



'Deb'stinations Highlights

AUSTRALIA

Australia is one of my personal favourite countries in the world, primarily because I'm dating an Australian. I think Australia has the most *beautiful* beaches and cutest wildlife out of anywhere else I've been.

LANGUAGE

The official language of Australia is English. Try to learn some fun Aussie slang before you go!

SAFETY

Australia is extremely safe and has one of the lowest crime rates in the world. However, be mindful of its wildlife, flora, and fauna, especially when hiking. When in doubt, don't touch it! Poisonous jellyfish, spiders, and snakes are abundant throughout the country - but don't make it a *reason* to be terrified. Just use your common sense, and you'll be fine.

CURRENCY & CASH

The Australian Dollar (AUD) is the main currency; \$1 USD ~ \$1.40 AUD (fluctuates daily; download a currency app).

Everywhere in the country uses "tap to pay," similar to New Zealand and the UK. Make sure you have contactless payment methods set up on your phone (Apple or Google Pay) before you leave your home country for a seamless visit. Credit cards are widely accepted and ATMs are easily found in any city. However, if you visit outdoor markets, you may need cash.

BEST TIME TO VISIT

The best time to visit is Australia's spring (Sep. - Nov.) and summer (Dec. - Feb.), but keep in mind that the summers are quite warm (and the sun is stronger in the Southern Hemisphere, so wear sunscreen daily!).

Autumn (Mar. - May) is a suitable period as well, but winter (Jun. - Aug.) tends to be chilly (except for Queensland, which is hot all year round).

BEST FOOD

Fish & Chips
Meat Pies
TimTams
Maltesers
Chicken Schnitzel or Parmesean
Fairy Bread
Lamingtons
Vegemite on toast (if you dare)
Sausage Rolls
Golden Gaytime
Anzac Biscuits ("Cookies" to Americans)
Roast Lamb
Shapes (crackers)
Burger Rings (chips)



WORDS & PHRASES

G'day, mate! (Hey, friend)
She'll be right (It'll be okay)
Fair dinkum (To emphasize or seek confirmation of the truth/genuineness)
Good on ya (Good job)
This arvo (This afternoon)
Brekkie (Breakfast)
Choccy Bicky (Chocolate biscuit)
Bottle-O (Liquor store)
Entree (American appetizer)
Main (American entree)
Rock melon (Cantaloupe)
Lollies (Candy)
Brollie (Umbrella)
Sambo (Sandwich)

**Some words may vary by AUS region*

BEST HIKES

SYDNEY

Sydney Harbour National Park
Blue Mountains
Royal National Park
Kakadu National Park

MELBOURNE

Wilson's Promontory National Park
Grampians National Park

QUEENSLAND

Daintree National Park

PERTH

John Forrest National Park

