



Holidays in Australia

School holidays

The Australian school year begins late January/early February. There are four school terms, and they are about 10 weeks long. Each term ends with a school holiday break. The dates of each term are different in different states but generally there is a two week holiday break around April, July and October. There is a longer six week holiday break at the end of the school year over the summer (in late December and January).

Public holidays

On public holidays, schools and most government services are closed. However many shops stay open. Some public holidays apply nationally (across all of Australia), some are specific to different locations in Australia, and some change their dates each year.

Here is a list of the national public holidays in Australia:

January 1st – New Years Day. Celebrating the beginning of the new calendar year

January 26th – Australia Day

March or April – Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday. Christian religious celebrations

April 25th – ANZAC day. Commemorating those who participated in wars

June – Queen's Birthday. Celebrating the Queen of England who is also the Queen of Australia

December 25th – Christmas Day

December 26th – Boxing Day. Social celebration following Christmas Day.



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