



# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Australia's capital, Canberra, is better known as the seat of Australia's Government and world-class attractions that showcase the culture, history and lifestyle of Australia. But what you probably didn't know is that it hides some unexpected food and wine delights.

Home to award-winning cool climate wineries, small enough to meet the winemaker, creative providores and restaurateurs serving up smoked meats, fresh organic produce, on site roasted coffee and craft beer all within easy access of the city centre, the Australian Capital Territory has much to offer the gourmet traveller.



*Shaw Vineyard Estate, part of the Poacher's Way*

## CANBERRA DISTRICT WINE REGION

The Canberra District wineries, are small enough to have an intimate cellar door experience and meet the winemaker, yet large enough to find all varieties of a premium wine growing area.



### TOP TIP:

**Clonakilla'** Shiraz Vigonier is considered one of the best wines in Australia, Tim Kirk the wine maker was recently awarded Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine Australian Wine Maker of the year. Located just a short 30 minute drive from Canberra, the cellar door is open for tastings from 10am to 5pm daily.

### SPOTLIGHT:

#### CANBERRA DISTRICT WINE REGION

- » 140 vineyards and 30 cellar doors, located within 30 minutes of the city centre
- » Produces distinctive, full flavoured and award winning cool climate wines
- » The regions Shiraz, Shiraz Vigonier and Reislings have garnered both national and worldwide acclaim
- » Compact nature of destination makes it ideal for a self-drive journey

## THE POACHERS WAY

The Poachers Way gourmet trail, represents a handpicked selection of businesses that showcase the finest local and seasonal produce and some of Australia's most critically acclaimed wines within the Canberra region.

Base your clients in Canberra and allow 2-3 days with a hire car, to give them the opportunity to follow this food and wine trail and uncover some of the region's best kept gourmet secrets. For a suggested itinerary refer to the resources section.

### SPOTLIGHT

#### POACHERS WAY

- » Self-guided 'gum boot tour' through **Mount Majura Vineyard**
- » Lunch at award winning **Lerida Estate Winery** overlooking Lake George
- » **Capital Wines Epicurean Centre** in the 19th century village of Gundaroo
- » Delicious desert wines at **Jeir Creek Wines**
- » Award winning chocolates at **Robyn Rowe Chocolates**
- » Graze fresh produce surrounded by **Pialligo Plant Farm**



## CANBERRA'S CAPITAL REGION FARMERS MARKET

One of Australia's biggest and most authentic farmer's market, **Canberra's Capital Region Farmers Market** features over 100 stallholders offering a rich and diverse selection of local fresh fruit and vegetables, meats, seafood, cheeses, nuts, honey and baked goods. Visitors can also sample local wines and pick up ready-made treats from fine food specialists.

### WHEN?

Open every Saturday from 7:30-11:30 am

### WHERE?

Exhibition Park Canberra

### DON'T MISS:

Ice cream and gelato from local artisan ice cream maker Frugii, flavours include popcorn, sambuca and musk stick!



## USEFUL LINKS

[Australian Capital Territory Food and Wine Itinerary](#)

[Clonakilla Estate](#)

[Poachers Way suggested itinerary](#)

[Truffle Festival, Canberra & Capital Region](#)

[Canberra's Capital Region Farmers Market](#)

[The Poachers Pantry](#)

[Conservatory Restaurant, The Arboretum](#)

[Kingston Foreshore](#)

## MORE FOOD AND WINE EXPERIENCES IN THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

### THE POACHERS PANTRY

This smokehouse, café and cellar door is located in a rustic farm setting just a short drive from Canberra. Try one of their platters, featuring hot and cold smoked meats, marinated vegetables, cheeses, olives, dips and breads. It's a smoked feast for all the senses!

### CONSERVATORY RESTAURANT, THE ARBORETUM

Canberra's newest attraction the National Arboretum features 94 forests of rare and endangered trees from Australia and around the world. With sweeping views over the city it provides the perfect setting for the **Conservatory Restaurant** where the emphasis is on organic and biodynamic produce.

### KINGSTON FORESHORE

Lake Burley Griffin's **Kingston Foreshore**, in the heart of Canberra, is transforming into a vibrant waterfront precinct with a strong arts, cultural, recreation and dining presence.



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## FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL AND EVENTS CALENDAR

### APRIL

#### Wine Harvest Festival , Australian Capital Territory

The Wine Harvest Festival showcases the best of the A.C.T. wine industry the two-day program includes grape harvesting, tasting tapas platters and wine matching, special brunches and live music.

### JUNE - AUGUST

#### Canberra Truffle Festival

Canberra's annual truffle festival! This eight week extravaganza puts the spotlight on the prized Black Perigord Truffle harvest. Visitors can join truffle hunts, degustation dinners, cooking classes, truffle lectures and more.

### AUGUST

#### Fireside Festival – Canberra

A month-long celebration of the Canberra food industry. The program includes wine master classes, cheese/chocolate and wine pairing sessions and 100 mile dinners, featuring ingredients sourced from within 100 miles of the city.

