

OnCourse

TOURS AND TRAVEL

FLORIADE

CANBERRA IN SPRINGTIME

20TH – 22ND SEPTEMBER 2022

3 DAY TOUR

Canberra is a truly striking city and a delight to visit year round. Walter Burley Griffin's vision for our capital has produced a remarkable city. Framed by the Brindabellas, Canberra's fine public buildings, beautiful parks and gardens, wide boulevards and exceptional cultural and sporting facilities attract massive numbers of visitors each year. September in Canberra is synonymous with Floriade, the phenomenally successful celebration of spring. However our capital offers so much more! Apart from all the colour of spring there are many other 'well kept secrets' just waiting to be 'discovered' and this 3 day tour has been designed to give us a little time to explore other attractions.

We have included flexibility in the itinerary so that whatever your interests, tastes and knowledge of the city, there will be new treasures to inspire you.

Highlights will include visits to:-

- Corbett Gardens
- Picnic lunch at Berrima
- National Arboretum
- A morning at Floriade
- Tour of the Embassies
- Black Mountain Tower at night for city lights
- Canberra Tulip Farm



With so many city attractions so close together it is possible to run a shuttle between venues so as to avoid duplication from previous visits. You will be able to choose two options from the following excellent attractions.

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| * Parliament House | * National Gallery | * High Court |
| * War Memorial Museum | * National Library | * National Portrait Gallery |

With an enthusiastic and knowledgeable guide, so many great attractions and an abundance of spring colour, you are guaranteed to see our capital in a whole new light.

The tour includes a group pick up, all meals (excellent dinners, full cooked breakfasts, lunches and morning teas) and admissions. Cost per person is \$720.00 twin share staying at the 4 Star Alpha Hotel Canberra – (Ph: 6293-3666). Single Supplement is \$165.00.

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DAY 1

We break our journey south with morning tea at Mittagong on the Southern Highlands. The drive over Mt Gibraltar is always spectacular especially in springtime and this will be our route to Corbett Gardens, the centrepiece of the Bowral Tulip Festival. Following time in the gardens we head to Berrima for a picnic lunch and time to look around the village.

Our first destination in the ACT is the National Arboretum. With over 44,000 rare, endangered and significant trees across a 250 hectare site, the Arboretum is a place of beauty, conservation, scientific researches, education, tourism and recreation. We will drive around the site, through a mosaic of forests and also spend time in the impressive visitors centre which contains the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection.

Our arrival at the Alpha Hotel Canberra is at approximately 5.30pm with dinner each night at 7.00pm. (Ph: 6293 3666).

DAY 2

Following a hearty breakfast our morning is spent at Floriade where we will have several hours to enjoy the beautiful display of spring colour. Lunch today will be a picnic at Acton Park.

The afternoon sees us exploring Canberra's many great attractions and a shuttle will operate between venues so you can choose the destinations of most interest to you. Included in the choice will be Parliament House, High Court, National Gallery, War Memorial, Museum of Australia, National Library, National Portrait Gallery, Old Parliament House and Questacon. We return to the Motel via Yarralumla with a drive through the Embassy District which boasts some of the finest gardens in Canberra.

Dinner will be next door to our Hotel followed by an optional drive to Black Mountain Tower for a dazzling display of Canberra's lights.

DAY 3

Our morning commences with a drive through Duntroon Military College where we will see the Australian Defence Force Academy complex and also the Changi Memorial. We continue on to the Northern outskirts of the ACT to the beautiful Canberra Tulip Top Gardens. Established in 1997 this 10 acre garden is world class and offers half a million tulips along with daffodils and hundreds of blossom trees.

Following morning tea, we will continue on to Goulburn where we will enjoy lunch and a short tour of the city, taking in many of its heritage buildings, Victoria Park and Belmore Park.

We return to Sydney at approximately 5.30pm after three enjoyable days filled with all the colour of spring!

**** Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances ****