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### Canberra

The home of Australian politics is the best-designed city in the country. In 1911, an international planning competition was won by Chicago architects Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin, and construction on the greenfield site began in 1913. The concept is based on geometric shapes, and driving around London Circuit, on the north shore of Lake Burley Griffin, wondering which exit to take, is a rite of

passage. For art and architecture lovers, there is much of interest. Ashton Raggatt McDougall's National Museum of Australia (T 6208 5000; above), the brutalist High Court (T 6270 6811) by Edwards Madigan Torzillo Briggs, the National Portrait Gallery (T 6102 7000) by Johnson Pilton Walker, and Embassy Drive. Stay at Hotel Hotel (T 6287 6287) for its stylish rooms, and brunch at Sean McConnell's Monster.