

President Welcome

National General Assembly 19 - 22 June 2022



Friends and colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 19 to 22 June.

As I write, international borders are opening up, health restrictions are being eased, and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are receding.

However, many of our communities in both NSW and Queensland have been devastated by flooding and are facing a long, expensive clean up and recovery.

As the closest government to communities, we have shown time and time again how resilient we are, and what we can achieve when we work together.

The theme of this year's NGA – Partners in Progress – reflects the important role we all play in building a stronger, more inclusive, and more sustainable Australia – and our willingness to work with other governments to get the job done.

This theme is particularly timely given that we are fast approaching a federal election, and this year's NGA will be an ideal opportunity to engage with either a new or re-elected Federal Government about building stronger relationships and partnerships.

We have invited the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and key ministers to share their vision for Australia's future and how we can work together for the benefit of our communities.

By attending this year's event you can help us send a powerful message to the Australian Government that local government is ready and willing to work collaboratively to support our nation's recovery.

Throughout this event, we will look at how councils are responding to new challenges and opportunities to create jobs and drive economic growth, and how they are shaping a better future for all Australians.

This will include a series of panels where mayors and councillors will share their learnings and lived experience leading their communities through the turbulence of the past few years.

Our Regional Cooperation and Development Forum will be an opportunity to closely examine emerging trends and issues across our nation, and hear from a range of expert speakers.

And of course, the NGA is your chance to bring your council's motions to a national audience, and potentially inform our national policy positions and priorities.

I invite you to register for this year's National General Assembly in Canberra so that you can:

- Explore new ideas through keynote addresses, panels, concurrent sessions, and networking;
- Engage with our federal leaders and senior officials as they discuss Australia's recovery;
- Connect with partners and service providers in our Exhibition Space; and
- Learn more about how ALGA's policy and advocacy programs are supporting your recovery efforts in our communities.

I look forward to welcoming you to Canberra this June.

<u>Cr Linda Scott</u> ALGA President



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Great Benefitsof NGA



Largest national conference for Local Government held in Australia with over 870 delegates



Over 10 hours of professional development



Meet experts and influencers face to face



Over 15 hours available to network with other Local Government leaders



Over 140 motions debated and used to engage with 24 Ministers and Federal portfolios



Encounter over 60 exhibitors with innovative and new solutions



Provisional Program

SUNDAY 19 JUNE		
9.00am	Registrations Open	
9.30am -	Regional Forum	
5.00pm	(Additional registration required)	
5.00pm - 7.00pm	Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening	
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MONDAY 2	O JUNE	
8.00am	Registrations Open	
9.00am	Opening Ceremony	
	Welcome to Country	
9.20am	ALGA President Opens the Assembly	
9.30am	Prime Minister Address (invited)	
10.00am	ALGA President's Address	
	Cr Linda Scott, ALGA President	
10.30am	MORNING TEA	
11.00am	Keynote Address: Thinking Differently for a New Future of Local Government in Australia	
	Alicia McKay, Strategic Leadership Expert, NZ	
11.45am	Panel: What is Progress?	
	Panelists TBC	
12.30pm	LUNCH	
1.30pm	Debate on Motions	
3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
4.00pm	Keynote Address: Economic Recovery	
	Jennifer Westacott AO, Business Council of Australia	
4.30pm	Minister for Local Government Address (invited)	
5.00pm	Closing Remarks	
7.00pm -	Networking Dinner	
11.00pm	National Museum	

TUESDAY 21 J	IUNE
9.00am	Panel: Building Stronger Communities Panelists TBC
9.45am	Panel: Federation Reborn Paul Tilley, Author Graham Jarvis, AEC Group Additional Panelists TBC
10.45am	MORNING TEA
11.15am	Keynote Address: Global Democracy Presenter TBC
12.00pm	LUNCH
1.00pm	Debate on Motions
2.00pm	Panel: Workforce Skills and Housing Panelists TBC
3.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.30pm	Concurrent Sessions Strategic Community Leadership with Alicia McKay Disaster Management and Recovery Climate Change Update from Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
5.00pm	Closing Remarks
7.00pm - 11.00pm	General Assembly Dinner Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC)

