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# Australia

## Welcome to the land Downunder!

Australia, the land of plenty, too large to be called an island the country is a continent all of its own. Surrounded by sea and never ending beautiful beaches it is known for its sun, sand, surf and outdoor lifestyle. The choices for the traveller in this amazing land are many, from the infinite beaches to the beautiful cities, where you'll find unlimited entertainment, festivals, shops, culture, pubs, restaurants and more, to the "Outback" and "Red heart" where distances are humbling and vast, with wide open skies and dramatic landscapes. The people are laid back, friendly and helpful, what more could a traveller ask for, plan your trip to Australia, pack your bags, grab your camera and be prepared for the holiday of a lifetime!

## New South Wales

New South Wales is possibly the most visited state in Australia, it has everything from history, culture, ski fields, mountains, rivers, amazing coastlines to superb wines, food and iconic world famous landmarks! With Sydney as its capital, New South Wales is the perfect playground for all types of holiday makers. Visit the Opera House, sail the Harbour, climb the Bridge, laze on the beautiful beaches, enjoy delicious food, shop a little and when you've finished with that take a trip inland into the Australian Outback and start yet another adventure of a lifetime!



### Life changing experiences...

#### Climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge!

Unforgettable, a thrilling adventure well worth experiencing, see the whole of Sydney laid out in front of you. At 134m high it's not for the faint hearted, tours are well organized and safety is a priority. There is also a "Pylon Climb" of only 87m, a little less dizzying in height but still a great thrill! (Children must be over 10 years old)

**Opera House** Sit at the steps and soak up the atmosphere of Sydney's most iconic landmark, or take a guided tour through this modern masterpiece, special VIP backstage tours are also available. Try a cruise if you'd like to see the Opera House in its magnificent setting, both day and night cruises are available, or do a bit of island hopping as well with a full day harbour tour.

**Tall Ship Cruise** See the harbor sights on this magnificent square rigger, built in 1922 the ship has three masts reaching over 24m high, help set the sails if you like or sit back and enjoy the experience. The ship is available for BBQ lunches and dinner cruises... a memorable experience for all those who sail on her.

**Bondi Beach** A must see if you're visiting Sydney, just to say you've been there, buzzing with tourists in the warmer months this famous beach is simply a great place to hang out and soak up the atmosphere that is truly Bondi! For the shoppers amongst us check out "Bondi's Bikini Island" for the latest beachwear, try the Bondi markets just across the road from the beach or take a wander up Campbell Parade.

**The Rocks** A famous and historic area of Sydney, The Rocks offer shops, hotels, galleries, restaurants, pubs and more. Located almost under the Sydney Harbour Bridge the views are fabulous and the atmosphere unbeatable, take your time and explore this interesting area.

**Sydney's premier retail therapy!** Oceans of exciting stuff to explore in the city centre and beyond. The Strand Arcade, Queen Victoria Building, Pitt Street shops, local 'David Jones' & 'Myer' department stores. Many boutiques in the nearby suburb of Balmain, try Darling Street and the Balmain Markets, just follow the trail!

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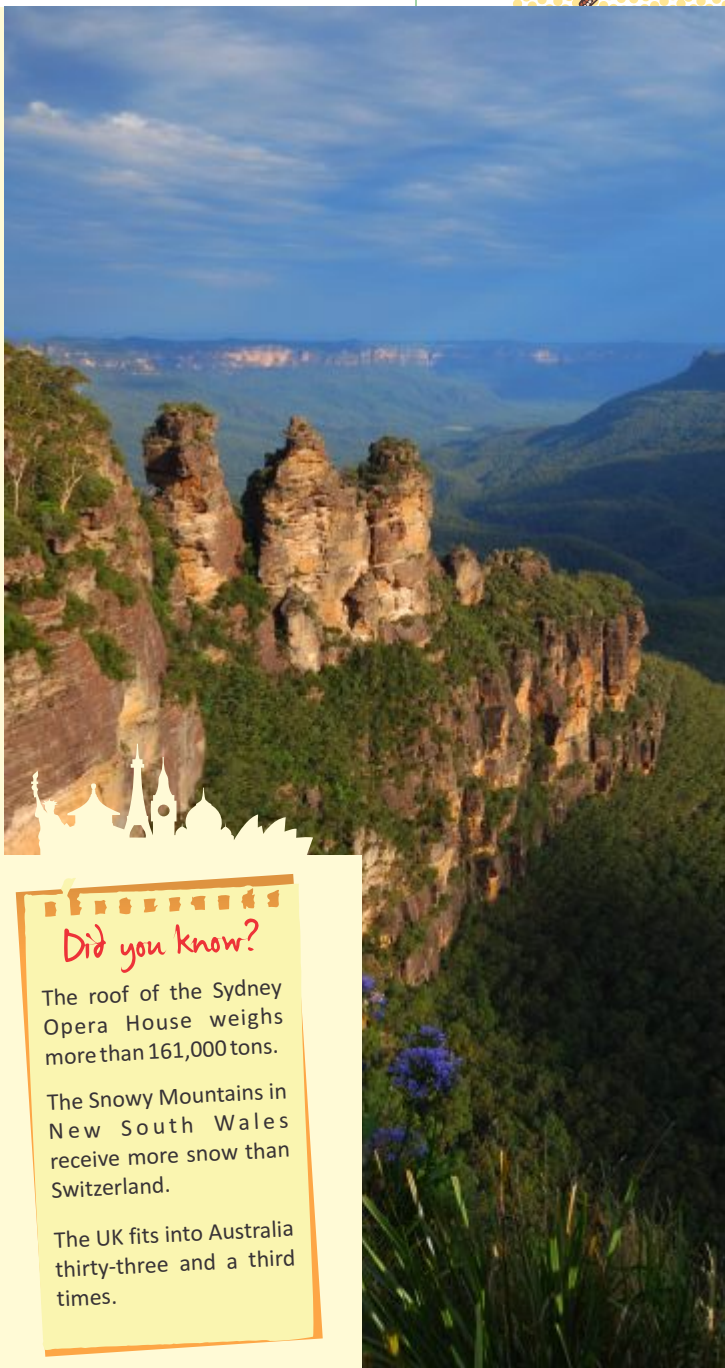


