

Easter with The Kings

The National Gallery Renaissance Exhibition Canberra



Sandro Botticelli *The story of Virginia the Roman* c. 1500 (detail).

Kings of Newcastle 4 Day Tour

*Friday 6th April 2012
To
Monday 9th April 2012*

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The National Gallery of Australia will present the first ever exhibition in Australia dedicated to Renaissance paintings.



The exhibition will feature more than 70 works on canvas and panel made between 1400 and 1600 by painters in northern and central Italy.

The paintings come from such cities as Venice, Florence, Padua, Ferrara, Bergamo and Siena which were centres of high culture in the Renaissance. Some of the paintings were originally sizeable church altarpieces, but the majority of the paintings are intimate devotional panels commissioned for private use.

None of the works in the exhibition have ever left Europe before and are only in Canberra as the Accademia Carrara in Bergamo is undergoing renovations.

The 15th and 16th centuries of Italian art are the foundation of the grand tradition of European painting. Visitors to this exhibition will not only see works by Raphael, Botticelli and Titian but also lesser known artists such as Tura, Crivelli, Lotto, Vivarini, Carpaccio and Perugino.

COST

\$610.00 per person

Twin / Double share accommodation

\$180.00 per person

Extra charge for a single room

DEPOSIT

\$200.00 within 7 days of booking

FULL PAYMENT DUE

Friday 9th March 2012

COST INCLUDES

- 5 star coach travel with experienced coach crew*
- all tour arrangements and confirmed bookings*
 - quality accommodation*
 - morning tea, dinner and breakfast*
 - attractions and entry fees as listed.*

Day One
Friday 6th April 2012

M/T - D

Newcastle to Canberra

8.00am Depart Kings Coach Depot, 6 Lingard Street, Merewether. Pick up points are available at Charlestown, Belmont North, Belmont, Swansea and Doyalson by arrangement at the time of your booking.

Morning tea / comfort stop at Castle Hill Park.

During our travel to Canberra we will take the opportunity to look at some of the areas that have been passed by because of the Freeway.

Lunch today will be at the Mittagong RSL Club Bistro (own expense).

5.00pm Estimated time of arrival at the Grand Manor Motor Inn.

Time to relax and freshen up before dinner at 6.30 pm in the Motel dining room.



Day Two
Saturday 7th April 2012

B-D

Canberra Sightseeing

8.00 am Start your day with a full buffet style breakfast.

9.00am Depart motel for the first of our National Capital sightseeing tours.

The Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex is situated at Tidbinbilla and offers visitors the chance to learn about the role that Australia plays in the exploration of space. For the past 40 years this complex has played a key role in the exploration of space as part of NASA's Deep Space Network.

We will have lunch in Canberra's CBD with time for a look around the main shops.

3.00 pm This afternoon we will have a guided tour of Old Parliament House before we continue with general sightseeing of Canberra including the Embassy's, and nearby suburbs.

4:30pm Estimated time of arrival at the motel - time to relax before dinner.

6:30pm Dinner in the motel dining room.

Day Three
Sunday 8th April 2012

B-D

Canberra Sightseeing

7:30am Buffet breakfast in the motel dining room.

8:30am Depart the motel. Today we have some more interesting features of Canberra planned for you to visit.

The lookout at Mt Ainslie will offer magnificent views across Canberra and the surrounding countryside.

A trip to Canberra would not be complete without a visit to the Australian War Memorial. The 'Nurses from Zululand to Afghanistan' exhibition explores the involvement of nurses from the first known Australian in the Zulu War of 1879, right up to the experiences of the male and female nurses serving in recent conflicts.

Canberra's only indoor market - The Old Bus Depot Markets - has over 200 stalls featuring unique items that are handcrafted by local and regional artists and craftspeople.

(Each of the main attractions we visit today have food facilities where you can purchase morning tea or lunch.)

5:00pm Estimated time of return to the Motel.

6:30pm Dinner in the motel dining room.



Day Four
Monday 9th April 2012

B - A/T

Canberra to Newcastle

8.00 am Start your day with a full buffet style breakfast.

The main attraction today is our visit to the Australian National Gallery for the Renaissance Exhibition. This exhibition is an opportunity for Australians to see works of extraordinary quality created by masters of the Early and High Renaissance period without having to travel overseas.

If time allows you may wish to visit the National Portrait Gallery which is located across the road from the National Gallery.

Lunch may be purchased before our 2.00 pm departure for return travel to Newcastle.

A suitable afternoon tea and comfort stop will be made en route.

8.00 pm Estimated time of arrival at Kings Depot.