

# Spring Flower Festival – Floriade Bendigo and the Southern Highlands

7 Day Fully Escorted Tour by Liz Webster



SEPTEMBER 2026

7 DAY PACKAGE

**\$6,540**

PP TWIN SHARE\*

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## FITNESS LEVEL 1 TOUR

### Seven Day Escorted Tour

Highlights Include: Mt Macedon Stokes Collection, Forest Glade Gardens, Canola Walk Heathcote, Bloom after dark Bendigo. Perricoota Station, Floriade, Mt Ainslie Lookout Canberra, Tulip Tops, Sutton Forest Peppers Country Retreat, Bowral Tulip Festival, Country Markets, Moss Vale, Berrima and Mount Gibraltar Southern Highlands.

**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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## Home / Mt Macedon / Heathcote / Bendigo

Welcome to our 7-day Spring Gardens Tulip Tour.

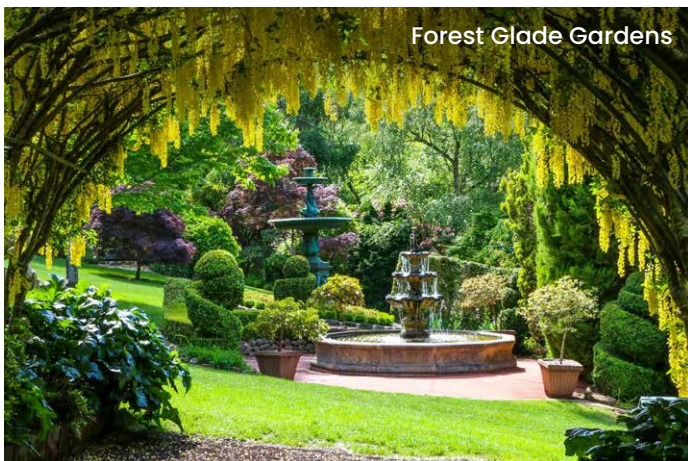
Start your adventure with our convenient door-to-door service, picking you up from home. You'll then embark on a luxurious journey through Country Victoria, arriving in the beautiful Mt Macedon Ranges, where all our travellers will gather to begin the tour over a delightful morning tea.

Your exploration takes you to the stunning **Forest Glade Gardens**, where you can explore the **Stokes Collection**, the remarkable lifelong collection of Cyril Stokes, located in the heart of the gardens. After a memorable visit, you'll enjoy a lovely lunch and continue on to **Shiraz Republic** in Heathcote. Here, you have a special tour booked to enjoy the **Cornella Canola Walk**, allowing you to immerse yourself in the glorious yellow flowers.

You'll then arrive in **Bendigo** and settle into your accommodation before enjoying your evening meal. Afterwards, you'll venture out to experience **Bendigo's Annual Tulip** display and wander through the magical **Bloom after Dark** display. You finish the evening back at your accommodation, where you can rest.

### OVERNIGHT & DINNER

Quality Lakeside Hotel Bendigo, 286 Napier Street, Bendigo 3550, Phone 03 5445 5300



Forest Glade Gardens



Bloom after Dark

## Bendigo / Perricoota Station / Wangaratta

This morning, enjoying your second day on tour with a **Bendigo Guided Tour** immediately after breakfast. You'll step back in time and uncover Bendigo's gold rush wealth and grand architecture with this one-on-one experience **guided by Jamie**. You'll enjoy morning tea out of the coach in the heart of one of the city's richest old quarters.

Relaxing on the coach afterwards, you might spot the last of the beautiful Bendigo Tulips as you continue onto lunch at **Perricoota Station** in **Moama**, right on the waterfront of the **Murray River**. This sprawling three-kilometre absolute river frontage boasts iconic river gum forests and charming historic buildings steeped in 200 years of history. You'll enjoy a **catered Homestead lunch** and **guided tour** hosted by one of the family members.

Surrounded by stunning bushland, your travels then take you onto Wangaratta, one of our favourite and most comfortable overnight stopovers.

### OVERNIGHT & DINNER

Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway, 29-37 Ryley Street, Wangaratta Victoria 3677, Phone 03 5721 8399

## Wangaratta / Holbrook / Gundagai / Canberra

Start your day with a delicious breakfast before following on for a scenic travel day to Canberra.

