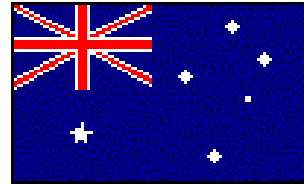


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# Australia

Australia is located in the Southern Hemisphere and is the only continent occupied entirely by a single nation. Completely surrounded by oceans it can also boast to be the world's largest island. Climate changes from tropical to snow covered mountain peaks. Mount Kosciusko is the highest mountain in Australia and can be found in the Snowy Mountains in south-eastern New South Wales.

Many fabulous tourist destinations can be found across Australia. Ayers Rock, also known by its Aboriginal name Uluru, is a natural formation in the Northern Territory. The Great Barrier Reef off the north-east coast of Australia is another extraordinary destination. It extends about 2,000 kilometres and is a delight to visit.

Many natural regions such as the Great Western Plateau, Central-Eastern Lowlands, Eastern Highlands (Great Dividing Range), and the Australian Alps are worthwhile visiting. Major ranges such as the Australian Alps, Flinders Ranges, Great Western Tiers, and the famous Blue Mountains are Australia's pride and joy.

Animal life is rich and improving with environmental awareness taught in many schools. Mammals, pouched marsupials, monotremes, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects, and spiders are all part of this vast continent. Animals such as the kangaroo, wallaby, wombat, koala, echidna, platypus, dingo, possum, quoll, crocodile and turtle can be seen in different parts of Australia in the wild.

Rich in unique flora and fauna Australia is definitely a great place to visit. Valuable history, culture and a sense of belonging are all positive attributes in this great land down under. The indigenous people of Australia, Aborigines have their own flag as well as the traditional flag. Many Aborigines are teaching their culture to others and making people aware of their traditional ways.

**What is the capital city of Australia?** \_\_\_\_\_



**Draw Australia's flag in the box.**



**Draw the Aboriginal flag in the box.**

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