

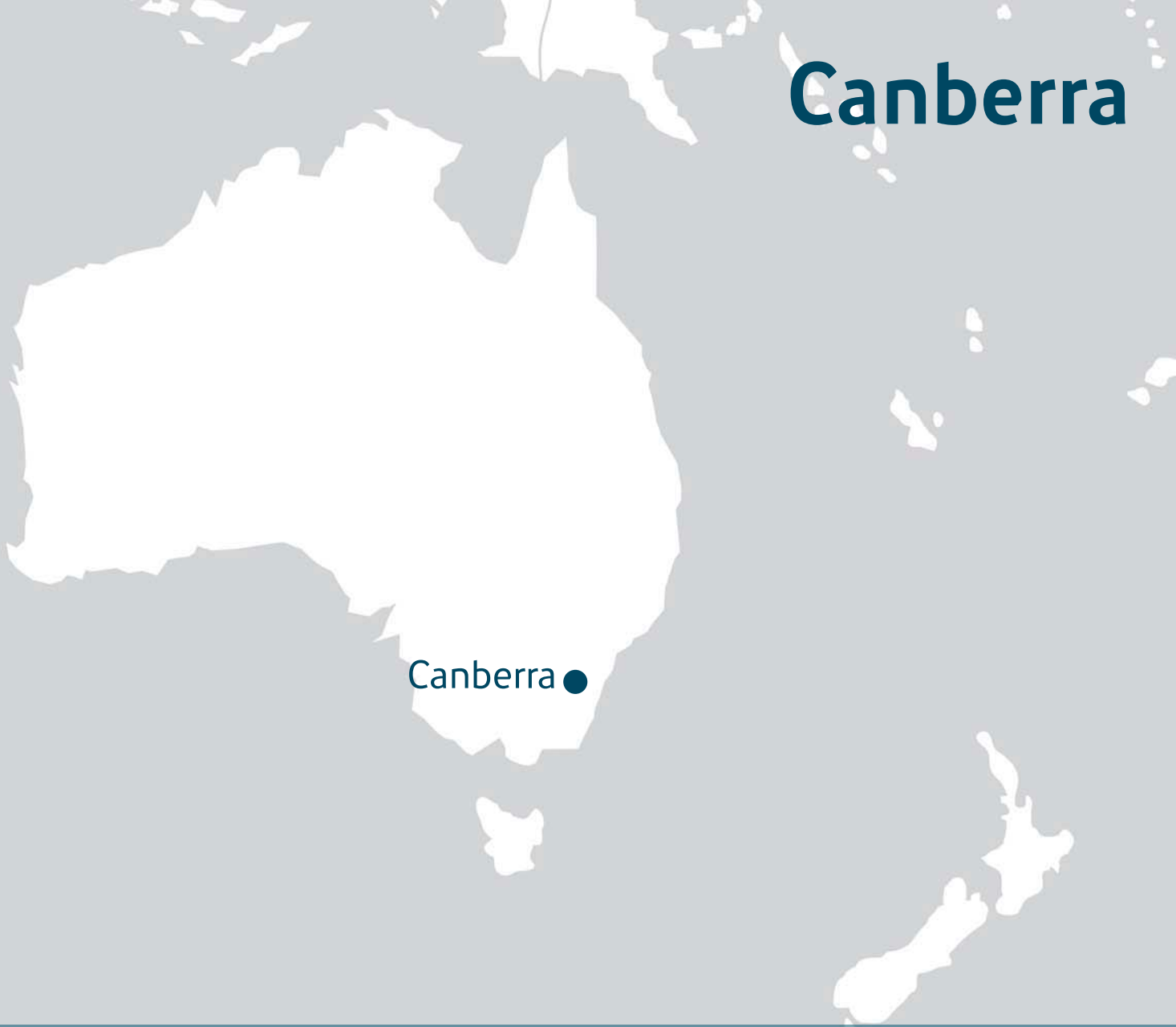
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Hello Canberra

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Historical outline

Canberra is the capital of Australia. With a population of approximately 325,000, it is Australia's largest inland city. Before European settlement began in the 1820s, the area that is now Canberra was inhabited by native aboriginals.

Canberra became Australia's capital in 1908 as a result of a compromise between the cities of Sydney and Melbourne both contending for this title. Canberra is situated between those two cities. The new capital is markedly different from other Australian cities, because it is a planned city; it had to function as capital before it had the capacity to do so.

In 1910, a general plan for the city's many new institutions, including the Parliament and the Supreme Court, was sought via an international architectural competition. Walter Burley Griffin's design was selected and in 1913 the great projects began.

