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CANBERRA

Welcome to Australia's capital, Canberra

Nestled perfectly between Australia's two largest cities, Sydney and Melbourne, Australia's capital city Canberra offers a scenic cityscape amongst the Australian bush. Located within the Australian Capital Territory, Canberra is a place where history, culture and nature blend seamlessly to offer visitors truly something different.

The city is home to the Australian story, as shared through its many iconic cultural attractions, museums and galleries. Here, Australia's unique narrative unfolds, spanning 65,000 years of First Nations heritage to defining milestones of the modern age. Join behind-the-scenes tours led by expert guides to delve into the Australian story. Discover a garden that houses one-fifth of Australia's native plant species and a zoo which supports the conservation of endangered animals.

Savour the best of Australia's culinary scene with seasonal delights, discover a cool climate wine region that's making waves and sip coffee that has won awards around the world. Canberra's outdoor adventures invite visitors to revel in its natural beauty, whether wandering along bushwalking trails with an opportunity to spot Australian wildlife, strolling through pristine nature reserves or unwinding in lush botanic gardens.

Canberra celebrates each season in style. Experience snow play and indulgent truffle hunts in winter, marvel at the colourful flower festival in spring, and float above it all during autumn's enchanting hot air balloon event. Any time of year offers a memorable experience in Canberra.

The city's most iconic attractions along with its friendly locals invite visitors to discover and connect with a quintessential Australian experience in Canberra. See our curated suggestions to ensure your clients discover the best of Australia's capital.





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AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Signature Tour

Enjoy once-in-a-lifetime, behind-the-scenes access to Australian Parliament House. This 4-hour tour provides access to rarely seen private, official, and ceremonial spaces in Australian Parliament House, along with a traditional high tea with a contemporary twist. This exclusive tour unveils the unique vision for the award-winning building by principal architect Romaldo Giurgola's and the design team of Mitchell/Giurgola and Thorp Architects. Trade exclusive 2-hour tour also available.

Best of Parliament House

Discover the must-see highlights within Parliament House from the towering flagpole to the Great Hall Tapestry, the architecture, the chambers of the Senate and House of Representatives, art and craft, history and events, and some hidden surprises.

Architecture of Parliament House

Explore the design of Parliament House with an in-depth tour about the symbolic aspects and vision of the building's architect. As we explore the design of the Marble Foyer, Great Hall, Members Hall and the chambers

of Parliament, discover how each space upholds the symbolic design of Australian Parliament House.

Yeribee Indigenous Experiences of Parliament

Hear the stories of our Indigenous parliamentarians, explore the site history of Parliament House, gain insights into how Australia's First Peoples are participating in the nation's democratic processes, and enjoy significant artworks from the Parliament House Art Collection by celebrated Indigenous artists.

Art and Politics

Come face to face with the history of Australia's Prime Ministers on a guided tour of highlights from the Historic Memorials Collection, the nation's longest running commissioning art program. Discover insights into Australia's political leaders and artists and explore changes in the history of portraiture in Australia. See well-known portraits including William Dargie's portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, Ivor Hele's portrait of Robert Menzies and Clifton Pugh's portrait of Gough Whitlam.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience one of the most open and welcoming parliamentary buildings in the world
- Personally guided throughout
- Exclusive access to press gallery and courtyards (Signature Tour only)
- Free general entry

THE DETAIL

- Experiences range in length from 25 minutes to 4 hours to suit group requirements
- Tours operate daily
- Photo identification required (Signature Tour only)
- On-site catering available

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

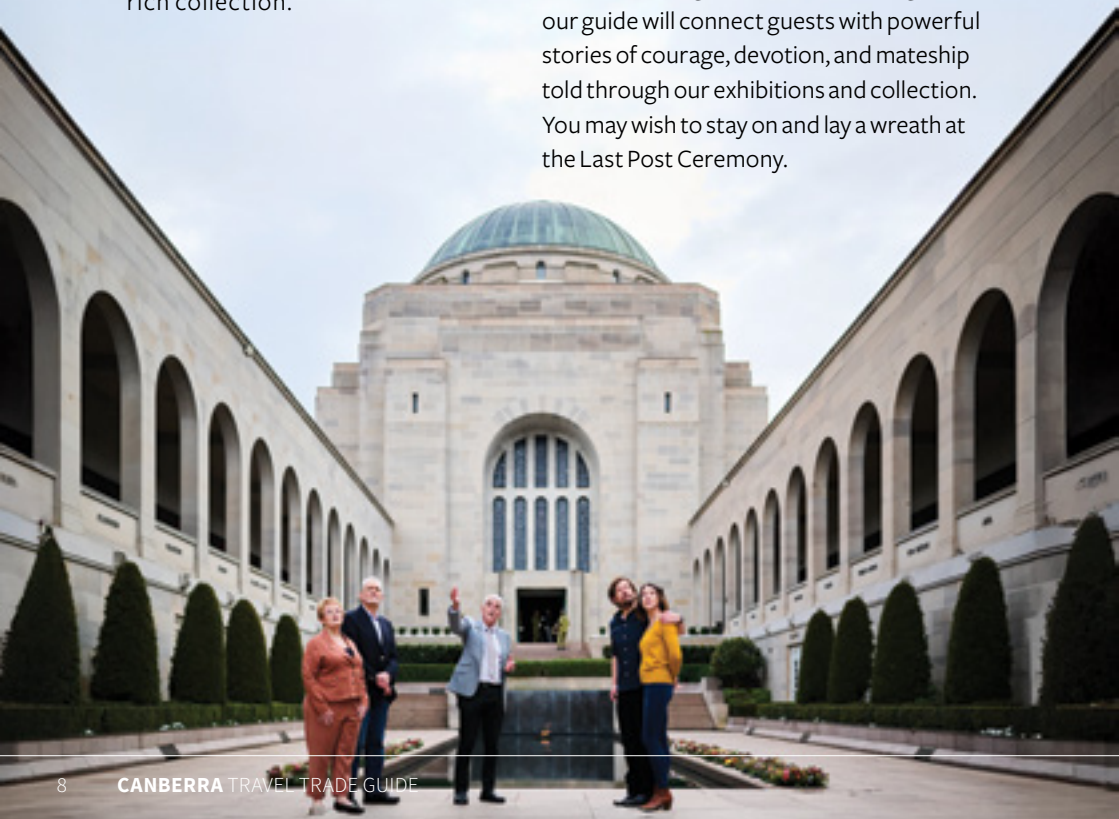
The Australian War Memorial is widely recognised as one of the finest memorials of its kind combining a world-class museum, a shrine and an extensive archive. The Memorial provides meaningful experiences and the opportunity to reflect on, and reveal the character of, the Australian people. Within the extensive galleries, our tour guides offer bespoke experiences that connect visitors with moving and humbling stories of loss, courage, devotion and mateship told through our exhibitions and rich collection.

