

## Do Something Different - Christmas In Australia

It's nearly September and time to start thinking about what you are going to do for Christmas this year. In fact if you were ultra organized you would have decided straight after last Christmas and booked it.

What about Christmas in Australia? Completely different from a northern hemisphere Christmas. Most of the world experiences a very cold Christmas and there is something very magical about sitting in front of a log fire, drinking mulled wine whilst the fairy lights sparkle in the background.

If however you are fed up of doing the same old thing every year then why not consider spending Christmas in Australia. It's a great time of year to be in Australia as it is smack bang in the middle of the summer. It means blue skies and temperatures generally around 28 degrees.

Given Britain used to rule over Australia, the English traditions are still strong. Traditional turkey with all the trimmings is still served in some homes on Christmas day. It is however hot work in the kitchen so most opt for a BBQ instead. Sea-food features highly on the menu and a traditional Pavlova is often served for desert. Whatever is served, it's about getting the family round the table and enjoying great food and the odd drink or two.

By now you should be getting a picture of a typical Australian Christmas. Can you see yourself on a beach with your Santa hat on sipping champagne? Perhaps you'd like to be in the bush at one of the National Parks. Maybe an island getaway to the Whitsundays is more your thing?

There are a few facts you should know before you run off to pack your bags for Christmas in Australia. It is probably the most expensive time to visit Australia. This is because it is summer and because of the Australian Summer School holidays. From mid December to the end of January, many families choose to take their annual holiday.

You shouldn't be put off by this especially if you have always wanted to experience the amazing Sydney Fireworks on New Years Eve. They are truly spectacular and worth the trip alone.

It is true that it is hard to find affordable accommodation during this period but there are ways! Look out for short term holiday lets as most Australians leave their homes vacant over this time. What about a home exchange? Many Australians want to experience a cold Christmas.

To do it properly though, I would suggest booking way in advance, like maybe 9 months in advance! The best places go so quickly, particularly if you are a family. Couples should be able to find good options but the Australians pretty much book before March for the following Christmas and January period.

Did you know that the well known National Parks in Australia have had to introduce a ballot system to help allocate spaces over Christmas? It is however a very affordable and fun way to experience Christmas in Australia. If you would rather be pampered and spend Christmas in total luxury then consider the Whitsundays. Or how about heading to the outback for a real Aussie adventure.

It really would be a Christmas like no other. Come to Australia. What are you waiting for?

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