# **3 NIGHT ITINERARY**

# CANBERRA HIGHLIGHTS

Nestled between mountains and surrounded by bushland, Canberra is the perfect addition to an Australian east-coast itinerary. Discover some of Australia's finest seasonal dining, coffee that has won awards around the world, wildlife spotting, and expertly guided behind-thescenes tours, all in Australia's capital, Canberra.

Lake Burley Griffin

## DAY 1

Arrive in Canberra, Australia's national capital.

#### MORNING – The heart of the nation

Appreciate democracy in action at Australia's **Parliament House**. Join the **Best of Parliament** tour (booking required, departs 10am, 45min, \$) to experience the mustsee highlights such as the Great Hall, architectural features, the chambers, and significant artworks. Open daily, free general admission.

#### ▼ Drive 5-minutes / 3km.

With waterfront views of Lake Burley Griffin, enjoy lunch at The Marion overlooking many of Canberra's cultural attractions and Commonwealth Park. Visit the Canberra and Region Visitors Centre right next door for more inspiration and to pick up some exquisite local products.

Drive 4-minutes / 2km.

#### AFTERNOON – Discover rich culture

Visit the **National Gallery of Australia** to enjoy the world's largest collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, a significant Australian and international collection, and Sculpture Garden. A guided **Collection Tour** (departs 1pm, 1 hour, free) will provide unique insight into the highlights at the gallery. Open daily, 10am–5pm, admission is free with an online booking..

#### ▼ Drive 11-minutes / 9 km.

Join an expert guide for an engaging private tour *A Place to Remember* (booking required, confirm time upon booking, 90min, \$) at the **Australian War Memorial** and connect with powerful stories of courage, mateship, and devotion told through the exhibits and collections. Stay and participate in the moving *Last Post Ceremony* which commemorates a person form the Roll of Honour every day at 4.30pm. Open daily, free general admission.



Australian Parliament House

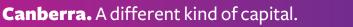


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#### EVENING – A foodie paradise

 Choose from one of the many featured restaurants, discover
 Canberra's nightlife and enjoy a nightcap and live jazz at Molly.





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Balloon Aloft, Lake Burley Griffi

# DAY 2

#### MORNING – For the best views in town

Start the day at dawn in a hot air
balloon with **Balloon Aloft** (booking required, departing 5am summer
/ 6am winter, 3-4 hour total tour
time, \$) and bask in stunning dawn
colours - part exhilarating, part
relaxing, this is one of the best ways
to view the lake, city and mountain
ranges.

#### ▼ Drive 11-minutes / 9 km

In a beautifully landscaped setting, at the **National Zoo & Aquarium**, view native and exotic wildlife from around the world, from cuddly koalas, curious meerkats, cheeky monkeys to the giant cats and towering giraffes. For a memorable and thrilling experience, get up close and personal with your favorite animal in a **Close Encounter** (booking required, times vary, \$). Open daily, 9.30am–5pm, entry fee applies.

#### ▼ Drive 14-minutes / 13 km

Sit back and relax at **Beltana Farm** for a paddock to plate lunch offering a sophisticated rural experience within the city (Thursday to Sunday).

#### AFTERNOON – See native Australian animals

Canberra is a city surrounded by nature. Join the **Best of Wildlife** tour (booking required, departs 1pm winter / 3pm summer, 4 hours, \$) to learn about and spot kangaroos, koalas, emus, and platypus at the peaceful **Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. Canberra Guided Tours** also offer bespoke private tours.

#### **EVENING** – A night at the theatre

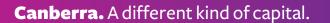
 Choose from one of the many featured restaurants, discover Canberra's nightlife. The Canberra Theatre offers a curated selection of international and Australian performances spanning from block buster musicals, theatre, comedy, and dance. Finish with a nightcap at one of Canberra's best hidden bars.















