

# CANBERRA FLORIADE FESTIVAL & COCKINGTON GREEN

**6 DAYS** DEPARTING SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020



## HIGHLIGHTS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE	EMBASSY DRIVE
ROYAL MINT	COCKINGTON GREEN
TELSTRA TOWER	NATIONAL LIBRARY
HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA	
NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE	
OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE	
AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL	
COMMONWEALTH PARK FLORIADE FESTIVAL	
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA	

**PO BOX 83, ARARAT. VIC 3377**

**Freecall: 1800 981 187**

**email: [brendanstours@bigpond.com](mailto:brendanstours@bigpond.com)**

### **DAY 1: SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPT**

### **HOME TO ALBURY**

**D.**

After pick up from your home, join our luxury coach and travel through Bendigo and Shepparton and join the Hume Highway continuing onto Albury-Wodonga for our first overnight stay. The twin cities of Albury-Wodonga are divided both by the Murray River and the New South Wales Victoria border. This division has not hindered, but turned this place into a thriving, modern city. It retains its leisurely country charm with a mix of heritage buildings, parks and gardens including the historic Botanic Gardens. Dinner tonight is at the motel restaurant.

Accom: Albury Paddlesteamer Motel Ph: 02 6042 0500

### **DAY 2: MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPT**

### **ALBURY TO CANBERRA**

**B.D.**

Departing Albury this morning we pass the Ettamogah Pub as we head north along the Hume Highway. We visit the Dog on the Tuckerbox an Australian historical monument located at Snake Gully, five miles (8 km) from Gundagai, before arriving in Canberra for lunch. This afternoon we take in the views from Mt. Ainslie Lookout where you can see the Parliamentary Triangle, Lake Burley Griffin and the National Carillion. Views of the Australian War Memorial are especially good from this lookout, including the Vietnam Memorial. Continue onto our next visit the Australian War Memorial for our guided tour followed by a drive down Anzac Parade, completed in 1965 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. It is lined on both sides with memorials commemorating Australia's armed forces involvement in WW1, WW2 and Vietnam before making our way to our accommodation for the next three nights. After dinner tonight, we visit Black Mountain Lookout and Telstra Tower, a vital communication link for the whole country. Telstra Tower's open air and enclosed viewing galleries provide a magnificent 360-degree view over Canberra and the surrounding countryside.

Accom: Novotel Canberra Ph: 02 6245 5000

### **DAY 3: TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPT**

### **CANBERRA**

**B.D.**

A special extra this morning, as we are treated to a guided tour of Government House and its magnificent surrounding gardens. We visit the Royal Australian Mint, followed by a drive down Embassy Drive which traces a route through the embassies of Canberra. The route allows us to see where many of the Embassies have been designed and built to reflect their country's architectural style. After lunch we move on to a visit of the new Parliament House, the home of Australian Federal Parliament. Our guided tour explains the role and function of the Federal Parliament, and provides information on the historical and architectural significance of Parliament House. Continuing over Kings Avenue we make a short stop at the old Parliament House. Return to our motel in time to freshen up before dinner in the motel restaurant.

