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walking holidays



**TASMANIAN**  
EXPEDITIONS



**Adventure**  
South NZ

• larapinta trail • jatbula trail • heysen trail • kimberley • overland & south coast tracks • franklin river • tarkine  
• bibbulmun track • kokoda track • fiji | yasawa islands • otago rail trail • milford sound • southern alps trek

# G'DAY KIA O'RA HALO OLOKETA



walk the **larapinta**

## world class trips in your own backyard ...

Innovation. It's at the very core of everything we do to ensure we provide our travellers with the best possible wilderness experiences in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

When we're not coming up with brand new itineraries our team in Alice Springs, Launceston and Christchurch are continuously looking at new ways to experience classics.

Already a mainstream travel style in Europe, the Self Guided concept offers a plethora of advantages – cheaper prices, flexible departure dates and guaranteed departures (permits permitting) being just some of them. Independent travellers who prefer to concentrate on the journey, rather than worrying about tedious logistics, also have an exciting new option to consider.

Following on from the overwhelming success of our Overland Track Self Guided

walk, this season we've introduced even more Self Guided trips. Walk at your own pace along the Larapinta Trail or in the Walls of Jerusalem National Park, or try our stunning new Self Guided cycle down the East Coast of Tasmania.

From the reds of the South Australian desert to the turquoise waters of Tonga, our palette of new trips are bucket list contenders for anyone who appreciates our amazing outdoors.

Join a camel supported trek through remote sections of the Northern Flinders ranges; experience all the highlights on the Larapinta Trail on our new 9 day 'Best of' itinerary; wheel, wine and walk your way in Tasmania's rugged south on our Bruny Island Gourmet Hike & Bike; or discover the magic of the Kimberley coastline in absolute luxury.

Our new water based adventures in the Pacific could see you kayaking in Tonga or

cruising aboard the luxurious True North – complete with its own helicopter for those hard to reach places – through the waters of West Papua and the New Guinea Islands.

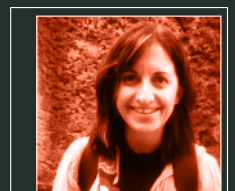
In Aotearoa, we've added an extra day on our popular Alps to Ocean Cycle, included a stunning walk along the Hollyford Track in our Milford Sound & Stewart Island Trails or you can improve your alpine skills on the Mt Aspiring Glacier Traverse.

There's never been a better time to explore your own backyard – and there's never been a better range to choose from.

I invite you to join one of our quality active holidays in Australia or New Zealand.

COVER IMAGE: Sunrise summit walk to Mt Sonder, Larapinta Trail > Brad Atwal | COVER THUMBNAILS, Left to right: Larapinta Trail Semi-Permanent Campsite > Brett Boardman; Tasmania, Overland Track > Gary Hayes; New Zealand, Alps to Ocean > Colin Monteath THIS PAGE: On the Larapinta Trail | Liz Rogan

Heidi Smith  
Product Manager  
Australia







**nz cycle adventures**

Alps to Ocean Cycle, Adventure South, New Zealand | Colin Monteath

## get ready for an exceptional experience

**Australian Walking Holidays, Tasmanian Expeditions and Adventure South New Zealand are all committed to providing you with a seamless service.**

**Our professional guides, quality camp craft and equipment, carefully selected character lodgings, intuitive pre-trip service, strong focus on safety as well as responsible travel practices all gel together to provide you with the highest quality experience during your tour.**

**your safety & back up |** Your well-being is our first priority. Our industry-leading risk management procedures and unparalleled field knowledge means that you are in competent hands.

All our guides undergo intensive first aid and emergency response training and carry a comprehensive medical kit on tour. All offices monitor weather conditions.

Evacuation procedures are carefully considered with 24 hour backup available from our staff in our operational bases. Our guides may be equipped with mobile phones, satellite telephones or 2-way radios, depending on the needs of the trip.

**your comfort |** An active wilderness holiday does not necessarily mean roughing it. Access to the best available food, warmth and shelter is standard on our active wilderness holidays.

Our team will go out of their way to make your life on tour more comfortable.

**your questions answered |** You will be well looked after by our highly trained consultants pre-trip and our guides during your adventure. Our efforts are always focused on helping you experience, participate and to get the most out of your holiday from start to finish.

**your own private group |** For groups of typically six and up we can tailor your own private trip. Whether you're friends, a family or part of a club, talk to us about a trip that fits your dates, desires and budget.

**exceptional value |** Our trips are packed with unique experiences and quality inclusions. We aim to include as much as possible in the tour price - like gear hire in Tasmania, meals and all local fees - to help keep your costs down. Our trip inclusions are clearly displayed against each trip in this brochure, on our website and in our detailed trip notes.

**tasmania overland track**



Descending the Acropolis | Chris Buykx

**I truly loved the trip. Everything was fantastic. The guides exceeded our expectations. Nothing was too much, very safety conscious and a fab cook. The guides made the trip even more memorable.**  
**H. Schwarz Toorak, VIC, Australia**



Kakadu waterhole | Kate Baker

**kakadu adventures**



**spectacular camping larapinta**

Great Walks

While some try to imitate, we're off exploring your next great memory. Each division shares the vision to pioneer – and continually refine – many classic tours that are now considered top of their field on the world stage.

1967  
2012

**overland track | tasmania**  
 First commercial trek (as Craclair)  
 First winter & snowshoeing trip

1978  
2005

**franklin river rafting | tasmania**  
 First commercial expedition  
 First commercial river clean-up expedition

1995  
2013

**larapinta trail | northern territory**  
 First commercial trek  
 Pioneering semi-permanent campsites

1983  
2014

**kakadu walking | northern territory**  
 Offered one of the first extended walking safaris in the park  
 Introduction of semi-permanent campsites

# HOW IT ALL WORKS: SERVICES

Where will you stay, what will you eat, how will you get there? The answer to these questions vary from trip to trip, so always refer to the inclusions or trip notes for all the details. The following information outlines the range of services we offer.



## accommodation



CAMPING



PRIVATE HUTS



HOT SHOWERS: LARAPINTA



HOMESTAY

### NT semi-permanent wilderness camp

Exclusive to our travellers – our innovative semi-permanent camps near Simpsons Gap, Serpentine Chalet and our new third camp at the foot of Mt Sonder on the Larapinta Trail, as well as at Djarradjin Billabong and Gunlom in Kakadu National Park, provide the ultimate in sustainable wilderness comfort in the Red Centre or Top End.

On the Larapinta, Nick's Camp, Charlie's Camp and the new Fearless Camp, named after our friend Sue 'Fearless' Fear, all boast a sleek architectural design, minimise impact on the fragile desert environment and serve as an ideal base for day walks or excursions to nearby highlights. They also provide comfort and conveniences:

- hot showers
- individual tents: ample room for two people
- raised stretcher beds with outback swag
- large communal tent with lounges
- sit down, composting toilets
- a full dining table
- cafe style gas heaters; campfire for warmth

In Kakadu, the roomy safari style tents are equipped with stretcher beds and swag mattresses. You can easily remove the fly and sleep under the stars. Both camps are adjacent to a National Park campground where you can access solar hot showers and flushing toilets.

These campsites would not be possible without a strong partnership with Aboriginal Traditional Owners, the Kakadu National Park and Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife who jointly manage the lands.

**camping** | We use a comprehensive range of high quality camp gear including the best available two person tents for each environment; lightweight four season tents for

the wild weather of south west Tasmania and alpine New Zealand, or featherweight mozzie domes for the Tropical Top End dry season.

On classic outback safaris we provide a swag, a thick foam mattress in a sturdy canvas cover offering comfort whether under the stars or under canvas.

Some camps will be in National Park campsites with good toilet facilities, often on raised timber platforms with rainwater tanks and composting toilets.

While your guides will effectively run the camp and prepare your meals your participation is also always highly appreciated.

**cabins & outback accommodation** | Stay in authentic styled cabins in the Tasmanian or NZ wilderness, or station accommodation in outback Australia and New Zealand's high country. These properties are basic, but given their remote locations, their creature comfort of hot showers and delicious meals prepared by your hosts or your guides, they will seem luxurious.

Rooming may be multi-share with up to four sharing. Single and twin share may not be an option. Check your trip notes for the exact inclusions.

**hotels/motels** | Many New Zealand adventures will stay at well located hotels chosen for their local charm and character. The rooms are based on a twin / double basis and will feature either en-suite or shared facilities.

**farm stays** | Stay with Kiwi families in idyllic remote farm locations. Learn more about the local lifestyles and landscapes and be spoiled by truly sumptuous homemade meals.

**eco lodges** | Our 'gourmet' walking tours in Tasmania, and selected trips in NZ, stay at environmentally sensitive lodges or semi-

permanent structures that extend sustainable comforts thanks to the sun and the rain. Meals are prepared from quality local produce and enjoyed with excellent local wines.

**private huts** | Huts vary from the simplicity of the Rex Simpson private hut, nestled high above Lake Tekapo in New Zealand's Southern Alps, or New Zealand Department of Conservation alpine huts, to the relative decadence of hot showers and warm bedding in the private Cradle Huts along the Overland Track in Tasmania.

Hut accommodation is on a twin or multi-share basis, with shared ablutions. Single rooms where available can be provided on request at an additional cost.

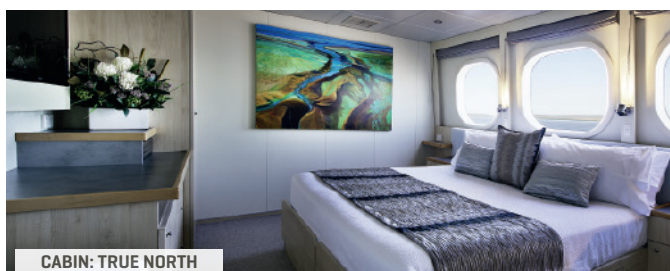
### boats: sailing & cruising

Some of our New Zealand trips include a night onboard a small cruise boat. Cabins are well-equipped with all bedding. Depending on the vessel used, ablutions are either shared or ensuite. All meals are prepared on board for the duration of the cruise.

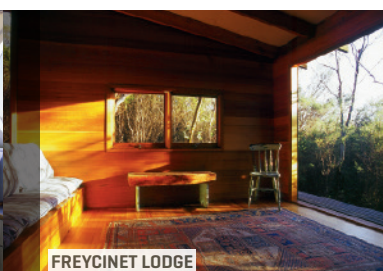
### kimberly sailing & cruising

**the odyssey** is a modern diesel powered 20 berth twin hulled cruise vessel. Commissioned in 2006, the Odyssey offers choice of standard or deluxe rooms with shared facilities.

**true north** | Used in the Kimberley and the Pacific, this vessel is akin to one of the world's most exclusive hotels. All cabins feature stylish décor, en-suite facilities, in-house entertainment and satellite telephones. The Explorer Class staterooms and the River Class cabins offer king size beds that can be converted to singles and the Ocean Class twins feature roomy single beds.



CABIN: TRUE NORTH



FREYCINET LODGE



SCENIC RIM BY SPICERS



IMAGE | Glenn Walker

## our guides

A great guide can make your trip. Our trip feedback always confirms that all of our guides are great guides.

This caring team of people will provide you with experienced leadership, healthy and delicious meals, local knowledge, first aid if needed and an heightened travel experience.

Two guides usually accompany a group (unless it is a small group where only one guide is required). On most vehicle supported trips one guide will be walking or cycling with the group while the other will drive the support vehicle and organise camp.

## wholesome food

Expect excellent food throughout your trip. All meals are tasty, hearty and plentiful - plus we can cater to most dietary requirements providing you let us know your preferences in advance.

Where possible we source produce locally and our guides love to show off the variety of flavours on offer. The amazingly nutritious meals prepared by our guides - in some of the most difficult and remote locations - will surely be one of the many highlights of your trip.



BIKES



COACHES/MINIBUSES



KIMBERLEY CRUISING



FOUR WHEEL DRIVE

## bikes

Our bike fleets are carefully selected for the style of riding, comfort, reliability and ease of use. Our cycles undergo rigorous ongoing maintenance and service to ensure their reliability.

The bulk of our NZ bike fleet is made up of 27 speed Trek 7500 hybrids with unisex frames. Trek Hybrid 7300 bikes with low rise/step through frames are also available at the time of booking. The hybrid bikes have an adjustable stem allowing us to change your riding stance and the 29" wheels roll better on sealed and light gravel cycle trails.

For the dedicated road biker, we have a fleet of Avanti Giro 2 bikes for rent.

Our Tasmanian bike fleet are quality touring bikes set up for the backroads of Tasmania. With front suspension, hydraulic disc brakes and quality Shimano Deore group-sets, these bikes make light work of the country road riding.

While all bikes are fitted to the rider you may feel more comfortable on your own seat and if you prefer we can even fit your own pedals.

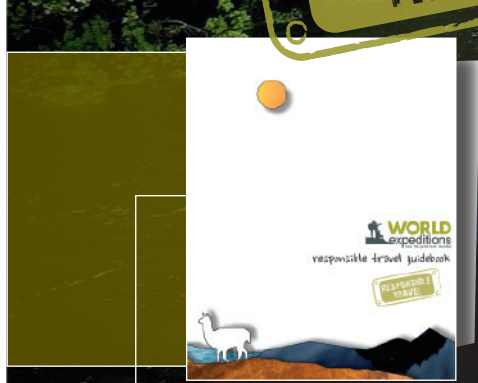
## transportation

**coaches & mini bus** | Our fleet of quality small coaches and vans form the basis of our quality transportation. Our well maintained fleet of coaches & mini-buses usually have a specially designed trailer to carry your equipment. These air-conditioned vehicles provide more comfort, space and reliability.

**four wheel drive 4WD** | When venturing in to the most remote of settings our fleet of Land Cruiser Troopcarriers and 4WD buses provide the reliability and agility required for transport beyond sealed roads.

**boats** | The remote Kimberley coast demands the most experienced skippers and crew to navigate safely. The vessel compliments the objectives of the trip, with the stylish and comfortable Odyssey used for cruising and the capable 65 foot ketch, The Starsand, for the sailing and bushwalking expedition.

# responsible & sustainable travel



## the responsible travel guidebook

We all have a responsibility to minimise the impact we have on the environment and communities we visit when we travel.

Reducing the impact our trips have on the fragile environments we encounter has been a cornerstone philosophy for all our divisions. We aim to ensure that our destinations retain their natural character and cultural diversity for future generations. This vision can only be achieved with the support of all of our travellers and business partners.

The **Responsible Travel Guidebook** was written to fulfil this vision. The booklet sets out our environmental objectives and practices and how you can play a part in reducing the impact on environments and cultures around the world. View a copy on any of our websites.

## examples in action

### environmental

**australia's northern territory** | Experience has taught us that semi permanent campsites are softer on the environment than vehicle based camping. With this in mind we have custom built two semi-permanent campsites along our most popular walking trip, the Larapinta Trail. Sustainable design features include waterless composting toilets, solar powered LED lighting systems, hybrid grey water treatment and water heats fuelled by recycled cardboard briquettes.

**new zealand** | Our trekking and climbing operation in New Zealand reduces its carbon footprint and environmental impact by restricting group size, using fuel efficient vehicles, minimising the use of vehicles and aircraft, employing recycling, re-using and composting, avoiding consumerism, using minimal impact huts and bulk buying of food supplies. Since the Qualmark initiative began, our processes have been examined, measured and benchmarked, achieving Gold ratings.



**tasmania** | Since 2005, we have conducted several Franklin River Rafting Cleanups which saw groups remove noxious weeds from the banks of the Franklin



River to ensure that it holds onto its title of one of the world's last pristine great rivers. Our commitment to keeping the Franklin pristine continues with our special Leave No Trace Franklin Expedition with Everest summiteer, Order of Australia participant and founding Chair of Leave No Trace Australia, Tim Macartney-Shape.

Since 2013 we have achieved Ecotourism Certification [ECO IV Level] for all the tours owned and operated by Tasmanian Expeditions.

### social & cultural

**australia** | Real responsible tourism means ensuring the host community not only supports the venture, but also enjoy an equitable share of the benefits. The Aboriginal Traditional Owners of the Larapinta semi-permanent camps know about responsible tourism in practise as they have been actively engaged in the planning, construction and operation of the camps. The exclusive sub-lease ensures that Traditional owners are real partners in trekking on their country.

**new zealand** | As a means of giving back to the local community we donate annually to the Otago Central Rail Trail Trust which uses funds to continue the upgrade of this iconic trail.

### larapinta bush tucker project

Working alongside the traditional land owners you can help establish a community garden on an existing plot to be used by the residents of the Larapinta Town Camp to grow traditional bush tucker and medicinal herbs.

### charity challenges

Huma Challenge is our specialist division focused on bringing the Charity Challenge concept to charities and fundraisers. Fundraise for your favourite charity and tick off some bucket list destinations, like the Larapinta Trail, at the same time. [Check out our Open Challenges and Million Dollar Challenges: humacharitychallenge.com](http://humacharitychallenge.com)

IMAGE: World Expeditions pioneered Franklin River rafting in 1978 | Glenn Walker

# what they say

from the hearts of environmentalists

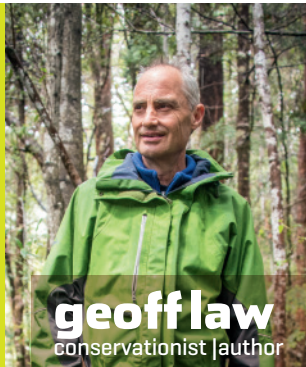


dr. bob brown

World Expeditions don't only provide a trip of a lifetime...

... down the world's premier white water rafting river, they take you safely, surely and with great respect for the environment. They have been on the river for more than thirty years. No two trips on the Franklin River, with its side canyons, waterfalls, sea eagles, platypuses and ancient Huon Pines, are the same. Don't forget your camera!"

Bob Brown rafted the Franklin with World Expeditions in 2004



geoff law  
conservationist | author

Congratulations to World Expeditions for their first-class commitment to the environment. It was by far the cleanest and most sustainable rafting trip I have ever done."

Geoff rafted the Franklin with WE in 2014

## world expeditions foundation

WORLD EXPEDITIONS FOUNDATION



World Expeditions Foundation (WEF) is an Australian based not-for-profit entity whose main aim is to raise donations for education based projects in underprivileged communities across the globe. Currently the WEF is supporting projects to Rebuild Nepal Schools following the April and May 2015 earthquakes, as well as community projects in Vietnam and Australia. **If you'd like to make a tax deductible donation click the 'ABOUT US' tab at: [worldexpeditions.com](http://worldexpeditions.com)**

## family, school & private groups



### tailor made to your exact needs

Design your own adventure by using our knowledge to create a private group trip that suits your schedule, budget, style and personal interests.

Be it a charity fundraiser, honeymoon, family getaway, sports club outing or just a group of friends wanting to travel together, you'll be surprised how easy we make the whole process, from itinerary creation to the day you depart for home - all at great value.

To begin organising a private group the first step is to talk to our team. Get in touch to discuss your private group requirements today.

**Talk to any of our staff about a private group to discuss your requirements today.**

### family adventures

Many of our trips can easily be tailored for families with children as young as 7 years. Thanks to our style of travel larger families of four or more can easily be accommodated for at a very competitive price.

### school groups

We have operated hundreds of curriculum based travel experiences for all types of schools for over two decades.

World Youth Adventures is our school group and youth adventure travel specialist division with the sole focus of providing safe, rewarding travel experiences that achieve real personal development for students.

If you would like to discuss a tailored trip for your school contact a Youth Adventure Expert or fill out the 'Design your own Adventure' form on our website. Don't forget to ask about the Price and Value Guarantee.

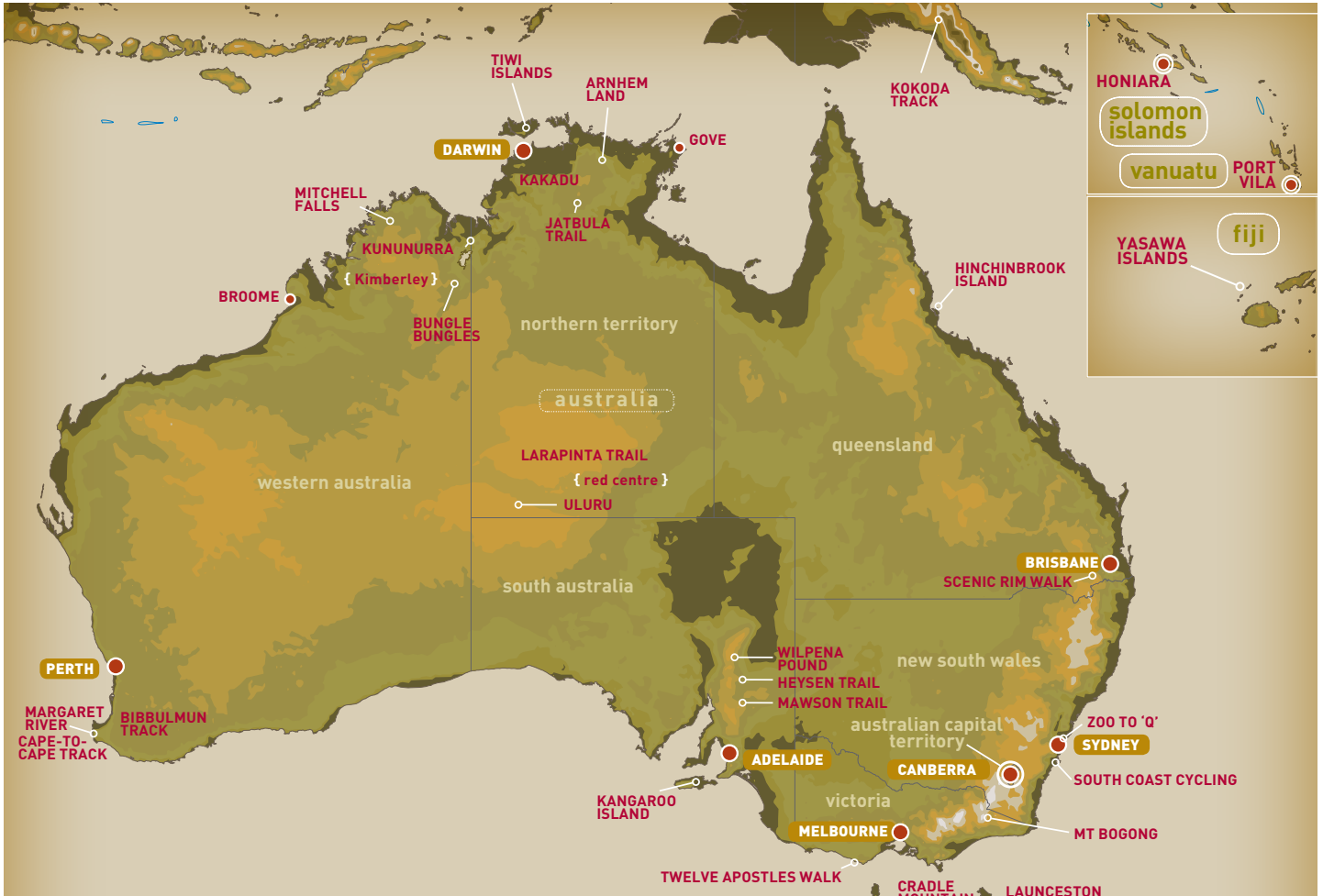


### need inspiration? visit our website or talk to us

This brochure is really just the starting point of what we offer. We are constantly updating our sites with even more tours, ideas and info to help you plan itineraries. Go online and be inspired today!

[worldexpeditions.com](http://worldexpeditions.com)

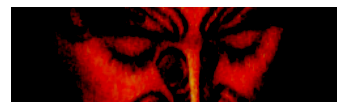
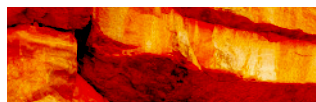
We take great care to ensure that you select an adventure suited to your interests and physical capabilities. The gradings set out on the adjacent page are a starting point to appreciate what the trip involves and should be consulted in conjunction with our detailed trip notes. We also encourage you to consult with one of our staff. Please remember, the fitter you are the more you will enjoy your trip, as 'there is no such thing as an easy trek'. **NOTE: GRADES 8-10** do not apply to the trips in this brochure and are therefore not shown. || **PREPARATION:** All of our trips require participants to be active in their daily lives. Grade 3 and above trips require regular exercise. For more information see our trip notes.



## icons for action

A picture is worth at least one word and our icons for our adventures are occasionally worth several. The icons below are your quick visual ready reference used throughout the brochure to indicate the activities and style of the trip. So, if you have a penchant for a particular activity use them as you flick through the brochure to zero in on your 'thing'.

# HELPING YOU TO SELECT YOUR ADVENTURE



## 1 DISCOVERY & CRUISING

LIGHT ACTIVITY  
USUALLY WALKING

These are our least demanding trips. These journeys of discovery and cruises involve little or no extended activity. The itinerary may take place in remote areas (with basic facilities) and may involve long travel days on various types of transport. Sightseeing may be conducted on foot and all participants should be capable of carrying their own luggage from vehicle to hotel rooms. These adventures do not go above 2500m and rarely involve camping.



basic fitness with good health

## 2 ADVENTURE TOURING

These adventure tours may visit remote areas of the world where facilities are often basic. Many of these trips incorporate some camping or basic lodging. These adventure tours will often involve long journeys and rough roads. Sightseeing and optional day walks are often included and these days may involve up to 5 hours of physical activity.



reasonable fitness & health > moderately active lifestyle > positive attitude

## 3 INTRODUCTORY

## 4 INTRODUCTORY TO MODERATE

## 5 MODERATE

## 6 MODERATE TO CHALLENGING

## 7 CHALLENGING



WALKING  
TREKKING

Up to 5 or 6 hours a day at a slow but steady pace



Introductory walks with several moderate stages



Up to 5 or 7 hours a day at a steady pace. Treks will involve carrying a day pack and trail conditions will vary between well-defined to rough trails



Moderate walks with challenging stages



Often in remote areas in variable, adverse weather conditions, for up to 8 to 10+ hours a day, possibly more. Be prepared to carry a daypack weighing up to 8 kgs, or in some cases a full pack weighing up to 20kg



CYCLING

Between 20 and 60kms a day depending on the terrain, few steep ascents.