Soul of the Nation

Join an expert guide for an engaging private tour of the Commemorative Courtyard, Roll of Honour, Hall of Memory and galleries. Join one of the Memorial's curators for a private exploration of memorabilia, rare and beautiful letters, photographs, diaries and artworks.

A Place to Remember

Join an expert guide for an engaging private tour of the Australian War Memorial's Commemorative Courtyard and hear just some of the stories of service and sacrifice behind the 103,000 names on the Roll of Honour. Moving into the world class galleries, our guide will connect guests with powerful stories of courage, devotion, and mateship told through our exhibitions and collection. You may wish to stay on and lay a wreath at the Last Post Ceremony.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Dedicated expert guides
- Highlights Audio Tour available in English, Mandarin and Hindi
- Free general entry

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THE DETAIL

Soul of the Nation

- 120-minute tour
- Some block-out dates apply
- Group size 2–6 people

A Place to Remember

- 90-minute tour
- Some block-out dates apply
- Group size 2–15 people

BALLOON ALOFT

Daily balloon flights over Canberra

From the sky above Canberra, enjoy the silence and stillness of drifting over the treetops. See mountains, lakes, wineries and more – there is no better way to see the beauty and breadth of Canberra and surrounds than in a hot air balloon. Balloon Aloft, with over 35 years of experience flying over Canberra, is the leader in hot air ballooning.





HIGHLIGHTS

- A range of departure sites in Canberra depending on weather, all within a short distance from the centre of Canberra
- All flights are conducted by CASA approved pilots
- Safety and enjoyment are the primary consideration at all times
- Champagne celebration upon landing
- An optional full buffet breakfast is available after the flight at Hyatt Hotel Canberra

THE DETAIL

- Flight time of 45–60 minutes, with total tour time 3 hours
- Operates daily
- 8–18 people per balloon

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CANBERRA GLASSWORKS

Housed in the heritage-listed Kingston Powerhouse, Canberra Glassworks is the largest studio glass-making facility in the southern hemisphere. Visitors can experience vibrant, hands-on tours and workshops catering to all interests and skill levels led by some of Australia's leading glass artists.

Glassworks Experience

The Glassworks Experience is a quintessential must for families and small groups. Fun and interactive, the experience pairs a guided tour showcasing the key spaces of the facilities with an iconic tilemaking workshop with a skilled glass artist. Each participant will create a unique glass souvenir to take home.

Vetro e Vino

Vetro e Vino is a unique 2-person experience for visitors to create a drinkware set with a skilled glassblower. Using traditional Venetian glassblowing techniques guests will create a carafe and two tumblers, finishing with dinner at a nearby waterfront restaurant.

Make Your Own Bird

Make Your Own Bird is a 20-minute individual workshop in the Hotshop where visitors will work one-on-one with a skilled glassblower to create a small bird. Visitors will learn the fundamentals of glassblowing and shape molten glass into a unique artwork from their adventure to Canberra.

Make Your Own Vessel

The most popular of the Glassworks experiences, Make Your Own Vessel is a 40-minute individual workshop in the Hotshop where visitors will work one-on-one with a skilled glassblower to create a small vessel such as a cup or vase. Visitors will learn the fundamentals of glassblowing and shape molten glass into a unique artwork from their adventure to Canberra.

Birds of a Feather

Birds of a Feather is a 40-minute two-person workshop in the Hotshop where visitors will work together with a skilled glassblower to create their own small birds. Visitors will learn the fundamentals of glassblowing and shape molten glass into a unique artwork from their adventure to Canberra.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Expert-led experiences which are creative, engaging, hands-on and unique to Canberra
- Handmade glass artwork which can be collected or shipped once processed
- All materials and safety equipment provided
- No prior experience required for any workshop
- Experiences suitable for individuals, couples, and families

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THE DETAIL

Glassworks Experience

- 60 minutes duration with option to add lunch
- Guided tour and hands-on tilemaking workshop
- Group size 4-7 people
- Suitable for families with children 5+

Vetro e Vino

- 150 minutes duration
- Artist-led glassblowing experience and dinner
- Group size 2 people
- Suitable for ages 14+

Make Your Own Bird

- 20 minutes duration
- Artist-led introductory glassblowing experience
- Group size 1 person
- Suitable for ages 14+

Make Your Own Vessel

- 40 minutes duration
- Artist-led introductory glassblowing experience
- Group size 1 person
- Suitable for ages 14+

Birds of a Feather

- 40 minutes duration
- Artist-led introductory glassblowing experience
- Group size 2 people
- Suitable for ages 14+

CANBERRA GUIDED TOURS

Highlights of Canberra Tour

Canberra's best day tour! Witness the wonderful views of Canberra and the region from the top of Mount Ainslie. Visit the National Capital Exhibition. Be guided through the corridors of power at Australian Parliament House. Survey the National Triangle and its iconic attractions. Explore the Australian War Memorial and experience the moving Last Post Ceremony.

