



Accompanying persons program

13–15 January 2020

Canberra

Monday, 13 January 2020

- 10:00 – 10:50 **Arrivals, registration and morning tea**
Location: House of Representative Entrance, Members Hall
- 10:50 – 11:00 **Delegates to be seated for Opening Ceremony**
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Opening ceremony**
Location: Great Hall
- 12:00 – 12:15 **Official Photograph**
Location: Great Hall
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch with delegates**
Location: Mural Hall
- 13:30 – 16:30 **Parliament House experiences**
Tour 1: Indigenous Experiences and Artworks of Parliament House Tour 2: Australian Parliament House behind the scenes: Art, Design and Courtyards
- Participants will have the opportunity to undertake both tours, joining delegates for afternoon tea in between.*
- 16:30 Transport returns to hotels (all delegates)
- 18:15 Transport departs hotels to return to Parliament House
- 18:30 – 21:30 **Welcome dinner – Australian Parliament House**
Attire: National Dress/Lounge suit
- 21:30 Transport returns to hotels

Tuesday, 14 January 2020

Suggested attire: casual light clothing, hat, sunscreen and walking shoes

9:45 Transport departs hotels

10:00 **Australian National Botanic Gardens**

The Australian National Botanic Gardens maintains a scientific collection of native plants from all parts of Australia.

The plants are displayed for the enjoyment and education of visitors and are used for research into plant classification and biology.

Tour options:

Around Australian Ecosystems *Experience the sights, sounds and smells of Australia's ecosystems, from subtropical rainforests to the Eastern and Western Mallee Regions. Discover Australia's biodiversity and explore how its native flora has adapted to its environment.*

Indigenous Plant Use Trail *Experience the dramatic desert scenery of the Red Centre Garden. Following the Indigenous Plant Use Trail learn how Indigenous Australians from across the continent use plants for food and medicine to make tools and weapons, and for ceremonial practice. Discuss the use of fire in land management and the impact these traditional techniques have had on the distribution of key Australian plant species.*

Rainforest & Brittle Gum Lawn *Enjoy our Rainforest Gully, travelling from the cool temperate rainforests of Tasmania up to Queensland and the tropics, followed by relaxation on the Brittle Gum Lawn and the opportunity to closely inspect a Wollemi Pine (*Wollemia nobilis*) grove.*

Flora Explorer mini-bus tour (limit of 12 people at a time) *Flora Explorer takes visitors on a postcard tour discovering Australia's landscapes, the Mallee regions, the Red Centre Garden, the Sydney Region Garden, the Eucalypt Lawn, the Rock Garden and Rainforest Gully. Minimal walking required on this tour option.*

Please bring shoes suitable for walking and a hat for sun protection. Light morning tea provided.

12:00 Depart Botanic Gardens for National Arboretum

National Arboretum

The National Arboretum Canberra features 94 forests of rare, endangered and symbolic trees from around Australia and the world. Many of the trees are still young but two of the forests are over 100 hundred years old. Over 44,000 trees from over 100 countries are growing across the huge 250 hectare (618 acre) site, making it one of the world's largest living collections of rare, endangered and significant trees.

Lunch, opportunity for sightseeing, and visit to gift shop at the Australian National Arboretum

14:00 Depart Arboretum for hotels

Free afternoon and evening

Wednesday, 15 January 2020

Suggested attire: casual light clothing, hat, sunscreen and walking shoes

9:45 Transport departs from hotels

10:00 **National Capital Exhibition**

The National Capital Exhibition tells the Story of Canberra as the capital city of Australia.

Canberra is unique in design and innovative in the history of town planning by being the result of a worldwide competition. The winners of that competition, Walter and Marion Griffin, presented a design where the built and the natural landscapes have equal importance. They designed a city that fits in between landmarks and remains in scale with humans.

10:45 Depart National Capital Exhibition for National Museum of Australia

10:45 – 12:00 **National Museum of Australia**

National Museum of Australia Highlights Guided Tour

The National Museum of Australia brings to life the rich and diverse stories of Australia through compelling objects, ideas and events. The Museum focuses on Indigenous histories and cultures, European settlement and Australian's interaction with the environment.

12:00 – 13:45 *Lunch, free time at National Museum to visit exhibits or gift shop*

13:45 Transport returns to hotels

Free afternoon

18:20 Transport departs hotels for Closing Dinner

18:30 – 22:30 **Closing Dinner – National Gallery of Australia**

Attire: National Dress/Lounge suit