Friends Around the World

Pack your bags—we are going on a virtual vacation! Learn about the experiences of girls in different countries and how they compare to your own experiences. Take three virtual vacations during the months of June, July, and August. As you discover the history and culture of each country, use your very own passport to collect your memories and experiences.

Here’s what’s included in this packet:

- **Friends Around the World Passport Booklet**
  This passport can be used for your three virtual vacations to Ireland, Australia, and India. Use any empty pages as you go along for journaling, drawing, or collecting photos.

- **Activity Pages**
  This packet includes instructions for your Australia virtual vacation. Follow along for suggested activities and explore even more on your own! Please cut along the dotted lines to insert each page into the passport. On August 15th, instructions for your India virtual vacation will be available. Please visit the GSK Girl Scouting at Home page for upcoming instructions: [https://www.gskentuckiana.org/en/activities/girl-scouting-at-home.html](https://www.gskentuckiana.org/en/activities/girl-scouting-at-home.html)

- **Patches**
  There are three patches included in this packet: Friends Around the World, Ireland, and Australia. Girls earn each country’s patch by completing its virtual vacation activities, and the Friends Around the World patch for completing all three virtual vacations. Because of delays due to COVID-19, India patches will be available and mailed at a later date.

Hang onto your Friends Around the World passport after you complete each virtual vacation to use for the upcoming program, International Day of the Girl Child (available at a later date).

To purchase this packet, click on the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana Shop Order Form: [https://www.jotform.com/gskentuckiana/ShopOrderForm](https://www.jotform.com/gskentuckiana/ShopOrderForm)

If you live in Louisville, you can also use the Louisville PLC Curbside Pick Up Order Form: [https://www.jotform.com/gskentuckiana/louisville-plc-curbside-pick-up-ord](https://www.jotform.com/gskentuckiana/louisville-plc-curbside-pick-up-ord)

For questions, please contact program@gskentuckiana.org.

Bon Voyage!
Australia Virtual Resources

Find all of the website links for the activities listed here!

**National Museum of Australia**

Online Classroom Resources: [https://www.nma.gov.au/learn/classroom-resources?from=0](https://www.nma.gov.au/learn/classroom-resources?from=0)

**Healesville Sanctuary**


Additional Animal Videos:
- Platypus [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhVCwtW6gO0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhVCwtW6gO0)
- Echidnas [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMtMJ-JxLN0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMtMJ-JxLN0)
- Koalas [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV8xDS_6kOo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV8xDS_6kOo)

**Kakadu National Park**


**Musical Items**
- Waltzing Matilda: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqtttbYfSM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqtttbYfSM)
- I am Australian: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QEdUwor9pc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QEdUwor9pc)
- I Still Call Australia Home: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGlVNE5XEsw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGlVNE5XEsw)

**Girl Guides of Australia**

Girl Guides of Australia: [https://www.girlguides.org.au/](https://www.girlguides.org.au/)

**Girl Guide TV**

Girl Guide TV: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBjpiGjXfXWDXrMIBcFGt9w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBjpiGjXfXWDXrMIBcFGt9w)
# Australia Travel Chart

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Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana

FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD PASSPORT

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AUSTRALIA

MY VIRTUAL VACATION
Located between the Pacific and Indian Oceans in the Southern hemisphere, Australia is its own continent. It’s a unique and diverse country, both in people and in environment. Ranging from mountain bushlands to vast desert and tropical rainforests, it boasts a stunning canvas of color and scenery that truly makes it a vacation for the senses.

The Australian flag is made of three main elements. The Union Jack (representing British settlement), The Southern Cross which is a star constellation only seen in the Southern Hemisphere and the Commonwealth Star which has seven points symbolizing the unit of six starts and the territories.

1. Canberra was selected as the capital city because no one was able to decide which was more suitable - Sydney or Melbourne.
2. Australia is even bigger than you think it is. It's almost the same size as mainland USA.
3. Despite being a massive continent, 90% of Australia's population live on the coast due to the majority of the interior being a vast desert.
4. Voting in elections in Australia is compulsory (you don't have a choice) for everyone 18 years of age and over, with a fine issued for non-voters.
5. It would take around 29 years to visit one new Aussie beach every day (there are 10,685 of them!)
6. 80% of its animals are unique to Australia, including the Emu (a large, flightless bird) which can run as fast as 45km/h (28mph). It is also home to 20 of the world's 25 most venomous snakes.
7. The Great Barrier Reef is regarded as the world's largest living organism, and is often listed as one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World.
8. Over 200 different languages and dialects are spoken in Australia including 40 Indigenous languages.
9. The most common Australian phrase is “no worries”, uttered by 76% of the population and “arvo” (afternoon) being said by 73%.
10. In 1902, women received the right to vote in Australia. This made the country the second in the world to implement this.
ORIENTATION OF AUSTRALIA

There are six states (Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania) and two territories (Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory (A.C.T) also known as Canberra).

Travel between the major cities can take some time. The chart on Australia Virtual Resources Page gives an estimated journey time (in hours) between each of the cities using the most direct/ non-stop route. All driving to/ from Hobart includes a 9.5h ferry journey.

QUESTIONS:
If you were to plan a visit for 2 weeks, how many places could you visit?

What would the trop look like if you were driving?

Remember, to fly from Los Angels to Sydney/ Melbourne is approximately 15 hours. Going to Australia you will lose a day but coming back from Australia you will gain a day. How does that change things?

