

## «The upside down world»



- Australia is the smallest continent.
- It is the word`s largest island.
- It is an independent country.

# Terra australius incognita («the unknown southern land»)



- Asia is the continent nearest to Australia in the north.
- The icy shores of
  Antarctica lie in the south.
- New Zealand is to the east.
- To the west stretches the vast Indian Ocean.
- In the east the continent is washed by the Pacific Ocean.

National flag

The kangaroo and emu can be seen on Australia's coat of arms





#### Climate

• The climate of Australia is varied, from tropical in the north to temperate in the south-east. Australia is situated in the Southern Hemisphere. That is why it has summer when we have winter.





# Australia is the driest continent

 In the center of it and in the west more than 50% of the land is desert – dry and uninhabited.



There are three deserts—
the Great Sandy desert,
the Great Victoria desert,
the Gibson desert,
situated between them.



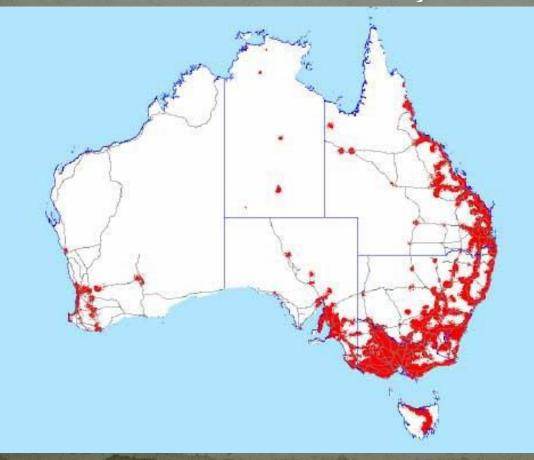




# Population

• The population of Australia is about 23 million people.

• It is a multicultural country. 200 nations live there.



The Aborigines, the Australian natives, represent about 1.5 % of the population. Most of people live on the narrow coast of the east and southeast About 70 % of people live in towns.

For about 50,000 years Australia was inhabited by who spoke 250 languages.



Nowadays the official language of Australia is English, but it's a bit different from British English and American English.



Dutch explorers discovered Australia in 1606.

The first British colony was founded in 1788.

On the 1 of January 1901

the six colonies formed

the Commonwealth of Australia.



• Australia is a developed country and one of the wealthiest in the world, with the world's 12<sup>th</sup> largest economy.







#### Canberra



- Canberra is situated on the Australian Capital Territory(ACT).
- It's the seat of the federal government.
- It was built in 1923 –1927.
- The population of Canberra is 310000 people.
- The place where the National University of Australia is situated.







# There are six states and two territories in Australia

- VICTORIA
- NEW SOUTH WALES
- QUEENSLAND
- WESTERN AUSTRALIA
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- TASMANIA
- NORTHERN TERRITORY
- AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



### **New South Wales**



- It is Australia`s leading industrial state.
- Most people live along the east coast, and most of them are in Sydney.



Sydney





- It is Australia's largest city with the population of 3,5 mln people.
- It was founded in 1788.
  - It is the first
    European settlement.
- It`s Australia`s leading seaport.





#### Victoria





- Most people live in the south.
- Sheep and wheat are the main products here.
- Citrus, fruits, grapes, peaches and apricots are grown along the Murray River.





- Melbourne is
- Australia`s second largest city..
- It was the seat of the federal government from 1901 to 1927.

It's an industrial city and the financial centre of nation.



## Queensland





It is Australia`s second largest state.

There are a lot of long beautiful sandy beaches.

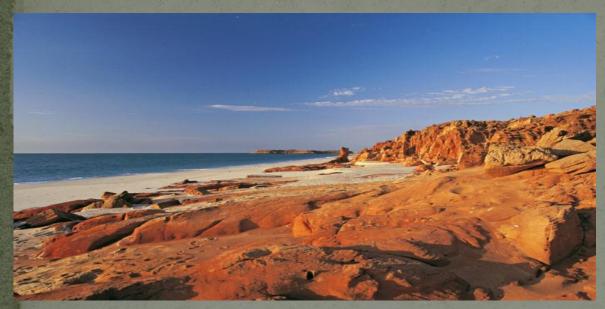
Its coast is a popular place for holidaymakers.

Most of land is too dry for farming.

Bananas and other tropical fruit are grown here.

