



**ВСЕРОССИЙСКАЯ ОЛИМПИАДА ПО АНГЛИЙСКОМУ ЯЗЫКУ**  
**«TRIP TO AUSTRALIA»**

**Read the following tips and choose the correct answer**

Australia

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- a) is
- b) are
- c) am
- d) was

known for its great cities, spectacular wildlife, and beautiful beaches. It is the sixth largest country in the world, and the only country that is also a continent.

Australia is

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- b) the
- c) \_

home to over 22 million people, the majority of whom speak English, and the climate ranges from arid and semi-arid in the center, temperate in the south and east, and tropical in the north. Make the most out your trip to Australia by beginning planning and preparations, including

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- b) to apply
- c) apply
- d) applying

for a passport and visa, making an itinerary, and booking flights and hotels at least 4 to 6 months in advance.

**Planning for Your Trip**

Discuss your plans with family and friends. When planning to travel anywhere, especially internationally, it is important to first discuss your plans with

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- a) your colleagues
- b) family and friends
- c) your boss
- d) police officers.

They might be able to give you valuable advice on planning a trip abroad. Throughout the planning process, select one or two family members or trusted friends

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- c) keep
- d) being kept

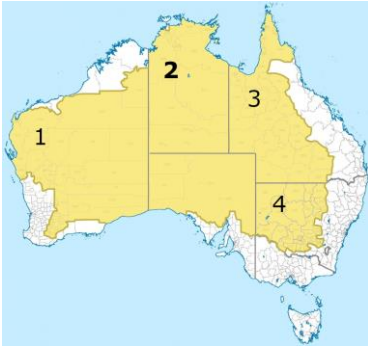
updated on your travel plans. Being able to talk to someone about your plans and brainstorm ideas will make the planning process easier.

### Research your destination.

Make the most of your experience in Australia by researching cities, festivals, historic sites, beaches, national parks, and transportation times and options in advance. Look-up major holidays, festivals, and celebrations for different regions or cities in Australia. Research the weather for the time of year in which you plan to visit Australia.

Canberra is the capital of Australia and location of Parliament and the Central Government. Australia includes 6 states (New South Wales,

#### 6) Queensland

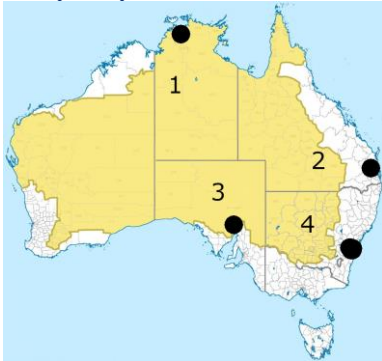


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- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and Western Australia), each with their own capital, and 10 territories (Ashmore and Cartier Islands, Australian Antarctic Territory, Christmas Island, Cocos Islands, Coral Sea Islands, Jervis Bay Territory, and Heard and McDonald Islands).

Major Australian cities and their locations include:

#### 7) Sydney (New South Wales)



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Melbourne (Victoria), Brisbane (Queensland), Adelaide (South Australia), Perth (Western Australia), Darwin (the Northern Territory), and Hobart (Tasmania).

Australia is divided into six climate zones characterized by differences in average seasonal temperatures, rainfall, humidity, and vegetation: tropical (north), equatorial (far north), subtropical (east coast),

#### 8) desert (southern coast and most of the center),



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b)



c)

d)

grassland (surrounding desert in the center), and temperate (southeast and southwest coasts).

Purchase or check out from a library a guide book of Australia. General guide books include Lonely Planet's *Australia* and *East Coast Australia*; the *Rough Guide to Australia* offers personal and candid accounts of experiences in Australia and is recommended for experienced travelers; and *Insight Guide Australia* includes information on Australian history, culture, and customs.

### Create a travel Bucket List

Compile a bucket list with 5 or 6 things you really want to do or see, and use this as a starting point for planning your trip. Remember to be realistic when planning and stick to your budget - Australia is a big place and might take over a day to travel between major cities or destinations.

Most of the major tourist destinations, such as

9) the Great Barrier Reef,



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and largest cities, including Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, and Canberra, are in the eastern part of the country along the coast.