### DAY 3

#### MORNING – Explore the senses

- Kick start the day with a fresh brew

   head to Braddon for inner city
   cafes such as Harvest or Lonsdale

   Street Roasters.
  - Drive 13-minutes / 8.5 km

#### Take in the views

 Enjoy some of the best panoramic views across the city at the National Arboretum Canberra. The inspiring Village Centre is a great spot for morning tea after exploring the many forests, the Forest Sculpture Gallery, the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia and the National Rock Garden. Open daily, free general admission.



#### AFTERNOON – Savour the wine region

- The Canberra Wine District celebrates over 40 cellar doors within 35 minutes from the city centre, where you can explore, sip, and savour the essence of this unique cool climate wine region. Join Van du Vin for a private half day 5 hour Découverte Tour (bookings required, departs 10.30am, 5 hours,\$) visiting three local wineries, wine tastings and wood fire pizza lunch.
- Enjoy the stunning colours of a Canberra afternoon on a selfdrive electric powered **GoBoat** on **Lake Burley Griffin** for a lazy afternoon – preorder drinks and cheese platter to go. Available daily, times and prices vary.



#### **EVENING** – When the sun goes down

- Leaving just before sunset, enjoy a *Twilight Tour* at Mulligans Flat
   Woodland Sanctuary

   (booking required, 2 hours, Friday and Saturdays,
   \$) for a spotlighting journey in the predator proof sanctuary through woodlands to learn about the conservation programs for the Eastern Quoll and Eastern Bettong.
- Then liven up the evening with a cocktail and late dinner at one of Canberra's many inner city bars.



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She Shapes History

### DAY 4

#### MORNING – Spies and social history

- For a different take on history, join She Shapes History, Badass
   Women of Canberra: The Women who shaped Canberra
   walking tour (bookings required, depart 10am, 2-hours, Fri-Sun, \$) who bring history to life by unearthing secrets and stories from unassuming public sites.
- To continue the social history of Canberra and Australia, the iconic Art Deco **Museum of Australian Democracy** (Old Parliament House) is a living museum of social and political history reflecting on democratic values, political and social rights through exhibitions, political cartoons, and hands on family fun. Open daily, 9am–5pm, free general admission.
  - ▼ Drive 6-minutes / 4 km

#### AFTERNOON – Stories of Australia

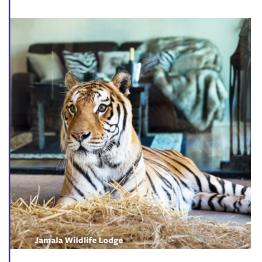
 Enjoy lakeside dining at the National Museum of Australia café and browse the Museum shop before traversing the vast, vibrant Australian continent in the *Great Southern Land* tour (bookings required, departs 2pm, 45min, \$) of the environmental history gallery. Open daily, 9am–5pm, free general admission, fees may apply.

### WANT TO EXTEND YOUR STAY?

EVENING — Indulge for a night at Jamala Wildlife Lodge!

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- For the ultimate overnight safari experience in Canberra, check in to Jamala Wildlife Lodge at 1pm in time for afternoon tea and a private tour of the National Zoo & Aquarium.
- After an afternoon of exploring the zoo, enjoy an exclusive experience along with selected special guests, such as white lions, for predinner drinks followed by a four-course dinner party with wine and champagne in a rainforest cave. Retire to a luxury treehouse or garden pavilion adjoining animal enclosures.
- After waking to the roar of lions or a curious giraffe at your verandah, enjoy an a la carte breakfast and guided tour.



### MARKETS TO EXPLORE

Canberra Region Farmers Market (Saturday's) Little Burley Market (Saturday's) Haig Park Markets (Sunday's) Old Bus Depot Markets (Sunday's)

### DINING SUGGESTIONS

Akiba, Bar Rochford, Vincent, Onzime, Monster, Raku, 86, Inka

### HOTEL SUGGESTIONS

The Avenue, Midnight Hotel, Hotel Kurrajong, QT, Little National, Ovolo Nishi, Novotel, Hyatt Hotel

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