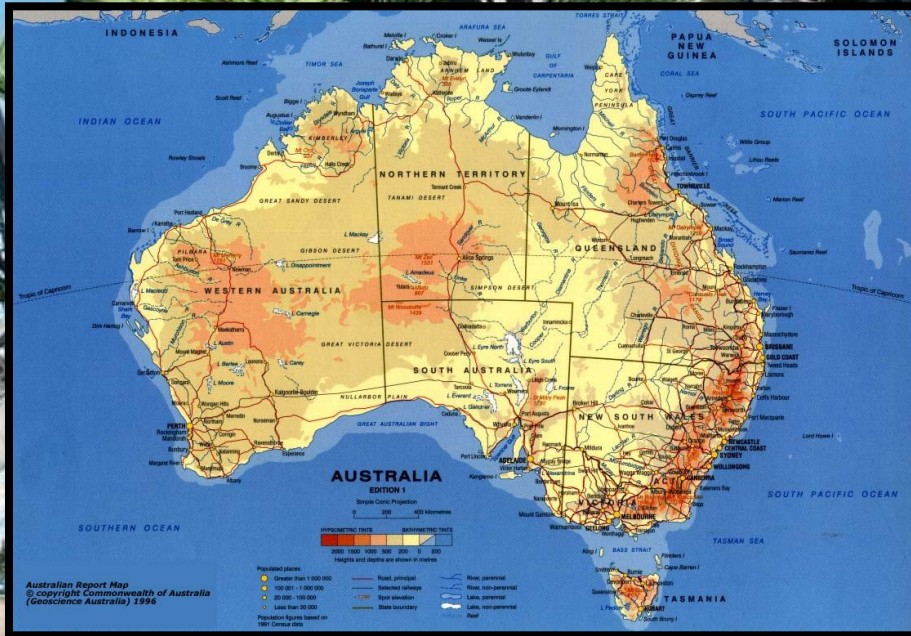


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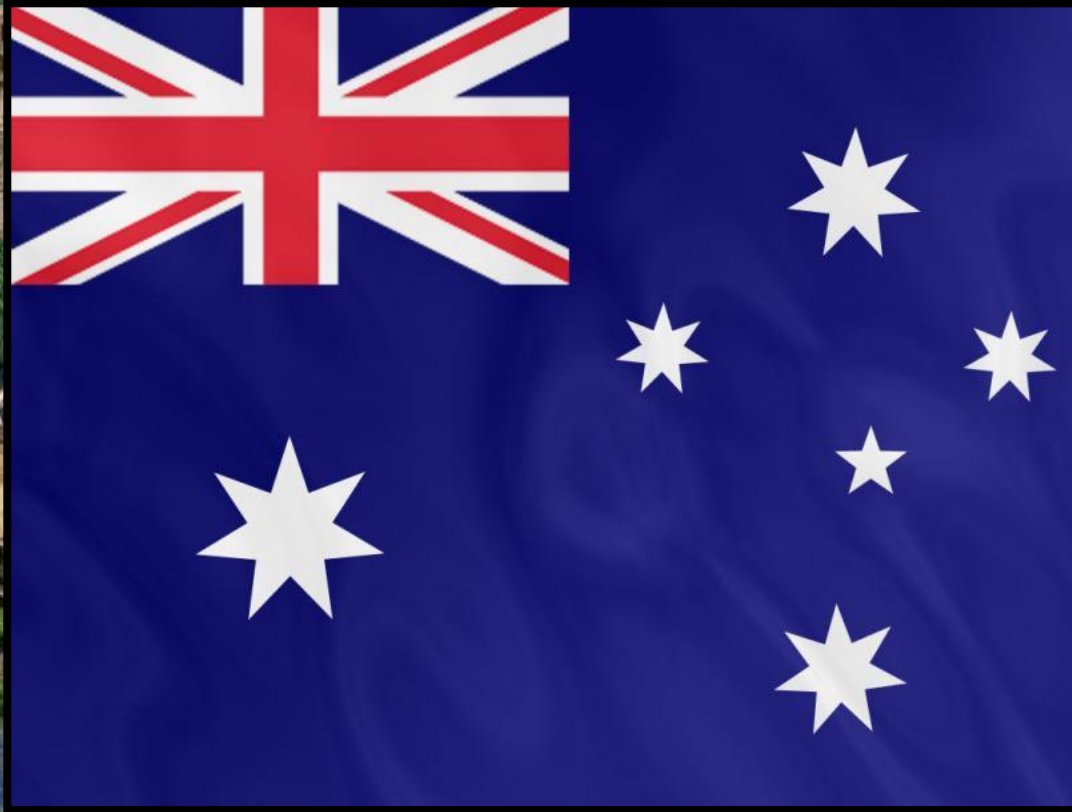
All about Australia

Australia is an island continent located in the Southern Hemisphere. It is washed by three oceans and four seas. It is bounded on the north by the Torres Strait and Timor Sea, on the east by the Coral and Tasman seas, and on the south and west by the Indian Ocean.



The continent and the island of Tasmania and a number of smaller islands make up the Commonwealth of Australia.

This is a flag of Australia



It is a coat of arms of Australia



Climate of Australia

Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere, so the seasons are the other way round. Summer is from December to February, autumn is from March to May, winter is from June to August, and spring is September to November.