Australia is home to 19 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Opera House, and Ayers Rock in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Australia was first settled by the ancestors of modern Aborigines over 40,000 years ago. Australian Aboriginal culture is incredibly diverse. In the 18th century, over 1 million Aboriginal people occupied Australia, organized into 300 clans and speaking over 250 languages. Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory is one of

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c) the

best sites to visit Aboriginal art and culture sites. The National Gallery in Canberra showcases 13 galleries devoted to Aboriginal art.

History buffs can learn about Australia's history as a penal colony for Great Britain at Fremantle Prison near Perth. The Historic Port of Echuca on the banks of the Murray River in Victoria offers living history related to 19th century life, trade, and shipbuilding in southwest Australia.



Australia is home to some of the best beaches in the world, such as the Twelve Apostles beach in Victoria. You can also swim with rays at Dolphin Bay in South Australia, take a break from Sydney at Bronte Beach, or visit Aireys lighthouse at Eastern View beach in Victoria. You can also rent a car and leisurely stop at beaches and destinations along Victoria's Great Ocean Road.

Wildlife and nature buffs can experience Australia's unique flora and fauna by

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**b) catch**

**c) to catch**

a glimpse of crocodiles in Kakadu National Park in the Northern Territory, searching for wombats and platypus in southeast Australia, or swim with whale sharks in Ningaloo Reef in Western Australia.

For wine and food aficionados, South Australia is home to Australia's world-famous wine region. You can tour

**12) wineries**



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throughout the Yarra Valley, located a short drive from Melbourne.

### **Make a budget and start saving.**

Under-budgeting is one of the biggest mistakes a traveler can make. Additionally, budget airfare or «all-inclusive» packages might look like great deals, but can contain additional or hidden costs (e.g. luggage, meals) that can quickly add up. When making

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budget, it is important to consider the following:

Air travel: airfare, check baggage fee, airport parking (per day), and airport transfers.

Transportation: travel within Australia (airfare, buses, trains), car rental, gas, and public transportation.

Accommodation and meals: hotel or hostel (per person per night), breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and tips.

Sightseeing, tour and entrance fees, souvenirs and shopping, and entertainment.

Other expenses such as travel insurance, passports, visa, currency exchange fees, and luggage.

A good rule of thumb is to add \$25 to \$50 per person per day for miscellaneous travel expenses.

### **Get organized by making an itinerary.**

An itinerary

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**b) will have served**

**c) will have been serving**

**d) will serve**

as a guide when making travel plans. Once you've completed your research and put together a budget, make a list of everything you want to do and see. Make sure you account for travel time between places. Look up prices of attractions. Create a timeline based on how long you will be in the country and

**15)**

- a) plot
- b) imagine
- c) invent
- d) write down

each day's destinations on a map. An ideal Australian vacation would last between two and two-and-a-half weeks, and include sites in Sidney and Melbourne, as well as excursions to Uluru (Ayers Rock) and the Great Barrier Reef, and a trip along the Great Ocean Road.

You can start by downloading a travel planning app, such as Tripit.com or NileGuide.com.

Be realistic and do not cram in too much into a single day. Schedule down time during the day, make sure you get 8 hours of sleep per night, and give yourself enough time to travel between places.

Make an itinerary that is flexible. Being able to make adjustments will help you deal

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- b) with
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any unexpected travel delays.

### **Apply for a passport.**

You need a passport when travelling to a different country. If you are a United States citizen, applying for and receiving a passport can take 4 to 6 weeks, unless you

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- b) have paid
- c) will pay
- d) pay

an additional fee to expedite the process. You can apply for a passport by downloading and printing the form (form DS-11 if this is your first passport, form DS-82 for passport renewal) from the U.S. Department of State's website, filling it out, and either mailing it in (renewals only) or dropping it off at a designated U.S. passport acceptance facility.

To find an authorized passport acceptance facility, go to [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) and click on «U.S. Passport». Under the «Your U.S. Passport» tab in the upper left corner, click on «Where to Apply». This will bring you to a page that lets you

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- b) find
- c) seek
- d) hunt

for authorized facilities by state, city, or zip code.