## Life changing experiences...

**Ultimate Outback Experience** Hire a car and set off along the outback roads of New South Wales, stop along the way, country hospitality is at its best here, there's always a smile and warm welcome. Try a route along the Darling River, plenty to see and do, many townships to visit. A great way to experience this amazing area of Australia.

**Visit the Blue Mountains** A World Heritage area located to the west of the Sydney, see the famous "Three Sisters" rock formation from the cliff tops at Katoomba, the grandeur of the limestone cliffs and lava outcrops in the area is astounding, the Jenolan Caves are spectacular and well worth a visit. Take the time to stop in the many towns along the way on your journey throughout the Blue Mountains, you'll find interesting shopping, trendy restaurants and good accommodation, a wonderful place to relax and enjoy.

**Wine & food lovers** Visit the Hunter River Valley, a 2 hour drive north of Sydney, the area is not only famous for its world renowned wines, you'll find amazing food choices, delicious locally produced cheeses, and extensive gourmet food opportunities. The area also boasts an almost unlimited amount of activities... spas, golf, sports, hot air ballooning, museums and art galleries just to name a few.



### Did you know?

The roof of the Sydney Opera House weighs more than 161,000 tons.

The Snowy Mountains in New South Wales receive more snow than Switzerland.

The UK fits into Australia thirty-three and a third times.

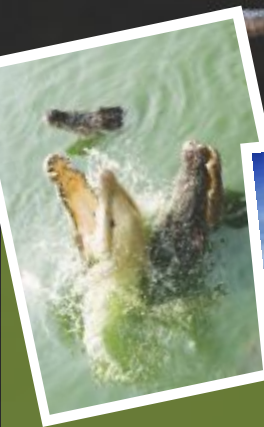


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### *Did you know?*

"Uluru" (Ayers Rock) in Central Australia is over 8km in circumference.

Emus & kangaroos cannot walk backwards.

# Northern Territory

This vast territory is one of the last places left in the world that offers the chance to experience nature at its most unique. Rich with the culture of the indigenous Aboriginals the region has an amazing array of natural monuments, unspoilt landscapes and ancient land formations. Experience the arid beauty of the Red Centre and in stunning contrast the lush green of the tropical north. Start in the capital, Darwin, and work your way out, the natural treasures in this part of the country are not to be missed, the spectacular Australian Outback at its best.



## Life changing experiences...

**Darwin** A laid back tropical city full of fun vibes and a casual atmosphere. Darwin has a rich heritage, from Aboriginal culture to the historical World War Two bombing and the devastating cyclone that ravaged the city in the 70's. At night the city comes to life along the harbour boardwalk with restaurants, pubs, clubs and entertainment.

**Local flavours** Try a few of Darwin's restaurants with their variety of cuisines, specialties of the "Territory" are mud crabs, 'barramundi', a highly prized fish caught only in the tropics, buffalo, kangaroo and crocodile steaks, all delicious and a total "Aussie" style gourmet experience, you won't be disappointed.

**Fishing at Darwin Harbour** Try your luck at hooking the mighty saltwater barramundi! The Darwin Harbour has an abundance of wild tropical fish, with its wrecks, reef flats and creeks the whole area is a paradise for the fishing enthusiast, well run fishing tours are easily found and worth the experience.

**Local Culture** Visit the Northern Territory's Museum and Art Gallery, see the superb Aboriginal Art exhibitions, an unusual display of true local artist's work and a collectors paradise. Continue on to the local Asian style markets where you'll find the flavours of five continents, see the local arts and crafts and enjoy the entertainers.

**Crocodile Country** Don't leave Darwin without taking a trip up the Adelaide River to see these amazing creatures. Join one of the popular cruises and see these powerful saltwater crocodiles jump right out of the water to catch their food, cameras at the ready, a really memorable moment!

