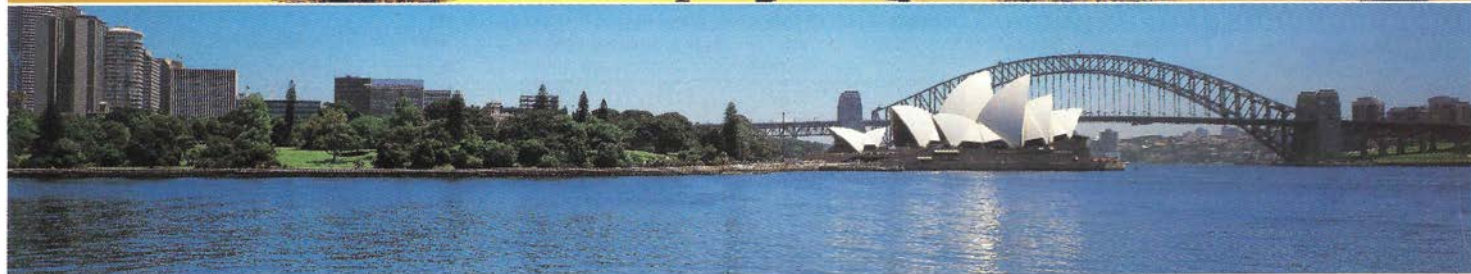
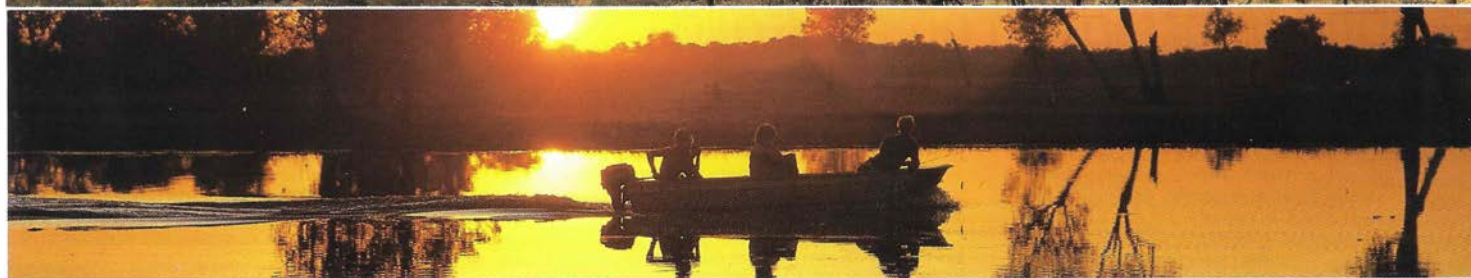
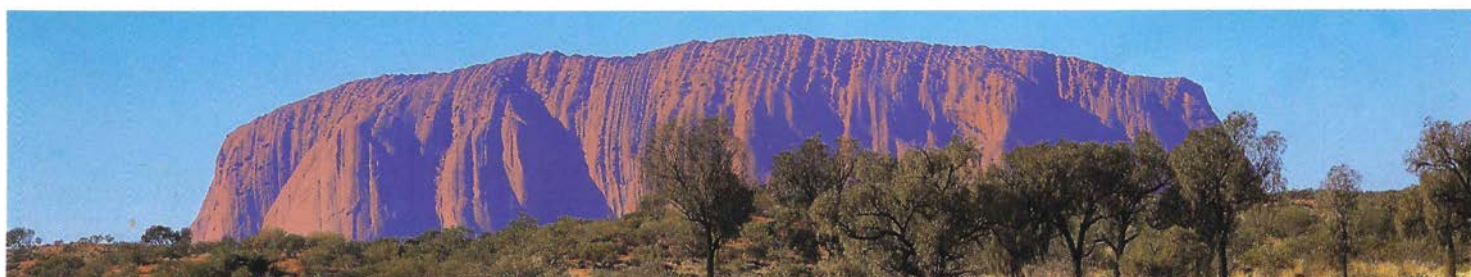




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On behalf of the Organising Committee I extend a warm welcome for you to join us for the XIII World Congress of Phlebology to be held in Sydney from 6 to 11 September, 1998.

We are very much looking forward to seeing our many overseas friends and having the opportunity of showing you what true Australian hospitality and friendship means.

