

# Southern Highlands & Colours of Canberra Floriade



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6 Days / 5 Nights

**Tour Departs: Monday 28 September - Saturday 03 October 2020**



## Day 1. Mon 28 Sept: Brisbane - Canberra

**Lunch & Dinner**

This morning we meet at the Brisbane airport, where we check in for our flight to **Canberra**. On arrival at Canberra Airport we board our luxury coach and start our adventure, making our way to the hub of Australian politics, **Parliament House**, where we have the chance to see democracy in action on a guided tour. After enjoying the tour and lunch, we make our way to **Old Parliament House**, where decades of politics and passion echo through the corridors of the Museum of Australian Democracy, making it one of Australia's most memorable heritage attractions. We experience an atmosphere steeped in history, revisit dramatic events and enjoy the 1920's architecture and fine design. On our 45-minute guided tour, we discover how the building, spaces, objects and stories educate us on Australian democracy. After a busy day, we now make our way to our accommodation for check-in and a rest before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**Overnight: Golden Age Motor Inn Queanbeyan**

## Day 2. Tues 29 Sept: Canberra

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning we enjoy breakfast in the hotel, then make our way to the **National Museum of Australia**, situated on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin and it's here, we explore Australia's past, present and future along with its many cultures. Time now to enjoy a leisurely **Highlights Cruise on the waters of Lake Burley Griffin**, offering us great views of the many iconic buildings. After our cruise we travel to the **Australian Institute of Sport** and enjoy lunch before we are guided around the world class sports facility and perhaps catch a glimpse of our athletes in training. Our next stop today is at the **Royal Australian Mint** where we enjoy a 15 minute theatre presentation and a guided tour of the National Coin Collection. We then travel up to **Telstra Tower**, where we admire the sights of Canberra from high above. Later this afternoon we return to our accommodation and enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**Overnight: Golden Age Motor Inn Queanbeyan**

## Day 3. Wed 30 Sept: Canberra

**Breakfast, lunch & Dinner**

After another hearty breakfast, we make our way to **Commonwealth Park** to view and wander the magnificent **Canberra Floriade Display**, where the colour and scent is truly amazing! The Floriade Village provides us with crafts, gourmet foods, fashion, jewellery and garden gifts, creating a friendly carnival atmosphere. Whilst admiring the thousands of tulips, why not take the path to the splendid displays along Camellia Walk or the Rhododendron Glade. After our Floriade experience, we leave the park and travel out to **Tulip Top Gardens** for lunch and a browse of the gardens. These gardens were established in 1997 and are a world class exhibition of an astounding 500,000 tulips! The 10 acre garden of magnificent tulips, daffodils, and other spring flowers creates a spectacular display, with hundreds of blossom trees nestled amongst them, providing a magic pathway to the cascading waterfall and watercourse with classical music wafting through the air. We now visit the **Gold Creek Village and Cockington Green**, where one is captivated by the miniature replicas of a complete English village and buildings from around the world, set in a spectacular garden and floral display. Later in the day we return to our hotel and freshen up for dinner.

**Overnight: Golden Age Motor Inn Queanbeyan**



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#### Day 4. Thurs 1 Oct: Canberra

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after breakfast, we step inside **Canberra Glassworks**, an Australian gallery and glass art studio. Situated in the historic Kingston Power House, Canberra Glassworks combines spacious industrial cathedral interiors with the drama and thrill of glass blowing for a truly unforgettable experience. Our behind-the-scenes tour takes us on a journey of all things glass. After our guided tour and morning tea, we travel to Tidbinbilla and the **Canberra Space Centre**. Located on the grounds of the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex, we learn about the role that Australia plays in the exploration of space. We take in the magnificent views of the largest antenna complex in the southern hemisphere, see a piece of the moon that's over 3.8 billion years old and check out the latest images from Mars! We enjoy a movie on the history and future of space exploration and take a hands-on trip around the solar system, including our own galaxy. We enjoy lunch here, then it's time to visit the **Australian War Memorial**, where a 90 minute guided tour of the memorials galleries awaits us. Afterwards, we enjoy free time to stroll the facility or even inspect the Roll of Honour and explore our own family history! This world-class museum now has state-of-the-art display techniques to emphasise the stories of personal sacrifice. At the end of each day, commencing at 4.55pm, the Memorial farewells visitors with its moving Last Post Ceremony. The ceremony begins with the singing of the Australian National Anthem, followed by the poignant strains of a lament, played by a piper. The Roll of Honour in the Cloisters lists the names of more than 102,000 Australians who have given their lives in battle. At each ceremony, the story behind one of these names is told. The Ode is then recited and the ceremony ends with the moving sounds of the last post. Later we make our way back to our accommodation with some time to freshen up before dinner.

