

12 Day Canberra Floriade & Snowy Mountains



Departing: Saturday, 1st October 2022

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DAY 1 MARYBOROUGH – COFFS HARBOUR D

Saturday, 1st October: All aboard for a wonderful tour full of scenic delights. With Wide Bay passengers onboard we journey to Brisbane with passengers joining enroute. Brisbane passengers join at Brisbane Coach Terminal and Gold Coast passengers join enroute. Travel in air-conditioned comfort through glorious countryside with ever changing colours. Enjoy a lunch break at Chinderah, then on to Coffs Harbour. Stay Opal Cove Resort

DAY 2 COFFS HARBOUR – GOSFORD BLD

Sunday, 2nd October: Continue our journey southward to Timber Town for lunch and free time. Along with the many attractions, your entry includes a steam train ride, horse & carriage ride, miniature train ride, gold panning experience and blacksmith demonstration. Onward to Gosford to our overnight accommodation. Stay Gosford Resort & Conference Centre

DAY 3 GOSFORD – CANBERRA BLD

Monday, 3rd October: Travel along the Hume Highway to the town of Bowral for morning tea in the beautiful Corbett Gardens. After lunch in Goulburn, make our way to Canberra to visit the amazing miniature re-creation of an English rural village at Cockington Green, complete with river, trains, bonsai gardens and tiny folk going about their business. Next, be captivated by the collection of interactive dinosaurs at the National Dinosaur Museum, then make our way to our accommodation. Three night stay Quality Hotel Dickson

DAY 4 CANBERRA FLORIADE BD

Tuesday, 4th October: Start our day with a photo stop at the Museum of Australian Democracy followed by a drive by tour of the Embassies and High Commissions. At Parliament House enjoy a guided tour and some free time, then on to the chief attraction of the day – Canberra Floriade. The massive springtime displays at Commonwealth Park provide an unrivalled spectacle of fragrance and colour. Complete our day with a visit to the Australian War Memorial with time to watch the closing ceremony before returning to our motel.

DAY 5 CANBERRA SIGHTSEEING BD

Wednesday, 5th October: Begin the day with a photo stop at the National Carillon then on to the magnificent Tulip Top Gardens for a wander through the delightful privately owned garden which is only open at Floriade time. After lunch (own expense) make our way to the National Arboretum for a guided tour then off to Telstra Tower for a 360 degree view of Canberra and surrounds. Return to our motel.

DAY 6 CANBERRA – JINDABYNE BMLD

Thursday, 6th October: Take a leap into outer space at the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex. The complex is part of the Deep Space Network run by NASA. Then, on to lunch and a visit to the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre, a state-of-the-art facility showcasing the amazing story of the Snowy Mountain Scheme. Enjoy some free time exploring Cooma before making our way to Jindabyne. Two night stay Rydges Horizons Snowy Mountains

DAY 7 KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK SIGHTSEEING BMLD

Friday, 7th October: Another day of scenic delights today as we explore the Snowy Mountain Region. Stop at Adaminaby for a photo of the Big Trout, then make our way through the Mt Kosciuszko National Park to Kiandra, an abandoned gold mining town and the birthplace of Australian skiing. Travel through Cabramurra, the highest town in Australia to Khancoban for lunch then on to the Wild Brumby Distillery for a tasting before returning to Jindabyne.

DAY 8 THREDBO ALPINE WALKING BLD

Saturday, 8th October: Free time today to walk the Alpine trails of your choice. Your walk starts with a scenic ride aboard the chairlift before setting off. Arguably the most beautiful time to visit, Spring rewards visitors with wildflowers on the hills, some snow on the summit and lush greenery. After an enjoyable day of scenic wonders, return to our motel for a well-earned rest.

DAY 9 JINDABYNE – COWRA BMLD

Sunday, 9th October: A special treat this morning with a visit to Macenmist Black Truffles & Wine for morning tea, a presentation about truffles and to watch the truffle dogs demonstrate their ability. Then, on to the charming, historic village of Bungendore for lunch and a visit to the Bungendore Wood Works Gallery which showcases some of the best wood art and contemporary furniture in Australia. After exploring its collection, you can poke around the town's galleries, antique stores and gift shops to unearth everything from great vintage vinyl to bric-a-brac, local art and pottery. Continue onto Cowra. Stay Cowra Services Club Motel

DAY 10 COWRA – DUBBO BMLD

Monday, 10th October: Start our day with a visit to the Peace Bell. Made from melted down coins donated by 106 member countries of the United Nations. Australia's World Peace Bell was awarded to Cowra in 1992 in recognition of its longstanding contribution to world peace and international understanding. Next, absorb the peaceful atmosphere as you walk through the lush gardens and cascading streams of the Cowra Japanese Gardens. Stop at the mural town of Eugowra for lunch then on to Dubbo. Stay Golden West Motor Inn

DAY 11 DUBBO – GOONDIWINDI BMLD

Tuesday, 11th October: This morning, enjoy a visit to Pilliga Pottery for morning tea and a pottery demonstration, then on to Narrabri for lunch at the RSL. Crossing the border back into Queensland, stop at the Goondiwindi Visitors Centre then on to our accommodation. Stay Jolly Swagman Motor Inn

DAY 12 GOONDIWINDI – HOME BM

Wednesday, 12th October: All too soon we head home with a lunch stop in Toowoomba before arrival in Brisbane mid-afternoon and Wide Bay early evening.

Adult: \$4698 pp

Pensioner: \$4674 pp

Past Passenger: \$4662 pp

Single Supplement: \$1541 pp

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