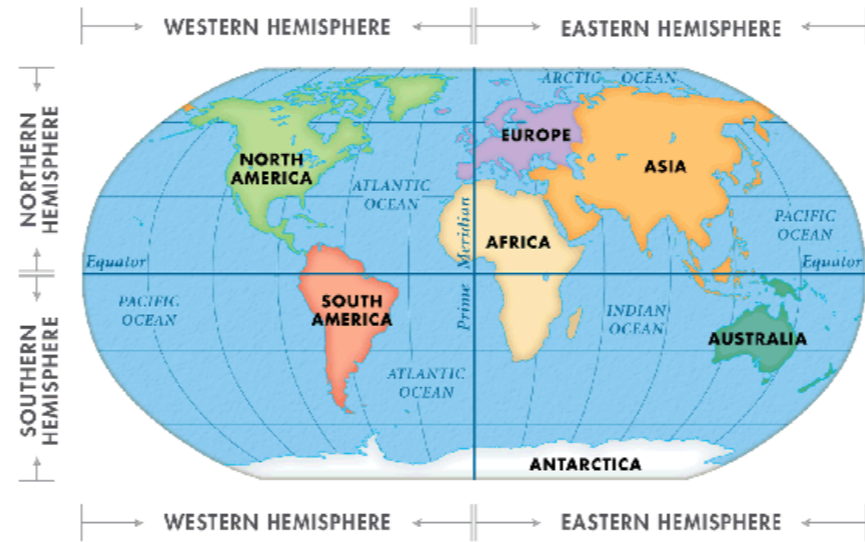


# Australia Adventurers - Fact Sheet



The Australian **outback**, an area of hot and dry desert, is one of the most empty and uninhabited places on Earth. Most Australians live in coastal towns and cities in the southeast of the country.

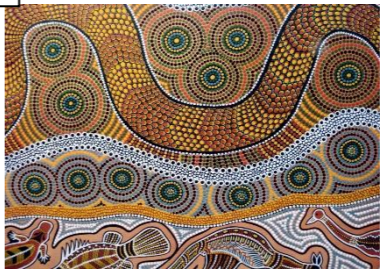


- Fun Facts!**
1. Although Sydney is Australia's most well-known city, **Canberra** is actually the capital.
  2. Australia is the sixth biggest country in the world. At 7,692,024km it's about **32 times bigger than the United Kingdom**.
  3. The currency in Australia is the Australian dollar.
  4. **English** is the commonly spoken language in Australia although 'Australian English' has a distinctive accent and vocabulary.
  5. The first people who arrived in Australia were the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. They came by boat from the islands of Indonesia and lived in all parts of the country for an estimated 60,000 years before the arrival of British settlers in 1776.
  6. The **Aboriginal Australians** lived in different tribes and spoke about 250 different languages. They invented tools like the boomerang and the spear.
  7. Australia comes from the Latin word 'australis' which means southern.
  8. **The Great Barrier Reef** is the world's largest reef and can be found off the north-east coast of Australia.
  9. The Great Barrier Reef is about 1616 miles in length which is about as far as going from Land's End to John O' Groats and back again! It's so huge that it can be seen from space.
  10. Over **23 million people** live in Australia.

People often refer to Australia as '**down under**'. This is because it's located in the **southern hemisphere** whereas the UK is in the north so it literally is on the other side of the world. Their seasons are opposite to ours and when you go to



**Aborigine Dot Art**



**The Great Barrier Reef**

Australia is also home to some of the **world's most deadly creatures**, including snakes, spiders, sharks and crocodiles. In fact 20 of the top 25 most venomous spiders come from Australia!

Vocabulary	Definition
<b>Aussie</b> (pronounced 'Ozzie'):	A person from Australia.
<b>Boomerang</b> :	A wooden weapon used for hunting which returns to its thrower, invented by the Aboriginal people of Australia.
<b>Didgeridoo</b> :	A long, wooden wind instrument or horn traditionally used by the Aboriginal people.
<b>G'day</b> :	The Australian way of saying 'hello'.
<b>Great Barrier Reef</b> :	The largest reef in the world, found off the north-east coast of Australia.
<b>Indigenous people</b> :	The original inhabitants, the natives of a country.
<b>Marsupial</b> :	An animal that carries its young in a pouch, such as kangaroos, wombats and koalas.
<b>Outback</b> :	The bush or desert, a mostly uninhabited region of Australia.
<b>Uluru</b> :	The Aboriginal people's name for their sacred mountain, found in the middle of Australia.



It is home to more **reptiles** than any other country, with over 750 different species living there.

**The Australian flag.**



The **acacia** is the country's national flower.



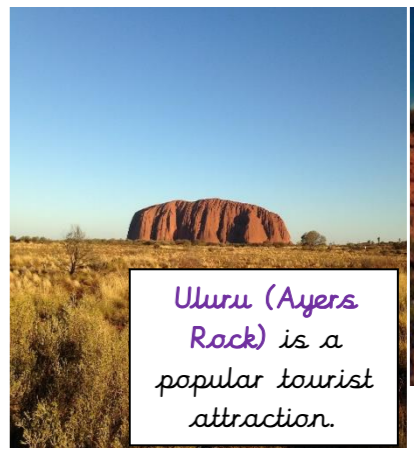
**Surfing** is popular in Australia.



**The Sydney Opera House.**



**Australian Coast**



**Uluru (Ayers Rock)** is a popular tourist attraction.



**An aborigine**