

Canberra Flower Festival



SEPTEMBER 2024
8 DAY PACKAGE
\$4,725
PP TWIN SHARE*

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE
Lunch Cruise to Metung Pub, Floriade, Parliament House, Portrait Gallery, Canberra National Library, War Memorial, Arboretum, Lanyons Homestead and Gardens, Tulip Top Gardens, Return Airflights to Melbourne.

FITNESS LEVEL 1 TOUR

Discover Canberra

Discover our Traditional Canberra Tour in combination with Lakes Entrance. The Masterful centre piece of Canberra with the Rainbow colour of Floriade, world class Museums and Galleries with a one-on-one Local Tour Guide on our luxury coach, for the week.

FREE HOME PICKUP & RETURN: Geelong, Torquay, Bellarine Peninsula, Warrnambool, Terang, Camperdown, Colac, Ararat, Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh & Bendigo and Melbourne Additional locations may be an option, please enquire directly with us.

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$700 PP

RETURN FLIGHT INCLUDED

DEPARTING: FRIDAY 13 SEPT 2024



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DAY ONE FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2024



Hometown / Lakes Entrance / Nyerimilang Heritage Park

We depart your hometown and make our way to Lakes Entrance for two nights. We have friendly comfort stops along the way with our catered lunch.

Day one takes us to Nyerimilang Heritage Park for a visit at this jewel in east Gippsland set on 180 hectares, where we discover a historic homestead surrounded by beautiful gardens with fascinating history, bush tracks, lawns all set on a cliff top above Gippsland Lakes, while we enjoy a Devonshire afternoon tea.

We follow on from here to enjoy and arrive at our accommodation for the next two nights. With a welcome from our hosts, we then freshen up for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER The Esplanade Resort and Spa, No 1 The Esplanade, Lakes Entrance, T (03) 5150 9688



DAY TWO SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2024



Lakes Entrance / Gippsland Lakes / Metung

Our day begins in Lakes Entrance with a Guided Town Tour to familiarise ourselves with our surroundings and the highlights of this spectacular Lakes Region.

Mid-morning, we join the Peels Cruises for a luncheon cruise at Metung Pub. Departing from Lakes Entrance we explore the vast Gippsland Lakes. Enjoying abundant bird life, fish and island-based wildlife. Whilst cruising you may see many seals, dolphins, kangaroos, sea eagles, while passing islands, under the expert skipper commentary, sharing vast expert local hands on knowledge of these extensive waterways. A water lovers must see.

On arrival at the village of Metung you are able to enjoy a full lunch at their famous Water Vista Metung Pub. There is time to wander the sights of Metung at a leisurely pace after lunch before getting back on the sight seeing cruise back to Lakes Entrance. After arriving back to port, there is time for a light walk and some free time prior to a lovely dinner in the resort.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER
The Esplanade Resort and Spa

DAY THREE SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024



Gippsland / Canberra

We bid farewell to Lakes Entrance as our journey continues to Canberra. Today is a travelling day as we enjoy Gippsland and head to Orbost for Morning Tea. Arriving at Orbost, our Tour Guide, Bree, gives us an hour to introduce us to this unique area of Gippsland.

The famous Bakery in Cann River has a stop. Lunch at your own expense, as we head up to Paddy's Flat, onto Bombala, and reaching the Snowy Mountains before our arrival to the Australia's Capital. We arrive in time for a welcome refreshing afternoon tea in the Dining Room at the Marble and Grain Restaurant.

Our Hotel, The Avenue, our home away from home for the next five nights on tour.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER The Avenue Hotel
80 Northbourne Avenue, T (02) 6246 9584

DAY FOUR MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2024



Mount Ainslie / Parliament House / National Museum of Australia / Botanic Gardens

After breakfast we begin our Discovering Canberra Tour with a drive to Mount Ainslie lookout for an introduction to the city with a highlights tour with our host and guide for the week. The lookout allows you to appreciate the complexities of Canberra and see in panorama, the design concepts translated by Walter Burley Griffin.