Introductory riding with several moderate stages



Between 30 to 80 kms depending on the terrain and may involve some steeper ascents which can be avoided by using the support vehicle.



Moderate rides with challenging stages



Designed for stronger riders who prefer longer distances and good climbs with distances ranging between 50 to 120kms per day depending on the terrain.



RAFTING  
SEA  
KAYAKING

Up to 5 or 6 hours a day at a slow but steady pace



Introductory paddling with several moderate stages



Up to 5 or 7 hours a day at a steady pace.



Moderate paddling with challenging stages



Potential long days (up to 10+ hours) and adverse conditions, i.e. rafting in either very low or high water. Kayaking in open water with moderate winds and seas.



reasonable fitness with good health > active lifestyle

reasonable fitness with good health > active lifestyle

good fitness and health > active lifestyle

good fitness with excellent health > very active lifestyle

excellent fitness and health > very active lifestyle

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trekking



full pack trekking



4WD



rafting



kayaking



climbing



family friendly



self-guided



cycling



canyoning



horse riding



scenic flight



cruise



snow shoeing



mountain-eering



community project travel



go remote  
in australia  
with the  
experts



### **jatbula trail > northern territory**

EVER SINCE THE DREAMTIME THE MAJESTY OF THE AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE HAS LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK ON TRAVELLERS. From the creators of the first rock art, the paintings of Namitjira, to the world's best artists and photographers, the magic that Australia's natural and cultural treasures has on people is remarkable. Our active trips travel well beyond 'the rock and the reef' to take you to the very heart of our most breathtaking wilderness regions. Utilising nearly four decades of experience in operating small group adventure holidays across Australia, our itineraries are original, active and offer excellent value for money.

### the widest range of active australian adventures

We've put together an unrivalled collections of wilderness trips to allow everyone to discover the magic of Australia's forests, deserts and coastlines. Choose from over 20 high quality walking, cycling, kayaking and adventure travel holidays, most of which are exclusively operated by us.

**choose your region** | From the Territory's Top End to Hinchinbrook Island in Queensland, Victoria's Great Ocean Walk to WA's Bibbulmun Track, the rugged Bungle Bungles in WA to the outback Flinders Ranges in SA, our professional guides will help you explore, discover and gain a greater depth of understanding of Australia's most unique wilderness regions.

**travel in sustainable comfort** | Expect hot showers, warm beds and culinary feasts when staying at our pioneering semi-permanent campsites on the Larapinta Trail and in Kakadu, as well as on the hikes featured in the Great Walks of Australia collection. Our Larapinta and Kakadu eco-camps will allow you to experience Australia's most rugged & remote areas in relevant comfort - with minimal impact on the land.

**unrivalled 'value for experience'** | Professional guides, private internal transportation, most meals, accommodation, national park fees and much of the equipment needed for your chosen trip come as standard, as do amazing wilderness moments! Our high quality itineraries have been crafted from 35+ years of field knowledge

**innovation** | Our semi-permanent campsites along the Larapinta Trail and in Kakadu are the latest innovations in a series of pioneering wilderness travel concepts allowing you to experience Australia's most rugged & remote areas in considerable comfort.

**when to travel** | **APRIL TO OCTOBER** the winter months typically see travellers experience the outback and tropical north. This is the coolest and driest time of year to travel to experience the full diversity of the Northern Territory's Top End and Western Australia's Kimberley region during "the dry" season. **OCTOBER TO APRIL** the summer months are ideal for walking the shady forest trails of the southern coasts like south-west WA, South Australia's Kangaroo Island and Victoria's Great Ocean Walk.



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a walk...  
a great  
walk

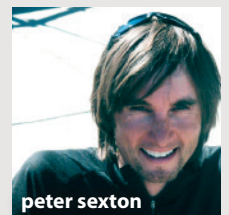
# leaders in the field



The key to the success of our Australian program, and your holiday, is our team of dedicated guides. These people are outdoor professionals and choose to lead our trips because they agree that these are extraordinary adventures. Our whole team is committed to minimal impact travel and will be able to share techniques and tips for reducing our environmental impact. Our talented team of guides will ensure an unforgettable time in the Australian wilderness.



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peter sexton

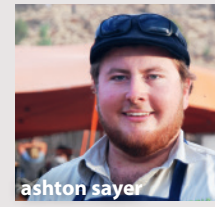
The Great Walks of Australia is the definitive collection of the finest luxury, gourmet and exclusive guided walks in Australia. These eight walks have pioneered small group guided walks on Australia's most acclaimed multi day walking trails. The GWOA collection sets the standard for exceptional hospitality, service and comfort while protecting wilderness values.

## THE GREAT WALKS OF AUSTRALIA ARE:

- World Expeditions' Classic Larapinta Trek in Comfort
- The Arkaba Walk
- The Great Ocean Walk
- Cradle Huts Overland Track
- The Bay of Fires Walk
- The Freycinet Experience Walk
- The Maria Island Walk
- Scenic Rim Walk



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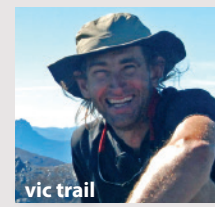
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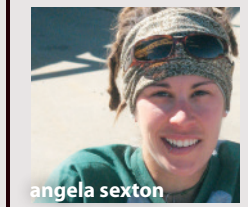
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nicole mulcahy



vic trail



angela sexton

**responsible travel in action** | We are the only company in Australia endorsed by the 'Wilderness Society' for our pioneering efforts in environmental protection of wilderness areas.

As well as our minimal impact field practices, we have actively campaigned for wilderness issues including: **tasmanian pulp mill** **tarkine wilderness** **franklin river** **uranium mining kakadu** This is just a small part of how we translate our long held philosophies of environmental sustainability into real action.

**working with traditional owners** | 36 years we have forged strong relationships with Aboriginal traditional land owners. By co-operating closely with real Aboriginal involvement we hope to provide you with more genuine travel opportunities.

**small group travel** | Most trips have a maximum group size of 8 to 16, an ideal size to ensure minimum impact travel. Our small group approach ensures that you have an intimate and serene experience with nature and provides the flexibility to allow you the freedom to do your own thing within the framework of our itinerary.

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Walker enjoying view from Counts Point | Andrew Bain

# red centre

## classic larapinta trek in comfort

6 day trip ✦ 6 days walking ✦ 5 nights exclusive semi-permanent campsites

**Stay in stylish, comfortable semi-permanent campsites during your guided walk along Australia's most iconic desert trek**

Since 1995, when we offered the first commercial trek in this outstanding walking destination, we have led the way on the Larapinta trail - and our new semi-permanent campsites continue to set the standard. On this fully supported trek, you'll walk with just a day pack on well graded trails between eight and sixteen kilometres each day. At the end of each day, you'll appreciate the facilities of our architect-designed exclusive permanent campsites, including hot showers, comfortable lounges and heated dining shelter, as our guides prepare what are best described as delicious meals "with a gourmet twist". Our three stylish campsites are located at intervals that minimize your transfer time, so there's more time to take in the highlights of the trail. We have selected walks for their spectacular scenery and their variety. On the high ridge lines of the West MacDonnell Ranges, you'll gain a rare perspective of the vast flood plains - truly big sky country - that form this ancient land. You'll be dwarfed by dramatic colour changes in the rock formations at Simpsons Gap and Standley Chasm and the dawn ascent of Mt Sonder (1,380m) provides the perfect vantage point to take in the length of the entire West MacDonnell Ranges.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: PRE-TRIP BRIEFING:** Alice Springs, 3:30pm day before departure **DAY 1** | Join Alice Springs and explore the Telegraph Station then trek to our exclusive camp, Nick's Camp (15km) **2** | Trek from camp to Simpsons Gap (10km) plus Standley Chasm walk (4km) **3** | Serpentine Gorge to Counts Point and Charlie's exclusive camp (18km) **4** | Ochre Pits (7km) plus Ormiston Gorge (11km) **5** | Climb Mount Sonder (16km), **6** | Ormiston Pound Walk (7km), return to Alice Springs where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners ✦ Professional wilderness guide and support staff ✦ All group camping equipment ✦ 5 nights exclusive semi-permanent campsites including safari tents, stretcher beds, swags and hot showers ✦ All National Park fees ✦ Fees to Aboriginal Traditional Owners ✦ Emergency communications and group first aid kit ✦ Off-road transport from Alice Springs


**TRIP CODE: LAR**

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**DATES**

Departs Sundays and Wednesdays from April to September. Friday departures also available for private groups.



The Larapinta campsites offer stylish and comfortable facilities in an outback wilderness | Caroline Crick



## Larapinta experience in comfort

3 day trip \* 3 days walking \* 2 nights exclusive semi-permanent campsite

### Enjoy a selection of the best walks along the Larapinta while staying at our comfortable semi-permanent camps

Create memories to last a lifetime as you cross the Red Centre's wild and untamed landscapes on this highlights packed short walking tour. Over three days you will enjoy the perfect introduction to walking in the outback with a selection of day walks along our favourite sections of the Larapinta Trail. Each evening you will stay at Nick's Camp, one of our comfortable and stylish semi permanent wilderness campsites which come complete with hot showers, dining tent & raised individual beds - exclusive to our travellers. Winding along high exposed ridge lines and deep, sheltered gorges, this gentle introduction to desert walking will traverse one of the world's most evocative and ancient landscapes. While you walk, your support vehicle transfers your luggage and camping gear to the next campsite leaving you only to carry a day pack while you hike. If you are short on time or new to walking holidays, there is no better short experience on the Larapinta Trail.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Telegraph Station to Charles Creek, Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm Loop Walk (12km) **2** | Serpentine Gorge to Counts Point and Serpentine Bush Camp (18km) **3** | To Ochre Pits (7km) plus Ormiston Gorge return to Alice Springs where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners \* Professional wilderness guide and support staff \* All group camping equipment \* 2 nights exclusive semi-permanent campsites including tents, stretcher beds, swags and hot showers \* All National Park and camping fees \* Emergency communications and group first aid kit \* Off-road transport from Alice Springs

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#### DATES | 2016

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Classic outback country in Australia's Northern Territory | Andrew Bain

# red centre



## Larapinta 6 day self guided trek



6 day trip \* 6 days self guided trek \* 5 nights camping

### Navigate your own way along the classic section of the Larapinta Trail from Alice Springs to Ellery Creek

The Larapinta Trail is one of Australia's great walks. Our experience on the trail began in 1995 and since then we have pioneered the way on this classic desert walk, now becoming the first ever to provide a self guided walking experience along the trail. You'll be provided with essential equipment, from maps to cooking utensils and food, as well as an EPIRB and invaluable advice from our experienced guides, prior to your departure. This walk provides you with a great opportunity to complete this outstanding trek with the knowledge that the best gear, food drops and local knowledge from the pioneers of this iconic trek, will support you on your independent journey through Australia's Red Centre. A self guided walk along the Larapinta is suited to experienced walkers comfortable with their sense of direction and map reading, ability to carry a full pack and used to being independent in the outdoors. The landscapes along the Larapinta are quite diverse and walking at your own pace is one of the best ways to truly appreciate the high ridgeline traverse, narrow canyons, stunning gorges and idyllic waterholes. This itinerary includes sections one to six along the Larapinta Trail including Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, Huge Gorge and Ellery Creek. We also offer a 3, 9 and 12 day self guided walk along the Larapinta.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Alice Springs, walk to Simpsons Gap **2** | Walk to Jay Creek **3** | Walk to Standley Chasm **4** | Walk to Birthday Waterhole **5** | Walk to Huge Gorge **6** | Trek to Ellery Creek, afternoon return to Alice Springs

**INCLUSIONS:** Food drops providing 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners \* Transfers from/to Alice Springs \* Maps \* Use of back pack and liner \* Use of sleeping bag and liner \* Trangia (cooker), fuel bottle, cooking and eating utensils \* Rain jacket hire \* EPIRB \* Tent \* All National Park and camping fees \* Emergency support and advice from local crew

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**DATES**

Daily between mid March and mid September



Trekker on top of Mount Sonder | Andrew Bain



## Larapinta end to end

14 day trip \* 14 days trekking \* 13 nights camping

### Trek the entire length of the Larapinta Trail, a remarkable 223km desert walking challenge

Our complete traverse of the Larapinta is an inspiring trek that will delight the wilderness lover and challenge the seasoned walker. Walking the entire 223km length of the Larapinta Trail is a challenging objective, but one that comes with an equal sense of reward as you complete this outstanding trek in Australia's Red Centre. The Larapinta Trail offers one of the greatest desert treks on earth and is one of Australia's most famous walking experiences. Following the spine of the West MacDonnell range, this trek will allow you to walk the entire length of the Larapinta Trail utilising the knowledge and experience of the pioneers of this now iconic trail. There will be some challenging stages as you pass over remote ridges and canyons, walking up to 30kms on some days. As with all our treks on the Larapinta Trail, you will only carry your day pack. The group camping gear is transported to the next campsite by our professional support crew, freeing trekkers to enjoy the diverse desert scenery, revel in the camaraderie of like-minded travellers and focus on achieving your goal.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: PRE-TRIP BRIEFING:** Alice Springs, 3:30pm day before departure **DAY 1** | Join Alice Springs, walk to Simpsons Gap **2** | Walk to Jay Creek **3** | Walk to Standley Chasm **4** | Walk to Birthday Waterhole **5** | Walk to Huge Gorge **6/7** | Trek to Ellery Creek **8** | Walk to Serpentine Gorge **9** | Walk to Serpentine Chalet **10/11** | Walk to Ormiston Gorge **12** | Walk to Glen Helen **13** | Walk to Redbank Gorge **14** | Climb Mt Sonder, return to Alice Springs where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 13 breakfasts, 14 lunches and 13 dinners \* Professional wilderness guide and support staff \* Support vehicle \* All group camping equipment including tents, swags for sleeping, stoves, catering & dining utensils \* All National Park and camping fees \* Emergency communications and group first aid kit \* 4WD transport from Alice Springs

#### TRIP CODE: LAC

[ grade » Moderate to Challenging

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#### DATES | 2016

24 Apr - 07 May	26 Jun - 09 Jul
08 May - 21 May	10 Jul - 23 Jul
15 May - 28 May	17 Jul - 30 Jul
29 May - 11 Jun	31 Jul - 13 Aug
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19 Jun - 02 Jul	21 Aug - 03 Sep



Magical stars by night in the Northern Territory | Paddy Pallin

# red centre



## best of the larapinta trail



9 day trip ✦ 9 days trekking ✦ 8 nights camping

### An extended trek along the best sections of Australia's most celebrated desert walk

This fantastic route along the Larapinta Trail will take in the most spectacular highlights along the 223km Track. The camping based trek will allow you more time to explore and soak in the beauty of the Central Australian desert as you traverse the most scenic stages of the Larapinta Trail. Carrying just a daypack, this walk will delight the wilderness lover and challenge even seasoned walkers. The Larapinta Trail offers one of the greatest desert treks on earth and is a bucket list experience for anyone who enjoys walking holidays. Following the spine of the West MacDonnell range, this extended walk along the Larapinta Trail will take in the sections along the Larapinta Trail that simply cannot be missed. It also provides a more achievable objective for walkers not yet ready for our 14 day Larapinta End to End trip. There will be some demanding stages as you pass over remote ridges and canyons, walking up to 30kms on some days. The group camping gear is transported to each campsite by our professional support crew, freeing walkers to enjoy the diverse desert scenery, revel in the camaraderie of like-minded travellers and focus on achieving your goal.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: PRE-TRIP BRIEFING:** Alice Springs, 3:30pm day before departure **DAY 1** | Transfer Alice Springs to Simpson Gap, walk to Jay Creek **2** | Walk to Standley Chasm **3** | Walk to Birthday Waterhole **4** | Walk to Huge Gorge **5** | Transfer to Ellery Creek, walk to Serpentine Gorge **6** | Walk to Serpentine Chalet **7** | Walk to Ormiston Gorge **8** | Climb Mt Sonder **9** | Ormiston pound walk, return to Alice Springs

**INCLUSIONS:** 8 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners ✦ Professional wilderness guide and support staff ✦ Support vehicle ✦ All group camping equipment including tents, swags for sleeping, stoves, catering & dining utensils ✦ All National Park and camping fees ✦ Emergency communications and group first aid kit ✦ 4WD transport from Alice Springs

**TRIP CODE: LA9**

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**DATES | 2016**

12 Apr - 20 Apr

23 Apr - 01 May

04 May - 12 May

21 Aug - 29 Aug

12 Sep - 20 Sep



Larapinta Town Camp Bush Tucker Garden CPT 2 | Andrew Walder



## larapinta town camp bush tucker garden

6 day trip \* 2 day community project \* 4 days walking  
 \* 5 nights exclusive semi-permanent campsites

### Work in an Aboriginal community to restore a bush tucker garden then walk the Larapinta Trail

Since we pioneered the Larapinta trek we have also helped to develop many new innovative tourism opportunities for Central Australian communities. Building on this heritage, our exclusive new partnership with the Yarrenyty-Arltere Learning Centre (YALC) has allowed us to present a unique experience where you can combine the Northern Territory's most famous walking trail with a two day Community Project to restore an Aboriginal communities bush tucker garden. The YALC is a family resource and learning centre located at Larapinta Town Camp near Alice Springs. The centre aims to improve the social, health and economic well being of the community in a way that strengthens and respects the local culture. YALC aims to restore the old bush tucker garden (approximately land size 25m x 75m) into a sustainable working community garden. In this project our group will construct garden beds in a section of the plot, dig and plant traditional herbs, vegetables and fruits as well as pave and build seating within the garden. There is much educational value and cultural preservation to be gained from a strong bush tucker and medicinal herb program within Aboriginal communities and during this project you will learn much about Aboriginal herbal medicines and traditional foods as well as enjoy a world class walk along the Larapinta Trail.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: PRE-TRIP BRIEFING:** Alice Springs, 3:30pm day before departure **DAY 1** | Join Alice Springs, walk Old Telegraph Station to Wallaby Gap (14km), overnight Nicks Camp **2/3** | Bush tucker garden restoration work at Larapinta Town Camp community **4** | Walk Serpentine Gorge to Counts Point, transfer to Charlie's Camp (15km), optional Serpentine Chalet Dam walk (2km) **5** | Ascend Mount Sonder (16km, 1,380m) early morning sunrise walk, afternoon at Glen Helen **6** | Ormiston Pound walk (10km), trip concludes at Alice Springs

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 nights exclusive semi-permanent campsites including tents, swags, stretcher beds & hot showers \* Professional wilderness guide and support staff \* All camping equipment \* Fees to Aboriginal traditional owners \* All National Park and camping fees \* Off-road transport from Alice Springs \* Emergency communications \* Group first aid kit The World Expeditions Foundation funds the costs associated with the project (such as materials, transport and wages of the local project manager). Each participant is asked to make a donation of US\$440 to the World Expeditions Foundation to assist with the funding of the project



#### TRIP CODE: LTC

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DATES | 2016 17 Apr - 22 Apr



Trekking in to the stone country on the Nourlangie Massif, Kakadu | Rhys Clarke

# top end



## kakadu walking adventure



6 day trip • Day walks • 5 nights exclusive semi-permanent campsites

### Classic walking exploration of Kakadu National Parks best secret spots staying at our exclusive comfortable campsites

Kakadu National Park is a World Heritage Area covering some 20,000 square kms. Waterfalls tumble from the red cliffs off the Arnhem Land escarpment into shady pools; tranquil wetlands teem with animal and birdlife, while 40,000 years of Aboriginal cultural heritage is on display in the numerous hidden rock art galleries. Get away from the crowds on our active, walking based itinerary, which includes a cruise on the Yellow Waters (a favourite haunt of saltwater crocodiles), it's when you go for a walk beyond the main tourist sites that Kakadu will reveal its true magic. Our collection of full-day bushwalks venture in to remote gorges and sparkling waterfalls, as well as ancient rock art seen by very few visitors. The upgraded semi-permanent campsites encourage travellers to relax in idyllic tropical surrounds. The itinerary varies to make the most of the season, choosing the best walks and waterfalls as the wet season floodwaters recede and access opens up. You will return to Darwin having enjoyed a complete adventure across the full range of tropical wilderness of Australia's Top End.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Darwin, transfer to Kakadu, Yellow Waters Cruise, Djarradjin Billabong Semi Permanent Camp **2** | Jim Jim and Twin Falls Walk (subject to seasonal access) **3** | Nourlangie Massif and Barrk Walk (14km) **4** | Maguk (Barramundi Falls) and Gunlom; semi permanent camp at Gunlom **5** | Southern Kakadu Wilderness walk (up to 15km) **6** | Litchfield National Park and return to Darwin where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners • Professional wilderness guide • 5 nights exclusive semi-permanent safari camps including tents, swags, stretcher beds • Wildlife cruise • All National Park and camping fees • Emergency communications and group first aid kit • 4WD transport from Darwin

#### TRIP CODE: KAK

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#### DATES | 2016

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## jatbula trail

6 day trip \* 6 days trekking with a full pack \* 5 nights camping

### Bushwalking between waterfalls and swimming holes along the edge of the Arnhem Land escarpment

This breathtaking top end adventure is one of the most popular walking trails with our travellers. The Arnhem Land escarpment, is an exceptional wilderness area which winds its way along the edge of Katherine Gorge (Nitmiluk) to Edith Falls (Leliyn) creating a truly extraordinary hiking experience. The Jatbula Trail in the Nitmiluk National Park features magnificent waterfalls tumbling from high quartzite cliffs, shady monsoon forests line the creeks and stunning Jawoyn Aboriginal rock art adorns the caves and overhangs. The tropical equivalent of Tasmania's Overland Track, this full pack carrying bushwalk traverses the heart of this amazing part of Australia. You will trek during the cooler months to ensure the best experience of the tropical environment. With crystal-clear creeks throughout, there are abundant opportunities for swimming and just relaxing in the warm croc-free waters. Combine this trek with a Katherine River Canoe Expedition for the complete Top End wilderness experience.



The untouched beauty of the Jatbula Trail | Steve Trudgeon



**BRIEF ITINERARY: PRE-TRIP BRIEFING:** 2pm Darwin, day before departure **DAY 1** | Depart Darwin, drive to Katherine Gorge, trek to Biddlecomb Cascades (11km) **2** | Trek to Crystal Falls (12km) **3** | Trek to the Amphitheater and on to 17 Mile Falls (11km) **4** | Trek to Sandy Camp Pool (16km) **5** | Trek to to Sweetwater Pool (11km) **6** | Walk to Edith Falls (5 km) and drive to Darwin where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners \* Professional wilderness guide \* All group camping equipment including mosquito nets, tarps, sleeping mats, stoves, catering & dining utensils \* All National Park and camping fees \* Emergency communications and group first aid kit \* Transport from Darwin

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**DATES | 2016**

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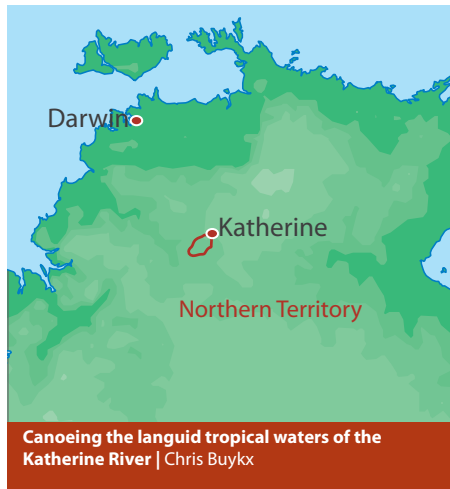


## katherine river canoeing

3 day trip \* 3 days canoeing \* 2 nights camping

### One of Australia's finest canoeing expeditions through superb tropical wilderness

The tropical Katherine River has long been appreciated by our travellers as a fantastic way to experience the Top End wilderness. For over 25 years, adventurers have paddled down the crystal rapids and pandanus channels on our classic Top End itineraries. This pioneering paddling adventure is a worthwhile experience on its own, or as a natural extension to any of our amazing Northern Territory itineraries. Beginning in Katherine, transfer by 4WD vehicle to the put-in location and begin our journey downstream. The spring-fed waters keep flowing throughout the dry season, allowing you to enjoy a unique 3 day paddling excursion travelling between 40 and 55 kilometres downstream. You'll camp on sandy riverbanks and enjoy the splendid isolation far removed from the more popular attractions. Those seeking the full river expedition should talk to us about our 6 day Katherine and Flora River Expedition, available on request.