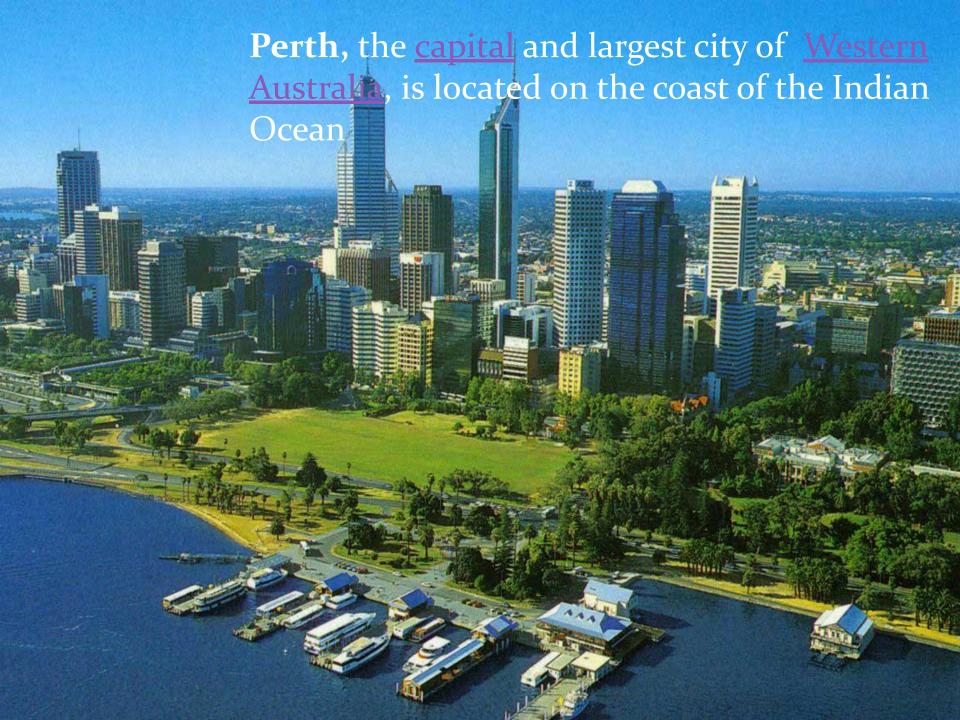


### Western Australia





- It's dry and inhospitable except the southwestern corner of the state.
- Nearly all of the state's farms, sheep stations, and fruit gardens are situated there.



### South Australia





It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest state. Most of South Australia is too dry for farming. Wheat and fruit are grown along the lower part of the Murrey

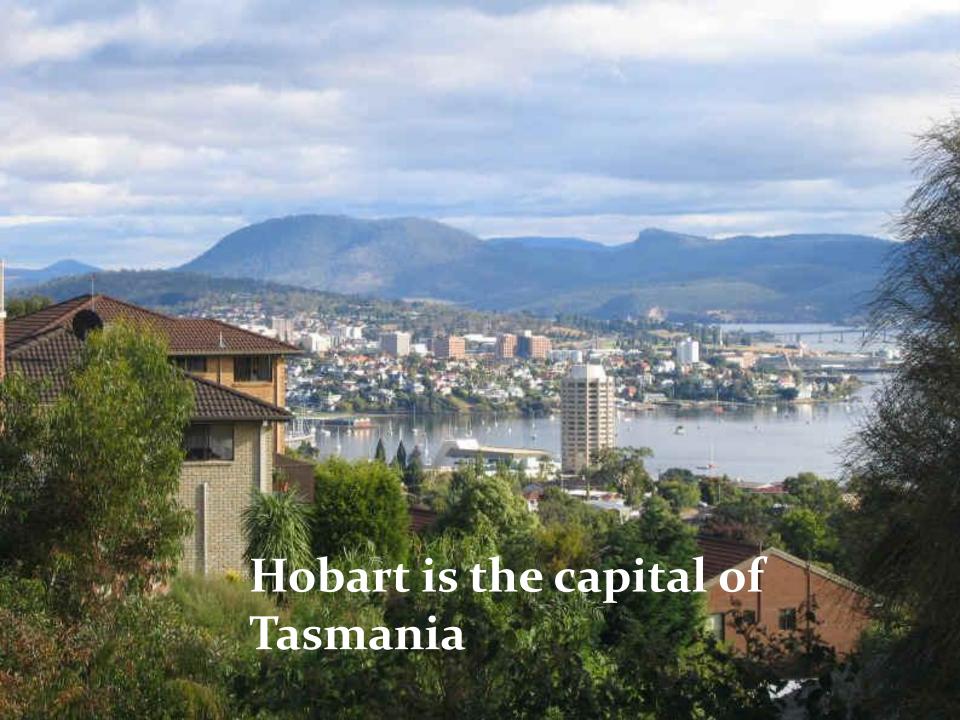
River.