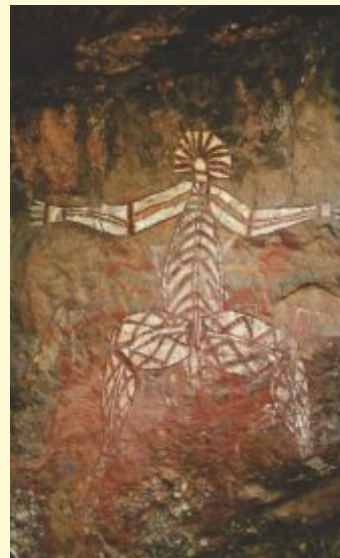
**Litchfield National Park** Experience the thundering waterfalls, rainforests, historic sites and the fascinating magnetic termite mounds, this beautiful area has literally been created and shaped by water and time, well worth the short trip from Darwin.

**Kakadu National Park** Covering over 19,000 square kilometres and a listed World Heritage site the Kakadu National Park is simply one of the most breathtaking places you can visit. The extraordinary human and natural history of the sights here are hard to beat and more than worth taking the time to visit. See "Jim Jim" falls, walk through the sandstone galleries of ancient Aboriginal art, dated at 50,000 years old, take your camera, but your senses will remember more than your digital images.

**Katherine Gorge** Just south of Kakadu, worth visiting at the same time, a truly visual and sensory treat

and the definition of a life changing experience.

**Uluru (Ayers Rock)** The world's largest monolith, this massive rock rises majestically from the heart of the Australian red desert and plays an important role in Aboriginal mythology. The colours of the rock change as the light changes throughout the day and it is a sight to behold. Uluru lies in the center of Australia within reach of Alice Springs, the second largest town in the Northern Territory.



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### Did you know?

Queensland's 'Fraser Island' is the largest sand island in the world.

Queensland has the world's most famous dinosaur tracks at Winton.



# Queensland

As the saying goes... "beautiful one day, perfect the next". Known as the "Sunshine State" Queensland is the perfect place to visit any time of the year. The Great Barrier Reef and coastline offers an amazing choice of beaches and tropical islands stretching from the Gold Coast to the Sunshine Coast and beyond. Venture inland to Queensland's famous "Hinterland" and you will discover tropical rainforests, mountains, outback cattle farming, National parks and more, all under the big skies so typical of Australia. Continue on up the coast and you'll find yourself in the tropical north, yet another experience to add to the list that just keeps on getting longer!



## Life changing experiences...

**Brisbane** Capital of the "Sunshine State", or "Brissie", as it's known to the locals is located right on the banks of the Brisbane River, a friendly, laid back cosmopolitan city that just about has it all. Take a ferry to the South Bank and enjoy art galleries, festivals, river walks through lush gardens and your pick of restaurants, and entertainment. There's no shortage of shopping here either, hop back over to the Queen Street mall for more retail therapy!

**The Gold Coast & Surfers Paradise** Only an hour south of Brisbane this glitzy, sun soaked, high-rise, fun filled area is worth a visit. Superb beaches, plenty of accommodation to choose from, great restaurants, nightlife too and of course the ever present array of shops and shopping malls. If that's not enough the Gold Coast is home to a few excellent theme parks, Dream World, Movie World, Wet & Wild and more, take the kids, they'll love it as much as the grown-ups!

**The Great Barrier Reef** One of Australia's most incredible natural gifts, this world famous reef stretches along 2000kms of Queensland's coastline, with an endless number of picturesque tropical resort islands, Great Keppel Island, Dunk Island, Fraser Island, The Whitsundays, Magnetic Island, the list goes on... sun

soaked beaches, diving, flying, water sports, you name it, you'll find it along this amazing coastline.

**Whitsunday Islands** Made up of 74 Islands the Whitsundays are simply breathtaking, if it's good old fashioned rest and relaxation you're after then this is the place to be, if you're looking for the purest whitest sands you've ever seen then search no more! These islands offer everything for the holiday maker, swimming, diving, snorkelling, fishing, sailing, you can even sky-dive if that's your passion, this is the place to make those lasting memories, give it a try!

**Whale watching** Every year between mid July and the end of October the magnificent Humpback Whales migrate along the waters of the Great Barrier Reef. Take a trip to Hervey Bay and hop on a whale watching boat tour, the size and grace of these amazing creatures is a sight to behold, this is an unforgettable moment in one's life.

**Outback Station Stay** Experience life on a true Australian outback station (farm), there are many to choose from, 'Myella', a real working cattle station with 2600 acres and 400 cattle situated about 125 km inland is a popular choice. Enjoy farm cooking, comfortable accommodation, horse riding, motorbike and 4WD farm tours, camp

fires, feeding the animals, and even milking the cows!

**Take a drive** It's a long way up the Eastern Coast but worth considering a driving holiday, pick a starting point and work your way north, the famous Bruce Highway will take you all the way and you can stop at the many towns, sights and scenes along the way, just remember it's a big country and distances are vast. An International Drivers license is all you need to hire a car, locals will lead you on your way and help you when you need it, this is one of those once in a lifetime holiday adventures!

**Cairns** Fly or drive to this fabulous jewel of the north, a small, yet fast growing tropical town that will surprise you with its wealth of sights and activities. Do not miss the "Skyrail" Rainforest Cableway that will take you over the amazing tropical rainforest and deep inside, see, hear and smell this unique and fascinating environment. Cairns offers a lot to the traveller, it's a popular destination and well worth the visit.



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### Did you know?

South Australia is the driest state on the World's driest continent.

