

# Bowral Tulips, South Coast and Canberra Floriade Tour

## September 2017

### Escorted by Brian Sams



#### Tour Highlights

- Quality accommodation throughout
- 9 days and 8 nights
- Corbett Gardens and Tulip time in Bowral
- Modiarth Gardens, Red Cow Farm and Bendooley Estate
- Bradman's Museum in Bowral
- Fitzroy Falls
- Travel the Kangaroo Valley
- Stay in lovely Batemans Bay
- Explore a few hidden treasure of the south coast
- Experience Canberra's Floriade
- Canberra Highlight tour including War Memorial, Parliament House, National Gallery, National Arboretum and Bonsai Collection & Black Mountain
- All entries included
- All transport and accommodation
- Full Breakfast daily, 2 dinners and a lunch

#### Booking information

Land only price	<b>\$2250</b> per person twin share Please complete a booking form and pay deposit of <b>\$500</b> pp to secure place.
Airfares	If you would like help in booking airfares please let us know and we will book your flights to coordinate with the itinerary above.
Please refer to the full terms and conditions on the back of the booking form.	



**Day 1 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Tour begins in Sydney then drive to Bowral D**

We will meet our coach at the Sydney domestic terminal at around 12.30 pm (to be confirmed) and begin our journey to Bowral. This time will allow connection with direct flight from Toowoomba or Brisbane. We will have a chance for a walk around town in Bowral upon arrival before we check into our resort accommodation - see image below. Dinner will be in the Hotel restaurant.

*Peppers Craigeburn Resort*



**Day 2 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September Bowral B**

After breakfast we will make our way into Bowral to see the lovely tulip gardens in the Corbett Gardens. This is the centre of "Tulip Time" in Bowral so we will have some free time to look around the gardens and have morning tea. We will then visit a number of private gardens that are open as part of the tulip festival including the renowned Modiarth gardens. This afternoon we will visit the famous Don Bradman museum.

**Day 3 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Bowral B**

Today we will make the short trip to the historic Berrima which is a lovely sandstone Georgian village. We will visit Harpers Mansion and garden and Bendooley Estate which is famous for its bookstore, winery and cool climate gardens. We will make sure we have enough time to wander around the old part of town and to find somewhere interesting for lunch (own expense). This afternoon includes a visit to the beautiful Red Cow Farm which has a stunning formal garden and nursery.

**Day 4 Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Bowral to Batemans Bay B**

This morning we leave Bowral for the south coast of NSW via the scenic drive through Kangaroo Valley. We will stop at Fitzroy Falls for the short walk to see the lovely falls and the visitor information centre. Next is a stop at Kangaroo Valley township which is home of many craft and scarf stores. We will have lunch here before heading to Cambewarra Lookout which has great views down to the coast. We then head via the coastal road to Batemans Bay. We have booked waterfront rooms in our centrally located hotel.

*Mariners on Waterfront, Batemans Bay.*

**Day 5 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September Batemans Bay BL**

After a leisurely start to the day we will head south to historic Mogo town to visit the Mogo Nursery and then drive to Tuross Heads for a surprise lunch. On the way back to Batemans Bay we will call in to visit the atmospheric Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens.

**Day 6 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September Batemans Bay to Canberra B**

Today we will drive up Clyde Mountain to Canberra. We will call in at the world famous Bakery in Braidwood and have a picnic in the park if weather permits (own expense). Next stop is Bungendore and a visit to the Wicked cackle nursery and the Bungendore Wood Palace. We will then drive to Canberra to our hotel right in the heart of town.

*Pacific Suites, Northborne Avenue, Canberra*

**Day 7 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September Canberra B**

Canberra's Floriade transforms the foreshores of Lake Burley Griffin into an artistic sea of colour and activity each spring. We will have a full morning to see all there is to see before meeting our coach after lunch for an orientation of the city. We will drive up Black Mountain for an overview of the city and then call in to the interesting native Botanical gardens on the slopes of Black Mountain. **Day 8 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September Canberra BD**

A full day seeing the best of Canberra including Parliament house, Parliamentary triangle, War Memorial and some free time in the beautiful National Gallery of Australia. This afternoon we will visit the new National Arboretum and National Bonsai Collection.

**Day 9 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September Canberra to Sydney B**

After checking out of our hotel we will call in at a highly recommended garden - The Tulip Top Gardens on the outskirts of Canberra. We will have enough time to enjoy these gardens and morning tea before heading up the Hume Highway towards Sydney airport.

Those travelling to Toowoomba or Brisbane are recommended to book on a flight leaving about 6pm.



**What you may not know....**

Brian Sams was raised in Canberra completing his apprenticeship in horticulture in the area at a local garden centre. He spent (misspent?) many a day on the South Coast including Tuross Heads in early years so knows quite a few hidden spots that are well worth seeing.....