

A short history of Australia



The aborigines were the first inhabitants of the island, 50 000 years ago



The island was seen for the first time by Abel Tasman in 1642



Two-thirds of the island were taken by James Cook in 1770 for the Kingdom of Great Britain



In 1788, English prisoners were taken to Australia. This is the first colonization of the island.



The Australia Day is celebrated on January 26 every year by Australians. It commemorates the arrival of the first European Fleet at Sydney Cove in 1788.



In 1926, the Australian colonies became independent. And since October 19th, 1926, Australia became a state of the Commonwealth.



On the 14 February 1966, The Australian pound was replaced by the Australian dollar.



The Sydney Opera House was designed by Jørn Utzon. Its construction took 16 years from 1957 to 1973.