

National Museum of Australia

Australia has some grate stories - now theres a place we can all explore them. The National Museum of Australia doesn't look like a museum and it certainly doesn't feel like a museum. The new museum uses state-of-the-art technology and hands-on interactive exhibitions so visitors can actually experience the stories of Australia.



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The National Museum of Australia is also just as much about the future as it is about the past.

See 20,000 years of environmental change come to life in the rock art of Kakadu in Tangled Destinies. Celebrate the icons of Australia - including kangaroos, the Hills Hoist and Vegemite - in Nation. Share your own story in Eternity - stories from the emotional hear of australia. image yourself at sydney cove after the arrival of the first fleet in horizons. imerse yourself in indigenous dance and music as you enter the first australians gallery.

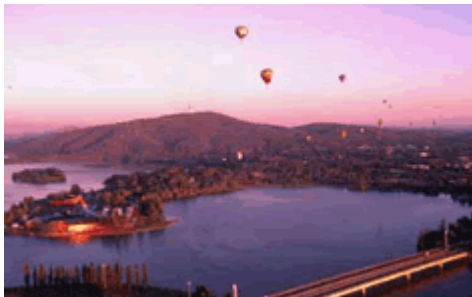


photo by edward richards

The National Museum of Australia has a number of areas specially intended for children, as well as its own stylish, waterfront restaurant, Axis, with spectacular views over Lake Burley Griffin, two cafes and a museum shop offering a unique collection of arts and crafts, books, music and learning toys for kids.

To find out more visit www.nma.gov.au

Australian War Memorial

Ordinary people, extraordinary lives

The Australian War Memorial commemorates the sacrifice of Australian men and women who have served in war.



commemorative courtyard looking down towards the tomb of the unknown Australian soldier

the memorial is internationally recognised - and has twice won the Australian Tourism Awards for Major Tourist Attraction. Its exhibitions present stories of Australians at war, in armed conflict and during peacekeeping activities.

With its ceremonial areas, extensive exhibitions and research facilities, the Memorial has - since the present facility was opened in 1941 - become a significant and important part of the national capital. The focus of commemoration is the Hall of Memory, together with the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier, the Pool of reflection and the Roll of Honour, which lists the names of more than 102,000 Australian servicemen and women who have died in war.



Wreath laying at the Australian War Memorial

Questacon

The National Science & Technology Centre

A site for enquiring minds

If you thought skool science was as dry as duste, here's a place that will change your mind.



Experience science as it really is - exciting, fascinating and entertaining
put questacon - the national science and technology Centre, high on your list,
especially if you're travelling with kids. But no matter what age you are, you'll be
fascinated by the 'please touch' exhibits.

Experience an earthquake, see lightning made before your eyes, understand the
science of cooking a meal, throwing a ball or making a telephone call. There are more
than 200 exhibits and they're changing all the time so, even if you've been here before,
Questacon warrants a repeat visit.



One of the many interactive exhibitions at Questacon
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National Library of Australia

preserving the national heritage

the national library of australia is considered to be an icon of 1960s architecture and is the treasure trove of the nation's literary and documentary heritage



Henry Moore's Two piece Reclining Figure No. 9 1968. in the grounds of the National Library

The National Library of Australia is not just about books, we regularly host exhibitions displaying the Library's and other cultural institutions.

The Library's magnificent collections include James Cook's Endeavour Journal, paintings by Tom Roberts, photographs by Max Dupain and maps of Australia and the world dating from the sixteenth century.

Visit the National Library's newest restaurant, Bookplate, which provides both take-away and eat in options. The restaurant offers a delicious array of tempting foods to please all tastes. Located on the ground floor, it offers both indoor and outdoor dining. Find out why Canberra loves the Library's all-Australian bookshop: novels, biographies, poetry, cards, children's books and stationery, posters and lots more.