The Federal Government moved to the city in 1927 when a temporary parliament building stood ready. The Great Depression of the 1930s and the Second World War forced delays and revisions to the planned extension, which led to a number of planned Anglican and Catholic cathedrals never being built.

After the Second World War, when the development of the city as a fully functional capital had been completed, many government offices were moved from Melbourne to Canberra.

Today, the planned outline of the city is obvious on a map of the city.

Attractions

1. National Museum of Australia

Acton Peninsula

www.nma.gov.au

This museum opened in 2001 and shows many facets of Australian history, culture and nature in a technologically modern exhibition. The three primary themes are Australian history from 1788, the interaction with the environment and the aboriginal culture.

2. National Gallery of Australia

Parkes Place

www.nga.gov.au

At the National Gallery of Australia, works of art by both Australian and foreign artists can be viewed. In the museum's many separate galleries, works by, among others, Claude Monet and Jackson Pollock, as well as Australian artists, such as Albert Tucker and Arthur Boyd are on display.

Outside the museum, one can experience the beautiful sculpture park featuring a number of works by different artists

3. Parliament House



Capital Hill

The city plan was laid out in the beginning of the 20th century, and the Australian Parliament stood ready at the top of Capitol Hill in 1988.

Inside the building there are numerous works of art by different Australian artists, among them Michael Tjakamarra Nelson's mosaic "Meeting Place", which is located at the entrance. In the Great Hall, there is a 20 metres long work by Arthur Boyd.

4. Old Parliament House



King George Terrace

www.oldparliamenthouse.gov.au

The Old Parliament House was Australia's temporary government building. It was finished in 1927, at which time the Federal Government moved there from Melbourne, and the building became the country's political centre until 1988 when the new Parliament was opened.

Today, the elegant building houses part of the collections of the National Museum as well as the National Portrait Gallery of featuring portraits of famous Australians.

With children in Canberra

National Zoo & Aquarium:
www.zooquarium.com.au

Questacon-experimentariet
 (King Edward Terrace):
www.questacon.edu.au

Shopping in Canberra

Bunda Street
 Canberra Centre (Bunda Street):
www.canberracentre.com.au

Westfield Belconnen (Benjamin Way):
www.westfield.com/belconnen

Westfield Woden (Keltie Street):
www.westfield.com/woden

Public transportation in Canberra

Canberra city transportation:
www.action.act.gov.au

Canberra Airport:
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Facts about Australia



Politics

Official name	Commonwealth of Australia
Capital	Canberra
System of government	Federal Constitutional Monarchy
Head of state	Queen Elizabeth II
Head of government	Prime Minister John Howard
National Holiday	26 January
Independence achieved	1 January 1901 from Great Britain
Primary religion	Christianity
Language	English
Area	7,741,220 km ²
Population (2007)	21,097,000

Borders on

North	The Indian Ocean, the Timor Sea, the Arafura Sea, Gulf of Carpentaria, the Coral Sea
South	The Indian Ocean, the Great Australian Bight, the Tasmanian Sea
East	The Tasmanian Sea, the Coral Sea
West	The Indian Ocean

Tallest Mountains	
Mount Kosciuszko	7310 ft (2,228 m)
Mount Townsend	7247 ft (2,209 m)
Mount Twynam	7201 ft (2,195 m)
Rams Head	7185 ft (2,190 m)
Unnamed peak in Etheridge Ridge	7152 ft (2,180 m)
Rams Head North	7142 ft (2,177 m)
Alice Rawson Peak	7087 ft (2,160 m)
Unnamed peak by Abbott Peak	7083 ft (2,159 m)
Abbott Peak and Carruthers Peak	7037 ft (2,145 m)
Mt Northcote	6991 ft (2,131 m)

*The tallest mountain in the Australian Territories is, with its 9006 ft (2.745 m), Mawson's Peak on Heard Island.

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Largest islands

Tasmanien	60 637 km ²
Melville Island	5 786 km ²
Kangaroo Island	4 416 km ²
Groote Eylandt	2 285 km ²
Bathurst Island	1 693 km ²
Fraser Island	1 653 km ²
Flinders Island	1 359 km ²
King Island	1 091 km ²
Mornington Island	1 002 km ²

Largest lakes

Lake Eyre	9 500 km ²
Lake Torrens	5 900 km ²
Lake Gairdner	4 300 km ²
Lake Frome	2 685 km ²

Longest rivers

Murray	1566 mi (2,520 km)
Murrumbidgee River	979 mi (1,575 km)
Darling River	864 mi (1,390 km)
Lachlan River	851 mi (1,370 km)
Flinders River	521 mi (840 km)
Gascoyne River	472 mi (760 km)
Goulburn River	352 mi (566 km)
Victoria River	348 mi (560 km)

