

Canberra

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Canberra - The City

With almost half a million inhabitants, Canberra is one of the world's few planned cities. Canberra is a city in a park with golden autumn leaves and glorious spring blooms. Surrounded by native bush land, Canberra is perfect for getting back to nature.

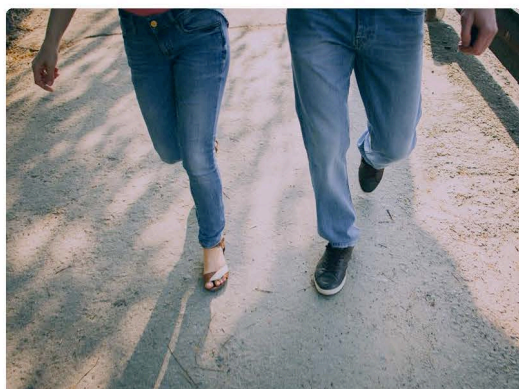
Following the Federation in 1901, Canberra was chosen as a site for the national capital. The initial design for Canberra was the work of a Chicago architect, Walter Burley Griffin, with wide, tree-lined avenues and spacious open park lands. Many national institutions and monuments are located close to the shores of Lake Burley Griffin — the focal point of the city.

The city enjoys four distinct seasons and visitors will get a different experience depending on the time of year they choose to visit. It is close to mountains and native bush land and is often referred to as 'the bush capital'. Originally a public service town, the national capital is now also a major university and research centre with an emphasis on high technology industries.



Canberra - Do & See

Over half the area of the Australian Capital Territory, ACT, is a national park, with a well-developed and maintained network of walking trails through mountain ranges and sub-alpine forest. A spectacular way to see the city is to take a hot air balloon ride high over Lake Burley Griffin. The surrounding region is home to more than 30 wineries, historic townships, beautiful coastlines and the famous Snowy Mountains.



National Library of Australia

Parkes Place, Parkes
+61 2 6262 1111

The National Library of Australia was rebuilt in 1968, and inspired by the Parthenon. Australian copyright law requires that a copy of every book published in Australia is to be deposited with the National Library of Australia. Although the library has "closed access", it also holds a national bibliographic database and offers access through the Libraries Australia service.



New Parliament House

Capital Hill, Canberra
+61 2 6277 5399

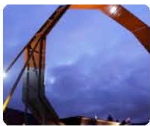
The New Parliament House, the seat of Federal parliament, was completed in 1988 in time for the bicentennial celebrations of the first settlement by the British in 1788. The futuristically designed building features the use of native timbers and contemporary art work by Australian artists.



Old Parliament House

King George Terrace, Parkes
+61 2 6270 8222

Built in 1927, the old parliament house served as the seat of government until 1988, and now functions as a museum. Walk through the chambers and corridors of power, filled with office paraphernalia and seemingly frozen in time. The lovely Rose Gardens on either side of this national heritage site are a visual delight.



National Museum of Australia

Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula
+61 2 6208 5000

Spectacularly situated on Acton Peninsula thrusting out into Lake Burley Griffin, the museum explores the events, issues and people that shaped the nation. With all the historical artefacts, The National Museum of Australia really does hold a rich and diverse collection.



Australian War Memorial

Treloar Crescent, Campbell
+61 2 6243 4211

The Australian war memorial serves both as a memorial to Australians who served their country and as a military museum. The building, roughly shaped like a Byzantine church, is a revered national shrine.



National Gallery of Australia

Parkes Place, Parkes
+61 2 6240 6411

The National Gallery of Australia holds a comprehensive collection of Australian art including a superb collection of Aboriginal art. The gallery also hosts special interest exhibitions from around the world.



Questacon — National Science and Technology Centre

King Edward Terrace, Canberra
+61 2 6270 2800

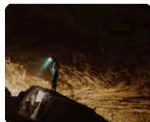
The interactive science and technology facility, Questacon, really delights its visitors. Both young and old will be entertained by more than 200 interactive exhibits.



