

Canberra Australia's Capital



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Tour Summary

Canberra was specially created to house and support the federal government, and is laid out around an artificial lake. Parliament House is a must-see, with its signature flagstaff and impressive architecture.

Just down the hill is the gracious 1920s architecture of Old Parliament House, now an interesting museum. Between the two is the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, set up in 1972 to draw attention to land rights claims. Nearby find the High Court and the National Art Gallery. Visit Cockington Green, a stunningly detailed world of miniatures, and join the zookeepers for a Zooventure, where YOU get to feed the animals!

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Australia's Capital City





Canberra's history is outlined at the National Capital Exhibition, so that's a great place to start your visit.



Cross the man-made lake and head for the National Gallery, which features sculptures like this by modern Australian artists as well as...



...international favorites like Rodin.



Next door is the High Court. The architecture is awe-inspiring, and so is the attention to small details, like this door handle.



Continue on to Parliament House, which dominates the area with its unmistakable flagpole.



Explore the public areas, starting from the spectacular foyer with its delicate columns.



Continue downhill to Old Parliament House, now the Museum of Australian Democracy. Explore the handsome interior and interesting displays.



Below the steps is the Aboriginal “tent embassy” marked by the Aboriginal flag, seen here against the Australian War Memorial.



Travel on to Cockington Green, a wonderful garden display of miniatures. International displays like this are sponsored by the embassies of the various countries.



But the core display features English houses such as these Cornish cottages.



Finish up with a pre-booked Zooventure tour and let the bears lick honey and pumpkin from your hands...



...before you throw pilchards to the delightful otters.

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