Kangaroos and Koala Experience Tour

A half day tour in the afternoon, travel at the best time of the day to see some of Australia's unique animals in the wild (1pm in winter; 3pm in summer). Travel to Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and the Deep Space Tracking Station. There is a good chance of witnessing and getting close to kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, platypus, colourful parrots and other birds.

Canberra Floriade Tour

Canberra celebrates spring with an explosion of colour and festivities. Experience Floriade, the southern hemisphere's largest flower festival, then visit the National Arboretum Canberra, the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection and Tulip Top Gardens.

Canberra Wine Tour

A full day touring the best wineries in the cool climate Canberra Wine District. Wine tastings offer the chance to sample the region's flagship shiraz and rieslings as well as other renowned varieties.

Private Charters

All regular tours can be booked as a charter for private groups. Variations to regular tours can be considered to include other Canberra icons, such as the National Gallery of Australia, Royal Australian Mint or the Australian National Botanic Gardens.





HIGHLIGHTS

- All fees included
- Personally guided throughout
- Pick up and drop off from hotel
- Comfortable, air-conditioned tour vehicle

THE DETAIL

- Full day tours are 8 hours
- Half day tours are 4 hours
- Tours operate daily
- Small groups, up to 14 people

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CANBERRA STARGAZING

Canberra Stargazing offers an immersive night time astronomy experience under the pristine skies of Australia's capital.

Led by a professional astronomer, the experience blends science, storytelling and wonder, inviting guests to explore the Southern Sky through both modern astronomy and ancient celestial narratives.

Guests observe planets, stars and deep sky objects through state of the art telescopes while enjoying laser guided constellation storytelling and interactive Q&A.

Canberra Stargazing also offers tailored experiences for private groups.



Brendan Neaton



HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided by a professional astronomer
- Riverside location, only 25-minutes from Canberra
- State of the art telescope and astronomy binoculars
- Laser guided constellation storytelling
- Hot chocolate, warm blankets and cosy Moon chairs
- Wheelchair accessible site

THE DETAIL

- 90-minute immersive outdoor experience
- Suitable for families, couples, and groups
- Operates daily during the evening (start time varies seasonally)
- Group size up to 20 guests
- Best suited to ages 4+
- Weather dependent with flexible rescheduling options
- Tailored experiences available for private groups

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CORIN FOREST

Enjoy alpine adventures all year long at Corin Forest. As the temperatures drop, we bust out the snow guns to provide an affordable and fun first snow experience close to Canberra. From throwing snowballs to learning to ski, winter at Corin is unforgettable. The fun doesn't end when the weather heats up as we keep the Alpine Slide, one of the longest in the southern hemisphere, running year round!

Alpine Slide

Imagine the thrill on the Alpine Slide. Visitors get to sit back and relax as they are towed to the top before descending down at their own pace along the 1.2 km track. Take it slow to enjoy the views of the forest or for those who love the wind in their hair, change the pace to race to the finish line.

Snow Play

Experience the magic of winter and create memories to last a lifetime. Grab a toboggan and race down the slopes, build a snowman with style, or engage in an epic snowball battle. Top it off with that perfect snap for Insta and a hot chocolate by the fire for the best-ever day in the snow.





HIGHLIGHTS

- The closest snowfield to Canberra and Sydney – only a 45-minute drive from Canberra’s CBD
- Unique alpine bush landscape – keep an eye out for kangaroos
- Guaranteed snow with one of Australia’s longest snow seasons
- Family friendly and fun for all ages
- Free on site coach and car parking

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THE DETAIL

Alpine Slide

- 1-hour sessions, including 15-minute safety briefing
- Operates year round
- Group size up to 25 per session (option for larger groups across multiple sessions)
- Minimum age 2 years, children under 8 must ride with a paying adult

Snow Play

- 1–1.5-hour sessions
- Operates late April to early October (season may vary slightly due to weather)
- Max group size 150 per session (option for larger groups across multiple sessions)
- Children under 13 must be accompanied by a paying adult
- Free entry for children under 2
- Jacket, pants, boots, and toboggan hire available

General

- Advance bookings required
- On site cafe and picnic area
- Ski and snowboard lessons available upon request

DAVE'S TOURS

Vin and Gin

Experience the best of Canberra's cool climate wine region on a visit to wineries, a distillery and a local sweets maker on our full-day small group tour. Visit two local cellar doors, enjoy a delicious lunch, and continue on to tastings at a sweet treats maker and a gin distillery. With all tasting fees, lunch, and a glass of wine included, Vin and Gin serves up the perfect mix of places, people, and flavours.

Capital Triple Treat

Can't decide on a favourite beverage? Our Capital Triple Treat tour goes behind the scenes at some of Canberra's finest venues, allowing visitors to experience the best of the local drinks scene. Get on board this half-day tour, meet the producers, hear their stories, and enjoy tastings of beer, wine, and spirits.

CanBEERa Explorer

Spend a full day with one of our enthusiastic tour guides uncovering Canberra's best breweries and sampling their delicious craft beers. The capital's brewery scene is packed with brewers offering one-of-a-kind Australian beers, classic pours, and unique creations with fun flavour twists. Explore, drink, and enjoy a classic pub lunch with us on this ultimate Canberra brewery tour!

Axe the Capital

Experience the thrill of axe throwing and battle it out to see who will be crowned the champion! After channelling your inner Viking, you'll head behind the scenes at some of Canberra's best breweries to learn their brewing secrets. Hear about the ingredients and brewing process before indulging in tastings at each venue on this half-day adventure.