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE		
9.00am	Opposition Leader Address (invited)	
9.30am	Keynote Address: The New Political Landscape Presenter TBC	
10.00am	Keynote Address: Local Government - A Global View	
	Jonathan Carr-West, CEO, Local Government Information Unit	
10.30am	MORNING TEA	
11.00am	Panel: Future of Local Government Mayors and Councillors TBC	
12.00pm	Keynote Address Val Dempsey, 2022 Senior Australian of the Year	
12.30pm	Closing Session ALGA President Closing Address	
1.00pm	LUNCH	

Alicia McKay Leadership Masterclass

Join Alicia McKay, our keynote and MC, for an exclusive introductory masterclass to strategic community leadership.

Get a live taste of her newly launched program designed exclusively for local government leaders and enjoy a special offer for delegate enrolments.

Spaces are limited to just 50 places so be sure to pre register online https://engage.aliciamckay.co.nz/scl-nga

Key Dates

25 MARCH 2022

2022 NGA Call for Motions Closes 20 MAY 2022

Close of Early Bird Registration Rate 19 JUNE 2022

Regional Cooperation & Development Forum 20 -22 JUNE 2022

> National General Assembly



REGIONAL FORUM

National Convention Centre Canberra

2022

Sunday 19 June

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

9.00AM	Registrations Open	
9.30AM	Welcome to Country	
9.40AM	ALGA President Opening Cr Linda Scott, ALGA President	
9.50AM	Minister for Local Government Address (Invited)	
10.15AM	Facilitated Q&A	
10.30AM	Panel: Regional Tourism Post-Pandemic Coralie Bell, Australian Regional Tourism James Goodwin, Australian Airports Association Additional Panelists TBC	
11.00AM	MORNING TEA	
11.30AM	Keynote Address: Leadership During an Uncertain Climate Presenter TBC	
12.00PM	Keynote Address and Panel: Regional Leadersip Matt Linnegar, Australian Rural Leadership Foundation	
1.00PM	LUNCH	
2.00PM	Keynote Address: Increasing Our Resilience to Fires and Floods Adrian Turner, Minderoo Foundation Fire and Flood Resilience Initiative	
2.30PM	Panel: Regional Housing and Population Challenges Liz Ritchie, Regional Australia Institute Professor Andrew Beer, University of South Australia	
3.30PM	AFTERNOON TEA	
4.00PM	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Presenter TBC	
4.30PM	Shadow Minister for Local Government Address (invited)	
5.00PM	Closing Remarks	

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEES

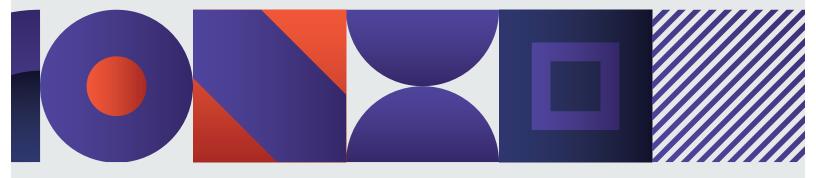
Forum Only Registration \$425

NGA Delegate Discount Registration \$225

Register Online Now: regionalforum.com.au

Dress Code: Smart Casual







NGA22 Speakers



ALICIA MCKAY (NZ)

Strategic Leadership Expert, NZ

Alicia McKay is a leading authority on organisational strategy and change, empowering senior leaders in government, business and the community to think smarter and make better decisions.

A celebrated author, speaker, facilitator, coach, and leader, she has a voice that cuts through the sea of corporate jargon to get real about what it takes to change our life, work and leadership-.

Drawing on specialist accreditations in problem definition, strategy development and investment, Alicia launched Meetings that Matter in 2020, which is quickly becoming the gold standard for strategic facilitation in New Zealand and Australia.

