INTRODUCTION

Prepare to experience one good thing after another in Australia’s capital.

Whether it’s award-winning restaurants and wineries, iconic museums and galleries or breathtaking outdoor adventures featuring Australian wildlife, everything is just moments away in Canberra.

Ensure your clients experience the very best of Canberra with this snapshot of must-do experiences, events and places to stay.
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 around 390,000 people.
- Canberra is only a short three-hour drive (or 40-minute flight) from Sydney and an hour flight from Melbourne.
- Singapore Airlines operates a daily service from Singapore to Canberra (SQ288). Flying a new Boeing 777-300ER, the service includes a short transit in Sydney inbound, which enables passengers to stopover for a night or two before heading to Canberra, creating a multi-city stay on one ticket.
- Qatar Airways operates a daily service between Doha and Canberra on the airline’s award-winning Boeing 777-300 aircraft. It connects Canberra to its global network of more than 150 destinations, including more than 40 in Europe.
- Most of Canberra’s attractions are within a 15-minute drive of the city centre. 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. Canberra is often described as a city within a park, or referred to as the ‘bush capital’.
- Canberra is home to award-winning bars, restaurants, chefs, winemakers and baristas.
TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS
Enjoy a guided walk or breakfast with the birds at the only place in the world you’ll see this diversity of Australian native plants in one location.
Open daily with free admission
Guided tours available

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
Guided tours available

BLUE SKIES ADVENTURE TOURS
Offering a range of Canberra city half-day tours, nature walks and camping and hiking adventures.
Tours operate: Daily

CANBERRA BIKE TOURS
Explore the historical, political, artistic and cultural sites of Canberra on a guided bike tour (4–5 hours).
Tours operate: Daily on request

CANBERRA GLASSWORKS
Take a self-guided tour, experience glassmaking, and discover some of Canberra’s heritage at this contemporary glass centre, the only one of its kind in Australia.
Tours operate: Wed–Sun

CANBERRA GUIDED TOURS
Small group, expert guided tours in and around Canberra to suit different interests, and can provide customised tours.
Tours operate: Daily
CANBERRA HELICOPTERS
Enjoy a scenic flight over Canberra and the surrounding region.
Tours operate: Daily

CANBERRA SECRETS
Canberra Secrets are personalised tours that provide you with a true local perspective of what makes this city tick.
Tours operate: Daily on request

CANBERRA URBAN ADVENTURES
Discover the city around its gorgeous lake with a local guide on a fun pedal kayak or electric bike adventure. Explore Tidbinbilla on a ‘Ride with the Roos’ (kangaroos) e-bike tour.
Tours operate: Tue–Sat

CAPITAL BREWING CO
Come behind the scenes of Canberra’s newest brewery, and see how they turn malt, hops, water and yeast into delicious beer and sample any of the 12 brews made on-premise in front of your eyes. Tour bookings essential.
Tours operate: Sat and Sun

COCKINGTON GREEN GARDENS
Venture into this delightful and fascinating display of meticulously crafted miniature buildings set within beautifully-landscaped gardens.
Open daily

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: Wed–Sun
**TOURS AND EXPERIENCES**

**Dharwra 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

**Eat Canberra Food Tours**
Eat your way around restaurant hop and sample a range of food and drinks at some hot spots and hidden gems of Canberra.

*Tours operate:* Saturdays

**GoBoat Canberra**
Hire a self-drive, sustainable, electric picnic boat and enjoy exploring Canberra’s Lake Burley Griffin and city centre from a different angle.

*Boat license not required.*

*Open daily*
*Closed in winter*

**Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary**
Take a journey into Mulligans Flat at night to rediscover Canberra’s lost wildlife.

*Tours operate:* Wed and Fri

**MV Southern Cross Cruises**
Enjoy the ever changing views of Canberra’s famous landmarks and the beautiful shores of Lake Burley Griffin from the MV Southern Cross.

*Tours operate:* Daily

**National Dinosaur Museum**
The National Dinosaur Museum has one of the largest displays of dinosaurs and prehistoric life in Australia.

