



Floral Parade

10 DAYS
ESCORTED
TOUR

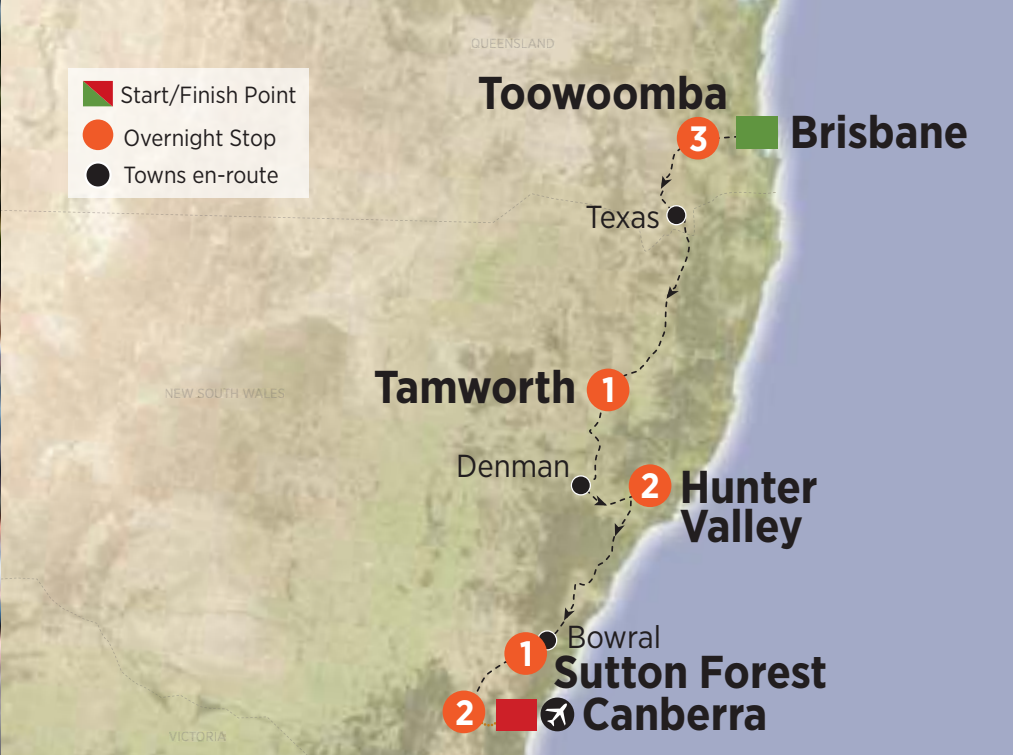
FESTIVALS OF SPRING

Showcasing Canberra Floriade, Carnival of Flowers and more

PHYSICAL RATING

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MODERATE

- Start/Finish Point
- Overnight Stop
- Towns en-route



Canberra Floriade
Credit Visit Canberra



Upper Hunter Thoroughbred Stud Tour

TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Opulent **'Diamond Class' coach** ex Brisbane
- Spring Bluff Railway Station gardens
- Rosalie House Cellar Door tasting and lunch
- 3 nights Toowoomba
- Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers opening night gala dinner in Laurel Bank Park
- Tours of Queens Park Botanic Gardens and a selection of exhibition and competition gardens with an local expert horticultural guide
- DownsSteam Tourist Railway & Museum and Dreamtime Coach Journey tour
- Ju Raku En Japanese Garden
- Laurel Bank Park nocturnal tour
- Grand Central Floral Parade in VIP reserved seating with flowery floats, street performers, carnival characters and stilt walkers
- Texas Rabbit Works
- 1 night Tamworth; Big Golden Guitar
- Darley Thoroughbred Stud insider's tour
- 2 nights Hunter Valley
- Hunter Valley Gardens guided train tour
- Lovedale Smokehouse; McGuigan Wines
- Bowral, Bradman Museum
- 1 night Sutton Forest
- Corbett Gardens; Tulip Top Gardens
- Cockington Green Gardens; National Arboretum
- Embassy Drive tour
- 2 nights Canberra
- Australian National Botanic Gardens
- Canberra Floriade; War Memorial
- Guided tour of Parliament House
- One way economy class flight ex Canberra to Brisbane, Sydney or Melbourne
- 26 meals

'Diamond Class' tours include a beverage package each evening with dinner ***(standard beer, wine, spirits and soft drink capped to a bar tab not unlimited)*

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MODERATE

PLEASE NOTE: PHYSICAL RATING

This tour carries a strict fitness level.
Please carefully read the
Terms & Conditions on Page 3

DAY 1 Thursday (MT,L,D)



Departing on our opulent **'Diamond Class' coach** from **Brisbane Transit Centre** on **Roma Street**, we travel through the lush **Lockyer Valley** in **Spring Bluff**, to discover the prize-winning gardens here. At **The Village Green** at **Highfields** we browse the delightful range of specialty stores then at **Rosalie House** we sample their wines in a restored railway cottage and enjoy lunch with views across the **Lilyvale Valley**. In **Toowoomba** there's time to relax before a night out celebrating the start of the **2020 Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers**. The **opening night gala dinner** in **Laurel Bank Park** presents an unforgettable degustation dining experience showcasing local produce matched with delicious wines.
3 Night Stay: Burke & Wills Hotel, Toowoomba ★★★★★

DAY 2 Friday (B, L, D)



This morning we join **Mike Wells**, a local garden personality, to discover **Queens Park Botanic Gardens'** spectacular floral displays. We break at **Picnic Point** with its panoramic views over the **Main Range** then continue on to a selection of **exhibition and competition gardens** with our expert guide. At **DownsSteam Tourist Railway & Museum** we take in lunch aboard a reconditioned railway car then investigate DownsSteam's entry into the garden competition before taking a tour of the unique **Dreamtime Coach Journey**. Later we stroll through **Ju Raku En Japanese Garden**. This evening we enter the twilight zone and discover the world of **Laurel Bank Park** by night where our guide will unearth the darker side of plant life on a **one-hour nocturnal tour**.

