

Australia

Australia is an (1)_____ continent located in the Southern Hemisphere. It lies (2)_____ the Pacific and Indian oceans and has a land area of over seven million square kilometres.

The (3)_____ in Australia ranges from tropical in the far north to temperate in the south. Approximately one third of Australia is (4)_____. Because it is a geographically isolated country, Australia has many animals that are (5)_____. Some of these are the kangaroos, koalas, emus, dingoes and platypuses.

The first people to come to (6)_____ were the Aborigines. It is (7)_____ that they arrived here about 60,000 years ago. In 1770, Captain Cook was the first European to (8)_____ on the east coast to claim Australia for Britain. In 1788, Governor Phillip arrived in Port Jackson (now Sydney) to set up the first (9)_____. Originally it was a place for British prisoners. When the (10)_____ came to stay, there were approximately 300,000 Aboriginal people living in Australia.

The (11)_____ of Australia reached 20 million in 2005. Sydney is the largest city with 4,305,500 people (12)_____ at July 2004. Australia is a multiracial and multicultural (13)_____ where people from over 200 countries have made Australia their home.

When (14)_____ visit Australia they can visit such places as the Great Barrier Reef off the Queensland coast, Sydney with its (15)_____, the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge and numerous other places - too many to mention here. Whether a visitor likes the country or city, there is much to see here in Australia.

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unique Australia climate tourists population desert
land believed beaches as society island
between colony Europeans