Lake Burley Griffin

Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra

Explore this artificial lake either by walking or cycling the many pathways around the lake shore or take a boat cruise. It's popular with fans of rowing, sailing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding or fishing. 40km shoreline is dotted with cafes and restaurants.



Caving at Wee Jasper Caves

Carey's Cave, Caves Rd
+61 2 6227 9622

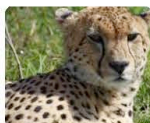
Are you ready to get a little dirty? Explore the Wee Jasper Caves near Canberra for a different and thrilling experience. As you descend into darkness, you will be able to see rays of sunlight slowly getting thinner. Wee Jasper Caves are known for their peculiar limestone features and they are sure to take your breath away. Sometimes you can catch an underground concert or a workshop here.



Hot Air Ballooning over Canberra

120 Commonwealth Ave, Yarralumla
+61 2 4990 9242

Soar up into the skies above the Australian capital and see its top attractions below as you slowly drift through the air on board a graceful hot air balloon. Memories made during the experience will last a lifetime.



National Zoo & Aquarium

Scrivener Dam, Yarralumla
+61 2 6287 8400

The National Zoo & Aquarium is just five minutes from Canberra. To make the most of your zoo visit, check the schedule for daily Keeper activities and get an opportunity to see animals enjoy a treat and interact with the zoo keepers.



Floriade — Australia's biggest celebration of spring

Commonwealth Park, Canberra
+61 13 0085 2780

The Floriade is an annual event in Canberra that celebrates spring. Visit Commonwealth Park and a rough estimate of one million flowers in bloom with integrated sculptures and other artistic features. Wander around in the park and enjoy all the colours at this world-class festival.



Royal Canberra Golf Club

Bentham Street, Yarralumla
+61 2 6282 7000

For a good game of golf at one of the best inland courses in Australia, pay a visit to the Royal Canberra Golf Club. Walk around at this picturesque course among trees, pines and other native plants.



Mount Ainslie

Mount Ainslie Drive, Canberra

Get one of Canberra's best views from Mount Ainslie, a hill with an elevation of 843 metres (2,766 ft). The trail begins at the Australian War Memorial. Drive, walk or bike up the mountain for a spectacular view during the day or a beautiful sunset.



Canberra - Dining

Canberra features a large number of restaurants and cafés with a rich variety that reflects the cosmopolitan nature of the city. The main precincts for restaurants are in the city centre and the trendy suburbs of Manuka and Kingston. Excellent restaurants are also located throughout the city, including many with an Asian focus in Dickson — Canberra's Chinatown. The Canberra region is the centre of a burgeoning wine region featuring high-quality cool climate varieties such as Chardonnay, Shiraz and Pinot.



Water's Edge

40 Parkes Place, Canberra
+61 2 6273 5066

Water's Edge's menu features dishes with French and Australian influences. With its luxury interior one can enjoy this astonishing dining experience while overlooking Lake Burley Griffin.



Courgette

54 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra
+61 2 6247 4042

This gorgeous restaurant owned by the celebrated chef James Mussillon offers you a brilliant Modern European dining experience in a luxurious space overlooking a walled garden. The creative combinations and the superb cellar of vintage Australian wines make this a popular choice. Order a la carte of go for a multi-course degustation.



Chairman & Yip

1 Burbury Cl, Barton
+61 2 6162 1220

With its innovative menu, Chairman and Yip is blending Asian and Western flavors. The restaurant is located in the heart of Canberra and has received many awards over the years. Make sure to leave room for the delicious desserts.



Mezzalira

55 London Circuit, Canberra
+61 2 6230 0025

Pizzas straight from the wood-fired oven, antipasti, and a range of delicious handmade pasta make this an ideal location for a casual meal at reasonable prices. Mezzalira has truly brought the Italian cuisine to Canberra.



Thai Cornar

16 Furneaux Street, Griffith
+61 2 6296 6131

At the excellent Thai Cornar in Manuka you are served a variety of mouthwatering dishes, including some authentically spicy north-east Thai dishes as well as Thai BBQ at reasonable prices.