Largest cities (2006)

Sydney	4,120,000
Melbourne	3,593,000
Brisbane	1,763,000
Perth	1,445,000
Adelaide	1,105,000
Gold Coast-Tweed	528,000
Newcastle	493,000
Canberra-Queanbeyan	368,000
Sunshine Coast	276,000
Wollongong	263,000

States and Territories

Australian Capital Territory ²	358 km ²
Jervis Bay Territory	67 km ²
New South Wales	800,628 km ²
Northern Territory	1,346,200 km ²
Queensland	1,730,648 km ²
South Australia	984,377 km ²
Tasmanien	68,401 km ²
Victoria	227,416 km ²
Western Australia	2,529,880 km ²
Ashmore and Cartier Islands*	199 km ²
Christmas Island*	135 km ²
Cocos (Keeling) Islands*	14 km ²
Coral Sea Islands Territory*	n.a.
Heard and McDonald Islands*	372 km ²
Norfolk Island*	2,114 km ²

* External Territories

Administrative Division	
State/Territory	Capital
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra
Jervis Bay Territory	Jervis Bay Administration
New South Wales	Sydney
Northern Territory	Darwin
Queensland	Brisbane
South Australia	Adelaide
Tasmanien	Hobart
Victoria	Melbourne
Western Australia	Perth
Ashmore and Cartier Islands*	Uninhabited
Christmas Island*	Flying Fish Cove
Cocos (Keeling) Islands*	West Island
Coral Sea Islands Territory*	Saknas
Heard and McDonald Islands*	Uninhabited
Norfolk Island*	Kingston

* External Territories

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Regents since 1788

George III	1788-1820
George IV	1820-1830
William IV	1830-1837
Victoria	1837–1901
Edward VII	1901–1910
George V	1910-1936
Edward VIII	1936-1936
George VI	1936-1952
Elizabeth II	1952-

Prime Ministers since 1945

Frank Forde	1945-1945
Ben Chifley	1945-1949
Robert Menzies	1949-1966
Harold Holt	1966-1967
John McEwen	1967-1968
John Gorton	1968-1971
William McMahon	1971-1972
Gough Whitlam	1972-1975
Malcolm Fraser	1975-1983
Bob Hawke	1983-1991
Paul Keating	1991-1995
John Howard	1996-

Holidays and memorial days*

1 January	New Year's Day
26 January (or first working day)	Australia Day
Date varies	Good Friday
Date varies	Easter Sunday
Date varies	Easter Monday
25 April	Anzac Day
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing Day

*Varies depending on the state

Miscellaneous information	
Currency	Australian dollar
Currency code	AUD
Time zone	Eastern Standard Time/EST (UTC+10) Central Standard Time/CST (UTC+9:30) Western Standard Time/WST (UTC+8)
Country postcode	AUS
Internet domain	.au
Telephone country code	+61

Climate Sydney	Avg. Temperature (°C)	Precipitation (Millimeters)
January	22.1	103
February	22.0	111
March	20.9	131
April	18.3	130
May	15.2	123
June	12.8	129
July	11.8	103
August	13.0	80
September	15.2	69
October	17.6	83
November	19.4	81
December	21.2	78

Source: WorldClimate (www.worldclimate.com)

Climate Melbourne	Avg. Temperature (°C)	Precipitation (Millimeters)
January	19.5	46
February	20.0	50
March	18.4	34
April	15.2	52
May	12.4	54
June	9.6	35
July	9.0	28
August	9.6	55
September	11.5	46
October	13.6	62
November	15.8	63
December	18.1	42

Source: WorldClimate (www.worldclimate.com)

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Climate Perth	Avg. Temperature (°C)	Precipitation (Millimeters)
January	23.8	9
February	24.1	13
March	22.4	19
April	19.4	45
May	16.2	122
June	14.2	182
July	13.2	174
August	13.6	136
September	14.9	80
October	16.5	53
November	19.3	21
December	21.8	13

Source: WorldClimate (www.worldclimate.com)

Climate Darwin	Avg. Temperature (°C)	Precipitation (Millimeters)
January	28.5	396
February	28.2	331
March	28.4	282
April	28.6	97
May	27.3	18
June	25.6	3
July	24.9	1
August	26.0	4
September	27.9	15
October	29.2	61
November	29.5	130
December	29.2	239

Source: WorldClimate (www.worldclimate.com)

Climate Brisbane	Avg. Temperature (°C)	Precipitation (Millimeters)
January	24.6	161
February	24.7	157
March	23.6	140
April	21.5	89
May	18.2	73
June	16.1	69
July	15.0	57
August	16.0	47
September	18.2	46
October	20.9	77
November	23.1	97
December	24.1	134

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