HIGHLIGHTS

- All details are taken care of – just bring your thirst!
- Tour groups are kept small, ensuring a personal interaction with the maker to ask questions
- Pick up and drop off in Braddon (Bentspoke Brewery)
- Can accommodate larger groups
- Includes transportation and all tastings

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THE DETAIL

Vin and Gin

- Full-day tour: 9.30am – 4.30pm
- Tours run Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- This tour includes all tasting fees, lunch and a glass of wine with your meal

Capital Triple Treat

- Half-day tour: 1.30pm – 5.30pm
- Tours run Friday, Saturday and Sunday

CanBEERA Explorer

- Full-day tour: 11am – 6pm
- Tours run on Saturdays

Axe the Capital

- Half-day tour: 9.30am – 3.30pm
- Can operate any day for groups of 8 or more
- Includes lunch and beers with your meal

GOBOAT AUSTRALIA

GoBoat on Lake Burley Griffin

Rent a GoBoat as a crew and enjoy Canberra from a totally new angle! Cruise Lake Burley Griffin with family or friends, pack a picnic and escape from the world. Soak up the sights in Central Basin (including Parliament House), or explore all the way to Springbank Island, a hidden gem only accessible by boat.

GoBoat started in Copenhagen in 2014 and first launched in Australia in 2017, in Canberra – such is the quality experience that can be found on Lake Burley Griffin. GoBoat can now be found in 5 locations across Australia in Canberra, Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney and the Gold Coast.

It's a safe, family-friendly, Instagrammable experience!





HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Lake Burley Griffin starting at Kingston Foreshore
- Scenic view of Canberra landmarks including Parliament House, National Museum of Australia and more
- Family friendly – children welcome
- Sustainable, emissions-free, electric boat (in a city powered 100% by solar and wind energy)
- BYO hamper or order one from our trusted providers

THE DETAIL

- Option for large group bookings across several boats
- Maximum 8 per boat
- Duration from 60 minutes to 3 hours
- No need for a boat licence
- No fumes, emissions or noise
- Boat is made from recycled materials

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JAMALA WILDLIFE LODGE

Jamala Wildlife Lodge is the ultimate overnight safari nestled within the grounds of the National Zoo & Aquarium. Luxurious African themed treehouses and bungalows are located alongside animal enclosures where guests can sleep next to a lion, feed a giraffe from their balcony or gaze into the shark tank – Jamala offers an unforgettable immersive wildlife experience.

It's an experience, not just a stay

The experience starts from check-in; hosted by the black and white Colobus Monkeys, enjoy high tea before going on a guided tour of the zoo and experiencing hands-on interactions with some of our residents. Get close to magnificent white lions during pre-dinner drinks on the Jamala terrace with the education team and listen to the sounds of the jungle as the day ends.

The evening continues in the Rainforest Cave restaurant, where an African-inspired 'dinner party' menu is served with Moët champagne and wine alongside the white lion enclosure.

Rooms are uniquely placed to observe animals from the luxurious lodges with mornings starting with the sounds of the animals stirring. After breakfast, guests are welcome to spend the day at the zoo at their leisure.

Supporting conservation

At the National Zoo & Aquarium, we seek to inspire and assist in the conservation of the natural world on both a local and international level, by contributing to vital initiatives such as wildlife protection, public education, and environmental sustainability. We contribute to international breeding programs for threatened species and offer refuge to rescued threatened species.





HIGHLIGHTS

- High tea with our Colobus monkeys
- Pre-dinner drinks and dinner with our white lions
- Exclusive tour of the zoo with hands-on interactions with animals
- African influenced dinner party menu
- uShaka Lodge – with 7 individual rooms or available for private groups
- Six Giraffe Treehouses – feed the giraffes from your balcony
- Five Jungle Bungalows – luxurious suites each adjoining an enclosure with lions, tigers, cheetahs or sunbears as neighbours
- Winner of Best Unique Accommodation Australia 2022

THE DETAIL

- Room rate is all inclusive for 2 guests. Tariff includes guided tour, high tea on arrival, full 4-course gourmet dinner, a la carte breakfast and all beverages
- Discounts offered for 2 nights or more
- Some age restrictions apply. Minimum age is 4 years, with Jungle Bungalows having further restrictions: Tiger (6 years), Cheetah (10 years), and Lion (14 years)

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LOVE BOATS

Relax and enjoy a fun-filled cruise on Canberra's picturesque Lake Burley Griffin with Love Boats. Love Boats offers premium electric boat hire and a stylish sightseeing and event vessel.

Premium Electric Boat Hire

Visitors can captain their own electric boat with no boat licence required. These premium electric, eco-friendly boats feature a fully enclosed canopy top with window

enclosures to enjoy the lake all year round. With a Bluetooth stereo and built-in cooler, visitors can bring their own tunes, food and beverages, or catering can be arranged.

Sightseeing Cruises and Events

Love Boats' newly renovated sightseeing and event vessel offers a stylish Hamptons-inspired design. As the biggest and only boat of its kind in Canberra, it accommodates up to 105 guests with ease.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Premium design with canopy and window enclosures for all weather conditions
- Eco-friendly, whisper-quiet electric boats with Bluetooth stereo and built-in cooler
- BYO food or drinks or select and choose customisable catering options
- Private functions for up to 105 people on board large vessel

THE DETAIL

Premium Electric Boat Hire

- Eco-friendly electric boats seat up to 10 people
- No boat licence required
- 1-hour, 1.5-hours or 2-hour hire options
- Canopy and window enclosures for all weather conditions

Sightseeing Cruises and Events

- Private event hire for up to 105 people
- Fully stocked bar and customisable catering options

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MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY

The Museum of Australian Democracy, located in the historic Old Parliament House, offers a captivating journey through Australia's political heritage. Through immersive experiences and historical storytelling, visitors can explore the people, events, and ideas that have shaped Australia. The museum's tours provide a captivating journey through time, revealing the power of democracy in action.

