



Islands of Tasmania

Wednesday 23rd February
to Tuesday 1st March 2022

This 7-day tour by chartered aircraft visits five of the Tasmanian islands: Flinders, King, Maria, Bruny and Sarah, with comprehensive guided sightseeing throughout the tour. Experience the diversity of Tasmania's islands, their unique Aboriginal and colonial history and rugged natural beauty. Enjoy delicious local food and wine of Tasmania and get up close with nature in the comfort and warm hospitality of an Insights Tour.

This tour is for a maximum of 6 guests.

Day 1

Wednesday 23rd February – Wollongong to Flinders Island

This morning we depart Wollongong Regional Airport for our 3-hour flight to Flinders Island in Bass Strait, stopping en route at Bairnsdale for a comfort and refuelling stop.

Flinders Island was named after the English sea captain Matthew Flinders and is the largest of the Furneaux Group of islands which stretch across eastern Bass Strait. The Furneaux Group formed when the land bridge which once joined Tasmania to the mainland flooded at the end of the last ice age, isolating the mountain tops and creating the present day chain of islands. You will see many of these islands as we fly to Flinders Island.

After checking in to our accommodation situated in the centre of Whitemark, the 'capital' of Flinders Island, our touring starts with a visit to Trousers Point and the township of Lady Barron. Late afternoon, we cruise Franklin Sound to see the flocks of shearwaters returning to their nests.

Two nights at the Island Quarters Apartments.

Day 2

Thursday 24th February – Flinders Island

We continue exploring Flinders Island today, starting at the Wybalenna Historic Site, to which Aboriginal people were forcibly removed from mainland Tasmania between 1834 and 1847. The chapel, at one time used as a shearing shed, has been restored and the area returned to Aboriginal management. At Emita, a coastal village halfway between Whitemark and Killiecrankie, we visit the Furneaux Museum, run by volunteers with the Furneaux Historical Research Association, which showcases the natural and cultural history of Flinders Island.



Aerial view of Trousers Point Beach, Stu Gibson; Topaz - Killiecrankie Diamonds, Tourism Tasmania & Steve Lovegrove; Trousers Point, Flinders Island, Sean Scott

On the north coast, we visit Killiecrankie, enjoying a scenic picnic lunch and travelling on the Coast Road to Palana, the site of coastal surveillance during WWII, and North East River. On the return journey to Whitemark we stop off at the Castle Rock at Marshall Beach, and Sawyers Bay. The day's touring concludes in Whitemark, with a visit to Bowman History Room in the E M Bowman and Co general store, the longest established retailer on the island, and the Gem Shop, which sells the famous Killiecrankie "Diamonds".

Day 3

Friday 25th February – Flinders Island to Bruny Island

Leaving Flinders Island, we fly over the east coast of Tasmania, including the Bay of Fires National Park and the iconic Wineglass Bay and land on Maria Island (subject to government approval), where we take a fascinating self-guided walking tour of Darlington, with its convict and industrial past.

Taking to the skies again, we fly south via Great Oyster Bay and the Tasman Peninsula to Bruny Island where we have lunch. Along the way, enjoy spectacular views of Cape Pilar, Tasman Lighthouse and Port Arthur. In the afternoon, specialist guides will take us on a walking tour of Inala Nature Reserve to learn about the the significant 40 Spotted Pardalote endemic to Bruny Island. After dinner we take a night tour to The Neck to view the Little Penguins and Short-tailed Shearwaters returning to their burrows at the seabird colony. You may also spot possums, wallabies and quolls.

Overnight at Inala Wildlife Sanctuary, Bruny Island or nearby apartments. Details under accommodation section.

Day 4

Saturday 26th February – Bruny Island to Strahan

In the morning we explore more of South Bruny Island. Our flight path takes us over South Cape, within sight of Maatsukyer Island home to Australia's most southerly lighthouse and on to Cox Bight, Bathurst Harbour and Port Davey on the remote and rugged South West National Park, part of the wild and pristine Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. We land in Strahan in time for a late lunch. The afternoon is free for you to relax and take a stroll through this picturesque town.



Bathurst Harbour. John Tuckerman

Overnight at Strahan Heritage Village Motel style accommodation

Day 5

Sunday 27th February – Strahan to King Island

This morning will feature a cruise on the Gordon River and Macquarie Harbour, with a landing at the infamous former penal colony, Sarah Island, and if sea conditions permit we'll also cruise through Hell's Gates at the entrance to Macquarie Harbour. Lunch on board. In the afternoon we fly via Wynyard to King Island, arriving late afternoon. Meet our guide and transfer to our motel located at Currie - King Island's main town.

Two nights at Boomerang Motel, Currie, King Island.



