



## AUSTRALIA

**Area:** 7,682,300 sq km

**Population:** 19 Million

**Language:** English

### Before travelling to Australia

With the exception of New Zealand citizens travelling on New Zealand passports, all foreign nationals must obtain a visa/ETA before travelling to Australia. (New Zealand citizens are issued with a visa on arrival in Australia.)



Visas are available from Australian visa offices such as Australian Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates. They are also available, in ETA form, from travel agents and airlines in certain countries.

### Please note that:

- Airlines may refuse to allow travellers to board their aircraft without valid visas/ETAs and passports;
- Visas/ETAs are issued subject to a range of conditions; and

### Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)

An ETA is an electronically stored authority to travel to Australia for a short stay and no visa label is placed in the passport.

ETAs are available from participating travel agencies when making travel arrangements, or through participating airlines, as well as at Australia visa offices overseas.

ETAs are available to holders of the following passports approved for ETA: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong SAR, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, AUK-British Citizen, UK-British National (overseas), USA and the Vatican.

ETAs are available for tourism and short stay business purposes. Tourist ETAs and short validity, single entry business ETAs, are free of any Government charge. There is a charge for long validity business entry ETAs.

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### **Tourist Refund Scheme**

Tourists travelling overseas may be able to claim a refund of the Goods and Services Tax (GST - 10 per cent) and Wine Equalisation Tax (WET - 14.5 per cent) that they paid on goods bought in Australia. The refund only applies to goods travellers take with them as hand luggage when they leave the country. It does not apply to services or goods consumed or partly consumed in Australia or to goods purchased before 1 July 2000.

However, unlike other tourist shopping schemes, the goods can be used before leaving Australia. The refund will be paid on goods costing \$A300 (tax inclusive) or more, bought from the same store, no more than 30 days before departure. To claim a refund, travellers must get a tax invoice from the store where they buy the goods.

If travellers are leaving Australia by air, they should look for the TRS booth in the departures areas of international terminals at Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Cairns, Adelaide, Darwin, Coolangatta and Broome, after they have passed through passport control.

At the booth they need to produce; the goods, the tax invoice from the retailer, their passport, their international boarding pass. They will then be paid a cash refund or assisted to complete their non-cash payment option.

### **Flying Time**

Flying times between major cities within Australia, based on non-stop service are:

<i>Sydney - Melbourne</i>	<i>1 hr 20 minutes</i>
<i>Sydney - Canberra</i>	<i>50 minutes</i>
<i>Sydney - Brisbane</i>	<i>1 hr 25 minutes</i>
<i>Sydney - Cairns</i>	<i>3 hours</i>
<i>Sydney - Perth</i>	<i>4-5 hours</i>
<i>Sydney - Alice Springs</i>	<i>3 hr 15 minutes</i>
<i>Melbourne - Cairns</i>	<i>3 hr 15 minutes</i>
<i>Melbourne - Canberra</i>	<i>50 minutes</i>
<i>Melbourne - Alice Springs</i>	<i>3 hr 20 minutes</i>
<i>Cairns - Alice Springs</i>	<i>3 hr 20 minutes</i>
<i>Alice Springs - Ayers Rock</i>	<i>50 minutes</i>




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