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9 DAYS - SPRING GARDENS TOUR CANBERRA AND FLORIADE



Tuesday 28 September - Wednesday 6 October 2027

Celebrate the arrival of spring on this spectacular 9-day garden escape, showcasing Australia's most breathtaking floral displays. Wander through the colourful wonder of Canberra's world-famous Floriade, admire the magnificent blooms of Tulip Top Gardens, and discover stunning private gardens and charming country towns.

Includes

- Home pick up & return service Metropolitan Area & Mornington Peninsula
- 1 Night Mercure Wagga Wagga
- 3 Nights Mercure Goulburn Lithgow Workies Club Motel, Blue Mountains |
- Entrance fees to gardens, attractions, guided tours
- Breakfasts, evening meals, lunches as per itinerary
- Coach travel

Cost: \$3,785.00 Per person twin share/double Single supp: \$880.00
\$200.00 Deposit to secure booking

Direct deposit: **BENDIGO BSB: 633 000 ACCOUNT: 162401020**
FINAL PAYMENT: The date is specified on each individual receipt

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Day 1 (LD) HOME TO WAGGA WAGGA Tuesday, 28 September 2027

Welcome to our **Spring Gardens tour**. After completing our pickup service we travel through Yea stop just outside of Albury at the unique **Kinross Woolshed Hotel** for lunch. The building's origins date back to the early 1890s when it was one of the busiest shearing sheds of its time. This afternoon we express through to Wagga Wagga for our overnight accommodation.

1 Night Mercure Wagga Wagga

Day 2 (BLD) WAGGA WAGGA TO GOULBURN Wednesday, 29 September

Following breakfast, we farewell our hosts and head to Junee. The 1947 Roundhouse, with its massive turntable and multiple repair bays, is an interesting reminder of the importance the town played in the Steam Train Era. On arrival we visit the Junee Liquorice and Chocolate Factory, established in the old Junee Flour Mill. Here they manufacture organic liquorice, one of only three certified organic liquorice manufacturers in the world!

We travel to Yass and enjoy lunch at the Yass Soldiers Club before our guided tour of **Cooma Cottage**. It's a single-story colonial home built in 1835 and was the home of Hamilton Hume from 1839 to 1873. From Yass we head to Goulburn and settle into our hotel for the next three nights.

Day 3 (BD) CANBERRA FLORIADE Thursday, 30 September

It's festival day! After breakfast, we visit **Tulip Top Gardens**, where acres of stunning world class gardens bloom to life. Hundreds of blossom trees nestle between flowers and provide a magic pathway to the cascading waterfall and watercourse with classic music wafting through the air in the hidden valley. Then it's off to Commonwealth Park, for the amazing **Floriade Festival***. The flower display is the largest of its type in the Southern Hemisphere. Explore the impressive array of inspiring flowerbeds, horticultural exhibitions and unmissable entertainment. At a designated time, we return to our hotel.

Day 4 (BHTD) GARDENS IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Friday, 01 October

Today's touring takes us into the Southern Highlands. We visit **Corbett Gardens**, the centrepiece of the annual **Tulip Time Festival***. During the Tulip Festival over 100,000 tulips and 25,000 annuals are planted each year to transform Corbett Gardens and other parks across the shire into stunning displays of sweeping spring colour. We spend some time here enjoying the

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festival and taking in the stunning tulip gardens. We move on now to visit **Milton Park Country House**. The garden at Milton Park was designed by the English School of Landscape and remains the only work undertaken outside of Europe by that esteemed academy. Today, it is considered by many to be one of the finest gardens in Australia and we take a tour and have our special **High Tea style lunch** here. Our final visit for the day is a little different to the gardens we have just visited, and we arrive at **Fairground Follies**. This location is just like visiting an old-fashioned amusement park with its collection of self-playing instruments and mechanical music, fair organs, street organs and a 100-year-old steam carousel. What a fun way to end our touring today.

Day 5 (BLD) GOULBURN TO LITHGOW Saturday, 02 October 2027

After breakfast this morning we farewell our hosts and travel north to **Oberon**. We stop for a visit to the **Mayfield Garden**. One of the largest privately owned cool climate gardens in the world, it was nestled within a 5000-acre working farm initially. Work on Mayfield Garden was quite modest in scale but as tends to happen with gardens, it grew...and grew...and grew. There is a maze, an oak forest, a walled potager, an 80-metre cascade that tumbles down the hillside, and an extensive parterre garden...you really have to see it to believe it. Experiencing the colours of this beautiful season will top off a lovely experience. We stay here for **lunch** at the Café, then head to **Bathurst** for a visit to the **Bathurst Rail Museum** before arriving in **Lithgow**, our base for the next three nights in the Blue Mountains.

