

# CANBERRA

## FLORIADE FESTIVAL

### COCKINGTON GREEN & NATIONAL ARBORETUM

**6 DAYS** DEPARTING SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025



#### 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 ARBORETUM	

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**DAY 1: SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPT                      HOME TO WODONGA                      D.**

After pick up from your home, join our luxury coach and travel through Bendigo making our way through the rich dairying, fruit growing and agriculturally productive areas surrounding the Goulburn River Valley. We continue on to Wodonga, set in a rich pastoral area and the industrial and commercial 'heart' of northern Victoria for our first overnight stop. Wodonga, and its "twin city" Albury, share an important part in the history of the development of the Melbourne-Sydney corridor. Dinner tonight is at the motel restaurant.

Accom: Blazing Stump Motel                      Ph: 02 6056 3433

**DAY 2: MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPT                      ALBURY TO CANBERRA                      B.D.**

**MT AINSLIE LOOKOUT / AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL CEROMONY**

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 on for 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. Our next visit is the Australian War Memorial followed by the very moving Last Post Closing Ceremony. Later we make our way to our accommodation for the next three nights.

Accom: Novotel Canberra                      Ph: 02 6245 5000

**DAY 3: TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPT                      CANBERRA                      B.D.**

**ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT / GOVERNMENT HOUSE / PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

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.

**DAY 4: WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPT FLORIADE FESTIVAL B.D.**  
**FLORIADE FESTIVAL / NATIONAL ARBORETUM / HIGH COURT**

We make our way to Commonwealth Park this morning for the Floriade Festival. Floriade is the biggest flower festival in Australia, a spectacular celebration of spring set in Canberra's Commonwealth Park on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin. Each year Floriade has a new theme and floral design with over 800,000 bulbs and annuals providing an unrivalled spectacle of colour in specially designed flowerbeds. We visit the High Court of Australia for a guided tour, and later this afternoon we visit the National Arboretum Canberra which is a mosaic of living forests and gardens offering breathtaking views, unique experiences, and a world-class entertainment. With over 44,000 rare and endangered trees across a 250-hectare site, the Arboretum is a place of beauty, conservation, science research, education, tourism and recreation. Surround yourself with some of Canberra's best panoramic views, over 94 forests, stunning architecture and themed, landscaped gardens. Return to our motel for dinner in the motel restaurant.

**DAY 5: THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPT CANBERRA TO WODONGA B.D.**  
**COCKINGTON GREEN / HOLBROOK**

This morning we travel to Cockington Green via the Australian Institute of Sport. Unique in Australia, Cockington Green allows visitors to explore the world in miniature with detailed model buildings and magical landscaped gardens, which are the features of this unique and popular Australian award-winning tourist attraction. After lunch we depart our National Capital and head north to Yass, then make our way to Holbrook. To honour Lieutenant Holbrook the town's namesake, the Holbrook council acquired a portion of the hull of HMAS Otway, an Oberon class submarine when it was decommissioned by the Royal Australian Navy in 1995. The Navy gifted the fin from the submarine to the town. This resulted in a drive by the town and district to bid on the whole submarine. This drive for the purchase of the submarine was successful in raising \$100,000, almost all a gift from Lt Holbrook's widow Gundula Holbrook. However, this amount was insufficient to purchase all of the Otway. Through negotiations with the scrap yard in Sydney, the town did succeed in purchasing all of the outside skin of the Otway above the waterline. This part of the Otway is now displayed in Germanton Park in the heart of Holbrook, having been dedicated on 7-8 June 1997. Continue further onto Wodonga for our overnight stop. Dinner tonight is at the motel restaurant.

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**DAY 6: FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPT WODONGA TO HOME B.**

Today we make our way home via Glenrowan and then on to Shepparton for a stop and visit the SPC cannery Ardmona. Here you have the opportunity to purchase canned fruit from their extensive warehouse. Later we farewell passengers who be leaving the coach as we make our way home.

**PRICE: \$ 3080.00 per person twin share**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 560.00**

**All prices include GST**

**PRICE INCLUDES: Luxury Coach Travel**

**Brendan's Australian Tours Travel Wallet**

**Motel Accommodation - Twin Share**

**Admissions to Attractions as specified on Itinerary**

**Meals as per itinerary**

**B=Breakfast**

**D=Dinner**

**Pick up and return to your home**

**Travel Insurance is highly recommended and is the responsibility of each passenger.**