



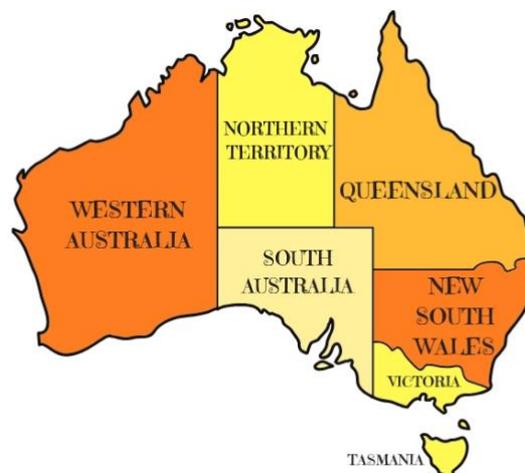
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## ARE YOU THINKING OF MOVING TO AUSTRALIA?

Whether your move is temporary or more permanent I guarantee there will be lots of things you will love (*and maybe some things you won't love so much*) about living in Australia.

After over a year here these are my

### TOP TEN THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE!



## THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE

### THE WEATHER

Number one has to be **the weather** - one of the main reasons given by people emigrating to Australia. Whilst I know some people prefer the cold and wet and miserable grey days in the UK (I don't believe them - do you?) there is something absolutely fantastic about living in a country with sun! Yes that round orange ball appears in the sky every day just like in the UK. Except here you can see it.

The weather patterns are obviously not the same all over the country. The tropical north of Australia have just 2 seasons - the wet and the dry. Most of Australia has 4 seasons which are opposite to those in the northern hemisphere. Each season lasts 3 months and winter in Queensland is a LOT different to winter in Victoria.

You can check out daily averages at the [Bureau of Meteorology!](#)



## THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE

### THE OUTDOOR LIFESTYLE

This really does go hand in hand with the wonderful weather. Here you can plan an activity at the weekend and be fairly certain you will be able to do it. We love packing a picnic at the weekend and heading to a beach or a park. Here outdoor areas are set up with tables, BBQ's and covered seating. Everything is free.

There are also swimming pools (lagoons) that are accessible to all. These are even manned by life guards, have changing rooms, toilets, sitting areas and cafes. Brisbane excels in this area with [South Bank](#). South Bank has a beach and pools and it a fantastic place to spend a day in the summer.

If you enjoy walks/hikes there are some great places to go (and you may be lucky to see some wildlife too). There are loads of National Parks to visit. We loved visiting Eungella National Park to see [platypus in the wild](#) and [Cape Hillsborough to see kangaroos](#) when we lived in Mackay.

Now we are living in Brisbane we are exploring the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast Hinterlands.



## THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE

### THE WILDLIFE

Some people focus on is the creepy crawlies when moving to Australia (huntmen spiders anyone!!) but actually when you get here it is all the other amazing wildlife that will be on your mind. Who doesn't want to see a koala? A kangaroo? An echidna? A patypus? Come to Australia and you will see animals that are only native to this continent!

We have loved seeing so many wonderful animals and birds here. While out for breakfast the other day I videoed hundreds of white parrots as they flew around in front of me and landed in the tree where I was standing. This is just one of the things I love about Australia and it was one of the things I was looking forward to the most!

Head to [Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary](#) or Currumbin Animal Sanctuary if you are in Brisbane!



## THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE

### THE BEACHES

With 10,685 beaches you will be spoilt for choice in Australia! Living in Brisbane you have the option of heading to the Sunshine Coast or the Gold Coast which both have amazing beaches.

So far I have visited some truly spectacular beaches in Australia and these are my top 3 so far:

#### [1. Whitehaven Beach - the Whitsundays](#)

Consistently voted one of the top beaches in the world is Whitehaven Beach in the Whitsundays. With good reason - the white, soft sand and beautiful clear waters totally blew us away. We can't wait to go back!

#### [2. Burleigh Heads Beach - Gold Coast](#)

We have only recently started exploring the Gold Coast and we loved Burleigh Heads. The beach is fabulous and you get a great view of Surfer's Paradise too. Popular with surfers and with a great cafe culture Burleigh

Heads should be on your itinerary if you are visiting the Gold Coast and surrounding areas.

### [3. Noosa Main Beach - Noosa](#)

Noosa's main beach on the Sunshine Coast is one of the only beaches in the east coast of Australia that faces north. Its gentle waves and white sand make it a perfect beach for families and those learning to surf. There are cafes and restaurants along the boardwalk so you can enjoy the views whilst lunching in the warm sunshine!



## THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE

### THE OUTBACK

I love the outback. It is one of the most special places I have ever been. Only 3% of the population of Australia live in the area classed as the outback.

Although I haven't yet had the opportunity to visit the outback as much as I would like we were lucky to be able to [travel to Uluru](#) recently. I would highly recommend a visit if you can - we plan to travel to see King's Canyon next time too - as it is an experience you will never forget.

Just don't forget to take a fly net for your hat!!!



## THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE

### THE BIG THINGS

Ok this is a very personal one but I LOVE Australia's big things! So far I have seen 15. There are over 150 and they range from fruit to people to objects and more! So I have a few more to see! There are big things to see in every state and territory and I will admit I will go out of my way to see them.



## THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE

### THE FOOD

Well probably more specific than that - breakfasts! Australia really do breakfast. It is like a gourmet feast and at the weekend having breakfast out al fresco at one of the many cafes and restaurants is the norm. Even better if it is by the beach!

The fruit is pretty good here too though you really do need to get used to eating it only when in season. It isn't like the UK where any and all fruit is available all the year round in Tesco. Here you need to be seasonally aware - or pay a steep price!



## THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE

### SUNSETS

I have literally hundreds of photographs of sunsets because nearly every night it is stunning.

The light at dusk and dawn is incredible and with the light comes the sound of the birds. Hundreds (thousands) of birds roosting or waking makes quite a racket!



## THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE

### EPIC ROAD TRIPS

Unless you want to fly driving large distances is going to be the norm. Catching a flight here is a bit like catching a bus in the UK - it is so easy.

Make sure to sign up for airline loyalty programmes to start collecting air miles as soon as you can it is definitely worth it! The main airlines you will find in Australia are Qantas, Virgin Australia and Jetstar.

This is also the land of the grey nomad. Selling up and buying a camper van/motorhome or caravan and travelling the country in your retirement is a popular lifestyle choice and one I really cannot wait to try!

Camping is a popular weekend and holiday activity here too so even if the thought of owning a caravan is something you would never have considered in the UK don't dismiss it until you get here as you may find

the weather and general lifestyle makes a caravan a tempting consideration!



## THINGS ABOUT AUSTRALIA TO LOVE THE SHEER VARIETY AND BEAUTY OF THE SCENERY

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Tropical rainforests, palm trees and white beaches to semi-arid landscapes to mountain ranges to islands and more. So much to see and enjoy and with the beautiful weather you will really enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle in a truly spectacular part of the world!

Australia is home to [19 UNESCO World Heritage Sites](#) including the Great Barrier Reef, Fraser Island and Kakadu National Park. You really are spoilt for choice here when it comes to natural wonders.



I hope you enjoyed reading

“Top 10 things you will love about Australia”

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