Lithgow Workies Club Motel, Blue Mountains | 3 nights

Day 6 (BD) LITHGOW & ZIG ZAG RAILWAY Sunday, 03 October

Today's travels take us to the very popular **Zig Zag Railway**. The railway was constructed between 1866 and 1869 and was acclaimed as a major engineering feat of its time, becoming the first rail link to the western regions of NSW. Totally destroyed by recent bushfires, volunteers have worked tirelessly to bring this unique attraction back to life. The highlight of the Zig Zag Railway trip, apart from the magnificent scenery, is the sight, sound and smell of a hard-working steam locomotive which is sure to bring a touch of nostalgia to those who can remember when the nation travelled behind steam. Following our train trip, we travel through the beautiful scenery of the Bells Line of Road to **Mount Tomah** where we have time to **purchase lunch** and visit the **Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens**. Sitting on the summit of an extinct

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volcano at 1,000m above sea level, this 252-hectare garden is home to a world class collection of cool climate plants. The Garden has views stretching from the Hunter Valley, across the Blue Mountains back to Sydney. There are more than 48,000 plant specimens such as the Formal Garden, Explorers' Walk and Brunet Meadow. Following a wonderful day, we return to our accommodation for dinner.

Day 7 (BLD) BLUE MOUNTAINS Monday, 04 October

This morning we head into the Blue Mountains and start our **sightseeing** in **Leura**. The name Leura, which is aboriginal for "lava", was given to the village because of the area's wealth of volcanic stones. Our first stop of the day is **Everglades Gardens**; here we see one of the most important historic gardens in Australia, considered by many to be unparalleled in the country for its unique design and historical significance. For **lunch** we visit **Bygone Beauty's** and browse the vast array of old treasures including jewellery, furniture, fine china, dinner services, dolls and toys. Next, we take a **sightseeing tour** along the scenic Cliff Drive with a stop to admire Echo Point and the Three Sisters before our visit to **Scenic World**. Here we take a ride on the **Scenic Cableway & Scenic Railway**. The Scenic Cableway is the steepest aerial cable car in Australia. It takes us on a 545-metre ride into the World Heritage Listed Rainforest of the Jamison Valley. From here we wander along the 300m boardwalk to the base of the Scenic Railway...the world's steepest incline railway. We then ascend some 415m up the escarpment at a gradient of 52 degrees. Returning to our hotel we have some time to freshen before dinner.

Day 8 (BLD) LITHGOW TO ALBURY Tuesday, 05 October

We farewell the Blue Mountains and travel through Blayney to **Cowra**, the town made famous by the POW Camp located here during WWII and the now famous "Cowra Breakout". Here we enjoy a visit to the **Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre**. Opened in 1979 this is a "must see" attraction in Cowra. The garden represents the landscapes of Japan where the hill is the mountain, streams are rivers while ponds are inland lakes and the sea. The beauty and tranquillity of the Japanese Garden provides a spiritual and cultural experience. After **lunch**, we drive through **Young**, then straight on to **Albury** for our last night on tour. **Quality Resort Siesta, Albury | 1 night**

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Day 9 (B) HEADING HOME Wednesday, 04 October 2027

Thanking our hosts, we embark on the homeward journey. Our route leads us via Moyhu to the charming town of **Whitfield**, nestled in the King River Valley, a region renowned for its dairy and tobacco cultivation against the backdrop of high-country vistas. A short distance south-west of Whitfield lies **Powers Lookout**, perched atop the Wabonga Plateau - a strategic vantage point once frequented by the infamous Harry Powers during the 1860s.

Arriving in **Mansfield**, a town steeped in colourful history, woven with tales of squatters, selectors, bushrangers and gold miners. Lunch today is at the **Mansfield Golf Club**. After our delicious lunch we re-board the coach for our last leg of the tour and arrive home late afternoon with wonderful memories travelling with friends.

Festival program has not yet been released; events are subject to program

Bowral Tulip time event dates expected mid-September to early October

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, inclement weather etc.

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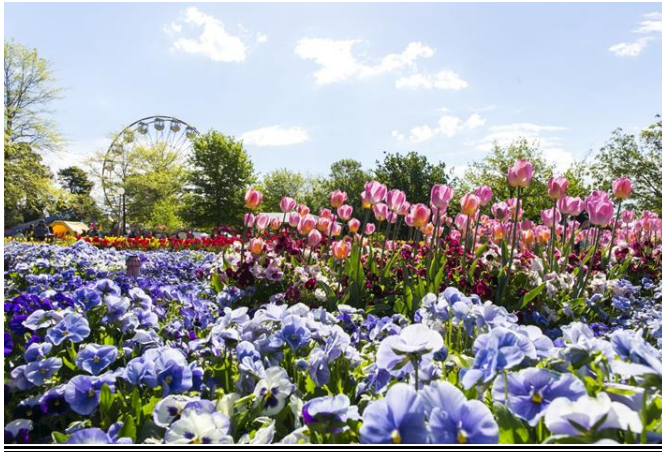
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