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Discover the 'wow' in Wagga Wagga

Looking for a budget-friendly getaway? Located just 245km from Canberra, you will be charmed by Wagga Wagga's unique mix of country hospitality and big city sophistication – and it won't cost you the earth!

Here are five fabulous reasons to visit us:

1. Perfect touring base

An easy day trip in any direction can take you through the extremes of Australia's natural and cultivated environment. To the east rises Mount Kosciuszko in the Snowy Mountains and the alpine towns of Batlow and Tumbarumba. To the west lies Griffith, the heart of NSW's biggest wine-producing region, and a short drive takes you to other undiscovered gems like Junee, Lockhart and Coolamon.

2. Fantastic food and wine

Wagga Wagga's cosmopolitan culture is reflected in a wonderful variety of dining experiences, from fine dining to relaxed al fresco dining. Wagga Wagga is also home to some award-winning drops, with boutique wineries offering quality vintages which will impress wine connoisseurs and anyone who appreciates new and interesting bouquets.

3. An arts and cultural oasis

From traditional to contemporary, there is something to suit the tastes of all arts and culture enthusiasts. With its two public art galleries, including the stand-alone gallery to exhibit the National Art Glass Collection, two museums, three theatres, two outdoor amphitheatres and a world-class conservatorium of music, the diversity is unparalleled in regional Australia.

4. A breath of fresh air

The City is renowned for its stunning parks and award-winning gardens. The Botanic Gardens is a must-see with its 20 hectares of themed garden beds, zoo and aviary – great for the kids! Your visit to Wagga Wagga wouldn't be complete without a leisurely stroll around the beautiful tree-shaded Collins Park and the historic Victory Memorial Gardens.

5. An eventful city

There's always something on in Wagga Wagga. The City hosts more than 400 events every year! From the Annual Wagga Wagga Jazz and Blues Festival, to the magnificent Gold Cup Festival and the annual Wine and Food Festival – there's never a dull moment.

For information on Wagga Wagga, contact the Visitor Information Centre on 1300 100 122 or visit: www.visitwaggawagga.com.

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