

# Your journey starts here

## Canberra, Floriade & Tulip Time



### 7 Day Tour with Host

6 Nights from \$2,059\*pp – single supplement from \$502pp

20-26 September 2021

#### PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 6 night's accommodation,
- 6 dinners, 3 lunches, 4 cooked breakfasts
- Morning teas from the coach
- Luxury coach travel
- Fully escorted with driver and hostess
- Entries as per itinerary.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- No better, or prettier time to visit Canberra than in the Spring. Pretty when the city bursts with the colours of Floriade. The idea of Floriade was that of Christiaan Slotemaker de Bruine who was a landscape architect for the government, and wanted to do something magnificent to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Canberra in 1988. The Floriade display is the largest of its type in the Southern Hemisphere with over 150,000 annuals including 65,000 tulips and 20,000 daffodils. Whilst in the Nation's capital at this time of the year it would be remiss if we didn't continue with our floral holiday and also visit the Tulip Time festival in the Southern Highlands. No trip to Canberra would be complete without a visit to both, the old, and the new Parliament Houses, the National Museum and the Australian War Memorial for the Last Post Ceremony. To cap off this amazing tour we also partake in a truly unique opportunity and experience a guided tour of the gardens of Government House.

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# Your itinerary

## Canberra, Floriade & Tulip Tour

### 7 Day Hosted Tour

#### Group tour

**Day 1: Melbourne to Canberra** - Greeting our fellow travellers, soon to be friends, we hit the road with anticipation for our exciting escape to witness magic of Spring! Making great time we stop at the Albury Commercial Club to enjoy lunch before continuing through Holbrook; arriving at our nation's capital later this afternoon.

**Day 2: Explore Canberra** - This morning we enjoy a city tour, with the help of our local guide, we find out a few facts about our National Capital that we didn't know before! Then it's off to the National Museum of Australia. While inside, we uncover a museum dedicated in bringing together Australia's journey as our guide leads the way through tales of land, nation and its people. Afterwards, we purchase lunch at the Museum café overlooking the lake. This afternoon we pay tribute at the Australian War Memorial. Unveiling the sacrifices made by the women and men who served in war, we stay for the moving Last Post Ceremony before returning to our hotel.

**Day 3: Floriade & More** - We venture up Mt Ainslie lookout, where we will find the views across Lake Burley Griffin breathtaking. Then it's off to celebrate the most colourful time of year, Spring! Experience Floriade and feel nature's joy of renewal as you wander through the extensive displays of more than a million blossoming bulbs and annuals. Enjoying lunch at one of the many stalls we then

head to the National Library of Australia. Discover the history of this wonderful building where its origins go back to the early years after Australian Federation. Back at hotel we refresh before dinner.

**Day 4: Canberra & More** - Visit the Canberra Glass Works, Australia's only cultural centre that is wholly dedicated to contemporary glass art. Here we uncover the what it takes to be glass master before heading to the National Arboretum Canberra. Enjoying lunch in the café, you'll have plenty of time to explore – be sure to find the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection at the Visitor Centre. Experience Canberra the best way possible by gliding across Lake Burley Griffin in the stylish comfort of the MV Southern Cross. Soak up the stunning views and relax as the lake's picturesque shoreline effortlessly streams by. Today our cruise has a special added bonus – a guided tour through the gardens at Government House. Normally closed to visitors, Government House is only open several times a year and, on our cruise, we are fortunate that we can see the stunning gardens first hand. Afterwards, we leisurely make our way back to our motel, whilst taking a scenic drive through Canberra.

**Day 5: Tulip Time** - This morning we make our way into the Southern Highlands, home to some of the most beautiful gardens in the State. Here we find nestled at the base of Mount Gibraltar the pretty

little village of Bowral. Unearthing the centerpiece of the annual Tulip Time Festival, the Corbett Gardens we delight in a spectacular display of tulips and colourful springtime bulbs before continuing on to Moss Vale. Visiting the Red Cow Farm Garden, you'll discover a dream come true for anyone with a green thumb. Garden lovers can enjoy an amazing choice of gardens including a walled garden, vegetable garden, an orchard and more. Completing our visit, we then head back to Canberra.

**Day 6: Australian Democracy & Lanyon Homestead** - At the Museum of Australian Democracy, formerly known as the Old Parliament House, we discover a place of great beauty and historical significance as our guide leads us through the stories of this much-loved heritage building. After a unique glimpse into Australia's fascinating past, we make our way to Lanyon Homestead. At Lanyon Café, you will enjoy lunch while gazing at the Brindabella Mountains in the distance. Then it's off to experience the restored mid 1800s Lanyon homestead. Taking our guides hand, we discover the Convict-era outbuildings and explore the stunning gardens that make it the gem of Canberra's history. After a splendid final day touring Canberra, we head back to our hotel to relax before dinner.



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