

Southern Highlands-Canberra Discovery

Bowral Tulip Time - Canberra Floriade

With Trade Travel

7 Days / 6 Nights - Fully Escorted

Tour Departs: Saturday 27 September - Friday 3 October, 2025.



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Day 1. Sat 27 Sept: Brisbane/Melbourne/Adelaide - Sydney - Illawarra - Mittagong

Lunch & Dinner

Flight Details: Bris/Melb/Adel - Sydney (flight times to be advised)

After our morning flights to Sydney we board our coach and make our way down to the Illawarra and Southern Highlands. Enjoy the stunning views as our journey takes us via **Grand Pacific Drive, Bald Hill Lookout and the Sea Cliff Bridge** with a **stop for lunch** along the way. Our journey then continues up Macquarie Pass and through Robertson before arriving at the award-winning **Fitzroy Falls Visitor Centre**. From the centre it's a short walk to the **magnificent Fitzroy Falls**. After leaving the falls we head up to Mittagong for check in at the **Springs Resort Mittagong**. After settling into our rooms we enjoy dinner at the RSL Club next door to the resort.

Overnight Mittagong: Spring Resort Mittagong

Day 2. Sun 28 Sept: Bowral Tulip Time Festival - Southern Highlands

Breakfast & Dinner

We begin our day at the **Bradman Museum and The International Cricket Hall of Fame** which provides a cricket experience like no other and near-by we are free to take a stroll onto the **Bradman Oval** and take a selfie alongside **Bradman 'The Final Salute' Statue**. Next stop is at **Corbett Gardens**, home of **Tulip Time** featuring tulips, entertainment and stalls. The **spectacular displays of 80,000 mass planted tulips** pay homage to the enigmatic tulip – its range, shape, colour and allure. After some free time in Bowral to purchase lunch we head out to the **heritage Retford Park House and Garden**. After a guided tour of **James Fairfax's former home**, we can stroll the spectacular heritage gardens. This concludes our day before a relaxing dinner back at the RSL Club.

Overnight Mittagong: Spring Resort Mittagong

Day 3. Mon 29 Sept: Canberra

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after check out we begin our drive down to Canberra for our **Floriade Discovery Tour** that will have us visiting some of our nation's iconic landmarks. We travel via **Red Cow Farm Garden** where the 1820's cottage is surrounded by an abundant cottage garden of roses and perennials. Down in Canberra we arrive on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin for a **light lunch** in the **Walter Cafe** before touring the **National Capital Exhibition** which tells the Story of Canberra as the capital city of Australia. An essential first stop on any tour of Canberra its displays feature the people, events, history and design of this unique, modern, planned city. We then make our way up to the **Mount Ainslie Lookout** where one can appreciate the complexities of Canberra and see in panorama the design concepts translated into tangibles by Walter Burley Griffin. After a good introduction to the capital we travel around to our motel for our check in, freshen up and our welcome buffet dinner.

Overnight Canberra: Mercure Belconnen

Day 4. Tues 30 Sept: Canberra

Breakfast & Dinner

Our day in Canberra starts at Queen Elizabeth Terrace where we board our **Lake Burley Griffin sightseeing cruise** with our skipper Jim providing an interesting introduction to Canberra, her monuments, museums and political battlegrounds. After our cruise we tour **Parliament House** which takes us into the Senate and the House of Representatives Chambers. The Members Hall, Great Hall Tapestry, Magna Carta 1297, Forecourt and the iconic "Big Picture" by Tom Roberts of the opening of the first Federal Parliament in 1901 are also covered. After our tour we take a break and enjoy some free time to purchase lunch. This afternoon on our way to the **Australian War Memorial** we stop by the **Changi Chapel** at Duntroon which was salvaged in 1945 and then reconstructed 1988 as a National Memorial to over 35,000 Australian Prisoners of War. At the **Australian War Memorial** we are free to take in a self-guide tour followed by a moving **Last Post Ceremony**. We then make our way back to our motel to refresh before dinner.

Overnight Canberra: Mercure Belconnen

Day 5. Wed 1 Oct: Canberra Floriade

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we visit **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.

Day 5 Cont.....We then take a drive along **Embassy Row** where almost 80 embassies and high commissions are located. We then arrive at **Commonwealth Park** to spend some time wandering the **magnificent Canberra Floriade Display. The Floriade Village** provides us with crafts, gourmet foods, fashion, jewellery and garden gifts creating a friendly carnival atmosphere. We head up to the **Gold Creek Village and Cockington Green** for a stroll through the two charming displays capturing the essence of England with its quirky buildings, landmarks and spectacular garden and floral display. Its then back to our motel to relax before enjoying a buffet dinner.

Overnight Canberra: Mercure Belconnen

Day 6. Thurs 2 Oct: Canberra

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we travel up to the **Canberra Space Centre** at Paddy's Creek, located on the grounds of the **Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex**. On arrival enjoy an interesting presentation covering all things space and communication and time to look around the exhibits and to ask questions. Next stop is the **National Arboretum**, home to amazing views and one of the largest collections of rare, endangered and symbolic trees in the world plus the **National Bonsai and Penjing Collection**. Our visit includes a welcome garden walk, Bonsai Collection Tour, lunch and magnificent views. This afternoon we visit another Canberra highlight as we tour the newly renovated **Royal Australian Mint**, taking in the history of coins in Australia before visiting the **Mint Coin Shop**. This evening we celebrate our last night on tour with a pre-dinner drink before our farewell dinner.

Overnight Canberra: Mercure Belconnen

Day 7. Fri 3 Oct: Tulip Top Gardens - Berrima - Brisbane/Melbourne/Adelaide

Breakfast

After breakfast and check out we make our way just north of Canberra for one last colourful highlight at the **Tulip Top Gardens**. This 10 acre garden is a world class exhibition of half a million tulips, daffodils, and other spring flowers creating a spectacular display with hundreds of blossom trees nestled amongst them to provide a magic pathway to the cascading waterfall. There will be time to purchase a barista coffee from the cafe while enjoying the amazing colours. Later in the morning we begin our drive back up towards Sydney via the historic township of **Berrima** where we enjoy a **guided tour of the Courthouse** which starts in the Captain Starlight Theatre, then proceeds through the various rooms of the courthouse. We are then free to hit the pavement for some retail therapy and yummy food within the township which was established in 1831. From Berrima we continue up to the Sydney Airport for check in and our return flight home after a wonderful few days away with **Trade Travel**.

Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Tour Highlights: Sea Cliff Bridge; Fitzroy Falls & Visitor Centre; Corbett Gardens; Bradman Museum & International Cricket Hall of Fame; Milton Park; Red Cow Farm Garden; National Capital Exhibition; Mount Ainslie Lookout; Lake Burley Griffin Cruise; Parliament House; Changi Chapel; Australian War Memorial & Last Post Ceremony; Old Parliament House - Museum of Democracy; Embassy Row; Canberra Floriade; Cockington Green; Canberra Space Centre; National Arboretum & National Bonsai & Penjing Collection; Royal Australian Mint; Tulip Top Gardens; Berrima Courthouse & more.

Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return flights Bris/Melb/Adel to Sydney
- Quality coach travel
- 6 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (15 meals)
- All attractions including entry fees and guides as per itinerary

Ex Bris/Melb/Adel Tour Cost: \$3148.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$648.00)

Ex Syd Tour Cost: \$2798.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$648.00)

A minimum of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.

The tour prices valid for travel in 2025. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Deposit: A deposit of **\$200.00** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form!

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 27 June, 2025.**

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