Combining best-practice research, dynamic delivery and a cheeky grin, Alicia gets serious results in even the most challenging environments.

Alicia's latest book is titled "You Don't Need An MBA: Leadership Lessons that Cut through the Crap".



DR JONATHAN CARR-WEST (UK)

CEO, Local Government Information Unit

Dr Jonathan Carr-West has been Chief Executive of LGIU (Local Government Information Unit) since February 2013, where he leads on all aspects of the think tank's policy, membership and influencing work.

Some of his particular interests are in participative democracy, the evolving nature of public services and devolution. With extensive media profile and sector credibility, he has published on topics as diverse as localism and public service transformation, cognitive and behavioural science, and the politics of cultural memory.

Prior to being appointed as Chief Executive, Jonathan was Director of Policy at the LGIU where he led on research and consultancy, policy development and piloting, best practice dissemination, learning and development.





JENNIFER WESTACOTT AO

CEO, Business Council of Australia Jennifer Westacott AO has served as Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia since 2011, bringing a unique combination of extensive policy experience in both the public and private sectors.

She has served as the Director General of the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources; the Secretary of the Victorian Department of Education and Training; and the Director of Housing in Victoria. She was also the Deputy Director General of the NSW Department of Community Services, and the Deputy Director General of the NSW Department of Housing.

As a senior partner at KPMG, Jennifer advised major corporations on climate change and sustainability and advised governments across Australia on significant reform priorities.



ADRIAN TURNER

CEO, Minderoo Foundation Fire and Flood Resilience Initiative

Adrian is an influential Australian technology entrepreneur who spent 18 years in Silicon Valley building businesses before returning to Australia in 2015.

Most recently, Adrian has been appointed Deputy Chair of Prezzee, a conditional payments company dubbed the newest \$1 billion tech 'unicorn' and is leading the Minderoo Foundation's Fire and Flood Resilience Initiative, a program changing the way we deal with systemic fire and flood risk, helping to shift our national focus from response and recovery to disaster preparedness and resilience.

Prior to this Adrian was founding CEO at CSIRO's Data 61, the team that led the development of the national AI roadmap, AI ethics framework, standards advisory work for consumer data rights and open banking and the ICT stream for the national genomics mission.



LIZ RITCHIE

CEO, Regional Australia Institute Liz Ritchie is the CEO of the Regional Australia Institute, after joining in 2018 as the General Manager -Strategy and Partnerships.

For more than 20 years Liz has worked across the corporate, government and the not-for-profit sector, and she specialises in leading organisational transformation to build a sustainable future.

Liz is a change agent, a marketer, a researcher and an extremely passionate advocate for regional Australia, heralding from Deniliquin in NSW.



NGA22 Speakers



JAMES GOODWIN

Chief Executive, Australian Airports Association

James Goodwin was appointed Chief Executive of the Australian Airports Association (AAA) in May 2020. The AAA represents the interests of airports across Australia including close to 200 local-government owned aerodrome assets.

James has a background in media, corporate affairs and government relations.

He has worked as a reporter and news presenter for major network news outlets in Sydney and Canberra, including several years in the Parliamentary Press Gallery, and is currently the Chair of St John Ambulance in the ACT.



MATT LINNEGAR

Chief Executive, Australian Rural Leadership Foundation

Matt Linnegar is the Chief Executive of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, and has more than 25 years of experience in for-purpose, representative and commercial roles focused on leadership, agriculture, water, natural resource management, trade, marketing, and rural Australia more broadly.

Matt joined the Foundation in mid-2014 after a successful three and a half-year period as CEO of the National Farmers' Federation.

Matt is President of the Carwoola Community Association and serves on the Charles Sturt University Strategic Advisory Committee, Bush Summit Advisory Panel, and Investing in Rural Communities Reference Panel.



