



KIDS & CULTURE >>

Looking at a playground, you'll see kids running with an oblong ball. The sport isn't American football or even rugby. People here play their own version of football.



PACK THIS >>

Sunscreen. This country has some of the best beaches in the world. There are miles of pristine, golden sand, and sometimes you can get a whole beach to yourself.



LOOK FOR THIS >>

There are many animal species here that exist nowhere else in the world, such as the platypus, the Tasmanian devil and the wombat. Snakes and spiders, too!



TRAVEL TIP >>

Get a map. This country is huge! It's only a little bit smaller than Canada (Canada is 1.3 times its size). It is the only country in the world that is also a continent.



WHAT'S FOR DINNER? >>

Kangaroo? It's the national animal, and the babies (called joeys) are cute. But in some areas, kangaroos outnumber humans—and make for a tasty steak.



DESTINATION > AUSTRALIA

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CHECK IN > DAY ONE

LOOKING AROUND >

One of Australia's most incredible natural features is Uluru, an enormous rock rising from the red desert. At 1,142 feet tall and with a circumference of 5.8 miles, Uluru is the largest rock in the world. But as impressive as it is to stand at its base, geologists have found that the vast majority of Uluru is actually underground, hidden from those who visit it.

ACTIVITY >

To understand how big Uluru is, use clay to create a structure that is just over 1 inch high and with a perimeter of 30 inches. Put the model on a piece of cardboard, then draw a tiny dot on the cardboard to represent you. The mighty earth reveals God's glory (**Isaiah 42:5**).

LAYOVER > DAY TWO

LANGUAGE >

Canadians might think Australian English sounds like a more laid-back version of British English, but there are many unique expressions. Aussies like to make words as short as possible. An old story says that people needed to speak this way to keep flies from buzzing into their mouths.

ACTIVITY >

Read the Australian English words below and see if your kids can guess what they mean.

barbie — barbeque
mozzie — mosquito
roo — kangaroo
ta — thank you
brolly — umbrella

sparky — electrician
chippie — carpenter
garbo — garbage collector
Maccas — nickname for McDonald's
sunnies — sunglasses

PRAY >

Australians are busy people, and Focus on the Family is working to remind families how important it is to spend time together. Pray that families will recognize the importance of going through life together.



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