Our first tour begins at Australian Parliament House. Opened in 1988, it is one of the world's most prestigious and acclaimed buildings. We explore the corridors, the Senate and the House of Representatives with our guide explaining the heritage of Australian politics and the daily events that occur. We view famous Prime Minister portraits, The Great Hall Tapestry, Magna Carta 1297, visit the Members' Hall and take in the magnificence of this Architectural feat.

We enjoy lunch at the National Museum of Australia. A beautifully set table overlooking the lake in a striking museum setting. A tour of the Museum follows.

There is time to visit to the Australian National Botanical Gardens for an afternoon stroll where a rare and unique native garden awaits. Or elect to have some free time this afternoon.

Our coach takes us back to our hotel in time to freshen up for dinner in the restaurant.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER
The Avenue Hotel



DAY FIVE TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2024 B D

High Court / National Gallery of Canberra / National Portrait Gallery / Floriade

Our day starts with a fascinating insightful tour of the High Court.

Today we visit both the National Gallery of Canberra and the Portrait Gallery on tours while we absorb both the magnificence of these spaces and the archival artworks housed.

After our tour of the Portrait Gallery lunch is enjoyed at own expense at the National Portrait Gallery Café on the deck.

After a short drive to Commonwealth Park we spend some time at leisure enjoying the Floriade Floral displays in all their magnificence for the afternoon. The impressive garden displays, music, with a different theme each year. Transforming this visual carnival floral atmosphere into a masterpiece. Time to walk around the displays here, enjoy the Floriade train and take in this friendly atmosphere.

Before dinner, there is additional free time with many options on the doorstep of the Hotel. Shopping at Canberra Centre, the Canberra Museum and Gallery, and cafes are all within walking distance of the Hotel.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER
The Avenue Hotel

DAY SIX WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2024 B D

Old Parliament House / Australian War Memorial

Our day starts with a Talk and Tour of Old Parliament House. Following this, we enjoy morning tea (own expense) at the National Library Café or Book shop. In small groups, we take a fascinating tour with volunteer guides to take in and absorb this magnificent building.

Following this we all arrive to Poppys Café at the War Memorial for lunch on site (own expense). We then meet up with our guides for a highlights tour of the War Memorial. Presenting Christians Travel with a wreath for the ceremony, we join the Last Posts Ceremony for an unforgettable service at the closing of the day, while the sun is setting.

We return to our accommodation for dinner in the Hotel Restaurant.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER
The Avenue Hotel



