

Australia

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Australia.

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[61] (02) 6214-5600; US Embassy in Canberra, Moonah Place, Yarralumla, ACT 2600, Australia; <https://au.usembassy.gov/>;

AskEmbassyCanberra@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Travelers with Special Needs

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

61

Local Emergency Phone

000 (112 on cell phone)

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Generally arid to semiarid; temperate in south and east; tropical in north

Currency (Code)

Dollars (AUD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types (s): I (Sometimes 240 V)



Type I

Major Languages

English, other minority languages

Major Religions

Protestant, Roman Catholic, other Christian, other minority religions

Time Difference

UTC+10 (15 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins first Sunday in October, ends first Sunday in April; Australia has four time zones, including Lord Howe Island (UTC+10:30) UTC +8, +9, +10

Potable Water

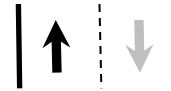
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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

Sydney (includes Opera House & Harbour Bridge); Great Barrier Reef Marine Park; Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park (aka Ayers Rock-the Olgas); Blue Mountains National Park; Bondi Beach; Daintree National Park; Fraser Island; Kakadu National Park; Darling Harbour; Australian National Maritime Museum; the Outback; Port Campbell National Park

Major Sports

Australian football

Cultural Practices

Australians often greet each other with "G'day," or "G'day, mate," but if a foreigner were to use this phrase it might come across as patronizing. The most common greeting is "Hey", "Hello", or "Hi".

Tipping Guidelines

Restaurant prices are required by law to include tax and service charges. Rounding up the bill to the nearest \$5-10 (AUD) would be appropriate for exceptional service. Try to leave cash, since it is common for servers not to receive credit card tips. Round up the fare for taxi driver's tip.

Souvenirs

Boomerangs and other indigenous carved items, stuffed toy native animals (such as kangaroo, koala, wombat, and platypus), jewelry, woolen goods, vegemite

Traditional Cuisine

Meat Pie — a fist-sized baked pie filled with ground meat, gravy, and cheese and topped with ketchup; the gravy often contains onions and/or mushrooms

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