



EXPERIENCE CANBERRA—Our Nation's Capital

INCLUSIONS:-

- ◆ Coach Transport with a Friendly & Professional Driver(s)
- ◆ Accommodation & Meals (as indicated in the Itinerary)
- ◆ Attractions / Entries (as indicated in the Itinerary)
- ◆ Airfares (if required)
- ◆ Airport Transfers (if required)

Home to some of Australia's most prominent buildings with rich educational and curriculum based activities and attractions, Canberra is Victoria's number one School tour destination. Coach Tours of Australia can cater to all of your tour requirements, from the traditional 5 Day 'coach both ways' Tour, to the trending 4 Day 'coach to Canberra, fly home' Tour. Our tours are all inclusive and we can even organise your flights. There is so much to see and do in Canberra, from the Educational to the Fun, so book early to avoid disappointment.

DAY 1:-

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Board your Coach to begin your **5 Day Tour to 'Our Nation's Capital', Canberra.**

Travelling via the Hume Highway (depending on location of school), we pass towns like Euroa, Ned Kelly Country—Glenrowan, Holbrook (home of the submarine HMAS Otway), Tarcutta, Gundagai and Yass.

Your Coach Captain will make several break stops along the way, including a stop for lunch.

5.00pm arrival (approx.) at your accommodation for the next four nights.

Overnight:- Canberra Accommodation (as selected)

DAY 2:-

B/PL/D

What better way to start our tour of Canberra than to visit the **National Capital Exhibition**. Here students actively engage with the history of the National Capital, Walter Burley Griffin's design and its implementation today, through a four-step programme which includes a creative drawing element.

DAY 2:- continued

B/PL/D

Next we are off to the new **Parliament House (PACER)** – Here students will be taken on an Educational Tour to learn about the House of Representatives and The Senate. Participate in the Parliamentary Education Office Program and hospitality with local members.

- **Hospitality with local member** (booked by school)
- **PEO (Parliamentary Education Office)**
- **Guided Tour of Senate & House of Representatives**

Lunch break—Packed Lunches supplied by accommodation

Mt Ainslie Lookout – Take a scenic drive to the top of Mt Ainslie for a perfect view of Canberra's unique layout. Take in Lake Burley Griffin, and many of Canberra's national attractions. See great views of the Australian War Memorial, Anzac Parade and Parliament House, along with the beautiful Snowy Mountains.

The **Australian War Memorial (PACER)** is a must visit for any school group visiting Canberra. To get the best experience at the AWM, school groups are encouraged to participate in one of their educational programs. Alternatively, Teachers can guide their students through the Memorial.

DAY 2:- continued

B/PL/D

Today we are booked into the **We Will Remember Them** program. This program explores the reasons why we continue to remember the service and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women, particularly on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day each year. Students will investigate the symbolism of the Memorial's Commemorative Area, identify a name on the Roll of Honour, and explore the Hall of Memory.

The **Last Post Closing Ceremony** at the AWM is to be requested—A bugler or piper plays to remember those who have fallen.

After Dinner tonight we are off to **Questacon—The National Science and Technology Centre** for an exclusive guided experience. The Questacon Centre has more than 200 hands-on learning experiences in eight themed galleries—educational fun for all!

DAY 3:-

B/PL/D

An early start this morning, for an 8.30am visit at the home of our Governor General, **Government House**. Students take part in a 1-hour guided tour. ***It is a requirement that all Adults/Teachers show Photo ID to the AFP at the front gate***

Boarding our coach once again, we make our way to the **Electoral Education Centre (PACER)**. Using experiential learning to engage and inform, one of the AEC's educators will guide you through a 90 minute program which includes:

- A multi-media presentation that explores the history of Australian democracy,
- Hands-on activities which help students to understand enrolment, voting and representation, and;
- Voting in a simulated election and then counting votes to achieve a result.



Right next door is the **Museum of Australian Democracy (PACER)** or Old Parliament House – Students will take part in the **'Who's the Boss'** program. Journey through time and discover Australia's democracy in exciting new exhibition activities and historic role playing.

Lunch break—Packed Lunches supplied by accommodation

DAY 3:- continued

B/PL/D

This afternoon we visit the **High Court of Australia**. Students will be taken on a Guided Tour of the highest court in the Australian Judicial System. The function of the High Court is to interpret and apply the law of Australia. The tour includes an overview of the history, role and powers of the Court, as well as an explanation of the workings of the court rooms. Students will also visit the Australian Constitution Centre exhibition.

The **National Museum of Australia** has a number of educational programs available for school groups. Today students will have the chance to explore Australia's place in the global network' the cultural icons and symbols that represent our nation; the stories of 100 Australians; our links to the land, and indigenous cultures and history, during the **"Making a Nation"** program.

