

CANBERRA HIGHLIGHTS

Lake Burley Griffin

DAY 1

- Book a **Canberra Secrets Personalised Tour** to appreciate the many hidden gems within the national attractions on a full or half day tour. Or join the **Canberra Guided Tours** team for an enthusiastic introduction to Australia's national capital.
- Take a lap around (or on) magical **Lake Burley Griffin**. Hire portable Brompton bicycles from the **Canberra and Region Visitors Centre** or learn to Segway with **SegGlideRide**. Better yet, join a classic **MV Southern Cross Cruise** to take in the surrounding sights, spin your legs on a colourful **Capital Paddle Boat** or indulge in an decadent picnic aboard a Scandinavian **GoBoat**.
- Explore the impressive and thought-provoking collections of art and history at both the **National Portrait Gallery** and the **National Gallery of Australia**. Located adjacent to each other, you can spend your morning uncovering highlights including national portrait prize winners and the famous 'Blue Poles' by Jackson Pollock. From 12.30–2pm daily, walk through Fujiko Nakaya's moody fog sculpture in the Sculpture Garden.
- Only 35 minutes from Canberra's city you can sample cool climate wines from the **Canberra district wine region**. Pair a tempting drop with exceptional cheese platters and chocolates. With 30 cellar doors to choose from, drop in for a friendly experience.
- Finish the day with a perfect sunset at **National Arboretum Canberra** — home to 20km of walking tracks and botanic beauty.



National Gallery of Australia



Brodburger

DAY 2

- Go behind-the-scenes at Australia's **Parliament House**. You can watch Question Time when Parliament is in session. Marvel at the architecture, explore the impressive marble foyer, wander the gardens and enjoy the world-class artworks. Spend a moment hunting for the Halley's Comet in the legendary Bayeux Tapestry within the magnificent Great Hall. You can also take a free guided tour or purchase a private behind-the-scenes option.
- On Saturdays and Sundays, join an relaxed brewery tour at **Capital Brewing Co**. The team will show you how they turn malt, hops, water and yeast into tasty beers! Then sip a cold ale while you devour a hearty **Brodburger** in the beer garden.
- Walk or drive up to **Mount Ainslie Lookout** for spectacular views across Canberra's bush vista. Listen for the native birds and see the wildlife.
- The **Australian War Memorial** is a special highlight for all visitors. It is a world-class museum, shrine and research centre, with something for all ages. You can also see many memorials along **Anzac Parade**. Stay until 4.55pm for the moving daily Last Post Ceremony to commemorate a fallen hero.

Shaw Vineyard



DAY 3

- Each Sunday, the famous **Old Bus Depot Markets** serves up delicious local treats – food, clothing, jewellery, gifts and much more. Find a handcrafted keepsake as you soak up the buzzing atmosphere.
- Watch a professional glass artist at work at **Canberra Glassworks**. See a contemporary glass exhibition or browse the Gather shop – home to wonderful handmade glass creations. You can even book in to make your own unique glass paperweight.
- Experience fine dining at **Wild Duck** at Kingston Foreshore. Order a banquet yum-cha style lunch with traditional Peking duck and delicious basil chilli squid. For the ultimate food journey, try the chef's special degustation menu.
- Learn about Australia's coin production through the years at the **Royal Australian Mint**. Watch the robots on the factory floor or wander the galleries to view rare and significant coins. Mint your own coin as a souvenir!
- Everything is a highlight from the moment you enter the bright Gandel Atrium at the **National Museum of Australia**. Start with a guided tour for insights into the galleries and treasures that form part of Australia's cultural heritage. Take time to read the stories and learn more about our country's defining moments. The café, with stunning views of the lake, offer locally-made cakes, tasty coffee and daily meal specials.



Old Bus Depot Markets

DAY 4

- Hike or follow the numerous walking trails at **Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve**. Grab a map from the visitor centre when you arrive. This is your best opportunity to see native animals in their natural habitats. Keep a look out for kangaroos, koalas, emus, platypus, birdlife and reptiles. Find the Southern Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby with its long, dark tail — Tidbinbilla is the only place in the ACT you can see these animals in the wild.
- Be amazed at **Gibraltar Falls** within Namadgi National Park. Hike upstream from Woods Reserve to find a secluded and serene spot for a picnic or barbecue.
- Discover **Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex**, which is home to large antenna dishes as part of NASA's Deep Space Network. In fact, it's the largest antenna complex in the southern hemisphere! Find out how the centre tracks the solar system and its role in understanding space.
- In summer, ride the exciting 1.2km alpine slide at **Corin Forest** or build a snowman in winter. Warm up in the lodge with a hot drink by the open fire.
- Indulge in the stunning surrounds of **Pialligo Estate** for lunch or dinner. The dramatic pavilion is the centrepiece of the estate and serves up exceptional seasonal meals featuring produce from their farm, smokehouse and vineyard. Take a tour of the orchard and olive grove while you're there.

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve



DINING SUGGESTIONS

Braddon

Rye Café, eightysix, Italian and Sons, Eighty/Twenty Food, Lonsdale Street Roasters

NewActon

Mocan and Green Grout, Morning Glory, Rebel Rebel, Monster Kitchen and Bar, Parlour Wine Room

Manuka

Urban Pantry, Typica Manuka, Abell's Kopi Tiam, Belluci's, Patissez

Kingston

Silo Bakery and Cafe, Penny University, Local Press, Bean & Table, Morks

City Centre

Raku, Akiba, Sage, Temporada, Briscola Pizzeria