

AUSTRALIA

Travel Safely

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Top tips for a great Aussie holiday

Before you start

- Before beginning a driving holiday, plan your trip. Find out how long it will take to drive between destinations.
- Be realistic about how many kilometres you can drive in a day.
- Be well prepared for travelling in remote areas.
- Plan to avoid driving after a long flight.
- Get to know the road rules.
- Have a good night's sleep before the trip.
- Ask about the weather and road conditions.
- Note where the fuel stations are on your route.
- Apply SPF 30+ sunscreen and insect repellent and wear a hat in sunny weather.

On your trip

- Drive on the left side of the road.
- Wear a seat belt – it's the law.
- Take regular rest breaks.
- Don't drive if you've been drinking alcohol – strict drink driving laws apply.
- Drive at a safe, legal speed.
- Take extra care on dirt roads.
- Watch for animals and avoid driving on rural roads near sunset and sunrise.
- In an emergency, stay with your vehicle.
- Before you cross the road, look right, look left, look right again and cross only when safe to do so.
- Check your mobile phone coverage as some areas within Australia are only accessible using satellite phones. Mobile phones are not for use while driving – it's the law.
- Hitchhiking or picking up hitchhikers is strongly discouraged.
- At the beach, always swim between the red and yellow flags – not outside them.
- Look for the **Z** for visitor information.

In an emergency dial 000
for police, fire, ambulance

Journey times

From	To	Road distance	Driving time
		Kilometres	Miles
Adelaide	Broken Hill	508	315
Adelaide	Alice Springs	1533	952
Adelaide	Perth	2706	1680
Adelaide	Brisbane	2045	1270
Alice Springs	Uluru	443	275
Brisbane	Sydney	965	600
Brisbane	Melbourne	1674	1039
Cairns	Brisbane	1716	1065
Canberra	Melbourne	648	402
Darwin	Alice Springs	1489	924
Darwin	Kakadu	200	124
Melbourne	Hobart	610	378
Melbourne	Adelaide	731	454
Melbourne	Perth	3434	2132
Sydney	Adelaide	1412	877
Sydney	Canberra	286	177
Sydney	Melbourne	872	542
Sydney	Perth	4110	2552

Times and distances are approximate.

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More information

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Australian Capital Territory	www.visitcanberra.com.au	www.urbanservices.act.gov.au
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