Kangaroos can reach up to 60kph for short bursts. One red kangaroo made a record breaking long-jump of almost 13 m.

# South Australia

This state is the place to go for beautiful beaches, world famous award-winning wines, the best seafood you can find, entertaining events and great festivals. Head to Kangaroo Island for some fabulous encounters with Australian wildlife, or travel a little north to the Flinders Ranges for spectacular landscapes that literally take your breath away. The South Australians love a good party so there's always something going on!



## Life changing experiences...

**Adelaide** Visit SA's capital, wander through the city, check out the Festival Center for events, take a walk through Rundle Mall, a shopaholics heaven and a great place to "people watch"! Visit the famous Central Market and the mini Chinatown next door, hop on a "Bay Tram" to Glenelg and in less than half an hour you're at the beach.

**The Barossa Valley** Visit this world renowned wine area, wineries welcome visitors and encourage tastings. Perfect for a day's drive out of the city through the beautiful vineyards and Australian countryside, plenty of wonderful restaurants to choose from that offer fabulous food.

**Kangaroo Island** A short flight or ferry ride from the mainland, south of Adelaide, this island is well worth a visit. Hire a car while you're there and drive yourself around this scenic island. See colonies of Koalas in their natural habitat, walk amongst the seals lazing on the beaches, watch the Fairy Penguins and keep your eyes open for the local Kangaroos. Cameras are a must.

**Home of the Great White Shark** Port Lincoln, a short flight or boat ride across to the Eyre Peninsula, is the place to try some of the best fish and seafood you

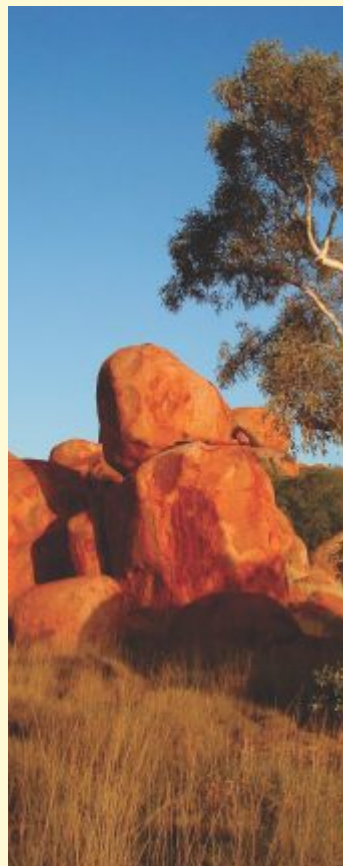
have ever had. This town is the tuna fishing capital of Australia and the best place to safely swim with a Great White Shark! Some of the scenes from "Jaws" were filmed here, it's an exciting once in a lifetime experience, worth a try and it's something to tell the kids!

**River Murray Houseboats** Hire one of these comfortable floating homes and experience the tranquillity of the great Murray River at your own pace, fish from your own deck, stop off at towns along the way, you'll find wineries, fruit growing areas, friendly people and truly memorable holiday experiences.

**See the real Australia** Take an overnight train journey on the famous "Ghan" from Adelaide to Alice Springs, this is truly the Red Heart of Central Australia and a brilliant adventure. From Alice Springs you can visit Uluru (Ayers Rock) the iconic red monolith that captures the heart of this country, Stanley Chasm and Simpson's Gap are more of Mother Nature's awe inspiring power. Take the time to learn a little about Australia's Aboriginal culture and fascinating heritage, their art work is beautiful and legendary. Continue on north to



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# Tasmania

Known to the Australians as "Tassie" this island state is situated off Australia's mainland to the south of Victoria. This southern island is one of the country's hidden jewels, with a wealth of history and incredible natural beauty, Tasmania just about has it all, incredible wildlife, amazing wilderness, beautiful beaches, gourmet food, wine and a unique urban cool in the cities. Fly in from the mainland or cross Bass Strait from Melbourne by ferry to Launceston, you'll be glad you did.



