Australia



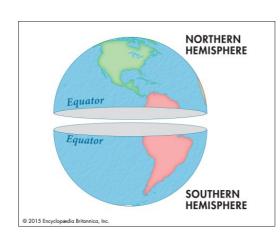
Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn

The Earth has three imaginary lies. The imaginary line around the middle is called the **Equator** and it is closest to the sun. The line marks the difference between the two parts; the **South hemisphere** and the **North Hemisphere**.

The **Tropic of Cancer** is 23 degrees north of the equator and the Tropic of Capricorn is 23 degrees south of the **Equator**. The **Tropic od Capricorn** runs through the **middle of Australia**. Places **North** of this are know as the **Tropics**.

Fact File

Country	Australia	
Continent	Australasia	
Capital	Canberra	
Hemisphere	Southern The Southern Hemisphere is the half of Earth that is south of the Equator, which is where Australia is.	



Place	Picture	What is special about it?	Why do people visit?
Melbourne		 Cultural capital Music and art centres Most 'liveable' city 	 Luna Park International standard sporting facilities Multi-cultural
Sydney		 Largest city Iconic landmarks Botanic gardens Impressive skyline. 	 Sydney Harbor Sydney Opera House Sydney Bridge Bondi and Manley beach. Blue Mountains
Uluru		 large sandstone rock formation in the center of Australia. Sacred to the Aboriginal people It is 863m tall at its peak. 	 Beautiful landscape Colour changes Peacefulness
Arlie Beach Whitsundays		 Tourist hotspot Spectacular Islands Unspoilt beaches Protected 	Sailing,snorkelingscuba diving
Great Barrier Reef		 The world's largest coral reef system Made of over 2,900 individual reefs. 	snorkellingscuba diving.Wildlife

Aborigines

Aborigines are Australian people that arrived in Australia many years ago,. It is thought most of them came from Asia.

It is believed that there are over 400,000 aboriginal people living in Australia.

They are well known for their story telling, art and spiritual beliefs.

