

# CANBERRA NATIONAL ARBORETUM COCKINGTON GREEN LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN CRUISE

**6 DAYS** DEPARTING SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2024



## HIGHLIGHTS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE    EMBASSY DRIVE  
ROYAL MINT            COCKINGTON GREEN  
MT AINSLIE LOOKOUT   NATIONAL LIBRARY  
HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA  
NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE  
LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN CRUISE  
AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL  
NATIONAL ARBORETUM  
NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

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### **DAY 1: SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCT**

#### **HOME TO WODONGA**

**D.**

After pick up from your home, join our luxury coach and travel through Bendigo making our way through the rich dairying, fruit growing and agriculturally productive areas surrounding the Goulburn River Valley. We continue on to Wodonga, set in a rich pastoral area and the industrial and commercial 'heart' of northern Victoria for our first overnight stop. Wodonga, and its "twin city" Albury, share an important part in the history of the development of the Melbourne-Sydney corridor. Dinner tonight is at the motel restaurant.

Accom: Blazing Stump Motel

Ph: 02 6056 3433

### **DAY 2: MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCT**

#### **WODONGA TO CANBERRA**

**B.D**

#### **MT AINSLIE LOOKOUT / AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL CEROMONY**

Departing Wodonga this morning we pass the Ettamogah Pub as we head north along the Hume Highway. We visit the Dog on the Tuckerbox an Australian historical monument located at Snake Gully, five miles (8 km) from Gundagai, before arriving in Canberra for lunch. This afternoon we take in the views from Mt. Ainslie Lookout where you can see the Parliamentary Triangle, Lake Burley Griffin and the National Carillion. Views of the Australian War Memorial are especially good from this lookout, including the Vietnam Memorial. Continue on for a drive down Anzac Parade, completed in 1965 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. It is lined on both sides with memorials commemorating Australia's armed forces involvement in WW1, WW2 and Vietnam. Our next visit is the Australian War Memorial for our guided tour followed by the very moving Last Post Closing Ceremony. Later we make our way to our accommodation for the next three nights.

Accom: Novotel Canberra    Ph: 02 6245 5000

### **DAY 3: TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCT**

#### **LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN CRUISE / GOVERNMENT HOUSE / PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

**B.D**

This morning we join our cruise and see the landmarks from Canberra's Lake Burley Griffin aboard the MV Southern Cross. Enjoy the ever-changing views of Canberra's famous landmarks and the beautiful shores of Lake Burley Griffin from the MV Southern Cross. We also enjoy Morning Tea on our cruise. A special extra this afternoon, as we are treated to a guided tour of Government House and its magnificent surrounding gardens. We visit the Royal Australian Mint, followed by a drive down Embassy Drive which traces a route through the embassies of Canberra. The route allows us to see where many of the Embassies have been designed and built to reflect their country's architectural style. We move on to a visit of the new Parliament House, the home of Australian Federal Parliament. Our guided tour explains the role

and function of the Federal Parliament, and provides information on the historical and architectural significance of Parliament House. Return to our motel in time to freshen up before dinner in the motel restaurant.

**DAY 4: WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCT**

**B.D.**

**NATIONAL ARBORETUM / HIGH COURT / NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY**

Today we visit the National Arboretum Canberra which is a mosaic of living forests and gardens offering breathtaking views, unique experiences, and a world-class entertainment. With over 44,000 rare and endangered trees across a 250-hectare site, the Arboretum is a place of beauty, conservation, science research, education, tourism and recreation. Surround yourself with some of Canberra's best panoramic views, over 94 forests, stunning architecture and themed, landscaped gardens. We visit the High Court of Australia for a guided tour, and later this afternoon we visit the National Portrait Gallery of Australia, the portrait gallery contains portraits of prominent Australians (by birth or association) who are important in their field of endeavour, or whose life sets them apart as an individual of long-term public interest. Return to our motel for dinner in the motel restaurant.

**DAY 5: THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT**

**CANBERRA TO WODONGA**

**B.D.**

**COCKINGTON GREEN / HOLBROOK**

This morning we travel to Cockington Green via the Australian Institute of Sport. Unique in Australia, Cockington Green allows visitors to explore the world in miniature with detailed model buildings and magical landscaped gardens, which are the features of this unique and popular Australian award-winning tourist attraction. After lunch we depart our National Capital and head north to Yass, then make our way to Holbrook. To honour Lieutenant Holbrook the town's namesake, the Holbrook council acquired a portion of the hull of HMAS Otway, an Oberon class submarine when it was decommissioned by the Royal Australian Navy in 1995. The Navy gifted the fin from the submarine to the town. This resulted in a drive by the town and district to bid on the whole submarine. This drive for the purchase of the submarine was successful in raising \$100,000, almost all a gift from Lt Holbrook's widow Gundula Holbrook. However, this amount was insufficient to purchase all of the Otway. Through negotiations with the scrap yard in Sydney, the town did succeed in purchasing all of the outside skin of the Otway above the waterline. This part of the Otway is now displayed in Germanton Park in the heart of Holbrook, having been dedicated on 7-8 June 1997. Continue further onto Wodonga for our overnight stop. Dinner tonight is at the motel restaurant.

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**DAY 6: FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOV**

**WODONGA TO HOME**

**B.**

Today we make our way home via Glenrowan and then on to Shepparton for a stop and visit the SPC cannery Ardmona. Here you have the opportunity to purchase canned fruit from their extensive warehouse. Later we farewell passengers who will be leaving the coach as we make our way home.

**PRICE: \$ 2940.00 per person twin share**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 560.00**

**All prices include GST**

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

**Luxury Coach Travel**

**Brendan's Australian Tours Travel Wallet**

**Motel Accommodation - Twin Share**

**Admissions to Attractions as specified on Itinerary**

**Meals as per itinerary**

**B=Breakfast**

**D=Dinner**

**Pick up and return to your home**

**Travel Insurance is highly recommended and is the responsibility of each passenger.**