*Open daily*
NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA
Delight in the art and world-class exhibitions on show at the gallery, on the shores of Canberra’s Lake Burley Griffin.
Open daily with free admission
Guided tours available

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

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY
Explore portraiture and come face to face with Australian identity, history, culture, creativity and diversity.
Open daily with free admission
Guided tours available

NATIONAL ZOO & AQUARIUM
Get up close and personal with some of the world’s most amazing creatures and Australian wildlife. Pat a cheetah, feed a bear or become acquainted with a meerkat!
Open daily

PARLIAMENT HOUSE
See democracy in action at Australia’s iconic Parliament House high on Capital Hill.
Open daily with free admission
Group guided tours available by pre-arrangement

PIALLIGO ESTATE CANBERRA
Sit back, relax and take in the picturesque Pialligo Estate Garden Pavilions, a sensational food, wine and lifestyle destination.
Farm tours operate: Daily
TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

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

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT
Visit the Royal Australian Mint to learn the stories behind every Australian coin.
Open daily with free admission
Guided tours available

SEG GLIDE RIDE
Discover Lake Burley Griffin’s foreshore, famous landmarks and iconic buildings on a guided segway riding experience.
Tours operate: 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

THE TRUFFLE FARM TRUFFLE HUNTS
Join Jayson and Australia’s best truffle dog team on an exhilarating truffle hunt experience.
Tours operate: Daily from June to August

WILDFEST® AT TIDBINBILLA
Experience Canberra’s premier wildlife sanctuary like never before with the ultimate glamping experience.
Operates seasonally
Groups on request
**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

**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

**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

**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 and design.
*When:* Sept–Oct

**FLORIADE NIGHTFEST**
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 five nights during Floriade
ABODE MURRUMBATEMAN
Rating: 4 Star
Total Rooms: 50 guest rooms
Location: Murrumbateman
Close to: Cellar doors, Murrumbateman Village Centre

ADINA SERVICED APARTMENTS
Rating: 4.5 Star
Total Rooms: 128 guest rooms
Location: Dickson
Close to: Exhibition Park, Braddon dining precinct

AVENUE HOTEL CANBERRA
Rating: 5 Star
Total Rooms: 213 guest rooms and apartments
Location: Braddon
Close to: Bars, restaurants, shopping, city centre, Canberra Theatre

BURBURY HOTEL & APARTMENTS
Rating: 4.5 Star
Total Rooms: 152 guest rooms and apartments
Location: Barton
Close to: Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia, Lake Burley Griffin, city centre

CANBERRA REX HOTEL
Rating: 4.5 Star
Total Rooms: 146 guest rooms and apartments
Location: Braddon
Close to: Bars, restaurants, shopping, city centre, Canberra Theatre

CROWNE PLAZA CANBERRA
Rating: 4.5 Star
Total Rooms: 240 guest rooms
Location: Canberra CBD
Close to: Bars, restaurants, Casino Canberra, shopping, Lake Burley Griffin, National Museum of Australia
DIPLOMAT HOTEL
Rating: 4 Star
Total Rooms: 130 guest rooms
Location: Griffith
Close to: Manuka and Kingston, cafés, restaurants, Canberra Railway Station, Parliament House

EAST HOTEL
Rating: 4.5 Star
Total Rooms: 140 guest rooms and apartments
Location: Kingston
Close to: Kingston Foreshore, Manuka, cafés, restaurants, Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia

FORREST HOTEL & APARTMENTS
Rating: 3.5 Star
Total Rooms: 114 guest rooms and apartments
Location: Forrest
Close to: Parliament House, Manuka, Shopping, National Gallery of Australia, Old Bus Depot Markets

HOTEL REALM
Rating: 5 Star
Total Rooms: 163 guest rooms
Location: Barton
Close to: Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia, Lake Burley Griffin, city centre

HYATT HOTEL CANBERRA
Rating: 5 Star
Total Rooms: 252 guest rooms and suites
Location: Yarralumla
Close to: Parliament House, Lake Burley Griffin, National Gallery of Australia, Questacon