DAY 3 Saturday (B,D) GGP

Enjoy a full day exploring all that the **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers** has to offer. Discover local food and produce, regional wine, free entertainment and all things spring! We meet up later in the day for the **Grand Central Floral Parade**. Our **VIP reserved seating** gives us the ultimate view of proceedings as the flowery floats wind their way through the heart of the city with street performers, carnival characters and stilt walkers escorting the stunning displays.

DAY 4 Sunday (B,MT,L,D)

Today we travel south to **Texas** for a visit to the **Texas Rabbit Works**. Built in 1928 and processing 6000 rabbits a day during the great depression, the works is attributed with the survival of the town through that era. The rest of our day takes us through **New England** via **Warialda** to **Tamworth** where we stop at the **Big Golden Guitar** before checking-in.
1 Night Stay: Mercure Hotel, Tamworth ★★★★★

DAY 5 Monday (B,MT,L,D)

We travel into the **Hunter region** via **Scone** to arrive at **Darley Thoroughbred Stud** near **Denman**. Here we spend time with local guide, **Craig Benjamin**, who has exclusive rights to conduct tours of some of the most prestigious racing studs in the area. He takes us on an insider's tour of the thoroughbred racing and equine industries. Later we journey further into the **Hunter Wine region**.
2 Night Stay: Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens, Hunter Valley ★★★★★

DAY 6 Tuesday (B,L,D)

We spend the morning at the magnificent **Hunter Valley Gardens** enjoying a guided train tour through parts of the 25 hectares of gardens. Later we hit the food and wine trail starting with lunch at **Lovedale Smokehouse**. Next we make our way to **McGuigan Wines** with an informative tour and tasting before returning to the hotel.

DAY 7 Wednesday (B,L,D)

Today takes us toward the coast, through **Western Sydney** and into the **Southern Highlands**. Arriving in **Bowral** we take a guided tour of the **Bradman Museum** encompassing the **International Cricket Hall of Fame**. Before finishing our day in **Sutton Forest**, we discover **Corbett Gardens** and it's huge array of **tulips**, as well as other **bright and vibrant springtime bulbs**.

1 Night Stay: Peppers Manor House, Sutton Forest ★★★★★

DAY 8 Thursday (B,L,D)

Making our way toward the capital we arrive at **Tulip Top Gardens** to explore the 10 acres of gardens which showcase magnificent tulips, spring flowers, blossoms and a magical cascading waterfall and watercourse. Next is **Cockington Green Gardens** and its fascinating display of meticulously crafted miniature buildings set within beautifully landscaped gardens. Our afternoon takes us to Canberra's iconic event, **Floriade!** With one million flowers in bloom throughout springtime, it is the biggest flower festival in Australia. Featuring a diverse program of music, culture, food, horticulture, markets and artistic displays, Floriade is the perfect place to celebrate spring.

2 Night Stay: Hyatt Hotel Canberra ★★★★★



Peppers Manor House, Sutton Forest

DAY 9 Friday (B,L,D)

We start our day at the **Australian National Botanic Gardens** with a knowledgeable guide, to appreciate the beauty of Australian plants and the research and effort involved in creating and maintaining the gardens. Next we take a drive-by tour of **Canberra's International Embassies and High Commissions** en-route to **Parliament House**. Here our tour gives us access to the **Chambers** and historic documents like **Magna Carta**. The unique blend of impressive architecture, a stunning art collection and beautiful landscape makes **Parliament House** one of Australia's most significant and popular cultural attractions. At 2pm we visit the **War Memorial**, touring through the **Hall of Memory**, **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**, **Pool of Reflection** and the **Roll of Honour**, finishing with a moving closing ceremony.

DAY 10 Saturday (B)

We arrive at the **National Arboretum** for a guided tour of some of the rare, endangered and symbolic trees from around Australia and the world. Mid morning we then transfer to the airport for our flights home.

DEPARTURE DATE 2020

17 September

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Share \$4550
Sole Use \$5600

***Please refer to page 7 for 'Diamond Class' seating expectations that apply to both sole use and twin/double bookings.*

GGP OPTION **FUN 50**
It costs less to contribute

(REFER PAGE 16)

Select the GGP option to help reduce pressures on our natural environment and get a reduced price of your tour.
SAVE: \$20PP TWIN SHARE OR \$40 SOLE USE

DEPOSIT

Non-refundable deposit of \$800pp required within 14 days of making booking to secure your reservation.

N.B. This package is subject to a fuel levy without notice for coach component.

Flights are arranged to suit the tour as a group in advance, therefore we cannot book individual preferences or guarantee direct flights.

INCLUDED MEALS

B = Full Breakfast **MT** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch
AT = Afternoon Tea **D** = Two Course Dinner

PRE TOUR EXTENDER OPTION

1 additional day (TOTAL 11 DAY TOUR)

- One way economy class flight ex Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide to Brisbane
- 1 additional night bed & breakfast pre-tour at Sofitel Brisbane Central
- One way Airtrain ticket ex Brisbane Domestic Terminal to Central Station

**Plus \$475pp Twin Share
Plus \$544 Sole Use**

Subject to availability - some block out dates apply. Prices are subject to change without notice