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Visit the National Museum of Australia and further your knowledge of this great land: https://www.nma.gov.au/

Defining Moments of Australia’s History (located in the Explore tab) is a good place to look at the people and places of significance in Australian History, including accounts of indigenous rights and freedoms.

What can we learn about indigenous people? How do the experiences of the Australian indigenous people relate to those in North America?

Be sure to check out the online resources page for school groups, as well as a Fun at Home page where you can craft your own creations!

KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

Kakadu National Park is a biodiverse nature reserve in Australia’s Northern Territory. It contains multiple environments including wetlands, rivers and sandstone escarpments and is home to some 2,000 plant species and wildlife, from saltwater crocodiles and flatback turtles to birds. You can also see Aboriginal rock paintings at sites such as Nourlangie, Nanguluwur and Ubirr. Some of these painting date back to pre-historic times.

HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY

Located in Victoria, Australia it is a part of Zoos Victoria. Their mission is about conservation and fighting wildlife extinction. One of the great things about Healesville is that a lot of the animals there are have been injured and are being rehabilitated, so they can return to the wild.

Visit their website www.zoo.org.au/healesville to explore some of the animals and their habitats. Watch keeper talk videos and live animal cams, then draw or describe what you’ve learned!

Find out more with fun animal YouTube videos, provided on the Australia Virtual Resources Page.

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is a day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand for all who served and have died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping missions. It occurs on the 25th of April every year, commemorating the date of those who served and died in the Gallipoli Campaign in 1915 during World War I.

In just 8 months of the campaign, over 10,000 ANZACs (Australia and New Zealand Army Corps) died. On the 25th of April 1915, it is estimated 2,000 ANZACs died. Annually, the day begins with a Dawn Service of Remembrance in most cities and towns across Australia (the moment the Gallipoli Campaign began). Overseas, services are held in major cities (including San Francisco and Washington D.C) where Australians and New Zealanders come together to remember.

ANZAC BISCUITS (COOKIES)

As part of the ANZAC day tradition, ANZAC biscuits are made. There are two theories behind these specific biscuits. The first being that they were made and sent overseas to soldiers because the ingredients did not spoil. The second is that they were actually made and sold at home to raise funds to support the cause overseas. Either way, these tasty biscuits are easy to make and deeply ingrained in Australian culture. Try out the recipe on the following page to make your own!
ANZAC BISCUITS

Ingredients
• 1 cup of quick cooking oats
• 3/4 cup flaked coconut (unsweetened)
• 1 cup of all-purpose/plain flour
• 1 teaspoon baking soda
• 1 cup white sugar
• 1/2 cup of butter
• 1 tablespoon of golden syrup
• 2 tablespoons boiling water

Method
1. Mix oats, flour, sugar and coconut together
2. In a small saucepan over low heat, melt the syrup and butter together. In a cup mix the boiling water and baking soda together and then add into the butter/syrup mixture. It will fizzle and foam.
3. Add the wet mixture to the dry ingredients. Drop the mixture on greased cookie sheets or baking paper. You’ll want to space them out a little as the mixture will spread as it cooks.
4. Bake at 350 degrees F for 16-20 minutes. If you want a chewy mixture then opt for the shorter cooking time. If you bake for the full 20 minutes, once cool they will be hard and crunchy.

MUSICAL ITEMS

There are a number of songs written by and about Australia. Below are three classics most Australians will know and feel are significant. Listen to the songs by following the links in the Australia Virtual Resources Page.

Waltzing Matilda
Written by Australian poet Banjo Patterson in 1895, Waltzing Matilda is about a traveler who carries his belongings on his back. He makes camp on someone else’s land and as the police come to arrest him, he jumps in a billabong and drowns.

I am Australian
Written in 1987, this is a song about the history of Australia and the unit we have as a nation.

I Still Call Australia Home
This is an un-official anthem for Australian’s overseas. Travelling is a large part of the Australian culture, and often between High School and College, teenagers will take a GAP year to travel overseas on a working holiday to explore the world. No matter where you are in the world, if you start singing it and an Australian is nearby, they’ll sing along with you!
GIRL GUIDES IN AUSTRALIA

Girl Guides Australia is a great program for girls to grow and develop. Regardless of your age, you are known as a Girl Guide. Grade level names used to be common but with a decline in membership and the increase of multi-age units (troops) it was decided to just call everyone the same name.

For more information on the movement in Australia including program and Promise and Law, you can visit the page here: www.girlguides.org.au

Questions:
Read the Promise and Law and find the similarities and differences with the Girl Scouts of USA Promise and Law.

The Promise talks about being “true to yourself”. What do you think being true to yourself means?

Beliefs are like values. Some values are fairness, cooperation, gratitude, truthfulness. What values are important to you?

Discuss how you can apply each part of the Promise to your own life at home, at school, with friends, etc.

GIRL GUIDES DURING COVID

Like to Girl Scouts, Girl Guides Australia has had to find ways to be interactive in the digital world. Specifically, Girl Guides Victoria (the equivalent to Girl Scouts Kentuckiana) came up with a great idea!

They created GGTV (Girl Guide TV). Each episode explores another element of the Girl Guide Program and is hosted by girls of a variety of ages and in various locations across the state.

Episodes are 20 minutes long. Find the link in the Australia Virtual Resources Page.