



Tulip Top Gardens

# 10 DAYS ESCORTED TOUR

## FLORIADE & THE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

Canberra Floriade, Bowral Tulips, Cowra Cherry Blossoms, and Hunter Valley Gardens

PHYSICAL RATING

**2**

MODERATE



Thoroughbred horse stud tour



War Memorial closing ceremony



### TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Choice of opulent **'Diamond Class'** or luxury **'Gold Class'** coach travel
- 1 night Port Macquarie
- 2 nights Bowral; Corbett Gardens
- Fitzroy Falls; Kangaroo Valley
- Tulip Top & Cockington Green Gardens
- 3 nights Canberra; Embassy drive tour
- National Arboretum
- Floriade; War Memorial; Parliament House
- Australian National Botanic Gardens guided tour; Mount Ainslie lookout
- Cowra Japanese Gardens; Zig Zag Railway
- 1 night Blue Mountains
- 1 night Hunter Valley with gardens train tour
- Upper Hunter thoroughbred stud tour
- Big Golden Guitar, Tamworth
- 1 night Armidale
- 27 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)*

### PRE & POST TOUR EXTENDER OPTION

- 2 additional days (TOTAL 12 DAY TOUR)**
- Return economy class flights ex Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide to Brisbane
  - 2 additional nights bed and breakfast (1 night pre and 1 night post tour) at Sofitel Brisbane Central
  - Return Airtrain tickets ex Brisbane Domestic Terminal to Central Station

**Plus \$860ppTwin Share**  
**Plus \$1025 Sole Use**

*\*\*Subject to availability – some block out dates apply. Prices are subject to change without notice\*\**

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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 (MT,L,D)

Departing on one of our opulent **'Diamond Class'** or luxury **'Gold Class'** coaches from the **Brisbane CBD**, we travel south to **New Italy** for lunch. Our afternoon takes us through **Coffs Harbour** to **Port Macquarie** where we stay overnight. **1 Night Stay: Sails Resort, Port Macquarie ★★★★★**

#### DAY 2 (B,MT,L,D)

This morning we leave **Port Macquarie**, take a break at **Bulahdelah**, then continue to **Gosford** for lunch. Travelling through Sydney's western suburbs we head up in to the **Southern Highlands**. **2 Night Stay: Gibraltar Hotel, Bowral ★★★★★**

#### DAY 3 (B,L,D)

Today we visit **Corbett Gardens**, displaying a huge array of **tulips**, as well as other **bright and vibrant springtime bulbs**, followed by a guided tour of the **Bradman Museum**. Enjoy a casual lunch before our afternoon takes us to **Fitzroy Falls**, situated at the head of the escarpment leading down to the tranquil **Kangaroo Valley**. **DAY 4 (B,MT,L,D)**

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

Travelling via **Goulburn**, we arrive at **Tulip Top Gardens**, offering 10 acres of magnificent tulips and other spring flowers creating a spectacular display. Hundreds of blossom trees nestle between the flowers and provide a magic pathway to the cascading waterfall and watercourse. Our afternoon takes us to **Cockington Green Gardens**, showcasing a delightful and fascinating display of meticulously crafted miniature buildings set within beautifully landscaped gardens. Later we check-in at our **Canberra** accommodation. **3 Night Stay: Gold Class: Mercure Canberra ★★★★★**

**Diamond Class: Hyatt Hotel Canberra ★★★★★**

#### DAY 5 (B,D)

We start our day with a visit to Canberra's iconic event **Floriade**. Showcasing one million flowers in bloom throughout springtime, it is the biggest flower festival in Australia. 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. Before returning to our hotel, we take a drive up to **Mount Ainslie** lookout for magnificent views over **Canberra**. *\*\*Lunch is at your own expense today.*

#### DAY 6 (B,L,D)

We start our day at the **Australian National Botanic Gardens**, taking a walk with a knowledgeable guide, to appreciate the beauty and clever adaptations of Australian plants, and the research and effort involved in creating and maintaining the gardens. Next we take a guided tour of the **National Arboretum** to explore the forests of endangered and symbolic trees from Australia and around the world. After breaking for a picnic lunch here, we finish our day taking 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.

#### DAY 7 (B,L,D)

Departing **Canberra** we journey north passing through **Yass** to **Cowra**, where we break for lunch at the **Cowra Japanese Gardens**. After lunch you can enjoy a self-guided tour that will introduce you to the symbolic nature of the gardens. The **Cowra Japanese Garden** covers 5 hectares – the largest in the southern hemisphere. It was built because of Cowra's special significance to the Japanese. The unique relationship of Cowra and Japan originated on a cold night in August 1944, when more than a thousand Japanese prisoners of war broke out of the local prison camp. Departing **Cowra**, pass through **Bathurst** and take an exhilarating lap of **Mount Panorama**. We continue our journey on to the **Blue Mountains**, where we ride the heritage **Zig Zag Railway** before checking-in. **1 Night Stay: Gold Class: Mountain Heritage Hotel, Katoomba ★★★★★**

*Note: This property is a heritage building with showers over baths.*

**Diamond Class: Fairmont Resort, Leura ★★★★★**

#### DAY 8 (B,L,D)

This morning, we depart the **Blue Mountains** for **Pokolbin** stopping for lunch at **The Cellar Restaurant** which offers rustic Mediterranean inspired cuisine in an elegant yet relaxed surrounding. After lunch, we head to the **Hunter Valley**, arriving at the magnificent **Hunter Valley Gardens** for a guided train tour and commentary through parts of the 25 hectares of International Garden. **1 Night Stay: Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens, Hunter Valley ★★★★★**

**Diamond Class: Hyatt Hotel Canberra ★★★★★**

#### DAY 9 (B,L,D)

Leaving the resort after breakfast we travel through the **Hunter wine region** to the **Darley Thoroughbred Stud** near **Denman**, where we spend time with a local guide, Craig Benjamin, who has exclusive rights to conduct tours of some of the most prestigious racing studs in the area. Enjoy an insider's tour of the thoroughbred racing industry and enjoy a very interesting introduction to the equine industry. During spring the mares start giving birth to the foals and it truly is a sight to be seen. We make our way to **Scone**, breaking for lunch before travelling to **Tamworth**, visiting the **Big Golden Guitar**. Our afternoon takes us through to **Armidale**. **1 Night Stay: Cotswold Gardens, Armidale ★★★★★**

#### DAY 10 (B,L)

Discover the Celtic heritage of **Glen Innes**, visiting the **Standing Stones**, a famous national monument to Australia's Celtic pioneers, and recognised by the Celtic Council of Australia as the national gathering point for Celtic descendants and clans. Next we cross the border back into **Queensland** and make our way past the grape growing districts of **Ballandean**, breaking for lunch at the **Queensland College of Wine Tourism**, experiencing the **Medley of Mains luncheon**, matching food with wine. Return to the **Brisbane CBD** at approximately 4:30pm.



Zig Zag Railway Lithgow

### DIAMOND CLASS DEPARTURE DATE 2020

**7 September**

### TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

**Twin Share \$3920**  
**Sole Use \$4990**

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

### GOLD CLASS DEPARTURE DATES 2020

**2 October 10 September**

### TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

**Twin Share \$3600**  
**Sole Use \$4650**

### GGP OPTION

*(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 \$600pp 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.**

### INCLUDED MEALS

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