Canoeing the languid tropical waters of the Katherine River | Chris Buykx



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Meet in Katherine, 4WD to the Katherine River put in, begin paddling to our riverbank campsite **2** | After breakfast we pack the canoes for a full day of leisurely paddling down some pandanus channels and through paperbark forests. We camp on the sandy riverbank **3** | We continue paddling downstream to our take out point, 4WD back to Katherine where trip concludes around 5.30pm

**INCLUSIONS:** 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners \* Professional guides \* Sit-on kayaks and paddling safety gear \* 4WD transfers from/to Katherine \* All group camping equipment including tents, sleeping mats, stoves, catering & dining utensils \* All permits and camping fees \* Emergency communications and group first aid kit

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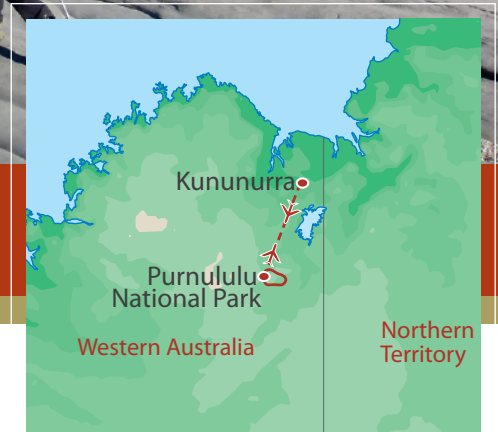
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Departs Wednesdays and Sundays  
from May to October



We explore the stunning Piccaninny Gorge on foot in splendid isolation | Steve Trudgeon

# kimberley



## bungle bungles piccaninny gorge trek



5 day trip ✪ 5 days trekking with a full pack ✪ 4 nights camping

### A unique fly in, fly out trekking expedition deep in the heart of the Bungle Bungles

The Bungle Bungles - Purnululu - have legendary status as one of the most unique and remote natural wonders in Australia, if not the world. The splendid isolation of the Bungles is a great attraction to trekkers. Using specially chartered flights, this tour avoids the long hard drive to get to the Bungles, allowing you to delve deep into the heart of this world heritage wonder. Exploring the Piccaninny Gorge, this trip offers you an achievable expedition style bushwalk. The walk follows the gorge as it winds its way between the red and black beehive domes. We'll establish a base camp for a few nights, freeing you to make lightweight exploratory walks high into the upper gorge. stopping at waterholes and caves, soaking in the wild seclusion. Your ultimate destination is "The Fingers", five sandstone chasms made for rock-hopping and sun-soaking, looking to discover the mysteries held within this ancient and weathered land. On the final day you will trek out to Cathedral Gorge before a short transfer to the airstrip to board a stunning scenic flight over the Bungle Bungles and the Kimberley back to Kununurra.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Scenic flight from Kununurra to Bungle Bungles airstrip, 4WD transfer to Piccaninny Gorge, begin trekking **2** | Depart for the first of our exploratory walks into the upper Piccaninny Gorge **3** | Exploratory walk into the slot canyons "The Fingers" **4** | Additional exploration of the "Beehive Domes", move camp down the Gorge **5** | Trek into Cathedral Gorge, 4WD transfer to airstrip, scenic flight returning to Kununurra

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners ✪ Professional guides ✪ 4 nights wilderness camping ✪ Return charter flights from Kununurra to Bungle Bungles ✪ 4WD ground transfers in the Bungles ✪ National Park fees ✪ Tents, backpack, sleeping bag, inner sheet & inflatable sleeping mat ✪ Group camping equipment ✪ Emergency communications & group first aid kit

#### TRIP CODE: BUN

[ grade » Moderate

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#### DATES | 2016

27 Jun - 01 Jul	27 Jun - 01 Jul
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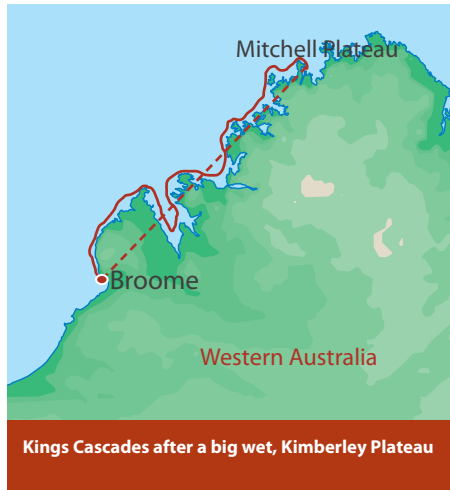


## kimberley cruise mitchell plateau

9 day trip • Day walks • 8 nights boat

**Cruise West Australia's  
most spectacular and remote  
wilderness coastline**

The Kimberley region of Western Australia is one of the world's last great wilderness areas. The coastline is simply spectacular with deep gorges, coral reefs, mangroves and huge tides providing some of the many natural highlights. Utilising a 20 berth expedition cruise boat, you can access some of the Kimberley's wildest coastline in comfort, avoiding the need for weeks of punishing overland 4WD travel to experience the magic of this rugged region. The cruise north of Broome will explore some of the Kimberley's best kept secrets and place you amongst her astonishing beauty and diversity. During your days on board the Odyssey, the accent will be on day walks and shore explorations including visits to the Lacepede Islands, Montgomery Reef, Horizontal Water Falls, Sale River, Prince Regent River, King Cascade and Camp Creek to mention just a few destinations. From Naturaliste Island you'll enjoy a stunning helicopter flight over the Mitchell Falls to join your charter flight back to Broome where this extraordinary wilderness experience concludes.



Kings Cascades after a big wet, Kimberley Plateau



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Broome, commence cruise 2/8 | Explore Kimberley coastline including Lacepede Islands, Buccaneer Archipelago, Myridi Bay, Talbot Bay, Horizontal Falls, Raft Point, Sale River, Prince Regent River, Kings Cascade, Prince Frederik Harbour and Naturalist Island 9 | Helicopter to Mitchell Plateau, charter flight to Broome where trip concludes. NB: Trip may operate in reverse

**INCLUSIONS:** 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners • Specialist expedition staff • Comfortable cabin accommodation on cruise • All activities while on cruise including zodiac excursions and guide services • Use of all ship facilities • Emergency communications and group first aid kit • Helicopter transfers to or from the Mitchell Plateau and charter flight to or from Mitchell Plateau to Broome

**TRIP CODE: KCM**  
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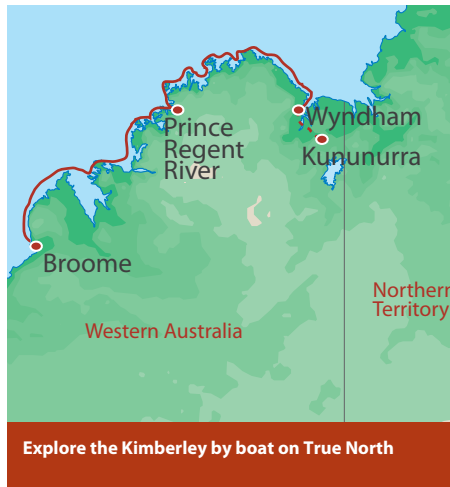


## kimberley luxury cruise

8 day trip • 6 days cruising • 7 nights  
aboard True North

**Explore the icons of the  
Kimberley coast aboard the  
luxurious True North**

Trackless and extremely rugged, the coast and hinterland of the West Kimberley is one of Australia's last true wilderness regions which is most easily accessed by boat. This ultimate highlights itinerary condenses several Kimberley icons into a single voyage including the King George Falls, the Hunter River, the Prince Regent River, Montgomery Reef and the Horizontal Waterfalls. These places feature stunning scenery including gorges cut through the ancient sandstone and offer access into a beautiful and wild world. Tranquil pools, rapids and waterfalls, terraces of rock, white beaches, ancient rock art, stately stands of tropical paperbarks, patches of monsoon rainforest and always a backdrop, the red rocky ramparts. During the trip you'll have the opportunity to 'land a barra', enjoy gentle walks, try mud crabbing, swim in idyllic billabongs or even view many of the sites during a helicopter flight (purchased additionally onboard). There is also an opportunity to see the "Bradshaws" - possibly the oldest art known to man. Each evening you will relax to fine wine and food on your luxury vessel, the True North, which carries only 36 guests.



Explore the Kimberley by boat on True North



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Board ship in afternoon, welcome aboard dinner 2 | Cruise past Cockatoo and Kooland Islands, Horizontal Falls 3 | Explore Sale River and Montgomery Reef, optional fishing 4 | Prince Regent River and Kings Cascades 5 | Hunter River Red Cliffs and Jackson Falls walk 6 | Beach exploration, walk to see the historic rock art the "Bradshaws" 7 | Journey up the King George River to the King George Falls, stroll to Tranquil Bay 8 | Morning transfer from Wyndham to Kununurra

**INCLUSIONS:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners • sightseeing as listed in itinerary • daily activities in the tenders including swimming, fishing and hiking • port charges • specialist guide and naturalist onboard • group medical kit • use of snorkelling equipment during the trip

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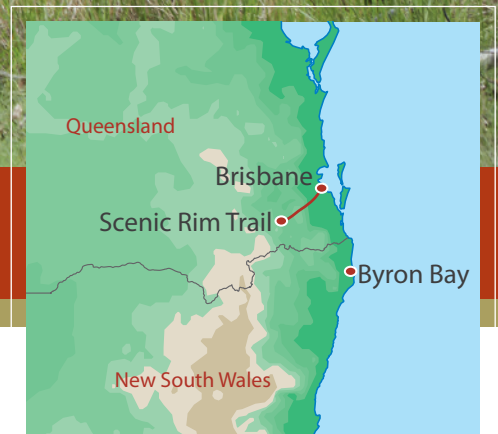
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Walking through Eucalyptus forest on the Scenic Rim Walk

# queensland



## scenic rim walk



4 day trip ✿ 2 nights eco-camp ✿ 1 night Spicers Peak Lodge

### A series of day walks exploring SE Queensland's ancient landforms and World Heritage Wilderness in exclusive comfort

Set in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range just outside Brisbane, and surrounded by World Heritage listed National Parks, the Scenic Rim region is renowned for its exquisite natural beauty. The combination of rainforests, ancient volcanic plateaus, mountains, ridges, escarpments, forests as well as scenic wining and dining options has helped the Scenic Rim to quickly gain a reputation as one of Australia's most sought after gourmet walking experiences. With an abundance of unique Australian plants, native animals and distinctive vegetation types, this exciting trail embraces a region which is littered with the legend of the early pioneers who tried to eke a living from the harsh but beautiful country. Your local guide will help interpret the land and its stories during each walk, many of which are on private Nature Refuge or National Park and can only be accessed via private land; making this trail one of the least frequented and untouched walks in Australia. Each evening you'll stay at accommodations that offer a level of detailed service, panoramic scenery, comfort as well as gourmet food and wine which brings new meaning to the concept of luxury walking experiences in Australia.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Pickup from Brisbane, transfer to start of walk and commence walk to Spicers Canopy  
**2** | Millar Vale & Oaky Creek Circuit **3** | Summit Spicers Peak, return to lodge **4** | Optional morning activities, return to Brisbane

**INCLUSIONS:** Two nights single accommodation at Spicers Canopy eco-camp ✿ One night's single accommodation at Spicers Peak Lodge ✿ Gourmet meals throughout the 4 days ✿ All beverages throughout the 4 days ✿ Experienced bush tour guide throughout ✿ Hiking gear including day pack, hydration equipment and bottles provide ✿ Porterage of luggage to Spicers Canopy and Spicers Peak Lodge ✿ Return minibuses to and from Spicers Balfour Hotel Brisbane

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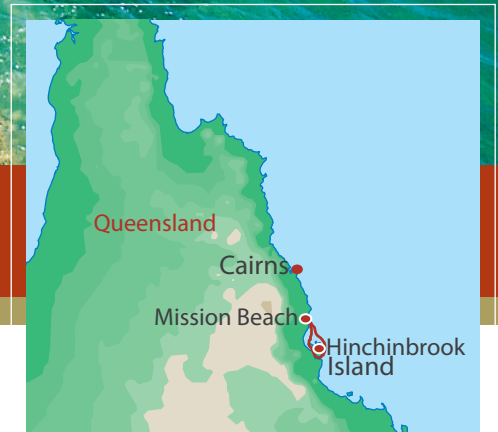
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**DATES**

Departs Saturdays between  
 March and November



Hinchinbrook Island sea kayaking, Queensland | Mark Daffey



## hinchinbrook island and the coral sea

7 day trip ✪ 7 days kayaking ✪ 6 nights camping

### Sea-kayak along the tropical wilderness coastline of Australia's largest island National Park

This is true expedition sea-kayaking along one of the most spectacular wilderness coasts in Australia. Lying off the coast of tropical Queensland, Hinchinbrook is Australia's largest island National Park. It is an area of breathtaking beauty with tropical forest and granite peaks rising over 1000m out of the sea above unspoiled golden beaches and sandy bays that are perfect for sea kayaking. While sea kayaking experience is not essential, participants must be strong swimmers and confident in open water conditions. The itinerary can be adjusted to suit the conditions and most days there is ample time to beach comb and snorkel the translucent waters. Each night you will camp on the beach - and if we've had had a good day's fishing - dine on fresh seafood. A highlight of the trip is the chance of encountering turtles, dolphins, dugongs, Manta rays and even Humpback whales while crossing the Coral Sea to the jewel like Family Islands, before returning to Mission Beach.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 5 PRE-TRIP** | BRIEFING day before departure in Mission Beach **1** | Transfer Mission Beach to Lucinda, commence sea kayaking **2** | Paddle around Hillock Point to Zoe Bay **3** | Paddle beneath Mount Bowen (1121m) to Banksia Bay **4** | Paddle Ramsay Bay round Cape Sandwich to Sunset Beach **5** | Paddle to Goold Island **6** | Open channel crossing to Wheeler Island **7** | Paddle past Bedarra and Dunk Islands to Mission Beach where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 6 dinners ✪ Professional guides ✪ All safety and kayaking equipment including double sea-kayaks ✪ Waterproof storage for personal gear ✪ All group camping equipment including tents, foam sleeping mats, catering & dining utensils ✪ Emergency communications and group first aid kit ✪ Transport from Mission Beach



#### TRIP CODE: HIN

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#### DATES | 2015

11 Oct - 17 Oct

25 Oct - 31 Oct

08 Nov - 14 Nov

#### DATES | 2016

15 May - 21 May

29 May - 04 Jun

12 Jun - 18 Jun

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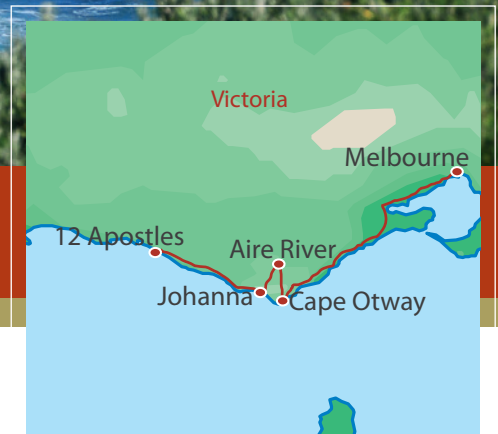
16 Oct - 22 Oct

30 Oct - 05 Nov



The Great Ocean Walk includes spectacular coastal scenery such as the 12 Apostles

# victoria & south west wa



## twelve apostles walk

4 day trip • 4 days walking • 3 nights lodge accommodation

### A guided lodge based walk along Victoria's spectacular Great Ocean Road

This fantastic guided walk along the spectacular Victorian coastline is the perfect short break hiking holiday. With options for more or less walking to satisfy your desire for moderate or challenging walking, this sequential walk is a wild and remote hike that delivers coastal hiking at its best. Destinations include Johanna Beach, Moonlight Head, The Gables, Wreck Beach and of course the stunning Twelve Apostles. Over four amazing days, you will sample the most spectacular stages of the trail, walking past dramatic coastal terrain including the iconic Twelve Apostles. Chef prepared meals, transfers that just know where to meet you, a stunning eco-lodge and great gear provide off the trail highlights. Your guide carries the safety gear and whether it's face towels, walking poles or Gatorade, everything will be on hand to make sure you make it through every last kilometre.

**BRIEF ITINERARY:** DAY 1 | Depart Melbourne for Johanna Beach, commence walk from Castle Cove (8km) 2 | Walk Johanna Beach to Moonlight Head (20km) 3 | Moonlight Head to Princetown (16.5km) 4 | Walk to the 12 Apostles (8.5km), late afternoon return to Melbourne

**INCLUSIONS:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners • Professional walking guide and support driver • 3 nights accommodation (twin share with private facilities) • All entrance and National Park fees • Use of day pack, water bottle, gaiters, poles • Use of waterproof jacket and overpants • Emergency communications and group first aid kit • Transfers from and to Melbourne



**TRIP CODE: GOW**

[ grade » Introductory to Moderate

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**DATES**

Departs regularly between Sept and May



## cape to cape track walk

8 day trip \* 7 days walking \* 6 nights lodge style accommodation

### Enjoy stunning day walks between Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin on the Margaret River coastline

The Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park stretches over 100kms along Western Australia's magnificent Southwest coast. With the world renowned Margaret River wine region at its centre, this coast is as diverse as it is spectacular. From giant Karri forests to windswept limestone cliffs, pristine white sandy beaches, coastal heath as well as ancient dunes and granite cliff lines, the diversity of landscapes makes this one of Australia's most delightful coastal walks. Walking during the warmer months reveals abundant wildflowers as well daily opportunities for a swim in the ocean and lagoons. This itinerary aims to traverse the entire 135km Cape to Cape Track, walking between 14km to 25km each day with just a day-pack. There are some steep sections, and beach walking can be challenging, however on some days there are options to walk half a day. By walking the Cape to Cape Track as a series of day walks in graded stages, people with a moderate level of fitness can complete the walk. Excellent homemade food, knowledgeable guides and centre based, comfortable lodge style accommodation which we return to each evening, which means you only unpack once, will add to your enjoyment. Come and see why our previous walkers have rated this trek as one of Australia's best.



Walking along the Cape to Cape Track, Western Australia



**BRIEF ITINERARY:** DAY 1 | Drive from Perth, walk Cape Naturaliste to Yallingup (14km) 2 | Yallingup to Moses Rock (18km) 3 | Moses Rock to Gracetown (16km) 4 | Gracetown to Margaret River mouth (18km) 5 | River mouth to Boranup Forest (25km) 6 | Boranup Forest to Cosy Corner (21km) 7 | Cosy Corner to Cape Leeuwin (21km) 8 | Morning in Margaret River, return to Perth

**INCLUSIONS:** 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners \* Professional guide and support staff \* Internal transport from Perth in air-conditioned bus \* 7 nights accommodation at Glenbrook Estate \* National Park entrance fees \* Emergency support

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**DATES | 2015**  
26 Sep - 03 Oct  
05 Oct - 12 Oct  
10 Nov - 17 Nov

**DATES | 2016**  
23 Mar - 30 Mar  
23 Apr - 30 Apr  
03 Sep - 10 Sep  
11 Sep - 18 Sep  
24 Sep - 01 Oct  
02 Oct - 09 Oct  
10 Oct - 17 Oct  
22 Oct - 29 Oct



## bibbulmun track – albany to denmark

7 day trip \* 6 days walking \* 6 nights lodge

### Explore forests, beaches and wildflowers on the most southern section of this iconic WA trail

Exploring the magnificent National Parks, Karri forests and pristine coastlines of the state's magnificent southern wilderness, the Bibbulmun Track is a popular Western Australia walking opportunity. This trip covers the stretch of the Bibbulmun Track which follows the magnificent southern coastline from Albany to Denmark. The rugged coastal scenery and wildflowers on this section of the Bibbulmun Track are some of the best in the whole of Western Australia. Returning to our base in Denmark each evening, this relaxing escape offers the perfect blend of activity and rest with most of the walks suitable for most of reasonable fitness, ranging from 13 to 19 km per day. There are some steep sections and some beach walking, just to keep it interesting. On some afternoons you'll have the chance to enjoy the lovely town of Denmark or simply enjoy the serenity of the forest chalet where we will base ourselves from. The Albany to Denmark section of the Bibbulmun Track is a popular walk for wildflower enthusiasts and those looking for an active, but relaxing, escape. Join our 9 day trip directly after this trip for the complete Bibbulmun Track experience.



Walkers on the Bibbulmun Track



**BRIEF ITINERARY:** DAY 1 | Join Perth, drive to Denmark, afternoon walk (4.5km) 2 | Albany to Wind Farm (15km) 3 | Sand Patch Road to Mutton Bird Road (13km) 4 | To Shelley Beach (13km) 5 | Walk in the West Cape Howe National Park (18km) 6 | To Wilson Inlet (19km) 7 | Optional walk or relax in Denmark, return to Perth where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners \* Professional guide and support staff \* Internal transport from Perth in air-conditioned bus \* 6 nights accommodation in Denmark \* National Park entrance fees \* Emergency support

**TRIP CODE: BBT**  
grade » Introductory to Moderate ]



**DATES | 2015**  
24 Oct - 30 Oct

**DATES | 2016**  
19 Oct - 25 Oct



The summit of Dutchmans Stern is one of many highpoints in our Heysen Trail itinerary | Chris Buylx

# south australia



## heysen trail and the flinders ranges



6 day trip \* 6 days walking \* 5 nights accommodation

### Spectacular walking in the remote Flinders Ranges while staying in delightful outback properties

The North Flinders Ranges offers some of the most stunning landscapes in Australia. Suitable for most walkers, this accommodated trek includes selected walks on sections of the famous Heysen Trail. This walking tour uncovers a rolling range of majestic peaks and rugged ridges on a trail which combines exceptional views with both enjoyable strolls and achievable challenges. The forests of cypress pines create an almost alpine ambiance in these semi-arid ranges with the dry climate creating ideal conditions for walking. This trip is operated in a comfortable style where you can enjoy walking with just a daypack while our accommodation facilities offer comfort, stunning scenery and the best of outback hospitality.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Adelaide, Drive to Wilpena Pound **2** | Walk Moralana Creek to Wilpena Pound **3** | Walk to summit of St. Mary Peak (16km) **4** | Bunyero Gorge to Wilpena (16km) **5** | Yuluna Walk (8km), drive to Parachilna **6** | Drive south to to Dutchmans Stern, Dutchmans stern walk (10km), & Warren Gorge Loop Walk (5km) drive to Adelaide

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners \* Professional wilderness guide and support staff \* Outback accommodation as specified \* National Park fees \* Emergency communications and group first aid kit \* Off road transport from Adelaide

#### TRIP CODE: HFG

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#### DATES | 2016

03 Apr - 08 Apr	22 May - 27 May
10 Apr - 15 Apr	14 Aug - 19 Aug
17 Apr - 22 Apr	21 Aug - 26 Aug
24 Apr - 29 Apr	28 Aug - 02 Sep
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	25 Sep - 30 Sep



Camel train in the Flinders



## remote northern flinders camel trek



7 day trip ✦ 6 days walking ✦ 5 nights camping ✦ 1 night shearers quarters

### A camel supported walking exploration of rarely visited stations and landscapes of the Northern Flinders Ranges

When planning to head truly remote - away from even the main walking trails - camels are the perfect travelling companions in the outback. Carrying your food, water and swags on a traditional pack saddle, these ships of the desert, many of which featured in the movie 'Tracks' by Robin Davidson, will allow you to gain a real sense of isolation as you absorb the beauty of the natural surroundings in this wild part of Australia that is home to Lake Frome and Wilpena Pound. Appreciate the birdlife, yellow footed wallabies, flora, station and old lead mine ruins and remnants as you travel along dry creek beds, through rugged plains country and past sheer rock faces and large gorges that are generally not accessible to travellers and locals alike. At night, your expert local guide will share his astronomy knowledge as you star gaze up at the dark night sky. During this camel supported walk in the Northern Flinders Ranges you'll hike past the back of Mt Emily on your way to Gum Creek Station and the hidden waterhole of Blinman Pools. Heading back down stream to Alpina Station spend a night in the shearer's quarters before returning to Blinman for a copper mine tour and lunch at the hotel. There is no vehicle support on this trip and only one camel will be saddled for riding.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Adelaide pickup, transfer to Blinman, overnight camp **2** | Load camels, begin trek **3/5** | Camel trekking in Northern Flinders Ranges **6** | To Alpina Station, overnight shearer's quarters **7** | Return to Blinman, lunch and mine tour, transfer to Adelaide

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 dinners, 6 lunches & 6 breakfasts ✦ Experienced local guides ✦ Use of swag ✦ Camel support and Cameleers ✦ Accommodation ✦ Camp equipment ✦ Return transfers Adelaide to Blinman

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**DATES | 2016**

04 Apr - 10 Apr

01 Aug - 07 Aug

05 Sep - 11 Sep



Dining in the outback | Arkaba Walk

# south australia



## arkaba walk

4 day trip ✿ 2 nights luxury permanent camps ✿ 1 night homestead

### Walk from Wilpena Pound to Arkaba Station staying in luxury private camps

Set against the backdrop of the Elder Range and Wilpena Pound in South Australia's Flinders Ranges, the Arkaba Walk is an opportunity to experience the sights and sounds, the scale and the space of outback Australia in a style that is exclusive and authentic. Our bush luxury philosophy brings a team of passionate guides and a few key creature comforts to an immersive bush experience. Arkaba's skilled guides lead the small groups (maximum eight) over the 3 night/4 day walk, sharing their passion and knowledge of the landscape, geology, pioneering history and abundant wildlife, which includes emus, kangaroos, wallaroos, many bird species and the rare Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby. Walks are supported by a vehicle and staff member, who transfer all the bedding and personal gear between camps, so that walkers carry only a daypack. Evening meals draw on the finest and freshest produce, with some local bush tucker influences, accompanied by fine South Australian wines.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Tour commences at Arkaba Station - transfer to start of walk: from Wilpena Pound Resort to Black's Gap Camp (12km) **2** | Black's Gap Camp to Elder Camp (14km) **3** | Elder Camp to Arkaba Station (15km) **4** | Arkaba Station morning at leisure, trip concludes at 11am

**INCLUSIONS:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners ✿ Professional walking guide and support team ✿ 2 nights accommodation in luxury permanent camps ✿ 1 night in homestead ✿ All beverages including beer and wine ✿ All entrance and National Park fees ✿ Emergency communications and group first aid kit ✿ Off road transport from Arkaba Station


**TRIP CODE: AKW**

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**DATES**

 Departs Thursdays from 12  
 March to 1 Nov 2015



Remarkable Rocks, Kangaroo Island | Mark Bennic



## kangaroo island walking

5 day trip \* 5 days walking \* 4 nights cabin accommodation

### Encounter the wildlife, pristine natural beauty and remote trails of Kangaroo Island on foot

Kangaroo Island has a well deserved reputation as one of South Australia's greatest natural attractions. Along with the abundant wildlife and stunning coastal scenery there is an array of wonderful walking trails on offer. This five day itinerary explores the best walks and experiences of Kangaroo Island, including Seal Bay, the remote coastal walks of Snake Bay and the Remarkable Rocks. You'll discover dramatic cliffs and pristine coastlines as well as a diverse array of wildlife with kangaroos, wallabies, koalas and many bird species in abundance. Staying in comfortable cabin accommodation, this trip will appeal to active walkers keen to experience the best of South Australia's natural heritage.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Adelaide for Cape Jervis and Kangaroo Island, Seal Bay walk and then Hanson Bay (9km) **2** | Walk Cape Do Couedic to Snake Lagoon (16km) **3** | Walk Cape Younghusband to Remarkable Rocks (16km), **4** | Black Swamp Walk (9km) Rocky River Hike (9.5km), **5** | Eucalypt distillery and Cliffords Honey Farm. Ferry and transfer to Adelaide.