PETER CONRAD
President of Congress

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Sydney is the capital of New South Wales and Australia's oldest and largest city with a population of over 4,000,000 people. It is built around one of the most spectacular harbours in the world. Temperatures in September are a very pleasant 21° centigrade during the day and approximately 17° in the evenings.

**THE SYDNEY CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE,
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This purpose-built world class Convention Centre is adjacent to the heart of the City of Sydney and accessible by boat, foot and monorail. The Convention Centre has spectacular water views and is within walking distance of many tourist attractions.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

There is a wide variety available within walking distance from very reasonably-priced hotels to world class five-star hotels and apartments.

EXTENSIVE SOCIAL PROGRAM

This will be organised for delegates and associates to enjoy our marvellous city with visits to art galleries, restaurants, harbour cruises and private parties.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

An energetic committee will ensure that all scientific programs will be streamlined and of high standard with full audiovisual facilities.

PRE- AND POST-CONGRESS TOURS

These will be tailor-made to the requirements of our overseas guests to the Northern Territory, Ayers Rock, Kakadu National Park, the Barrier Reef and other delightful places within Australia. We will work towards coordinating interesting tours at discounted prices.

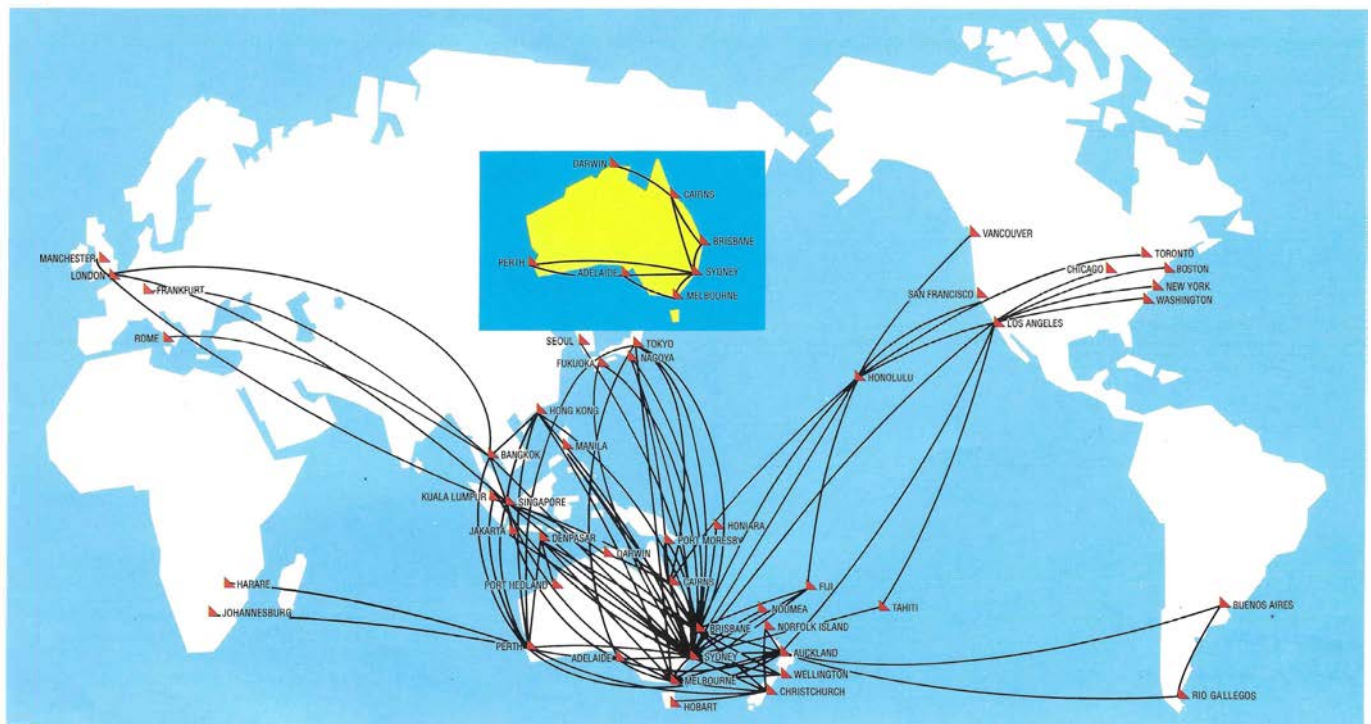
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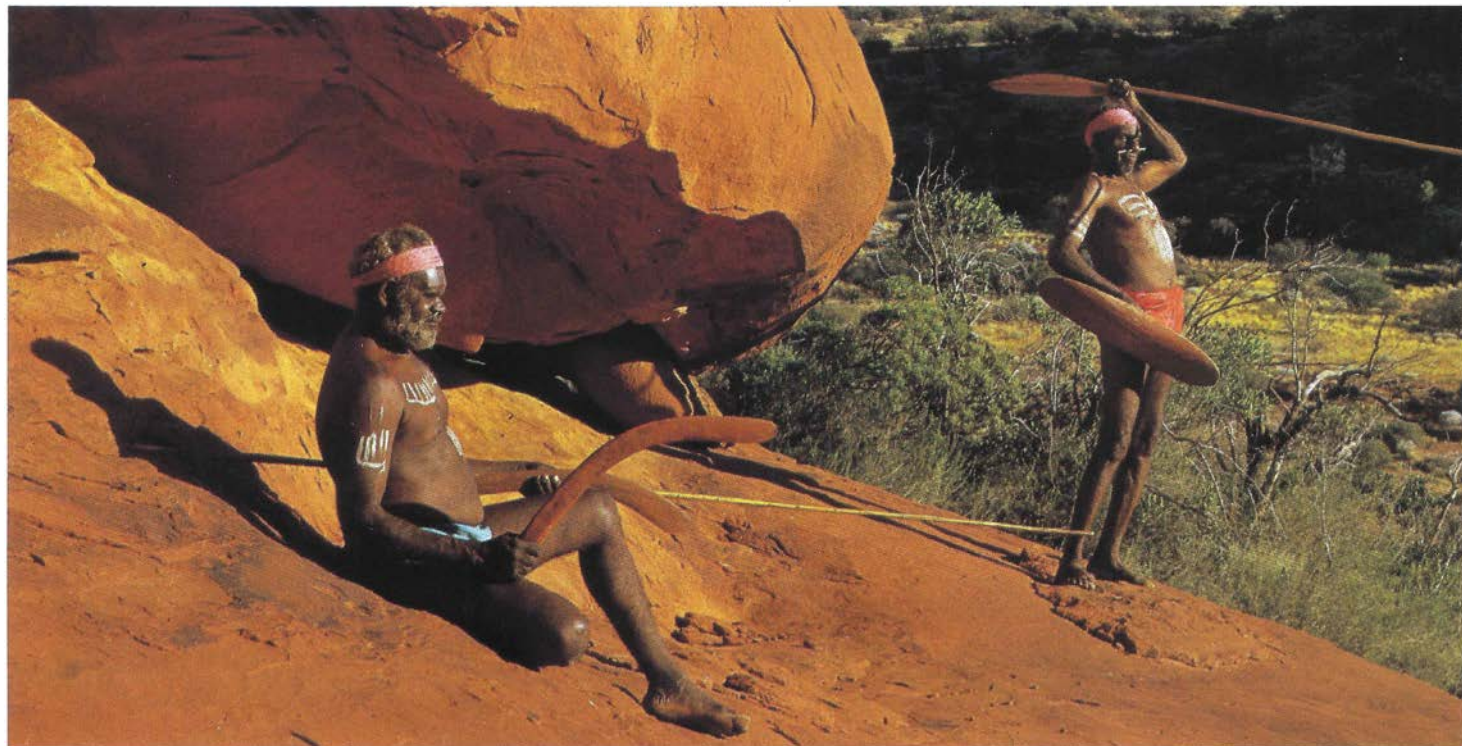
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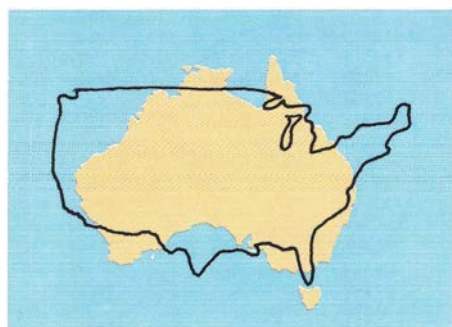
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Aborigines of the Northern Territory

Australia...

this vast land down under is a nation of contradictions living in harmony. This is the world's largest island – and smallest continent. The size of U.S.A., this "lucky country" is wider across than the distance from London to Moscow.



