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Interesting Facts about Australia - Geography, Polity, National Flag

Hey aspirant, welcome back to our captivating “Know your Country” series. This time, we invite you to join on an exploration of the remarkable country that is a Sovereign country. **Australia** is the largest country by the area.

Australia is known as “**The Land Down Under**” Australia embodies a perfect blend of tradition and modernity. It is a country where one of the oldest continuous cultures on Earth.

Now, steeped in the history of the Australia. It does a sovereign country comprise the mainland of the Australian continent, the island of Tasmania, and numerous smaller islands. Australia is the largest country by area in Oceania and the world’s sixth-largest country. But Australia is not just about its colonial history. It is a continues to be a hub of intellectual and artistic endeavors.

It is a mega diverse country, and its size gives it a wide variety of landscapes and climates, with deserts in the centre, tropical rainforests in the north-east, tropical savannas in the north, and mountain ranges in the south-east. Before looking at the different aspects, one must know the country symbols of the particular city. The country symbols of Australia are:



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Australia	
Official Name	Commonwealth of Australia
Capital	Canberra
Continent	Australia
President	Sue Lines
Prime Minister	Anthony Albanese
Currency	Australian dollar
Language	English
Religion	Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, other
National Flag	
National Anthem	Advance Australia Fair
National Game	Australian Rules Football (AFL)
National Bird	Emu
National Tree	Acacia Pycnantha



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[Source: BBC]

So now, let's move on to the first aspect of the blog i.e. **History of Australia**.

History of Australia

Before, further knowing the history of the Australia you have to know that the Australia has pre history and Indigenous history. In Indigenous Australians comprise two board groups: the Aboriginal peoples of the Australian mainland and the Torres Strait Islanders.

Ancient and Early Medieval Period:

Aboriginal Australian culture is one of the oldest continuous cultures of Earth. The Torres Strait Islander people first settled their islands around 4000 years ago. Culturally and linguistically distinct from mainland Aboriginal peoples, they were seafarers and obtained their livelihood from seasonal horticulture.

Medieval period:

The northern coasts and waters of Australia were visited sporadically for trade. The loss of its American colonies in 1783, the British government sent a fleet of ships. Most early convicts were transported for petty crimes and assigned as laborers' or servants to "free settlers" (non-convict immigrants). The indigenous population declined for 150 years following settlement, mainly due to infectious disease.

Colonial period:

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The British continued to push into other areas of the continent in the early 19th century, initially along the coast. In 1803, a settlement was established in Van Diemen's Land and in 1813; Gregory Blaxland, William Lawson and William Wentworth crossed the Blue Mountain west of Sydney, opening the interior to European settlement.



[Source: Wikipedia]

However, Australia's destiny changed dramatically with the arrival of Europeans. The country flourished during that period. Australia was a hotbed of political and cultural movements during that period. In the decades following World War II, Australia enjoyed significant increasing in living standard, leisure time and suburban development.

Independence and Beyond:

Australia played a vital role in India's struggle for independence, witnessing iconic moments such as the formulating the "populate or perish" the nation slogan to encourage a large wave of immigration from across Europe, with such immigrations referred to as "New Australians".

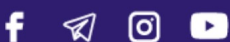
The country's history is marked by moments of triumph and tragedy, from the grandeur of colonial architecture to the somber memories of the Australian famine.

Here is a timeline of some key events in Australia's history:

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- **1606:** The first European to land at Australia is Dutch explorer Captain Willem Janszoon.
- **1688:** English explorer William Dampier explores the western coast of Australia.
- **1788:** The first British settlement is established at Sydney by Captain Arthur Phillip. It is the start of the British penal colony which is made up of mostly prisoners.
- **1803:** Australia is proven to be an island when English navigator Matthew Flinders completes his sail around the island.
- **1808:** The Rum Rebellion occurs and the current governor, William Bligh, is arrested and removed from office.
- **1824:** The name of the island is changed from "New Holland" to "Australia."
- **1829:** The settlement of Perth is founded on the southwest coast. England lays claim to the entire continent of Australia.
- **1835:** The settlement of Port Phillip is established. It will later become the city of Melbourne.
- **1841:** New Zealand becomes its own colony separate from New South Wales.
- **1843:** The first elections are held for parliament.
- **1851:** Gold is discovered in the southeast region of Victoria. Prospectors flock to the area in the Victoria Gold Rush.
- **1854:** Miners rebel against the government in the Eureka Rebellion.
- **1859:** The rules for Australian rules football are officially written down.
- **1868:** Great Britain stops sending convicts to Australia. It is estimated that around 160,000 convicts were shipped to Australia between 1788 and 1868.
- **1880:** Folk hero Ned Kelly, sometimes called the Australian "Robin Hood", is executed for murder.
- **1883:** The railroad between Sydney and Melbourne opens.
- **1890:** The famous poem The Man from Snowy River is published by Banjo Paterson.
- **1901:** The Commonwealth of Australia is formed. Edmund Barton serves as the first Prime Minister of Australia. The Australian national flag is adopted.
- **1902:** Women are guaranteed the right to vote through the Franchise Act.
- **1911:** The city of Canberra is founded. It is named as the capital.
- **1914:** World War I begins. Australia fights on the side of the Allies and Great Britain.
- **1915:** Australian soldiers take part in the Gallipoli Campaign in Turkey.
- **1918:** World War I comes to an end.
- **1919:** Australia signs the Treaty of Versailles and joins the League of Nations.
- **1920:** Qantas airlines is founded.
- **1923:** The popular spread vegemite is first introduced.
- **1927:** Parliament is officially moved to the capital city of Canberra.
- **1932:** Construction is completed on the Sydney Harbour Bridge.
- **1939:** World War II begins. Australia joins on the side of the Allies.
- **1942:** The Japanese begin air raids of Australia. The Japanese invasion is stopped at the Battle of the Coral Sea. Australian forces defeat the Japanese at the Battle of Milne Bay.
- **1945:** World War II comes to an end. Australia is a founding member of the United Nations.
- **1973:** The Sydney Opera House is opened.
- **1986:** Australia becomes fully independent from the United Kingdom.
- **2000:** The summer Olympics are held in Sydney.

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The timeline showcases Australia's rich and diverse history in a simple way. Let's move on to the next aspect of this blog i.e. **Geographical Aspects**.

Geographical Aspects of Australia

Australia is surrounded by the Indian and Pacific oceans, Australia is separated from Asia by the Arafura and Timor seas, with the Coral sea lying off the Queensland coast, and the Tasman sea lying between Australia and New Zealand. Australia has 34,218 km of coastline and claims an extensive Economic Zone of 8,148,250 square kilometer.



[Source: Wikipedia]

Lying on the Indo-Australian Plate, the mainland of the Australia is the lowest and most primordial landmass on Earth with a relative stable geological history. The Australian mainland's continental crust, excluding the thinned margins, has an average thickness of 38 km, with a range in thickness from 24 km to 59 km.

Physiographic Aspects:

Australia geography can be divided into several main sections, showcasing that the continent grew from west to east: the Achaean Cratonic shields found mostly in the west, Proterozoic fold belts in the center and Phanerozoic sedimentary basins, metamorphic and igneous rocks in the east. Volcanism has occurred during the Holocene, in the Newer Volcanic Province.

Demographic Aspects:

The population of Australia is estimated to be 26,803,300 as of October 2023. Australia is the 55th most populous country in the world and the most populous Oceania country. Its population is concentrated mainly in urban areas, particularly on the Eastern, South Eastern and Southern seaboard, and is expected to exceed 30 million by 2029.

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Australia's population has grown from an estimated population of between 300,000 and 2,400,000 Indigenous Australians at the time of British colonization in 1788 due to numbers wave of immigration during the period since. Also due to immigration, the European component's share of the population rose sharply in the late 18th and 19th centuries, but is now declining as a percentage.

Soil and Vegetation:

Australia's soils, shaped by ancient geological forces and diverse climatic conditions, exhibit a remarkable range of characteristics. From the nutrient-rich loams of coastal regions to the arid red earths of the Outback, Australia's soils reflect the continent's diverse landscapes.