VAL DEMPSEY

2022 Senior Austraian of the Year For more than 50 years Valmai (Val) Dempsey has dedicated her life to St John Ambulance.

In 2020, Val faced her biggest challenge yet – first with the 'Black Summer' bushfires, followed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response, she led 40 fellow volunteers as they supported fire-affected communities during the emergency that stretched over many weeks, and when the pandemic hit, she personally contacted every volunteer to check they were 'doing OK' in terms of welfare, mental health and morale.

It is these tireless commitments to St John that has led many in the community to know her lovingly as 'Aunty Val'.





PROF ANDREW BEER

Executive Dean, UniSA Business
Professor Andrew Beer is Executive
Dean, UniSA Business. He is a former
Chair of the London-based Regional
Studies Association, a Fellow of the
Regional Australia Institute and a
member of the UK's Academy of
Social Sciences.

Professor Beer has a long history of research on housing and regional issues, including work in both metropolitan and non-metropolitan Australia.

His recent work has included major publications on place based policy, a textbook on planning for economic development in a globalised economy, and work with the Regional Australia Institute on the rural housing crisis.



CORALIE BELL

Chair, Australian Regional Tourism Having started life as a child in a front-line tourism business on the beautiful South Coast, today Coralie is the Tourism Manager for Shoalhaven City Council

Passionate about motivating teams and fostering relationships with everyone from Mum and Dad business owners to State Government organisations, Coralie is experienced in stakeholder communication and management.

Appointed to ART Chair in October 2018, Coralie is passionate about regional Australia, both as a place to live and destination to visit. She is committed to working regionally and making a real difference to the Shoalhaven and greater regional tourism sector.



PAUL TILLLEY

Author

Paul Tilley was an economic policy adviser to governments for 30 years, working mainly in Treasury but also Prime Minister & Cabinet, the Treasurer's office and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

He has since published a book on the history of the Treasury, Changing Fortunes: A History of the Australian Treasury, is a Visiting Fellow at the ANU's Tax and Transfer Policy Institute and a Senior Fellow at the Melbourne Law School.

Paul is currently writing a book on the history of tax reform in Australia.

Registration Information

Registration form available at nga22.com.au

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Registration Fees — Early Bird Payment received by Friday 20 May 2022	\$989.00	 Attendance at all General Assembly sessions Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program
Registration Fees — Late Payment received after Friday 20 May 2022	\$1,099.00	— One ticket to the Welcome Drinks, Sunday— General Assembly satchel and materials

VIRTUAL REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Full Virtual Registration	\$689.00	— Virtual access to all General Assembly sesions for day(s)
Virtual Day Registration (Monday or Tuesday)	\$489.00	selected — Meeting hub to connect with other virtual attendees

DAY REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Monday 20 June 2022	\$529.00	— Attendance at all General Assembly sessions on the day of registration
Tuesday 21 June 2022	\$529.00	Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General
Wednesday 22 June 2022	\$280.00	Assembly program on that day — General Assembly satchel and materials

SUNDAY REGIONAL FORUM REGISTRATION FEES		
Forum Only Sunday 19 June 2022	\$425.00	
NGA Delegate Delegates attending the Regional Forum and the NGA are entitled to this discount	\$225.00	

ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Accompanying Partners Registration Fee	\$280.00	 1 ticket to the Welcome Reception, Sunday 19 June Day tour Monday 20 June Day tour Tuesday 21 June Lunch with General Assembly Delegates on Wednesday 22 June

All amounts include GST

Cancellation Policy

All alterations or cancellations to your registration **must be made in writing** and will be acknowledged by email. Notification should be sent to: <a href="mailto:E-

STANDARD TERMS

An administration charge of \$110.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 7 May 2022. Cancellations received after Friday 7 May 2022 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost

Substitutions

As with all ALGA events, substitutions are allowed for delegates. Please notify the conference organisers in writing if substitutions are required.

COVID TERMS

Conditions that apply to cancellations, substitutions and rescheduling of the Assembly due to COVID-19 are listed below.

