

# CANBERRA

## EXPERIENCE GUIDE



Whether it's award-winning restaurants and wineries, iconic museums and galleries or breathtaking outdoor adventures featuring Australian wildlife, **everything is just moments away** in Canberra, Australia's capital.

Ensure your clients experience the very best of Canberra with this snapshot of must-do experiences, events and places to stay.





## DID YOU KNOW?

- The name Canberra is believed to mean “meeting place” in the Ngunnawal language, one of several Indigenous languages spoken in the district by Aboriginal people before European settlement.
- Nestled conveniently between Sydney and Melbourne, Australia’s vibrant, multicultural capital city is home to around 390,000 people.
- Canberra is only a short three-hour drive (or 40-minute flight) from Sydney and an hour flight from Melbourne.
- Singapore Airlines operates a daily service from Singapore to Canberra (SQ288). Flying a new Boeing 777-300ER, the service includes a short transit in Sydney inbound, which enables passengers to stopover for a night or two before heading to Canberra, creating a multi-city stay on one ticket.
- Qatar Airways operates a daily service between Doha and Canberra on the airline’s award-winning Boeing 777-300 aircraft. It connects Canberra to its global network of more than 150 destinations, including more than 40 in Europe.
- Most of Canberra’s attractions are within a 15-minute drive of the city centre. With no tolls, minimal traffic and plenty of parking, Canberra is a perfect self drive destination.
- More than half of the Australian Capital Territory is made up of nature reserves, national parkland or state forest making Canberra a nature lover’s paradise. Canberra is often described as a city within a park, or referred to as the ‘bush capital’.
- Canberra is home to award-winning bars, restaurants, chefs, winemakers and baristas.

# TOURS AND EXPERIENCES



## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Enjoy a guided walk or breakfast with the birds at the only place in the world you'll see this diversity of Australian native plants in one location.

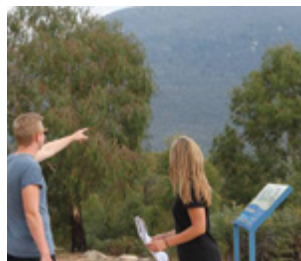
**Open daily** with free admission  
Guided tours available



## AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Bringing together a world-class museum, a shrine and an extensive archive, the Australian War Memorial is a moving and insightful experience for both young and old.

**Open daily** with free admission  
Guided tours available



## BLUE SKIES ADVENTURE TOURS

Offering a range of Canberra city half-day tours, nature walks and camping and hiking adventures.

**Tours operate:** Daily



## CANBERRA BIKE TOURS

Explore the historical, political, artistic and cultural sites of Canberra on a guided bike tour (4-5 hours).

**Tours operate:** Daily on request



## CANBERRA GLASSWORKS

Take a self-guided tour, experience glassmaking, and discover some of Canberra's heritage at this contemporary glass centre, the only one of its kind in Australia.

**Tours operate:** Wed-Sun



## CANBERRA GUIDED TOURS

Small group, expert guided tours in and around Canberra to suit different interests, and can provide customised tours.

**Tours operate:** Daily





## CANBERRA HELICOPTERS

Enjoy a scenic flight over Canberra and the surrounding region.

**Tours operate:** Daily



## CANBERRA SECRETS

Canberra Secrets are personalised tours that provide you with a true local perspective of what makes this city tick.

**Tours operate:** Daily on request



## CANBERRA WINERY TOURS

Choose a full-day or half-day tailor made tour for singles, couples or groups. You'll be expertly guided through wine tastings at three to five cellar doors and stop for lunch.

**Tours available:** on request



## CAPITAL BREWING CO

Come behind the scenes of Canberra's newest brewery, and see how they turn malt, hops, water and yeast into delicious beer and sample any of the 12 brews made on-premise in front of your eyes. Tour bookings essential.

**Tours operate:** Sat and Sun



## COCKINGTON GREEN GARDENS

Venture into this delightful and fascinating display of meticulously crafted miniature buildings set within beautifully-landscaped gardens.

**Open daily**



## DAVE'S BREWERY TOURS

Canberra's only specialist craft beer and micro brewery tour operator, Dave's Brewery Tours takes you inside the city's finest breweries.

**Tours operate:** Wed-Sun

# TOURS AND EXPERIENCES



## DHARWRA INDIGENOUS TOURS

Join Dharwra Aboriginal Cultural Tours on a journey back in time to become a part of 'The Dreaming'.

**Tours operate:** Daily on request



## EAT CANBERRA FOOD TOURS

Eat your way around (restaurant hop) and sample a range of food and drinks at some hot spots and hidden gems of Canberra.