The vegetation of Australia mirrors this diversity, with a tapestry of plant communities adapted to the varied soil types and climatic conditions. Lush rainforests cloak the eastern coastline, while grasslands and Shrublands dominate the arid interior. Eucalyptus trees, iconic symbols of Australia's flora, thrive in a variety of habitats, their resilience testament to the adaptability of Australian vegetation.

Now, let's look at the **polity of Australia**.

Political Aspects of Australia

Australia is a federation of six states which, together with two self-governing territories, have their own constitutions, parliaments, governments and laws. This info sheet is about the national or central government, usually called the Federal Government, Commonwealth Government or Australian Government. Australia is a federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy. The country has maintained a stable liberal democratic political system under its Constitution, the world's tenth oldest, since Federation in 1901.



[Source: The Economic Times]

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Australia is the world's sixth oldest continuous democracy and largely operates as a two-party system in which voting is compulsory. The Economist Intelligence Unit rated Australia a "full democracy" in 2022. Australia is also a federation, where power is divided between the federal government and the states and territories.

- **Legislature:** The bicameral Parliament, defined in section 1 of the constitution as comprising the monarch (represented by the governor-general), the Senate, and the House of Representatives;
- **Executive:** The Federal Executive Council, which in practice gives legal effect to the decisions of the cabinet, comprising the prime minister and ministers of state who advise the governor-general;
- **Judiciary:** The High Court of Australia and other federal courts, whose judges are appointed by the governor-general on advice of the Federal Executive Council.

The Australian system of government combines elements derived from the political systems of the United Kingdom (fused executive, constitutional monarchy) and the United States (federalism, written constitution, strong bicameralism), along with distinctive indigenous features, and has therefore been characterized as a "Wash Minster Mutation".

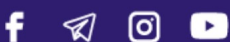
So now, let's look at the **culture of Australia**.

Culture of Australia

Australia, a nation forged from a blend of Indigenous heritage and colonial influences, boasts a rich and multifaceted culture that has evolved over centuries. From its laid-back lifestyle to its deep respect for the natural world, Australia's cultural tapestry is woven with vibrant threads of diversity and resilience.

- **Language:** English serves as the country's official language, a legacy of British colonization. However, Australia's linguistic landscape extends far beyond, with over 300 Indigenous languages spoken across the continent, each carrying a wealth of cultural knowledge and traditions.
- **Cuisine:** Australian cuisine reflects its multicultural makeup, blending influences from British, European, and Asian culinary traditions. Barbecued meats, fresh seafood, and multicultural fusion dishes epitomize the Australian palate, while iconic treats like Vegemite and Lamingtons showcase a unique culinary identity.
- **Festivals:** Australians celebrate a diverse range of festivals throughout the year, showcasing the nation's cultural vibrancy. From the vibrant Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras to the artistic brilliance of the Adelaide Fringe Festival, these events bring communities together, fostering a sense of unity and shared experiences.
- **Performing Arts:** Australia's performing arts scene is a dynamic blend of traditional and contemporary expressions. Indigenous dance and storytelling, theater productions, and internationally acclaimed symphony orchestras showcase the country's creative spirit.
- **Sporting Culture:** Sport is deeply ingrained in Australian culture, with cricket, Australian rules football, rugby, and surfing holding a special place in the hearts of many. Sporting events draw large crowds, fostering a sense of camaraderie and national pride.
- **Arts and Crafts:** Australia's artistic heritage is rich and diverse, from Indigenous dot paintings and intricate carvings to contemporary painting, sculpture, and design. The country's craftspeople showcase a blend of traditional techniques and innovative approaches, creating unique works that reflect Australia's cultural identity.
- **Cultural Values:** Australians are known for their laid-back attitude, egalitarianism, and 'fair go' mentality. They value

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[Source: IDP Education]

Australia's culture is a captivating blend of influences, a testament to its history, diversity, and resilience. It's a culture that embraces the outdoors, values mateship, and celebrates its multicultural heritage, making Australia a truly unique and culturally rich nation.

