

# AUSTRALIA



Capital: Canberra  
Population: 25.36 million  
Language: English  
Currency: Australian dollar

The Golden Wattle is the national flower!



## Uluru

or Ayers Rock, is the largest single rock in the world, rising 335m above the desert in the middle of the outback.

## Climate

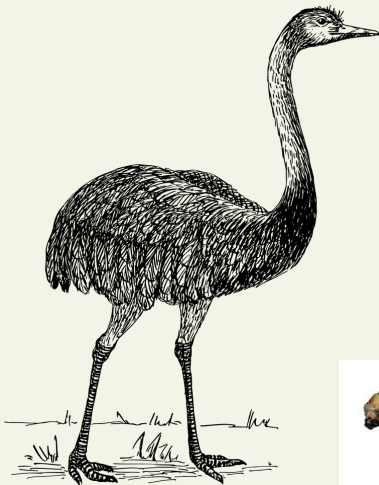
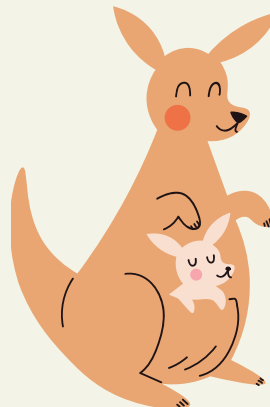
Australia has many different climatic zones due to its large size. December and January are the hottest months, while July and August are coldest.



Australia is the only country in the world that covers an entire continent. Although it is rich in natural resources and has a lot of fertile land, more than one-third is desert.

Australia's ecosystem is unusual because of its remote location. There are many animal species that occur here and nowhere else in the world, such as the platypus, kangaroo, echidna and koala. Australia is home to many of the deadliest species of animals on the planet including the world's deadliest snake, the taipan!

**Aboriginal Australians** are the original inhabitants of Australia. They arrived about 50,000 years ago across land bridges from Asia.



Witchetty grubs have been eaten by Aboriginal Australians for thousands of years! More appetising Australian foods include lamingtons, Anzac biscuits, Vegemite, and meat pies!

