



Australia is often called “The land down under”, because it is in the southern hemisphere between the Pacific Ocean and the South-Pacific Ocean.

It’s an enormous country: it’s 7,617,930 square km. That’s bigger than Europe! But its population is only about 23 million.

The interior of Australia is very hot and dry and not many people live there. 90% of Australians live near the sea in big cities, for example: Darwin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth.

The capital of Australia is Canberra, but Sydney is the biggest city.

The Australian climate is very varied. In the north the climate is tropical and there are a lot of rainforests, but the south-east has a temperate climate.

There are a lot of spectacular tourist attractions in Australia: two of the most famous are Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef.

