

WELCOME TO AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Things to do:

WELCOME TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE TOUR

This free tour is a great introduction to Parliament House. You will visit the chambers and see some of the other features of this iconic building with one of our friendly guides.

Daily from 9.30am, 11.00am, 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.30pm

LEARN MORE ON AN IN-DEPTH TOUR

Every day we offer in-depth paid tours. Some of these tours explore the building and Parliament in more detail while others explore special stories of the collections and people at Parliament House. These tours rotate throughout the year. On days when Parliament is not sitting paid tours may include a special visit behind the scenes.

You will need photo ID to join behind the scenes tours.

Speak to our staff at the Information Desk for advice on today's tours, daily from 10.00am, 12.00pm and 3.00pm.

Participants on paid tours can take advantage of a 10% discount off any purchase from the Parliament Shop on the day of their tour.

SEE PARLIAMENT IN ACTION

Visitors are welcome to view the proceedings of both the Senate and the House of Representatives from the public galleries in the chambers on parliamentary sitting days. Question Time is held in both the Senate and the House of Representatives from 2.00pm. Tickets for Question Time in the House of Representatives can be booked by phoning the office of the Serjeant-at-Arms on (02) 6277 4889 until 12.30pm on the day of your visit. Bookings are not required for Question Time in the Senate.

The staff at our Information Desk can fill you in on what is happening in Parliament today.

Highlights not to miss:

1. The Senate and House of Representatives Chambers, where the 226 parliamentarians vigorously debate proposed laws and public policy while representing the Australian people. Visit our website to see virtual tours of the chambers and learn more about the work of the Parliament.
2. The rooftop of Parliament House offers the best views of Canberra and the chance to get up close to the 101 metre high flag mast.
3. Members' Hall is located at the heart of the building directly beneath the flagpole. It is the cross roads where parliamentarians meet and mingle as they move to their respective chambers. Its walls feature portraits of The Queen and former Governors-General, Prime Ministers, Presidents and Speakers.
4. The Great Hall Tapestry, which took 13 weavers more than two years to complete and is one of the largest tapestries in the world.
5. *Magna Carta* 1297, heralded as the foundation document of parliamentary democracy. Parliament House is the custodian of the only copy in the southern hemisphere.
6. The Tom Roberts painting of the opening of the first Federal Parliament in 1901 is widely known as the "Big Picture" in recognition of its grand scale.
7. The Forecourt, with its large ceremonial pool and central island featuring a granite mosaic based on the painting, *Possum and Wallaby Dreaming* by Indigenous artist Michael Nelson Jagamara.

Opening hours:

Parliament House is open every day, except Christmas Day, at the following times:

Parliamentary sitting days:

9.00am - 6.00pm (Mon & Tue)

8.30am - 6.00pm (Wed & Thu)

Non-sitting days: 9.00am-5.00pm



THE PARLIAMENT SHOP

The Parliament Shop offers a great range of exclusive gifts including politically themed books, puzzles inspired by the building and the art collection, local region wines, souvenir postcards and a beautiful selection of Australian art and craft.

9.00am-5.00pm (or 5.45pm when Parliament is sitting)

QUEEN'S TERRACE CAFÉ

Relax and refuel at the Queen's Terrace Café.

Serving snacks and light meals from 9.00am-4.30pm daily. Food and drink can only be consumed in the café areas.

PARKING

Parking is free on weekends, public holidays and for the first two hours on weekdays. Paid parking machines are prominently located at the end of the carpark closest to the main entrance.

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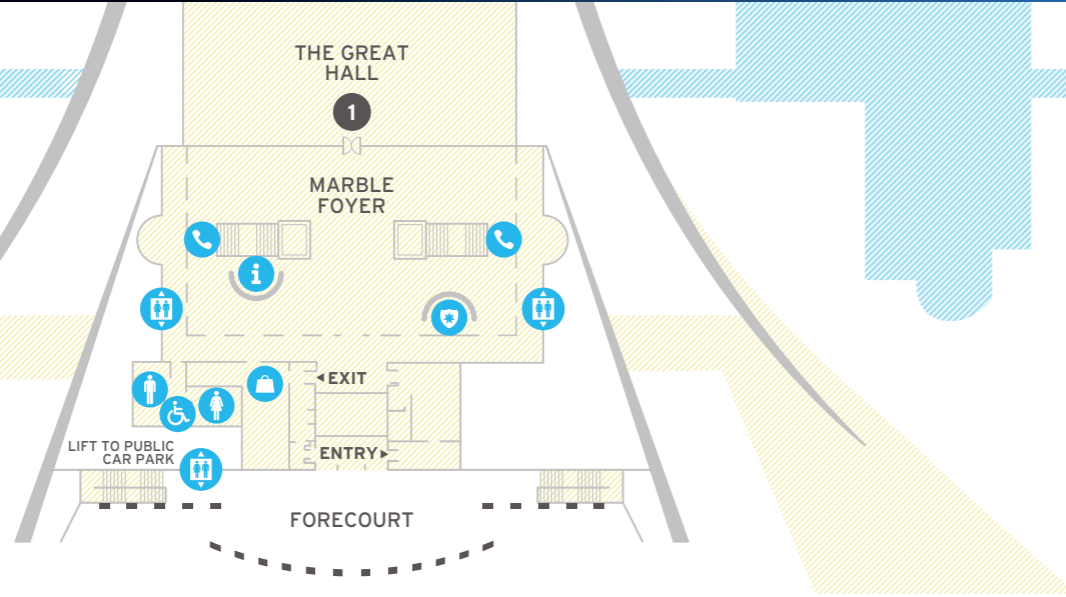
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VISITOR EXPERIENCES

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AMENITIES

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- CAFÉ
- CLOAKROOM + TICKET OFFICE DURING SITTING TIMES ONLY
- FREE WIFI AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING
- THE PARLIAMENT SHOP
- INFORMATION DESK
- LIFT
- PARENTS' ROOM
- POST OFFICE
- PUBLIC GALLERY
- PUBLIC PHONE
- SECURITY DESK
- THEATRE
- TOILETS

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