



# CANBERRA EXPERIENCE GUIDE



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*Good Thing*  
AFTER  
ANOTHER



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## INTRODUCTION


Ensure your clients experience one good thing after another in Canberra thanks to the Canberra Experience Guide.

Canberra's red-hot food and wine scene combines with world-class attractions, award-winning hotels and breathtaking natural beauty to offer an abundance of unexpected wonders just waiting to be discovered.

Within this guide you will find a snap shot of must-do experiences, events and places to stay in Australia's capital. However, if you require any assistance in customising the perfect itinerary, please reach out and our passionate team will help to create an unforgettable experience.







## DID YOU KNOW...?

- The name Canberra is believed to mean “meeting place” in the Ngunnawal language, one of several Indigenous languages spoken in the district by Aboriginal people before European settlement.
  - Nestled conveniently between Sydney and Melbourne, Australia’s vibrant, multicultural capital city is home to about 390,000 people.
  - Canberra is only a short 3-hour drive (or 40-minute flight) from Sydney and an hour flight from Melbourne.
  - Singapore Airlines offers direct flights from Singapore to Canberra and Canberra to Wellington on its ‘Capital Express’ route.
  - Most of Canberra’s attractions are within a 10-minute drive of the city. With no tolls, minimal traffic and plenty of parking, Canberra is a perfect self drive destination.
  - More than half of the Australian Capital Territory is made up of nature reserves, national parkland or state forest making Canberra a nature lover’s paradise.
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# HOTELS



## HOTEL HOTEL

**Rating:** 5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 68 guest rooms

**Location:** NewActon

**Close to:** Bars, Restaurants, City Centre, Lake Burley Griffin, National Museum of Australia



## QT CANBERRA

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Total Rooms:** 205 guest rooms

**Location:** NewActon

**Close to:** Bars, Restaurants, City Centre, Lake Burley Griffin, National Museum of Australia



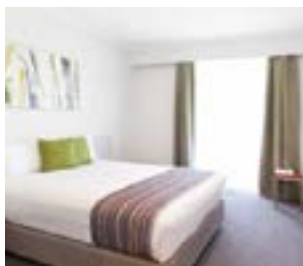
## ARIA HOTEL

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 128 guest rooms & apartments

**Location:** Dickson

**Close to:** Chinatown, Exhibition Park, Braddon dining precinct



## ABODE NARRABUNDAH

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Total Rooms:** 86 guest rooms

**Location:** Narrabundah

**Close to:** Manuka, Cafes, Kingston Foreshore, Old Bus Depot markets



## NOVOTEL CANBERRA

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Total Rooms:** 286 guest rooms

**Location:** Canberra CBD

**Close to:** Bars, Restaurants, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra Theatre, Questacon



## DIPLOMAT HOTEL

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Total Rooms:** 130 Guest rooms

**Location:** Griffith

**Close to:** Manuka, Cafes, Canberra Railway station, Parliament House



## VIBE HOTEL CBR AIRPORT

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 191 guest rooms

**Location:** Canberra Airport

**Close to:** Pialligo Estate,  
Mount Majura Winery,  
The Truffle Farm, City Centre



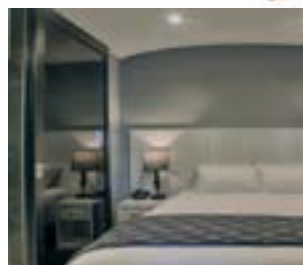
## EAST HOTEL

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 140 guest rooms  
& apartments

**Location:** Kingston

**Close to:** Kingston Foreshore,  
Manuka, Cafes, Restaurants,  
Parliament House,  
National Gallery of Australia



## CANBERRA REX HOTEL

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 123 guest rooms  
& 23 apartments

**Location:** Braddon

**Close to:** Bars, Restaurants,  
Shopping, Chinatown,  
City Centre, Canberra Theatre



## HYATT HOTEL CANBERRA

**Rating:** 5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 252 guest rooms  
& suites

**Location:** Yarralumla

**Close to:** Parliament House,  
Lake Burley Griffin, National  
Gallery of Australia, Questacon,  
Old Parliament House



## PACIFIC SUITES CANBERRA

**Rating:** 4 Star

**Total Rooms:** 153 guest rooms

**Location:** Braddon

**Close to:** Bars, Restaurants,  
Shopping, Chinatown,  
City Centre, Canberra Theatre



## CROWNE PLAZA CANBERRA

**Rating:** 4.5 Star

**Total Rooms:** 240 guest rooms

**Location:** Canberra CBD

**Close to:** Bars, Restaurants,  
Casino, Shopping,  
Lake Burley Griffin,  
National Museum of Australia



## TOURS AND EXPERIENCES



### MULGA BIKE TOURS

Explore the historical, political, artistic and cultural sites of Canberra on a guided bike tour (4 to 6 hours).

