

AUSTRALIA



- Australia is the smallest continent in the world.
- It's full name is COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
- It is situated between the Pacific ocean and the Indian ocean.
- Many people call it the Land Down Under because it is below the Equator

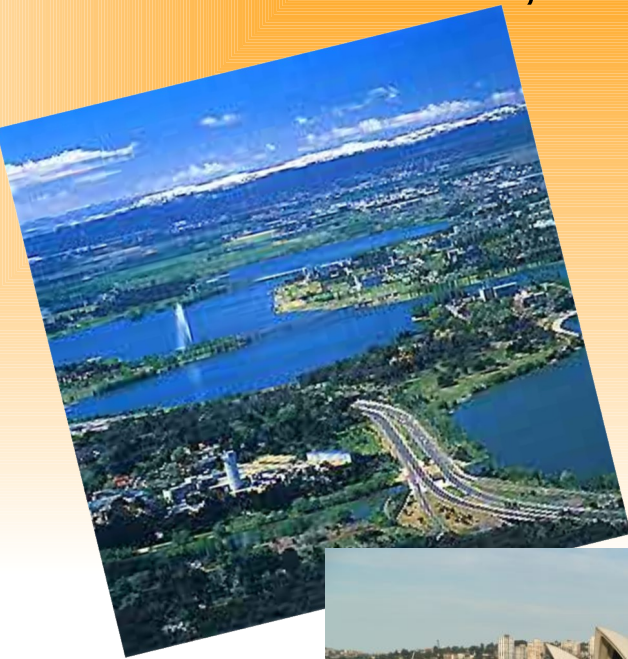


There are 6 countries on the continent

- New South Wales
- Northern territory
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Western Australia



- It has a population of about 18.000.000 people
- Men are expected to live 70 years and women 80 years
- The capital of Australia is Canberra, but the biggest city is Sidney. Other largest cities in Australia are: Brisbane, Melbourne, Wollongong and Newcastle



- The highest mountain is MOUNT KOSCIUSKO (2228 m high)



- Their currency is an Australian dollar



- It is the MONARCHY – ruled by queen of England. This is why it's flag has got an english flag in the top left hand corner and 6 stars representing one country each.
- The government is ruled by the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd
- People in Australia are mostly Catholics 26%, Anglican 20%, Christian 20%,...
- They speak English



- Australian economy farming (they breed sheep for wool)
Agriculture (corn, wheat)
Mining (coal, boxit, gold, diamonds)
- Australian's national sport is cricket which is similar to baseball



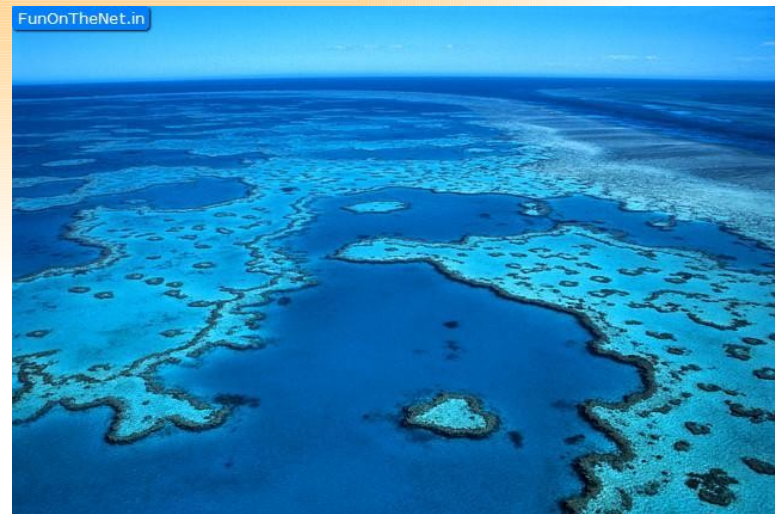
- January and February are the warmest months, and June and July are the coldest. They celebrate New Year in summer
- The middle part of the country is called outback. There isn't enough rain, so many people live there. But there are some sheep and cattle ranches. Children who live on stations can't see their teacher so they use a two-way radio to hear their teacher's lesson



The first people in Australia were the Aborigines. Aboriginal means the first. When the other nations came they had to go live in reservations, some live on ranches. They also invite boomerang and there are some examples of their beautiful art all over the place



- Australia is a wonderful country. Many people go there to see the sights and natural beauties of Australia. They usually visit The Opera House, The Great Barrier Reef which is made up of coral. It is world's largest living structure.
- There are also some unusual like duck – billed Platypus and kookaburra.



There is also a famous person coming from Australia, an actress and singer Nicole Kidman, and some swimmers who are very successful in competitions all over the world.

