

BAY OF FIRES WALK, TASMANIA

SOLOS ONLY 40 Years & Over



5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

This spectacular five day tour combines the rare and varied beauty of Tasmania's northeast.

Fully accommodated, and professional guided it also includes a special glamping experience at the Bay of Fires Bush Retreat.

The Bay of Fires beaches are some of the most pristine in the world with their white sands contrasting with the pink granite rocks and aquamarine waters of the Tasman Sea. Beginning in Launceston we drive northeast to discover this magnificent region. This walking tour allows us to encompass a variety of terrain and attractions, which are covered in easy and moderate day walks. It allows us time to appreciate places such as Mt William National Park, St Columba Falls and the Eddystone Point Lighthouse while also visiting some local treats along the way.

The Blue Tier is a mountain plateau that once swarmed with tin miners. Their old pack trails wind through remnant and regenerated rainforest passing by rusted relics of the past.

Your experienced guides will bring the area alive with their local knowledge and enthusiasm for the Tasmanian Wilderness.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the historic tin mining region of Tasmania's north east
- Undertake numerous day walks to the Blue Tier's waterfalls, rainforests & peaks
- Enjoy coastal walks along the famous Bay of Fires beaches
- Walking group camaraderie
- Guided by two walking professionals

FELLOW TRAVELLERS

You will enjoy this group experience with a maximum of 12 walkers. This group is suited to walking enthusiasts. This is a Solos Only tour. You are welcome to join with a friend, but couples do not join this tour.

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These trips involve a combination of what is described as introductory and moderate for a walking tour. The emphasis is on introductory activity with several moderate stages. These adventures involve trekking for up to 6 or 7 hours a day at a steady pace. You will need a good level of fitness and must be in good health.



TOUR INCLUSIONS

ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

- 4 nights' accommodation
- 4 breakfasts
- 4 lunches
- 3 dinners

SIGHTSEEING & GUIDES

- 2 professional wilderness guides
- Transport by private minibus National Park fees
- Group drop off final day, Launceston Airport

ADDITIONAL INCLUSIONS

- Emergency communications & group first aid kit
- Gaiters (knee high)
- Small group, not more than 12 travellers

Travel insurance is a mandatory requirement for joining this tour and is in addition to the package price.

Not included:

- Airfares (unless requested)
- Arrival airport Transfer
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage
- Visa fees
- Any tips or portage at airports, hotels, drivers & local staff
- Meals and beverages not specified on itinerary
- Items of a personal nature such as laundry & medical expenses
- Incidental expenses such as taxi fares, telecommunications

TOP 5 REASONS TO JOIN

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded solo travellers
3. Small groups
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Roommate matching option

TRIP INSIGHTS

Is this trip right for you? You want to get it right, and find a trip that matches your travel style. These pointers will help you decide if this trip is right for you.

ABOUT THE GROUP

- This is a small group experience with a maximum of 12 solo travellers.
- You're a match for the nominated age group for this trip; travellers 40 years and over.
- You enjoy the benefits of travelling as a small group, including dining together and sharing the journey.
- This is a walking experience.

TOURING QUICK FACTS

Weather

- Tasmania's north east is a cool temperate climate. It's best to have layered clothing and have wet weather rain protection

Physical challenges:

- Take care to read our day by day itinerary that provides walking distances and walking duration
- On a walking scale this is an introductory to moderate walk and you require good fitness to enjoy this walk.

Food

- We can cater for most special dietary needs including vegetarian and gluten free, but this must be advised at the time of booking.

ABOUT US

At *Encounter Travel* we offer holiday groups for solo travellers. All trips are age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like minded travellers.

Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

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Our website has full trip details and content in this flyer is only a part of the information. For full details please refer to our website.

TRAVEL DATES:

FRI 22 - TUE 26 OCT 2021

PRICES:

Price with our own room AUD \$2895

Price twin sharing AUD \$2495

DAY 1 Arrive Launceston

Arrive to Launceston and make your way to the group hotel. We meet in the lounge of the hotel by 4:30 pm for a group 'meet and greet'. Your guides will confirm your pick up time for the morning.

Meals: NIL

DAY 2 Launceston to Derby then onto Mt William National Park

Take breakfast at the hotel and meet your guides this morning in the lobby of the hotel for your departure (usually around 8am). We drive approximately 90 minutes north east of Launceston to the Derby Tin Centre (www.trailofthetindragon.com) where we discover the story of how this small township was once the world's largest exporter of tin ore.

After lunch we drive through Gladstone to Blue Lake, and then on to the national park to climb Mt William. From here we can take in our first views of the glorious coastline and hinterlands of the region. We return to our bus and drive to our accommodation on the edge of the Mt William National Park. After dinner we will drive along Forester Drive looking for native animals including the large Forester Kangaroo and hopefully some wombats.

Walking Distance: up to 4 Kms

Walking Time: 3 Hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3

Bay of Fires beach walk and



Image: Bell Tent, Bay of Fires Bush Retreat

Eddystone Point Lighthouse

After a hearty breakfast we head off to the start of our coastal walk at Stumpy's Bay in the south of the park. Here we can set a leisurely pace whilst walking along one of the most pristine and stunning beaches on the Bay of Fires coast. We explore white sands and secretive rock pools amongst the famous granite rocks covered in red lichen, following the sparking turquoise waters to Tasmania's eastern most shoreline at Eddystone Point Lighthouse. After exploring the point and the lighthouse we then drive back to our accommodation to relax while your guides prepare a delicious evening meal for you.

