



## Tour Name

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Wildlife Encounters at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve?

## Tour City

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Canberra

## Tour Snapshot

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Walk amongst friendly kangaroos in open grasslands, get up close to koalas, wallabies and watch for a shy platypus, in their natural forest and wetland habitats. All surrounded by stunning mountain scenery at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. With your local expert wildlife guide discover how the animals live, the cultural significance of the area to Aboriginal people, and why kangaroos invented hopping! Relax in a comfortable passenger van for the scenic trip through forests and farmlands to the nature reserve and the NASA space discovery centre, 45 minutes south of Canberra.

### Highlights

- Walk amongst the friendly kangaroos and their joeys in grassy fields
- Get up close to koalas, wallabies, and look out for a platypus
- Small groups of up to six with a local nature guide to discover how the animals live in their natural forest and wetland homes
- Visit the NASA space discovery centre to explore our solar system

- Now with hotel pick up and return

Local Impact: How you taking this tour will benefit the local community:

- A portion of your tour fee will be donated to Tidbinbilla Wildlife Reserve on our [Wildlife Encounters at Tidbinbilla Tour](#).
- The Reserve aims to support a wide range of wildlife including, kangaroos, koalas, platypus, possums, wombats and emus, as well as many other birds and reptiles. Tidbinbilla plays a vital role in wildlife management and protection. In recent years they have devised breeding programs for the endangered Northern Corroboree Frog, the Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby and Eastern Bettong

Inclusions: Local English speaking guide, comfortable small group transport to and from the park including pick up and drop-off back to your accommodation (if it's within 20km of the city centre), park entry fee, bottle of water. Raincoats and umbrellas provided if needed.

Exclusions: Food and drink (other than a bottle of water), souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide.

### **Schedule details**

- Duration:4.5 hours
- Pickup location:  
Pick up at your hotel/ accommodation. If you don't know this at the time of booking, please send the address plus your name at least 24 hours prior to tour departure time, by text message to: +61 421 140 401 or by email to [info@canberraurbanadventures.com](mailto:info@canberraurbanadventures.com)
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///frog.vast.then](https://www.what3words.com/#!/frog.vast.then)
- Pickup time: 1.30 PM
- Drop off location:  
We can drop you off at your accommodation if it is within 20km of Canberra city centre. Please let us know whereabouts you'd like to be dropped off. Drop offs to locations 20km or more from the city centre can be arranged for a small, extra

fee.

## Full Itinerary

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Hop aboard our comfortable passenger van with your friendly local guide for the scenic 45-minute drive to the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve in the mountains south of Canberra. As we drive through the forests and farmlands, and cross big rivers, your guide will unpack the character of Canberra as the "nature capital" of Australia.

Arriving at the park we take a 15 minute break to explore the visitor centre and its animal displays. Here there are also rest rooms, coffee bar, and a gift shop full of unique Aussie animal momento's.

Venturing deep into the heart of the park to the wildlife sanctuaries it's time to begin our walks to meet the koalas, wallabies, and maybe a potoroo (a mini kangaroo) or two. Then head across to the wetlands to meet the waterbirds, turtles and keep a look out for the shy little platypus. Each of the two circuit walks is about 500 metres on the easy all weather paths.

By now the kangaroos and their joeys have woken up from midday siestas so its time for a short drive to the grassy fields and wander amongst the roos as they peacefully munch away. The small mobs of mainly female kangaroos are very friendly - so stroll up to a few metres away for some close up photographs, and perhaps spot a joey poke its head out of mum's pouch.

On the way to or from the nature reserve (depending on weather conditions and time of year) we call in at the nearby NASA space discovery centre where the huge array of dish antenna communicate with distant spacecraft exploring our solar system.

Our return to Canberra is by a different route - so you get to see more of the gorgeous rolling countryside, and maybe spot a wombat down by the river crossing. On the journey home your guide will be happy to provide local tips and advice on the best places to eat and other top spots to visit in Canberra as we make our way back to the city. We can return you to your accommodation or, if you prefer, to one of the restaurant precincts.

In the event of wet weather, we still offer the guided wildlife walks and can provide raincoats and umbrellas as required. We may modify the itinerary to spend more time in sheltered areas.

Please note that on very hot days with severe fire risk the authorities may close the nature reserve and in this event we have to cancel the trip and either try to reschedule to provide a refund.

### Additional information

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Dress standard: Please bring extra warm clothing in the cooler months from May to October. Coats and other warm clothing can be left in the vehicle if not required.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 6 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Closure of sites: The Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve may be closed on days where there is a high fire risk or other severe weather event. In this situation we will contact you to offer an alternative nature tour or to reschedule for a different day. If neither of these options is possible we offer a full refund.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' when booking. It is very important that you inform us of your child's age at the time of booking so that we can ensure that the appropriate child car seat is fitted in the vehicle. You can inform us in the special request box on the checkout page or email us at [info@canberraurbanadventures.com](mailto:info@canberraurbanadventures.com)

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