When applying for a passport, you will need: proof of U.S. citizenship such as your birth certificate, previous U.S. passport, certificate of naturalization, or consular proof of birth abroad (original documents only, photocopies will not be accepted); photo identification (valid driver's license, valid government ID, valid military ID, or undamaged U.S. passport issued in the past 15 years); and two copies of a 2x2 inch color photo taken within the past 6 months, printed on photo-quality paper, and which meet additional requirements outlined on the [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) website.

Passport fees

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- b) will be paid
- c) ought to be paid
- d) must be paid

at the time of application. You can pay using personal checks, money, or cash. Basic fees include \$110 for an adult passport book, and a \$25 processing charge. Additional fees include \$60 for expedited service, \$14.85 for overnight delivery, and \$30 for an adult passport card.

### **Apply for a visa.**

In addition to a passport, Australia requires American tourists, students, business persons, etc. to obtain a visa to enter and remain in the country for any length of time. Visa requirements and

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- a) fees
- b) wages
- c) allowances
- d) considerations

differ by country, and frequently change. Whether you are planning a trip to Australia or anywhere else in the world from the United States, it is important to check the American's Traveling Abroad page of the U.S. State Department Website for country specific information.

U.S. citizens with a valid passport can

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- b) apply with
- c) apply for
- d) apply to

and purchase an Electronic Travel Authority, or ETA, online for \$20. An ETA allows you to enter and leave Australia at anytime during a 12-month period and remain in the country for no longer than 3 months at a time. Most ETAs take less than 12 hours to process.

Certain individuals are ineligible for an ETA, including those who have tested positive for tuberculosis or been convicted of a crime and served a 12-month or longer sentence are ineligible. HIV/AIDS positive visitors may also encounter certain restrictions or be required to undergo a medical exam prior to entering Australia.

### **Booking Your Trip**

#### **Compare airline prices online.**

Start searching for plane tickets several months in advance. You can

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- b) compare
- c) be equal
- d) line up

prices from multiple airline carriers using a website such as kayak.com or cheaptickets.com. During non-peak seasons, expect a plane ticket from the U.S. to Australia to cost around \$1500 (includes taxes and fees). If you prefer to fly a specific airline, it is best to book tickets directly through them either by phone or online.

Keep your travel dates flexible to take advantage of reduced airfares. In general, flights are cheaper midweek (Tuesday or Wednesday) or on Saturdays.

Flights are usually 10% to 20%

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- b) cheaper
- c) cheapest
- d) as cheap as

during the off-season, which in Australia is between early May to early June, and late July to late September.

Because of its size, the best way to travel within Australia is by airplane. Australia has several domestic airlines that offer regular, affordable flights between its major cities. Major domestic carriers include: Jetstar, Qantas Domestic, Rex, Virgin Australia, and Tiger Airways.

#### **Book your plane tickets.**

Plane tickets can be booked online, by phone, or through a travel agency. Once you know your travel dates, go ahead and book your plane tickets. If possible, make seat reservations at the time of booking, especially if you are travelling with other people, or prefer a window or aisle seat.

Most plane tickets are

**24)**

- a) non-refundable**
- b) throwaway**
- c) disposable**
- d) nonrecoverable**

once purchased. It is always a good idea to purchase insurance in case you need to cancel or reschedule your trip. Plans are usually offered for an additional fee at the time of purchase.

Read through all ticket information, including possible additional fees for luggage, seat location, meals, etc.

#### **Book hotels or hostels in advance.**

Having a place to stay that is safe, convenient, and affordable will reduce stress and offer you peace of mind when travelling. You can also read reviews and compare hotel or hostel prices on online. Sites such as [tripadvisor.com](http://tripadvisor.com) or [lonelyplanet.com](http://lonelyplanet.com) offer user reviews of accommodations. Hotels and hostels can usually be booked online, via email, by phone, or through a travel agency.

Booking in advance is especially important if you are planning to travel to a city during a major festival, or during peak travel seasons.

Print out and bring any

**25)**

- a) entry**
- b) income**
- c) ticket**
- d) receipts**

with you, as well as the credit card you used to make the booking. In case the hotel loses your booking or overbooks for that night, you have proof of your reservation and can demand a refund or alternative accommodations.