**Tours Operate:**

Sun, Mon, Thur, Fri



### BLUE SKIES ADVENTURE TOURS

Offering a range of Canberra City half-day tours, nature walks and camping and hiking adventures.

**Tours operate:** Daily



### BLACK GLASS WINE TOURS

Visit four of the region's finest cellar doors with a stop for lunch at one of the delicious local restaurants.

**Tours operate:** Fri–Sun only



### THE TRUFFLE FARM TRUFFLE HUNTS

Join Jayson and Australia's best truffle dog team on an exhilarating truffle hunt experience.

**Tours operate:**

Daily from Jun–Aug



### PIALLIGO ESTATE CANBERRA

Sit back, relax and take in the picturesque Pialligo Estate Farmhouse, a sensational food, wine and lifestyle destination.

**Farm tours operate:** Daily



### COCKINGTON GREEN GARDENS

Venture into this delightful and fascinating display of meticulously crafted miniature buildings set within beautifully-landscaped gardens.

**Open Daily**



## SUNRISE HOT AIR BALLOONING

With 30 years' experience conducting balloon flights over Canberra, Balloon Aloft are among the leaders in commercial hot air ballooning.

**Flights operate:** Daily



## AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Bringing together a world-class museum, a shrine and an extensive archive, the Australian War Memorial is a moving and insightful experience for both young and old.

**Open Daily** with free admission



## NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

Delight in the art and world-class exhibitions on show at the National Gallery of Australia, on the shores of Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin.

**Open Daily** with free admission



## DAVE'S BREWERY TOURS

Canberra's only specialist Craft Beer and Micro Brewery Tour Operator, Dave's Brewery Tours takes you inside the city's finest breweries.

**Tours operate:** Fri & Sat



## CANBERRA SECRETS

Canberra Secrets are personalised tours that provide you with a true local perspective of what makes this city tick.

**Tours operate:** Wed-Sun

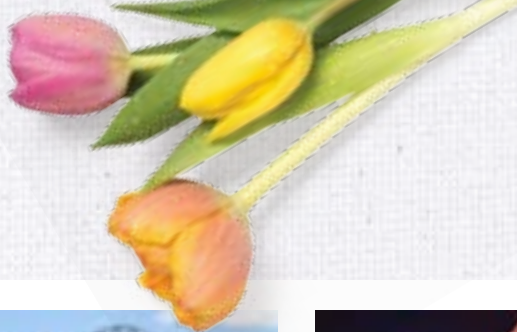


## DHAWRA INDIGENOUS TOURS

Join Dharwra Aboriginal Cultural Tours on a journey back in time to become a part of 'The Dreaming'.

**Tours operate:**  
Daily on request

## EVENTS



### ENLIGHTEN

See Canberra in a different light during Autumn as the city's national attractions open their doors after-dark to host an array of exclusive events and surprising experiences.

**When:** March



### FLORIADE

Each September Floriade celebrates the return of spring with one million blooms and a 30-day program of entertainment and festivity showcasing the best in horticulture, landscaping, innovation and design.

**When:** Sept–Oct



### FLORIADE NIGHT FEST

Commonwealth Park comes to life after dark for Floriade NightFest — a magical evening event featuring spectacular lighting, live music, comedy, night markets and roving entertainment.

**When:** Over two weekends during Floriade



### CANBERRA TRUFFLE FESTIVAL

The Truffle Festival — Canberra Region is the ultimate foodie festival. Each year during Winter, exclusive events are held across the region highlighting the rare Black Winter Truffle.

**When:** June–Aug



### BALLOON SPECTACULAR

Held over nine days each autumn, the Canberra Balloon Spectacular sees dozens of hot air balloons take to the skies against the picturesque backdrop of our national attractions.

