

# Central NSW and ACT Spring Tour

Sep 28 - October 6, 2027

Including Floriade, Mayfield Gardens and Cowra Japanese Garden.



## Tour Highlights

- Canberra Floriade
- Tulip top gardens
- National War Memorial
- Cowra Japanese Gardens
- Wineries, Cideries and Eateries....
- Mayfield Gardens
- Gairloch Gardens
- Markdale Station
- Nurseries and Bonsai
- Quality accommodation
- All coach services with local experienced operator
- Everything organised!



### Day 1 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Home to Canberra (meals in flight, D)

We start our journey with a flight to Canberra. Flight details to be advised. Upon arrival we will visit the nearby Rodneys Nursery for a quick visit and the chance to buy some lunch (own expense) in their garden café. We will then drive up Mt Ainslie for an orientation of Canberra. Next transfer to our CBD hotel with a welcome dinner in the restaurant.

*Sebel Hotel city for 3 nights.*

### Day 2 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept - Canberra (B,)

Our tour will start today with a full day in and around Canberra focusing on Floriade. First up we will visit the National Arboretum and their Bonsai collection. We will be joined by a local to provide an insight into the collection. Next we will have some free time in the nearby Botanical garden for exploration either on your own or with me. They also have a café on site for morning tea. We will then head to Floriade. Floriade is Canberra's annual spring festival centered around Commonwealth Park. There are plenty of display gardens and eateries on site. Meet later for transfer back to our hotel after an orientation of the Parliamentary triangle. Free evening to explore local restaurants.

### Day 3 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – Canberra (B, L)

This morning we will visit the wonderful Tulip Top gardens. This is a privately run garden that focusses on spring colour and is fabulous! Morning tea available in the garden. Next we will visit the café at the War Memorial for an included lunch before an extended visit to see both the old and new sections. We will then return to the hotel for some free time to relax, go shopping or visit the nearby galleries.

### Day 4 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Canberra to Cowra (B, D)

This morning we will check out and then head to Landra castle, a historic castle style mansion and garden for a full visit. Next we will drive to Cowra and have some free time for lunch before an extended visit to the wonderful Japanese garden. This garden is regarded as one of the best in the country. We will then have a drive around visit a few more points of interest before we check into our accommodation. Dinner tonight will be in the Lachlan Valley Hotel across the road from the our hotel.

*Breakout Hotel or similar for 1 night*

*Please note that breakfast is a light meal in room. If you want a larger breakfast there is a café a few doors down from the hotel*



### Day 5 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Cowra to Orange (B, L, Tasting)

After our very light breakfast this morning we will visit the Australia Peace Bell on foot. We will then drive to visit a lovely property called Noojee Lea in the Canowindra area. Our lunch will be a grazing platter in the garden. We will then call into Canowindra and a chance to visit the very interesting looking Perenniale Nursery & Emporium. We will then head towards Orange with a stop at Mt Canobolis lookout for great views over the surrounding countryside. Next is the short drive to Small Acres Cyder at Borenore for a cider tasting. We will then proceed to our Orange hotel for 2 nights.

*Mercure Orange or similar for 2 nights.*

### Day 6 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Orange (B, Wine, Charcuterie)

This morning we head to Rosedale Farm which has a demonstration vegetable garden as well as other interesting gardens. We will visit the Millthorpe Garden Nursery which is set on 15 acres including large display gardens. Looks lovely. We will then head back into Orange for some time to look at the main street and have lunch (own expense). After lunch we will take the short drive to the outskirts of Orange to visit the Heifer Station Vineyard for a walking Tour & wine Tasting. We will have charcuterie boards to share with the wine or other. Later head back to our hotel for a free evening.

### Day 7 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Orange to Oberon (B, D)

Meet our coach this morning to drive to Bathurst where we plan to visit a couple of private gardens. If possible we will drive around Mt Panorama famous of course for the race. As the race is on the following weekend there may be some restrictions in place. We will have some free time in Bathurst for lunch before heading to Oberon where we will visit the lovely Gairloch garden on arrival. We then take the short drive to our hotel with dinner in the hotel. .

*Big Trout Hotel or similar for 2 nights*

### Day 8 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October Oberon (B, L)

Today is Mayfield garden day. Mayfield is one of the world's largest privately owned cool-climate gardens. Spanning 65 hectares, the estate is inspired by grand European horticultural destinations and features extensive water gardens, stone architecture, and structural landscaping. We will have free time this morning before meeting to have an included lunch and more time to explore.

### Day 9 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October Oberon to Crookwell to Canberra to Brisbane (B, L)

Today we will head south to visit Markdale Station near Crookwell which is a well known Edna walling garden. We also hope to visit another private garden in the area. We will have lunch in the local area before driving to Canberra airport for our flight home. Currently flights depart at around 18.45 but will adjust when flights available.

**Itinerary note - some visits yet to be confirmed.**

#### Tour price

**\$3995** per person twin share land only.

Please complete a booking form and pay deposit of **\$500** pp to secure place.

Sole use **\$750 extra** - single room