DAY SEVEN THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 MT L D

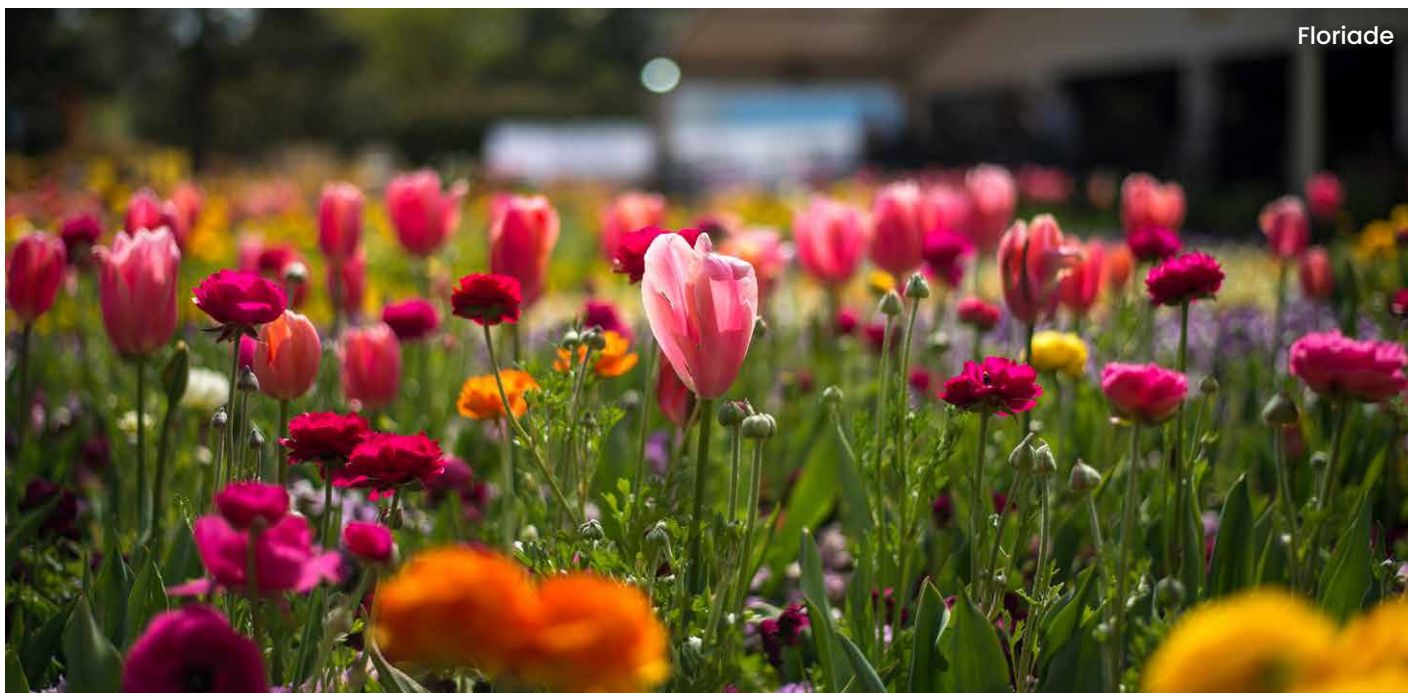
Arboretum / Lanyon Historic Homestead and Garden

Our morning takes us to the Arboretum for a look and light morning stroll with morning tea provided.

We then leave Canberra's city centre to explore the Lanyon Historic Homestead and Garden. Enjoying this beautiful setting we take in a tour and enjoy lunch at Barracks Café Lanyon.

There is free time this afternoon to relax, re-visit any sites that require a second visit, enjoy some shopping or a walk, with The Avenue Hotel being so close to all amenities.

OVERNIGHT & DINNER
The Avenue Hotel



DAY EIGHT FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2024



Gold Creek Villiage & Cockington Green / Tulip Top Gardens

Bidding farewell to our home for the last five nights at The Avenue Hotel, we enjoy our morning and travel to Gold Creek Village and Cockington Green, for a stroll through the two charming displays capturing the essence of England with its quirky buildings, landmarks and spectacular garden and floral display.

For lunch (at your own expense), we travel a short distance outside of Canberra to Tulip Top Gardens for a self guided tour. This is a 10 acre garden featuring a world class exhibition of over half a million tulips, daffodils, and spring flowers creating a spectacular display to the cascading waterfall. Established in 1997 by a local family, it takes in the magic of the entire valley. The splendid colour, sounds of nature and soft piping music make Tulip Top Gardens a tranquil end to our tour of Canberra

Flights home mid-afternoon, direct Canberra to Melbourne. Upon arrival our luxury Christians Travel coaches will be ready to transport you home.

EXCLUSIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Drinks, Telephone Calls, Laundry and items of a personal nature. Includes Luxury five-star coach, motel accommodation with private facilities on a twin share basis. Meals and entry fees as per the itinerary. Tour Conditions: Payment: A deposit of \$250 per person is required at the time of booking. Balance is due 45 days prior to departure. Cancellation fees will be levied as follows: Prior to 45 days of departure – Loss of deposit, 45 to 30 days prior 50% of total fare, 29 to 14 days prior to departure 75% of total fare, 14 days or less 100% total fare. Christians Travel has arranged this tour upon the express condition that it will not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur either by reason of defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft of another company engaged to provide transportation on behalf of Christian's Travel. Whilst the company will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, it accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. Information as stated is correct at time of publication but is subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to change or alter the itinerary should circumstances beyond our control make it necessary. If the tour has insufficient bookings, it may be cancelled with full refund paid. Food and Drink must not be consumed on the coach. Smoking is prohibited under Government regulations. Passengers are requested to restrict their smoking to stops enroute in the interests of other passengers. Luggage – one medium size suitcase plus one carry bag per passenger – maximum combined weight, 20kg's. Seating- to enable everyone to enjoy forward and window seating, a seat rotation system will operate, and passengers will be required to change seats each day. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

***Prices are based on twin share. Conditions apply. Insurance is strongly recommended.**

KEY

- B = Breakfast ● MT = Morning Tea
- AT = Afternoon Tea ● L = Lunch ● D = Dinner



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Additional information



Can I take a walking frame on a tour?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walkers on some of our tours. Our transportation typically does not have the space to store a walker and all physical ratings require that guests must be able to get on and off transportation unaided. If you wish to travel with a walker please contact us in advance of making a booking.

Can I take a walking stick on a tour?

Yes, taking a walking stick on tour is perfectly fine as long as you are able to meet the fitness rating for your chosen tour.

What happens if I book a tour with the wrong fitness level?

We discuss fitness ratings with all our guests as part of the booking process to ensure you book a tour that's right for you. If a guest has misrepresented their fitness level and cannot keep up with the tour activities, they be asked to return home.

What are the fitness levels?

Fitness levels are important when selecting a tour. Every tour has a Physical Rating of 1–2:

1. Easy
2. Active/Moderate

Relaxed pace tours – Level 1 fitness – Easy

These tours are at a more relaxed pace and generally we unpack once. You don't have to worry about doing anything physically demanding unless you want to. The tour is primarily coach travel but the day tours may have content that requires disembarking vessels/vehicles with stairs to which you have to do unaided.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in guided or unguided small walking tours at a relaxed pace
- Walk on mostly level ground
- Tackle an occasional flight of stairs or incline
- Occasionally need to stand for up to 10 minutes
- Get on and off transportation unaided
- Manage your own luggage.

Tours with some mild physical activities – Level 2 fitness – Active/Moderate

There are some easy physical activities included in these tours and an average level of fitness is required to gain maximum enjoyment.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in walking tours with time to rest at least every 10 minutes
- Walk confidently on bush tracks and soft sand – mostly level ground
- Stand for 15 minutes without needing to sit down
- Tackle a flight of stairs or incline
- Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided
- Manage your own luggage

Travelling with a carer

If you are unable to travel alone and feel that the fitness levels required are not obtainable, you can travel with a carer or chaperone. Coach drivers and staff are only permitted to provide basic assistance. Drivers and staff are unable to assist with access to facilities, lift or carry passengers, administer medicines or perform any medical procedures.

Travelling with a medical condition

If you have a medical condition, it is recommended that a carer/chaperone accompany you on your journey. In the event that you become ill during the journey, the appropriate emergency services will be contacted and the continuation of travel will be determined by the emergency services personnel. Our coach drivers and staff are not trained or permitted to administer any medicines or perform medical tasks.

Special needs

Should you have any special needs, you are required to inform us at the time of your booking. Special needs include (without limitation) if you have any disability, illness, disease or other condition, you have limited mobility, you have a service animal, you are pregnant, you need special help or any other circumstances exist which may make it difficult for you to use travel services. If you fail to advise us of your special needs, we may not be able to book suitable travel services for you. To the extent permitted by law, you are responsible for ensuring that the travel services are suitable for your special needs.