

Canberra: Autumn Leaves & Warm Fires Tour.

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In autumn something magical happens to Canberra and the surrounding countryside.

If you're lucky enough to be there you'll feel the first bracing hint of winter and you'll see the city streets and the hills and valleys burst into almost unimaginable colour.

Once bare, sheep grazing country bursts to life with the browns, oranges, reds and maroons of millions of exotic and deciduous trees. Australian natives add their special appeal and everywhere the ground becomes a carpet of rich colour.

Where to relax around warm fires.

Relax and enjoy yourself at The George Harcourt Inn, The Boot and Flogger, Pot Belly, Old Canberra Inn,

Ginninderra Schoolhouse Restaurant or the Nineteenth Hole, to name just a few.

How to see autumn in Canberra.

Stay right in the heart of the autumn belt in Canberra's southern suburbs.

Spend hours walking in and around Canberra, take an organised coach tour, or if you have your own car, you

can simply follow the tourist drives. In addition, there are regular lake cruises or you can hire a bike and take the cycleway around the lake and through Weston Park.

What to see in autumn in Canberra.

Kick yourself up a shower of golden leaves on a walk through Weston Park, the Australian National University or the National Botanic Gardens. If you want to take in the whole brilliant scene

at a glance, Canberra has a choice of vantage points.

The lookouts on Black Mountain, Mt. Ainslie and Red Hill will lay it out, in all its splendour, right at your feet.

Some special events in autumn.

□ At the National Sheepdog Trials you can see some of Australia's finest sheepdogs go through their paces.

□ The Canberra Festival is held every year at this time with lots of things to see and do:

□ Join in the National Wine and Food Frolic.

□ View the spectacle of the Lake and Air Show.

□ See the running of the Black Opal Stakes.

□ See racing of another kind with Canberra's Castrol Car Rally.

□ Witness the spectacle of the 1812 Overture and Beating the Retreat at the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

□ Another ceremony that takes on special significance in Canberra at this time is the remembrance of Anzac Day.

Canberra in autumn — you'll have to see it to believe it.

When to come — the seasons are clearly marked in Canberra and autumn runs from the beginning of March through to the end of May. You'll catch its highlights best between Easter and the May school vacation.

Come see it soon. We'll colour you happy.