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AUSTRALIA

2024-2025 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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Capital Blooms



Floriade, Canberra

Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

Smell the flowers at Floriade, an immense wonderland of bulbs best enjoyed at a leisurely pace. More blooms await in Bowral, with its antiques stores and cosy cafés.

📍 Iconic Sites

From Floriade and Parliament House to quaint historic villages, Canberra's attractions don't disappoint.

🌿 Natural Wonders

Canberra is one of Australia's greenest cities, from its alternative energy ethos to its ample parks that welcome visitors at every turn.

3 DAYS

5 Included Experiences

For prices, departure dates, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests and multi-trip savings visit aatkings.com/cbft or contact your local travel agent.

A limited number of single rooms are also available.

Dining

2 Full breakfasts B 1 Dinner D
1 Lunch L

Flight Information

Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Sydney Airport

Day 3 – flights to depart after 8.00pm from Sydney Airport

Flights are not included in the holiday price.

As this holiday departs at 7.30am from Rydges Sydney Central, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

1 Sydney – Canberra

This short break from Sydney sees you leave the skyscrapers behind and venture into the bucolic countryside of the Southern Highlands, all heritage villages, vineyards and manicured gardens. The allure all unite in Berrima, the best-preserved Georgian town in Australia – look no further than its convict-era sandstone gaol. Despite its gloomy history, the building is awfully pretty to look at. All this touring is hungry work – thankfully, a barbecue lunch awaits on the grounds of working cattle and sheep farm Gold Creek Station, where you'll learn about life on the land from someone who works it every day. Speaking of working hard for the money, 10,000 people spent years constructing Parliament House, the architecturally eye-catching seat of the nation's government that was constructed largely from Australian materials. Your Canberra tour guide will take you behind the scenes and reveal all the secrets. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza, 2 nights. L D**

2 Canberra & Floriade

There are more than a million bulbs on display annually at Floriade, an explosion of colour that transforms the banks of Lake Burley Griffin – as well as some of Canberra's suburbs in recent years. The month-long affair – the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere – was originally designed to celebrate Australia's Bicentenary and Canberra's 75th birthday. But it has become a regular on the city's event calendar. You'll see why. Continue your weekend in Canberra browsing immaculate flower beds in various patterns and themes, then enjoy entertainment, market stalls and a lively spring vibe. **B**

3 Canberra – Bowral – Sydney

Yet more flowers await in the Southern Highlands, where Bowral's Corbett Gardens play host to 75,000 tulips. The aptly named Tulip Time Festival here will inspire you to buy some tulips to plant back home – it's that eye catching. Before you board your coach for your return to Sydney, you'll have time at leisure in the Southern Highlands village of Mittagong. **B**



Parliament House, Canberra