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CANBERRA SET TO SHINE EVEN BRIGHTER AT ENLIGHTEN FESTIVAL 2018

Illuminating Canberra for its eighth year, Enlighten Festival is back in 2018 bigger and brighter than ever before. Proudly presented by Singapore Airlines, this year's Enlighten Festival will be held over 16 days in March, and as Lonely Planet's 3rd best city in the world to visit in 2018, Canberra will transform into a hive of activity with an extended program of free and ticketed events and activities, plus two new and exciting events precincts – Canberra city and the Australian National University (ANU).

Visitors to Enlighten Festival will see the Enlighten Illuminations - stunning large-scale architectural projections and installations that transform some of the capital's most loved and iconic buildings including the Museum of Australian Democracy, the National Portrait Gallery, National Library of Australia and Questacon, as the Parliamentary Triangle becomes a vibrant canvas showcasing Australian talent, roving entertainers, art installations, live music and enchanting performances.

The ANU campus will come to life over five thrilling nights with vibrant projections, fire-side chats and a special Saturday night market; and you can explore all the city has to offer after nightfall. See the fairy lights, and find hidden gems in the city's nooks and crannies. Keep your eye out for interactive installations, workshops and other unexpected surprises.

In addition to the Enlighten Illuminations and exploring the new Enlighten precinct, the festival has been extended to include some of Canberra's most popular autumn events - the Canberra Balloon Spectacular, Symphony in the Park, Lights! Canberra! Action! Canberra Day and Hit 104.7 Skyfire.

Foodies will love the sizzling, bustling Enlighten Night Noodle Markets on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, and the food and drink precinct featuring local street food and family activities. The capital's major attractions are waiting to be explored as they open their doors to host an array of exclusive after-dark ticketed events at the National Gallery of Australia, National Film and Sound Archives, National Zoo and Aquarium, the Botanic Gardens, Australian Parliament House,

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National Arboretum Canberra, the Royal Australian Mint, National Archives and more. Tickets are on sale now.

For more information, the full Enlighten 2018 program and ticketing information, visit www.enlightencanberra.com

What: Enlighten Festival 2018, Canberra

When: 2-18 March 2018

Where: Parliamentary Triangle, Canberra's major attractions, the ANU and the city CBD.

Entry price: Enlighten Illuminations and most major events are FREE. For exclusive after-dark ticketed events at the major attractions, see website for details.

More info: www.enlightencanberra.com

Getting to Canberra: www.visitcanberra.com.au

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