**When:** March



### ANZAC DAY AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Take part in the national Anzac Day ceremony or experience the Dawn Service, a moving tribute commemorating those who have served and died in war.

**When:** 25 April



## EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES



### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA

Australia's stories come alive at the National Museum of Australia, on the shores of Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin.

**Open Daily** with free admission

Guided tours available



### QUESTACON

Free-fall down a six-metre slide, freeze your own shadow and experience an earthquake at Questacon — The National Science and Technology Centre.

**Open Daily**



### AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Go behind the scenes on an award-winning 90-minute guided tour of Australia's premier elite sports precinct, the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

**Tours Operate:** Daily



### PARLIAMENT HOUSE

See democracy in action at Australia's iconic Parliament House high on Capital Hill.

**Open Daily** with free admission

Guided tours available by pre-arrangement for groups



### ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT

See where every coin in the pockets of millions of Aussies was originally made.

**Open Daily** with free admission

Guided tours available by pre-arrangement for groups



### CANBERRA DEEP SPACE CENTRE

Take a leap into outer space at the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex. Here you'll discover NASA's Deep Space Network.

**Open Daily** with free admission

## COMING SOON



### ABODE KINGSTON

Kingston's regeneration will continue with a 55-room hotel Abode Hotels general manager Rien Donkin said the four-storey hotel would deliver the brand's signature self-contained, apartment-style rooms, however it was designed to complement Kingston's streetscape.



### ABODE MIDNIGHT BRADDON

Midnight will consist of three integrated buildings with the Abode Hotel wrapped around an internal courtyard at the core of the complex. The nine storey project will include 250 private apartments and commercial and retail space on the ground and first levels.



### MANTRA MIDTOWN

With a mix of 136 hotel rooms and 40 suites across eight accommodation levels, Mantra Canberra will offer a restaurant and bar, conference rooms, gym and car parking.



### MULLIGAN'S FLAT

Chose from four walking tour options of similar length. You will learn about the sanctuary and endangered woodlands, search for nocturnal animals and enjoy experiencing nature at night.



### NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Guided tours are one of the best ways to get the most out of your trip to the Botanic Gardens. Knowledgeable staff and volunteers shed a new light on the way we view plant life and will introduce you to a new world in the undergrowth.

**Tours due to commence in late 2017**



### ADINA GRAND

TFE Hotels will operate a beautiful new Adina Apartment Hotel Grand, Canberra. The contemporary new design hotel will be part of an exciting \$300 million development by Capital Property Group at the corner of Constitution Place and London Circuit, where two purpose-built buildings will set a new standard in environmental design.

**Expected to open 2020**



## CAPITAL BEER HOUSES

Come behind the scenes and see how we turn malt, hops, water and yeast into delicious beer!

We will give you the full run down from start to finish and answer all your questions.

Includes tour of the brew house — beer on arrival, more beer straight from the tanks and even more beer when we pour you a tasting paddle at the end.

**Commencing late 2017**



## BYWONG FARM TOUR

Bywong farm is an operating farm with a window into birthplace of rural Australia.

It has been traversed by bush rangers, visited and appreciated by dignitaries from around the world.

Enjoy a tour of an operational farm including sheep sheering and tea in the sheds

**Commencing late 2017**



## EAT CANBERRA FOOD TOURS

Eat your way around (restaurant hop) and sample a range of food and drinks at 5–6 stops. Visit a combination of hot spots and hidden gems and eat your way around the streets of Canberra!



## DYNAMIC MOTIVATION

This much awaited mountain bike shuttle service will operate on weekends and public holidays with trips every 40 minutes.



## BALDWIN DISTILLERY

Enjoy an informative and fun evening with Baldwin Distilling's Head Distiller, Anthony Baldwin.

Sample Whiskey, Vodka and Moonshine. Price include 60 minute tour and educational Distilling information.



## CANBERRA PARK

GROUP & STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

## CANBERRA PARK RESORT

Located only six kilometres from Canberra city brand new facility offering a new standard of specifically designed and built student and teacher accommodation will be available for groups visiting our nation's capital.

**Opening April 2017**





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There are a number of sources to assist you.**

Canberra's destination website is [visitcanberra.com.au](http://visitcanberra.com.au).  
The website provides information on things to see and do  
in Canberra as well as an online booking facility.

For trade related information such as brochures,  
images, itineraries and maps, please visit our  
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