

Discovering Australia – States

The film does not have subtitles. These notes should help you follow the film. The narrator is American.

The film is a little out of date: note that the population of Australia is now about 20 million.

“The Land Down Under” - Southern hemisphere - seasons are opposite to Northern Hemisphere
Captain James Cook from Britain 1770 - “Botany Bay”

Poverty in Britain - prisons overcrowded - prisoners sent to Australia as unpaid labour for the new colony - Australian qualities of perseverance

The capital of Australia is Canberra. Australia is divided into 6 states and 1 territory:

New South Wales (Capital of New South Wales is Sydney), **Victoria** (Melbourne), **South Australia** (Adelaide), **Western Australia** (Perth), **Queensland** (Brisbane), **Tasmania** (Hobart), **Northern Territory** (Darwin)

New South Wales: Sydney - The Opera house (design is sails on water), Harbour Bridge, Dragon Boat races, Royal Botanic Gardens, Government House, The Domain, Speakers’ Corner, Art gallery, Hyde Park, The Rocks, Kings cross, Paddington lace iron work
Blue Mountains, wildlife, Katoomba, The Three Sisters

Canberra, Australia’s capital, means “meeting place” in an Aboriginal language. It is in New South Wales, halfway between Sydney and Melbourne. Both these cities had wanted to be the capital so a compromise was reached.

Museum, indoor cricket, golf, kangaroos

The Outback - bushland - sheep and cattle stations, sheep shearing

Snowy Mountains - highest mountain range in Australia, trout fishing, chairlift rides, skiing, fresh water supply

Victoria: Melbourne - Yarra river, Arts Centre, National Gallery, trams, Shrine of Remembrance, Queen Victoria market, football, horse racing

Western Australia: Perth - Swan River, Kings Park, wines, sail boarding, cable water skiing and other water sports, surf fishing, gold mining

Northern Territory: Ayers Rock (Uluru), Aboriginal people, The Olgas, nocturnal wildlife because of desert temperatures of 130 degrees F (54 degrees C) in summer, with surface temperatures of 160 degrees F (71 degrees C)

Queensland: The Great Barrier Reef
Brisbane - Brisbane River

Koala sanctuary - koalas once in danger of extinction, eucalyptus leaves for food and water, marsupials (carry young in pouch)

Emus

Glasshouse Mountains, passionfruit, windsurfing, Gold Coast