Ethiopia Down Under

1/70 Hodgson Crescent, Pearce
+61 2 6286 1659

The spicy traditional Ethiopian dishes will bring a touch of exotic flavours to your dining experience. Take the chance to try some traditional Ethiopian bread, Injera, or Ethiopian coffee. The vegan and vegetarian options are fantastic and just as delicious as the meat options, so no one will miss out.



Morks

18/19 Eastlake Parade, Kingston
+61 2 5134 6993

If you love Thai food, you will appreciate Morks's traditional dishes with unique flavours. The restaurant offers great service in a small space. It's a good idea to make reservations before coming in.



Ottoman Cuisine

9 Broughton Street, Barton
+61 2 6273 6111

Try a genuine Turkish meze and mains at Ottoman Cuisine with its art deco pavilion overlooking the garden. The restaurant has a wide range of dishes and flavours on its menu, it can be hard to choose which one to try. Sharing dishes to get the most out of the experience is recommended.



Indian Affair Restaurant

64 Colbee Court, Philip
+61 2 6282 1483

This restaurant is said to have the best Indian food in Australia and has won a few awards over the years. Indian Affair restaurant welcomes you to a warm atmosphere with friendly staff that will serve you with a smile.



Rubicon

6A Barker Street, Griffith
+61 2 6295 9919

Rubicon is located in the centre of Griffith Shopping Centre and serves Modern Australian meals in a cosy atmosphere under the soft illumination of fairy lights. Try anything from sashimi, pork and manchego croquette, to the beef rib eye and the duck fat roasted potatoes with autumn greens. Crack the crust on a creme brulee while you're at it.



Aubergine

18 Barker Street, Griffith
+61 2 6260 8666

Aubergine is a swanky, bright restaurant that serves a wide range of innovative food like hiramasa kingfish, buttered mussels, amaranth, and cured dory roe. The chefs create beautiful and delicious multi-course experiences out of innovative and organic ingredients that blend so excellently with each other.



Eightysix

Lonsdale St &, Elouera St
+61 2 6161 8686

Eightysix is an upscale yet unpretentious Modern Australian restaurant in Braddon with an open kitchen. There are no paper menus since the options change so frequently.



Canberra - Cafes

Having a cup of coffee with your mates is a popular pastime in Australia, and there are many places to choose from. You can have tasty caffeinated drinks or delightful bread and pastries. When in Canberra, one won't need to walk around empty-handed for too long when they are craving a coffee or a snack.



My Cafe Manuka

1/22 Franklin Street, Manuka Plaza
+61 2 6295 6632

My Cafe serves Modern Australian food breakfast (all-day) and lunch. Sit out on the pavement and watch the passing parade that is busy at all times of the day.



Bookplate

25 Parkes Place, Parkes
+61 2 6262 1154

Located inside the National Library, Bookplate is the perfect spot for coffee and cake after touring the lake or the national institutions close by. Sit back and watch the world go by as you enjoy a cup of excellent coffee and a delightful meal.



Koko Black

Bunda Street, Canberra
+61 2 6230 4040

Koko Black treats you to some sinfully tasty chocolate drinks and desserts. This cafe/shop combo has a wide range of chocolates and your tough mission would be to find which one you like best.

The store itself had a beautiful rustic wooden design with ample room on and between tables. A box of chocolates from Koko Black makes an excellent gift, too.



Silo Bakery

36 Giles Street, Kingston
+61 2 6260 6060

Silo Bakery is a cute bakery with a few bistro tables. It offers a wonderful selection of artisanal bread and pastries, along with a walk-in fridge stocked with delectable cheese. Come here for breakfast and lunch, or just a coffee break.



Močan & Green Grout

1/19 Marcus Clarke St, Canberra
+61 2 6162 2909

Močan & Green Grout is a stylish, retro-chic cafe in New Acton with inventive meals cooked in an open kitchen. The outdoor space is outdoor space is drowning wall-to-wall in greenery. Finish your meal with a deep chocolaty fair-trade espresso.