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners \* Professional guides \* Cabin accommodation on a twin share basis \* Kangaroo Island Ferry transfers \* Seal Bay guided walk \* Transport from Adelaide \* National Park permits and fees \* Emergency communications and group first aid kit

#### TRIP CODE: KIH

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#### DATES | 2015

05 Oct - 09 Oct

19 Oct - 23 Oct

02 Nov - 06 Nov

16 Nov - 20 Nov

30 Nov - 04 Dec

#### DATES | 2016

30 Oct - 03 Nov

04 Nov - 08 Nov

13 Nov - 17 Nov

18 Nov - 22 Nov

27 Nov - 01 Dec

02 Dec - 06 Dec

11 Dec - 15 Dec

16 Dec - 20 Dec

25 Dec - 29 Dec

30 Dec - 03 Jan

#### DATES | 2017

08 Jan - 12 Jan

13 Jan - 17 Jan

22 Jan - 26 Jan

27 Jan - 31 Jan

05 Feb - 09 Feb

10 Feb - 14 Feb

19 Feb - 23 Feb

24 Feb - 28 Feb

04 Mar - 08 Mar

09 Mar - 13 Mar



Crossing a makeshift bridge along the Kokoda Track | Ken Harris



# pacific



## kokoda track



11 day trip ✪ 9 day trek with a full pack ✪ 8 nights camping ✪ 2 nights hotel

### Follow in the footsteps of history on this classic traverse of Papua New Guinea

For most, the Kokoda Track is a fitting reminder of the Australian Army's heroic battles in 1942 to defend Port Moresby, in extraordinary conditions, from the advancing forces of the Japanese. These historic encounters on the Owen Stanley Ranges ensure that the Kokoda Track remains a classic journey. In the company of our expert guide we trek across the geographical heart of Papua New Guinea following trails through tropical rainforests and varied mountain environments. At night we stay in secluded jungle camps and share experiences with the traditional villagers in some of the most remote regions of PNG. We take our time, allowing plenty of opportunity to embrace the history and local culture as well as meet the physical demands of this rugged track. To improve acclimatisation and provide an all-encompassing military perspective, you can take an optional excursion to the North Coast battlegrounds of Buna and Sanananda, where the final stages of the campaign played out (additional cost applies). The local villagers here also share their culture, which is an ideal accompaniment to an incredible journey across this extraordinary island. (This trip also runs in reverse).

**BRIEF ITINERARY:** DAY 1 | Join Port Moresby, transfer to hotel 2/9 | Fly to Popondetta, drive to trail head, commence trek 10 | Complete trek, transfer to Port Moresby 11 | In Port Moresby, transfer to airport, trip concludes (This trip also runs in reverse)

**INCLUSIONS:** 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 8 dinners ✪ airport transfers Days 1 & 11 only ✪ Expert track guide who will provide historical information on localities and events ✪ Basic rest houses and camping while on track ✪ Hotel accommodation in Port Moresby, twin share ✪ Expedition services including local guides, porters and group catering gear ✪ Use of hiking tent, backpack & sleeping mat (in PNG only) ✪ Internal flight from Port Moresby to Popondetta ✪ Private transportation ✪ Sightseeing as listed in itinerary ✪ Track fees ✪ Emergency communication equipment ✪ Medical kit

#### TRIP CODE: KOK

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#### DATES | 2016

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## yasawa islands sea kayaking – fiji

8 day trip ✦ 6 days kayaking ✦ 1 night hotel ✦ 6 nights camping

**An unrivalled sea kayaking adventure through the remote Yasawas Island chain of Fiji**

The Yasawa Islands are a sea kayaker's delight - a region of sparkling azure waters and white sandy beaches fringed by pristine coral reefs. For six days we paddle in modern expedition-style kayaks through the remote islands of the Northern Yasawas. We follow an itinerary dictated by the winds and the tides. During the trip we will stop at uninhabited beaches to enjoy picnic lunches and snorkel in the clear South Pacific water. We will kayak for three to four hours each day, leaving plenty of opportunity for swimming, visiting nearby traditional villages or just relaxing in a timeless tropical ambience. Camp each night will be on a pristine beach or near a traditional Fijian village where the friendly local people are always happy to share their culture, traditions and history.



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Nadi, Fiji, overnight hotel **2** | Boat to Yasawa Islands, commence sea kayaking **3/7** | Kayaking the island chain **8** | Morning snorkel, boat to Nadi, trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 6 dinners ✦ Professional guides ✦ Hotel accommodation on a twin share basis ✦ Internal boat transfers ✦ Double sea kayaks (singles on request, dependant on group numbers and experience), paddles, life jackets and safety equipment ✦ 2 person tents ✦ Group camping equipment ✦ Sleeping mats ✦ Watertight drybag ✦ Group first aid kit

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grade » Moderate ]

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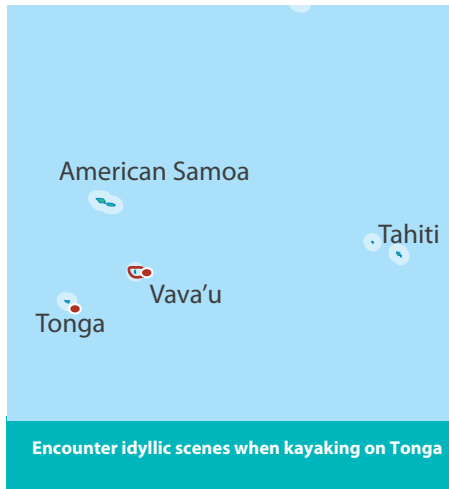


## tonga kayak adventure

8 day trip ✦ 2 nights hotel ✦ 5 nights camping

**Explore Tonga on this kayaking adventure while experiencing traditional village lifestyle, on the tropical Vava'u Island Group in the South Pacific**

Experience six memorable days of stunning kayaking and snorkelling in azure blue coral rich waters, visit remote island villages and enjoy camping in picturesque, tropical Tonga. On this adventure, we have time to paddle to Vaka'eitu and Nuapapu Islands on the western fringe of the Vava'u Island Group before exploring the more central islands. This relaxing kayaking adventure is complete with the pristine coral reefs, palm trees and sandy beaches of the South Pacific.



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Vava'u, Tonga, overnight hotel **2/7** | Kayaking in the Vava'u Archipelago **8** | In Vava'u, Transfer to airport, trip concludes (Note: 6 day and 10 day trips are also available).

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners (includes a traditional umu feast) ✦ professional guides ✦ guide to client ratio of 1:6 ✦ hotel accommodation on a twin share basis ✦ airport transfers in Vava'u on Days 1 and 8 only ✦ double sea kayaks (singles on request, dependent on group numbers and experience), paddles, life jackets and safety equipment ✦ 2 person tents ✦ group camping equipment (excludes sleeping bags) ✦ sleeping mats ✦ group first aid kit

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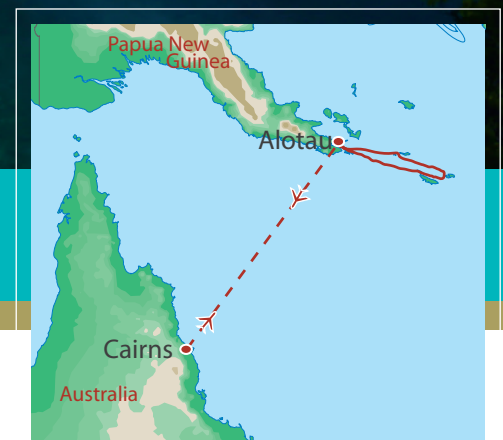
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West Papua Island beauty

# pacific cruising



## new guinea islands discoverer



6 day trip ✪ 5 nights aboard True North

### An incredible ship-board experience while exploring the stunning scenery and remote tropical seas of the Louisiade Archipelago

This adventure offers a rare opportunity to explore the acclaimed Louisiade Archipelago. The Louisiades are one of the great island arcs of the South Pacific, stretching some 400km along the northern rim of the Coral Sea. This remote area is a paradise of islands, lagoons and extensive barrier reefs. It is also home to the seafaring Dobu people and boasts excellent diving, snorkelling and fishing. Snorkel over the Japanese Zero wreck at Deboyne lagoon, swim by Manta Rays at Losai Island and finish your day with a snorkel with huge trevally at Nivani Pass. Relax among the picture perfect beaches with tropical seas, and sport fishermen can tangle with sailfish, Spanish mackerel and giant dog-tooth tuna. With superb fine dining on your adventure cruise ship, immerse yourself in the inspiring scenery and culture of Papua New Guinea.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Transfer from hotel to Cairns International Airport., fly to Alotau, board the True North yacht **2** | Deboyne Island and Panepompom Island **3** | Calvados Island Chain and Nimoa Island **4** | Rossel Island and Damenu Bay **5** | Renard Islands and Eboa lagoon **6** | Disembark in Alotau, transfer to airport and fly to Cairns, trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners ✪ sightseeing as listed in itinerary ✪ daily activities in the tenders including swimming, fishing and hiking ✪ port charges ✪ specialist guide and naturalist onboard ✪ internal charter flight ✪ transport to and from cruise ✪ group medical kit ✪ use of snorkelling equipment during the trip ✪ divers are provided with cylinders, weight belts and weights

**TRIP CODE: NGI**

[ grade » Discovery and Cruising

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**DATES | 2015**

13 Dec - 18 Dec

**DATES | 2017**

11 Dec - 16 Dec

**DATES | 2016**

10 Dec - 15 Dec



# west papua island explorer

11 day trip • 10 nights ship

Island hop through stunning West Papuan islands on board the luxuriously appointed adventure cruise ship the True North. Explore one of the world's last frontiers!

Your adventure begins in tropical Darwin where your attentive crew will escort you aboard North Star's chartered aircraft for a short flight to Ambon. You will explore the fabled islands of Banda whilst having its natural history explained to you by our guest biologist. Then on to the Fakfak Coast to see the incredible birdlife and sea life that these turquoise lagoons have to offer. These crystal clear waters will entice you to submerge yourself in the aquarium like surrounds. Experience "The Four Kings" - a global epicentre of marine biodiversity where you will want to maximise every possible minute in the water. This is an expedition with a focus on diving, snorkelling, fishing, sightseeing and cruising. Your taste buds will be tantalised by your two world class, on board chefs and the ship crew at your service to pamper you. This is luxury adventure cruising at its best with endless breathtaking reefs covered in rainbows of soft corals beckoning you to take the plunge.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Transfer from Darwin by charter flight to Ambon to board ship **2** | Explore the Banda Islands **3** | Fakfak Coast and Sebakor Bay **4** | The Four Kings - Raja Ampat, SE Misool Marine Park **5** | Misool Island and the sacred Tomolol cave system **6** | Gam Island jungle Trek **7** | Beach comb Penemu Island **8** | Coral gardens of Wofoh Island **9/10** | Cruise the Wayag Archipelago **11** | Transfer to Sorong Airport and charter flight to Darwin where trip concludes



**INCLUSIONS:** 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 10 dinners • sightseeing as listed in itinerary • daily activities in the tenders including swimming, fishing and hiking • port charges • specialist guide and naturalist onboard • internal charter flight • transport to and from cruise • group medical kit • use of snorkelling equipment during the trip • divers are provided with cylinders, weight belts and equipment • twin share accommodation

**TRIP CODE: WPE**  
grade » Discovery and Cruising ]



**DATES | 2015** 11 Oct - 21 Oct  
04 Oct - 14 Oct  
14 Oct - 24 Oct  
**DATES | 2016** 11 Oct - 21 Oct  
01 Oct - 11 Oct



# secrets of melanesia

12 day voyage • 10 nights aboard Spirit of Enderby • 1 night hotel

Discover the beauty of the outer Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

Sail into a world that few have experienced; idyllic islands and isolated villages where unique time honoured traditions and elaborately costumed dancers welcome us into their world. Sail from Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands, to discover the beauty of the outer Solomon Islands. Relax as our ship glides into secluded bays, and takes us to remote islands where the art of traditional navigation lives on. On Santa Isabel the rhythms of life continue mostly unchanged, with daily life centered around the village and family. Malaita is culturally rich and the traditional currency, shell money, is still made on the island and is used for dowries, and worn as a status symbol.



Discover the colourful, vibrant cultures of the Solomon Islands | A Russ

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Honiara, Solomon Islands **2** | Board the Spirit of Enderby **3** | Explore San Jorge Island and Santa Isabel **4** | Anchor in Malaita and spend the day ashore **5** | Spend time with locals in Makira **6** | Reveal the traditions and history of Nendo - Temotu Province **7** | Navigate the Duff Islands **8** | Snorkel the Vanikoro Archipelago **9** | Discover Vanua Lava outpost in Vanuatu **10** | Regain your land legs and marvel at the natural beauty of Espiritu Santo **11** | Go tribal at Ambryn **12** | Disembark at Port Vila, Vanuatu

**INCLUSIONS:** 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 11 dinners • Transfer to and from airport to the ship • 1 night hotel in Honiara, Solomon Islands including breakfast • Comfortable cabin accommodation on the voyage • All shore excursions as outlined in itinerary • Expedition leader and staff • All activities while on cruise including lectures, videos, slide and film shows • Use of all ship facilities and public areas.

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grade » Discovery and Cruising ]



**DATES | 2015** 23 Oct - 03 Nov<sup>1</sup>  
**DATES | 2016** 26 Oct - 06 Nov



TASMANIA IS WITHOUT DOUBT ONE OF THE PLANET'S LAST TRUE GREAT WILDERNESS AREAS. Dramatic alpine landscapes, wild stretches of untamed coastline, superb old growth forests, flora and fauna endemic to the island; its inventory of natural spaces is other worldly. ||||| For over 30 years we've used our deep understanding of the land to create the most comprehensive range of wilderness adventure holidays available in Tasmania. Join us to walk, cycle, raft or even climb these treasured landscapes.

Rock Island Bend, Franklin River, Tasmania | Glenn Walker

**every iconic walk** | We are the only company that offers every single iconic walking holiday in Tasmania. From 'gourmet' walking tours to the Apple Isle's most challenging bushwalking expeditions, when it comes to hiking in Tasmania no other company has more choice - or experience - than Tasmanian Expeditions.

**an adventure for everyone** | From pedaling along the east coast to paddling in the deep south, our program of active Tasmanian holidays also include cycling, rock climbing, rafting, winter snowshoeing and kayaking tours across the island. We've included all our classic wilderness trips, as well as a small collection of original experiences operated by trusted local partners, ensuring that our program offers the most comprehensive range of Tasmanian adventure holidays available.

**world class experiences** | Our local knowledge is world class. In 2014 our Cycle, Kayak & Walk Tasmania tour earned a place in National Geographic Traveler magazine's prestigious "50 Tours of a Lifetime" list while our Franklin River Rafting expedition was rated by Outside Magazine as the world's Best Whitewater Rafting trip in 2012.



**our pioneering heritage** | As Craclair, we were the first to offer the Overland Track trek in 1968. We pioneered commercial rafting on the Franklin River in 1978 and offered our first South Coast Track trek in 1983. Our Walls of Jerusalem Circuit was the first of its kind in 2001 and in 2013 we offered the first guided walking tours along the Three Capes Track.

**value & quality inclusions** | Don't have all the gear? No problem; that's why we include good quality camping equipment such as sleeping bags, inflatable mats and even a backpack on most of our trips that require them. We even offer waterproof jacket, gaiters and overpants for hire if required.

Combine this with the best guides, delicious meals, well maintained vehicles, innovative thinking behind every itinerary as well as 24 hour backup and support while on tour, a Tasmanian Expeditions holiday offers the best value experience for your money.

**accommodation with character** | Explore world class wilderness from our character filled accommodations on the east coast, in the Tarkine and in the Cradle Mountain National Park. Our accommodated walks and cycle trips offer more comfort and some unique places to rest and revive.



## LEADERS IN THE FIELD

Our passionate team of local guides share the very soul of Tasmania with our travellers. Just read through our online trip reviews and you'll soon see that our talented team of dedicated and professional guides are a highlight for many on tour. You can expect the same.



Freycinet Kayaking



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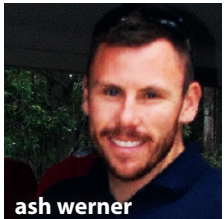
Tarkine wonderland | Peter Walton



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holly van de beek

**when to travel** | While the season is generally from October to April, we've got an active Tasmanian trip departing every month of the year.

Summer brings the extended periods of warm dry weather however cold, wet and windy weather is also possible during this time, as is snow in the alpine regions. The mountainous terrain means the weather can be different on opposing sides of the island; the east coast is often warm and sunny when it's raining on the west coast.

Our family trips in the Cradle Mountain and Freycinet regions operate over the school holidays, while in winter you can explore the Walls of Jerusalem or Overland Track using snowshoes.

**responsible travel in action** | We hold Ecotourism Certification at the ECO IV level for all the tours we own and operate.



The ECO Certification Program is a world first. It has been developed to address the need to identify genuine nature and ecotourism operators. It is also now being exported to the rest of the world as the International ECO Certification Program. Visit our website for more information on our 'Leave No Trace' policy and to view our Responsible Travel Guidebook.

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## getting more information

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- ⦿ \_\_\_\_\_ find and book your trip
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You can book your trip online, or if you prefer, complete the booking form on or call our office to secure your place.



Cradle Mountain Huts, Tasmania

# the overland track

## cradle huts overland track



6 day trip • 6 days walking with backpack • 5 nights private hut accommodation

### A more relaxed walk along the Overland Track enjoying the comforts of a private hut each evening

This six day hut-based walk is a fabulous way to experience the iconic Overland Track within Tasmania's World Heritage Area. The walk extends from Cradle Valley to Lake St. Clair through a variety of spectacular landscapes and features a huge diversity of flora and fauna, glacial lakes, rainforests and craggy peaks which sit side by side with wombats, echidnas, wallabies and Tasmanian devils, who all make this region their home. Each evening's accommodation is in one of five ecologically sustainable private huts nestled away in this remarkable park. Just off the Overland Track, each hut is a haven to retreat to at the end of the day and features hot showers, heating and twin-share rooms with comfortable beds. The accommodation allows a reduced pack weight, trekkers only carrying around 10kg or less. A hearty three-course dinner is prepared by your guides, with fine Tasmanian wine and cheerful conversation, a very pleasant way to relax after an active day.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Launceston, walk from Waldheim to Barn Bluff Hut **2** | Trek to Pine Forest Moor Hut **3** | Trek to Pelion Plains Hut, optional side trips **4** | Trek to Kia Ora Hut, optional climb of Mt Ossa **5** | Trek through old forests to Windy Ridge Hut **6** | Trek to Lake St Clair, return to Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfast, 6 lunches and 5 dinners • Professional guides • 5 nights twin share accommodation in private huts • Transport by private minibus • Limited selection of Tasmanian wine • National Park and Overland Track passes • Boat transfer across Lake St Clair • Use of a backpack and Gore-tex jacket for the duration of the walk • Sleeping bags, pillows and a comfortable mattress at each hut • Sleeping sheet and pillowcase to carry with you



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**DATES**

Departs daily from 1 October to 1 May



Walking the Overland Track Tasmania | Gary Hayes



## the overland track

6 day trip \* 6 days trekking with a full pack \* 5 nights camping

### The classic camping based walk along Tasmania's most iconic walking trail with many exciting side-trips

The Overland Track holds a legendary status as one of the finest walks in Australia. Winding your way along a graded trail through the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area with each step you will be surrounded by breathtaking views, from the stunning crags of Cradle Mountain to the rainforest-clad shores of Lake St. Clair. Your journey will lead to new discoveries and some of mother nature's finest creations including waterfalls, dolerite mountains, lakes, tarns and diverse ecosystems. The itinerary is ideal for walkers looking to make the most out of their time in the area by appreciating the many highlights and exciting side trips you'll undertake along the way. This full pack trek is suitable for first time bushwalkers as the inclusion of food drops and modern lightweight equipment will keep your backpacks as light as possible while your experienced guides will help bring the track to life thanks to their local knowledge and enthusiasm for the Tasmanian wilderness.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 5 PRE-TRIP** | BRIEFING in Launceston at 2pm day before departure **1** | Meet in Launceston, transfer to Cradle Mountain commence trekking, camp at Waterfall Valley **2** | Trek to Lake Windermere **3** | Trek to Pelion Plains **4** | Trek to Mount Ossa and Kia Ora **5** | Trek to Windy Ridge **6** | Trek to Lake St. Clair. Ferry transfer to visitors centre, return to Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners \* Professional guides \* 5 nights camping \* Food drop provisions \* Transport by private minibus \* Lake St Clair Ferry passage \* National Park fees \* Overland Track Permit \* Tents, backpack, sleeping bag, inner sheet & inflatable sleeping mat \* Group camping equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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#### DATES

Departs Sundays between October and May



Heading to the summit of Cradle Mountain | Gesine Cheung

# the overland track



## overland track self guided walk

6 day trip \* 6 day self guided walk \* 5 nights basic huts/camping

### Travel at your own pace through the heart of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park

Want to walk on the Overland track but don't want to travel with a group? The Overland Track Self Guided tour is perfect for walkers who are confident with their outdoor skills but would prefer to take on Tasmania's most iconic walk independently. This full pack carrying self guided trek through the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area will take you from the stunning crags of Cradle Mountain to the rainforest-clad shores of Lake St. Clair. Modern lightweight equipment and quality food will keep your backpacks as light as possible, allowing you to enjoy every step as you discover some of Mother Nature's finest creations including waterfalls, dolerite mountains, lakes, tarns and diverse ecosystems. This itinerary has been designed for walkers who prefer to travel without a group yet still enjoy the having all the planning, food and logistics arranged for you. Arrive in Launceston and receive a full briefing along with food, equipment and transport leaving you the opportunity to discover and appreciate the World Heritage wilderness in your own time.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Briefing, food and equipment issued, drive to Cradle Mountain, begin walking to Waterfall Valley Hut 2 | Trek to Lake Windermere Hut 3 | Trek to Pelion Plains 4 | Trek to Mount Ossa and Kia Ora Hut 5 | Trek to Windy Ridge Hut 6 | Trek to Lake St. Clair. Ferry transfer to visitors centre, return to Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** Backpack, tent, stove and cookset, fuel, sleeping bag & innersheet, sleeping mat \* Lightweight meals \* 5 breakfast, 6 lunches, 5 dinners \* maps \* emergency communications (EPIRB) \* Overland Track Permit and National Park Pass \* Transfer Launceston to Cradle Mountain, Lake St Clair to Launceston \* Pre trek Briefing

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**DATES**

Departs daily between 01 October and 30 May



Walking through a forest of snow and trees along the Overland Track | Andrew Bain



## overland track winter trek

7 day trip ✿ 6 days trekking/snowshoeing with a full pack  
✿ 1 night cabin accommodation ✿ 5 nights camping

### Winter walking and snowshoeing trek along Tasmania's most iconic walking trail

During winter the high peaks along the Overland Track receive a generous dusting of snow, turning the Cradle Mountain National Park into a winter wonderland. Walking the Overland Track during winter is a very different experience to summer and offers a more serene and tranquil environment. The trail is much quieter, the lakes are frozen and the snow ensures the surrounding landscapes provide unique photographic opportunities. Fit and hardy walkers who are prepared to camp during winter and carry a full pack will truly enjoy this unforgettable winter trek along the graded trail through the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Our winter itinerary is designed to allow you to fully appreciate the parks many highlights along the track and also includes a few side trips along the way. Food drops and modern lightweight equipment will keep your backpacks as light as possible while your experienced guides will help bring the track to life and teach first time snowshoers the finer points of this popular style of alpine travel.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 5 PRE-TRIP** | BRIEFING in Launceston at 2pm day before departure **1** | Launceston to Cradle Mountain National Park **2** | Waterfall Valley to Lake Windermere **3** | Lake Windermere to Pelion Plains **4** | Contingency day **5** | Trek to Mount Ossa and Kia Ora **6** | Trek to Windy Ridge **7** | Trek to Lake St. Clair. Ferry transfer to visitors centre, return to Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners ✿ Professional guides ✿ 1 night basic cabin accommodation (3-8 share)  
✿ 5 nights camping ✿ Food drop provisions ✿ Transport by private minibus ✿ Lake St Clair Ferry passage ✿ National Park fees ✿ Tents, backpack, sleeping bag, inner sheet & inflatable sleeping mat ✿ Snowshoes ✿ Group camping equipment  
✿ Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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#### DATES | 2016

05 Jun - 11 Jun	14 Aug - 20 Aug
19 Jun - 25 Jun	28 Aug - 03 Sep
03 Jul - 09 Jul	11 Sep - 17 Sep
17 Jul - 23 Jul	25 Sep - 01 Oct
31 Jul - 06 Aug	



Trekking in the Walls of Jerusalem | Don Fuchs

# the walls of jerusalem



## the walls of jerusalem experience



4 day trip \* 2 days trekking with a full pack \* 2 days walking \* 3 nights camping

### A superb series of day walks in Tasmania's only true alpine wilderness region

Discover a mountain landscape, only accessible by foot, carved by glaciers on our exclusive walk in Tasmania's only true alpine National Park. On this walk, we use a comfortable base camp near the entrance to the Walls of Jerusalem peaks, allowing for delightful day walks with light packs into the heart of this most spectacular mountain regions. On the first day you will make the short hike up into the base camp, where you can leave your main packs for two days of exploration inside the 'Walls'. You'll have the chance to climb King David's Peak and Mt Jerusalem, from where views stretch across much of Tasmania, or venture to remote outer regions such as Golden Gate or Zion Vale. Each day, you'll return to the base camp, which is situated near a cluster of alpine tarns known as Solomons Jewels. Tents are pitched on wooden platforms, and your guides will prepare gourmet camp meals served with a wilderness view. Utilising the base camps, this trip is an ideal introduction to remote wilderness walking, providing a simple and rewarding camping experience. For a real alpine experience join one of our midwinter snow shoe expeditions.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 5 PRE-TRIP** | BRIEFING in Launceston at 2pm day before departure **1** | Transfer from Launceston to the Walls of Jerusalem National Park, trek to our base camp **2** | Day walks including the summit of Mount Jerusalem **3** | Day walks to Golden Gate and Zion Vale **4** | Descend from the Walls & return to Launceston.

