

# Trip to Australia

## Getting There

Americans wanting to go to Australia must have a valid passport and obtain an [Electronic Travel Authority \(ETA\)](#) tourist VISA. To obtain an ETA, you can go to the ETA website and apply for a small service fee.

Currently there are four cities in the United States that fly directly to Australia. They are Dallas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Honolulu. The cost of flying to Australia from each of these cities varies based on the airline you choose. The most popular exit/entry point is Los Angeles. The following is the cost for flying from Los Angeles to Sydney, Brisbane, and Melbourne nonstop.

**Flights to Australia from Los Angeles<sup>1</sup>**

Airline	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane
Delta	\$1863	N/A	\$2469
Qantas	\$2270	\$2282	\$2053
United	\$1863	\$2131	N/A

## Where to Go

Once in Australia there are many adventures one can take. If you would prefer to stay in Sydney, you can take in a show at the Sydney Opera House, climb the Sydney Harbor Bridge, spend the day at Bondi Beach, or hike in Blue Mountains. Those flying into Melbourne can spend time around the harbor, watch a cricket game at the Melbourne Cricket Grounds (MCG), or take a day trip to Phillip Island and see the baby penguins. Adventurist going to Brisbane can spend time in the tropical rain forest or go diving at the Great Barrier Reef.

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<sup>1</sup> Expedia

## Weather

The best time to go to Australia is between the months of November to April. This is the spring through fall for the southern hemisphere. The winter seasons are comfortable but considerably rainier. Below are average monthly rainfall numbers for each city in millimeters.

Sydney		Melbourne		Brisbane	
January	103	January	48	January	160
February	117	February	47	February	158
March	131	March	51	March	141
April	127	April	58	April	93
May	123	May	57	May	74
June	128	June	50	June	68
July	98	July	48	July	57
August	92	August	50	August	46
September	69	September	59	September	46
October	77	October	67	October	75
November	83	November	59	November	97
December	78	December	59	December	133

Table 1 Rainfall



## Interesting Information

### Australian Slang

**A**ustralian English is more than just an accent, and the Aussie vernacular can easily leave both English speakers and foreigners perplexed. Australian English is similar to British English, but many common words [differ from American English](#)—and there are many unique Aussie idiosyncrasies, slang terms, and expressions.

The term for Aussie slang and pronunciation is *strine*, and it is often characterized by making words as short as possible; the story goes it developed by speaking through clenched teeth to avoid *blowies* (blow flies) from getting into the mouth. So if you plan to visit the world's smallest continent, this list of some of the most commonly used slang expressions is for you.

- **Arvo:** afternoon
- **Barbie:** barbeque
- **Bogan:** redneck, an uncultured person. According to the Australian show [Bogan Hunters](#), a real bogan sports a flanno (flannel shirt), a mullet, missing teeth, homemade tattoos (preferably of the Australian Flag or the Southern Cross), and has an excess of Australia paraphernalia.
- **Chockers:** very full
- **Esky:** cooler, insulated food and drink container
- **Fair Dinkum:** true, real, genuine
- **Grommet:** young surfer
- **Mozzie:** mosquito
- **Ripper:** really great
- **Roo:** kangaroo. A baby roo, still in the pouch, is known as a Joey
- **Servo:** gas station. In Australia, a gas station is called a petrol station
- **She'll be right:** everything will be all right
- **Sickie:** sick day. If you take a day off work when you are not actually sick it's called chucking a sickie.
- **Sook:** to sulk. If someone calls you a sook, it is because they think you are whinging
- **Sweet as:** sweet, awesome. Aussies will often put 'as' at the end of adjectives to give it emphasis. Other examples include lazy as, lovely as, fast as and common as.
- **Ta:** thank you
- **Togs:** swim suit
- **Tradie:** a tradesman. Most of the tradies have nicknames too, including brickie (bricklayer), truckie (truckdriver), sparky (electrician), garbo (garbage collector) and chippie (carpenter).
- **Ute:** Utility vehicle, pickup truck
- **Whinge:** whine

Good onya, mate! Understanding the Aussies should be easy as now.

## Meat Pie Recipe

### Ingredients

- 1 Chopped Onion
- 1 Cup Water, Divided
- 2 Beef Bouillon Cubes
- ¼ Cup Ketchup
- 2 TSP Worcestershire Sauce
- ½ TSP Oregano
- 1 Pinch Nutmeg
- 3 TBS Plain Flour
- 2 Puff Pastry Sheets

### Instructions

1. Pre-heat oven at 220 degrees Celsius.
2. Brown meat and onion.
3. Add 3/4 cup of the water, bouillon cubes, ketchup and Worcestershire sauce, pepper, oregano, and nutmeg. Boil and cover for 15 minutes.
4. Blend flour with the remaining 1/4 cup water until it becomes a smooth paste; add to the meat mix.
5. Let cool.
6. Grease a pie dish and line with puff pastry.
7. Add the cooled filling mixture; brush edges of pastry with milk or beaten egg; put the pastry top on; press edges down with a fork.
8. Trim edges and glaze top with milk or beaten egg.
9. Bake in a very hot oven, 220 degrees Celsius for 15 minutes.
10. Reduce heat to 180 degrees Celsius and bake for 25 more minutes, or until golden brown.
11. Serve with veggies, fries, or salad.



Figure 1Yummy

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*This is The Australian Traditional Meat pie! Usually eaten for lunch for just watching the Aussie rules footy. You can make 1 big meat pie or more little ones from this recipe!*

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