## Why Study in Australia:

Highlights about Australia:

- A highly developed country and one of the wealthiest, Australia is the world's 12th-largest economy and has the world's fifth highest per capita income.
- With the second-highest human development index globally, Australia ranks highly in many international comparisons of national performance, such as quality of life, health, education, economic freedom, and the protection of civil liberties and political rights.
- Australia is a member of the G20, OECD, WTO, APEC, UN, Commonwealth of Nations, ANZUS and the Pacific Islands Forum.
- In the Program for International Student Assessment, Australia regularly scores among the top five of thirty major developed countries.
- The ratio of international to local students in tertiary education in Australia is the highest in the OECD countries.
- Australia has a population of about 22.2 million, and has a growth rate of approximately 1.8% per year, 60% of which is via immigration. Average adult weekly earnings in 2008 were just under \$1,300 AU, nationwide.

In 2011-2012, 7 Australian universities were ranked amongst the world's top 200.

## Australia at a Glance:

- Australia is known for its stunning landscapes.
- Australia has one of the lowest crime rates in the World.
- It has a vibrant heritage, is rich in the arts and is known for its sporting achievements.
- Australian Government provides help with medical expenses through a scheme called Medicare.
- Schooling is compulsory for children until 15 years of age in most states and territories.
- Multicultural Australia is a safe, friendly, sophisticated and harmonious society & offers excellent value for money and a high standard of living.

Geography & Climate: Australia is diverse in its geography and climate. Being in the Southern Hemisphere Australia's summer starts in December and winter in June. Nearly one third of Australia is in the tropics where the average temperature is in the mid 20 degrees Celsius. The southern areas are in Temperate Zone.

Currency: The official currency of Australia is <u>Australian dollar</u>. (AUS\$). 1 A\$ = Rs. 50.86 INR/- Aug 2016

## **Cost of Education & Living:**

The cost of education in Australia is between AUS\$12000-19000 for Undergraduate Courses and between AUS\$12000-28000 for Post-Graduate Courses. The cost of living is approximately AUS\$10000-14000 per year, this covers all the living expenses; including accommodation, food, travel, books, clothes and entertainment. In Australia you will get various PR options.