The Cupping Room

1/1-13 University Ave, Canberra

The Cupping Room is a trendy cafe with outdoor seats serving up boutique coffee & classic cafe bites. The venue was designed by the team from Ona Coffee — Canberra's largest and universally loved specialty coffee roaster.



Penny University Cafe

15 Kennedy St, Kingston
+61 2 6162 1500

Penny University has an eclectic aesthetic, outstanding coffee and serves local produce with a globally inspired twist. The name comes from the term used to describe first coffee houses in London back in the 17th century. Penny U aspires to keep the tradition going by creating a unique environment for the sharing of ideas and conversation. Start your day in good company and try their Middle Eastern Bruschetta for breakfast.



Stand By Me

7/9 Lyons Pl, Lyons
+61 430 361 414

Stand By Me is a cosy café bathed in sunlight that will treat you to the warmest and friendliest brunch. The menu is a multicultural mix that ranges from okonomiyaki pancake to Egyptian-style ful — a stew of cooked fava beans served with vegetable oil, herbs and spices. Be sure to order the French toast special, which changes weekly.



Sweet Bones

Shop 8, 18 Lonsdale Street Braddon
+61 413 067 890

Sweet Bones is a boutique cafe and bakery with a rebellious look, organic vegan cakes, breakfast and brunch dishes. Their menu is entirely vegan and features blueberry pancakes, Tex Mex burritos, breakfast burgers and smoothie bowls.



Patissez

Unit 2/21 Bougainville Street, "The Lawns"
+61 402 808 191

Patissez in Manuka has been instagrammed and loved by tourists and locals alike. They serve absolutely outstanding breakfast food. Guests are raving about their zucchini and corn fritters, chilli funghi and sensational milkshakes.



Canberra - Bars & Nightlife

Canberra has a reputation for being a bit staid and conservative, but underneath the seemingly stiff exterior there is a strong party atmosphere forged by the capital's younger inhabitants. A large university population helps fuel the busy nightlife scene.



Casino Canberra

21 Binara Street, Canberra
+61 2 6243 3700

Casino Canberra has everything for prime entertainment. With its 40 gaming tables with roulette, blackjack, poker and keno in a laid-back atmosphere there is plenty to choose from if you are in a gaming mood. The casino has two excellent bars for enjoying a cold beer and relaxing.



Joe's Bar

69 Canberra Ave, Griffith
+61 2 6295 6925

Joe's Bar is a bar and an Italian restaurant, where both food and drink are treated with utmost care. Start with antipasti, move on to the lasagne, and the burrata. Foremost, Joe's is an intimate place to gather, experience and engage with family and friends, new and old.



Molly

Wooden Door, Odgers Ln
+61 2 6179 8973

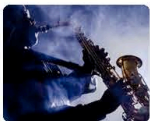
Molly, a 1920s speakeasy in Civic, is hidden within Hobart Place, behind an unmarked wooden door and down a dark staircase. The bar is seriously well equipped with the widest choice of spirits. Their scotch range is splendid, from good old classics to exquisite aged ones. A charcuterie board and an old-school Negroni is always a winning combination.



King O'Malley's Irish Pub

131 City Walk, Canberra
+61 2 6257 0111

A wide selection of Australian and International beers accompanied by great pub food await visitors to King O'Malley's. In this busy, noisy but convivial pub atmosphere the friendly staff will take good care of you.



Hippo Co

1/17 Garema Place, Canberra

Hippo Co is the quintessential whisky and cocktail experience in Canberra. Huge selection, innovative seasonal cocktails and experienced bar staff will guide you through an educational and fun whiskey tasting. Every Wednesday evening, Hippo Co presents live jazz and blues, and hosts some of the best jazz musicians from Australia and around the world.



ANU Union Bar

3 Rimmer Street, Canberra
+61 2 6230 4728

Australian National University (ANU) Union Bar is a very popular place for students and off-campus folks. This is a great place to relax with friends and play pool. The crowd is, predictably, on the younger side.



