

## Geographic locations australia

Australia, officially the Commonwealth of Australia, is located in the southern hemisphere and is bounded by two major bodies of water: the Indian Ocean to the west and the South Pacific Ocean to the east. As the world's sixth largest country, Australia covers a total area of about 7,741,220 km<sup>2</sup> (around 2.99 million mi<sup>2</sup>). It is continental, in that the country entirely occupies the continent it resides on.

**The Great Dividing Range:** The Eastern Highlands, often referred to as the Great Dividing Range, run parallel to the east coast of Australia, from the northeastern tip of Queensland, through New South Wales, and into the central part of Victoria. The highest point in Australia, Mount Kosciuszko, at 2,228 m (7,310 ft) is found in this range.

**The Central Lowlands,** lying between the Eastern Highlands and the Western Plateau, primarily consist of the Murray-Darling Basin, Australia's most significant agricultural area, and the Great Artesian Basin. The Murray River, Australia's longest at 2,508 kilometers (1,558 miles), runs through this region, playing a pivotal role in agriculture and water supply.

**The Western Plateau,** covering almost 70% of the country's landmass, includes the expansive deserts such as the Great Victoria Desert, the Gibson Desert, and the Simpson Desert. This region is characterized by flat landscapes, low relief, and abundant mineral resources, including immense deposits of iron ore and gold.

**Islands:** Australia is a nation of islands with over 8,000 in its territory. The largest is Tasmania, located 240 km (149 mi) to the south of the eastern part of the mainland, covering an area of about 68,401 km<sup>2</sup> (26,410 mi<sup>2</sup>). Other notable islands include Fraser Island, the world's largest sand island, and Kangaroo Island, renowned for its diverse wildlife.

The country's marine geography is equally important, with the Great Barrier Reef spanning the northeast coast of Queensland. This world's largest coral reef system stretches over 2,300 km (1,429 mi) and is home to thousands of species of marine life like fish, whales, dolphins and six of the world's seven species of marine turtle.

Australia (officially, the Commonwealth of Australia) is divided into 6 states and 2 major mainland territories. In alphabetical order, the states are: New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia. The two major mainland territories are: Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. In addition to these, there are seven external territories - Ashmore and Cartier Islands, the Australian Antarctic Territory, Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the Coral Sea Islands, Heard Island and McDonald Islands and Norfolk Islands.

Located in the northern edge of the Australian Capital Territory, in the southeastern part of the country is,

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Canberra - the capital of the Federation of Australia. It is also the country's largest inland city and serves as the central administrative center of the federation. Situated on the country's southeastern coast is, Sydney - the largest and the most populous city of Australia and Oceania. Its strategic location and magnificent harbor, makes it one of the chief ports in South Pacific. Melbourne is Australia's 2nd largest city.

The above blank map represents Australia - the world's smallest continent and the 6th largest country located between the Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean in the Southern hemisphere. The above map can be downloaded, printed and used for geography education purposes like map-pointing and coloring activities.

The above outline map represents Australia - the world's smallest continent and the 6th largest country located between the Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean in the Southern hemisphere.

Overview Australia is a large, comparatively dry, and sparsely inhabited continent, almost as large as the 48 contiguous U.S. states. Australia, the only continent that consists of a single nation, is also the only inhabited continent that is isolated from all others (total coastline exceeds 22,000 miles). The average elevation is about 985 feet, which makes it the flattest continent on earth. Australia has no navigable rivers of any commercial significance.

Geography - note The world's smallest continent but the sixth-largest country; population concentrated along the eastern and southeastern coasts; regular, tropical, invigorating, a sea breeze known as "the Doctor" occurs along the west coast in the summer

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