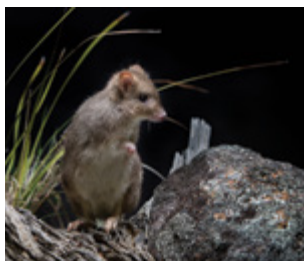
**Tours operate:** Saturdays



## GOBOAT CANBERRA

Hire a self-drive, sustainable, electric picnic boat and enjoy exploring Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin and city centre from a different angle. Boat license not required.

**Open daily**  
Closed in winter



## MULLIGANS FLAT WOODLAND SANCTUARY

Take a journey into Mulligans Flat at night to rediscover Canberra's lost wildlife.

**Tours operate:** Wed and Fri



## MV SOUTHERN CROSS CRUISES

Enjoy the ever changing views of Canberra's famous landmarks and the beautiful shores of Lake Burley Griffin from the MV Southern Cross.

**Tours operate:** Daily



## NATIONAL DINOSAUR MUSEUM

The National Dinosaur Museum has one of the largest displays of dinosaurs and prehistoric life in Australia.

**Open daily**



## NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

Delight in the art and world-class exhibitions on show at the gallery, on the shores of Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin.

**Open daily** with free admission  
Guided tours available



## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Australia's stories come alive at the National Museum of Australia, on the shores of Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin.

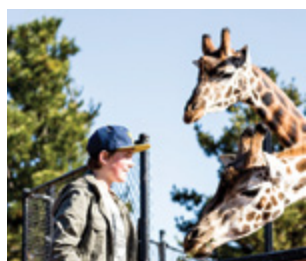
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## NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Explore portraiture and come face to face with Australian identity, history, culture, creativity and diversity.

**Open daily** with free admission  
Guided tours available



## NATIONAL ZOO & AQUARIUM

Get up close and personal with some of the world's most amazing creatures and Australian wildlife. Pat a cheetah, feed a bear or become acquainted with a meerkat!

**Open daily**



## PARLIAMENT HOUSE

See democracy in action at Australia's iconic Parliament House high on Capital Hill.

**Open daily** with free admission  
Group guided tours available by pre-arrangement



## PIALLIGO ESTATE CANBERRA

Sit back, relax and take in the picturesque Pialligo Estate Garden Pavilions, a sensational food, wine and lifestyle destination.

**Farm tours operate:** Daily



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## QUESTACON

Free-fall down a six-metre slide, freeze your own shadow and experience an earthquake at Questacon — The National Science and Technology Centre.  
**Open daily**



## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT

Visit the Royal Australian Mint to learn the stories behind every Australian coin.

**Open daily** with free admission  
Guided tours available



## SEG GLIDE RIDE

Discover Lake Burley Griffin's foreshore, famous landmarks and iconic buildings on a guided segway riding experience.

**Tours operate:** Daily



## SUNRISE HOT AIR BALLOONING

With 30 years' experience conducting balloon flights over Canberra, Balloon Aloft are among the leaders in commercial hot air ballooning.

**Flights operate:** Daily



## THE TRUFFLE FARM TRUFFLE HUNTS

Join Jayson and Australia's best truffle dog team on an exhilarating truffle hunt experience.

**Tours operate:** Daily from June to August



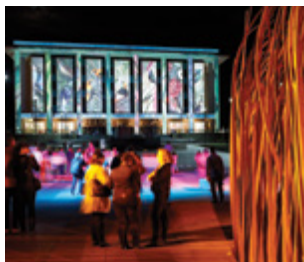
## WILDFEST® AT TIDBINBILLA

Experience Canberra's premier wildlife sanctuary like never before with the ultimate glamping experience.

**Operates seasonally**  
Groups on request



# EVENTS



## ENLIGHTEN

See Canberra in a different light during Autumn as the city's national attractions open their doors after-dark to host an array of exclusive events and surprising experiences.

**When:** March



## BALLOON SPECTACULAR

Held over nine days each Autumn, the Canberra Balloon Spectacular sees dozens of hot air balloons take to the skies against the picturesque backdrop of our national attractions.

**When:** March



## ANZAC DAY AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Take part in the national Anzac Day ceremony or experience the Dawn Service, a moving tribute commemorating those who have served and died in war.

**When:** 25 April



## CANBERRA TRUFFLE FESTIVAL

The Truffle Festival — Canberra Region is the ultimate foodie festival. Each year during Winter, exclusive events are held across the region highlighting the rare Black Winter Truffle.

**When:** June–Aug



## FLORIADE

Each September Floriade celebrates the return of spring with one million blooms and a 30-day program of entertainment and festivity showcasing the best in horticulture, landscaping and design.

**When:** Sept–Oct

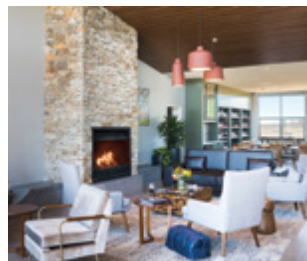


## FLORIADE NIGHTFEST

Commonwealth Park comes to life after dark for Floriade NightFest — a magical evening event featuring spectacular lighting, live music, comedy, night markets and roving entertainment.