**INCLUSIONS:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners \* Professional guides \* 3 nights camping \* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Tents, backpack, sleeping bag, inner sheet & inflatable sleeping mat \* Group camping equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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**DATES | 2015**  
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 03 May - 06 May  
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**DATES | 2016**  
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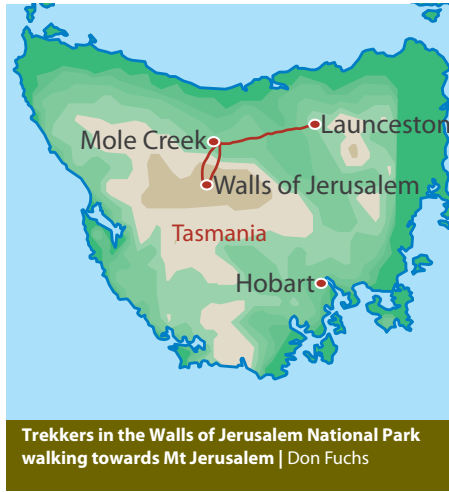


## walls of jerusalem circuit

6 day trip \* 6 days trekking with  
a full pack \* 5 nights camping

**A comprehensive circuit  
of Tasmania's remote World  
Heritage alpine wilderness,  
only accessible by foot**

Visit Tasmania's only true alpine National Park, the Walls of Jerusalem, during this six day full-pack bushwalking expedition showcasing the regions spectacular mountain scenery, pristine wilderness as well as unique flora and fauna. From your initial base camp you will spend two days exploring the surrounding peaks and valleys of the central northern Walls region. There is an option to summit King Davids Peak (1499m), Tasmania's 10th highest, as well as walks up Mt Jerusalem, The Temple and Solomons Throne. The trek continues through remote alpine herb fields and highland lake country, sideling Lake Adelaide, Lake Meston and Junction Lake to name a few. In the southern confines of the National Park we will have the opportunity to summit Mt Ragoona and Cathedral Mountain. These peaks both provide impressive views onto the southern wilderness of the famous Overland Track and the headwaters of the mighty Mersey River and its Never Never region.



Trekkers in the Walls of Jerusalem National Park walking towards Mt Jerusalem | Don Fuchs



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 5 PRE-TRIP | BRIEFING** in Launceston at 1pm day before departure  
**1 |** Transfer from Launceston to the Walls of Jerusalem National Park, trek to our base camp  
**2 |** summit Mt Jerusalem & return to base camp  
**3 |** Lake Meston **4 |** Mt Ragoona and Junction Lake  
**5 |** Cathedral Mountain or Lake Bill **6 |** Trek to Moses Creek or Lake Bill Track, then return to Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners \* Professional guides \* 5 nights camping \* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Tents, backpack, sleeping bag, inner sheet & inflatable sleeping mat \* Group camping equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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22 Nov - 27 Nov	28 Feb - 04 Mar	13 Nov - 18 Nov
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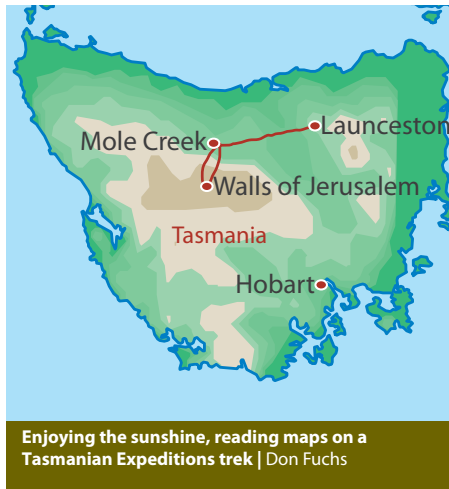


## walls of jerusalem self guided experience

3 day trip \* 3 days walking  
\* 2 nights camping

**A self guided series of day walks  
in Tasmania's remote World  
Heritage alpine wilderness**

For experienced walkers a self guided trek into Tasmania's impressive Walls of Jerusalem National Park should be high on the agenda when considering unique walking opportunities. Only accessible by foot, Tasmania's only true alpine National Park is a spectacular and remote mountain landscape carved by glaciers. The biblical names for the many highlights in the region simply adds to the imagery and drama of this other-worldly region that is void of the busier more popular trails in Tasmania. After a briefing by our guides in Launceston you will be transferred to the trailhead to begin the short hike into the comfortable base camp, complete with toilets and tent platforms, situated near the entrance to the Walls of Jerusalem peaks. From here it's up to you where you wish to explore. Leaving your main gear at basecamp, enjoy delightful day walks with light packs into the heart of the 'Walls'. You'll have



Enjoying the sunshine, reading maps on a Tasmanian Expeditions trek | Don Fuchs



the chance to climb King David's Peak and Mt Jerusalem, from where views stretch across much of Tasmania, or venture to remote outer regions such as Golden Gate or Zion Vale. Each day, you'll return to the base camp, which is situated near a cluster of alpine tarns known as Solomons Jewels. This self guided walking adventure in Tasmania is a good introduction for those wishing to extend their hiking CV to independent walking in remote wilderness.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1 |** Transfer from Launceston to the Walls of Jerusalem National Park, trek to base camp at Wild Dog Creek **2 |** Day walks of your choice **3 |** Day walk, return to car park for transfer back to Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners \* 2 nights camping \* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Tents, backpack, sleeping bag, inner sheet & inflatable sleeping mat \* Group camping equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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**DATES**  
Daily between October and May



Family enjoying a walk in Cradle Mountain National Park | Sue Badyari

# family adventures

## cradle mountain family adventure



3 day trip \* 3 days walking \* 2 nights accommodation

### Discover Cradle Mountain National Park on a series of stunning walks designed with the family in mind

The iconic Cradle Mountain National Park is yours to share with your family on this short & exciting walking holiday. Carrying just a day pack, explore the base of the Great Western Tiers on foot before a visit to the fascinating caves of the Mole Creek Karst National Park. It's then on to the Cradle Mountain National Park high country where you'll have a number of impressive walks to choose from, you can even tackle the summit of Cradle Mountain (weather permitting). Sharing the 360-degree panoramic views of Tasmania's highest mountains and surrounding wilderness area from its summit with your children will inspire them to want to explore even more. Nearby in the Forth Valley, you can all climb to the summit of Mt Roland, from where you'll all be greeted with 360 degree views of Bass Strait, back to Cradle Mountain and the prominent Barn Bluff. This is a fantastic introduction to active travel for the whole family.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Launceston for a walk at the base of the Great Western Tiers, cave visit at Mole Creek Karst National Park, transfer to Cradle Mountain National Park **2** | Full days walk to the summit of Cradle Mountain (weather permitting) or Dove Lake, Marion's Lookout, Hanson's Peak and others. Transfer to Lemonthyme Lodge **3** | Ascend Mt Roland, return to Launceston.

**INCLUSIONS:** 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners \* Professional guide/s \* 1 nights accommodation at Waldheim Cabins (4-8 share) \* 1 nights accommodation at Lemonthyme Lodge \* Transport by private minibuss \* National Park fees \* Sleeping bag & inner sheet \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit



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 26 Mar - 28 Mar



# bike hike & paddle tasmania family adventure



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6 day trip \* 3 day walking \* 1 day kayaking \* 2 days cycling \* 5 nights accommodation

## An active family adventure in Tasmania's wild forgotten corner & Cradle Mountain National Park

The North West tip of Tasmania is home to the world's freshest air, largest intact cool temperate rainforests, some of Australia's wildest coastline and historic remnants of original settler influence. The variety this multi activity trip offers is evident from day one with superb rides taking in views of the Great Western Tiers and a descent into Sheffield, 'The Town of Murals'. During the tour you'll also enjoy a Hobie kayak trip down the Forth River, explore the depths of the Leven Canyon, visit glow worm caves and view some of Tasmania's unique wildlife. Back in the saddle you ride towards the rugged coastline to undertake a climb of Stanley's famous 'Nut' and enjoy the breathtaking views of the remarkable coastline. Cap off this exhilarating journey with a trip to explore the northern tip of the Tarkine region, home to the hemisphere's largest continuous temperate rainforest, as well as a stunning day walk in the Cradle Mountain National Park.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Launceston, ride past Great Western Tiers towards Sheffield **2** | Ride to Forth River, Hobie Kayak to Lake Barrington. Transfer to Leven Canyon **3** | Explore glow worm cave before riding towards Gunn Plains, afternoon Wings Wildlife Park **4** | Walks in Rocky Cape National Park and at Dip Falls, afternoon ride to Stanley **5** | Climb Stanley's Nut, enter the Tarkine for day walks, drive to Cradle Mountain NP **6** | Morning walks at Cradle Mountain return to Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners \* Professional guides \* 5 nights accommodation (2-4 share) \* Transport by private minibus \* Pedal kayak tour (conditions allowing) \* National Park fees \* Touring bike hire and helmet \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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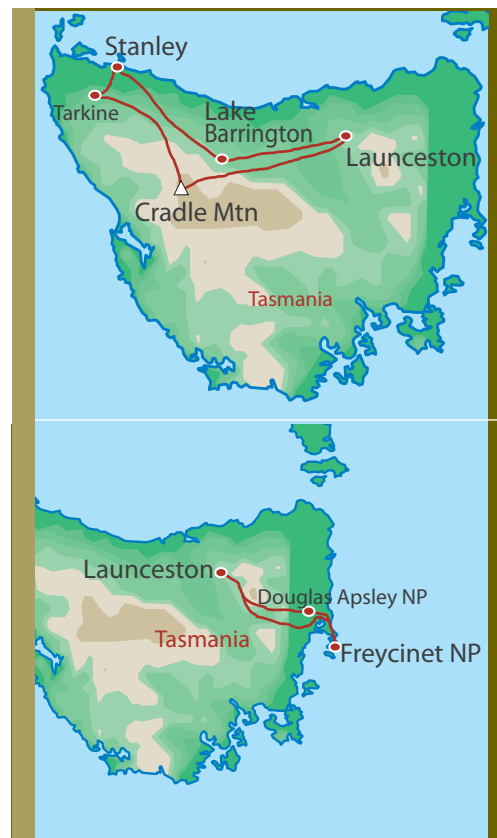
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Bike Hike and Paddle is a great varied way to explore Tassie | Steve Trudgeon



# freycinet peninsula family adventure



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3 day trip \* 3 days walking \* 2 nights cabin accommodation

## A guided walking holiday for active families around Tasmania's spectacular Freycinet Peninsula

Tasmania's Freycinet Peninsula is the perfect playground for active families and this specially tailored family walking itinerary is designed to engage both parents and children in this stunning part of Tasmania's east coast. We've combined a range of fun activities, from sea-kayaking to summiting rocky peaks, and the diversity of experiences is sure to engage every family member. To add to the appeal this active Tasmanian family adventure offers superb value with a choice of multi-share family cabin accommodation available. With three days of stunning walks, exceptional meals and all inclusive arrangements, this family trip will allow everyone to relax, rejuvenate and make the most of your time on Tasmania's iconic East coast.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Launceston, travel to the east coast for an afternoon walk at Douglas Apsley National Park **2** | Full day exploring the Freycinet Peninsula National Park, Wineglass Bay and the Isthmus Track to Hazards Beach & Lemana Lookout **3** | Walk to the summit of Mt Amos, the most prominent summit of the Hazards Range. Alternative walk is to explore the remote Friendly Beaches, then return to Launceston via the Eastern Tiers Forest Reserve.

**INCLUSIONS:** 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners \* Professional guide/s \* 2 nights cabin accommodation (2-4 share) \* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

### DATES | 2015

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Sweeping views from Mt Amos over Wine Glass Bay | Jenni Fraser





Bruny Island Neck isthmus | Tourism Tasmania and Andrew Wilson

# bruny island & south



## bruny island gourmet hike & bike



5 day trip \* 5 day cycle & day walks \* 4 nights cottages

### Discover the food, wine, wilderness & wildlife of Tasmania's remote & rugged south

The far south of Tasmania is a magical place where the mountains and forests meet the Great Southern Ocean. The fertile lands and rich natural diversity of this remote region is home to some of the islands most wild and rugged landscapes - as well as a burgeoning gourmet food and wine scene that must be tasted to be believed. This cycle exploration of Bruny Island and the south will wheel you to some of the region's most delicious food experiences, including a 'drive through' oyster bar, whiskey tasting, sheep's milk cheese sampling, a boutique chocolate factory as well as visits to wine and cider producers. Burning off the calories will be a piece of cake as you explore Bruny Island's best vantage points by bike and foot for spectacular views back over the island and southern Tasmania before boarding a wildlife cruise to spot dolphins, seals and a plethora of seabirds. Back on the mainland the southern Tasmania highlights continue with visits to the Tahune Airwalk and Hastings Cave, the largest dolomite cave in the southern hemisphere. As we head even further south we'll stop for a walk in the Hartz Mountains National Park before heading for the most southern point in Australia, Cockle Creek, from where we can set out to South Cape Bay, the final section of the famous South Coast Track.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Hobart after briefing, transfer by ferry to Bruny Island **2** | Fluted Cape walk, Bruny Island wildlife cruise **3** | Transfer back to mainland, cycle to Port Huon via Cygnet **4** | Tahune Airwalk, walks in Hartz Mountains National Park **5** | Cycle to Cockle Creek, return to Hobart

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 2 restaurant dinners \* 4 nights accommodation \* Experienced guides \* Internal transfers \* Bruny Island Cruise \* Tahune Airwalk \* Hastings Cave visit \* Ferry to Bruny Island \* Bike hire and helmet \* Wet weather gear

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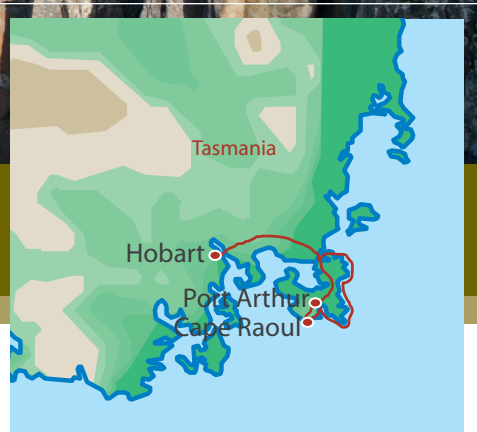
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 23 May - 27 May



Cape Hauy with Cape Pillar beyond | Andrew Bain



## three capes walk and tasman peninsula

3 day trip \* 2 days walking \* 1/2 day wildlife cruise  
\* 2 nights accommodation

### Discover Tasmania's premier coastal walk as well as Port Arthur and a wildlife cruise

The Tasman Peninsula already offers some of the most exciting walks and adventures in Australia and now it has a spectacular new one. The Three Capes Walk is an exciting addition to the Tasmanian walking 'must-do' list. The impressive coastal sea cliffs found along the walk provide a permanent air of drama as you explore the peninsula over three days, including visits to Cape Raoul, Cape Pillar and Cape Hauy. This trip has some of the greatest day walks on the Island, such as Cape Raoul, a full day walk exploring 400 metre sea-cliffs, polygonal dolerite columns, and one of the worlds most famous big-wave surf breaks, Shipsterns Bluff. The Tasman Peninsula also offers World Heritage historic sites in the Port Arthur Penal Settlement as well as the most fun you can have with a wildlife cruise, the jet boat powered Tasman Island wilderness cruise.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Hobart, Walk Cape Hauy. Afternoon tour of Port Arthur Historic Site. **2** | Walk Cape Raoul Track and Shipsterns Bluff **3** | Tasman Island Cruise, return to Hobart

**INCLUSIONS:** 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners \* Professional guide/s \* 2 nights cabin accommodation (2-4 share)  
\* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Port Arthur Historic Site \* Tasman Island Cruise \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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#### DATES | 2015

03 Oct - 05 Oct

09 Oct - 11 Oct

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#### DATES | 2016

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The pristine rainforest of Tasmania's Tarkine | Peter Walton Photography

# the tarkine



## tarkine and west coast explorer



5 day trip \* 5 days walking \* 4 nights accommodation  
\* Cruise on the Pieman River \* Gordon River Cruise

### Explore the very best of the rugged West Coast on this exceptional series of accommodated day walks

In the far north west of Tasmania lies an undefined region named The Tarkine. It offers almost 400,000 hectares of virgin wilderness, a vast swathe of rarely visited and primal rainforests, mountain ranges and isolated rivers. This journey explores an ecosystem that has remained relatively unchanged since the days of Gondwana at the very heart of the Tarkine so you can gain a true appreciation for this special wilderness area. You will then journey to the historic west coast where you immerse yourself in the wild and mysterious Gordon River aboard the award winning Gordon River Cruise. This five day itinerary features a series of spectacular day walks as well as two river cruises to explore the best of Tasmania's stunning North West. Staying in comfortable accommodation along the way ensures that we can enjoy the heritage and hospitality of Tasmania's remote western wilderness. Join us to experience the enchantment and changing moods of this spectacular, ancient and untamed land.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Travel from Launceston to Corinna and Philosophers Falls on the way **2** | Spectacular Tarkine cruise on the Pieman River with Pieman Heads walk **3** | Corinna to Strahan with coastal walk from Ocean Beach **4** | Strahan we join the iconic Gordon River Cruise and Hogarth Falls Walk **5** | Strahan to Launceston with Lake St Clair walk.

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners \* Professional guide/s \* 5 nights accommodation (twin share) \* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Pieman River Cruise \* Gordon River Cruise \* Emergency communications and group first aid kit

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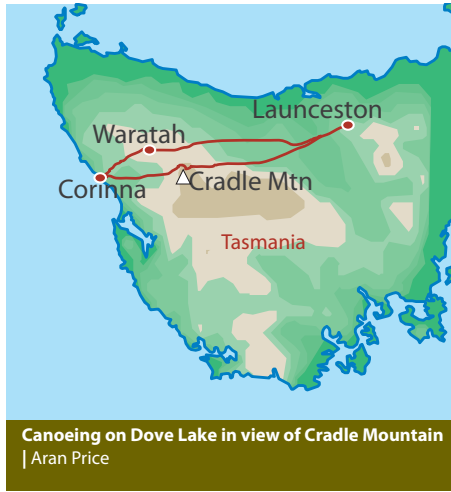


## cradle & tarkine canoe adventure

5 day trip \* 2 days kayaking \* 3 days walking \* 4 nights camping

### Explore the wilderness surrounding Dove Lake and the Pieman River on pedal powered kayaks

From remote alpine lakes to languid rivers through the rainforest, the Tasmanian wilderness is filled with many stunning waterways. This unique trip has been created to make the most of the aquatic adventure opportunities available, using pedal-powered sit-on kayaks to explore these unique bodies of water. Trip highlights including getting an exclusive perspective on Cradle Mountain, from a Hobie kayak in the middle of Dove Lake and journeying amongst the cool temperate rainforests of the Tarkine as you follow the Pieman River, its dark tannin stained waters a playground for the elusive platypus. A full day of pedal-paddling offers a very special, serene wilderness experience. The final couple of days offer a series of short walks amongst the Tarkine, rounding out an exclusive small group adventure.



Canoeing on Dove Lake in view of Cradle Mountain | Aran Price



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Launceston to Cradle Mountain, afternoon walk in Cradle Mountain area **2** | Pedal-kayaking on Dove Lake **3** | To Pieman River for full day kayaking, to Corinna **4** | Rainforest walks, return to Corinna **5** | To Waratah and Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners \* Professional guides \* 3 nights accommodation \* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Kayaks and all safety equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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## tarkine rainforest walk

4 day trip \* 4 days walking \* 3 nights at Tiger Ridge basecamp

### Discover Australia's largest cool temperate rainforest from the exclusive Tiger Ridge basecamp

The Tarkine Rainforest Walk provides trekkers with exclusive access into the southern hemisphere's largest tract of cool temperate rainforest. Recognised globally for its ecological significance, the Tarkine rainforest provides a direct link to the ancient super continent of Gondwana. On easy to moderate day walks from Tiger Ridge basecamp, carrying only lightweight packs you will explore an ancient forest landscape dominated by towering Myrtle and Sassafras, discover secret waterfalls, glades of giant tree ferns, enticing waterholes and spectacular lookouts. A visit to the Tarkine's rainforests will transport you to a foreign world, one where a tapestry of rich greens is the backdrop. Best of all, there's no one else around.



Longhouse in the Tarkine rainforest | Dean Honer



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Travel from Hobart or Launceston to the Tarkine and walk into Tiger Ridge basecamp **2** | Full day of walking through rainforest to Huskisson River **3** | Walk through forests of celery-top pine to Lonely Ridge for spectacular sweeping views **4** | Short pre-lunch walk to Philosophers Falls then bus transfer to Launceston or Hobart.

**INCLUSIONS:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners \* Professional guides \* 3 nights twin share camping at Tiger Ridge basecamp \* Transport by private minibus \* Group camping equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit \* Pick up and drop off to central city hotels in Hobart and Launceston

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Walking on Riedle Beach, Maria Island

# maria island & bay of fires



## the maria island walk

4 day trip ✿ 4 days walking ✿ 2 nights luxury tented camp ✿ 1 night accommodated

### A gourmet walking experience exploring the unblemished beauty and rich heritage of Maria Island

The magic of walking on Maria Island will mesmerise all who come to experience its World Heritage listed ruins, rugged cliffs and mountains, sweeping bays and abundant wildlife. Located just off the East Coast of Tasmania, the island is a walker's paradise with no motor vehicles or shops to distract you from the island's unspoiled wilderness. This personalised guided walk showcases the very best of Maria Island. Carrying only a light pack and travelling in small groups of ten, your two experienced local guides will bring your walks to life as you explore the pristine beaches, ancient Blue Gum forests, convict settlements, ancient Aboriginal sites and even an optional climb to the 711-metre summit of Mt. Maria for breathtaking panoramic views over the area. The walks are set at a gentle pace so there is plenty of time to observe the amazing Tasmanian bird and wildlife or to discover the fascinating history of the island. Each evening, your efforts are well rewarded as you relax and enjoy candlelit gourmet dining and comfortable accommodation in two wilderness camps and the restored, heritage-listed Bernacchi House.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Hobart and join catamaran to Maria Island, optional afternoon walk **2** | Walks along beaches **3** | Day walks including optional summit of Mt Maria **4** | Day walk to Fossil Cliffs via convict settlements, return to Hobart late evening

**INCLUSIONS:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners ✿ Professional guides ✿ 3 nights twin-share accommodation ✿ Transfers between Hobart and Maria Island ✿ National Park entry fees ✿ Backpacks, sleeping bag liners, pillow cases, head torches and waterproof jackets can be provided for use on the trip at no additional charge



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Departs daily from October to April

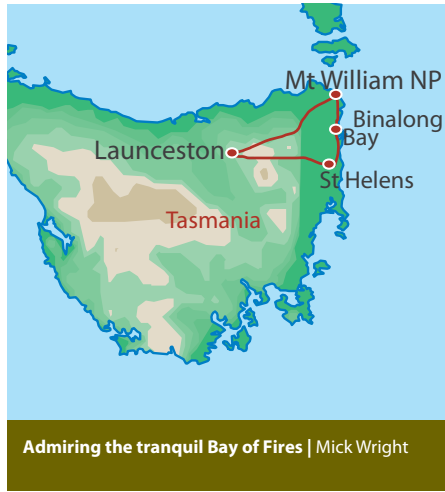


## blue tier and bay of fires

5 day trip \* 5 days walking  
\* 4 nights accommodation

### An extraordinary series of day walks exploring the highlights of the north east Tasmanian wilderness

Explore the picturesque north east of Tasmania and discover the beauty of the The Blue Tier and Bay of Fires. This idyllic area has a spectacular array of natural and historical wonders including waterfalls, cool temperate rainforest, sub-alpine mountains, pioneering history and wildlife which all highlight the amazing diversity of this region. Our carefully thought out itinerary provides a comprehensive series of day walks which allows you to explore this superb part of Tasmania in depth. Five days is an ideal amount of time to allow you to encompass a variety of terrain and attractions, which range from easy to more moderate graded day walks. During our tour you'll gain a greater appreciation of places such as Mt. Poimena, Ralph Falls, St Columba Falls and the Eddystone Point Lighthouse. Your experienced guides will bring the area alive with their rich local knowledge and enthusiasm for this inspiring Tasmanian wilderness setting.



