



6 Day Canberra- Floriade Festival 15th September to 14th October

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Enjoy Floriade and experience a world-class floral spectacular. Over one million blooms create a stunning backdrop to a month long festival filled with entertainment and activities for all the family.

Each year from mid September to mid October, the national capital bursts into bloom with Floriade – Canberra’s springtime gift to people of Australia.

Floriade is a technical wonder of timing, planning and organization. Planned years in advance, the flower beds of tulips and annuals are meticulously designed in line with each year’s theme to create a visual display to amaze.

More than just flowers, Floriade is a festive celebration with music, entertainment and activities, cultural celebrations, displays and demonstrations, gardening products, arts, crafts and produce.

The 2006 theme - Floriade Carnival, The World on Show, bursts into bloom from 16 September to 15 October with an international flare and should not be missed.

During Floriade 2006, Canberra played host to the first World Tulip Summit ever to be held in the southern hemisphere. The countries that hold major tulip and flower festivals around the world have inspired the 2006 flowerbed design.



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DAY 1. MELBOURNE

Depart Melbourne's Southern Cross (Spencer Street) Coach Terminal at 7.00 am and head north up the Hume Highway to cross the Murray River into New South Wales at the twin towns of Albury/Wodonga. Stop off to have a stroll around the Ettamogah Pub complex then pass through Holbrook to Gundagai stopping off to see The Dog on the Tuckerbox. End the day in the nation's capital – Canberra.

OVERNIGHT: CANBERRA SAVILLE PARK SUITES (4 STAR)

DAY 2. CANBERRA (B, D)

After breakfast a short drive to Commonwealth Park for a colour extravaganza at Floriade – Canberra's celebration of spring. Enjoy the myriad of colours and scents as you stroll through the park. In this tapestry see over a million colourful displays unrivalled by any other event of its kind also enjoy lively entertainment in the Floriade Village which is the centre of fun, food and activity.

OVERNIGHT: CANBERRA SAVILLE PARK SUITES (4 STAR)

DAY 3. CANBERRA (B, D)

Today enjoy a day of visiting the sights of Canberra. Start off with a visit to the War Memorial followed by a drive around Lake Burley Griffin to see the Captain James Cook Memorial Water Jet, the Carillon, pass the High Court and the National Library then a drive along Embassy row with the overseas consulates and The Lodge. Visit Old Parliament House then enjoy a guided tour of our new Parliament House. After dinner tonight drive up to Black Mountain and see the lights of the nation's capital from the Telstra Tower.

OVERNIGHT: CANBERRA SAVILLE PARK SUITES (4 STAR)

DAY 4. CANBERRA (B, D)

This morning visit the colourful Tulip farm as part of the spring Floriade Festival. See and walk amongst the spectacular varieties of approximately a quarter of a million tulips. Afterwards the remainder of the day is at leisure, private sightseeing or shopping. You may wish to return to Commonwealth Park for the afternoon (own expense).

OVERNIGHT: CANBERRA SAVILLE PARK SUITES (4 STAR)



DAY 5. THE ALPINE WAY (B D)

Leave the nation's capital and travel down the Monaro Highway to Cooma – once dubbed the most cosmopolitan town in Australia with all the migrant workers employed on the Snowy Mountains Scheme. See the monuments and centres dedicated to these workers and see the International Avenue of Flags in Centennial Park. Enjoy the picturesque scenery as you travel along the Alpine Way through the township of Berridale the base for many trout fishers and skiers. Next stop is Jindabyne, situated on a lake of the same name. Originally located on the banks of the Snowy River it was relocated in 1962 on a site chosen by the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority. Time to browse before a stop at Bullocks Flat Continue onto Thredbo Village at the foot of the Crackenback Range for a quick visit then continue on passing Dead Horse Gap and other scenic lookouts today's travels end in Khancoban in the lush Murray Valley, a town also built by the Snowy Mountains Authority. OVERNIGHT: KHANCOBAN ALPINE INN

DAY 6. YACKANDANDAH – BEECHWORTH – MELBOURNE – (B)

Travel through the beautiful Tallangatta Valley stopping off at Yackandandah with its English tree lined main street and time to stroll in the historic township of Beechworth. Head back down the Hume Homeward bound