



CANBERRA TO SYDNEY EXPERIENCE

INCLUSIONS:-

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

Starting in our Nation's Capital—Canberra and finishing in Australia's largest city—Sydney, this tour not only travels over two states but has Education and Fun covered. From Civics, Science, Geography and History to a thrilling 45 minute jetboating experience in Sydney Harbour. We make the most of our time in Canberra with visits to places like the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House and Questacon before travelling to Sydney to visit some of Australia's most iconic landmarks, the Sydney Opera House, Bondi Beach and the Blue Mountains.

DAY 1:- Sunday PL/D

Arrive at your local airport early morning for your flight to our Nation's Capital. Arriving in Canberra late morning or early afternoon, our coach will be waiting to start you on your **8 Day Canberra to Sydney Experience**.

Lunch break—Packed Lunches supplied by accommodation

Our first visit today will be to the **High Court of Australia**.

The High Court is 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.

After lunch we visit the **Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)** for a 1.5 hour Tour (including Sportex).

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.

DAY 1:- Continued PL/D

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.

We finish off our afternoon at the **Mt Ainslie Lookout**. We 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.

Dinner tonight will be at our accommodation.

Overnight:- Canberra Accommodation (as selected)

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 2:- Monday**B/PL/D**

What better way to start our second day in 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.

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.

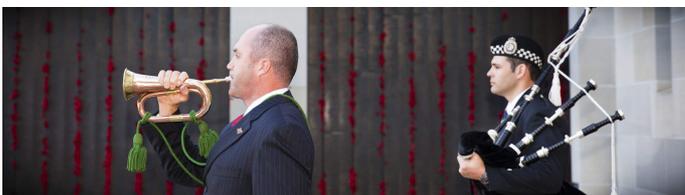
- **Hospitality with local member** (booked by school)
- **PEO (Parliamentary Education Office)**
- **Guided Tour of Senate & House of Representatives**

Lunch break—Packed Lunches supplied by accommodation

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.

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.

There will be time to explore the Memorial at your own pace before **The Last Post Closing Ceremony** begins.



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

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).

Overnight:- Canberra Accommodation (as selected)

DAY 3:- Tuesday**B/PL/D**

An early start this morning, as 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

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.

Next we are off to **Geoscience**. Learn about the activities of Geo Science Australia, and the clever low energy geo-thermal heating/cooling system of their award-winning building. Experience a walk-through time by taking the one-kilometre Geological Time walk.

We finish the day with what we call **Embassy Drive**— We will go for a drive by some of the 80 Diplomatic Missions. See how many embassy flags you can recognise from your Activity Booklet.

We return to our accommodation for Dinner and a night in.

The Recreation Room has been booked for school organised activities such as Trivia, Red Faces or a Movie Night.

Overnight:- Canberra Accommodation (as selected)

DAY 4:- Wednesday**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***

Our last Canberra 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.

**Lunch break—Packed Lunches supplied by accommodation**

After eating our lunch we board our coach once again, as we start to make our way to the Capital of New South Wales—**Sydney**.

Dinner tonight will be at our accommodation.

Accommodation:- United Venues—Namaroo, Chatswood

**DAY 5:- Thursday****B/PL/D**

This morning we are off to the world famous Blue Mountains. Our first stop this morning will be at Echo Point before heading around to one of the most photographed rock formations, The Three Sisters and Orphan Rock.

The **Three Sisters** is the Blue Mountains' most spectacular landmark and is essentially an unusual rock formation representing three sisters, who according to Aboriginal legend, were turned to stone. The character of the Three Sisters changes through the day and throughout the seasons, as the sunlight brings out the magnificent colours.



From here it's off to **Scenic World** (2-hours duration) to ride the Scenic Railway. Discover the thrill of a 52 degree incline (128% incline) riding the steepest passenger railway in the world. The Railway experience descends 310 metres through a cliff-side tunnel, emerging into ancient rainforest at the Jamison Valley floor. Operating since 1945, this is the fifth generation train.

After our ride we head back to Katoomba to eat your lunch.

This afternoon it's back to the bottom of the mountains for a short break at Windsor before travelling to Circular Quay for a **45-minute Sydney Harbour Jetboating Adventure**.