Sarah Island, Wai Nang Poon; Cape Wickham lighthouse, Tourism Tasmania & Beth Vellekoop; Cheese maker, King Island Dairy

Day 6

Monday 28th February – King Island

Today we have a full day tour of the island.

We start with a visit to Penny's Lagoon, one of only three suspended lakes in the world, and visit the very northern tip of King Island, Cape Wickham, where we see the tallest lighthouse in the southern hemisphere.

We learn about the history of the lighthouse, and the wreck of the Lochleven in 1871.

Without doubt the King Island Cheese Factory is the most recognisable industry of King Island and we visit there for cheese tasting (and purchasing!).

We head to the township of Grassy and the nearby open cut scheelite mine before lunch at a local cafe. Afterwards we visit the south-west of the island to see the extraordinary 7000-year old calcified forest.

Making our way back to Currie we visit the Cataraqi Memorial overlooking the site of Australia's worst civil disaster, the sinking of the barque Cataraqi in 1845 and the loss of 400 lives.

Dinner tonight is a special arrangement at the quaint Currie Boathouse where our local chef serves a 3 course meal exclusively for us.

Day 7

Tuesday 1st March – King Island to Wollongong

On our final morning, we stop in at Kelp Industries where we learn about the harvesting of kelp from King Island's beaches, an important part of King Island's economy, then visit the King Island Museum, whose collection dates from the early sealers to the present day, with a focus on the island's maritime history.

Then it's farewell to King Island, crossing Bass Strait to Cape Otway, over the Great Ocean Road area and the Twelve Apostles. We then head for the Gippsland region of Victoria and land at Bairnsdale for refuelling and a light lunch at the airport. Mid-afternoon we fly along the spectacular coastline to arrive at Wollongong airport about 4pm.

General Information & Booking Conditions

Cost

The cost of this tour is AUD 8,495.

The cost includes:

- ☼ accommodation on a twin-share basis in ensuite rooms. Please refer to detailed information under Accommodation below.
- ☼ all meals
- ☼ private, chartered aircraft travel as per the itinerary
- ☼ services of Insights Tours' tour-escort throughout the tour
- ☼ all road transport as per the itinerary
- ☼ all sightseeing excursions, guided touring and entrance fees to all places specified in the itinerary
- ☼ all taxes, fees and charges
- ☼ a personal complimentary reusable metal water bottle

Additional costs

The additional costs are: drinks, travel insurance and items of a personal nature and anything not specified above.

Single supplement

Single occupancy of a room is available for an additional cost of AUD 495.

To make a booking

Please complete the enclosed booking form and return it to Insights Tours with your

deposit. Places on the tour require a AUD 500 deposit.

The balance will be due by Wednesday 22nd December 2021.

Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel your booking on or before Wednesday 22nd December 2021, we will refund all monies paid less the cancellation fee of AUD 200 per person.

If you need to cancel your booking after Wednesday 22nd December 2021, the cancellation fee is 100% of the total tariff, that is, there is no refund of the total tariff.

Insights Tours strongly recommends that you consider travel insurance in case you need to cancel.

Insurance

We strongly recommend considering travel insurance to cover cancellation fees as well as medical emergencies, lost luggage and unforeseen delays during the tour. Insights Tours can provide information about obtaining insurance. We are an accredited agent of Covermore insurance.

Viability of Tour

In the event that the economic minimum number of guests is not reached, the tour will be cancelled by Insights Tours no later than Friday 24th December 2021 and we will refund in full any money paid.

COVID-Safe Conditions

Insights Tours is a registered, experienced COVID-Safe operator. All tours will operate pursuant to each respective state's Department of Health guidelines in operation at the time of travel.

Compliance with COVID-Safe practices

It is a condition that guests will comply with all COVID-Safe practices during the tour. Prior to departure detailed advice will be provided to you about the precautions that will be necessary during the tour. By signing the booking form, you agree to comply with all COVID-Safe practices and directions.

Tour cancelled or postponed due to government-imposed restriction

In the event of a government-imposed restriction preventing the operation of the tour as advertised, we will refund all moneys paid by you.

If the tour is able to be postponed, you can choose to:

1. Transfer your booking to the later tour; or
2. Cancel your booking and be refunded all moneys paid by you.

If the tour is not able to be postponed, we will refund all moneys paid by you.

Vaccination certificate

To reduce the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19, to the minimum practicable level, to guests, personnel and everyone with whom we come into contact, Insights Tours requires as a condition of travel that:

1. all guests are fully vaccinated prior to the departure date; and
2. that guests provide evidence of their vaccination.

