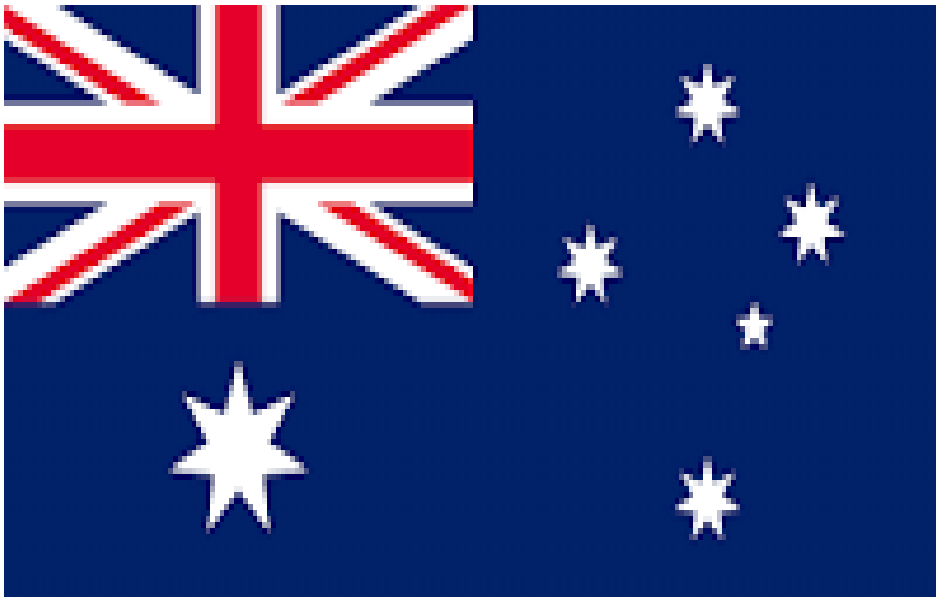


# Australia map and flag

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# Australia

- Capital : Canberra
- Population: about 25.5 million
- Size: 109 times bigger than the Republic of Ireland
- Languages : mostly English
- Continent: Australasia

# Cuisine

Vegemite:



Pavlova:



Kangaroo meat:



# Landmarks

Uluru :



Sydney Opera House :



Great Barrier Reef :



Great Ocean Road :





# First European to find Australia

Famous people : Captain James Cook was the first European to map the Eastern coastline of Australia in 1770.



# Interesting facts

The Boddington gold mine in western Australia is the nation's largest open cut mine.

The Boddington gold mine:



The Great Dividing Range is the third longest land-based range in the world.

The name Australia is derived from the Latin *australis*, meaning "southern".



# Sports

Australian rules football, the world's oldest major football code and Australia's most popular sport in terms of revenue and spectatorship, originated in Melbourne in the late 1850s, and predominates in all states except New South Wales and Queensland, where rugby league holds sway, followed by rugby union. Soccer, while ranked fourth in popularity and resources, has the highest overall participation rates.

Melbourne Cricket ground:

