

9 DAY | Canberra Floriade Tour – EX RENMARK

Tuesday 28 September – Wednesday 6 October 2021

Australia's biggest Celebration of Spring!

Delight in uplifting colours and sweet-scented blooms of Floriade

Starts in: Renmark
Ends in: Renmark
Costs: \$3,558.00 per person based on twin/double share room
\$ 833.00 single supplement for a guaranteed single room
\$ 100.00 reduction if paid in full by 10th May 2021 (Early Bird Special)

Travel the country side during the most colourful time of the year! Lay your eyes upon the magical celebration of Spring and be enchanted by the countless colours dotted throughout the Floriade Festival.

DAY 1: (D) RENMARK TO SWAN HILL

Tuesday 28 September 2021

Greeting our fellow travellers, soon to be friends, we hit the road with anticipation for our exciting escape to experience Canberra Floriade! This afternoon we have the chance to get to know one another as we make our way to Swan Hill for our overnight stay.

1 night | Comfort Inn Campbell Motor Inn
Dinner at hotel | Lunch not included

DAY 2: (BLD) SWAN HILL TO WAGGA WAGGA

Wednesday 29 September 2021

Taking a leisurely drive to **Deniliquin** this morning, we stretch our legs at the **Peppin Heritage Centre**. The building was Deniliquin's first public school. It has been transformed into a regional museum with permanent exhibitions. We have arranged lunch at the **Deniliquin RSL club** before we travel through to **Wagga Wagga** for our overnight stay.

1 night | Mercure Wagga Wagga
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch at Deniliquin RSL Club

DAY 3: (BLD) WAGGA WAGGA TO CANBERRA

Thursday 30 September 2021

In **Gundagai** this morning we take a moment to uncover the towns intriguing stories as our **guide** shows us around including time to take in **Rusconi's Masterpiece**. Taking nearly thirty years to build the masterpiece is

made entirely of NSW marble where no plans of any kind were used during its construction. Yet it is a magnificent example of meticulous accuracy! Next, in **Yass**, we'll discover the home of the first Australian-born explorer, Hamilton Hume at **Cooma Cottage**. Enjoying lunch here, our guide leads us through this fine example of a pioneer dwelling, we capture the lives they must have led. Afterwards, we'll continue on to **Canberra**. Arriving at the hotel we settle in while thinking about the wonderful days ahead; getting to know our Capital a little better and exploring fields upon fields of Springs colourful delights.

4 nights | Canberra Rex Hotel

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Cooma Cottages

DAY 4: (BD) CANBERRA AND THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Friday 1 October 2021

This morning we enjoy a **city tour**, unveiling such sights as **Embassy Row** – filled with traditional designs and splendid architecture. Afterwards, we head to Capital Hill, the focal point of Canberra to explore the meeting place of the nation, **Parliament House**. Listening to our guide as we are taken behind the scenes of this political power house, we may also have a chance to witness democracy in action! This afternoon we now pay tribute at the **Australian War Memorial**. Join a public tour or wander at our own pace through this somber and uplifting monument. Unveiling the sacrifices made by the women and men who served, we may also like to stay for the moving **Last Post Ceremony** before heading to our hotel.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at own arrangements and cost

DAY 5: (BD) FLORIADE!

Saturday 2 October 2021

Today we celebrate the most colourful time of year, Spring! Experience **Floriade** and feel nature's joy of renewal as we wander through the extensive displays of more than a million blossoming bulbs and annuals. Revel in an impressive array of inspiring flowerbeds, horticultural exhibitions and unmissable entertainment. Enjoy lunch at one of the many stalls and spend as much time as we like at this wonderful spectacle of Spring. We'll then have the remainder of the day to explore before meeting up again for dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at own arrangements and cost

DAY 6: (BLD) TULIP TOP GARDENS AND LANYON HOMESTEAD

Sunday 3 October 2021

Making sure our cameras are packed, we continue this Spring fling at the magnificent **Tulip Top Gardens**. Behold the glorious display of tulips nestled between blossoming trees as we stroll along the path to the cascading waterfall. Take the popular pathway past the rosemary fields to the high viewing platform for the perfect photo opportunity. After a magical morning wandering around the tulips, we make our way to **Lanyon Homestead**. At Lanyon Café, you will enjoy lunch while gazing at the Brindabella Mountains in the distance. Then it's off to experience the restored mid-1800's Lanyon homestead. Taking our guide's hand, we discover the Convict-era outbuildings and explore the stunning gardens that make it the gem of Canberra's history. After a splendid day touring Canberra's outskirts, we head back to our hotel to relax before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | morning tea Tulip to Gardens | lunch at Lanyon Homestead

DAY 7: (BLD) CANBERRA TO ALBURY

Monday 4 October 2021

As we say goodbye to Australia's Capital we begin our journey home. In **Holbrook**, we stop off at the local bakery before a visit the **National Museum of Australian Pottery**, the only Museum dedicated to 19th and early 20th-century Australian pottery. Spend time here winding around the extensive range of products, keeping our eyes peeled for the few rare examples made by the convict potter Jonathan Leak, who's few surviving pieces are the earliest marked pottery produced in Australia! After this unique visit, we then travel to **Albury** and settle in for the evening.

1 night | Best Western Plus Hovell Tree

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Holbrook Bakery

DAY 8: (BLD) ALBURY TO SWAN HILL**Tuesday 5 October 2021**

Taking another opportunity to celebrate Spring, we visit the **Albury Botanic Gardens**. Meeting our guide, we begin meandering under the towering trees that line the inspiring gardens, uncovering the impressive plant collections of both native and exotic origins. After our peaceful guided stroll, we enjoy morning tea. Then it's back on the road as we continue our journey. Stopping for lunch at Deniliquin, we push on reaching **Swan Hill** in time for dinner.

1 night | Comfort Inn Campbell Motor Inn

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | morning tea Albury Botanic Gardens | lunch at Crossing Cafe

DAY 9: (B) HOMEWARD BOUND**Wednesday 6 October 2021**

We are up slightly earlier this morning as we begin the final leg of our journey. We'll head straight to **Renmark**, completing a wonderfully colourful holiday, surrounded by the amazing sights and fragrances with friends!

Breakfast at hotel | lunch not included

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures and inclement weather.

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