Prior to the departure date, you must provide us with a copy of your:

1. COVID-19 digital certificate; or
2. Your immunisation history statement.

which shows that you have received both COVID-19 vaccinations.

If we do not receive this by the departure date, you will be unable to travel.

Cancellation of your booking

If you cannot travel due to COVID-19 related reasons such as:

1. contracting the virus;
2. being required to isolate; or
3. not being fully vaccinated by the departure date

the normal cancellations conditions apply. This means there will be no refund after Wednesday 22nd December 2021. On or before that date, you will be entitled to a refund less a \$200 cancellation fee per person.

Insights Tours highly recommends that you obtain travel insurance in case you are not entitled to a refund.

Accommodation

On Flinder's Island we stay at Island Quarters which are fully self contained apartments located 150m from the centre of the "CBD" of Whitemark and the Interstate Hotel where we have dinner and breakfast.

On Bruny Island, accommodation is extremely limited. Comfortable accommodation with ensuite facilities will be provided at either Inala Nature Reserve cottages or in motel style units located a few kilometres from Inala. All meals will be served at Inala. Seamless transfers between accommodation and Inala are included.

At Strahan we have ensuite rooms at the Strahan Village Motel.

On King Island our accommodation is in ensuite rooms at the Boomerang Motel.

Luggage

Please limit your luggage to 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage per person. The maximum weight for your luggage is 15kgs.

Guides

Insights Tours has engaged our own proficient guides wherever we have advertised a guided tour in the itinerary.

Water

Insights Tours will provide a complimentary water bottle which can be refilled as you require.

Meals

All meals are included and are a set menu. We take care to ensure that the menu is varied throughout the tour. Please ensure that you carefully note any dietary or any other requests on your booking form so that we can oblige your requirements.

Aircraft



We fly in a turbine powered Cessna Caravan aircraft (similar to the plane pictured) which is certified as one of the safest single engine aeroplanes. It's equipped with 6 passenger seats and as we have a maximum of 6 guests, everyone has a window seat and we fly at altitudes which afford the best views commensurate with safety and operational requirements.

Guest numbers will be limited to a maximum of 6 to ensure your safety and comfort. The aircraft has been chartered by Insights Tours from There by Air Pty Ltd. The Cessna Caravan offers a spacious interior, combined with first class safety and performance. It is powered by a Pratt and Whitney PT-6 Turboprop engine - one of the most reliable engines in the world.

Each guest has a window seat and because the aircraft has a high wing, each passenger is afforded uninterrupted viewing. There are airstairs which provide easy access to the cabin.

Transfers and tour vehicles

On Flinders Island we have arranged a chartered 12 seat vehicle

On Bruny Island – our agent, Inala Tours will provide 2x four-wheel drive vehicles.

At Strahan we will utilise the hotel transfer service.

On King Island we have arranged a chartered 12 seat vehicle.

Changes to the itinerary

There is always the chance that our itinerary could be delayed or curtailed in some way beyond our control. Except for prolonged or unexpected events, the tour will be conducted as closely as possible to the itinerary stated above. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to conduct the advertised itinerary however we reserve the right to alter the itinerary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Force Majeure

Insights Tours will not be liable for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalized lack of availability of raw materials or energy.

Limitation of liability

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Insights Tours does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by suppliers or third party providers over whom Insights Tours has no direct control.

Agents not liable for force majeure or any other event which is beyond agent's control or which is not preventable by agent.

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About Insights Tours



Insights Tours is a tour company operated by Paul, Brigitte and John Tuckerman. We arrange tours which utilise chartered trains, coaches and aeroplanes and provide our guests with spacious and comfortable accommodation. Our philosophy is to provide a tour with a spectrum of interesting visits, inspections and conveyances. Each tour is uniquely arranged to encompass the most interesting sights of the regions visited. Insights Tours engages our own guides to ensure that our passengers have the best insight into the location being visited.

Guest numbers are limited to ensure a commodious travelling experience and to ensure that visits and guided tours are of maximum benefit. Each of our tours is personally escorted ensuring you can relax in the confidence that all of the pesky administrative details and arrangements are taken care of.

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Booking Form

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	Guest 1	Guest 2
Name		
Address		
Telephone		
Email		
Emergency Contact Person & Telephone		
Any special requirements or requests (especially dietary)		
Room type (please indicate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin (2 beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (1 large bed) <input type="checkbox"/> Single supplement (Single occupancy of double room. Additional AUD 495)	
Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque enclosed - Please make cheques payable to "Insights Tours" - or - <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic transfer/direct deposit Account Name: Insights Tours Client Travel Account BSB: 062607 Account Number: 10131313		

I/we acknowledge the terms and conditions of booking

Signature/s

Guest 1

Guest 2

Date _____

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