

AUSTRALIA

Fast facts

Official name: _____ of Australia

Area: 7,692,024 _____ kilometres

Form of government: constitutional monarchy

Currency: Australian dollar (_____)

Capital city: _____

Major mountain ranges: Great Dividing Range

Population: 23,470,145

Major rivers: Murray-Darling, Murrumbidgee

Aboriginal Australians capital constitutional continent Down Under

Australia is the smallest _____ and the sixth largest country in the world. It is sometimes called ' _____ ' because it is under the equator. Australia has only 22.5 million people. The first people to live there were _____, who came over 40,000 years ago. They are known for their art, spiritual beliefs and music – played on a didgeridoo, a wind instrument. Today they make up a small proportion of the total population, and Australia is a country of migrants (people who have moved from other countries).



Australia is a _____ monarchy meaning the British monarch (currently: _____) is the official head of state. The monarch is represented in Australia by the governor-general (currently: _____). The federal parliament is found in Australia's _____, **Canberra**.



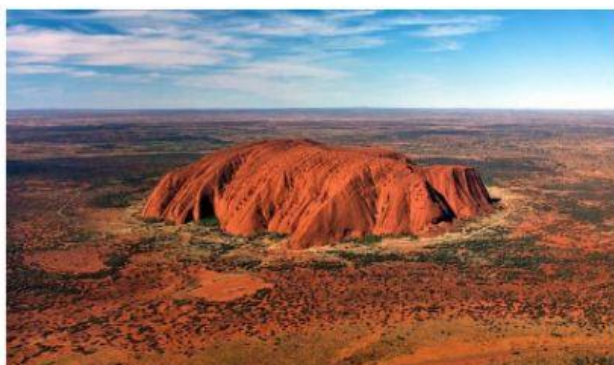
Australia is famous for its unique wildlife, which evolved to survive the difficult conditions. Some of the most famous animals include the kangaroo, koala and wombat. The world's second largest bird, the emu, is native to Australia.



Australia contains six states - Australia contains six states—New South Wales, V_____, Q_____, Western Australia, South Australia, and T_____—and two internal territories—the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory, which contains Canberra. Other important cities include Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide. **Sydney** is famous for the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. **Melbourne** is known for art and entertainment.



Uluru is a contested site; to the natives it is _____ (posvátný) and to non-natives it is a national identity as well as an economically profitable place. Because these perspectives clash, the two cultures disagree on how the land should be used.



TRUE x FALSE:

1. If you are 17 and less you don't pay an entrance fee. T x F
2. You can buy a 1-day ticket only. T X F
3. You have to buy the park pass online. T x F
4. Residents of the Northern Territory pay the highest entrance fee. T x F

You need a park pass to experience Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park's natural and cultural wonders.

Park passes can be purchased online for quick and easy entry to the park.

Your park pass helps us maintain the park's facilities, preserve its World Heritage sites and support Traditional Owners and their community. Children and teenagers under 18 years go free, making it even easier for families to visit this world-renowned icon.

For each:

Adult (18 years and over)	\$38.00 for 3 days
	\$50.00 annual pass
Vehicle of a resident of the Northern Territory	\$109.00 per annual pass
<i>Valid for driver and all passengers in the vehicle. Vehicle (excludes tour or hire vehicles) must be registered in the Northern Territory.</i>	

One of Australia's most remarkable natural gifts, the **Great Barrier Reef** is blessed with the _____ (dechberoucí) beauty of the world's largest coral reef. The reef contains an abundance of marine life and comprises of over 3000 individual reef systems and coral cays and literally hundreds of picturesque tropical islands with some of the worlds most beautiful _____ - _____ (sluncem zalité), golden beaches. Because of its natural beauty, the Great Barrier Reef has become one of the worlds _____ after (nejvyhledávanější) tourist destinations.



FLAGS

The flag of Australia, also known as the Australian Blue Ensign, consists of a blue field with the Union Jack in the upper left quarter—underneath there is a large white seven-pointed star (the Commonwealth Star) and a representation of the Southern Cross constellation, made up of five white stars (one small five-pointed star and four, larger, seven-pointed stars).

The other two flags are also the official Australian flags. The one in the middle represents Torres Strait Islander people and the one on the right represents the Aboriginal Australians.



Australian National Flag trivia

1. Which colour features on the Flag?
 - A red
 - B white
 - C blue
 - D all of the above
2. The crosses of which countries may be seen on the Flag?
 - A England
 - B Scotland
 - C Northern Ireland
 - D All of the above
3. How many points are there on the Commonwealth star, the largest star on the Flag? _____
4. The Southern Cross is a constellation that is significant to First Nations people because it features in Dreaming Stories. In which hemisphere is the Southern Cross visible? _____
5. Which of the following statements about the Flag is true?
 - A The Australian National Flag is the only official flag of Australia.
 - B The design for the Flag was chosen by an international competition.
 - C The Flag can only be flown at certain times of the year.
 - D The Flag has not changed since 1901.