Mooseheads Pub & Nightclub

105 London Circuit, Canberra
+61 2 6257 6496

With four unique levels playing a selection of R&B, Chart, Dance, Old School and just a touch of the heavier club sounds, you will find one that fits your taste in music and style. Each floor has its very own bar to cater to your needs. The nightclub is one of the hottest late night party venues around. Come here during the day for some decent pub grub and a pint.



Parlour

16 Kendall Lane, Acton
+61 2 6257 7325

Parlour is a dining and drinking venue like no other in Canberra. It features Spanish tapas, local and international wine, and cocktails.



Bentspoke Brewing Co.

48/38 Mort Street, Braddon
+61 2 6257 5220

Bentspoke is a microbrewery and tap house which has been twice crowned Best Australian Small Brewer. They are not afraid of bending the rules of how beer and cider should be made, so get your taste buds ready for a flavourful journey.



Canberra - Shopping

Apart from the large Canberra Centre in the city centre, most shopping is centred around large malls in the major suburban areas of Woden, Belconnen, Tuggeranong and Gungahlin. These malls contain a mix of department stores such as David Jones, Myer and Target. There are also smaller boutique chains catering to all tastes.



Old Bus Depot Markets

21 Wentworth Avenue, Canberra
+61 2 6295 3331

The Old Bus Depot Markets, held each Sunday in the old Kingston bus depot, are an institution in Canberra offering a wide selection of arts and crafts, and locally grown (often organic) produce. Buskers entertain the milling crowd.



Canberra Centre

Bunda Street, Canberra
+61 2 6247 5611

Canberra Centre is the ultimate destination for fashion and lifestyle. There are an outstanding collection of Australian and International fashion labels here and over 260 specialty stores. Stores you will find here are for example David Jones, Target, Apple, Zara, David Lawrence, Laura Ashley, G-Star Raw, and many more.



Local Wineries

595 Northbourne Avenue, Lyneham
+61 2 6262 2333

A tour of the local wineries is a must do as many offer wine tastings and cellar door sales of their excellent cool-climate wines.

Kamberra Wine Company Function Centre
595 Northbourne Avenue, Lyneham ACT
<https://canberrafunctioncentre.com.au/>
events@kamberrafunctioncentre.com.au
+61 2 6262 2333

Mount Majura Vineyard
RMB 314 Majura Road, Majura
www.mountmajura.com.au
info@mountmajura.com.au
+61 2 6262 3070



Canberra Outlet Centre

337 Canberra Avenue, Canberra
+61 2 6112 6222

This shopping centre is home to over 100 leading Australian and international brands. It offers discounts of up to 70% off normal retail prices and contains ladies' and men's fashion, children's wear, footwear, handbags, jewellery, accessories and sporting goods.



Bison Homewares

6/8 Beltana Road, Pialligo
+61 2 6257 7255

Bison Homewares is a ceramic workshop in Pialligo where you can buy beautiful, handcrafted ceramics for the kitchen, dining, and living room. They are made with modern designs and come in a gorgeous range of colours.



Capital Region Farmers Markets

Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC), Access via Old Well Station Road
+61 400 852 227

Every Saturday you can visit the largest regional markets in the Southern Tablelands. There are over 100 stallholders selling their freshly picked, home-grown and handcrafted produce.



The Teddy Bear Shop

Shop 9 Majura Park Shopping Centre, ACT
+61 2 6257 6966

This is Canberra's only specialty Teddy Bear and soft toy supplier that stocks all kinds of teddy bears for children and adults. They guarantee that there is a teddy for everyone — drop in and be sure to find one for you.



Country Road

Canberra Centre, Bunda Street

For over 40 years, Country Road has designed lovely products for an authentically Australian way of life for women, men, and children. Their passion is creating beautiful and sustainable products that are made to last.



Shop Handmade

EPIC Exhibition Park in Canberra, Flemington Road
+61 402 247 532

At Shop Handmade you can find stylish, unique and exceptional handcrafted designs made by local and interstate designers. This is a great place to buy funky Canberra souvenirs. The market regularly attracts over 20,000 visitors. See the official website for latest dates.