A Walk Through History

Step into the heart of Australia's democratic machinery. A Walk Through History explores the chambers and corridors where decisions that shaped Australia were made. Learn about the architecture, the key figures, and the pivotal moments that defined Australian politics.

Old Haunted House

Uncover the eerie legends and ghostly tales that linger in the historic halls of Old Parliament House. This tour blends history with mystery, offering a spine-tingling experience as visitors walk through rooms steeped in political drama and supernatural lore.

The Bunker

Step into a world of history and discovery with exclusive behind-the-scenes access to Old Parliament House. Gain a rare glimpse of the collection's storeroom where the treasures of democracy await exploration. Includes a private tour of Old Parliament House, access to the Democracy Collection storeroom with facilitation, a unique gift, and an indulgent afternoon tea.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Tours are conversational, informative, and led by knowledgeable guides
- Explore authentically preserved spaces like the Prime Minister's Suite and the House of Representatives Chamber
- Behind-the-scenes and exclusive after dark access (specific tours only)
- Free general admission

THE DETAIL

A Walk Through History

- 45 minutes duration
- Group size 10–60 people
- Available daily on weekdays
- Best suited for ages 16+

Old Haunted House

- 90 minutes duration
- Group size 6–12 people
- Available after hours on weekdays
- Best suited for ages 16+

The Bunker

- 120 minutes duration
- Group size 2–10 people
- Available weekdays on request (from 1 January 2027)
- Best suited for ages 16+

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NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

The National Gallery is Australia's national visual arts institution dedicated to collecting, sharing and celebrating art from Australia and the world. Home to the most valuable collection of art in Australia including the world's largest collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art.

Icons Tour

Join an expert host for the perfect introduction to the National Gallery of Australia's most iconic works of art and newest acquisitions. Dive into

the vibrant art movements of the twentieth century, featuring both international and Australian masterpieces and the Gallery's significant collection of First Nations art.

Tour includes an art print gift from the National Gallery Art Store.

Private Guided Tours

Engage with art through a private experience and choose between a focused tour exploring the collection, special exhibitions, First Nations Art or the Sculpture Garden.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Centrally located with access to Lake Burley Griffin and surrounding Sculpture Garden
- Heritage-listed building with expansive exhibition galleries located across three levels
- Indoor Café and Art Store featuring a unique range of products, books and gifts
- Customised tours available on request
- Free general entry and open daily

THE DETAIL

Icons Tour

- Monday & Fridays 1:30pm
- 60-minute tour
- Group size 2–20 people
- Private bookings available

Private Guided Tours

- 60-minute tours
- Group size 2–20 people
- Available on request

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

The Ultimate Museum Experience

Discover where Australia's stories come alive at the National Museum of Australia with the Ultimate Museum Experience.

Join a guided highlights tour, admire the views over Lake Burley Griffin, have a refreshing drink, and pick up an Aussie souvenir with a gift shop voucher.

Great Southern Land group tours

Traverse the vast, vibrant Australian continent on this 45-minute tour of the Museum's environmental history gallery, Great Southern Land.

Building and Architecture Tour

This guided tour provides an insight into the stories and meanings hidden in the museum building, design, and landscapes.

Museum Highlights Tour

This guided tour provides an excellent introduction to the Museum, exploring highlights from the permanent exhibition galleries.

First Australians Tour

This guided tour provides insights about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their history, culture, and connection to Country in the Museum's largest exhibition gallery.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Unique location on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin in the centre of Canberra
- Award-winning waterfront café with lake views
- Australian Tourism award-winning shop with quality gifts and mementoes
- Free general admission

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Ultimate Museum Experience

- Guided tour with Museum guide
- 60-minutes duration plus dining and shopping time
- 10% discount at the shop

Great Southern Land group tours

- 45-minutes duration
- Daily at 9am, 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm
- Group size 10 or more

Building and Architecture Tour

- 60-minutes duration
- Daily at 10am
- Group size 1–20 people

Museum Highlights Tour

- 60-minutes duration
- Daily at 1pm

First Australians Tour

- 60-minutes duration
- Daily at 3pm
- Group size 1–20 people

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

The National Portrait Gallery houses the national collection of portraits and reflects the breadth and energy of Australian culture and endeavour. Australians featured in the collection have made a significant contribution to the nation and, through their portraits, national culture, history, achievement and identity is explored. From the famous to notorious, remarkable to the glorious; stories are captured through a mix of photography, abstract, contemporary and traditional styles. Exhibitions feature alongside the permanent collection in the strikingly beautiful gallery.

The Art of Portraiture

Learn about the architecture of the building before journeying through the Gallery to hear about the lives and legacies of the portrait subjects and the artistic techniques used to tell their stories. Discover the possibilities of portraiture, and how the genre has developed and evolved as a way to explore identity.

The Art of Portraiture with Morning Tea Experience

Enjoy morning tea at the Portrait Café, followed by The Art of Portraiture guided tour of the Gallery.

The Portrait Café is the perfect location to rest and rejuvenate in between exploring some of Australia's most renowned artwork. This beautiful light-filled space with an expansive terrace, offers a casual dining experience in a relaxed environment. The food is fresh, homemade where possible and features seasonal produce from local community-focused producers.

The Art of Portraiture with Lunch Experience

Experience The Art of Portraiture guided tour followed by a seasonal lunch at the Portrait Café.

Private Art of Portraiture Tour with Premium 3-Course Lunch with Canberra Regional Wine

A private Art of Portraiture tour is followed by a gourmet 3-course seasonal lunch highlighting the flavours of Australia at the best table in the house along with personalised service and a bottle of wine from the Canberra cool climate wine region.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Led by knowledgeable guides, tours are conversational, friendly and informative
- Mandarin language tours are available upon request
- Audio tours available for public galleries
- Group tours can be arranged

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THE DETAIL

The Art of Portraiture

- 11am daily
- 60-minute tour

The Art of Portraiture Morning Tea Experience

- Freshly baked scones, berry jam and wattle seed cream
- Espresso coffee or brewed tea

The Art of Portraiture Lunch Experience

- A private Art of Portraiture guided tour, followed by a gourmet 3-course lunch with a bottle of Canberra regional wine at the Portrait Café.

