Canberra’s Cool Climate Wineries
Half or full day, small-group tours to Canberra’s famous wine growing regions

Introduction -

The Canberra District produces some of the finest and most exciting cool climate wines in Australia, due to its high altitude (500m to 800m) and its continental inland climate. The district covers a number of sub regions from Yass and Murrumbateman in the North, Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory in the South, to Lake George and Bungendore in the East and across to Hall in the West. Canberra District’s grape growers produce a wide range of varietals, however the wine styles produced in the most volume at present, include Chardonnay, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Pinot Noir. There are also a number of other varietals grown including Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Viognier, Sangiovese and Merlot.

A typical day –

Each tour usually commences with a visit to BRL Hardy’s Kamberra Wine Company in Lyneham, on the northern outskirts of the city. Here visitors are able to taste many award winning wines made with local and regional grapes.

The Kamberra complex also hosts most of the district's local wines in glass cabinets which enable our guests to view what the region has to offer. Sometimes after cellar door tastings we may take an extended tour of the winery or check out the restaurant, the underground cellar or view the glass-art gallery. There are some great cellar door bargains to be had at the Kamberra Wine Company and everyone enjoys the fastidious attention to detail. From Kamberra we can either go onto the Murrumbateman Wineries, the Hall Wineries or even to the Lake George Wineries.

At Murrumbateman our favourite wineries to visit are Wimbaliri, Doonkuna Estate, Helm Wines, Yass Valley Wines and Clonakilla. Depending upon our group numbers and how people are travelling dictates how many wineries we visit. In the Hall area we tend to more regularly visit Surveyor’s Hill Winery and Pankhurst Wines while in the Bungendore and Lake George area we visit Hillbrook Winery, Gidgee Estate, Milimani Estate and Madew.

All our tours are accompanied by an experienced guide who provides a commentary along the way. Pickups and drop-offs will be at a central point within the Australian National University. You will able to transfer to the ANU Congress Venue from your hotel, in time for
the tour departures. Pick-ups for the full day tour will be at 10.00am. Pick-ups for the half day tour will be at 11am.

At each of the wineries you will experience a short tour of the complex as well as enjoy a guided tasting. There are opportunities to meet and talk to the winemakers and/or proprietors and to purchase wines at great cellar door prices.

Each season brings something new to the wineries. In Summer, the time of the AIP Congress, sees the grapes growing and maturing on the vines. We can even walk up and down the vines and munch on some of the delicious fruit, close to harvest time.

So all in all, a wine tour in this district is full of variety, fun and excitement. Our aim is for our guests to thoroughly enjoy the experience and also to learn something about wine at the same time. It’s a great day out and you will visit some of our famous cool climate wineries and meet the local characters who work the vineyards.

**Tour costs and inclusions -**

**Half days tour - $99**
- Lunch is included (commencing at 11am, finishing at 3pm)
- A visit to one winery

**Full-day tour - $129**
- Two course meal included (commencing at 10am, finishing at 5pm)
- Three to four wineries are visited

**Other inclusions** - all wine tasting fees, cellar door discounts, compendium of notes and maps, a bottle of spring water, discount voucher, a restaurant meal, glass of wine and professional, friendly and competent service.

**Bookings –**

We are offering departures on the weekend prior to, and the weekend after the AIP Congress. There will also tours running for the partners of AIP Congress participants, during the week of the congress. See the booking form below for details.

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We are delighted to have been invited by the AIP Congress organisers to provide travel programs for Congress delegates and their travel partners. We look forward to welcoming you to Canberra in January, 2005.
Canberra’s Cool Climate Wineries - Booking form

To reserve your place on one of our tours, print out the booking form and simply select the day you would like to travel (tick the corresponding box, indicating either half or full day option). Then complete your details below. Once you have completed the form, fax it to Active Travel in Canberra, on 02-6249 6788. You can also email us your preferred dates or call our office in Canberra at any time on 02-6249 6122, to book over the phone.

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