#### Tasmania



- It's the island state.
- Tasmania is one of the few places in Australia that have enough rain all year.
- It's Australia's leading producer of apples, pears, berries and potatoes.



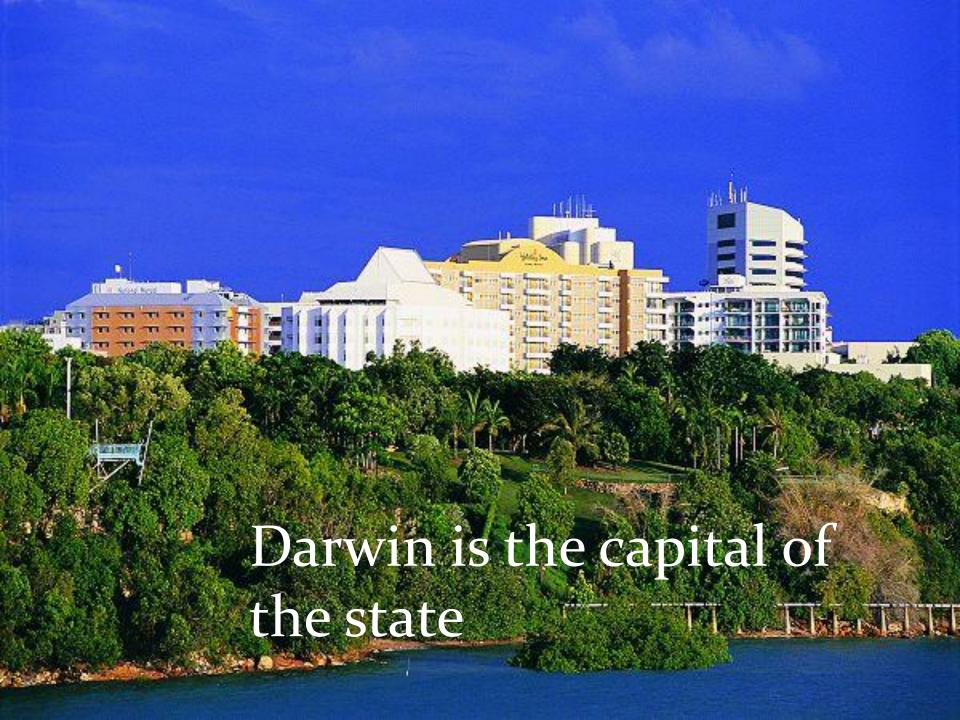
# Northern Territory



It is the least populated and least developed part of Australia.

Darwin is its capital and the only large settlement in the north.

Alice is the only town in the south.



# Little peace of amazing nature

For a continent 4,000 km across and 3,750 km from north to south Australia has an amazing set of natural environments and wildlife.





#### Uluru



- Uluru is the largest rock in the world.
- It is a single piece of red limestone formed about 550 mln years ago.

It`s 335 m high and 9 km long.













It's the largest collection of coral reefs in the world.



Corals of different shapes and sizes grow on the ocean floor in warm, clean sea-water.



The Great Barrier
 Reef is full of unique
 fish, plants and
 animals.





A lot of tourists come to dive down and explore the fantastic underwater garden.

There are 530 native species of bird, 230 types of mammal, 300 species of lizard, 140 types of snake and 2 types of crocodile in Australia.









• Though most of the territory is too dry or too hot Australia has an extraordinary collection of birds, animals. Many of them are found only there. Australia is the home of two of the world's most primitive mammals- the platyous and the echidna.







- There are 50 different kinds of kangaroos in many colours and sizes.
- Some kangaroos may be as tall as a man and some are as small as a cat.

• Koala resembles a teddy bear. It spends most of its life in eucalyptus trees and eats only the leaves of these trees.



There 55 species of parrots there.
They are very colourful.

The emu is the most interesting bird in Australia. It is big and cannot fly.





Australians love to play and watch sports.

In 1956 the Olympic Games were in Melbourne.



In 2000 the Olympic Games were in Sydney.





#### Quiz

- 1. What is of Australia?
- 2. How many parts are there in the country?
- 3. What's the population of the country?
- 4. How many nationalities are there in Australia?
- 5. How many % of the population do the Aborigines represent?
- 6. When was Australia discovered by Europeans?
- 7. When was the first English settlement founded?
- 8. What is the capital of Australia?
- 9. What is the largest city in the country?
- 10. Which city is the financial center of nation?
- 11. What animals can be seen on Australian's coat of arms?
- 12. What animals are found only in Australia?
- 13. When and where were the Olympic Games?
- 14. What is Australia famous for?

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