The climate of Australia ranges from the tropical regions of the Northern Territory to the cool temperature conditions in the southeast, where it frequently snows in winter.



Acacia - a flower on the arms of Australia.



*Tammar Wallaby - Australian
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decoding in present time*



Government

Head of state is Queen of Britain. The Queen is represented by Governor General and six State Governors. Head of government is Prime Minister.

Federal Parliament is a Legislative body. It consists of the Senate and the House of Representatives. There are 76 senators, elected for 6-year term. The House of Representatives consists of 148 members elected every three years.

Each state and territory have their own local government. Each state is headed by a governor, has its executive, Legislative and judicial systems, modelled on those of the federal government. Each territory has its own legislative assembly.

Big cities

Melbourne - the second-largest industrial and financial center of the country, the largest oil refining factories here are located.

Melbourn has been founded in 1835 by farmer John Betmanom who has bought from local natives literally for pennies the ground (243000 acres) in a mouth of the river Jarra. Melbourn became the first Australian settlement founded by free people. In 1837, the settlement totaled about 500 inhabitants. In 1847 Melbourn has received the status of city.

Gold and riches promoted rapid development of Melbourn and its status of the main city of Australia.





Sydney Skyline

Sydney is not capital of Australia as many think, but, nevertheless, it is the oldest and largest megacity, by the right considered a pearl of continent. It is city of architectural contrasts where modern skyscrapers of business centres adjoin to ancient buildings in the Mediterranean style. It is city of gardens and the parks, the brisk beaches and numerous sights. It is the city applying for a rank " capital of emigrants ",representatives live in Sydney practically all nationalities of the world

Brisbane - beautiful tropical city, but usually bypass it attention.
Here seldom who stops more than on one two nights as all at once aspire
on the resort Gold Coast located at 2 o'clock driving on highway on the south.
Usually in Brisbane stop for two reasons - a business trip or transit.

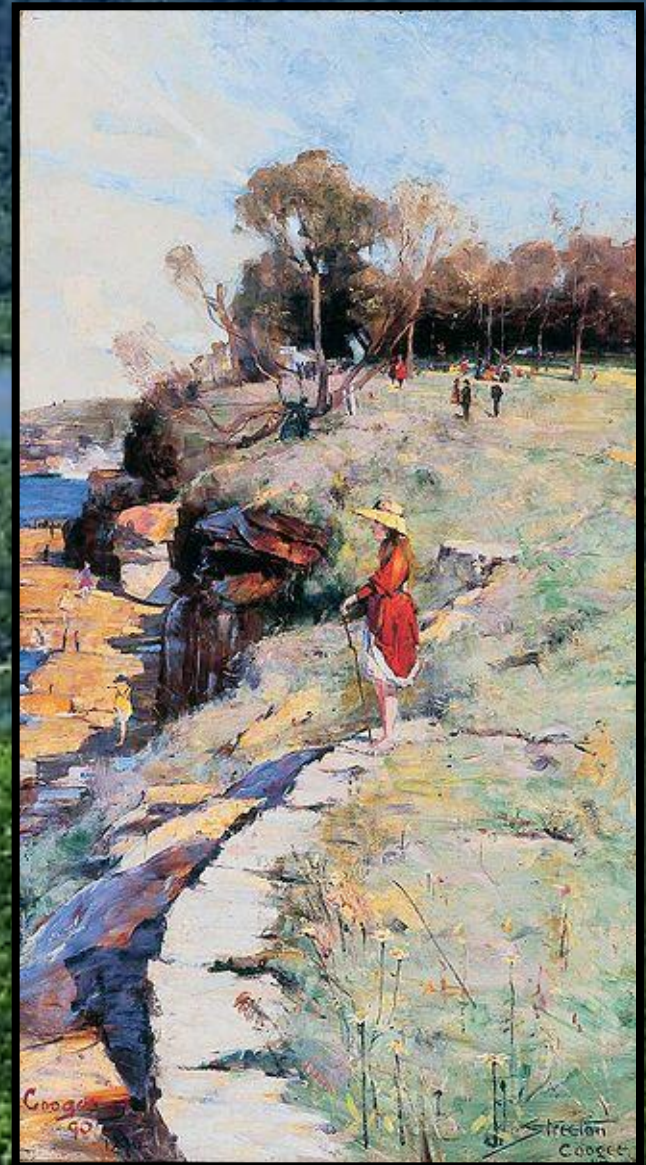


Culture

Australian food traditions have been shaped by those that have settled in Australia. Throughout the majority of Australian history, Australian cuisine was based on traditional British food, brought to the country by the first British settlers. Later, in the 19th and especially 20th century, food began to reflect the influences of Mediterranean and Asian cultures, introduced by many immigrants who arrived in Australia during this period.



Australian literature has also been influenced by the landscape; the works of writers such as Banjo Paterson, Henry Lawson, and Dorothea Mackellar captured the experience of the Australian bush. The character of colonial Australia, as represented in early literature, is popular with modern Australians. In 1973, Patrick White was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, the only Australian to have achieved this. Colleen McCullough, Thomas Keneally, David Williamson, and David Malouf are also renowned writers.



Sunlight Sweet by Australian landscape artist Arthur Streeton