Walking Distance: up to 13 Kms

Walking Time: up to 8 Hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 Bay of Fires beach walk to Binalong Bay

Today we set out to explore another section of the Bay of Fires Conservation Area by walking from Policeman's Point to The Gardens. We spend the whole day

exploring pristine white sandy beaches, rock pools and ancient aboriginal middens (shell & bone deposits) under the watchful gaze of various sea birds usually circling overhead. Along the way we will stop for lunch and lookout for passing whales and dolphins sometimes spotted on the horizon.

When our walking is complete, we can enjoy a hot drink at the beach side town of Binalong Bay before being driven the short distance to our accommodation near St Helens to enjoy a well earned dinner prepared by your guides.

Walking Distance: up to 10 Kms

Walking Time: up to 6.5 Hours

DAY 5 Explore waterfalls, the Rattler Range and Myrtle forests

Today we explore waterfalls and incredible forests as we make our way from the Blue Tiers back to Launceston.

We start with The Blue Tier Giant Walk which descends through huge eucalypts, musk, myrtle, mosses and ferns to the



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majesty of the 'Big Tree' – the widest living tree in Australia. This massive Eucalyptus Regnans has a girth measuring an amazing 19.4 metres. Our next stop today is Halls Falls and its towering Eucalyptus Trees (E.Regnans and E.Obliqua). To finish off an amazing day and incredible trip we then head to the spectacular St Columba Falls which is one of Tasmania's highest falls, plunging 90 metres from the Rattler Range.

After taking in the area's amazing Tree Ferns, Sassafras and moss covered Myrtle's, we head back to Launceston where you will be dropped off at your accommodation at approximately 4pm. An airport drop off will be made by approximately 5pm. We suggest not booking flights that depart before 6:30pm.

Walking Time: 3 Hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

This tour is operated by Australian Walking Tours, part of the World Expeditions group, as a private charter for Encounter Travel.

Itineraries may be subject to change, due to circumstances outside of our control. If there is any itinerary change prior to departure of significance we aim to inform you prior to travel. Itinerary changes while on tour will be informed by your tour leader/guide while on tour.

ACCOMMODATION

LEISURE INN PENNY ROYAL HOTEL & APARTMENT, LAUNCESTON

Set amidst the Tamar River, Leisure Inn Penny Royal is within short walking distance from Launceston CBD, the Marina, shops, restaurants and cafes, the University of Tasmania Stadium (previously Aroua Stadium) and Launceston airport is a quick 15 minute drive away. Penny Royal accommodation offers spacious, modern and comfortable hotel suites and all rooms featuring an LCD TV, air conditioning, Free Wi-Fi (1GB per room per day), tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and plush towels.

ICENA FARM, MUSSELROE

Icena Farm offers self-contained accommodation in Tasmania's remote

North East. Perfect for adventure tourists in Tasmania's stunning outback wilderness.

We use two different self contained accommodations;

The Platypus House

4 rooms and 2 shared bathrooms

A comfortable and accessible, air-conditioned (heat-pump) fully furnished four bedroom home with two bathrooms. Two of the bedrooms each contain a queen-sized and single bed. The other two bedrooms contain two single beds each.

The facilities include; dishwasher, washing machine, oven, microwave, outdoor entertaining area and BBQ, TV, DVD player. Doonas, pillows, linen and towels provided.

The Shearer's Quarters

6 separate rooms with 1 room being used for the group guides.

There are five rooms with two single beds in each, and one room with a double bed. Each cabin is carpeted and sound insulated, with an outside deck area and locker. There is an adjacent air-conditioned (heat-pump) communal area, commercial kitchen and separate shower and toilet block service the quarters. Doonas, pillows, linen and towels provided.

Bathrooms are shared facilities. Rooms are allocated by the guides.

BAY OF FIRES BUSH RETREAT, BINALONG BAY

At the Bay of Fires Bush Retreat salty hair and sandy feet are encouraged, preferred even. The retreat offers relaxed, simple-yet-stylish accommodation – an enticing place to rest your head. Our stay will be in the bell tents, a unique glamping experience in these permanent tents with the creature comforts that come with glamping.

The Retreat is only minutes' drive from the stunning sights of the Bay of Fires and is the perfect base from which to explore this iconic area.

GETTING THERE

Arrive to: Launceston, Tasmania

Depart from: Launceston, Tasmania

TRANSFERS TO/FROM LAUNCESTON

Arrival to Launceston is by your own arrangement. On the final day of tour there is a group transfer from Launceston to the airport, arriving around 5pm. We recommend booking a flight that departs from 6:30pm, or consider booking a night of stay in Launceston; ask our travel team for details.

ABOUT THE MEALS

The aim is to provide high quality local Tasmanian produce to supply interesting and nutritional meals. Your guides have remarkable wilderness culinary skills and pride themselves on the variety, quality, nutritional levels and presentation of their meals and their ability to cater to a wide range of dietary requirements. Each guide is able to select their own menu for the destination.

- Breakfasts - ranges from cooked to continental
- Lunches - variation each day, wraps or fresh salad rolls with an assortment of cold meats
- Dinners - varies from trip to trip, 2-3 courses, fresh Tasmanian foods where possible.

Refer to our website for more trip information include a packing list.