

Australia



Location

Australia officially the Commonwealth of Australia, is a country comprising the mainland of the Australian continent, the island of Tasmania, and numerous smaller islands.



Location

It is the world's sixth-largest country by total area.

Neighbouring countries include Indonesia, East Timor and Papua New Guinea to the north; the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia to the north-east; and New Zealand to the south-east.



History

For at least 40,000 years before the first British settlement in the late 18th century, Australia was inhabited by indigenous Australians, who spoke languages grouped into roughly 250 language groups.



History

After the discovery of the continent by Dutch explorers in 1606, Australia's eastern half was claimed by Great Britain in 1770 and settled through penal transportation to the colony of New South Wales from 26 January 1788.

The population grew steadily in subsequent decades; the continent was explored and an additional five self-governing Crown Colonies were established.

History

On 1 January 1901, the six colonies federated, forming the Commonwealth of Australia.

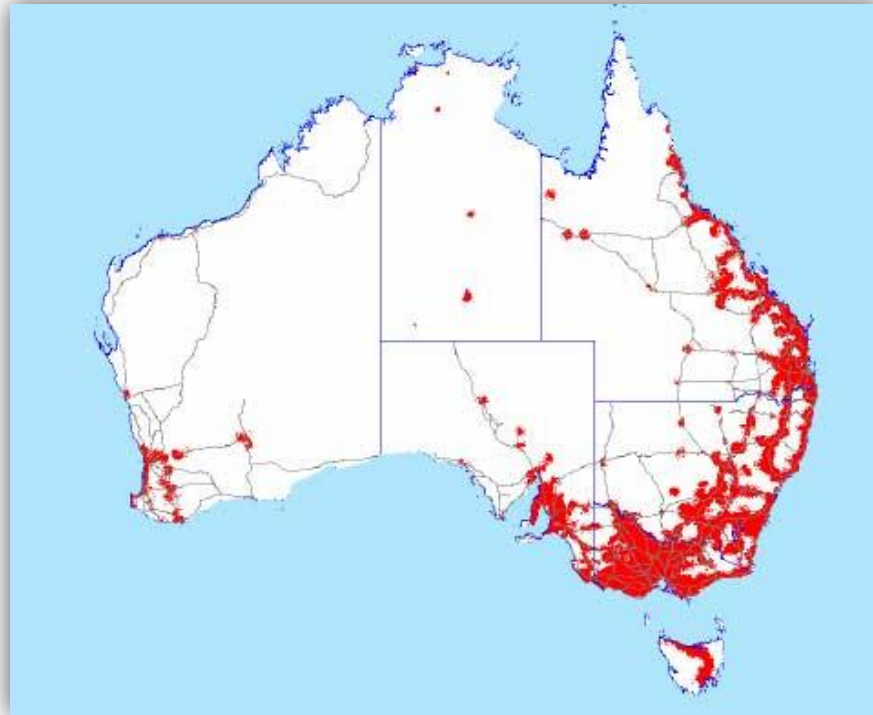


Form of government

Since Federation, Australia has maintained a stable liberal democratic political system that functions as a federal parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy. The federation comprises six states and several territories.

Population

The population of 23.1 million is highly urbanised and heavily concentrated in the eastern states.



Economy

Australia is a developed country and one of the wealthiest in the world, with the world's 12th-largest economy.

In 2012 Australia had the world's fifth-highest per capita income.



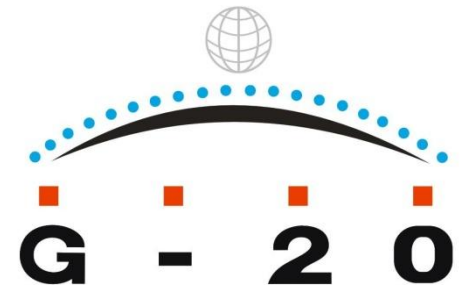
Economy

With the second-highest human development index globally, Australia ranks highly in many international comparisons of national performance, such as quality of life, health, education, economic freedom, and the protection of civil liberties and political rights.



Economy

Australia is a member of the United Nations, G20, Commonwealth of Nations, ANZUS, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), World Trade Organization, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, and the Pacific Islands Forum.



Languages

- ✓ Official languages: none
- ✓ National language: English (de facto)

Capital: Canberra



Parliament House Canberra

Cities of Australia: Sydney



Sydney Opera House

Cities of Australia: Melbourne



Giant Sky Wheel

Cities of Australia: Brisbane



Brisbane Riverfire

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Big Ben



The Great Bell

Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London.



The Elizabeth Tower

The tower is officially known as the Elizabeth Tower, renamed as such to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II.



Charles Barry

The Elizabeth Tower, more popularly known as *Big Ben*, was raised as a part of Charles Barry's design for a new palace, after the old Palace of Westminster was largely destroyed by fire on the night of 16 October 1834.