Ancient red landscapes co-exist with spirited young cities on blue ocean harbours. The sun glimmers on splendid white beaches and shines on the snows of the Australian Alps.

This vast land renders you silent – listen to the resounding stillness of Ayers Rock (Australia's red heart) and the colourful marine quiet of the Great Barrier Reef. Here you can smile at the laughter of a kookaburra and hear the lively chant of an Aboriginal corroboree.

One minute you pulse to the tempo of a trendy nightclub. In no time you find yourself undulating to desert rhythms atop a camel or strolling coral-speckled sands on a tropical island.

Say "G'Day" to a "Fair Dinkum" Aussie – a down-to-earth, pioneering breed with the bush spirit of mateship. Join your Aussie mate for a "barby" or a relaxing day on a beach sprinkled with golden bodies.

Cuddle a koala, feed a kangaroo, or ruffle a frill-necked lizard. See the duck-billed beaver-tailed platypus. Discover amazing mammals and reptiles you've never even heard of.

Australia's relaxed lifestyle revolves around the spectacular outdoors. Go bushwalking – spot bright-plumed parrots and smell fresh eucalypt air. Go skiing, white-water rafting, surfing, or take a gloriously white yacht and cruise Australia's breathtaking waterways. Go panning for gold or fossicking for opals in this land of ceaseless activity.

With the nation's succulent seafood, variety of fruit and vegetables, rich dairy foods, local wines, and hearty beers, some visitors make a sport of dining. Try a meat pie with tomato sauce, fresh damper bread, and billy tea for typical Aussie fare.

Sydney, Australia's largest city is bursting with life. Take a ferry ride on what some say is the world's most beautiful harbour. See the wind in the sails of Sydney's Opera House and walk the famous Harbour Bridge. Experience the pizzazz of King's Cross and the history of the Rocks area – Australia's first settlement. Catch a play, the ballet or opera in this city that adores the arts.

In South Australia, stay in cultural Adelaide and take a leisurely tour through The Barossa – a vineyard valley that produces arguably some of the world's best "drops" of wine. See row after row of grapevines; sample after sample of red and white.

Western Australia takes you from big city excitement to bold outback adventure.

Experience young, vibrant Perth. From the state's sunny capital take a cruise down the Swan River to the delightful port city of Fremantle – of America's Cup fame – with its trams and local crafts and galleries. Take a day trip to nearby Monkey Mia to meet dolphins in the wild or Rottnest Island to meet Quokka – a native marsupial. See the wildflowers of the Kimberleys or the colourful gorges of the Pilbara.

Come to Queensland's Gold Coast – Australia's playground. Surfer's Paradise means dazzling nightlife, cosmopolitan shops, and endless beaches. Or head north to the splendour of the Great Barrier Reef and the tropical cities of Townsville and Cairns (both Qantas destinations) set in rainforest green. Feel the attraction of Magnetic Island, Hayman Island or The Whitsundays.

Explore the "top end" – from Aboriginal cave-paintings dabbled milleniums ago to the abundant wildlife and sandstone escarpments of Kakadu National Park. See the desert town of Alice Springs, affectionately known as "The Alice", and climb to the top of Ayers Rock, the world's largest monolith and sacred to its owners – the Aboriginal people.

Visit Australia's capital, Canberra, with its modern architecture and unique circular layout. Inspect the brand new Parliament House and wander through the Australian National Art Gallery.

Melbourne is a city long-known for its fashion and theatre, art galleries, restaurants and parks. With its European piquant, Melbourne is a refined yet vibrant city.

Take a bite out of "The Apple Isle" of Tasmania. Cycle through green patchwork country that moves to a gentler rhythm and take high tea and scones in an English-style cottage. Or catch your breath in Tasmania's untouched "World Heritage" wilderness. Hear the echoes of Tasmania's colourful convict past in the capital city of Hobart.

Once visited, this strange, delightful land down under remains a part of you. This is the start of a love affair with a nation and its people that will linger way beyond your leaving.



Helpful Information on Australia

Population

Total Population:	16,747,600
New South Wales	5,752,800
Victoria	4,303,100
Queensland	2,808,100
Western Australia	1,579,800
South Australia	1,420,400
Australian Capital Territory	277,100
Tasmania	449,900
Northern Territory	156,400

Passport

A valid passport or acceptable certificate of identification is required of all people entering Australia. Passports must be valid for longer than the period of stay in Australia.

