

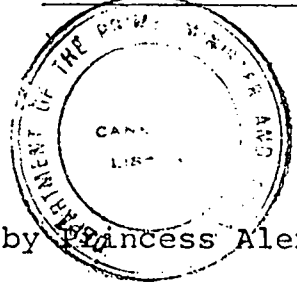


PRIME MINISTER

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ROYAL VISIT



The visit to Australia by Princess Alexandra and her husband Mr Angus Ogilvy to participate in the centenary celebrations of the Melbourne Exhibition Buildings and to open on Wednesday 1 October 1980 the Centenary Exhibition and the new wing of the Exhibition Buildings, was announced in London on Wednesday 27 February 1980.

At that time I said that the actual dates for the visit had yet to be decided and that the itinerary would be announced as soon as practicable.

I am now able to say that the visit will begin in Canberra on Saturday 27 September and end in Perth on Tuesday 14 October. Her Royal Highness has agreed to the following itinerary:-

Sat. 27 Sep. to Tue. 30 Sep.	Canberra
Tue. 30 Sep. to Sun. 5 Oct.	Victoria
Sun. 5 Oct. to Wed. 8 Oct.	South Australia
Wed. 8 Oct. to Sun. 12 Oct.	Alice Springs
Sun. 12 Oct. to Tue. 14 Oct.	Western Australia

Consultations are to take place between Commonwealth, State and Territory authorities to prepare programs of engagements and those details will be announced when approvals have been obtained.