NATIONAL ZOO & AQUARIUM

African Savannah Safari Tour

Join the National Zoo & Aquarium for a journey through the wilds of Africa. Meet gentle giants, the rhinoceros and experience the texture of their skin, and feel dwarfed feeding the giraffes breakfast. Hear the chirp of a cheeky cheetah and see the distinctive trot of a zebra as they delicately receive some carrot treats.

Awesome Roarsome Tour

Experience the serenity visiting the lions and meerkats while they rise to meet the sun and be the first to greet the otters as they break their fast for the day. Find our elusive leopards and come face to face feeding a serval, tiger, bear and even a beautiful hyena (yes, beautiful!). Held early in the day when the animals are most active, join one of the most interactive animal tours available worldwide!

Wildnight ZooVenture

More than just an evening tour of the zoo, this combined walking and driving WildNight experience includes an off-road adventure vehicle and private driver/guide! Enjoy a beverage on arrival whilst exploring the National Zoo exclusively after hours and a gourmet picnic hamper to finish. Encounter animals such as rhinos, cheetahs, giraffe, zebra as well as some familiar Australian favourites who are most active at dusk!

Cheetah Experience

Walk away with a sense of wonder, along with the knowledge that so much can be done to assist cheetahs in the wild. Combine adventure, knowledge and interaction with the zookeepers and resident cheetahs in an up-close encounter. Hearing the purr of a cheetah is a special experience!





HIGHLIGHTS

- Two attractions in one
- Ticket contributes significantly to conservation practices worldwide
- Centrally located in Canberra
- Excellent playground for children

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THE DETAIL

African Savannah Safari Tour

- 9.30am daily except Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Small groups, up to 12 people
- Minimum age 6 years
- 90-minute tour

Awesome Roarsome Tour

- 7.30am daily except Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Small groups, up to 12 people
- Minimum age 6 years
- 90-minute tour

Wildnight ZooVenture

- A choice of 8 different vehicles (quiet electric or adventurous off-roaders)
- Each vehicle can transport 2-13 people
- Group size up to 40 people
- Dinner included

Cheetah Experience

- Runs daily, 10-15 minute options available
- Maximum 2-4 people per experience
- Minimum participant height of 150cm

TREETOPS ADVENTURE

Get ready for the ultimate outdoor adventure in the heart of Majura Pines! Nestled just a short drive from Canberra's CBD, the once-working pine plantation has branched out to be the home of our newest treetops playground for all ages.

Boasting over 90 aerial obstacles and 16 ziplines, suspended between 1–15 metres above the ground, this

Canberra park has a course for everyone aged 3 years and up to enjoy.

A standard session through the aerial challenges (including gearing up) will have climbers pining for more. After safety, your adrenaline is the top priority, so the courses are designed to be challenging for any level.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Choose from low easy 1-metre courses, or adrenaline pumping 15-metre-high ones
- Something for all ages, from 3 years to adults
- Instructor supervised group climbs available during select seasons for children aged 8 to 12 years
- Only 20 minutes from the CBD

THE DETAIL

- Operates daily
- Standard sessions run for 2.5 hours, including gearing up time
- Advanced bookings highly recommended
- Junior levels are exclusively for ages 3–7 years and require adult supervision
- Ages 8–10 years require 1 participating adult per 4 children

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VAN DU VIN

Discover the beauty and diversity of the Canberra Wine District with Van Du Vin private winery tours. Offering bespoke experiences, Van Du Vin curates memorable journeys from the vineyards to the table, crafting each tour to reflect the unique tastes, preferences and interests of the guests.

Tours feature smaller boutique cellar doors where guests can engage with the wine makers and owners directly and enjoy expert insights from passionate locals who really understand the beauty and terroir of the Canberra Wine District.

In Australia's winter months, wine tours can be enhanced with the culinary adventure of a truffle hunt, which combines the pleasure of savouring the rare, exquisite and truffle flavour with seasonal produce and local wines.

Tours range from half-day to full-day long lunch experiences with a seasonal truffle experience available.

With a commitment to excellence and personalised service, the motto is simple: provide the best experience at every moment for our guests.





HIGHLIGHTS

- Private tours
- Half-day or full-day tours available
- Groups catered for
- Hotel pick up and drop off
- French language guide available
- All wine tasting costs and lunch included
- Led by wine-obsessed guide

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THE DETAIL

Découverte Tour

- Casual vineyard lunch
- 3 cellar door tastings
- 5 hours

Long Lunch Tour

- Multi-course restaurant lunch at a vineyard
- 3 cellar door tastings
- 6 hours

Lux Tour Du Vin

- Multi-course restaurant lunch at a vineyard
- 4 cellar door tastings with extras
- 7–8 hours

Winter Truffle Hunt and Canberra Wineries Tours

- Guided truffle hunt AND
- 3 cellar door tastings
- 3-course truffle brunch, 7 – 8 hours
OR casual vineyard lunch, 6 hours
- June to August, weekends only

General

- Minimum 2 pax
- Destinations vary with seasons

Getting to Canberra

Canberra is the capital city of Australia, situated inland between the cities of Sydney and Melbourne.

Flights

International flights connect to **Canberra Airport** from various destinations. Canberra Airport is serviced by Qatar Airways, Fiji Airways, Qantas, Virgin Australia, Link Airways, Fly Pelican and Jetstar.

Canberra is less than 2 hours flying time from many eastern Australian cities making it easy to add to any Australian itinerary.