Visitor Visas

Visitors of all nationalities (except Australian passport holders) must obtain a visa prior to arrival.

A visitor visa may be obtained by mail or personal application to the Australian Government representative (Embassy or Consulate) nearest you. Simply complete the visitor visa application form (available from Australian Government offices and some travel agencies) and submit it with your other

documents. As visas may take several days to process, make your application early.

Departure Tax

When leaving Australia a A\$20 departure tax, payable in Australian currency, is levied on all persons aged 12 years and over.



Parliament House, Canberra

Language

English is the official language throughout Australia, but you will hear many colourful local expressions and the Australian accent. Multilingual personnel are available at major international airports and some major hotels and department stores. Should you need interpreter help, use the (24 hour) Telephone Interpreter Service listed in the front of the telephone directory. Do not hesitate to ask questions; people in Australia are very helpful.

Currency

Australian currency is decimal with the dollar as the basic unit (100 cents equals one dollar). Notes come in \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10 and \$5 denominations. Coins are minted in \$2, \$1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c denominations. There is no limit on personal funds you bring and you may take out whatever you brought with you.

Tipping

Tipping is not the general custom in Australia and service charges are not added to accounts by hotels and restaurants. Porters at airports, taxi drivers and hairdressers do not expect to be tipped. At railway terminals porters have set charges; but not at hotels where you may tip porters for service. In better class restaurants it is usual to tip food and drink waiters up to 10% of the bill for special service. At any time tipping is your choice.



Heron Island, Great Barrier Reef



Sophisticated Melbourne

What to Wear

Lightweight, comfortable clothes and walking shoes, a hat and sunglasses are practical for touring Australia. Australians are generally informal dressers, however for special occasions or dining at better restaurants, a jacket and tie, or an evening dress is recommended. For southern winters, a coat or jacket and a raincoat are advisable. If you find your wardrobe lacking – don't worry. You'll be able to buy whatever you need.

Shopping – Best Buys

Shopping in Australia is exciting. Arcades, specialty shops, department stores, gift shops and markets abound. Popular souvenir and gift items include Australian opals, local gemstones, woollen goods, leather items,

Aboriginal paintings and artefacts, jewellery and sportswear. Duty-free shops are located in every capital city.

Business Hours

General office hours: 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday. Shopping hours: 9.00am-5.30pm Monday to Friday, 9.00am-1.00pm Saturday. In the capital cities late night shopping (until 9.00pm) is either Thursday or Friday and some centres have all day shopping Saturday, as well as Sunday mornings. Your hotel will advise you on these areas.

Banking Hours

Banks are open 9.30am-4.00pm, Monday to Thursday and 9.30am-5.00pm on Friday.

Metric Measures

Australia use the metric system of weights and measures. The following conversions are offered as a guide:

- 25 millimetres (mm) is approximately one inch
- 1 metre (m) is a little more than a yard
- 1 kilometre (km) is approximately $\frac{5}{8}$ of a mile
- 1 kilogram (kg) equals 2.2lb
- 1 litre (l) equals $1\frac{3}{4}$ pints
- 60 kilometres per hour is just over 35 mph
- 25 degrees Celsius (C) is a warm 77 degrees Fahrenheit

Electricity

The electrical current in Australia is 240/250 volts, AC 50HZ. The Australian 3-pin power outlet is different so you will need an adaptor socket. If your appliances are 110v, check if there is a 110/240v switch. If not, you will need a voltage converter. Universal outlets for 240v or 110v shavers are usually found in leading hotels.

Health

Standards of hygiene are high, particularly in food preparation. It is safe to drink tap water in any Australian town. Doctors and dentists are highly trained and hospitals well equipped. In the event of illness, your hotel can call a doctor or refer you to a local clinic. It's essential to travel with medical insurance – your travel agent will assist you with suitable coverage.

Driving Licences

A bona-fide tourist may drive in Australia on a valid overseas drivers licence, for the same class of vehicle. The licence must be carried when driving. International Drivers Permits are preferred. For long-term stays you should check licence regulations with the motor registration authority on arrival.

Taxis

Meter operated taxicabs are found in all major cities and towns. Taxi ranks are located at transport terminals, major hotels, shopping centres or you can hail them in the street.

Travellers Cheques

Your travel agent or bank can advise you on buying these. In Australia you can cash travellers cheques at banks or larger hotels.

Credit Cards

The most commonly accepted credit cards are American Express, Carte Blanche, Diners Club, plus MasterCard, Visa, and their affiliates.

Climate

Australia's seasons are the opposite to the Northern Hemisphere's:

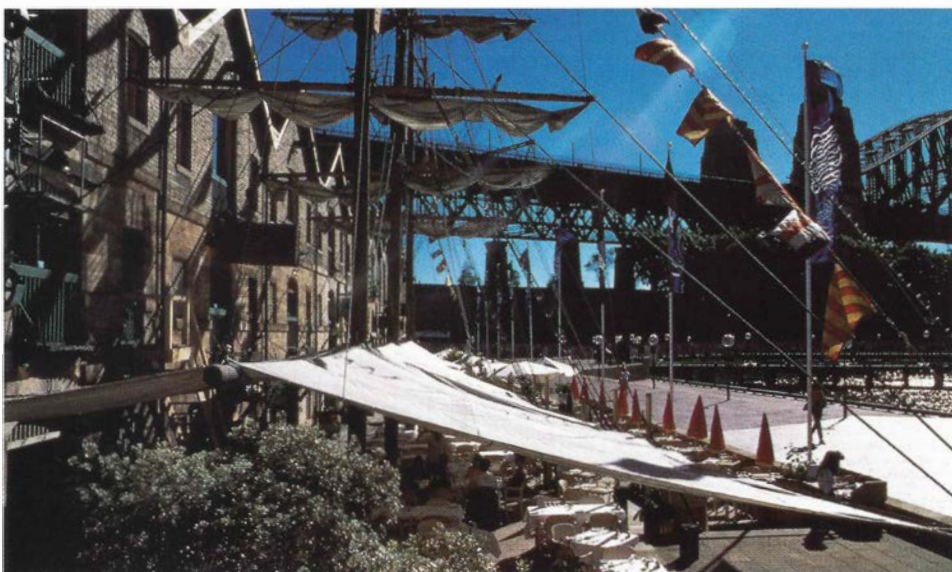
Spring September-November
Summer December-February
Autumn March-May
Winter June-August

Australia has a generally pleasant climate without extremes in temperatures. Broadly speaking, there are two climatic zones. In the north, above the Tropic of Capricorn, about 40% of Australia is in the tropical zone (northern Queensland, the Northern Territory and the northern area of Western Australia). To the south, remaining areas (New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and southern Western Australia) lie in the temperate zone.

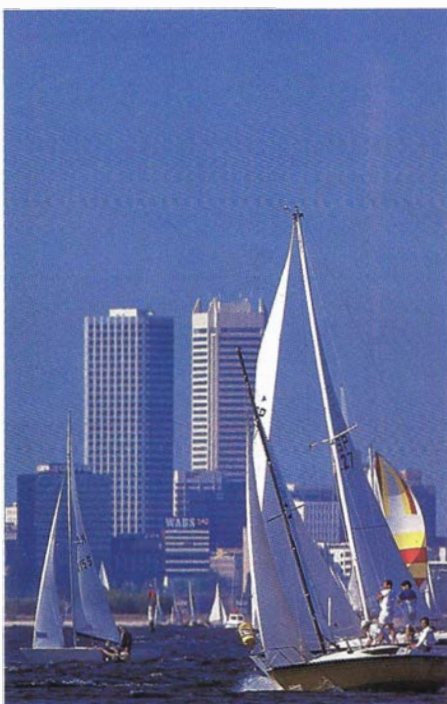
Australia can be visited at any time of the year; the southern winters are cool to mild with some rain but lots of sunny periods (snow on high mountains only). Summer is warm to hot everywhere.



Red Kangaroos in the bush



Historic Sydney



Swan River, Perth

Distances by Air

(The figures indicate the distance in kilometres by the most direct route flown by regular scheduled air services. 1 mile is equal to 1.6km.)

ADELAIDE	ALBANY	ALICE SPRINGS	AYERS ROCK	BRISBANE	BROKEN HILL	CAIRNS	CANBERRA	DARWIN	HOBART	KUNUNURRA	MACKAY	MELBOURNE	MOUNT ISA	PERTH	PORT HEDLAND	SURFERS PARADISE	SYDNEY
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