

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST CELEBRATION OF SPRING



Return: Monday 15th September 2025



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Springtime in Australia is a truly beautiful and magical time of the year where our amazing gardens and parklands have the chance to show off their beauty!

The special contrast of nature and suburban living makes Canberra a wonderful sightseeing destination in Springtime. The whole city is a blaze of colour with thousands of trees adding a contrast and their shining new leaves come in so many different shades of green.

Join The Kings of Newcastle as we venture to the Nation's Capital to enjoy Floriade!

COST: \$750.00 per person Twin/Double share accommodation \$180.00 extra charge for single supplement

NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT: \$250 per person within 14 Days of your booking

FULL PAYMENT DUE: Monday 4th August 2025

Cost Includes:

- 5-star coach travel with experienced coach driver.
- All tour arrangements and confirmed bookings.
- Quality accommodation.
- Meals as listed:

B (2) Breakfast

MT (1) Morning Tea

D (2) Dinner



Highlights of this tour include:

<u>Travel within the Southern Highlands</u> – Home to the towns of Bowral, Mittagong, Moss Vale, and many other villages, the Southern Highlands is well known for its colorful gardens, leisurely pursuits, diverse landscape, history and heritage.

<u>Tulip Top Gardens</u> -10-acre garden of magnificent tulips and other spring flowers create a spectacular display. Hundreds of blossom trees nestle between the flowers and provide a magic pathway to the cascading waterfall.

<u>Floriade Reimagined Festival, Canberra</u> - Floriade time in Canberra has become one of the best-known flower festivals in Australia.

National Arboretum including National Bonsai Collection Canberra — The arboretum is an exceptionally beautiful place for enjoyment, recreation, education and research. About 80 bonsai and penjing trees and forests are usually on display, in a variety of traditional and modern styles, with both Australian native and exotic trees.

<u>Cockington Green, Canberra</u> Offers its visitors an experience you will not find anywhere else. Venture into this delightful and fascinating display of meticulously crafted miniature buildings set within beautifully landscaped gardens to make your Canberra visit complete.

<u>Canberra Points of Interest</u> – You will have the option of choosing from some of Canberra's iconic attractions including *The Australian War Memorial, Old Parliament House, Parliament House* and *The National Portrait Gallery*.

<u>Canberra Night Lights Tour</u> – Experience the lights from the Mount Ainslie vantage point.

CANBERRA

Grand Manor Motor Inn, Queanbeyan

7:30am Depart Kings Coach Depot. Pick up points are available at Charlestown, Belmont North, Belmont, Swansea, Doyalson and Ourimbah by arrangement at the time of your booking. Morning tea and comfort stop at Castle Hill Park. Re-join the coach for travel on the Hume Highway. The Southern Highlands have become a very popular tourist region with beautiful parks and magnificent private gardens set out within the spacious grounds of stately homes.

Mittagong is the gateway to the Southern Highlands. Lunch will be at the Mittagong RSL Club (own expense). From Mittagong we travel to the Tulip Top Gardens where ten beautiful acres hide on the outskirts of Canberra. Hundreds of blossom trees nestle between the flowers and provide a magic pathway to the cascading waterfall and watercourse with classical music wafting through the air in the hidden valley – this is a highlight of our tour. Further travel this afternoon is to our destination of Canberra, where we will enjoy dinner together in the motel dining room.

Day 2 Sunday 14th September Accommodation Grand Manor Motor Inn, Queanbeyan

B - **D**

Breakfast in the motel dining room. Depart the motel for a full day of sightseeing in our National Capital.

Throughout the morning you will visit various areas across Canberra to explore Floriade Reimagined. Each year just seems to get better with the Festival now going strong for over 30 years. In 2020 and beyond Floriade has been reimagined with the annual spring celebration moving from its traditional home in Commonwealth Park to bloom across Canberra. Floriade not only marked flowers blooming to life after their winter hibernation, but also celebrated the community spirit and resilience that Canberrans displayed throughout the year. Floriade is a diverse, ever expanding program of music, cultural celebrations, food and wine, horticultural workshops, artistic displays, entertainment and activities.

Visit the National Arboretum and National Bonsai Collection which houses 44,000 rare and endangered trees from around the world. Come and experience one of the world's largest living collections of rare, endangered and significant trees. Winner of the World Architecture Festival for landscape, the National Arboretum surrounds visitors with panoramic views, stunning architecture and the natural beauty of trees and gardens.

The afternoon can be spent at either National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery of Australia, Old Parliament House or the Australian War Memorial. Dinner in the motel dining room. After dinner reboard the coach and enjoy a Canberra night lights tour.



Day 3 **Monday 15th September** **CANBERRA to NEWCASTLE**

Breakfast this morning will be served in the motel dining room. Today we will embrace a city sights tour around Canberra's CBD and the Embassies in the Yarralumla area. A tour to our Nation's Capital would not be complete without a visit to Parliament House.

The final feature of the Canberra attractions will include a visit to Cockington Green. The creative, very detailed miniature models of buildings from Britain and elsewhere in the world, set among winding garden pathways and sculptured shrubs - over 600 rare and unusual plants and magnificent manicured lawns. A lunch stop will be made in the city of Goulburn (own expense) before return travel to Newcastle with a suitable comfort stop en route. **7.30pm** Estimated time of arrival at Kings Depot.



This map is for Floriade 2024 and is placed as a guide only.

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