All other cancellations will be subject to the standard cancellation policy.

Cancellation of face-to-face event

If the face-to-face event has to be cancelled as a result of an outbreak of COVID-19 restricting travel to, or circulation in Canberra, your registration will be transferred to virtual attendance. The difference in price between in-person attendance and virtual attendance will be refunded.

All ancillary costs (cancelled flights etc) will not be the responsibility of ALGA.

Registration changes

Delegates who are unable to attend the Assembly due to their location in a declared COVID-19 hot spot will be automatically transferred to become virtual delegates. The difference in price between in-person attendance and virtual attendance will be refunded. It is the responsibility of the individual to contact the conference organisers (in writing) if they are affected by a local lock-down.

Delegates must still advise in writing if they are unable to attend due to COVID restrictions.

No refund will be available to no shows.



Social Functions

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

Sunday 19 June 2022

Venue: National Convention Centre

The Welcome Reception will be held in the exhibition hall and foyer.

05:00pm - 07:00pm

\$50.00 per person for day delegates and guests. No charge for full registered delegates. No charge for registered accompanying partners.

Dress Code: Smart casual

Networking Dinner

Monday 20 June 2022

Venue: National Museum of Australia

The dinner is being held in the Gandel Atrium.

07:00pm - 11:00pm

\$150.00 per person

Dress Code: Smart casual

The Networking Dinner will be held at the National Museum of Australia in the Gandel Atrium. Enjoy an opportunity to network with delegates from other councils whilst taking in the stunning architecture and city lights across the lake.

General Assembly Dinner

Tuesday 21 June 2022

Venue: Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC)

The dinner is being held in The Budawang Pavillion.

07:00pm - 11:00pm

\$175.00 per person

Dress Code: Formal/Cocktail

We are excited to bring the 2022 General Assembly dinner back to Exhibition Park. The space offers us ample opportunity to provide guests with great entertainment, food and networking opportunities.

General Assembly Business Sessions

Monday 20 June 2022 -Wednesday 22 June 2022

Venue: National Convention Centre Canberra

All plenary sessions will be held in the Royal Theatre at the National Convention Centre.

Dress Code: Smart casual

Exhibition

Monday 20 June 2022 -Wednesday 22 June 2022

Venue: National Convention Centre

The exhibition is being held in the Exhibition Hall at the National Convention Centre.

Partner Tours

The partners meet at the Crowne Plaza Canberra at 9.45pm each morning to join the tour guide for their specialised trip around Canberra.

Monday 20 June: Paint & Sip

Today the partners will start at the Portrait Gallery to explore the Shakespeare to Winehouse exhibition which displays icons from the National Portrait Gallery, London.

Guests will then go for lunch and have the opportunity to create their own masterpiece with a painting workshop with a professional painter.

Tuesday 21 June: The Regions Trends

Today will start with a drive out to the Bungendore Township with a tour of the Suki Gallery, followed by some free time to explore. Guests will then meet back up for lunch at Kings Junction which hosts a great range of home decor, giftware and a gallery.

On the drive back into Canberra we will stop for afternoon tea at Dirty Janes, an antique market store full of vintage and unique collectables with the opportunity to buy something completely unique and special gift included.



Accommodation

A by Adina

New Property

1 Constitution Avenue, Canberra

A by Adina Canberra is the newest hotel to Canberra which is located on Constitution Avenue only a 5-minute walk from the National Convention Centre.

The hotel combines spacious apartment living with 24-hour reception, room service, service provided by knowledgeable concierges and a well-equipped gym.

A new dining district is also newly constructed in the immediate area.

All rooms have a king bed and the studios offer a twin option of two singles beds.

Studio Rooms: \$209 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments: \$239 per night — Single/double

Avenue Hotel

80 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Avenue Hotel is one of the only 5 star options in the Canberra city and offers guests both studio and apartment style rooms. The hotel is a 15-20 minute walk from the Convention Centre.

