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Welcome to Canberra

Lately Canberra has been staking a claim for the title of Australia's coolest city – and we're not just talking winter temperatures. The nation's 'bush capital' has transformed into a cosmopolitan metropolis, with superb dining and world-class cultural experiences right alongside wildlife-filled bushland and serene lakeshore trails. There's plenty to keep visitors entertained, whether you're here for the weekend or have a bit more time to spare.





Civic (p73) from above
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Australian Parliament House

The heart of Australian democracy. **p34**



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Australian War Memorial

Memorial to Australia's war dead. **p74**

Plan Your Trip Top Sights

Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve

Australian fauna in the wild. **p124**



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Namadgi National Park

Wilderness on Canberra's doorstep. **p126**



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National Arboretum

Local and international tree repository. **p70**



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