

Griffith

The short-cut with a difference...

Known for its fine wines and gourmet delights equivalent to those of the Mediterranean, Griffith is a haven for those who enjoy gastronomic delights and a friendly cosmopolitan atmosphere.



Famous for its designer Walter Burley Griffin, the city boasts his famous circuits and wide tree-lined streets, as in his design of Canberra, offering a contemporary yet country feel.

Griffith is indeed the place to experience the tastes of the world. Located in the heart of the Riverina's food and wine country, the city is a unique blend of cultures reflected in the various restaurants and wine styles found throughout the district. Culinary delights from salamis, pasta sauces, olives and sun dried tomatoes to the sumptuous plums in port, there is a gourmet delight to tempt everyone's tastebuds.

Passionate about their food, the people of Griffith enjoy the social ambiances of both alfresco and superb fine dining, and invite you to join them. This is complimented by a love of wine. From the distinct botrytis wines to spicy reds and fruit flavoured whites, there is a wide variety of wines for every connoisseur.

Located a short drive off the Newell Highway, Griffith is a side trek to your journey that should not be missed.

Must Do

- Have a meal in one of the city's many cafes or restaurants, enjoy the local cuisine...and conviviality!
- Enjoy one of the many cellar doors for tasting and you're sure to leave with a bottle or two of spicy Shiraz, or a delicate Chardonnay.
- View the kaleidoscope of colour of the stained glass window, depicting the view over the city.
- Visit the remarkable regional theatre curtain, a hand made soft sculptured mosaic quilt depicting the region's development.

- Take a step back in time with the Pioneer Park Museum, a living history set in 11 hectares with restored & replica buildings, and a large collection of old machinery.

- Visit the once home of the hermit on the hill, with sweeping views from the Sir Dudley de Chair lookout, explore the caves which were once the home of Griffith's famous recluse.

Wineries

Discovering the 'taste of the Riverina' is one of the greatest delights that await you when you follow the wine trails of the Riverina. The friendly staff at the many cellar doors will guide you through the tastings of their premium and award winning wines. The secret known to many wine judges through the world is awaiting you. Take the time to taste the region's signature Botrytis styles desert wines through to its spicy red's.

Attractions

Cocoparra National Park, only 27 kms from Griffith the national park offers a tranquil wilderness area with well developed walking trails, camping and picnic areas. The Park, reminiscent of the original bush that Oxley first sighted in 1817 offers craggy hilltops, seasonal creeks and waterfalls and a profusion of wildlife and flora.

Pioneer Park Museum, step back in time and experience the joys and the hardships of Griffith's European pioneers. The open-air museum comprises of 40 replica and restored building set in natural bushland over looking the city atop scenic hill. Wander through the buildings and view the large display of farm machinery.

Italian Museum, take a look at the lives of the early Italian migrants to Griffith. With a wide collection of memorabilia and stories from the local families that have made Griffith their home.





Hermit's Cave, visit the home of an eccentric recluse, Valerio Recitti, who lived in a series of caves for a decade, carving out a lonely existence overlooking the city. Located on Scenic Hill, take in the sweeping views across the city towards the Cocoparra ranges.

Soft Sculptured Curtain, this mosaic quilt is the back drop of the Griffith Regional Theatre stage. The curtain reflects the individual elements of our unique lifestyle and landscape. Check with the Visitors Centre for viewing days.

Art Gallery, offering a wide range of exhibitions of interest to all ages. The gallery houses local artists exhibits through to national touring exhibitions. The gallery is home to a collection of Australian Jewellery and is a must for those with a penchant for arts and culture.

In this festive city there is something on all year round from salami competitions, craft and antique shows to sporting events and activities, something for the whole family. Not to be missed are :

Events

La Festa, at Easter the city comes alive to host one of Australia's most exciting regional multicultural festivals. Attracting some of Australia's most prestigious cultural performers, the whole community joins together to create a festival that is a true celebration of life and culture through song, dance, food and wine.

unWINEd, held on the June long weekend, is a celebration of wine in the Riverina. The regions cellar doors invite you to enjoy their exceptional wines, cuisine tastings & sales, entertainment and celebrity chefs.

Festival of Gardens, held in October each year, featuring a variety of privately owned small cottage gardens through to large farm gardens. During the festival the main street is home to the unique larger-than-life citrus sculptures display based on the famous Menton (France) artworks.

Altina Wildlife Park

Sturt Highway, Darlington Point NSW 2706
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email: info@altinawildlife.com

Enjoy a ride on horse drawn carts whilst touring our Animal Wildlife Park, experiencing encounters with Giraffe and other exotic species. Bookings Essential.

Accommodation

Griffith Tourist Caravan Park

919 Willandra Ave
Griffith NSW 2680
ph: 02 6964 2144 fax: 02 6964 1126
email: gtpark@bigpond.net.au
Self-contained 1 & 2 bedroom deluxe cabins, units. Shady en-suite, powered sites, drive thru BBQ, Pool, Tennis Court, Camp Kitchen, rec-room
Close to shops, clubs & restaurants, resident owners.

Ingleden Park Bed & Breakfast Farmstay Cottage

Leeton Rd
Griffith NSW 2680
ph: 02 6963 6527 fax: 02 6963 6524
web: www.ingleden.com
Self-contained Bed & Breakfast cottages and farmstay. Experience a stay on a working property or just enjoy the peaceful surrounds only 15 minutes from Griffith.

MIA Motel

Mackay Ave
Griffith NSW 2680
ph: 02 6962 1866 fax: 02 6962 1715
email: miamotel@dragnet.com.au
21 comfortable, 3 1/2 star, ground units. Unique themed BBQ gazebo, pool, Astar, internet, ample off street parking, close to nurseries and clubs, best rates.

Griffith Visitors' Information Centre

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