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2011-2012

The Aboriginal Memorial 1987-1988
National Gallery of Australia



COCKINGTON GREEN



Parliament House
A HOUSE FOR THE PEOPLE



Fly Fishing, Thredbo River



Clonakilla Winery,
part of the Poacher's Way



Tidbinbilla

CANBERRA

Drink in the local scenery

The Canberra District is home to many vineyards with more than 30 boutique cellar doors. Explore the diversity and unique characteristics of variety and style found nowhere else in the country and meet winemakers in person.

Tidbinbilla

**VISITORS CENTRE,
PADDYS RIVER ROAD, TIDBINBILLA**

Forty-five minutes' drive from the city, Tidbinbilla offers outstanding wildlife and natural experiences set within a beautiful valley framed by rocky-topped mountains. The 14 diverse habitats are protected and include wetlands, grasslands, wet and dry forests and woodlands. The Sanctuary at Tidbinbilla offers fabulous nature-based experiences such as searching for platypus, observing bird life and getting up close to reptiles. See the live animals displays at the Visitor Centre, and spot wildlife including koalas, emus, kangaroos, wombats, wallaroos and possums. For a behind the scenes endangered wildlife experience, Tidbinbilla also offers a *Discover our Wild Side Tour* several times a year. Assist wildlife officers with breeding and animal monitoring programs of the northern corroboree frog, potaroo and brush-tailed rock wallaby. Age restrictions apply, bookings are essential.

Lake Burley Griffin

The central basin of the picturesque Lake Burley Griffin is a hub of activity, especially in the warmer months. Get active with rowing, sailing, kayaking, canoeing and paddle boating. You can hire sailing boats from the Canberra Yacht Club or paddleboats, kayaks, surf skis and canoes from Lake Burley Griffin Boat Hire. Explore Canberra's major landmarks from the water - cool off with the spray from the Captain Cook Memorial Jet which shoots water up to 140 metres in the air. The *MV Southern Cross* cruises past most major sites, beautiful parks and foreshore areas, and offers a one hour sightseeing cruise departing from the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club in Yarralumla. For something more intimate, book a cruise with Lake Burley Griffin Cruises - learn about the lake and the history of the area as you relax on the *EL Cygnet*.

Cockington Green Gardens

Experience family fun in a world of miniature at Cockington Green Gardens, one of the most charming and unusual tourist attractions.

Venture into the delightful and fascinating display of meticulously crafted miniature buildings currently featuring 30 different countries, set within beautifully landscaped gardens. Then complete your visit by taking a ride on the ever popular miniature steam train.

Hot air ballooning

Rise early, rug up and take off in a hot air balloon with Balloon Aloft or Dawn Drifters. Drift peacefully over Canberra's picturesque centrepiece, Lake Burley Griffin, and get a special view of Canberra's natural charms as the early morning sun fills the valley and lakes with soft morning light. Canberra is also one of the only places in the world where you can get a chance to fly directly over a Parliament House. Catch the 2011 Canberra Festival Balloon Spectacular from 12 to 20 March, when novelty-shaped balloons take off from the lawns in front of Old Parliament House.

Whether you're a visitor to our nation's capital, a host to interstate and overseas guests or looking for a unique function venue, the *MV Southern Cross* is the ideal way to experience Canberra.

Markets

Old Bus Depot Markets

WENTWORTH AVENUE, KINGSTON

The multi award-winning Old Bus Depot Markets, on most Sundays of the year and Saturdays in December in the lead up to Christmas, are held inside the old bus depot and are renowned for a mix of handcrafted jewellery, art, clothing, furniture, toys and regional food and wine.

WINE

SMALL ENOUGH TO ENJOY AN INTIMATE CELLAR DOOR EXPERIENCE AND MEET WINEMAKERS, YET LARGE ENOUGH TO FINAL ALL THE VARIETIES OF PREMIUM WINE GROWING REGIONS, CANBERRA DISTRICT WINERIES HAVE MUCH TO OFFER. THIS GROWING REGION IS PRODUCING DISTINCTIVE AND FULL FLAVOURED COOL CLIMATE WINES.

National Gallery of Australia

PARKES PLACE, PARKES

Marvel at works from the last collection of Australian Indigenous art in the world. At the new ground level entrance you'll be greeted by one of the most significant works in the national collection in a circular, light-filled space: *The Aboriginal Memorial* 1987-88, of 200 hollow-log coffins from Arnhem Land. What follows are 11 specially designed Indigenous art galleries showcasing the great diversity, richness and complexity of Australian Indigenous art, which is as alive today as it was thousands of years ago. The galleries include rare nineteenth-century objects and early bark paintings, Albert Namatjira's delicate watercolours, early Papunya dot paintings from the 1970s, bold ochred paintings from the Kimberley and contemporary politically charged works by urban artists in the twenty-first century. Each gallery displays specific types of indigenous art including small early dot paintings, large dot paintings, bark paintings, watercolours, textiles, prints, ceramics and sculptures. The Gallery's collection spans generations and is representative of the arts of the indigenous groups from all over Australia. Free general admission.

Trout fishing

Mountain lakes and streams are stocked with trout. Lake Jindabyne, Eucumbene, Talbingo, Khancoban Pondage and Blowering Dam attract thousands of fishing enthusiasts every year. A guide will take you to the best fishing spots. The lakes are open for fishing year round with the rivers open from the October long weekend until June.