



SPARK TRAVEL



| 5 Day

CANBERRA FLORIADE & BOWRAL 'TULIP TIME' FESTIVAL

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Fully Escorted From Adelaide

Return Home Transfers

Flight Adelaide/Sydney/Canberra/Adelaide

High Tea at Canberra Hyatt Hotel

Guided Tour Of Parliament House

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Hughes Home Pick Up Service (zoned area).
- Fly to Sydney and return from Canberra with Virgin Australia.
- 2 nights at the lovely Springs Resort in Mittagong and 2 nights at the Alpha Hotel at Tuggeranong in Canberra.
- Take in Australia's Premier Celebration of Spring! The Canberra Floriade held in Commonwealth Park, a nationally and internationally recognised event and the largest festival of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Delightful Bowral Tulip Time Festival at the fabulous Corbett Gardens.
- Explore the Bradman Museum and International Cricket Hall of Fame.
- Visit the unique cool climate garden at Red Cow Farm, Sutton Forest.
- Visit historic Berrima and the old Courthouse, in 1838 the scene of Australia's first ever 'trial by jury.'
- Visit the many exhibitions at the Australian War Memorial and stay for the moving 'Last Post.'
- Sights of Canberra include the magnificent Tulip Top Gardens, Cockington Green miniature village, orientation tour of Canberra, guided tour of Parliament House, explore the National Gallery of Australia and the National Portrait Gallery.
- Sumptuous High Tea at the historic art deco Canberra Hyatt Hotel.
- Visit the National Arboretum and view the amazing National Bonsai and Penjing Collection.



NOTES:

****Health and Fitness:** To assist us when booking, please advise your Spark Travel consultant if you have any special needs such as mobility, dietary etc. A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. You will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided and you must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. If you are unable to manage on your own, it will be necessary to be accompanied by another person who is fit and able to assist you in day to day tasks and capable of providing the assistance required. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information in writing.

****Tour extensions** subject to availability and extension booking criteria.

****It should be noted** that to be fair to all passengers, we work a rotating seat system on board the coach and specific seats cannot be reserved.

****Please note** that on tours where flights are involved, the seating within the confines of the group is computer allocated alphabetically by the airlines concerned and beyond the control of Spark Travel.

HUGHES TRANSFERS TO AND FROM YOUR HOME:

Hughes transfers apply in the zoned area. These transfers may be available at additional cost to passengers who live outside the zoned area - please ask your Spark Travel consultant.

'HUGHES HOME PICK UP SERVICE' will call you **two (2) days** before the commencement of the tour to confirm the time they will be arriving at your home. **If you have missed the call, please contact Spark Travel (08) 8876 5121 a day prior to departure** for your pickup time. **If you reside at a retirement village, please ensure Hughes have clear instructions from you as to means of entry and directions to find your home. Also, if you are out of zone there will be an additional payment due and this should be made at the time of booking.** For safety reasons, suitcases should weigh no more than 20kgs. The Hughes home pick up service only applies to scheduled tour departure and return tour dates. Those passengers wishing to extend their tours will be responsible for their own transfers.

ITINERARY:

DAY 01 - THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER - ADELAIDE/SYDNEY/MITTAGONG - SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS, BRADMAN MUSEUM & INTERNATIONAL CRICKET HALL OF FAME

Meet your Spark Travel Tour Manager at **Adelaide Airport** departure hall and check in for your **Virgin Australia** flight to **Sydney**.

You will need to produce a valid **photo ID** in order to obtain your boarding pass.

06.00am Depart **Adelaide Airport** on board flight **VA401 to Sydney**, arriving at **08.20am**. On arrival into Sydney we collect our luggage and join our 5 star touring coach for the journey to **Mittagong via Bowral** in the beautiful **Southern Highlands**.

At **Bowral** visit the **Bradman Museum and International Cricket Hall of Fame**. It was Sir Donald Bradman's vision "that cricket continue to flourish and spread its wings." To honour this vision, the museum has been expanded not only to show the importance of Don's contribution to cricket and Australian history, but also cricket's important role throughout the world. Later enjoy a **light lunch**, after which we head off to **Mittagong**, our home for the next two nights. Dinners will be at the adjacent **Mittagong RSL Club**.