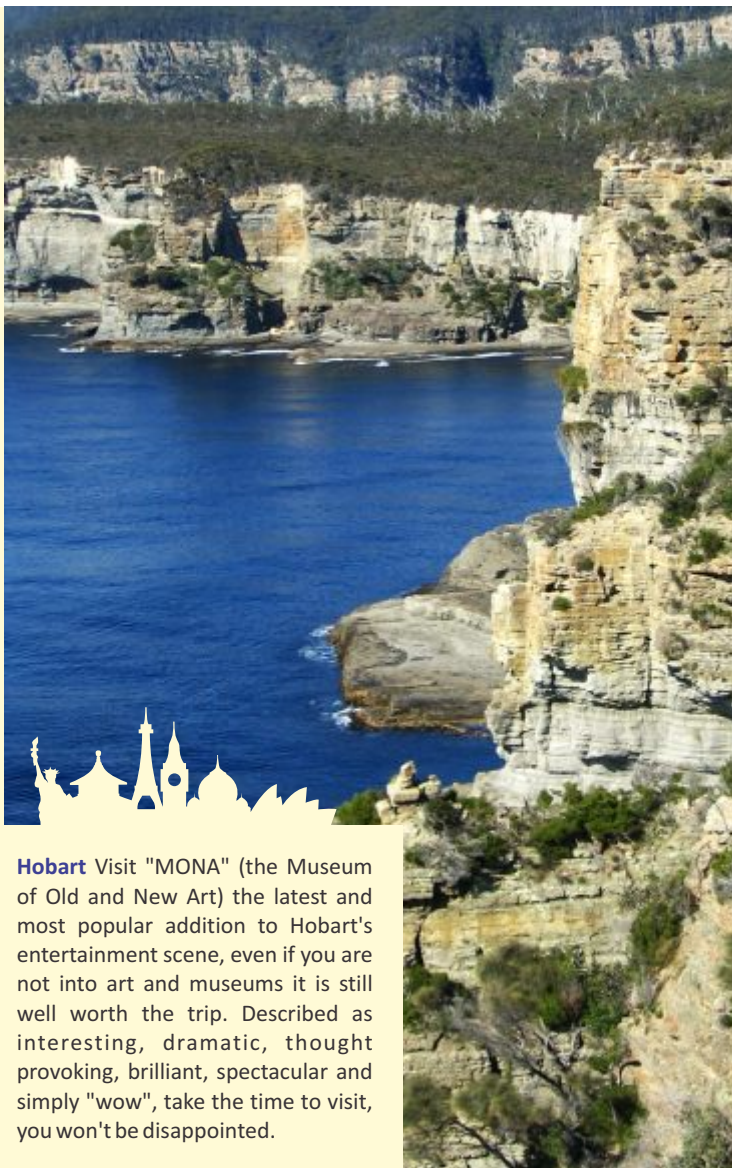
## Life changing experiences...

**Launceston** Try the Basin Chairlift, only a short distance from the town centre you can view the magnificent Cataract Gorge from above, if you're a little more adventurous you might like to try the Alexandra Suspension Bridge, locally known as the 'swinging bridge', the views are hard to beat.

**Visit Strahan in the West** Take a memorable Gordon river Cruise, sit back and relax, this is the very best way to see and enjoy this World Heritage listed wilderness and experience the world's last great temperate rainforest, it really is magical.

**Tassie Trout Territory** Discover the secrets of fly fishing in the pristine wilderness of the rivers and lakes of Tasmania, try your hand at catching the perfect 'rainbow' or 'wild brown' trout, an unforgettable experience and certainly one to tell your friends back home!

**Meet the Devil!** The Tasmanian Devil, forever immortalized as "Taz" the cartoon character from Looney Tunes, can be seen at the Devil Sanctuary at Cradle Mountain, or at the Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary a short drive from Hobart, an excellent location to get up close and personal with Australian wildlife, night visits are well worth it too!



**Hobart** Visit "MONA" (the Museum of Old and New Art) the latest and most popular addition to Hobart's entertainment scene, even if you are not into art and museums it is still well worth the trip. Described as interesting, dramatic, thought provoking, brilliant, spectacular and simply "wow", take the time to visit, you won't be disappointed.







### Did you know?

The first traffic lights in Australia were installed on the Collins and Swanston Street intersection in Melbourne.

Vegemite, Australia's favourite toast and sandwich spread, was developed in Melbourne in 1922.

A Melbourne man invented the "black box" flight recorder in 1956 and the "bionic ear" was also invented in Melbourne in 1978.

Melbourne has the 2nd largest Greek population in the world after Athens.



# Victoria

This beautiful state is home to the second largest city in Australia, historical old gold mining towns, skiing fields in the winter months, the Grampian Mountains, Victorian Alps and some of the wildest surf beaches and coastline you will find in the country. For its size it is certainly packed full of places to see. Nature and wildlife aside, Victoria offers an amazing choice of sports, activities, accommodation, cuisine and things to do for everyone, a great holiday destination that will never disappoint.



## Life changing experiences...

**Melbourne** A large vibrant, multicultural city, rich in history, art, culture, trendy shopping and great restaurants. Live music, theatre and a colourful nightlife make it an exciting place to stay. Melbournians love their sport, experience the true excitement of an "Aussie Rules" football game, catch the Australian Open Tennis tournament every January, or watch this huge, lively city grind to a complete halt once a year on the first Tuesday in every November when the "Melbourne Cup", the number one horse racing event in the country, is run. Plan your trip around it, you won't be disappointed!

**Drive the Great Ocean Road** 243kms of fascinating and rugged coastline with swimming, diving, hiking and wonderful cuisine to be sampled throughout the many small towns and stops along the way. From the legendary surfing at Bell's beach, home to Quicksilver and Rip Curl surf gear and clothing, Pt. Campbell and the 'Twelve Apostles', ragged rock formations left in the sea, to lighthouses, vibrant shops, galleries and interesting history, this drive is quite simply unforgettable.

**Golf anyone?** Relax and play at one of the many courses on the Mornington Peninsula, just an hour from the city centre, this area known as "The Cups" has 18 golf courses ranging from nine

holes to the Championship Eagle Ridge Course. If golf is your game then this is the place to be, well worth a round or two if you're in the area.

**The Formula One Australian Grand Prix** Held annually, in late March, at the Albert Park Circuit in South Melbourne this event is exciting and exhilarating, take your ear plugs and enjoy the amazing speed and trackside experiences with motor sport fans from around the world.