We return to our accommodation for dinner before departing for a night of competitive fun at **Zone Bowling Belconnen**. Both students and teachers get to challenge each other in a game of **10 pin bowling** (shoe hire included).

DAY 4:-

B/PL/D

Canberra is home to the **Australian Institute of Sport—** See where Australia's fittest bodies are created. Experience the life of an elite athlete as you tour their internationally recognised sports facilities and test your skills in an interactive exhibition.

Go behind the scenes on an award-winning **90-minute AIS Tour**. You might even catch some of Australia's top athletes in training.

Challenge yourself in **Sportex**, an educational and engaging sports experience where you can try wheelchair basketball, virtual downhill skiing, rock climbing, football penalty shootouts and more. Best of all, Sportex is included as part of every AIS Tour.

Complete your visit to the AIS with a **Sports Experience** program and play on the very fields where Australia's sporting champions train and compete. Students will participate in a 90-minute session learning the rules, skills and drills for up to three different sports and receive a certificate to recognise their involvement. Additional charges apply.

Sports on offer through an AIS Sports Experience include but are not limited to: Cricket, Track and Field, Futsal, Ultimate Frisbee, Hockey, Volleyball, Netball and Soft Crosse

Embassy Drive—We will go for a drive by some of the 80 Diplomatic Missions. See how many embassies you can recognise from your Activity Booklet.

Lunch break—Packed Lunches supplied by accommodation

DAY 4:- continued

B/PL/D

Our next two hours will be spent at **The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre (IPTLC)**, in their learner-centred workshops that foster creative thinking and support Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education.

The IPTLC stimulates an interest and awareness of the way things are made, shows how components fit together and demonstrates how innovation can solve everyday problems—from simple devices to higher end technology.

Our last attraction for this visit is the **Royal Australian Mint** – The Mint provides links to science and technology, art and history. Discovering some interesting facts about the history of coins in Australia, and how coins are made.

Tonight the Recreation Room has been booked at your accommodation. School to organise an activity ie. Red Faces, Trivia, Movie Night etc.

LEGEND:-

- B Breakfast
- PL Packed Lunch (provided by accommodation)
- D Dinner (will be at accommodation unless otherwise specified)

DAY 5:-

B/PL

We enjoy our final breakfast on this tour, before loading our luggage and departing for School. Your Coach Captain will advise your return journey stops, prior to leaving Canberra.

After a busy week and lots of new memories, we should arrive back at school at 5.00pm (approximately, depending on location of school), to end our **5 Day Canberra Experience**.



REQUEST A QUOTE OR MORE INFORMATION:-



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PACER (Parliament and Civics Education Rebate:-

To be eligible for PACER, students must be enrolled with a recognised education provider (generally a school) 150km or more away from Canberra GPO and be part of a school excursion group whose principle purpose for travelling to Canberra is to enhance student learning in civics and citizenship education. *School groups whose principle purpose for visiting the National Capital is to engage in sporting or social activities are **NOT** eligible for PACER.*

PACER Institutions:-

- ◆ Australian War Memorial—a visit to the AWM is a must for claiming PACER. There are a number of programs on offer or you can do Teacher Guided (and still be eligible for PACER)
- ◆ Parliament House
 - Guided Tour
 - PEO (Parliamentary Education Office) - Roleplay
 - Hospitality
- ◆ Electoral Education Centre (EEC)
- ◆ Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD) or Old Parliament House

Activities to choose from:-

- ◆ Australian Institute of Sport (Tour & Sports Experience)
- ◆ Australian Institute of Sport (Swimming)
- ◆ Australian War Memorial (PACER)
- ◆ Canberra Deep Space Communication Centre
- ◆ Canberra International Sports & Aquatic Centre (Night)
- ◆ Cockington Green Gardens (Day or Night)
- ◆ CSIRO Discovery Centre
- ◆ Cycle Canberra
- ◆ Electoral Education Centre (PACER)
- ◆ Embassy Drive
- ◆ GEO Science
- ◆ Government House
- ◆ High Court of Australia
- ◆ Mt Ainslie Lookout
- ◆ Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD)
- ◆ National Arboretum
- ◆ National Archives of Australia
- ◆ National Capital Exhibition
- ◆ National Capital Exhibition—ANZAC Parade Walk
- ◆ National Capital Exhibition—Reconciliation Place
- ◆ National Dinosaur Museum (Day or Night)
- ◆ National Film & Sound Archive
- ◆ National Gallery of Australia
- ◆ National Library of Australia
- ◆ National Museum of Australia
- ◆ National Portrait Gallery
- ◆ National Sound & Film Archive
- ◆ National Zoo & Aquarium
- ◆ Parliament House (PACER)
- ◆ Questacon (Day or Night)
- ◆ Royal Australian Mint
- ◆ Telstra Tower (Day or Night)
- ◆ The Ian Potter Technology Learning Centre
- ◆ Zone Bowling (Night)