OVERNIGHT: MITTAGONG SPRINGS RESORT, MITTAGONG. (L,D)

DAY 02 - FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER - BOWRAL TULIP TIME, RED COW FARM GARDENS, HISTORIC BERRIMA COURTHOUSE

This morning visit **Corbett Gardens** to view the amazing **Bowral Tulip Time Festival**, then later on to **Red Cow Farm** in the picturesque rural village of Sutton Forest, where we will tour the exquisite cool climate garden. Developed around the 1820's cottage, the garden is divided into 'rooms' - the walled garden, the cottage garden, the monastery garden, a stunning collection of rare and unusual perennials, woodland and old-fashioned roses, just to name a few areas. Our route then takes us on to **Berrima**, a unique historic village on the Hume Highway. Berrima is an important part of Australia's national heritage and has hardly changed since the early 1800's. We take a fascinating guided **tour of Berrima Courthouse** which in 1838 was the scene of Australia's first trial by jury.

OVERNIGHT: MITTAGONG SPRINGS RESORT, MITTAGONG. (B,D)

DAY 03 - SATURDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER - MITTAGONG/CANBERRA - TULIP TOP GARDENS, COCKINGTON GREEN, AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Today our journey takes us from **Mittagong to Canberra**. Our first stop will be at **Sutton** to visit the beautiful **Tulip Top Gardens**, a privately owned garden with 10 acres of magnificent tulips, spring flowers and hundreds of blossom trees nestling between the flowers and shrubs. Later visit the miniature village of **Cockington Green** - unique in Australia, presenting an accurate 1/12th scale reproduction of buildings and settings typical of Great Britain. The spectacular gardens include over 30,000 annuals as well as rare and unusual plants.

Our final visit for the day will be to the **Australian War Memorial**, for a self-guided tour. The War Memorial contains an archive, centre of research and galleries displaying relics, documents, photographs and art. The Hall of Memory, with the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier is at the centre of the formal commemorative areas and we stay to hear the '**Last Post**' being played, a truly moving experience.

Later transfer to the **Alpha Hotel at Tuggeranong**, our home for the next 3 nights.

Dinners will be at the adjacent **Vikings Club**.

OVERNIGHT: ALPHA HOTEL, TUGGERANONG, CANBERRA. (B,D)

DAY 04 - SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER - IN CANBERRA - CANBERRA 'FLORIADÉ,' SIGHTS TOUR, HIGH TEA AT THE CANBERRA HYATT

Today we begin with the **Canberra 'Floriadé'** at Commonwealth Park, 2.8 hectares of lawns and the largest display of bulb blooms seen anywhere in the Southern Hemisphere. Over one million blooms set the backdrop as '**Floriadé**' 2025 delivers a festival filled with celebration and entertainment. Brilliant flowers and masses of colour all create a glorious display in Canberra's **Commonwealth Park**. Enjoy the scenery and shop at delightful craft stalls. Enjoy an **orientation tour of Canberra** - at **Mt Ainslie** to take in the magnificent view of Canberra and particularly Parliament House, see Lake Burley Griffin, the High Court of Australia, drive past the embassies in the diplomatic precinct of **Yarralumla** - many with architectural styles unique to their own countries.

Our last stop for the day is at the art-deco **Canberra Hyatt Hotel** where we will indulge ourselves with the famous **High Tea** in **The Tea Lounge**. Partake in a variety of savouries, finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones, jam and cream, tea and coffee. Also included is a **glass of sparkling wine**.

OVERNIGHT: ALPHA HOTEL, TUGGERANONG, CANBERRA. (B,HT,D)

DAY 05 - MONDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER - CANBERRA/ADELAIDE - NATIONAL ARBORETUM, TOUR PARLIAMENT HOUSE, NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA & NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

This morning after breakfast we load our bags and head off for a visit to the magnificent **National Arboretum**, inhabiting 250 hectares of rare and endangered significant trees from Australia and around the world. Explore the wonderful **National Bonsai and Penjing Collection**, with some of the finest miniature trees and forests in the world. Our next stop will be at **Parliament House** for a fascinating 1 hour guided tour, then onto the **National Gallery of Australia**, with its extensive collection of Australian, Asian, European and American art. Lunch may be purchased at the gallery café located on the lower ground floor, overlooking the lovely Sculpture Garden (own cost). Our final visit will be to the **National Portrait Gallery** to view the fascinating display of some 400 portraits of people who have shaped Australia and who continue to shape our nation. We will enjoy a pub dinner, after which we transfer to **Canberra Airport** to begin our journey back to Adelaide.

At check in please have your **photo ID** handy in order to receive your boarding pass.

8.15pm Depart **Canberra Airport** on flight **VA579**, arriving **Adelaide Airport** at **9.35pm**. **(B,D)**

AT THE END OF YOUR TOUR A HUGHES CAR WILL DRIVE YOU HOME

TOUR COST:

Sharing twin/double:
Single supplement:

\$3169.00 per person
\$489.00 per person

MEAL CODINGS: (B) – Breakfast (L) – Lunch (HT) – High Tea (D) – Dinner

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Hughes home pick up service from/to your home (zoned area).
- Economy class flights with Virgin Australia.
- Luxury 5 star air-conditioned coach travel.
- Services of an experienced Spark Travel Tour Manager.
- 2 night's accommodation at the Springs Resort, Mittagong and 2 nights' accommodation at the Alpha Hotel, Tuggeranong, Canberra.
- 4 cooked breakfasts, 5 dinners, 1 lunch, 1 High Tea at the Canberra Hyatt Hotel.
- Entry to: Bradman Museum & International Cricket Hall of Fame, Bowral Tulip Time, Red Cow Farm Gardens, Berrima Courthouse, Tulip Top Gardens, Cockington Green, Australian War Memorial, Canberra Floriade, guided tour of Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia, the National Arboretum, National Portrait Gallery. (At the NGA and NPG, entry to special exhibitions at own cost).
- Goods and Services Tax.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals, morning and afternoon teas, drinks other than indicated in the itinerary.
- Porterage. A suitcase with wheels is recommended - max weight 20kgs plus a small overnight bag maximum weight 7kgs.
- Items of a personal nature.

COVID-19:

No responsibility is taken by Spark Travel or the Event Organisers in regard to Covid-19. It is highly recommended that visitors wear a mask on board flights and whilst in enclosed spaces and we also recommend full vaccination against Covid-19.

IMPORTANT:

Due to OSH requirements, baggage weighing more than 20kgs will not be carried by Hughes, airlines or our coach company.

*****Conditions Apply*****

DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please ask your consultant for details.

Should you have any pre-existing medical conditions, please let your consultant know so they can be listed on the policy.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF SPARK TRAVEL:

Should an event occur which is beyond the control of Spark Travel, ie: delays to ship, aircraft, train, coach thereby incurring extra expenses, these additional costs are borne by the passenger at the time of the event. A travel insurance claim for reimbursement should be submitted to the insurance company upon return home. Please keep any receipts. It should be understood that neither Spark Travel nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage arising from our services.

ITINERARIES:

Itineraries are subject to change and no responsibility can be accepted. Coach operator and size of coach may be changed at the discretion of Spark Travel without notice. Where a tour does not meet minimum numbers travelling together on the outward journey a cost surcharge will apply. If group numbers fall below 15 adult paying passengers no tour leader will be provided. No itemisation of tour arrangements can be given and no refund for any portion of a tour not taken. Flora and fauna as described in an itinerary is nature and as such cannot be guaranteed.

ACCOMMODATION:

Spark Travel reserves the right to alter hotel/motel accommodation and to substitute a suitable alternative. Where accommodation is booked on a 'will share basis', at the time of finalisation if there is nobody suitable to share with, it may be necessary to pay the appropriate single supplement. Spark Travel does not accept any responsibility for the non-compatibility of 'sharing' clients. If by choice a single room is requested and booked a single room surcharge will apply.

HEALTH AND FITNESS:

A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided. You must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information. It is recommended masks be worn on flights and in crowded or inside spaces. To protect yourself and fellow travellers, vaccination against Covid-19 is recommended.

FUEL SURCHARGES AND TAXES:

All bookings may attract additional fuel surcharges and taxes which can be levied up to and including the date of departure even if final payment has been made. Booking is subject to final audit.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable security deposit of **\$675.00 per person (inc GST)** is required within five (5) days of booking.

FINAL PAYMENTS:

The security deposit forms part of the total price, the balance of which is due 60 days prior to departure, or in the case of bookings made within that 60 day period, the final payment is due as soon as the booking is confirmed.

LATE BOOKINGS AND AMENDMENTS:

Bookings made within 7 days inclusive of departure will incur a **late booking fee of \$75.00 per person**. Late bookings subject to availability. Once a booking has been made a **\$75.00 per person amendment fee** will apply for any alterations on selected departures only, and if applicable, one (1) change only to that booking. Transfers to other tours not permitted.

CREDIT CARDS:

If paying by credit card, a surcharge applies of 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3.5% for Amex and Diners cards.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

- i) We act as an Agent; and
- ii) That our Terms and Conditions are in addition to the Terms and Conditions of each Travel supplier listed on the quote itinerary; and
- iii) That it is the Terms and Conditions of the Travel supplier that determine the terms of cancellation and refunds, if any.

BOOKINGS CANCELLED AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE:

- (a) Bookings cancelled 61 days or earlier, full refund less deposit and booking fee and any other non-refundable services or products.
- (b) Bookings cancelled 60 days or less prior to departure will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost.
- (c) No refund can be given for any portion of the tour not taken and no refund after the tour has commenced.

| Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all travel including domestic.

Travel insurance is available to cover you for cancellation including COVID-19.

Please ask your consultant for a quote.

| Accreditation