Education in Australia

Australia is a leading global provider of education to international students, and in 2012 was ranked as the third-largest provider of international education after the United States and the United Kingdom. Australia has the highest ratio of international students per head of population in the world by a large margin, with 812,000 international students enrolled in the nation's universities and vocational institutions in 2019.

The Education Index, published with the UN's Human Development Index in 2018, based on data from 2017, listed Australia as 0.929, the second-highest in the world. In 1966 the Australian Government signed the Convention against Discrimination in Education, which aimed to combat discrimination and racial segregation in the field of education.

Economy of Australia

Australia's economy is strongly intertwined with the countries of East and Southeast Asia, also known as ASEAN plus Three (APT), accounting for about 64% of exports in 2016. China in particular is Australia's main export and import partner by a wide margin. Australia is a member of the APEC, G20, OECD and WTO. The country has also entered into free trade agreements with ASEAN, Canada, Chile, China, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Peru, Japan, Singapore, Thailand and the United States. The ANZCERTA agreement with New Zealand has greatly increased integration with the economy of New Zealand.



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Interesting Facts about Australia

Australia, a land of extraordinary landscapes and fascinating wildlife, is home to a treasure trove of captivating facts that will pique your curiosity. Let's delve into some truly interesting tidbits about this remarkable country:





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- Kangaroo Power:** Kangaroos, Australia's iconic marsupials, can't walk backward. Their unique hopping motion prevents them from reversing, a quirk that symbolizes Australia's forward-thinking spirit.
- Pink Perfection:** Lake Hillier, located on Middle Island off the coast of Western Australia, boasts a mesmerizing pink hue. The lake's vibrant color is attributed to a specific type of algae that thrives in its high salinity waters.
- Ancient Roots:** The Australian continent is home to some of the world's oldest continuous cultures. Indigenous Australians have inhabited the land for over 65,000 years, preserving a rich heritage of storytelling, art, and spiritual connection to the land.
- Possum Paradise:** Australia is home to over 70 different species of possums, ranging from tiny pygmy possums to the cat-sized common brushtail possum. These nocturnal marsupials play a vital role in the ecosystem, dispersing seeds and pollinating plants.
- Underwater Wonders:** The Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef system, stretches over 2,300 kilometers along Australia's northeast coast. This underwater wonderland is home to a staggering diversity of marine life, from colorful fish to majestic manta rays.
- Sheep Supremacy:** Australia has more sheep than people, with an estimated 70 million sheep compared to a human population of around 25 million. This abundance of woolly creatures highlights Australia's agricultural prowess.
- Coffee Culture:** Australians love their coffee, consuming an average of 3 kilograms of coffee beans per person annually. The country's vibrant café culture reflects this passion, with bustling coffee shops serving up aromatic brews and delectable treats.
- Musical Marvels:** The didgeridoo, a traditional Indigenous wind instrument, is one of Australia's most recognizable musical icons. Its deep, resonant sound is produced by blowing into a hollowed-out eucalyptus branch, creating a mesmerizing sonic experience.
- Unique Ecosystems:** Australia is home to a variety of unique ecosystems, from the lush rainforests of the Daintree to the arid expanses of the Outback. This diversity of habitats supports an incredible array of plant and animal species, many of which are found nowhere else on Earth.
- Sporting Passion:** Australians are passionate about sports, with cricket, Australian rules football, rugby, and surfing holding a special place in the national psyche. Sporting events draw large crowds and foster a sense of camaraderie and national pride.



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[Source: BBC]

Australia's unique blend of natural wonders, cultural diversity, and quirky characteristics make it a truly captivating country. These interesting facts offer a glimpse into the nation's rich tapestry, inviting further exploration of this remarkable land Down Under.

As Australia moves forward, it carries with it the echoes of its colonial history, the vibrancy of its festivals, and the glamp of its street, food and the promise of a brighter, more prosperous future. Australia remain a country that beckons explorers and enthusiasts alike, inviting them to delve into its myriad facts and discover the warmth and vitality. Check out the interesting facts of other countries on [KD Live](#) and update yourself with the time. So, we will weet in some other blog. till then, stay tuned!