**Overnight: Golden Age Motor Inn Queanbeyan**

#### Day 5. Fri 2 Oct: Canberra - Bowral - Nowra

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning after breakfast, we bid Canberra farewell and travel to the delightful town of **Goulburn** for morning tea at a local cafe. It's time to reboard our coach and head to the Beautiful town of **Bowral**, where we experience the legend of Sir Donald Bradman at the **Bradman Museum**. We are able to relive the glories of Australian cricket and follow Sir Don's footsteps from birth to become the greatest cricketer of all time. The museum is not only a monument to the Don, but to the game itself. Right next door is the Bradman Oval, one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in the world, where the great man started his cricketing career. We have some free time to purchase lunch (own expense), before visiting the beautiful **Corbett Gardens** located in the heart of Bowral. The gardens are the centrepiece of Tulip Time which has over 100,000 tulips and 25,000 annuals on spectacular display. It's now time to make our way to the beautiful **Fitzroy Falls**, the highest waterfall in the highlands, plunging off the escarpment 81 metres down into the rainforest gullies below. The boardwalk offers magnificent views and there are several walks that may be taken, all starting from the Visitor Centre. Late afternoon is upon us, so it's time now to make our way through the Kangaroo Valley to our overnight destination, **Nowra**, where we check in for a well-deserved rest before dinner in the motel restaurant.

**Overnight: The Balan Village Motel Bomaderry**

#### Day 6. Sat 3 Oct: Nowra - Sydney - Brisbane

Breakfast & Lunch

We pack our bags this morning and enjoy our final breakfast together, before commencing the days touring at **Kiama**, taking in the **Kiama Blowhole**. We follow the coastline to **Berkeley** and our next stop, the **Nan Tien Temple**, the largest Buddhist Temple in the Southern Hemisphere and the second largest in the world, costing \$50 million dollars to construct. We also enjoy a guided tour and lunch at the temple. We now board our coach and travel to **Stanwell Park** where we enjoy the magnificent panoramic views from the **Bald Hill Lookout**. This coastal town was once the home of Lawrence Hargreaves, a pioneering aviator and the inventor of the box kite. It's now time to commence the final leg of our tour as we travel along the spectacular Sea Cliff Bridge on our way to Sydney airport, where we board our return flight home. We have the fondest of memories of our time away in Canberra and the Southern Highlands with Trade Travel.



**Tour Highlights:** Parliament House; Old Parliament House; National Museum of Australia; Lake Burley Griffin Cruise; Australian Institute of Sport; Royal Australian Mint; Telstra Tower; Commonwealth Park; Canberra Floriade Display; Tulip Top Gardens; Gold Creek Village & Cockington Green; Canberra Glassworks; Canberra Space Centre; Australian War Memorial; Bradman Museum; Corbett Gardens; Fitzroy Falls; Kiama Blowhole; Nan Tien Temple; Stanwell Park; Bald Hill Lookout and much more!

**Tour Price Includes:**

- Return economy flights Brisbane to Canberra and Sydney to Brisbane
- Luxury coach travel with seatbelts
- Quality motel accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (15)
- All entry fees & guides as per itinerary

**Tour Cost: \$1998.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$375.00)**

**Tour cost based on minimum 30 pax**

*The tour prices valid for travel in 2020. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

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**Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax**

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**PAYMENT DETAILS**

**\$200.00 DEPOSIT** with completed & signed booking forms to secure your place on this tour, no later than, Monday 11 May 2020

**FINAL PAYMENT** due by, Thursday 6 August 2020

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