Admiring the tranquil Bay of Fires | Mick Wright



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Launceston, Cube Rock and Mt William National Park **2** | Bay of Fires Beach Walk, Eddystone Point **3** | Bay of Fires beach walk to Binalong Bay **4** | Explore Blue Tier Nature Reserve **5** | Explore Waterfalls, Rattler Range then return to Launceston.

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners \* Professional guide/s \* 4 nights accommodation (2-3 share) \* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Emergency communications and group first aid kit

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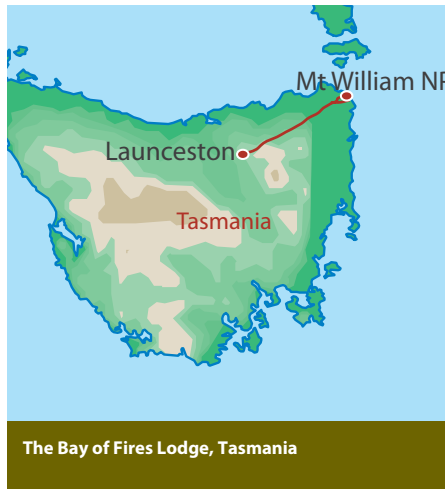


## bay of fires lodge walk

4 day trip \* 4 days walking  
\* 1 night at Forester Beach Camp  
\* 2 nights at Bay of Fires Lodge

### Experience the very best of the Bay of Fires wilderness in comfort on this idyllic short escape

Discover the Bay of Fires from the comfort of your unique accommodations, including the award-winning Bay of Fires Lodge. This unique trip encompasses a superb series of short walks along the edge of Mt. William National Park on Tasmania's pristine East Coast. It's an awe-inspiring Tasmanian escape as you traverse this wonderfully remote and dramatic landscape. Imagine days of exploring the deserted beaches, coves and sand dunes as well as the rich diversity of the nearby woodlands. During the walk you'll be greeted by many of the native birds including the endemic black cockatoo and may even spot whales or dolphins playing in the ocean nearby. The natural highlights experienced each day in this spectacular wilderness are superbly complimented each evening when you enjoy the solitude and comfort of your exclusive accommodation in the Forester Beach camp and the luxurious Bay of Fires Lodge. A further highlight is dining on scrumptious meals created from fresh Tasmanian produce.



The Bay of Fires Lodge, Tasmania



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Launceston, walking in Mt. William National Park **2** | Coastal walks, overnight Bay of Fires Lodge **3** | Free day to explore the area. Optional day or evening walks and kayaking **4** | Morning swim or walk, short walk through peppermint forest to meet the bus and then stopping at Apogee vineyard for sparkling wine and canapés before returning to Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners \* Professional guides \* 3 nights accommodation in Bay of Fires - twin share \* Transport by private minibus \* Limited selection of Tasmanian wine \* National Park passes \* Use of a backpack and Gore-tex jacket for the duration of the walk

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**DATES**  
Departs Daily from 1 October to 1 May



Cycling on Maria Island | Andrew Bain

# east coast



## east coast self guided cycle



8 day trip \* 7 days cycling \* 7 nights accommodation

### A self guided cycling tour taking in the classic highlights along Tasmania's East Coast including Freycinet & Maria Island

Tasmania's East Coast offers access to some of the best experiences on offer on the island state and there are few better ways to take in all the highlights than by travelling by bike at your own pace on this well crafted self guided itinerary. After a thorough briefing from our guides in Launceston, you may choose to begin this self guided trip with a ride along a section of the Trail of the Tin Dragon driving route, which delves into the regions tin mining history and the arrival of the local Chinese population. Out of the saddle, stop to taste cheese in Pyengana and take an optional walk to Tasmania's highest waterfall, St Columbus Falls, before getting back on the bike for a spectacular coastal ride via picturesque Bicheno to Coles Bay, gateway to the Freycinet National Park. In Freycinet there is time to explore this special part of the East Coast by taking in some walks or kayaking on the azure waters. The highlights keep rolling on as you continue with time on Maria Island, where you can discover remnants of Tasmania's convict past and the island's extraordinary beauty on foot or a 22km circuit ride. Got more time? Ask about our 10 day itinerary that also includes the historical site of Port Arthur.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Morning briefing in Launceston, cycle to Weldborough along the Rail Trail or Tasman Highway (45km) **2** | Optional walk to St Columbus Falls, cycle to St Helens (44km) **3** | Cycle along the coast to Bicheno (77km) **4** | Cycle to Coles Bay, explore Freycinet National Park (38km) **5** | Cycle to Swansea (57km) **6** | Cycle to Triabunna, transfer to Maria Island (51km) **7** | Maria Island, walk or cycle options **8** | Return to mainland, transfer to Hobart where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 7 nights accommodation \* Bike hire - 27 speed Avanti Explorer \* Route map & notes \* Transfers ex Launceston to start of cycle \* Transfer to Hobart at end of cycle \* Transfer of suitcase from Launceston to Hobart \* Panniers (pair) \* Lights (front & back) \* Tool kit \* Helmet \* Water bottle holder \* Parks pass \* Expert pre-departure and gear briefing

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**DATES**

Daily throughout the year

# cycle, kayak and walk tasmania



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6 day trip \* 2 days walking \* 1 day kayaking \* 3 days cycling  
\* 3 nights accommodation \* 2 nights camping

## Explore Freycinet National Park & Maria Island on this superb multi-activity adventure

Selected as one of National Geographic Traveler magazines '50 Tours of a Lifetime', this complete active adventure on the East Coast of Tasmania traverses all the great spots from Launceston to Hobart. Over six days you will make the most of this adventure playground with a combination of cycling, walking and paddling. You begin by cycling through quaint villages and rural settings, breathe in the scents of rainforests overhead and be awed by the beauty of the eastern coastline - in particular Wineglass Bay and Maria Island. We enjoy great kayaking near Freycinet and move on to stunning walks at Maria Island. An exhilarating cycle descent of Mount Wellington in to Hobart is the fitting conclusion to this fun filled trip. This tour will cater to a wide range of experience and fitness levels and the constant presence and support of professional guides provides you with the option of completing as many or as few kilometres as you please. Join us on this active and thoroughly rewarding tour of Tasmania.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Launceston, ride the east coast to Bicheno  
**2** | Walking in Freycinet National Park and half day sea-kayak  
**3** | Cycle south to Triabunna  
**4/5** | Walking on Maria Island  
**6** | Transfer to Hobart for an exhilarating bike descent of Mt Wellington, tour concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners \* Professional guides \* 3 nights accommodation (2-4 share) \* 2 nights camping \* Transport by private minibus \* Half day sea kayak tour (conditions allowing) \* National Park fees \* Return ferry transfer \* Touring bike hire and helmet \* Tents, sleeping bag, inner sheet & inflatable sleeping mat \* Group camping equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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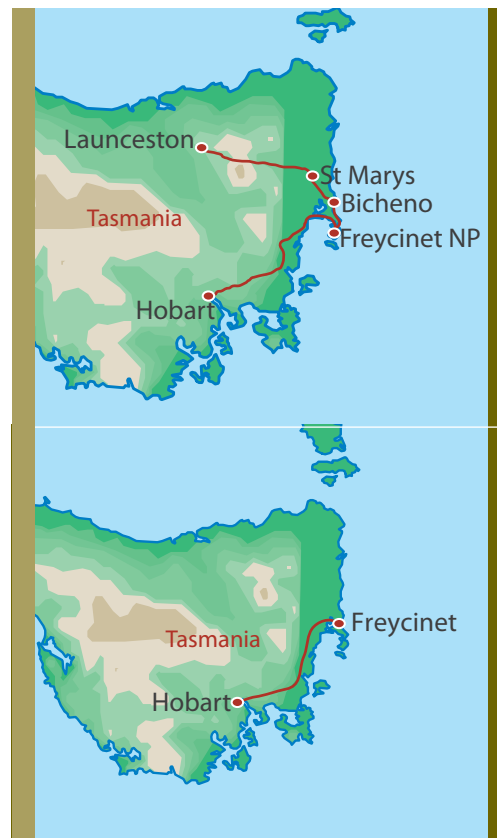
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Kayaking the crystal clear waters of the Freycinet Peninsula



# freycinet experience walk



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4 day trip \* 4 days walking \* 3 nights luxury eco lodge

## Comfortable lodge based day walks amongst the unblemished beauty of the Freycinet Peninsula

The inspiring four-day journey along the Freycinet Peninsula on Tasmania's east coast combines exciting coastal and mountain walking during the day with comfortable accommodations each evening. The walk will take you along deserted beaches, up pink granite monoliths and through the heart of the rich native heath lands of the Freycinet National park, including the iconic Wineglass Bay. Return each evening to the award winning lodge where your hosts will serve you splendid meals and regional wines. You can enjoy a hot shower or bath before sleeping in a comfortable bed after a satisfying day of walking. A true eco-lodge, it has solar power, waterless toilets and rainwater tanks which ensure that it leaves a minimal impact on the environment of this secret place. The walk itself covers between 33 and 37 kms depending on which walking option you choose. Regardless of choice, you will travel from the southern tip to the north of the Freycinet Peninsula in a continuous journey and the best part is that because this bushwalk is lodge based you don't have to carry a heavy back pack. No one except your fellow walkers and the four staff will be at the lodge with you - making it a special place to truly unwind.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Hobart to Coles Bay, boat cruise to Schouten Island, optional afternoon walk  
**2** | Walks along beaches to Wineglass Bay, optional climb of Mt Graham  
**3** | Day walk from Bluestone Bay to Friendly Beaches Lodge  
**4** | Optional walk Mt Mary to Saltwater Lagoon, return to Hobart late evening

**INCLUSIONS:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners \* regional wines \* Two Professional guides \* Lodge hosts \* Accommodation at Friendly Beaches Lodge \* Transfers between Hobart and Freycinet \* Boat trips \* National Park entry fees \* Daypacks and waterproof jackets

### DATES

Departs Mondays and Fridays between November and April

Just another glorious day on the Freycinet Experience Walk





Rafters at Rock Island Bend | Glenn Walker

# franklin rafting

## franklin river rafting

9 day trip • 8 days rafting • 8 nights camping • 1 day sailing

**A true wilderness experience with the pioneers of the best river journey in the world as voted by Outside Magazine**

For many people, Tasmania's famous Franklin River is synonymous with wilderness conservation. The Franklin is one of the world's last great wild rivers and it forges through the rugged south west of Tasmania, through deep gorges, quiet pools and magnificent temperate rainforest. This expedition provides a true wilderness adventure, an experience we pioneered back in 1978. Regardless of the river level, you will be in good hands as our professional guides have an exceptional safety record. Despite the remoteness, our guides will ensure that the preparation of delicious meals will exceed all expectations. Any descent of the Franklin is demanding and while previous rafting experience is not required, some wilderness knowledge, along with a sound level of fitness, is essential. Join on us on this special wilderness experience, named the best river journey in the world by Outside Magazine.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 5 PRE-TRIP** | BRIEFING in Launceston at 2pm day before departure 1 | Depart Launceston, transfer to Collingwood Bridge, commence rafting 2 | Raft to Irenabyss 3 | Raft the Upper Franklin 4 | Raft to the Great Ravine 5 | Raft to Rafters Basin 6 | Propsting Gorge to Newlands Cascade 7 | Raft the Lower Franklin 8 | Raft the Lower Gordon River, complete rafting 9 | Sailboat to Strahan, return to Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** 8 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners • Professional rafting guides • 8 nights camping • Transport by private minibus • Sailboat from Lower Gordon River to Strahan • All safety and rafting equipment including rafts, wetsuit, paddling jacket & waterproof storage for personal gear • Group camping equipment • Emergency communications & group first aid kit


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**DATES | 2015**

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29 Nov - 07 Dec

13 Dec - 21 Dec

27 Dec - 04 Jan

**DATES | 2016**

10 Jan - 18 Jan

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20 Mar - 28 Mar

# the franklin river rafting experts



Since 1978, when we offered the very first commercial rafting trip on the Franklin, we've been the leading company on the river and are proud to have left the river cleaner than when we first found it. Experience the Franklin on an 11-day journey, which includes a summit of Frenchman's Cap, or on specially led 9 day adventures down this iconic river with either Tim Macartney-Snape or Geoff Law.

## franklin river and frenchman's cap

11 day trip ✪ 9 days rafting ✪ 1 day walking ✪ 10 nights camping ✪ 1 day sailing

The ultimate Tasmanian wilderness experience, this trip takes advantage of the access the Franklin River offers to the prized summit of the Frenchman's Cap. From the river at Irenabyss you will undertake a one-day ascent from the river to the quartzite dome of Frenchman's Cap (1443m), where you can enjoy 360 degree views over the entire south west wilderness.

**BRIEF ITINERARY | PRE-TRIP BRIEFING:** Launceston, 2pm day before departure  
**1** | Depart Launceston transfer to Collingwood Bridge, commence rafting  
**2** | Raft to Irenabyss **3/4** | Frenchman's Cap climb **5** | Raft the Upper Franklin  
**6** | Raft to the Great Ravine **7** | Raft to Rafters Basin **8** | Propsting Gorge to Newlands Cascade **9** | Raft the Lower Franklin **10** | Raft the Lower Gordon River, complete rafting **11** | Sailboat transfer to Strahan, return to Launceston

### INCLUSIONS

10 breakfasts & dinners, 11 lunches ✪ Professional rafting guides ✪ 10 nights camping ✪ Private minibus transport ✪ Sailboat from Lower Gordon River to Strahan ✪ All safety & rafting equipment including rafts, wetsuit, paddling jacket & waterproof personal gear storage ✪ Group camping equipment ✪ Emergency communications & group first aid kit

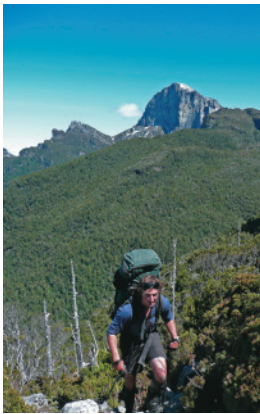
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## leave no trace franklin river rafting

9 day trip ✪ 8 days rafting ✪ 8 nights camping ✪ 1 day sailing

A rare chance join one a world-renowned adventurer on the world's best river journey - while supporting *Leave No Trace*. Tim is the ideal escort to teach you minimal impact wilderness travel techniques as you journey down a river that's changed little since the first expedition.

**BRIEF ITINERARY | PRE-TRIP BRIEFING:** Launceston, 2pm day before departure  
**1** | Depart Launceston, transfer to Collingwood Bridge, commence rafting  
**2** | Raft to Irenabyss **3** | Raft the Upper Franklin **4** | Raft to the Great Ravine **5** | Raft to Rafters Basin **6** | Propsting Gorge to Newlands Cascade **7** | Raft the Lower Franklin **8** | Raft the Lower Gordon River, complete rafting **9** | Sailboat to Strahan, return to Launceston

### INCLUSIONS

8 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 8 dinners ✪ Professional rafting guides ✪ 8 nights camping ✪ Transport by private minibus ✪ Sailboat from Lower Gordon River to Strahan ✪ All safety and rafting equipment including rafts, wetsuit, paddling jacket & waterproof storage for personal gear ✪ Sea to Summit 35 litre Hydraulic Dry Pack to keep ✪ Group camping equipment ✪ Emergency communications & group first aid kit ✪ AU\$500 donation to Leave No Trace Australia

### TRIP CODE: LNT

#### DATES 2015

11 Nov - 19 Nov

#### COST



tim macartney-snape

## franklin river world heritage expedition

9 day trip ✪ 8 days rafting ✪ 8 nights camping ✪ 1 day sailing

Experience the Franklin with a man who was instrumental in saving it. Geoff Law was the official spokesperson for the historic Franklin Blockade of summer 1982-83. His passion for the river and Tasmania wild places led him to relive his accounts in the book 'The River Runs Free' and now you have the chance to hear them first hand.

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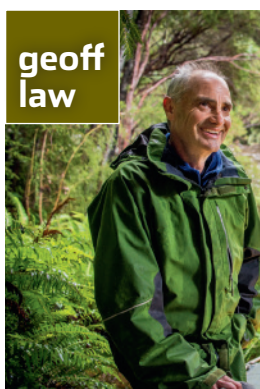
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### TRIP CODE: FRL

#### DATES 2016

24 Jan - 01 Feb  
 21 Feb - 29 Feb

#### COST



geoff law



Cox Bight | Stef Gebbie

# south west world heritage



## south coast track



9 day trip ✦ 8 days trekking with a full pack ✦ 8 nights camping  
 ✦ 1 rest/contingency day ✦ Scenic flight to Melaleuca

### Experience wild landscapes and wildlife on this classic remote Tasmanian trek

Challenge yourself to one of Tasmania's finest long-distance walks, carrying a full pack along the unspoiled wilderness of Australia's southernmost shores. This nine-day, 85-kilometre walk offers a spectrum of Tasmanian scenes, from empty beaches to towering rainforests and the alpine heights of the Ironbound Range. It's a place of wild scenes and wildlife, with the chance to see wombats, quolls and possibly even the orange-bellied parrot, one of the world's rarest bird species. After a spectacular flight along the coast or mountains to the remote airstrip at Melaleuca in the World Heritage-listed Southwest National Park, you will walk 10 to 15 kilometres each day, carrying up to 20 kilograms and camping at night. The walk has a flexible itinerary that allows for a rest day and time for swims or exploration along the succession of south-coast beaches. Following in the footsteps of early indigenous Australians and ancient seafarers - the South Coast Track was built as an escape route for shipwreck survivors - our knowledgeable guides will lead you through a true wilderness experience and the challenge of a lifetime. If you have a thirst for full pack hikes, have excellent fitness and an open, flexible approach to being in remote areas for multiple days then this could be the perfect hiking adventure for you!

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 5 PRE-TRIP** | BRIEFING in Hobart at 2pm day before departure **1** | Depart Hobart, fly into Melaleuca, trek to Cox's Bight **2** | Trek to Louisa Creek / Louisa Bay **3** | Walk to Louisa River **4** | Trek across the Ironbound Ranges **5** | Rest Day at Little Deadman's Bay **6** | Walk to Osmiridium Beach **7** | Trek to Granite Beach **8** | Trek to South Cape Rivulet **9** | Walk to Cockle Creek, return to Hobart

**INCLUSIONS:** 8 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 8 dinners ✦ Professional guides ✦ 8 nights camping ✦ Food drop provisions ✦ Scenic flight to Melaleuca ✦ Return transport to Hobart by private minibus ✦ National Park fees ✦ Tents & inflatable sleeping mat ✦ Group camping equipment ✦ Emergency communications & group first aid kit

#### TRIP CODE: SCT

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#### DATES | 2015

22 Nov - 30 Nov

13 Dec - 21 Dec

28 Dec - 05 Jan

#### DATES | 2016

10 Jan - 18 Jan

31 Jan - 08 Feb

21 Feb - 29 Feb

13 Mar - 21 Mar

03 Apr - 11 Apr

24 Apr - 02 May

20 Nov - 28 Nov

11 Dec - 19 Dec

28 Dec - 05 Jan



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## frenchman's cap trek

6 day trip \* 5 days trekking with a full pack \* 1 night in cabins \* 4 nights camping

### Summit Tasmania's iconic peak in the state's remote south west

The spectacular Frenchman's Cap rises 1443 metres out of the Gordon-Franklin Wild Rivers National Park. The eastern side of the peak is home to Tasmania's oldest rock, an impressive 300m overhanging rock wall face of Precambrian quartzite. This superb trek to Frenchman's Cap is a 46km return journey over varying terrain including open button grass plains and dense rainforests with steep ascents. Amidst this truly wild area you will discover an abundance of wildlife including many endemic bird species. By allowing five days of walking and camping under the summit, the carefully thought out itinerary allows a greater chance of visiting the peak in fine weather. From the summit you will be rewarded with spectacular views throughout the Tasmanian wilderness including Mt. Ossa, the Arthur Range and Macquarie Harbour.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Meet in Launceston at 1pm for a trip briefing, transfer to Derwent Bridge cabin accommodation **2** | Transfer to trail head & commence walking to Lake Vera **3** | Trek to Lake Tahune **4** | Summit Frenchman's Cap & explore surrounding area **5** | Return to Lake Vera campsite **6** | Walk out to trail head and transfer back to Launceston

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners \* Professional guides \* 1 night cabin accommodation (2-4 share) \* 4 nights camping \* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Waterproof jacket, overpants & gaiters \* Tents, backpack, sleeping bag, inner sheet & inflatable sleeping mat \* Group camping equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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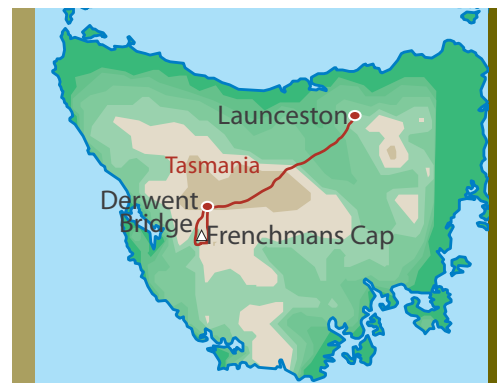
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DATES | 2016

17 Jan - 22 Jan  
31 Jan - 05 Feb  
14 Feb - 19 Feb  
28 Feb - 04 Mar  
13 Mar - 18 Mar  
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Walking to the summit of Frenchman's Cap | Sam Craddock



Trekking toward Lake Pedder | Chris Buykx



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grade » Challenging]

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## mount anne circuit

5 day trip \* 5 days trekking with a full pack \* 4 nights camping

### Summit the state's highest peak in Tasmania's remote south west

Located in the remote south west of Tasmania the Mount Anne Circuit presents one of the world's great bushwalking challenges. This classic trek combines all the elements for a south west wilderness epic: a spectacular objective, sub alpine crags, exposed scrambles, deep forests and idyllic lakes. Our five day itinerary allows enough time to do a complete circuit as well as extra time for side trips and in case of delays due to bad weather. Starting at Condominium Creek we trek via Mt Anne, the Lonely Tarns and Lake Judd before crossing the Anne River to complete the circuit at Red Tape Creek. This is an extremely demanding unsupported bushwalk subject to some of Tasmania's most changeable weather. The Mount Anne Circuit is open to people with previous unsupported pack carrying bushwalking experience with high levels of fitness and who are confident in difficult geographical and weather situations. Please contact our office to discuss your suitability for this tour.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 5 PRE-TRIP** | BRIEFING in Hobart at 2pm day before departure **1** | Depart Hobart and transfer to Scott's Peak Dam, trek to the Eliza Plateau **2** | Trek to Shelf Camp **3** | Summit Mt Anne and explore its surrounds, return to Shelf Camp **4** | Trek across 'The Notch' and Mount Lot, descend Lightning Ridge to Judds Charm campsite **5** | Descend to Red Tape Creek and return to Hobart, trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners \* Professional guides \* 4 nights camping \* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Tents & inflatable sleeping mat \* Group camping equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

DATES | 2015

12 Oct - 16 Oct  
02 Nov - 06 Nov  
16 Nov - 20 Nov  
30 Nov - 04 Dec  
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DATES | 2016

11 Jan - 15 Jan  
25 Jan - 29 Jan  
08 Feb - 12 Feb  
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Kayaking in Bramble Cove

# port davey

## port davey kayak

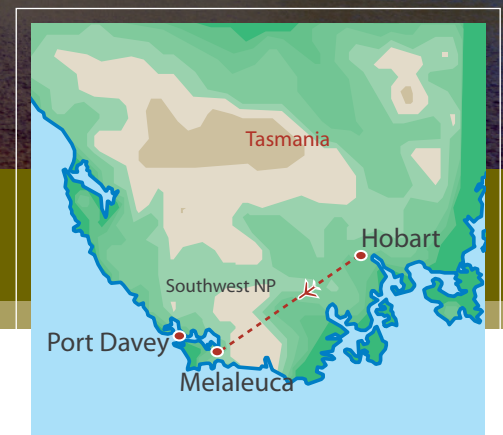
7 day trip ✦ 7 days kayaking ✦ 6 nights camping ✦ Scenic flight to Melaleuca

### The ultimate kayaking expedition to remote and rarely visited parts of the rugged south west wilderness

Bathurst Harbour and Port Davey offer a combination of sheltered wilderness harbours, rugged ocean coastlines, remote islands and wild rivers. There are no roads, no settlements and few tracks. Each day, you will reach spectacular destinations in the best possible way - by water, at a paddling pace. Our guides know this pristine wilderness intimately - all the sheltered bays and open beaches, all the peaks and high places, every hidden corner and comfortable campsite. After a spectacular flight to the remote airstrip at Melaleuca, your days will be spent exploring one of Tasmania's most remote and beautiful coastlines, paddling through perfect reflections in the tannin-stained waters, beneath mountains that rise from the shore and stopping in at sandy beaches. This trip has a flexible itinerary with time for optional short walks or relaxing on the beach. Your first and last night will be spent in the luxury of Forest Lagoon standing camp where you will enjoy spacious permanent tents with comfortable beds. Every night you will enjoy the delicious food creations of your guides with a glass of wine. Previous kayaking experience is not necessary, but it is important to have a sound level of fitness, be comfortable with wilderness camping and, most of all, have a sense of adventure.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Hobart, fly to Melaleuca, kayak to Forest Lagoon standing camp **2** | Paddle Bathurst Channel to Bramble Cove, optional walk **3** | Paddle Port Davey to Wallaby Arch & possibly to Davey River **4** | Paddle in the Southern Ocean around the Breaksea Islands to Spain Bay, optional walks **5** | Paddle Joe Page Bay & Spring River **6** | Paddle North River and North Inlet to Forest Lagoon standing camp **7** | Visit Claytons Corner and Mt Beattie, return to Hobart