**Phillip Island** Watch the fairy penguins emerge from the sea at sunset, a popular event for all visitors, see fur seals on the beach and spy koalas in the treetops, visit the wildlife park and hand feed the wallabies and kangaroos. If a change of pace is what you're looking for check out the V8 Supercars or the Grand Prix Superbike Championship, held annually in September and October. Take the kids to visit the track, or try your form on a Go Cart track, a fun day out for all.

**Shopaholics Heaven!** From factory prices in Spencer Street to the 100 year old Queen Victoria Market, Melbourne is the place all shoppers should head to. Specialized shopping tours are very popular for both



interstate travellers and international tourists alike, set tours or tailor made trips are available and guaranteed to fulfil your shopping needs and dreams, credits cards at the ready!

**Gold Mining** Take a trip to Ballarat, two hours drive from Melbourne, and step back in time with a visit to Sovereign Hill, a fascinating full replica of a Gold Rush Town from the 1850's. Try your luck at panning for gold, or descend into the mine shaft where the biggest ever nugget of gold was found, it weighed 69 kg!

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# Western Australia

A huge state with a coastline stretching from the North to the South of the country. Western Australia offers a mixture of experiences from the more populated south with wonderful beaches, sailing and every watersport you can imagine, to the eastern dry and arid mining towns, and the northern fruit growing areas with its spectacular coastline, thriving fishing industry and amazing natural wilderness.



## Life changing experiences...

**Perth** This scenic city is located on the beautiful Swan River, take a trip to the top of King's park to look out over the city surrounded by fantastic gardens, featuring native plants found only in Western Australia. Perth is a contender for the title of food capital of Australia, its trendy restaurants, bistros and pubs will keep you entertained, when you're not shopping or browsing the markets!

**Rottne Island** Take a short ferry ride to "Rotto", as it's known locally. Home to some of the finest beaches and bays you'll find anywhere, there are around 63 to choose from. It's a car-free zone, you'll need to take the local bus around the island, plenty of local flora and fauna to enjoy, you might spot some "Quokkas", small kangaroo like marsupials, only found on Rottne.

**Wave Rock** The most remarkable rock formation, a three hour trip from Perth, 2,700 million years old, 15m high and 100m long, just like a huge wave about to break and fall, nature at its best, don't forget your camera!

**Visit Margaret River** Just to the south of Perth, this very popular wine growing area is full of interesting boutiques, specialized cheese makers and memorable restaurants offering gourmet food with delicious local products. If you're visiting in September



## Facts for the traveller...

### Australian weather round up

Australia is a big country and the weather varies throughout, as a basic rule however it is pleasant most of the year round in the Capital cities. Perth has the most sunshine throughout the year, with a short, mild winter. Adelaide enjoys a Mediterranean style climate, hot in summer and can be a little cool in winter. Melbourne and Tasmania are overall much cooler and Sydney can be quite temperate. As you move north towards Brisbane and upwards you will enter the sub-tropical regions where the summers will be hotter and more humid. Darwin is further north and more tropical, as you move inland through the Northern Territory and Central

see the amazing carpet of wildflowers that bloom every spring.

**The Kimberleys** One of the true "outback" areas of Australia, covering over 423,000m<sup>2</sup>, it is one of the world's last great wilderness areas. From ancient gorges, natural fresh water pools and beautiful beaches to mining towns, the pearl industry and rugged 4WD adventures, the Kimberleys offer the visitor a truly unique view of this big land.

Australia the climate becomes arid and can be very hot and dry. The Northern areas are the warmest and have the highest humidity rates in summer, but the weather all round is great for beaches and popular outdoor activities.

### Currency

Australian Dollar AU\$

### Language

English

### Time zones

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South Australia - Adelaide:  
GMT +9.30, DST +10.30  
Victoria - Melbourne:  
GMT +10, DST +11  
Tasmania - Hobart:  
GMT +10, DST +11  
New South Wales - Sydney:  
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GMT +9.30, no DST



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## Facts for the traveller...

### Tipping

No service charge is applied.  
Restaurants and pubs 10%.  
Taxis round fare off to the nearest dollar.  
Other tipping at your discretion.

### Taxes and refunds

A 10% GST tax is added throughout Australia, this can be refunded at the airport when you leave but do keep the rules in mind. A minimum of AU\$300 on any one receipt is eligible for refund, make sure you keep the receipts. The GST refund desk is after the customs area, the rules state that you should have the goods in your hand luggage with you when you collect the refund as they may want to see them, this may not be possible due to weight or the fact that certain items are not allowed in the cabin, best to explain with a smile and see how you go.

### Arriving in Australia

It is important to note that the Australian Customs Department take their job very seriously when it comes to bringing in food, plant material and animal products. If you do have any of these items, or even if you are not sure if items that you are carrying are allowed, it is best to declare them, they will be checked by a Customs Officer who will determine whether they will allow them in the country. Not declaring will result in a fine.

### Transportation

The transportation system throughout Australia is easy and convenient. Where time is important air travel is recommended for long hauls from East to West, North to South and between capital cities. All of Australia's cities have excellent and reliable trains, buses, ferries, light rail, monorails and trams. Taxis are all metered and are easily and conveniently found. The road system in Australia is excellent so car hire is a good



way to get around, just remember that they drive on the left side of the road. Road signs, traffic lights etc., are usually all very efficient throughout cities and suburbs.