JAMALA WILDLIFE LODGE
Rating: 5 Star
Total Rooms: 18 guest rooms
Location: Yarralumla
Close to: National Zoo & Aquarium, National Arboretum Canberra, Lake Burley Griffin
**KNIGHTSBRIDGE CANBERRA**
Rating: 4.5 Star  
Total Rooms: 78 guest rooms and apartments  
Location: Kingston  
Close to: Bars, restaurants, Manuka Oval, Kingston Foreshore, Old Bus Depot Markets

**LITTLE NATIONAL HOTEL**
Rating: 4 Star  
Total Rooms: 120 guest rooms  
Location: Barton  
Close to: Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia, Lake Burley Griffin, city centre

**MANTRA MACARTHUR HOTEL**
Rating: 4 Star  
Total Rooms: 176 guest rooms  
Location: Turner  
Close to: Braddon, Dickson, bars, restaurants, Australian War Memorial

**MERCURE CANBERRA**
Rating: 3.5 Star  
Total Rooms: 129 guest rooms  
Location: Braddon  
Close to: Mount Ainslie lookout, Australian War Memorial, Braddon, restaurants, bars

**NOVOTEL CANBERRA**
Rating: 4.5 Star  
Total Rooms: 286 guest rooms  
Location: Canberra CBD  
Close to: Bars, restaurants, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra Theatre, Questacon

**OVOLO NISHI**
Rating: 5 Star  
Total Rooms: 68 guest rooms  
Location: NewActon  
Close to: Bars, restaurants, city centre, Lake Burley Griffin, National Museum of Australia
PARKLANDS HOTEL & APARTMENTS
Rating: 3.5 Star
Total Rooms: 65 guest rooms
Location: Dickson
Close to: Australian War Memorial, restaurants, Braddon dining precinct

PAVILION ON NORTHBOURNE
Rating: 4.5 Star
Total Rooms: 156 guest rooms
Location: Dickson
Close to: Bars, restaurants, Braddon precinct, city centre

PEPPERS GALLERY HOTEL
Rating: 4.5 Star
Total Rooms: 85 guest rooms and apartments
Location: NewActon
Close to: Bars, restaurants, city centre, Lake Burley Griffin, National Museum of Australia

QT CANBERRA
Rating: 4.5 Star
Total Rooms: 205 guest rooms
Location: NewActon
Close to: Bars, restaurants, city centre, Lake Burley Griffin, National Museum of Australia

RYDGES CAPITAL HILL
Rating: 4 Star
Total Rooms: 186 guest rooms
Location: Forrest
Close to: Parliament House, Manuka, shopping, National Gallery of Australia, Old Bus Depot Markets

VIBE HOTEL CANBERRA 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
CAPTAIN SPONGE’S MAGICAL OYSTER TOURS
Sample the world renowned Pambula Lake Sydney Rock oyster as fresh as can be — straight from the waters of the lake.
*Tours operate: Daily *

EDEN KILLER WHALE MUSEUM
The Eden Killer Whale Museum offers visitors the chance to discover the intriguing story of the unique working relationship between the whalers and killer whales of Twofold Bay.
*Open daily *

JERVIS BAY WILD
Jervis Bay is renowned for its natural beauty and extraordinary wildlife, such as dolphins, sea birds, seals and migrating whales (in season). Jervis Bay Wild offers a variety of whale and dolphin watching tours.
*Tours operate: Daily *

MERIMBULA MARINA OCEAN ADVENTURE TOURS
Explore the beautiful Sapphire Coast aboard a Whale Watching Cruise, Discovery Cruise or Fishing Charter.
*Tours operate: Daily during August to May *

REGION X
Region X provide a variety of guided kayak, hiking and cycling tours.
*Tours operate: Daily *

SOUTH COAST SEAPLANES
South Coast Seaplanes provide beautiful scenic flights along the entire NSW South Coast. Take in the specular views of unspoilt beaches and mountains from above.
*Tours operate: Daily *
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Canberra’s destination website is 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 Trade Hub, tourism.act.gov.au/trade-hub.