



COUNTRY PROFILE

AUSTRALIA



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Country : Australia
Capital : Canberra
Language : English
Population : 22 751 0142inhabit km²(2015)
Density : 3 inhabit km²
Surface area : 7 686 850km²
Currency : Australian dollar
Time zone: UTC
Internet domain : .au
Telephone code : +61

HEALTH SYSTEM

The health system in Australia is of a very good quality. All employees are enrolled in the Medicare Plan, allowing for the reimbursement of a large portion of the cost of care. In order to benefit from it, one must be a permanent resident and meet specific conditions, in particular: To be a permanent resident for more than 2 years / To have Australian nationality / To come from one of the countries having a bilateral agreement with the Australia: New Zealand, United Kingdom, Italy, Sweden, Finland, Netherlands, Malta, Ireland.

Anyone who benefits from Medicare will be eligible for the Medicare Card. This system does not cover dental expenses, except for pensioners and recipients of benefits paid by the Ministry of Social Security. As in France, consultation.

Pour les étudiants

Foreign students also benefit from the student social security Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC). The insurance is dedicated only to people with a student visa.

Registration entitles you to a social security number and an insurance card that is the Australian vital card. The OSHC card must be presented at each consultation.

VACCINES

Japanese encephalitis

The vaccine is recommended for long-stay people in Australia (more than a month) if you travel during the rainy season, vaccination is even more essential. The vaccine is, moreover, expensive !

Yellow fever

Australia is a country where the risk of disease is very low. It is, moreover, required to be vaccinated for people from an infected country.

Typhoid

Anyone visiting Australia on a long stay (longer than one month) should be vaccinated against the disease, especially those traveling to areas where hygiene conditions do not respond to the required standards.

Hepatitis A

Vaccination against liver disease is essential for people with the disease. Travelers over the age of 50 are required to perform a prior serological check to determine if vaccination is necessary.

SICKNESS

Dengue

Highly prevalent in Queensland, dengue fever is a viral disease usually transmitted by mosquito bites. No specific treatment. It is better to consult the doctor immediately. Fever and muscle pain are the main symptoms of the disease. Taking aspirin may cause dengue to develop in a bleeding mode.

Leptospirosis

Transmitted by contact with fresh water, the disease can lead to major complications (renal insufficiency, among others). Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease that mainly affects people engaged in nautical activities in fresh water. Prevention is the best solution !

Japanese encephalitis

As is the case for dengue, this disease is also transmitted by bites of infected mosquitoes, Culex type. The risk is much higher in the Queensland North Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands. Immediate non-treatment of Japanese encephalitis may be the cause of central nervous system infection. The symptoms of this viral disease are limited to gastrointestinal disorders and fever.

CARE	Consultation at a general practitioner	Consultation with a specialist	Consultation at a dentist	Surgical intervention (Operation appendicitis)	Day of hospitalization (hors examens)
PRICES	Between 50 and 100 \$ AUD (either 32 and 65 €)	Between 100 and 150 \$ AUD or more (65 and 98 €)	From 200 \$ AUD and beyond (either 131€)	A few tens of thousands of 12000 \$ AUD (or 7884 €)	Between 1500 and 2500 \$ AUD per day (either between 985€ and 1642€)

THE CARE "TAKEN-IN-CHARGE" BY **OSHC** :

- Consultations with the general practitioner
- Hospitalization in a public and common room environment: if you are in a private institution, you will have to pay fees. **Ask beforehand. If you have subscribed in parallel to an international health insurance, you will be refunded, otherwise, no..**
- Transport by ambulance
- Some of your medicines (with a ceiling of 150 Australian Dollars per year and per person, just 100 €)

THE CARE NOT "TAKEN-IN-CHARGE" BY **OSHC** :

- Care related to pregnancy
- Medicines resulting from a treatment started in France
- Treatments following an accident: dental expenses, optical expenses, physiotherapy sessions.

IN CASE OF **EMERGENCY**

In case of an emergency call **000**

You can use the services of ambulances, fire fighters or the police. This is the only emergency number in the country.

Poison Control Center reachable at **131 126**

People living in remote areas may call the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia to provide emergency services. CARE

TARIFF AND PAYMENT OF **THE OSCH IN 2008** :

- For 3 months: 93 Australian Dollars or 58.05 €
- For 6 months: 185 Australian Dollars or 115.50 €
- For 9 months: 278 Australian Dollars or 173.53 €
- For 12 months: 370 Australian Dollars or 231€

WORLD PASS **TIPS**

Before you leave Australia, consider taking out a World Pass-type private health insurance with a broader coverage level covering the entire world.

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- Direct reimbursement of hospitalization and subsistence costs
- Assistance and repatriation
- Public liability

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