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners and all refreshments ✦ 2 professional sea kayak guides ✦ 2 nights accommodation in Forest Lagoon standing camp (twin-share) ✦ 4 nights camping ✦ Group camping equipment including 2-person tents, inflatable sleeping mats, catering & dining utensils ✦ Scenic return flight to Melaleuca ✦ Transfers between Hobart and Cambridge Airport ✦ National Park entry fees ✦ All safety and sea kayaking equipment including stable and comfortable double sea kayaks, spray skirts, life jackets, paddles, waterproof jacket, pogies ✦ Waterproof storage for personal gear ✦ Emergency communications and group first aid kit


**TRIP CODE: PDK**

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**DATES | 2015**

13 Dec - 19 Dec

27 Dec - 02 Jan

**DATES | 2016**

03 Jan - 09 Jan

24 Jan - 30 Jan

07 Feb - 13 Feb

14 Feb - 20 Feb

21 Feb - 27 Feb

20 Mar - 26 Mar

27 Mar - 02 Apr

03 Apr - 09 Apr



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## port davey track

7 day trip \* 6 days trekking with a full pack \* 6 nights camping \* Scenic flight

### A superb challenging trek through the isolated south west Tasmanian wilderness

The Port Davey Track is a challenging bushwalk in the remote south west of Tasmania's World Heritage wilderness area. Trekking out from Scotts Peak Dam the group will skirt the imposing Western Arthurs. Surrounded by the ancient peaks of the White Monolith Range, you will camp on the banks of the mystical Crossing and Spring Rivers. Rare pockets of rainforest with ancient Celery Top Pines and Sassafras are a contrast to the open skies of the Lost World Plateau. A boat crossing of Bathurst Harbour at the Narrows leads to a walk to the isolated outpost of Melaleuca where you will prepare for an exhilarating flight back into civilization. This tour can be combined with our nine day South Coast Track trip, creating one of the world's greatest wilderness experiences, a sixteen day traverse of the entire south west of Tasmania.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 5 PRE-TRIP** | BRIEFING in Launceston at 2pm day before departure **1** | Transfer Launceston to Scotts Peak Dam, short walk to Junction Creek **2** | Trek to the banks of the Crossing River **3** | Trek to Watershed Camp **4** | Traverse the Lost World to Spring River Crossing **5** | Descend into Bathurst Harbour **7** | Trek to Melaleuca & fly to Hobart (or continue with 9 day South Coast Track itinerary)

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 6 dinners \* Professional guides \* 6 nights camping \* Transport by private minibus \* Scenic flight from Melaleuca to Hobart \* National Park fees \* Tents & inflatable sleeping mat \* Group camping equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

**DATES | 2015**  
15 Nov - 21 Nov  
06 Dec - 12 Dec

**DATES | 2016**  
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Approaching Bathurst Narrows on the Port Davey Track | Stef Gebbie



## port davey and the south coast track

16 day trip \* 15 days trekking with a full pack \* 15 nights camping \* 1 rest day

### The classic bushwalking traverse across the entire southern wilderness of Tasmania

Our most epic bushwalking expedition, 16 days of pure World Heritage Wilderness. Extending the South Coast Track by adding a 7 day challenging bushwalk from Scotts Peak Dam to Melaleuca. We trek through the heart of the Southwest Wilderness World Heritage Area - from Scotts Peak Dam and Lake Pedder to Bathurst Harbour and Port Davey then on to Melaleuca. We join the regular South Coast Track group before continuing for another 9 days trekking along Tasmania's most remote wilderness coastline. This expedition creates one of the greatest wilderness experiences in Australia, traversing the entire southwest of Tasmania.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 5 PRE-TRIP** | BRIEFING in Launceston at 2pm day before departure **1** | Transfer Launceston to Scotts Peak Dam, walk to Junction Creek **2** | -5 Trek deep into the South West Wilderness, past the Western Arthurs, Davey Sugarloaf and the Spring River **6** | Walk to Bathurst Harbour **7** | Trek to Melaleuca **8** | Join the South Coast Track to Cox's Bight **9** | Walk to Louisa River **10** | Trek across the Ironbound Ranges **11** | Rest Day at Little Deadman's Bay **12** | Walk to Osmiridium Beach **13** | Trek to Granite Beach **14** | Walk to South Cape Rivulet **16** | Trek to Cockle Creek & return to Hobart.

**INCLUSIONS:** 15 breakfasts, 16 lunches and 15 dinners \* Professional guides \* 15 nights camping \* Food drop provisions \* Transport by private minibus \* National Park fees \* Tents & inflatable sleeping mat \* Group camping equipment \* Emergency communications & group first aid kit

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**DATES | 2015**  
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Trekking the South Coast Track | Tourism Tasmania and Don Fuchs





# Adventure South



## molesworth high country > cycle paradise

New Zealand is an island nation blessed with a rare diversity of landforms. Pacific island beaches, rolling farmlands and volcanic plateaux characterise the North Island while rugged wind-lashed coastlines, soaring snow peaked mountains, vineyards and tranquil fiords are synonymous with the South Island. |||| For over twenty years, Adventure South's unrivalled range of active holidays across the North and South Islands has helped travellers to journey to the very heart of these wild and mysterious landscapes. |||| Our unique range of guided small group active holiday's travel well beyond the standard popular trails to help you discover the true essence of New Zealand's famous wilderness.

**an activity for everyone** | Enjoy the pristine splendor of NZ's finest wilderness on one of our 30 different walking, cycling or multi-activity holidays. We're confident that the originality and quality of our program ensure that there is an adventure for everyone. Our tours range from multi-activity trips to the toughest guided walk in New Zealand!

Every tour has a trip grading which will allow you to evaluate your suitability for that trip.

### the widest choice of supported cycle trails

We offer more supported trips along more of the Nga Haerenga Cycle Trails than any other operator. Travelling along a dedicated Cycle Trail is a great introduction to cycle touring. Trips are shorter, not as demanding and very affordable.

### road cycling specialists

Our road touring itineraries are ideal for keen cyclists who relish greater distances and don't mind occasionally sharing with traffic or tackling a hill or two. Each trip contains one day that will truly challenge you, or if you prefer, just cycle the best and forget the rest thanks to the back-up support vehicle.



### remote walks not found in any guidebook

New Zealand is famous for many walking trails and they are understandably busy. Some of our hiking itineraries include the best sections of the more famous walking tracks, however we thrive on creating engaging hikes in spectacular surroundings that provide travellers with the excitement that only real off the beaten track opportunities provide.

**from cape reinga to stewart island** | No one offers a comprehensive range of quintessential Kiwi destinations like we do. Discover the magic of the mountains and vineyards on the South Island or explore the volcanoes, geothermal regions and Maori culture of the North Island – and everything in between.

### when to travel

**OCTOBER TO APRIL** is when we operate the majority of our holidays. NZ enjoys a sub-tropical maritime climate with few extremes, however the weather can be changeable. The maximum mid summer temperatures range from 15°- 30°C, the warmest months being January and February.

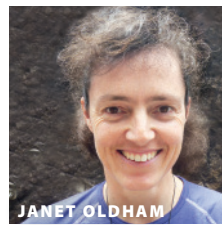
**JUNE TO AUGUST** are the coldest months with snow falling across many parts of the South Island.

# leaders in the field

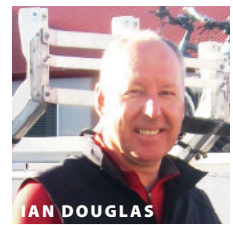
Our dedicated team are passionate about the natural areas of New Zealand and the limitless adventure opportunities. They are committed to ensuring that you have the best possible experience from the early stages of booking your holiday through to the conclusion of your walking or cycling adventure in our wilderness areas



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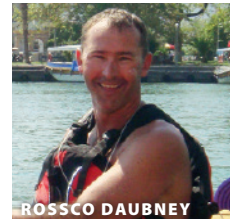
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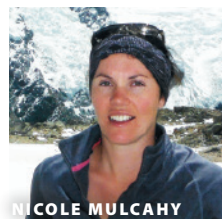
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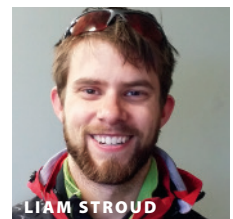
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IMAGE: Colin Monteath

**is small group travel for me?** | Our trips are made up of no more than 16 people, an ideal size to ensure minimal impact on the environment and to ensure that you have an intimate experience with nature. We incorporate enough free time and a few optional activities in each trip so that you can occasionally break off from the group to do your own thing. Our trips provide a great social outlet allowing you to keep with your fitness and health goals with the added bonus of meeting like minded people from all corners of the world.

**inclusions, inclusions, inclusions** | A good quality tour will try to include as much as possible so that you can focus more on your activity than worrying about your budget. Our trips include all accommodation, private transportation, expert guides, most meals as well as most of the equipment you might require. **Refer to the trip notes on our website for the exact inclusions for each trip.**

**responsible travel in action | qualmark |** Qualmark is an independent quality audit process conducted by a joint venture organisation representing the New Zealand Tourism Board. The comprehensive audit has become a world leader in developing an external process to identify operational quality. This process has been extended to now include a 3 level Enviro Mark. Since the initiative began, our processes have been examined, measured and benchmarked and we are proud to have achieved Gold ratings.



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Pedal from Mt Cook to Oamaru on our Alps to Ocean cycle | Colin Monteath

# south island cycle trails



## alps to ocean cycle



6 day trip \* 6 day cycle trail \* 5 nights hotel/motel

### A supported journey along the popular cycle trail from Mt Cook towards historic Oamaru

This picturesque cycling itinerary will take you downhill from the mighty Southern Alps towards the Pacific Ocean, allowing you to experience a diverse range of stunning South Island landscapes. Encounter the majesty of New Zealand's highest peak, Aoraki Mt Cook, and the sweeping tussocklands of the Mackenzie Basin as you cycle the ancient Maori trading and food gathering routes towards the historic and vibrant coastal township of Oamaru. With superb mountain scenery as your backdrop, you'll be enchanted by picturesque canal rides past the amazing turquoise blue lakes at Tekapo, where you can soak in the hot pools, before following the flat trails towards Lake Pukaki and the alpine retreat of Twizel. This ride offers much more than just superb cycling, visit the Black Stilt Recovery Program, which deals with one of New Zealand's most endangered bird species, learn about the early history of limestone masonry and its influence in the coastal settlement of Oamaru. As you cycle mostly dedicated cycle trails there will be opportunities to view ancient Maori rock art, dramatic limestone landscapes and to explore the small local communities of the Waitaki Valley.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Christchurch, drive/cycle to Tekapo **2** | Cycle beside Lake Pukaki, drive to Mt Cook, then Twizel **3** | Cycle lakeside, to Ohau and into Omarama **4** | Cycle Omarama to Kurow **5** | Cycle Kurow to Windsor **6** | Cycle from Windsor to Oamaru, return to Christchurch.

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners \* Professional guide(s) \* 5 nights motel/lodge accommodation \* Transport by private coach \* Visit to DOC Black Stilt Recovery program \* Limestone Quarry entry \* Department of Conservation concession fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit

#### TRIP CODE: ATC

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#### DATES | 2015

09 Nov - 14 Nov <sup>HS</sup>  
07 Dec - 12 Dec  
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# molesworth high country cycle



TRIP CODE: MOL  
grade » Moderate ]

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5 day trip \* 5 day cycle trail \* 3 nights hotel/ motel \* 1 night farmstay

## Enjoy wineries, whales and hot pools, and a delightful stay on New Zealand's largest high country farm

From scenic wine regions to surreal mountain landscapes - and even a chance to spot whales - it's easy to see why this cycling tour in the Northern Canterbury & Marlborough districts continues to be one of our most popular cycling holidays. From Christchurch, cycle the quiet rural back roads towards the emerging wine growing district of Waipara Valley, to discover its history before soaking up the therapeutic qualities of the Hanmer Springs hot pools. Flanked by stark mountain ranges, the cycling continues into the Molesworth Valley along isolated roads towards your lodging at Molesworth Station, a remote back country merino sheep farm nestled under Mt. Tapuae-o-Uenuku, the highest mountain outside of the Southern Alps. Spend the night dining with your hosts on New Zealand's largest family run station before jumping back in the saddle to cycle towards the Awatere Valley, boasting vineyards overlooking the Pacific Ocean. A short drive will take you to the 'marine capital' of Kaikoura for an opportunity to view whales, dolphins or albatross before returning to Christchurch via the spectacular inland Kaikoura Road.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Christchurch, cycle/drive from Oxford to Waipara Winery **2** | Cycle rural roads and lunch at historic hotel, drive to Hanmer Springs **3** | Cycle into the upper Clarence Valley and through the Molesworth region, overnight at farm station **4** | Cycle the lower Awatere Valley, drive to Kaikoura **5** | Optional activities, drive to Lyford Saddle, cycle to State Highway, drive Christchurch where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners \* Professional guide(s) \* 3 nights motel/lodge accommodation \* 1 night rural farm stay \* Transport by private coach \* Department of Conservation concessions fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit

**DATES | 2015**

23 Nov - 27 Nov  
30 Dec - 03 Jan<sup>HS</sup>

**DATES | 2016**

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08 Mar - 12 Mar  
05 Apr - 09 Apr  
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Cyclists in the Molesworth High Country | Colin Monteath



# west coast wilderness cycle trail



TRIP CODE: WTC  
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5 day trip \* 5 day cycle trail \* 4 nights hotel/motel

## Follow the trail of the early gold rush miners through the diverse & rugged West Coast wilderness

Wedged between the snow capped peaks of the Southern Alps and the Tasman Sea is one of the South Island's most diverse, rugged and beautiful landscapes. Snaking through the dense rainforests, glacial rivers, lakes and wetlands is the West Coast Wilderness Trail, a graded cycle trail formed from a series of tracks carved by pioneering gold rush miners, along with extensive water races, logging tramways and historic railway lines. This new trail opens up some of the West Coast's wildest and most spectacular natural settings, and our supported trip will see you follow the highlights of this 140km trail as well as visit some nearby must-see attractions. From Christchurch we cross the Southern Alps via Arthurs Pass and begin our ride along quiet back country trails around Lake Brunner. We leave the bikes for a treetop canopy walk before continuing along the coast to Hokitika and then inland to the serene setting of Lake Kaniere nestled against the Southern Alps. After negotiating some swing bridges and switchback climbs it's all downhill to our accommodation at the beautifully restored historical Theatre Royal Hotel in Kumara before sampling some of the product at Monteiths Brewery on our way to Greymouth. We return to Christchurch, where the trip concludes, aboard the TranzAlpine Express, one of the world's great train rides.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Christchurch, cycle at Lake Brunner drive to Ross **2** | Cycle the trail to Hokitika, visit the Treetop walkway **3** | Cycle around Lake Kaniere, return to Hokitika **4** | Cycle to Kumara, overnight in historic hotel **5** | Cycle to Greymouth, return to Christchurch where tour concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners \* Professional guide(s) \* 4 nights motel/lodge accommodation \* Transport by private coach \* TranzAlpine train from Greymouth to Christchurch \* Entry to Treetops Walkway \* Department of Conservation concessions fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit

**DATES | 2015**

12 Oct - 16 Oct  
17 Nov - 21 Nov  
16 Dec - 20 Dec

**DATES | 2016**

09 Jan - 13 Jan  
23 Jan - 27 Jan  
06 Feb - 10 Feb<sup>HS</sup>  
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05 Dec - 09 Dec



Cycling along the West Coast Wilderness Trail | Stephen Roberts





Riding the Queenstown Trails

# otago cycle trails

## queenstown otago rail trail

5 day trip \* 5 day cycle trail \* 4 nights hotel/motel

### Combine two NZ icons, Queenstown and the Otago Rail Trail, in the one trip

Combine two of the South Island's most popular travel experiences, the adventure capital of Queenstown as well as the famous Otago Rail Trail. The cycling will take in a beautiful ride from Arrowtown to the Kawarau 'Bungy' Bridge on the newly established Queenstown Trails before pedalling the country's most famous cycle path, the 150km vehicle free Otago Rail Trail, a specially converted trail along the old Central Otago branch railway line from Clyde to Middlemarch. You'll discover the many small towns and abandoned gold diggings scattered along the trail as well as meeting some intriguing locals before hopping off the bikes to board the spectacular Taieri Gorge Railway into Dunedin, one of the world's great train trips. For those that thrive on adventure and activity during their holidays Queenstown will be a highlight in itself and we encourage you to talk to us about extending your stay here to make the most of the many activities on offer.

**BRIEF ITINERARY:** DAY 1 | Cycle the Queenstown trails, drive to Clyde 2 | Join Otago Rail Trail, cycle to Lauder 3 | Cycle through tunnels and viaducts to Ranfurly 4 | Cycle to Middlemarch, Taieri Gorge Train to Dunedin 5 | Cycle Kakanui coast to Oamaru, drive back to Christchurch where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners \* Professional guide(s) \* 4 nights hotel/motel \* Taieri Gorge train trip \* Otago Central Rail Trail passport \* Department of Conservation concession fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit



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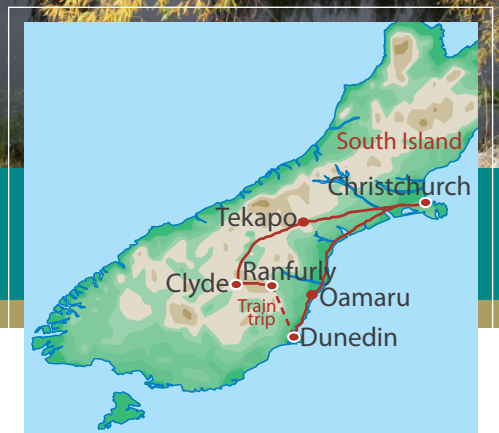
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Cycling along the Otago Rail Trail | Andrew Bain



## otago rail trail classic



5 day trip • 5 day cycle trail • 4 nights hotel/motel

### Ride New Zealand's most iconic cycling path along the old Central Otago branch railway line

Featured as the #2 'Must Do Adventure' by Lonely Planet in the latest New Zealand guide book, this cycling adventure will have you travelling back through time exploring New Zealand's rich rural past. The gently graded 150km trail, which follows the old Central Otago branch railway line from Clyde to Middlemarch, has been specifically converted for walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders - with no motor vehicles allowed! Cutting through largely inaccessible regions of the spectacular Central Otago highlands, the Otago Rail Trail follows a gentle gradient allowing cyclists of all abilities an opportunity to experience classic New Zealand mountain landscapes, abandoned gold diggings and small towns that all combine to make the Otago region so unique. Along the way there is even the option to try your hand at the ancient art of curling (bowls on ice). This popular cycling tour culminates with a journey on one of the world's great train trips - the spectacular Taieri Gorge Railway into Dunedin. This guided tour of the Otago Rail Trail is fully supported, leaving you with no concerns about accommodation, luggage or expert insights along the trail.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Christchurch, drive to Tekapo, cycle lakeside, drive to Clyde **2** | Cycle Rail Trail to Alexandra, Omakau and Lauder **3** | Cycle through tunnels and viaducts to Ranfurly **4** | Cycle through tunnels and viaducts out to Middlemarch, Taieri Gorge Train to Dunedin **5** | Drive to Kakanui coast and cycle into historic warehouse area of Oamaru, drive back to Christchurch where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts & dinners • Professional guide(s) • 4 nights motel/lodge accomm. • Taieri Gorge Train to Dunedin • Otago Rail Trail Passport • Transport by private coach • Dept. of Conservation concession fees • Comprehensive first aid kit

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#### DATES | 2016

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The vast expanse of the stunning Eglington Valley | Geoff Gabites

# south island cycle trails

## milford sound cycle



5 day trip ✦ 4 day cycle trails ✦ 2 nights motel/hotel ✦ 1 night cabin ✦ 1 night boat cruise

**Experience the pristine natural beauty of Fiordland and Milford Sound on two wheels**

Short on time? This spectacular cycling adventure provides an ideal opportunity to experience the natural wonders of Fiordland and the enchanting Milford Sound. Nowhere else in New Zealand do the mountains rise up out of the water, rich rainforests cling to sheer rock faces or waterfalls crash hundreds of metres to the sea below than in our gorgeous Sound. Your journey begins in Queenstown, where you will embark on this amazing journey towards Milford Sound, enjoying walks along the famous Kepler Track, cycle rides through Fiordland National Parks' iconic beech forests and superb mountain scenery along the way. After a 16km descent into Milford Sound you will board your comfortable floating hotel to explore the magic of this area, with options to swim or kayak, before pedalling on to Te Anau and the hidden Mavora Lakes site featured in the Lord of the Rings. This sensational cycle journey concludes with a transfer back to Queenstown aboard the lake steamer TSS Earnslaw.

**BRIEF ITINERARY:** DAY 1 | Join Queenstown 2 | Cycle/drive to Te Anau 3 | Cycle/drive into Fiordland National Park and Milford Sound, overnight cruise on Milford Sound 4 | Morning cruise, optional walk to Key Summit, cycle/drive to Te Anau 5 | Mavora Lakes, cycle/drive to Von Valley and Walter Peak, take the TSS Earnslaw to Queenstown where the trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners ✦ Professional guide(s) ✦ 3 nights lodge accommodation ✦ 1 night cruise on Milford Sound (valued up to NZ\$355pp) ✦ Steam boat from Walter Peak to Queenstown ✦ Transport by private coach ✦ Department of Conservation concession fees ✦ Comprehensive first aid kit



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DATES | 2015

02 Dec - 06 Dec

DATES | 2016

30 Jan - 03 Feb  
27 Feb - 02 Mar  
27 Mar - 31 Mar<sup>HS</sup>  
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# nelson great taste cycle trail



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5 day trip \* 5 day cycle trail \* 4 nights hotel/ motel

## Discover the Great Taste Cycle Trail and explore quiet backroads of the stunning Nelson/Tasman region

Discover breathtaking landscapes that incorporate both coastal and mountainous vistas while exploring the Great Taste Cycle Trail in the renowned Nelson / Tasman region. This itinerary has all the hallmarks of a great introductory cycling journey - inspiring scenery, quiet back country roads, flat cycle trails and long easy downhill runs. The region is well known for its crafts, wine and great food. The best time to visit is autumn, when the weather is settled and the local harvest is in full swing. This tour allows exploration of the coast and hinterland alike, by both bike and foot, as well as time to visit craft galleries, breweries, cottage industries, wineries and the chance to experience two very unusual themed museums. A cycling highlight is the chance to achieve a personal best on a long downhill ride to the Marlborough wineries. There are also options for short, early morning hikes in the Nelson Lakes National Park to listen to the local birds perform their 'dawn chorus' in a protected forest sanctuary.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Nelson, explore the cycle trails of Nelson and Wearable Art gallery **2** | Cycle trail to Mapua, **3** | Cycle quiet back roads to Lake Rotoroa, transfer to St Arnaud, afternoon walk options. **4** | Downhill run to wineries, Sir Peter Jackson's famous aviation museum at Omaka **5** | Dawn chorus walk, more downhill riding, lunch at Neudorf winery, return to Nelson where the trip concludes.