Your journey includes a refreshing comfort stop at **Holbrook** for morning tea, giving you a chance to stretch your legs and enjoy the country town atmosphere, including the unique sight of the **HMAS Otway Submarine**. As you pass **Gundagai**, you'll grab some of the famous **Anzac Cookies** to munch on and get to see the iconic **Dog on the Tucker Box**! You'll enjoy a catered picnic lunch out of the coach as you travel, taking in the beautiful Spring Canola Landscapes.

You'll reach your conveniently located city centre accommodation in **Canberra** in the late afternoon, giving you plenty of time to relax and stretch your legs before dinner.

### OVERNIGHT & DINNER

Novotel Canberra, 65 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra ACT, Phone 02 6245 5000

## Mt Ainslie Lookout



## DAY FOUR THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026



### Floriade / Tulip Tops / Southern Highlands

With a leisurely start, you'll spend the morning arriving at **Floriade** from a unique perspective: a scenic **ferry ride** across the picturesque waterways of Lake Burley Griffin to the **Spring Floral Festival**. You'll cruise right into Commonwealth Park as the festival blazes with colour and vibrancy. You are then free to enjoy lunch (at your own expense) at one of the many market stalls – there will be something on the menu for all taste buds.

Afterwards, your coach takes you up to **Mt Ainslie Lookout**, where you can take in spectacular views over Canberra. Your afternoon journey then leads you to the **Tulip Top Gardens**. Here, you'll discover 10-acres of garden, magnificent tulips, daffodils and spring flowers, with blossoms nestled among magic pathways and cascading waterfalls. A café is available should you wish to enjoy your own afternoon tea (at your expense).

Your journey then leads you to **Sutton Forest** in the **Southern Highlands**, towards our own private Country estate for the next two nights, perfectly located for the **Bowral Tulip Festival**.

**DINNER** Dinner at Katers Restaurant  
**OVERNIGHT** Peppers Manor House – Southern Highlands – Sutton Forest, Kater Road, Sutton Forest, NSW 2577, Phone 02 48603108

## DAY FIVE FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2026



### Bowral Tulip Festival / Mount Gibraltar / Moss Vale / Berrima

After your country retreat breakfast, showcasing delicious locally sourced produce, you'll meet your **step-on guide Judith**, who joins your tour for a day and a half while in **Bowral** exploring the **Southern Highlands**.

You'll enjoy morning tea at **Lake Alexandra**, taking in the beautiful district views, before tackling **Mount Gibraltar** on your way to the highly anticipated **Bowral Tulip Festival**. While in Bowral, you'll view the Bronze Statues of Mary Poppins and catch a glimpse behind the hedges of Burradoo, the district's elite area, which also includes a look at Sir Donald Bradman's Home and cricket pitch.

Lunch is enjoyed in **Moss Vale** before you travel to **Berrima**, a charming village first established in 1831. You'll take a small walk and have some personal time this afternoon to explore the shops and take in the character of these historic National Trust properties.

Finally, you return to your stunning accommodation to enjoy the indulgence of the real country experience of **Peppers Manor House** at Sutton Forest.

