



Balloon over the National Capital

Canberra is a beautiful city of lakes, parks, national buildings and colourful tree lined streets surrounded by bushland and mountains. To view this remarkable planned city from a balloon provides a unique perspective. No other way of seeing Canberra so effectively brings together designer Walter Burley Griffin's vision and how it has been translated into the vibrant capital that Canberra has become.

The open spaces, lake foreshores and public parkland have made Canberra one of the most balloon friendly cities in the world.

It really is a place for ballooning adventure with style.

Balloons are an iconic Canberra sight. Balloon Aloft has been flying in Canberra all year round for 29 years. The ACT Government combines with Balloon Aloft to present the Canberra Balloon Spectacular each March and Visitcanberra.com.au promotes ballooning year round.

The Canberra Balloon Spectacular

Dates: 12 – 20 March 2016

Venue: Lawns of Old Parliament House,
King Edward Terrace, Parkes.

Timings: Balloons inflate from 6.15am,
launch from 6.30am – 7.00am,
breakfast until 10.00am.

breakfast is included



The Canberra Balloon Spectacular

The Canberra Balloon Spectacular is considered to be one of the best and longest running hot air ballooning events in the world. Held over nine days, pilots begin laying out and inflating their balloons on the lawns of Old Parliament House from 6.15am each day before ascending into the sky and creating an exhilarating back drop to our national attractions.

The 2016 Canberra Balloon Spectacular will include some special shape balloons from across the globe who will add a sense of novelty to the stunning setting each day. Patrons will be treated to an experience of the senses with a flurry of colour, sound and movement. The atmosphere of the balloons is complemented by delicious hot breakfast after the flight.



CANBERRA BALLOON SPECTACULAR

Tourism Awards, Adventure Flights and Local Balloons

Balloon Aloft has won many awards including the Australian Tourism Award for Most Significant Local attraction and 11 Canberra Region Tourism awards. Flying in Canberra has also resulted in Balloon Aloft pilots winning Australian Ballooning championships on two occasions, making the first Trans Australian and only Trans Tasman flights (with Dick Smith) and holding Australian distance and altitude records.

Launching A Balloon

Launching of a hot air balloon usually takes no more than half an hour and is great for spectators to watch. A somewhat noisy fan fills the balloon envelope with cold air prior to the propane powered burners providing heat to stand the balloon up. A few long burns and the balloons lift off, in contact with Canberra air traffic controllers. Retrieve crew on the ground then follow the balloon to its gentle landing site where passengers may get involved in putting the balloon into its bag.

Daily Flights

\$380 | per person for weekends and public holidays

Balloon Aloft partners with a number of Canberra accommodation venues ranging from 5 star to camping and backpackers to provide great value packages for visitors.

More details available at www.balloonaloftcanberra.com.au or **02 62498660**