### Shopping hours

Opening hours do vary slightly in regional areas but in most of the capital cities and town shops are open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday with late night shopping until 9pm on Thursdays. Saturdays from 9am to 12 noon, some stay open until 4-5pm. On Sundays malls and larger city shops are usually open from 10am to 4pm, but many smaller businesses will be closed.

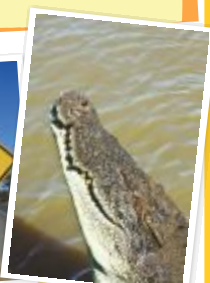
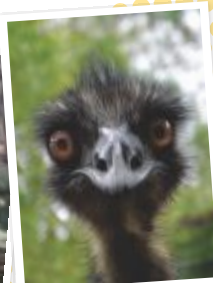
### Did you know?

Australia is the only continent on Earth occupied by only one nation.

Australia has the largest cattle station (farm) 34,000 km<sup>2</sup>, almost the same size as Belgium.

Australia has the world's largest population of wild camels.

A group of Kangaroos is called a mob.



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### Transportation

All types of transport is available throughout the islands, buses in the cities are well run and convenient and bus tours travel throughout the islands. New Zealand is an easy place to drive yourself and all types of vehicles are available, cars, 4x4 or even camper vans, note that driving is on the left. One of the highlights of New

Zealand's transportation is the 3½ hour ferry ride between the North and South Islands from Wellington to Picton. Sooner or later everyone travelling in New Zealand boards a ferry to cross Cook Strait, keep a close eye on the weather and plan your crossings accordingly.

# New Zealand



## "Land of the Long White Cloud"

A treasure in the Pacific Ocean, New Zealand is a land of true natural splendour, it's said that you can see the whole world in one go when you visit this special country. From glaciers, fjords and snow sports of all varieties in the South island to hot springs, geysers, swimming, surfing and sailing in the North, New Zealand really has it all. The people are warm, friendly and welcoming, the scenery is dazzling, accommodation superb and the food is delicious, what more could you ask for in a holiday!



### Life changing experiences...

**"Bungy Jumping!"** Pioneered in Queenstown, New Zealand is the home of the "Bungy"... you can leap from bridges, building, cliffs and into ravines, heart stopping adventures for the adventure seekers! Try out the "Nevis Swing" at Nevis Canyon, the biggest swing in the world.

**Lake Taupo** Not just a lake, it's a volcano without a top! The clear blue waters are just perfect for all types of water sports, try your hand at fishing, Lake Taupo has the largest natural trout fishery in the world. Visit the magnificent Huka Falls and the Aratiatia Rapids, plenty to do and really worth staying for a while!

**Visit Rotorua!** Soak in the hot springs and explore this unique geothermal area with its special mud pools, craters and geysers. Visit a traditional indigenous Maori village and experience a special "Hangi" feast Maori style, the food is wrapped and cooked in a steaming pit for hours, delicious!

**Auckland** Known as the "City of Sails" the fabulous Auckland harbour is home to hundreds of boats, you're never far from the water and beaches in this special city. Take a harbour cruise after a hard day's shopping, or check out the unlimited dining experiences available. Try the Jet Boating adventure from the



### Facts for the traveller...

#### Weather

While the far north has subtropical weather during summer and the inland alpine areas of the South Island can be as cold as  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  in winter, the coastal areas, where most of the cities are located have mild

#### Currency

NZ Dollar.

Vaiduct in the heart of the harbour and if that's not enough there's plenty of nightlife to end the day's activities.

**Milford Sound** Don't forget your camera and an extra memory card! Take an overnight cruise, a worthwhile once in a lifetime experience. Shorter daytime cruises are available, either way the beauty of it all is breathtaking. Worth checking out the "Underwater Observatory" down four storeys to the sea bed of corals and whatever swims by!

**Tasman Glacier at Mt Cook** Grandeur guaranteed, half or full day tours onto the glacier are fascinating, see a new glacier being formed and listen to the "sounds" of the ice around you, truly an unforgettable and informative trip in these days of Global warming.

temperatures, moderate rainfall, and abundant sunshine. NZ enjoys southern hemisphere seasons... Spring: Sept, Oct, Nov. Summer: Dec, Jan, Feb. Autumn: Mar, April, May. Winter: June, July, Aug.

#### Time zone

GMT + 12 DST +13

#### Shopping Hours

Mon - Sat: 9am to 5.30pm  
Some are open on Sundays.

#### Tipping

Not expected, 10% is appreciated if service is very good. Taxis, round up to nearest dollar.



### Did you know?

There are no snakes in New Zealand.

There are approximately nine sheep to every human in New Zealand.

New Zealand's official name was derived from the province "Nova Zeelandia" in Netherlands.