Bungendore Wood Works Gallery

Kings Highway, Bungendore
+61 2 6238 1682

Bungendore Wood Works Gallery exhibits Australian wood art, sculpture, home decor items and modern furniture by the country's leading designer. Here you can buy beautifully designed gifts. The gallery is located 35km east of Canberra.



Wear Wolfie

Shop 2/19 Bougainville St, Griffith
+61 2 6239 6038

At Wear Wolfie you can buy clothes for babies and children up to 16 years. The kids clothing at this store are both fashionable and practical. The store also offers unique kids gifts and decor.



T.O.D

Style Arcade Manuka, Canberra
+61 2 6260 8844

T.O.D stands for "Things of Desire" and is a fashion boutique located in Arcade Manuka. They provide an exclusive range of European fashion labels and offer unique, quality designs. Here you can buy exclusive Italian labels such as Malloni, Twin-Set, Liviana Conti, Mariagrazia, and Pianura Studio.



Muse - Food, Wine, Books

East Hotel, 69 Canberra Ave
+61 2 6178 0024

Muse is equal parts cafe, wine bar and bookshop. Its creator was inspired by a similar concept found in Beijing. This gorgeous store has 2000 new and second-hand titles to flip through and potentially take home with you. Come here for breakfast, too. Books also make excellent presents!



Lonsdale Street

7 and 23 Lonsdale Street, Braddon

Take a stroll around Braddon neighbourhood to browse fashion, books, vintage design stores and more. The Ori Building in Braddon is home to popular fashion, homeware and design stores such as Handsome Pretty, Hive, Enigma Fine Chocolates. This area is also great for quick bites and a day out with friends.



Art Store at the National Gallery

Parkes Place, Parkes
+61 2 6240 6411

The Shop at the National Gallery of Australia range of inspirational and contemporary art products and books, including items produced exclusively for the museum. Find beautifully printed books that cover everything from art to fashion to interiors to architecture, and lots more besides. All purchases support the Gallery. Contactless payment only, no cash.



Canberra - Tourist Information



Airport

Canberra International Airport, Canberra
+61 2 6275 2222

Canberra International Airport is located 7 km east of the city centre. There are no direct flights to international destinations, but there are direct connections to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide.

The Airport Express shuttle "Bus route Rapid 3" operates from the airport to the city centre. The trip takes about 20 minutes. Busses leave every 15 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends.

If you are going skiing, Snow Connect specialises in Airport transfers from Canberra to Thredbo, Canberra Airport to Jindabyne, and Canberra Airport to Perisher.

Taxis are available at all times of the day from the front of the Terminal.

Passengers can choose from six different car rental companies. Approximate fare can be found on the the airport's website.



Public Transport

+61 2 6207 7611

ACTION is Canberra's public bus service, which covers most sites and suburbs. On the bus you can pay with the prepaid MyWay smartcard or cash.

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www.transport.act.gov.au

With Greyhound there are also regular bus services that operate from Canberra to Sydney about 3–3.5 hours by dual carriage highway. The bus terminal is located in the Jolimont Centre, 61 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra City.

+61 2 1300 473 946

www.greyhound.com.au



Taxi

Uber, Ola, DiDi, Shebah and GoCatch ridesharing apps are used in Canberra.

You can phone for a taxi, hire one from a stand or flag one down in the street.

ActCabs Canberra Taxi

www.actcabs.com.au

+61 2 6280 0077



Post

53-73 Alinga Street, Canberra

+61 2 131 318

Post offices are located throughout the city and in suburban shopping centres. Stamps are also available from newsagents. If you want to mail letters, look for red post boxes around town.

Main Post Office:



Pharmacy

+61 2 6282 3960

The pharmacies are located in shopping areas throughout the city. One of the main pharmacy chains is Capital Chemist — it has 18 stores around Canberra.

The Canberra Day and Night Chemist (Capital Chemist) is open daily 8am–11pm and is located on 9 Sargood St.



Telephone

Country code: +61

Area code: 02



Electricity

230V / 50Hz

Plug type I (Used in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Argentina and others)