Find out more at canberraairport.com.au

Drive or coach

Australia's capital is a 3-hour drive from Sydney and 8-hour drive from Melbourne on major highways. There are scenic route alternatives to visit country towns along the way. The **Sydney Melbourne Inland Discovery Drive** is a historic route of colourful Australian stories and serene landscapes.

Bus and coach services operate to and from Canberra from the Snowy Mountains, the south coast, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and beyond.

Check routes, prices and timetables at murrays.com.au, greyhound.com.au, flixbus.com.au, deanetransport.com.au or horizoncoachcharter.com.au.

Train

A daily train service departs from Sydney Central Station and travels to Canberra via the Southern Highlands, Goulburn and Bungendore. Terminating at the Canberra Railway Station in Kingston, the trip takes about 4.5 hours.

Check timetables and book online through **Transport NSW** at transportnsw.info/plan/places-to-visit/canberra

While there is no direct Canberra to Melbourne rail service, it is possible to catch the train to Albury and then be transferred by coach. Find timetables and booking information from **Public Transport Victoria** (transport.vic.gov.au) for the Canberra to Melbourne (via Albury) route. Alternately, catch the Melbourne to Sydney train and transfer to the Canberra train from the Goulburn railway station.

Getting around Canberra

It is easy and cost-effective to get around Canberra.

Bus or light rail

For easy public transportation throughout the city, Canberra's public **bus** and **light rail** network operates daily. Canberra's iconic sights can also be seen via a seat-in-coach highlights tour with **Canberra Guided Tours**.

Find routes and timetables at **Transport Canberra**
transport.act.gov.au/getting-around.

Cycle or e-scooter

Canberra has an extensive network of cycle paths and off-road mountain bike trails. There are many ways to hire a **bike** to enjoy the scenic side of Australia's capital on two wheels. Hiring an **e-scooter** is another great way to get around the city and surrounds. Follow the local road rules.

Hire e-scooters and helmets from the
[Canberra and Region Visitors Centre](#).

Driving

With plenty of parking, no tollways and very little congestion, driving around Canberra by car is one of the best ways to experience all the city has to offer. Many attractions are centrally located, often within a short 5–10 minute drive of each other. Follow the local road rules.

Various **taxi cabs** and **ride sharing** services are available.
Hire a car from a car rental company at [Canberra Airport](#).
Book a **private vehicle transfer** to and from the airport,
or for getting around Canberra.

Canberra and Region Visitors Centre

Book last minute tickets and get the latest advice about what is happening in Canberra from the friendly team at the Canberra and Region Visitors Centre. Hire a bike or e-scooter, get directions or plan a complete itinerary. Shop for local produce, handcrafted gifts, books and popular souvenirs. Free Wi-Fi available.

An attraction in its own right, the **Canberra and Region Visitors Centre** is centrally located at Regatta Point overlooking Lake Burley Griffin, with sweeping views of the capital's national attractions.

Regatta Point, Barrine Drive, Parkes ACT.

Phone **1300 554 114** (if calling from overseas use **+61 2 6205 0044**).

Open 9am to 5pm weekdays; 9am to 4pm weekends and public holidays; closed Christmas Day.



Why is Canberra worth a visit?

Canberra was designed to be a city unlike any other. Australia's national capital is modern, engaging and beautiful.

- It is common to see wildlife, including kangaroos, within suburban areas.
- Home to 12 of Australia's most iconic cultural attractions, museums and galleries.
- Known for four distinct seasons of colour and wonder.
- More than half of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) is made up of natural conservation areas and national parks.
- Spoilt for choice when it comes to dining, breweries and cool-climate wineries.
- Regularly ranked as one of the best cities in which to live (and visit).
- A multicultural town, with almost a third of Canberra's population being born overseas.
- Only hours from coastal towns, snowfields and other major Australian cities.

The capital of Australia

Designed by American architects Walter and Marion Burley Griffin in the early 1900s as part of an international competition, Canberra is a capital city planned within the surrounding hills and valleys. It is one of the only places in the world where visitors can watch democracy in action at **Australian Parliament House**, fly in a **hot air balloon** over all parts of the city, and explore **Australia's cultural story** through art, sculpture, books, film, objects and artefacts. Canberra is home to some of Australia's most prestigious cultural attractions.

A natural wonder

Many locals call Canberra the 'bush capital', embracing its slower pace and enviable lifestyle. Surrounded by bush, nature parks and protected areas, the environment is easy to access and explore. It's common to see native Australian wildlife – especially kangaroos – in and around the city and suburbs. Visitors can discover waterfalls, gorges, rivers, lookouts and snow-capped mountains. Many nature reserves and **Namadgi National Park** feature distinctive native Australian flora and fauna. Extensive walking tracks and riding trails are available to reach the best spots (including guided tours), or enter natural wonderlands within the city at the **National Arboretum Canberra** and the **Australian National Botanic Gardens**.

Something for everyone

From family fun to romantic getaways, the variety on offer in Canberra will surprise. Families can explore parks, playgrounds and picnic spots, or visit one of many kid-friendly attractions to defy gravity, hold a reptile, chat with a monkey, ride a train or make a coin. For solo or couple travellers, there are special stays 'off the grid', local artisan markets to explore, art and culture to appreciate, and nightlife to enjoy. Many options appeal to everyone, like behind-the-scenes tours, seasonal dining, or simply gazing at the clear, starry night skies.

Delicious food and wine

Canberra's food and wine scene is recognised for its considered use of fresh, local produce combined with inspiration from the world's cuisines. Dining options cover awarded restaurants to casual eateries and everything in between. There are restaurants, cafes and breweries that can fit effortlessly into any itinerary. The region is home to 140 vineyards and more than 50 boutique wineries within 35 minutes' drive of Canberra's city centre. For something extra special, visitors can try unearthing premium black truffles with specially trained truffle-hunting dogs in winter.

