



DAY 1: Mon 19 September

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.

ACCOMMODATION Mercure Canberra

MEALS Lunch at Albury Commercial Club, dinner at Hotel

DAY 2: Tues 20 September

Explore Canberra



This morning we enjoy a city tour, where 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**. This architectural landmark is inspired by the idea of a jigsaw puzzle, reflecting the many intertwined stories that make up Australia's history. 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**. Here you may like to join a public tour or wander at your own pass through this reflective and uplifting monument. 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.

ACCOMMODATION Mercure Canberra

MEALS Breakfast and dinner at Hotel, lunch at own expense

DAY 3: Wed 21 September

Floriade and more



Taking the opportunity to get a spectacular look of Canberra, 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. Revel in an impressive array of inspiring flowerbeds, horticultural exhibitions and unmissable entertainment.



Enjoying lunch at one of the many stalls we then head to the **Old Parliament House**. Discover the history of this wonderful building where its origins go back to the early years after Australian Federation. And from the old to the new, we visit **Parliament House** where we take a tour of this magnificent building.

ACCOMMODATION Mercure Canberra

MEALS Breakfast and dinner at Hotel, lunch at own expense



DAY 4: Thurs 22 September **Canberra and 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**. Created as a place of breathtaking beauty, you'll uncover 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! 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.

ACCOMMODATION Mercure Canberra

MEALS Breakfast and dinner at Hotel,
lunch at National Arboretum Canberra

DAY 5: Fri 23 September

Return to Melbourne



Unfortunately, our tour has come to an end. Leaving Canberra, we retrace our steps, travelling through Gundagai to Albury and then to follow the Hume Highway. We'll arrive home later today after a wonderful holiday surrounded by the amazing colours and fragrances unique to this time of the year.

MEALS Breakfast at Hotel, lunch at own expense

Information

Tour cost (per person)

\$1,430(twin share)

\$429 single supplement

Deposit required by: 1 August 2022

Further information

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