

# Why is Austria and Australia often mistaken for each other?

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Perhaps people often wonder why the names of these two countries differ only in two letters: Australia (Australia) and Austria (Austria). In fact, a country in Europe is famous for Vienna and Mozart waffles, and a country in Oceania is known as the kangaroo and koala, there is absolutely no relationship in history between 2 countries. Is it strange? Today TipsMake.com will help you answer this question offline.

## Let's start with Austria

**Austria** originates from the German " *Österreich* " ( *Eastern Realm* or "*Eastern Kingdom* ") (star ?ông ?ông ?ông, ((star (((((((((((((((((((((m?t (m?t (((((((là là m?t là m?t m?t m?t m?t m?t m?t bang). Austria in Latin translates " *Marchia Orientalis* " meaning " *Eastern Frontier* ". This is the name given to Austria in the east of the state of Bavaria (Germany). The name " *Austria* " was first Latinized in the 12th century.



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## What about Australia?

**Australia** derives from the Latin "*Australis*" meaning "*Southern*" (*auster* = *south*). The myths of "*Terra Australis*" or "*Southern Land*" dates back to Roman times and are the common names that ancient Europeans used to refer to lands in the Southern Hemisphere. In 1625, the word "*Australis*" was first converted to English as "*Australia*" by Sir Richard Hakluyt. However, it was not until 1824 that "*Australia*" was used to refer to the vast Australian territory.

The name was originally used to call all lands south of the equator, until Governor Lachlan Macquarie of New South Wales suggested using the word in a message to England in 1817, introduce to the colonial office that this word is officially adopted. In 1824, the Admiralty agreed that the continent would be officially mentioned by the name Australia.



**AUSTRALIS** (latin) – southern, south

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In short, **the only common point of these two names is to point in the direction** . However, since it is translated from two different languages, it leads to confusion between the two names. Even former US President George W. Bush or former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon has mistakenly named the two countries together. Besides, many times the flags or the national anthem are mistaken for each other in major world events. Even the post offices of the two countries often receive parcels sent wrongly to the other country. Therefore, in Austria's souvenir shops, the product prints " *No kangaroos in Austria* " .

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