The 'Extreme Adrenaline' Jetboat Ride will take you past the Opera House, Harbour Island (Clark & Shark), and the exclusive suburbs of Rose Bay and Watson's Bay. Then onto Sydney Heads for a taste of ocean air! On return you will be taken past Taronga Zoo and under the Harbour Bridge, by Luna Park (may vary on the day depending on weather conditions). It's not all sightseeing, be prepared for the thrill of the fast turning jetboat and spray of fresh ocean waters.

Accommodation:- United Venues—Namaroo, Chatswood

DAY 6:- Friday

B/PL/D

Our first stop this morning is the **Sydney Tower Eye**. The observation deck offers the ultimate view of Sydney and beyond. The Sydney Tower Eye is Sydney's tallest structure and the second tallest observation tower in the Southern Hemisphere.

During our time here, we visit Westfield Shopping Centre, located below the Sydney Tower Eye for some free time (whilst waiting for groups to rotate through their time at the Sydney Tower Eye).

Afterwards we go to Circular Quay, this time to catch a Ferry to the **Taronga Zoo**, located on the shores of Sydney Harbour, in the suburb of Mosman.

We spend the rest of our day walking around the zoo, visiting the 4000+ animals from over 350 species, many of which are threatened.

Taronga has been providing schools with unique education experiences for over 40 years. Bring your students and explore our Zoos at your own pace or add an extra layer of learning with special events, programs and hands-on curriculum-based workshops conducted by the qualified **teachers**.

At closing time, your coach will be waiting at the exit gate to take you back to your accommodation.



After dinner tonight, one of their function rooms has been booked for a school organised activity, such as Trivia, Red Faces or maybe a Movie Night.

Accommodation:- United Venues—Namaroo, Chatswood

DAY 7:- Saturday

B/PL/D

After breakfast this morning we off to the **Sydney Opera House** for a self guided walk around this iconic structure.

Fusing ancient and modernist influences, and situated on a site sacred to the Gadigal people for thousands of years, the sculptural elegance of the Sydney Opera House has made it one of the symbols of twentieth century architecture - a building that, to quote US architect Frank Gehry, "changed the image of an entire country."

Walking through **Circular Quay**, past the Ferry terminals, we make our way to the heritage listed **Sydney Harbour Bridge**.



Nicknamed 'The Coathanger' because of its arched base design, the bridge carries rail, vehicles, bicycles and pedestrian traffic between the Sydney CBD and the North Shore.

As we stroll across the bridge, there will be fantastic photo opportunities of the breathtaking views of the harbour and the iconic **Sydney Opera House**.

Your Coach Captain will be waiting for you on the North Shore side to take you to one of the most spectacular vantage points of the Harbour, **Mrs Macquarie's Chair**. Mrs Macquarie's Chair sits above Sydney's picturesque harbour on a peninsula that juts out over the sea.

Formed of exposed sandstone rock that was hand-carved into a bench by convicts in 1810, it was built especially for Governor Macquarie's wife, Elizabeth.

Manly Beach beckons us, as we board our coach once more. On arrival in Manly, enjoy your packed lunches before going for a walk on one of Australia's most famous beaches. With more than 200 shops, you will also have free-time to explore Manly and maybe pickup a souvenir or two.

Your return journey will be onboard the famous **Manly Ferry**. Operating since 1855, the famous Manly Ferry has been making its journey across Sydney Harbour many times a day. This afternoon, you get to be part of history, as you enjoy a ferry ride from Manly to Circular Quay. Your coach will be there to meet you and transfer you back to Naamaroo.

Accommodation:- United Venues—Namaroo, Chatswood

DAY 8:- Sunday

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Sadly we pack our bags for the last time on this tour. Depending on the time of your flight, there may be a chance for free-time at Darling Harbour or the Rocks area.

Your Coach Captain will drop you at the airport for your flight home to end your **8 Day Canberra to Sydney Experience**.

School to organise transport from their local airport.

LEGEND:-

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

Other Sydney Activities to choose from:-

- ◆ Guided Tour of the Sydney Opera House
- ◆ Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb (Facilitated)
- ◆ Madam Tussauds
- ◆ Wet'n'Wild
- ◆ Visit the 'Rock's' area
- ◆ Darling Harbour
- ◆ Bondi Beach visit
- ◆ Paddy's Market visit
- ◆ Sea Life Sydney Aquarium
- ◆ Cockatoo Island—High Demand History Tour

- ◆ Add on a night at Taronga Zoo—can accommodate up to 90 people

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 principal 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

Canberra 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)