**When:** Over five nights during Floriade

# HOTELS



## ABODE MURRUMBATEMAN

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Total Rooms:** 50 guest rooms

**Location:** Murrumbateman

**Close to:** Cellar doors, Murrumbateman Village Centre



## ADINA SERVICED APARTMENTS

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 128 guest rooms

**Location:** Dickson

**Close to:** Exhibition Park, Braddon dining precinct



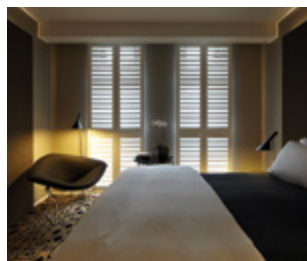
## AVENUE HOTEL CANBERRA

**Rating:** 5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 213 guest rooms and apartments

**Location:** Braddon

**Close to:** Bars, restaurants, shopping, city centre, Canberra Theatre



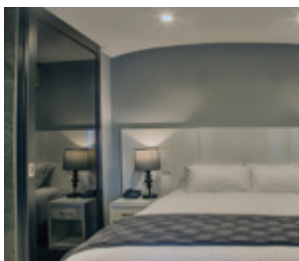
## BURBURY HOTEL & APARTMENTS

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 152 guest rooms and apartments

**Location:** Barton

**Close to:** Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia, Lake Burley Griffin, city centre



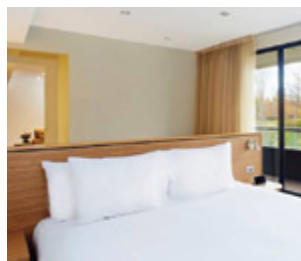
## CANBERRA REX HOTEL

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 146 guest rooms and apartments

**Location:** Braddon

**Close to:** Bars, restaurants, shopping, city centre, Canberra Theatre



## CROWNE PLAZA CANBERRA

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 240 guest rooms

**Location:** Canberra CBD

**Close to:** Bars, restaurants, Casino Canberra, shopping, Lake Burley Griffin, National Museum of Australia





## DIPLOMAT HOTEL

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Total Rooms:** 130 guest rooms

**Location:** Griffith

**Close to:** Manuka and Kingston, cafés, restaurants, Canberra Railway Station, Parliament House



## EAST HOTEL

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 140 guest rooms and apartments

**Location:** Kingston

**Close to:** Kingston Foreshore, Manuka, cafés, restaurants, Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia



## FORREST HOTEL & APARTMENTS

**Rating:** 3.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 114 guest rooms and apartments

**Location:** Forrest

**Close to:** Parliament House, Manuka, Shopping, National Gallery of Australia, Old Bus Depot Markets



## HOTEL REALM

**Rating:** 5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 163 guest rooms

**Location:** Barton

**Close to:** Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia, Lake Burley Griffin, city centre



## HYATT HOTEL CANBERRA

**Rating:** 5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 252 guest rooms and suites

**Location:** Yarralumla

**Close to:** Parliament House, Lake Burley Griffin, National Gallery of Australia, Questacon



## JAMALA WILDLIFE LODGE

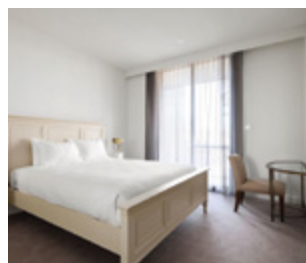
**Rating:** 5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 18 guest rooms

**Location:** Yarralumla

**Close to:** National Zoo & Aquarium, National Arboretum Canberra, Lake Burley Griffin

# HOTELS



## KNIGHTSBRIDGE CANBERRA

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 78 guest rooms and apartments

**Location:** Kingston

**Close to:** Bars, restaurants, Manuka Oval, Kingston Foreshore, Old Bus Depot Markets



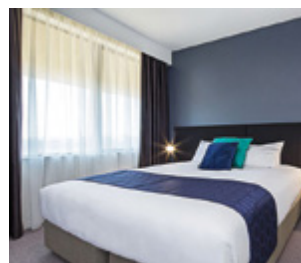
## LITTLE NATIONAL HOTEL

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Total Rooms:** 120 guest rooms

**Location:** Barton

**Close to:** Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia, Lake Burley Griffin, city centre



## MANTRA MACARTHUR HOTEL

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Total Rooms:** 176 guest rooms

