

## ***G'Day, Have a Safe Holiday***

Welcome to Australia!

Follow these simple safety tips to ensure your visit to Australia is as enjoyable as possible.

- Read and obey signs, for example, at waterways or on roads.
- Drive on the left hand side of the road and obey the speed limit.
- Always wear your seatbelt.
- Don't drink alcohol and drive.
- Be aware of the dangers of driving long distances and fatigue. Plan your journey and share the driving with someone else.
- Check weather conditions ([www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au), local newspapers).
- When at the beach, swim between the red and yellow flags. Lifesavers and lifeguards patrol these areas for your safety.
- Going diving or snorkelling? Make sure you are fit to dive. You must tell your dive supervisor if you have a medical condition, can't swim or have never dived or snorkelled before.
- When diving or snorkelling ALWAYS speak to the supervisor if you have any concerns, follow the supervisor's instructions, and stay close to the supervisor and your dive buddy.
- The sun is strong in Australia – drink plenty of water regularly and protect your skin from burning. Seek shade when outside, cover up with clothing and wear a sun protective hat, sunglasses and SPF 30+ sunscreen.
- Before you light a campfire, check that fires are not banned in the area.
- Campfires should be extinguished by using water – not sand or dirt.
- If travelling alone, tell people (such as your friends, accommodation provider or the local police) of your plans.
- Use accredited Visitor Information Centres (yellow and blue *i* signs) for local and regional information, including local safety issues (such as stinging jellyfish or crocodiles, unique road conditions, beach safety).
- Keep your belongings secure at all times.
- Trust your instincts, be aware of your personal safety and surroundings.
- Dial 000 in the event of an emergency.

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