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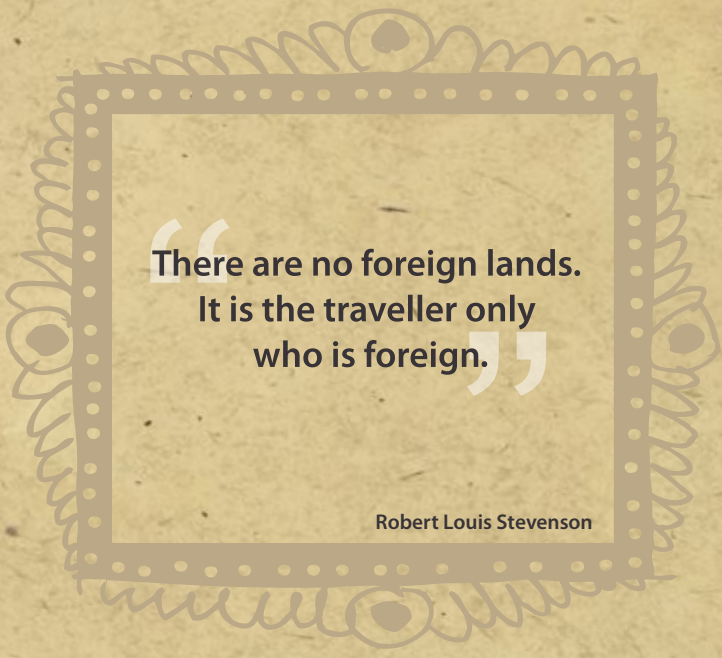
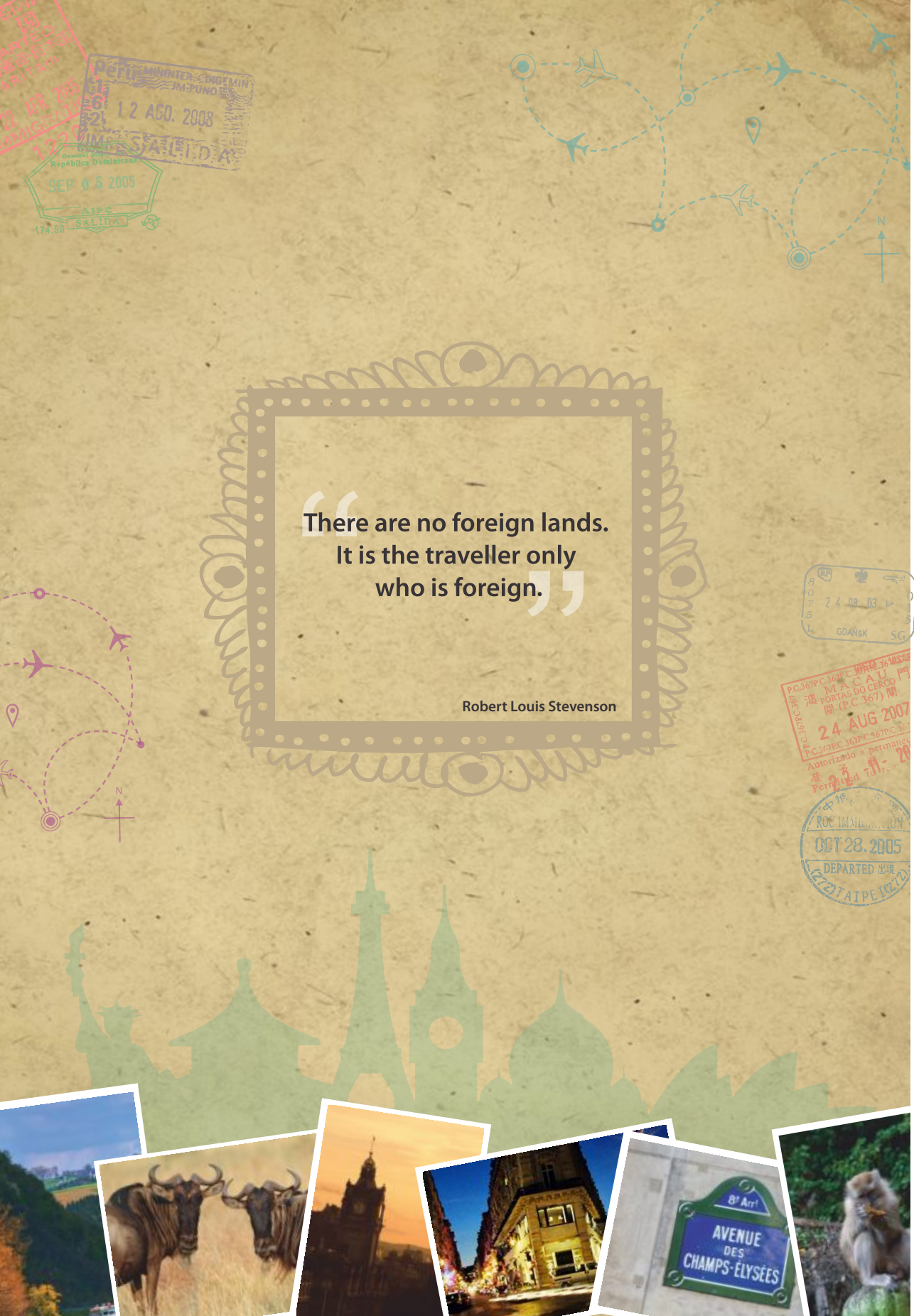
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Robert Louis Stevenson