Seasons and weather

The beauty of Canberra's weather is that it is distinct across every season. Temperatures in **summer** average a maximum of around 28°C and drop to an average of 13°C in **winter**. Winter nights can drop to below 0°C. Humidity levels are typically low. Given the city's average elevation is 570 m (1,870 feet), frosts are common in winter however the days are still sunny. **autumn** (average maximum 20°C) is an impressive time where the changing leaves result in beautiful hues of orange, red, yellow and purple. **spring** (average maximum 21°C) is particularly pleasant with many of the city's flowers and blossom trees sprouting to life. At all times, Canberra tends to be known for clean, fresh air and stunning blue skies.

Calendar of events

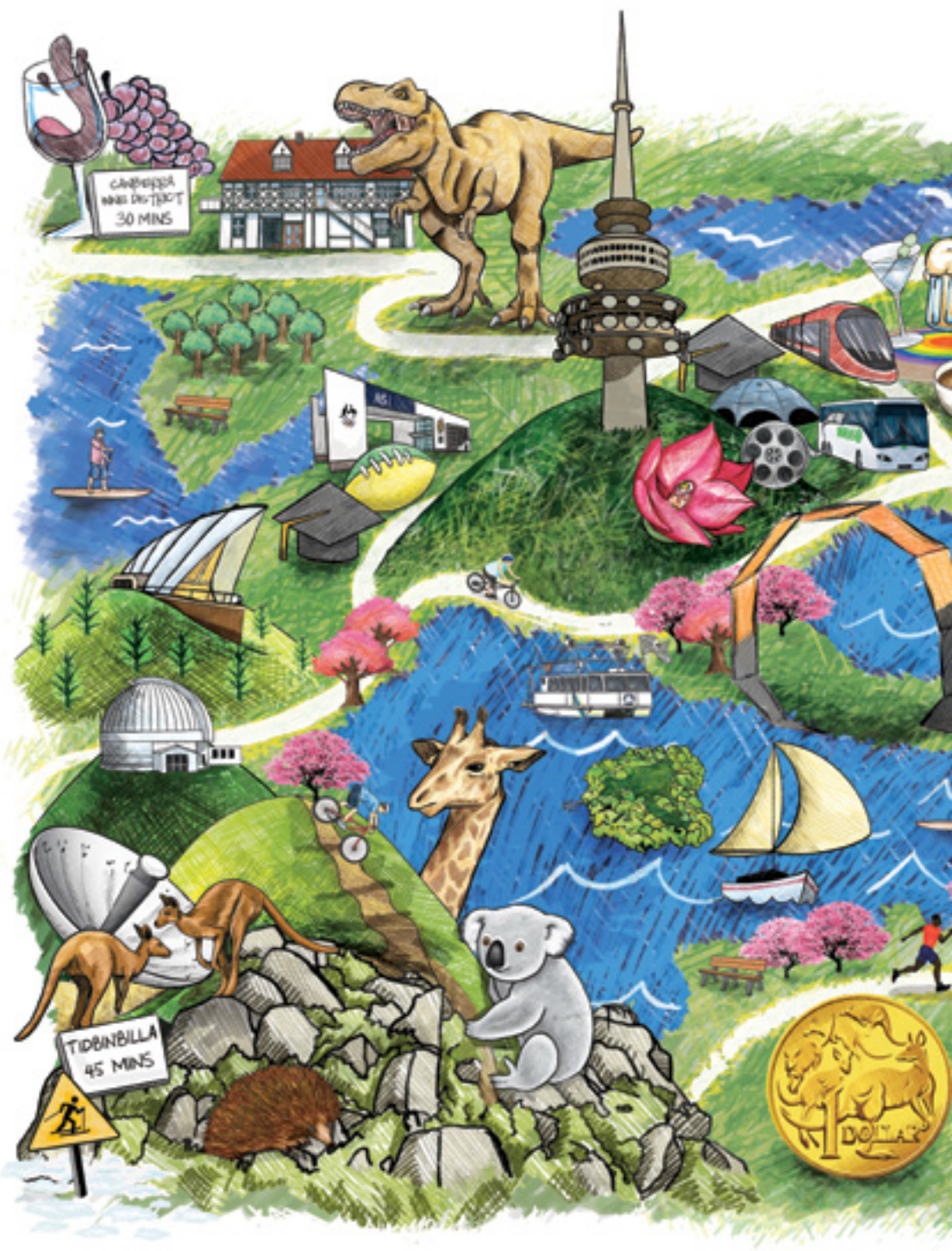
Events breathe even more life into the capital. There is a calendar of fun, entertaining and family-friendly activities and festivals that offer something for all interests. In March, the **Enlighten Festival** illuminates autumn and it is when Canberra celebrates its birthday. In September and October, glorious **Floriade** showcases the vibrancy of spring. Some of the nation's major exhibitions arrive in summer, along with car festivals. Throughout the year, Canberra hosts many sporting events for cricket, rugby league, rugby union, tennis and Australian Football League (AFL).

Hotel tips

As the seat of government, Parliament is in session in Canberra approximately 70 days per year. During these times, hotels have a high occupancy from Monday to Thursday. Adding Canberra to an itinerary works well over a weekend to take advantage of the lower weekend hotel rates compared to other Australian capital cities.

Explore the region

Canberra's location makes it a perfect destination as part of a Sydney or Melbourne itinerary. Whether flying or self-driving, Canberra is as an ideal stop-over for a few days or longer. Given its proximity to beaches and mountains, it serves as a gateway to the stunning **south coast** and **Snowy Mountains**, which are both about 2.5 hours' drive away. Within Canberra's region are lovely country towns with their own charm and history, including Murrumbateman, Yass, Collector, Goulburn and Bungendore





Looking for more information about Canberra?

There are a number of resources to assist you.

For up-to-date information such as brochures about our destination, our trade ready products, suggested itineraries, images and more, please visit our Trade Hub, trade.visitcanberra.com.au.

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