

6-Days of Spring Magic

Friday 20th to Monday 25th September 2024



6 DAYS | SPRING MAGIC

Discover the world of colour amidst the Bowral Tulip Festival, Canberra's Floriade Festival and Tulip Top Festival. The beauty of the regions will simply take your breath away!

DAY 1 (LD): PORT MACQUAIRE TO SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Friday 20 September 2024



Welcome to our 6-day tour to Canberra and the Southern Highlands. Once comfortable in our seats we begin our holiday by heading to the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens. Meeting our guide, we are led on an interesting botanical walking tour of the gardens before enjoying lunch set amidst the serene gardens. After this pleasant break we continue to Mittagong for two nights. Lunch at Hunter Region Botanic Gardens | Dinner in Mittagong RSL Club Springs Mittagong | 2 nights

Day 02 (BD): TULIP TOP FESTIVAL

Saturday 21 September 2024

Following breakfast, we make our way to **Bowral** where we will be enchanted by the sights and sounds of **Fairground Follies**, akin to visiting an old-fashioned amusement park with its collection of self-playing instruments and mechanical music, fair organs, street organs and a 100-year-old steam carousel. We enjoy morning tea here before visiting the vibrant Corbett gardens. During the **Tulip Festival** over 100,000 tulips and 25,000 annuals are planted each year to transform Corbett Gardens and other parks across the shire into stunning displays of sweeping spring colour. This afternoon we visit **Red Cow Farm**, a lovely garden set on 6-acres of picturesque gardens. The garden is divided into different garden areas or 'rooms', with new vistas and surprises around every corner. Red Cow Farm is a dream for anyone with a green thumb!

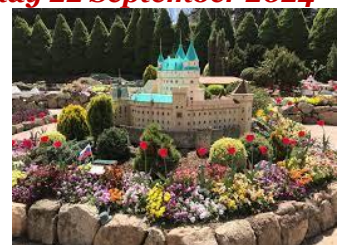


Breakfast and dinner at Mittagong RSL club | lunch own arrangements and cost

DAY 03 (BLD): CANBERRA'S FAMOUS LANDMARKS

Sunday 22 September 2024

Today we farewell the Southern Highlands and head to Goulburn where we stop at the beautiful privately owned **Garroorigang Historic Home**. Here we'll enjoy morning tea before being personally led through 157 years of living Australian history in the unique setting of a lived-in family home. Arriving in Canberra we enjoy lunch at **George Harcourts Inn** then just across the road we discover **Cockington Green Gardens**. This award-winning attraction takes its name from the township of Cockington in Devon, an historic English Village, and is a one 12th



DAY 03 (BLD): CANBERRA'S FAMOUS LANDMARKS

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scale reproduction of buildings and gardens in this English village - thatched cottages, a tiny church, the village green, an oats house in Kent, a riverside inn, castles and even Stonehenge. We have time to look through the gardens and imagine walking through an English village.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at George Harcourts Inn

Mercure Canberra | 3 nights

DAY 4 (BD): CANBERRA FLORIADA

Monday 23 September 2024



Following breakfast, we make our way to the Mt Ainslie Lookout for some of the best views of Canberra. Canberra is a truly unique city and one of only a few planned cities in the world. From our vantage point we have clear view of Parliament House and Anzac Parade. Next, we are off to **Canberra's Commonwealth Park**, the centre of the **2024 Floriade Festival**. The flower display is the largest of its type in the southern hemisphere. There are some 150,000 annuals, 65,000 tulips, 20,000 daffodils, 9,000 each of hyacinths and ranunculus and 200,000 muscari – an abundance of bloom and colour! We spend the morning here with free

time to wander around at our leisure and to purchase lunch. This afternoon we visit the **Australian War Memorial**. The Australian War Memorial commemorates the sacrifice of the Australian men and women, who have served in war, through its ceremonial areas, extensive exhibitions, and research facilities. The focus of the commemoration is the Hall of Memory together with the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**, the **Pool of Reflection** and the **Roll of Honour** that lists the names of over 102,000 Australian servicemen and women who have died in war. Over the past few years, the Memorial has undergone extensive redevelopment resulting in new galleries and displays. The largest of these is the very impressive **Anzac Hall**. On display in Anzac Hall is a vast collection of historic military technology including Australia's oldest military aircraft – the Deperdussin, a First World War Mark IV Tank and a virtual re-enactment of Australia's first naval victory in 1914. On conclusion of the Last Post ceremony.



Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost

DAY 05 (BD): TULIP TOP GARDENS

Tuesday 23 September 2024



This morning's visit is just out of Canberra, at the **Tulip Top Gardens**. We can meander around the 10-acre garden, enjoying the beautiful scents of magnificent tulips, daffodils, and other spring flowers that create the spectacular display. There are hundreds of blossom trees nestling between the flowers, providing a magic pathway to the cascading waterfall and watercourse with classical music wafting through the air in the hidden valley. Take the popular pathway past the rosemary field

framed by unique blossom trees to the 70-metre-high viewing platform for the perfect photo. We have time to purchase lunch before arriving at the internationally renowned **National Arboretum Canberra**, we have time to purchase lunch before exploring some more. Created as a place of breathtaking beauty, you'll experience the world's largest living collections of rare, endangered, and significant trees. And by the way, the views over Lake Burley Griffin and Government House are sensational! Returning to the hotel we have time to relax before our last night in Canberra.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost

Day 06 (B): HEADING HOME:

Monday 25 September 2024

We depart Canberra today to begin our journey home. Our route takes us back through western Sydney and the Central Coast, allowing to stop to purchase lunch along the way. We arrive home later today after a fantastic holiday exploring gardens with friends.

Breakfast in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost



Tour Inclusions

- 5 night's motel accommodation
- 5 cooked breakfasts
- 5 dinners
- 2 included lunches – see below
- Entry, walking tour and lunch at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens
- Group entry, talk, tour, demonstrations, and morning tea at Fairground Follies, Bowral
- Entry to Corbett Gardens Grand Floral Display, Bowral
- Entry to Red Cow Farm Garden, Southern Highlands
- Entry, Tour and Morning Tea at Garroorigang Historic Home, Goulburn
- Lunch at The George Harcourt Inn, Canberra
- Entry to Cockington Green Gardens, Canberra
- Visit Floriade
- Visit Australian War Memorial and Last Post Ceremony, Canberra
- Entry to Tulip Festival at Tulip Top Gardens
- Guided tour at the National Arboretum Canberra

All itineraries and times are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc

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