Charles Barry

Neo-gothic style

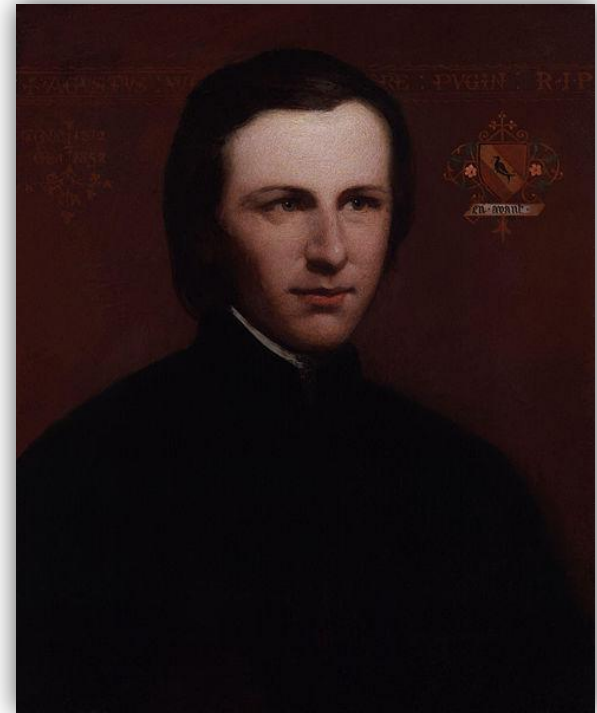
The new Parliament was built in a Neo-gothic style.



Augustus Pugin

The clock and dials were designed by Augustus Pugin.

The clock dials are set in an iron frame 7.0 m in diameter.



Augustus Pugin

The dial



**The dial of the Great Clock of Westminster.
The hour hand is 2.7 m long and the minute hand is 4.3 m long.**

IIII vs IV

Unlike most other Roman numeral clock dials, which show the '4' position as 'IIII', the Great Clock faces depict '4' as 'IV'.



The Great Bell

The main bell, officially known as the *Great Bell*, is the largest bell in the tower and part of the Great Clock of Westminster. The bell is better known by the nickname *Big Ben*.



Sir Benjamin Hall

The bell was possibly named in honour of Sir Benjamin Hall, and his name is inscribed on it.



Benjamin Hall

A symbol of the UK

The clock has become a symbol of the United Kingdom, particularly in the visual media.



A symbol of the UK

When a television or film-maker wishes to indicate a generic location in the country, a popular way to do so is to show an image of the tower, often with a red double-decker bus or black cab in the foreground.



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Canada



Location and borders

Canada is a North American country consisting of ten provinces and three territories.

Located in the northern part of the continent, it extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific and northward into the Arctic Ocean.



Location and borders

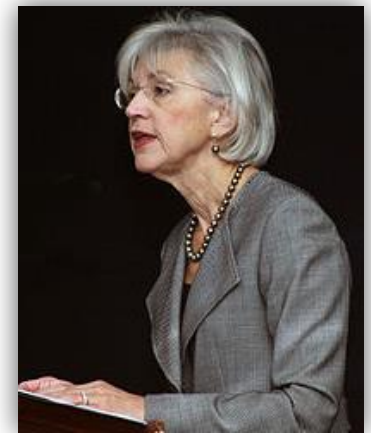
Canada is the world's second-largest country by total area, and its common border with the United States is the world's longest land border shared by the same two countries.



Government

Federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy.

- **Monarch – Elizabeth II**
- **Governor General – David Johnston**
- **Prime Minister – Justin Trudeau**
- **Chief Justice – Beverley McLachlin**



Capital and largest city

Capital – Ottawa

Largest city – Toronto



Ottawa

Toronto



Legislature

Parliament

- Upper house – Senate
- Lower house – House of Commons



The Centre Block is the main building of the Canadian parliamentary complex

Area and population

Total Area: 9,984,670 km² (2nd)

Population	
Q3 2015 estimate	35,851,774 (37th)
2011 census	33,476,688
Density	3.41/km²

Provinces and territories

Canada is a federation composed of ten provinces and three territories.

In turn, these may be grouped into four main regions:

- Western Canada;
- Central Canada;
- Atlantic Canada;
- Northern Canada.



A map of Canada exhibiting its ten provinces and three territories, and their capitals.

Economy

Canada is the world's eleventh-largest economy as of 2015, with a nominal GDP of approximately US\$1.79 trillion.



Bombardier Aerospace is the 3rd largest manufacturer of commercial aircraft in the world.

Economy

The Toronto Stock Exchange is the seventh largest stock exchange in the world by market capitalization, listing over 1,500 companies with a combined market capitalization of over US\$2 trillion as of 2015.



Languages

Official languages

- English
- French



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Christmas



The 25th of December

In Great Britain Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December. It is one of the most important public holidays.

The Queen gives her Christmas message which is broadcast on television, radio and the Internet.



Christmas Tree

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree – a traditional gift from the people of Norway – is displayed in Trafalgar Square.



Christmas Lights and Decorations

Shops and shopping centers put up Christmas lights and decorations as millions of people in Britain do the Christmas shopping. Christmas services are held in churches and carol singers perform in the streets and public places, raising money for charity.



People decorate their homes

People usually decorate their homes at Christmas. They put up lights and illuminated Christmas figures outside their houses.



People decorate their homes

Rooms are usually decorated with garlands, candles, wreaths and different Christmas plants such as mistletoe, holly and red amaryllis.



People decorate their homes

In the living room people usually put up a Christmas tree which is traditionally decorated with lights, bells, candy canes and tinsel.



Presents

Beautifully packed presents are put under the Christmas tree. The traditional colours of decorations are green, red and gold.



Traditions

At Christmas most families come together for a dinner.

A traditional Christmas meal in Britain includes roast turkey with potatoes and vegetables with special desserts such as mince pies, Christmas pudding and traditional fruit cake.

Coins which are usually added to the cake are believed to bring good luck to anyone who reveals them.

Traditions

At Christmas children often hang up their stockings in their rooms, near the fireplace or Christmas tree for Father Christmas to fill them with presents.



Traditions

They believe that at night he comes down the chimney or unlock the door with his magic key.

Children usually write letters to Father Christmas, letting him know what presents they would like to get for Christmas.



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