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Why Canberra's actually cool. Really.

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Canberra often gets a bad rap. But whatever the reason (erm, politicians), all that's about to change. Cool bars, hotels, restaurants and events are increasingly making Australia's capital a destination for people other than polities.

With the fantastic new James Turrell exhibition now open at the National Gallery of Australia, we took a trip to Canberra to see what all the fuss is about.

Getting there

First things, first. Domestic flights from eastern capitals will have you in Canberra in under two hours, and you can often find cheap specials. We flew with Virgin Australia from Sydney and airtime was a brisk 45 minutes – or roughly one episode of *The Walking Dead* there, it's about a 15-minute taxi ride into the city.

For Sydneysiders, there's also the Greyhound bus, which takes about three hours and pricing starts from about \$26. Blue rinse not included.

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