The apartments have a fully functioning kitchen. Twin option at the hotel consists of two king singles.

Superior King Rooms \$285 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments \$335 per night — Single/double

Crowne Plaza

1 Binara Street, Canberra

The Crowne Plaza is adjacent to the Convention Centre and only a short walk from restaurants, bars and the main shopping district.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two double beds.

Superior Room \$345 per night — Single/twin/double

Deluxe Room \$390 per night — Single/twin/double

Nesuto Apartments (previously the Waldorf)

2 Akuna Street, Canberra

Located in the heart of Canberra's CBD, the Nesuto Apartments is only a five-minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The one-bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge/dining area.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds. Additional costs will apply if more than 2 guests are within the one room.

Studio Apartment \$219 per night — Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments \$239 per night — Single/twin/double

Qt Hotel

1 London Circuit, Canberra

The Qt Hotel is a modern hotel with boutique style furnishings, central to the city and a 10-minute walk to the National Convention Centre.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds.

Standard Room \$229 per night — Single/twin/double

The Sebel Canberra Civic

197 London Circuit, Canberra

The Sebel Canberra Civic is one of Canberra's newest hotels which opened in June 2019 and is just a 7-minute walk from the National Convention Centre.

This property offers free WiFi throughout the hotel, a fully equipped gym, and an onsite restaurant and bar lounge.

All rooms come with a fully equipped kitchenette with Nespresso machine and dining table. Every bathroom is accessibility friendly with walk in showers.

Superior rooms come with a queen bed, Executives are fitted with king hads

Superior Room \$190 per night — Single/double

Executive Room \$240 per night — Single/double

General Information

Privacy Disclosure

ALGA collects your personal contact information in its role as a peak body for local government. ALGA may disclose your personal contact information to the sponsors of the event for the purposes of commercial business opportunities.

If you do not consent to ALGA using and disclosing your personal contact information in this way, please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

Importantly, your name can also be included in the General Assembly List of Participants. You must tick the appropriate box on the registration form if you wish your name to appear in this list.

Photographs

During the General Assembly there will be a contracted photographer taking photographs during the sessions and social functions. If you have your picture taken it is assumed that you are giving consent for ALGA to use the image. Images may be used for print and electronic publications.

Car Parking

Parking for delegates is available underneath the National Convention Centre for a cost of approximately \$19.50 per day. Alternatively, voucher public parking is available 300m from the Centre at a cost of approximately \$15.70 per day. The voucher machines accept either cash or cards (Visa or MasterCard).

Coach Transfers

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening - Sunday 19 June 2022 Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 4:45pm. The return coaches will depart at 7:00pm.

Daily Shuttles to and from the National Convention Centre A shuttle service between all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) and the National Convention Centre will operate between 8:00am and 8:30am. Return shuttles will depart the National Convention Centre at 5:30pm.

Networking Dinner – National Museum – Monday 20 June 2022 Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels at approximately 6:45pm. A return shuttle service will commence at 10:15pm.

General Assembly Dinner – Exhibition Park in Canberra – Tuesday 21 June 2022 Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels at approximately 6:40pm. A return shuttle service will operate between 10:30pm and 11:45pm.

Payment Procedures

Payment can be made by:

<u>Credit card</u>

MasterCard and Visa

<u>Cheque</u> Made payable to ALGA

Electronic Funds Transfer
Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Branch: Woden
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Account No: 10097760

<u>ALGA ABN</u> 31 008 613 876

Contact Details

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Woden ACT 2606
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Email: nga@confco.com.au

All amounts include GST. Invoices are sent once a registration has been completed.

Canberra Weather in June

Winter days in Canberra are characterised by clear sunny skies but the days are cool at around 12-15C and temperatures do drop to 1C on average in the evenings, so be sure to bring a warm jacket.

Mornings can be foggy so keep this in mind when booking flights. It is best to avoid early arrivals or departures in case of delays due to fog.

