

AUSSIE FACTS

Distances

Although Australia is an island it should be noted that its land area is approximately the same size as the United States.

Some visitors before coming to Australia have requested day trips from Sydney to Alice Springs or the Great Barrier Reef. Cairns, one of the gateways to the Great Barrier Reef, is 2961 kilometres from Sydney, and Perth, the capital of Western Australia, is as far away from Sydney as Los Angeles is from New York. Visitors should realize this is a big country with vast distances between major centres and attractions.

For those wishing to travel after exchanges, good, air, rail and road services exist between major centres and are reasonably priced. Services are available to remote areas and can be expensive depending on the areas visited.

Below is a map showing some of the road distances between major centres in Australia to give some idea of distances.

Also shown are maps of Europe and U.S.A with Australia overlaid, illustrating their comparative sizes