**DINNER** Dinner at Katers Restaurant  
**OVERNIGHT** Peppers Manor House

## DAY SIX SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2026



### Sutton Forest / Bowral Markets / Wagga Wagga

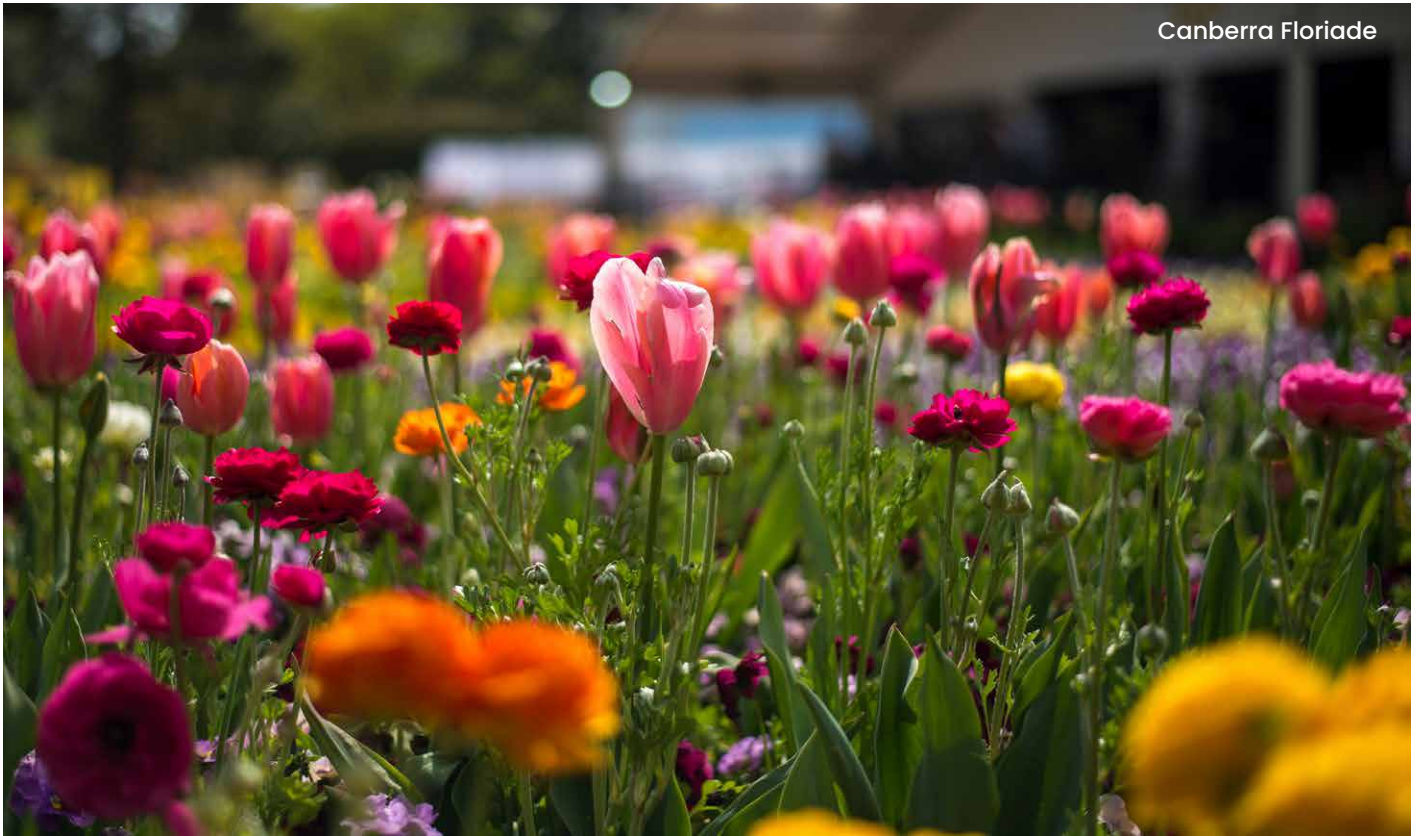
After your delicious breakfast at this beautifully arranged accommodation, you have the choice of some personal time or you can join the group for the **Country Markets** at **Peppers Manor House**. Held on the fourth Saturday of every month, you can explore a variety of stalls featuring local produce and goods, jewellery, and more in this delightful country setting. Your preference may be to simply relax, read your book, and discover more of the beautiful country setting – there is plenty of time to enjoy and unwind. Morning tea will be offered in the private dining room for you to enjoy.

Your tour then gets on the way through **Paddy's River**, where you'll enjoy a catered picnic lunch out of the coach. Travelling through diverse countryside, you'll pass **Goulburn** and have some comfort stops as you complete your NSW journey and reach your destination of **Wagga Wagga** for your final farewell evening dinner together

**OVERNIGHT & DINNER**  
Mercure Wagga Wagga, 1 Morgan Street Wagga Wagga NSW, Phone 02 6939 7200

## Bowral Tulip Festival





## DAY SEVEN SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2026



### Wagga Wagga / Albury Botanical Gardens / Home

With all the cherished memories of the past week, you'll begin your journey home, making a lovely stop in **Albury** for morning tea out of the coach, where you can enjoy the beautiful **Botanical Gardens**.

Crossing the **Murray River** from the opposite direction this time, you'll enter Victoria, where you'll enjoy your final lunch together, conveniently provided in a 'Box on the go.'

From here, you'll make your way home – your personalised door-to-door service will take you straight to your door. It's all part of the superior service you can expect from our family-based business at Christians Travel.

## 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 en-route 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.