

Festivals and Holidays in Australia...

Ready?



1.

**Which one of the following Public Holidays is
NOT a National Public Holiday?**

- A. Anzac Day*
- B. Boxing Day*
- C. Australia Day*
- D. Melbourne Cup*



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Melbourne Cup Day is Australia's best known horse racing event held on the first Tuesday of November every year. It is an annual public holiday in the state of Victoria. This event is popularly dubbed as The Race that Stops the Nation.



More about Melbourne Cup...

Melbourne Cup Day has been observed in Australia since the first race was held at the Flemington Racecourse in Victoria in 1861.

The first Tuesday in November, Melbourne Cup Day, was officially gazette a full public holiday in 1877 in Melbourne.



There are similar races throughout Australia, as horse racing is popular, but Melbourne Cup Day is still the number one horse racing event in the country.



2.

When does Queensland celebrate Queen's Birthday?

- A. *The second Monday of Jun.*
- B. *The first Monday of Oct.*
- C. *The 4th Monday of Sep.*
- D. *July 4th*



1st MON of OCT!

In Queensland, this holiday is observed on the first Monday in October since 2016.



Queen's Birthday in Australia

- ◆ The Queen's Birthday holiday is a moveable feast celebrating the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II who is not only Queen of Great Britain but also Queen of Australia, New Zealand and 13 of the 50 other countries in the commonwealth.
- ◆ The holiday traditionally marks the start of the Australian ski season.
- ◆ The Queen's actual birthday is neither in June nor October but in April. The official birthday is in June to increase the chance of good weather for the celebrations in the UK, not to help the Australian ski industry. It is not a public holiday in the UK.





3.

When Australians celebrate for Boxing Day?

- A. January 1st*
- B. December 25th*
- C. December 26th*
- D. December 24th*

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Traditionally Boxing Day is for employers in England to give bonuses of money, leftover food or old clothing to their employees, or for lords to give agricultural tools and seeds for the coming year to their tenants.

Boxing Day: The day after Christmas Day

- ◆ Boxing Day is a holiday in many countries, such as Australia, in the Commonwealth of Nations.
- ◆ These gifts were presented in a box. Some people believe that this is the reason that December 26 is known as Boxing Day.
- ◆ Others think that the origin of the name is related to the box into which parishioners put church donations.
- ◆ In some areas, this box was opened on Boxing Day and the contents were distributed to the poor people of the parish.



4.

What holiday is celebrated in Australia on January 26th each year?

- A. Anzac Day*
- C. Good Friday*

- B. Easter*
- D. Australia Day*





Australia Day!

Australia Day a public holiday on January 26th and is Australia's National Day.

Australia Day



- ◆ It marks the arrival of the First Fleet of British Ships at Port Jackson, New South Wales on that date in 1788, and the raising of the Flag of Great Britain by Captain Arthur Phillip.
- ◆ In each State and Territory, when January 26th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the date of the public holiday is moved to the following Monday.

Australia

5.

Generally, on which date do Australians celebrate Anzac Day?

- A. Nov. 11th
- B. Jul. 10th
- C. Apr. 25th
- D. Aug. 1st



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ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day is the anniversary of the landing of troops from Australia and New Zealand on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey, in World War I on April 25, 1915. The bravery of all military personnel who participated in this campaign and the lives of those who died in all military actions are remembered.



Anzac Day...

- ◆ Anzac Day is commemorated on April 25th and is arguably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first key military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.
- ◆ If Anzac Day falls on a weekend in Australia, it is generally not moved to a weekday; only ACT and Western Australia observe a public holiday in lieu on the following Monday.



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