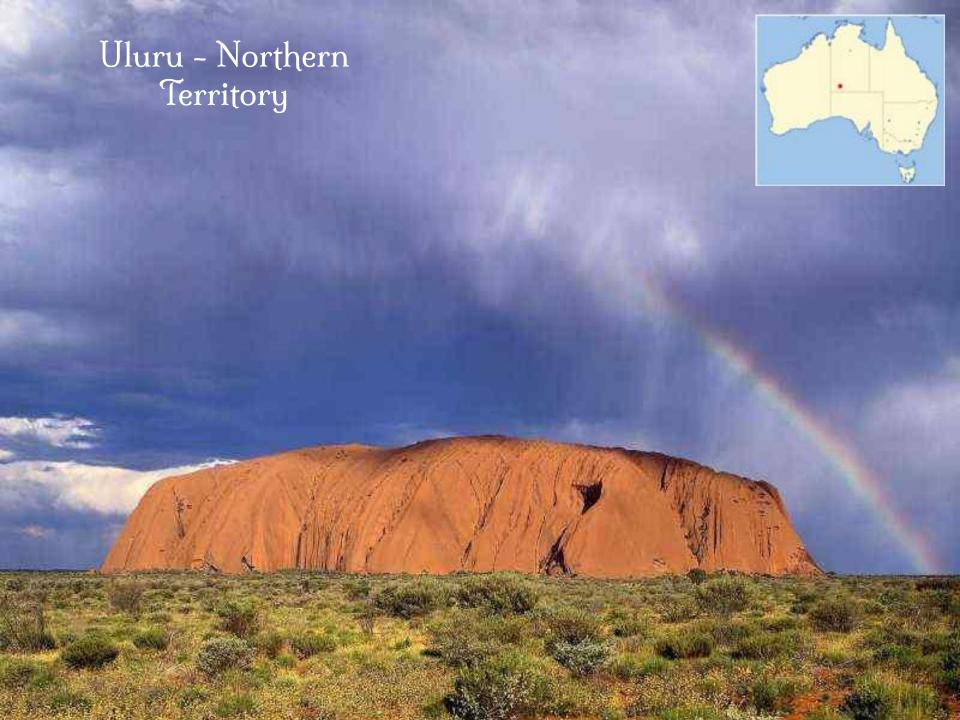


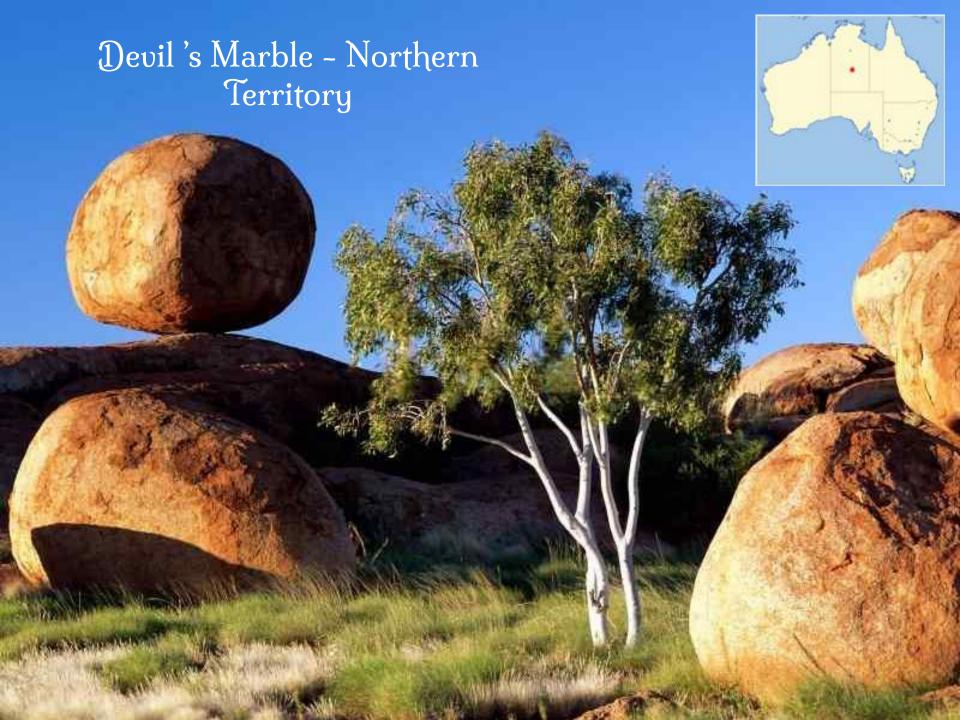












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