**Location:** Turner

**Close to:** Braddon, Dickson, bars, restaurants, Australian War Memorial



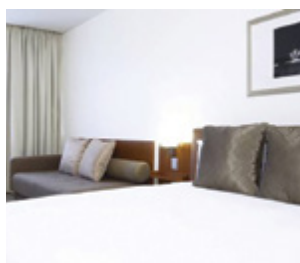
## MERCURE CANBERRA

**Rating:** 3.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 129 guest rooms

**Location:** Braddon

**Close to:** Mount Ainslie lookout, Australian War Memorial, Braddon, restaurants, bars



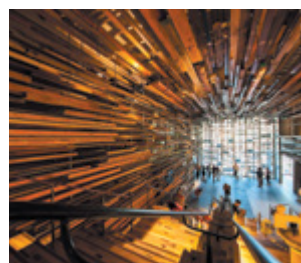
## NOVOTEL CANBERRA

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 286 guest rooms

**Location:** Canberra CBD

**Close to:** Bars, restaurants, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra Theatre, Questacon



## OVOLO NISHI

**Rating:** 5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 68 guest rooms

**Location:** NewActon

**Close to:** Bars, restaurants, city centre, Lake Burley Griffin, National Museum of Australia





## PARKLANDS HOTEL & APARTMENTS

**Rating:** 3.5 Star  
**Total Rooms:** 65 guest rooms  
**Location:** Dickson  
**Close to:** Australian War Memorial, restaurants, Braddon dining precinct

## PAVILION ON NORTHBOURNE

**Rating:** 4.5 Star  
**Total Rooms:** 156 guest rooms  
**Location:** Dickson  
**Close to:** Bars, restaurants, Braddon precinct, city centre

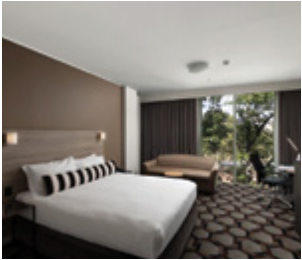
## PEPPERS GALLERY HOTEL

**Rating:** 4.5 Star  
**Total Rooms:** 85 guest rooms and apartments  
**Location:** NewActon  
**Close to:** Bars, restaurants, city centre, Lake Burley Griffin, National Museum of Australia



## QT CANBERRA

**Rating:** 4.5 Star  
**Total Rooms:** 205 guest rooms  
**Location:** NewActon  
**Close to:** Bars, restaurants, city centre, Lake Burley Griffin, National Museum of Australia



## RYDGES CAPITAL HILL

**Rating:** 4 Star  
**Total Rooms:** 186 guest rooms  
**Location:** Forrest  
**Close to:** Parliament House, Manuka, shopping, National Gallery of Australia, Old Bus Depot Markets



## VIBE HOTEL CANBERRA AIRPORT

**Rating:** 4.5 Star  
**Total Rooms:** 191 guest rooms  
**Location:** Canberra Airport  
**Close to:** Pialligo Estate, Mount Majura Winery, The Truffle Farm, city centre

# DISCOVER THE NEARBY COASTAL REGION



## CAPTAIN SPONGE'S MAGICAL OYSTER TOURS

Sample the world renowned Pambula Lake Sydney Rock oyster as fresh as can be — straight from the waters of the lake.

**Tours operate:** Daily



## EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM

The Eden Killer Whale Museum offers visitors the chance to discover the intriguing story of the unique working relationship between the whalers and killer whales of Twofold Bay.

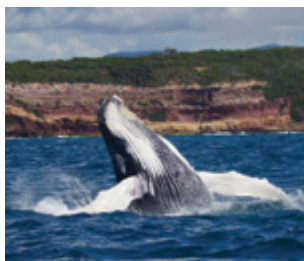
**Open daily**



## JERVIS BAY WILD

Jervis Bay is renowned for its natural beauty and extraordinary wildlife, such as dolphins, sea birds, seals and migrating whales (in season). Jervis Bay Wild offers a variety of whale and dolphin watching tours.

**Tours operate:** Daily



## MERIMBULA MARINA OCEAN ADVENTURE TOURS

Explore the beautiful Sapphire Coast aboard a Whale Watching Cruise, Discovery Cruise or Fishing Charter.

**Tours operate:** Daily during August to May



## REGION X

Region X provide a variety of guided kayak, hiking and cycling tours.

**Tours operate:** Daily



## SOUTH COAST SEAPLANES

South Coast Seaplanes provide beautiful scenic flights along the entire NSW South Coast. Take in the spectacular views of unspoilt beaches and mountains from above.

**Tours operate:** Daily



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## **LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CANBERRA?**

**There are a number of  
sources to assist you.**

Canberra's destination website is [visitcanberra.com.au](http://visitcanberra.com.au). The website provides information on things to see and do in Canberra as well as an online booking facility.

For trade related information such as brochures, images, itineraries and maps, please visit our Trade Hub, [tourism.act.gov.au/trade-hub](http://tourism.act.gov.au/trade-hub).