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 2 dinners \* Professional guide(s) \* 4 nights motel/lodge accommodation \* Wearable Arts gallery & Classic Cars entry fee \* Brewery tour \* Two Ferry journeys \* Omaka Aviation Museum \* Two winery lunches \* Department of Conservation concession fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit

**DATES | 2015**  
16 Nov - 20 Nov  
08 Dec - 12 Dec

**DATES | 2016**  
21 Feb - 25 Feb  
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Brancott Estate winery | Tim de Jong



# clutha gold trails



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5 day trip \* 5 day cycle trail \* 4 nights hotel/motel

## A fascinating heritage trail exploring the gold rush history of this picturesque region

Take a ride back in time along this unique heritage trail showcasing the region's rich history from early Maori moa hunts to the first Chinese gold miners. A large portion of the trail follows the Clutha Mata-au River with its glacial blue waters, which flow from Lake Wanaka to the Pacific Ocean, contrasting the mix of rugged Central Otago landscapes, vivid green farmland and colourful orchards. The mighty river provides an inspiring back drop for cyclists as we learn more about the important events that have helped shape the historic goldmining region, including influences such as European pastoral farming and modern-day hydro power. Our supported trip along the Clutha Gold Cycle Trail encompasses the newly established Queenstown, Roxburgh Gorge and Clutha Gold Cycleways and we'll explore them by bike and even jetboats. We travel north via Dunedin, the city with the world's steepest street and where we visit the famous Albatross colony on the Otago Peninsula. We explore the Victorian Precinct in the quaint town of Oamaru before concluding our journey in Christchurch.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Queenstown, cycle from Arrowtown to Gibbston Valley and the Roxburgh Gorge Trail **2** | Cycle through orchards and farmland towards Lawrence **3** | Cycle the Millenium Track to Beaumont, jetboat ride **4** | Drive to Dunedin and cycle the Otago Peninsula, optional visit to the Albatross Colony **5** | Cycle to historic Oamaru, travel to Christchurch where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners \* Professional guide(s) \* 4 nights motel/lodge accommodation \* Transport by private coach \* Jet boat transfer in Roxborough Gorge \* Jet boat ride at Beaumont \* Department of Conservation concessions fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit

**DATES | 2015**  
15 Nov - 19 Nov  
15 Dec - 19 Dec

**DATES | 2016**  
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The jetboat transfers on the Clutha River are a highlight on the Clutha Gold Cycle Trail | Ross MacKay





Cyclist working their way up the West Coast of the South Island | Tim de Jong

# west coast road cycling

## west coast and glaciers cycle



6 day trip • 6 day road cycle • 5 nights hotel/motel

### Discover the wild west coast's glaciers, rainforests and surreal coastline formations by bike

Exploring New Zealand's 'wild' west coast by bike is cycling at its very best. Encounter grinding glaciers, primal rainforests and dramatic coastal scenery as we 'cycle the best and drive the rest' to ensure you experience all the landscapes that make this part of the South Island such an enticing place to travel through. From Queenstown, cycle to the former gold mining town of Arrowtown to explore its tranquil tree lined streetscapes before crossing over the Crown Range into Wanaka along New Zealand's highest main road. After an exhilarating swoop down Haast Pass you'll be greeted by lush rainforests before cycling past surreal coastlines featuring high cliffs and crashing seas. Your cycling efforts will be rewarded on reaching the world famous Fox Glacier, where you can enjoy a guided walk, or discover nearby Lake Matheson and its magnificent reflection of the Southern Alps. Cycling on past the equally impressive Franz Josef Glacier you'll finally emerge at the top of Arthurs Pass, where you board the TranzAlpine train for the spectacular journey back to Christchurch.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Queenstown, cycle through Arrowtown, crossing over the Crown Range, and into Wanaka **2** | Drive/cycle the lakeside roads to Haast Pass, descend through West Coast rainforest to Haast **3** | Cycle/drive the coastal road to Fox Glacier, explore Lake Matheson **4** | Walk to the foot of Fox Glacier, cycle to Franz Josef **5** | Cycle/drive coastal road to Hokitika **6** | Cycle to Lake Brunner, ascend Arthurs Pass, TranzAlpine train back to Christchurch, trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 3 dinners • Professional guide(s) • 5 nights motel/lodge accommodation • TranzAlpine Express train • Transport by private coach • Dept. of Conservation concession fees • Comprehensive first aid kit



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**DATES | 2015**  
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**DATES | 2016**  
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# marlborough and west coast cycle



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grade » Moderate

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7 day trip • 7 day road cycle • 6 nights hotel/motel

## Cycle from beech forests to beaches to discover wilderness, wines & wildlife

Exploring the northern regions of the South Island, this action packed cycling tour is sure to inspire as you cycle past bush clad lakes and tracks, along wild coastlines as well as sample some of New Zealand's very best wines! From Christchurch, you'll cycle towards Hanmer Springs to soak in the outdoor hot pools and experience their therapeutic qualities. Returning to the saddle at Lewis Pass, pedal along beech forest lined roads towards the rugged beauty of the 'Wild' West Coast. From here the scenery, not the cycling, will leave you breathless as you head north along the flatter, picturesque landscapes of Lake Poerua, Rotomanu and Moana, nestled between the Southern Alps and tranquil Lake Brunner. Continuing along the coast, encounter the natural blowholes at Punakaiki, the mighty Buller Gorge as well as the serene beauty of Queen Charlotte Sound, stopping to sample the produce at local wineries along the way. As you head back towards Christchurch along the stunning Kaikoura coastline, dotted with fur seals, there is the option to take an early morning whale watching cruise to provide a fitting finale to this memorable cycling adventure.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Christchurch, drive/cycle to Hanmer Springs **2** | Drive to Lewis Pass, cycle to the West Coast and Lake Brunner **3** | Cycle to the Punakaiki rock formations and blowholes **4** | Coastal cycle and along the Buller River, drive to St. Arnaud **5** | Cycle forestry roads and riverside to Motueka, transfer to Nelson **6** | Queen Charlotte Sound, cycle to Picton, winery lunch, drive to Kaikoura **7** | Optional activities followed by a drive to Lyford saddle, a final cycle before the trip concludes in Christchurch

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 3 dinners • Professional guide(s) • 6 nights hotel/motel accommodation • Transport by private coach • Comprehensive first aid kit

**DATES | 2015**  
16 Nov - 22 Nov  
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**DATES | 2016**  
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The west coast offers great cycling through coastal bays and along rugged coastlines



# great west coast cycle



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9 day trip • 8 day road cycle • 8 nights hotel/ motel

## An unforgettable ride along one of the world's top five cycling routes

Known as New Zealand's most famous and scenic multi-day cycle ride this spectacular trip from Christchurch to Queenstown is also regarded as one of the world's top five cycle touring routes. Averaging daily rides of up to 100kms, and many high alpine pass crossings including the spectacular Haast Pass, the cycling will take you past an ever changing landscape; from glacier country through to quiet sealed roads fringed with mighty podocarp rainforest and past dramatic coastlines before finally crossing over the Crown Range into the beautiful Southern Lakes district around Wanaka and Queenstown. Out of the saddle the highlights are equally spectacular. Your adventure begins with a memorable journey on the TranzAlpine Express train to Greymouth via the spectacular Waimakariri Gorge and lush forests of Arthur's Pass National Park and there is a free day built in for you to enjoy the many optional activities at the Franz Josef Glacier such as relaxing in the hot pools, enjoying guided walks or taking an optional scenic flight. This comprehensive itinerary truly is a cyclist's ideal adventure.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Christchurch, Tranzalpine train to Greymouth **2** | Cycle to Franz Josef Glacier **3** | Free day at Franz Josef Glacier **4** | Cycle to Fox Glacier, optional walks or sea kayaking **5** | Cycle to Haast **6** | Cycle over Haast Pass to Makarora **7** | Cycle to Wanaka **8** | Cycle over the Crown Range to Queenstown **9** | Queenstown, trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners • Professional guide(s) • 8 nights hotel/ motel accommodation • TranzAlpine train to Greymouth from Christchurch • Transport by private coach • Department of Conservation concession fees • Comprehensive first aid kit

**DATES | 2015**  
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Fox Glacier is a 13km long glacier located in Westland National Park on New Zealand's South Island





Mount Cook reflection | Chris Buykx

# south coast road cycling



## southern lakes cycle

6 day trip ✿ 5 day road cycle ✿ 4 nights hotel/motel ✿ 1 night farmstay

### Pedal through the heart of the Lakes District from Christchurch to Queenstown

This superb cycling adventure from Christchurch to Queenstown offers you a chance to explore the vast and impressive Mackenzie Basin by bike to truly appreciate its huge glacial lakes and snow-capped mountains. The itinerary also allows you an opportunity to stretch the legs to admire the grandeur of Aoraki Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest mountain, when you walk beneath its flanks. You'll begin the tour with a rural home stay with local Kiwi farmers before setting off on a superb ride alongside the stunning turquoise lakes of Tekapo and Pukaki, following the Waitaki River and its lakes to the coast via the "big-sky country" in Central Otago before finishing at the impressive Lake Wakatipu in Queenstown. In Queenstown we can help you extend your stay so you can sample the great shopping offered by this charismatic mountain community, widely regarded as the 'Adventure Capital of the World'. If you wish to extend your stay this tour links perfectly with our Milford Sound Cycle.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Christchurch, cycle and lunch at winery, drive to Fairlie **2** | Cycle Lake Tekapo to Mt Cook **3** | Walk beneath Mt Cook, cycle to Lake Ohau **4** | Cycle to historic Oamaru **5** | Cycle to Ranfurly **6** | Ride to Clyde, transfer to Queenstown

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 3 dinners ✿ Professional guide(s) ✿ 1 night rural home stay ✿ 4 nights motel/lodge accommodation ✿ Transport by private coach ✿ Department of Conservation concession fees ✿ Comprehensive first aid kit



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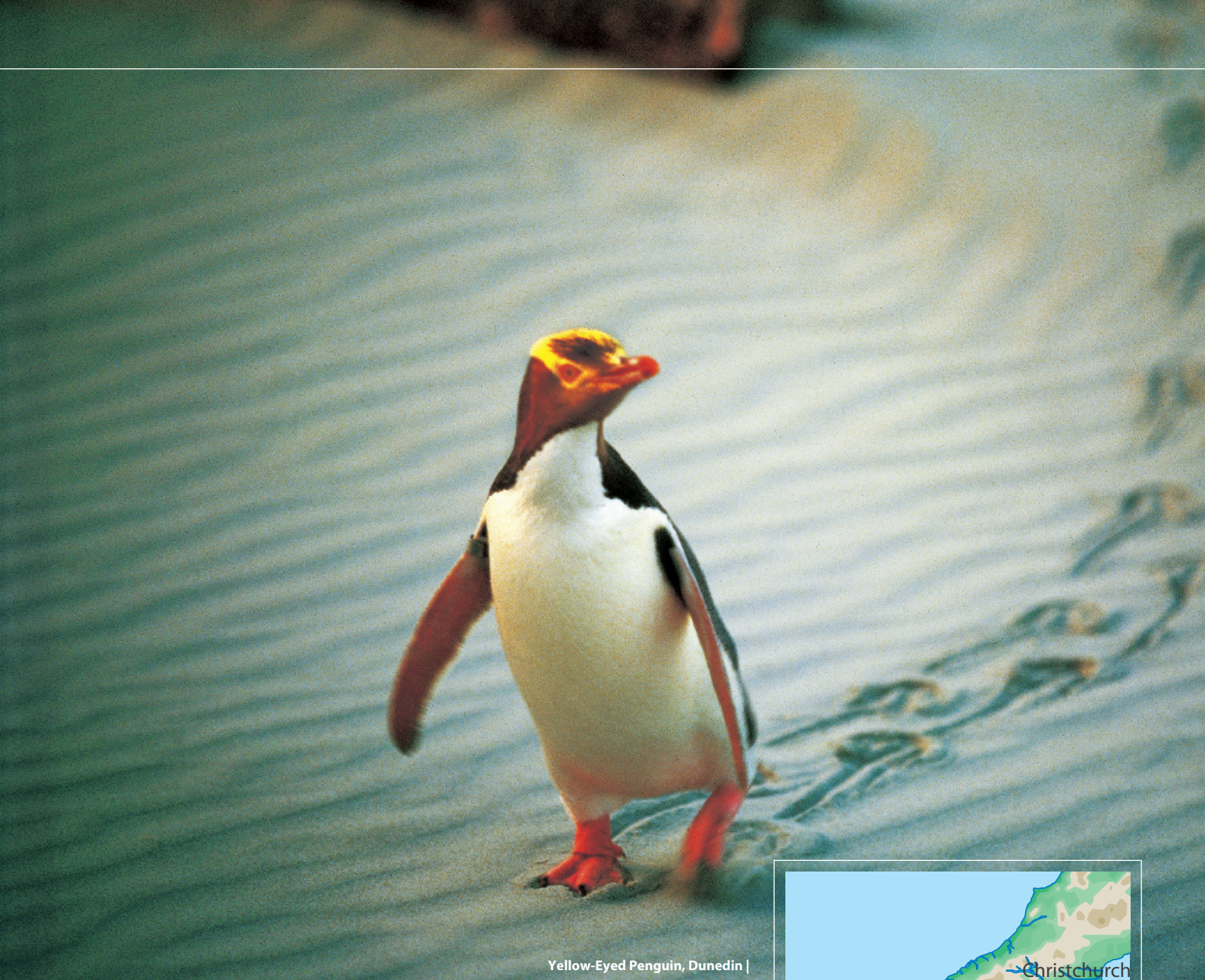
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Yellow-Eyed Penguin, Dunedin |



## southern coast cycle

7 day trip \* 7 day road cycle \* 6 nights hotel/motel

### Experience the remote bays, windswept coastlines and rare wildlife of Southland by bike

Lush green rolling plains, wild windswept coastlines and unique wildlife experiences characterise New Zealand's southern most region - Southland. This remarkable tour begins by cycling the scenic border roads of the Fiordland National Park before visiting the World's most southern city- Invercargill. The potential to get a glimpse of wildlife in the remote Catlins Coast, home to an ancient petrified forest, fur seals, rare hectors dolphins and the yellow-eyed penguin - the world's rarest penguin - is exciting. We then explore Dunedin, famous for its rich Scottish history, the Otago Peninsula and its famous albatross.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Queenstown, cycle via the Southland Plains to Te Anau **2** | Cycle south making our way to Invercargill. **3** | Cycle to Catlins Coast, explore the quiet beaches and petrified forest **4** | From Curio Bay cycle/drive up the Catlins to Owaka **5** | Cycle to Balclutha, drive/cycle to Dunedin **6** | Cycle Otago Peninsula, stay in Omarau **7** | Drive and cycle around Timaru, drive to Christchurch where tour concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners \* Professional guide(s) \* 6 nights hotel/motel accommodation \* Transport by private coach \* Department of Conservation concession fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit

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29 Nov - 05 Dec



Mount Cook from the Hooker Valley | Chris Buykx

# multi-activity

## south island multi-activity adventure



7 day trip ✦ 7 day multi-activity ✦ 5 nights hotel/motel ✦ 1 night boat

### An active exploration of the far south, from Stewart Island to the Southern Alps and beyond

From New Zealand's southern-most tip to its highest peak, this adventure will help you to discover the best of the south on foot, boat and kayak. Journey deep into the heart of the stunning Fiordland National Park and board your floating hotel to discover the pristine beauty of Doubtful Sound. If you're lucky you'll spot bottlenose dolphins and fur seals before continuing on to the wildlife haven that is Stewart Island. Two nights are spent here to ensure you can enjoy the best of the islands activities including spotting a Kiwi, sea kayaking, or exploring the tranquil bush and beach settings by foot. Your multi-activity adventure continues east to the wilds of the Catlins Coast, Dunedin, the Otago Peninsula and then inland towards the glorious Southern Alps. Here you can choose an optional walk to the Hooker Glacier Lake for panoramic vistas of Mount Cook and beyond or visit the Sir Edmund Hillary museum. After a unique boat trip on the Tasman Glacier Lake and afternoon tea on a farm with a Kiwi family your trip concludes in Christchurch.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Queenstown, travel via Lake Manapouri to Doubtful Sound, overnight cruise 2 | Cruise concludes, travel to Stewart Island 3 | Stewart Island, optional sea kayaking 4 | Explore the mysterious Catlins and the far South Coast 5 | To Dunedin and Otago Peninsula 6 | To Mount Cook, walk to the Hooker Glacier 7 | Explore the Tasman Glacier by boat, drive to Christchurch where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 1 dinner ✦ Professional guide(s) ✦ 5 nights hotel/motel accommodation ✦ 1 overnight cruise on Doubtful Sound (valued up to NZ\$615pp) ✦ Transport by private coach ✦ Stewart Island ferry ✦ Tasman Glacier boat tour ✦ Albatross Colony entry ✦ Department of Conservation concession fees ✦ Comprehensive first aid kit

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Walking on the glacier



## west coast hike & kayak adventure

7 day trip \* 7 day multi-activity \* 6 nights hotel/motel

### An exciting combination of short walks and adventures exploring the west coast from Christchurch to Queenstown

The South Island's wild west coast is contrasted by lush rainforests, surreal coastlines as well as glaciated alpine wilderness, making it one of the most spectacular areas of New Zealand to explore. This adventure takes in all the highlights as you travel from Christchurch up to Picton and then along the rugged west coast towards the adventure capital of Queenstown. The itinerary is packed with exciting activities including kayaking the sheltered waters of Queen Charlotte Sound, trekking and sailing in the beautiful Abel Tasman National Park, heading underground to experience black water cave rafting in the Buller Valley or join an optional heli-hike glacier on Fox Glacier. You'll also spend time admiring the blow holes at Punakaiki, learning about Maori legends and enjoy the world's first and only ocean to alps river jet boating tour in a World Heritage area.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Christchurch to Picton with walk in Kaikoura **2** | Sea kayaking in Queen Charlotte Sound **3** | Day walk in Abel Tasman National Park **4** | Cave rafting in the Buller Valley **5** | Hiking or optional heli-hike on Fox Glacier **6** | Jet Boating in Mt Aspiring National Park **7** | Lake Wanaka to Queenstown where the trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 1 dinner \* Professional guide(s) \* 6 nights hotel/motel accommodation \* Transport by private coach \* Cave rafting \* Jet boating \* Abel Tasman hike and sailing \* Wine tasting experience \* Sea kayaking on Queen Charlotte Sound \* Department of Conservation concession fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit



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#### DATES | 2016

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Trekkers on Buchanan peak with Mount Aspiring behind, walking above Matukituki valley, near Lake Wanaka | Colin Monteath



# south island walks

## best of southern alps trek



6 day trip \* 6 day trek \* 4 nights hotel/motel \* 1 night private hut

### A dramatic trek, including heli-trekking, offering a grand overview of this spectacular mountain landscape

This is the best trek to not feature in any NZ guide book. Packed full of highlights, this stunning tour includes the ascent of two 2000m peaks, exploring a remote lake and valley system as well as admiring the splendour of Aoraki Mount Cook and Mount Aspiring from high on remote ridges - thanks to spectacular helicopter transfers. Your trip begins with a drive to the highland lake of Lake Tekapo, the starting point of this outstanding trek. The first night on the trail is spent at Rex Simpson Hut where you'll enjoy the superb alpine and lakeside vista. The next day you'll trek east along a ridgeline to the summit of your first 2000m peak. At Aoraki Mount Cook we spend a day walking in the National Park, hiking high on the ridge overlooking the Hooker Glacier and directly across from the spectacular Mt Sefton with its rumbling avalanches of ice and rock. Accommodation in the secluded Lake Ohau Lodge accesses shorter hikes before we move onto Wanaka where we take a cruise and hike on the picturesque lake that sits at the base of the Southern Alps. This amazing trek ends in sensational style as you enjoy a breathtaking helicopter ride to nearby tarns from where your ridge top day walk begins along to your second 2000m summit overlooking the stunning Matukituki Valley, Lake Wanaka and Mount Aspiring. If you want spectacular Southern Alps scenery without the crowds, you've found your trip.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Christchurch, drive to Lake Tekapo, trek to Rex Simpson hut **2** | Trek along ridge to summit of nearby 2000m peak, return to Lake Tekapo **3** | Lake Tekapo to Mt Cook Village **4** | Mt Cook Village to Lake Ohau Lodge **5** | Lake Ohau to Wanaka **6** | Helicopter to nearby tarns for ridge walk to summit overlooking the Matukituki Valley and Mount Aspiring, heli-lift back to vehicle, drive to Queenstown, trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners \* Professional guide(s) \* 1 nights hut stay with sleeping bag and liner provided \* 4 nights motel/hotel accommodation \* Transport by private coach \* Lake cruise/water taxi \* Helicopter flight to and from heli-hike \* Department of Conservation concession fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit

TRIP CODE: SAT

[grade » Moderate

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DATES | 2015

08 Nov - 13 Nov <sup>HS</sup>

28 Dec - 02 Jan <sup>HS</sup>

DATES | 2016

01 Feb - 06 Feb

28 Feb - 04 Mar

01 Mar - 06 Mar

15 Mar - 20 Mar

10 Apr - 15 Apr

06 Nov - 11 Nov <sup>HS</sup>

26 Dec - 31 Dec <sup>HS</sup>



Exploring Milford Sound aboard the Milford Wanderer is a highlight of the trip



## milford sound & stewart island trails

8 day trip ✦ 7 day walk ✦ 7 nights hotel/ lodge

### Discover the awe-inspiring Milford Sound, Hollyford Valley and unspoiled natural beauty of the wildlife-rich Stewart Island on foot

This classic tour begins in the 'adventure capital' Queenstown where we hike to the peak of Ben Lomond for extensive panoramic views over the surrounding region. From Queenstown we travel through the rolling hills of Central Otago, an area steeped in gold-mining history, which will provide a wonderful contrast to the ensuing days' walks that allow us to explore the native forests and dramatic seascapes of the windswept Catlins Coast. Continuing further south we visit unique Stewart Island, for a change of pace. Here we enjoy free time to explore this remote island and potentially sight New Zealand's flightless bird - the Kiwi - in its natural habitat. The Island is one of the few places in the country with the greatest chance of seeing this very shy creature. Returning to the mainland we travel north to Te Anau for a walk in the lower reaches of Fjordland National Park. A cruise on Milford Sound is breathtaking before a spectacular helicopter flight over dramatic mountain peaks into Martins Bay, the heart of the Hollyford region. We enjoy an afternoon walk along the rugged coastline, which is frequented by penguins and seals in season, before settling into our cosy lodge for the night. We are truly surrounded by wilderness as there is no other habitation in this area. A short boat ride then sees us hiking through other-worldly rainforest on the Hollyford Track before we return to Te Anau. We travel back to Queenstown reflecting on a week of exceptional walking experiences.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Queenstown, ascend Ben Lomond, to Roxburgh **2** | To Catlins coast, **3** | Catlins walking, ferry to Stewart Island **4** | Free time on Stewart Island **5** | Ferry back to mainland, travel to Te Anau, walk Fjordland National Park **6** | Milford Sound cruise, helicopter to Martins Bay **7** | Walk Hollyford Track, to Te Anau **8** | Return to Queenstown, trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners ✦ Professional guide(s) ✦ 7 nights hotel/lodge accommodation ✦ Private transport ✦ Milford Sound Cruise ✦ Helicopter transfer to Martins Bay ✦ Exclusive use of Martins Bay lodge ✦ Return Stewart Island ferry ✦ Department of Conservation concession fees ✦ Comprehensive first aid kit



**TRIP CODE: MSI**

[ grade » Introductory

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**DATES | 2015**

21 Nov - 28 Nov

05 Dec - 12 Dec

**DATES | 2016**

23 Jan - 30 Jan

06 Feb - 13 Feb <sup>HS</sup>

20 Feb - 27 Feb

19 Mar - 26 Mar <sup>HS</sup>

14 Nov - 21 Nov

28 Nov - 05 Dec



Hiking above Marlborough Sound | Nick Groves

# south island walks

## marlborough sounds and abel tasman trails

7 day trip ✦ 7 day walk ✦ 6 nights hotel/ motel

### An exciting blend of remote and iconic walks on the upper South Island

Sample the finest walks in the upper South Island, including the best sections of the Queen Charlotte and Abel Tasman Tracks on this outstanding itinerary. This fully lodge based accommodated walk takes in the northern circuit of the South Island, beginning with the stunning Kaikoura Peninsula Walk before taking in the spectacular scenery of the Marlborough Sounds from the Queen Charlotte Track. You'll also nestle into the tranquility of a remote eco lodge, weave your way through small bays and beautiful bushland along the Abel Tasman Walkway as well as retrace your steps along this magical trail from the decks of a yacht. The amazing scenery isn't finished yet as you divert inland from the coastal trails to Nelson Lakes to complete a circular track that provides wonderful views of craggy mountains and beech forests. Return to Christchurch via Hanmer Springs for a well deserved soak in its therapeutic hot pools.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Christchurch, drive to Kaikoura, Peninsula Walk, drive to Picton **2** | Day walk on Queen Charlotte Track **3** | Drive to the start of track and walk to remote eco lodge **4** | Ascend saddle and descend back to vehicle, drive to Motueka **5** | Trek on Abel Tasman Walkway to Torrent Bay and return by yacht **6** | Drive to Nelson Lakes National Park, walk to Mt Robert viewpoint **7** | Drive remote backcountry track with side trip to nearby summit, relax in hot pools before drive to Christchurch where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners ✦ Professional guide/s ✦ 6 nights motel/hotel accommodation ✦ Transport by private coach ✦ Water taxi ✦ Abel Tasman sailing yacht transfer ✦ Hot pools access ✦ Department of Conservation concession fees ✦ Comprehensive first aid kit



**TRIP CODE: MSA**

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**DATES | 2015**

13 Dec - 19 Dec

**DATES | 2016**

10 Jan - 16 Jan

07 Feb - 13 Feb<sup>HS</sup>

07 Mar - 13 Mar

04 Apr - 10 Apr

31 Oct - 06 Nov

12 Dec - 18 Dec



Trekkers ascend Fox Glacier on New Zealand's west coast



## glaciers and west coast trekking



7 day trip \* 5 day trek \* 2 day adventure touring \* 3 nights camping \* 2 nights hut \* 1 night cabin

### Explore glaciers and remote hot pools set in spectacular mountains and primal rainforests

Experience the various landscapes of New Zealand's wild and rugged West Coast on this superb trekking adventure. Walk through lush rainforests, soak in natural hot pools situated beneath majestic mountains, walk on glaciers and kayak on a giant river delta. Discover Okarito, where the rainforest meets the sea, to undertake an optional kayak of the lagoon, or choose to enjoy a stunning trek that will provide dramatic views of the Southern Alps before retiring to your remote and secluded beach camp. At Fox Glacier, the longest glacier on the west coast, you will explore its fascinating ice features and impressive pinnacles while at Welcome Flat you'll cross swing bridges and mountain streams before soaking in hot pools where you can relax and enjoy the vistas of 3000m peaks! Trekking out of the Copland Valley, board the coach for the drive to Moeraki, stopping at Ship Creek to look for Hector's dolphins, before concluding this sensational tour in Queenstown.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Greymouth, drive to Okarito **2** | Explore lagoon and headland **3** | Drive to Fox Glacier, walk options **4** | Trek to Welcome Flats **5** | Explore Upper Valley **6** | Trek out of Copland Valley, drive to Haast **7** | Drive to Queenstown where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 6 dinners \* Professional guide(s) \* 5 nights camping/cabin/hut accommodation \* Transport by private coach \* All group camping equipment including tents, sleeping mats, stoves, catering & dining utensils \* Department of Conservation concession fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit

**TRIP CODE: GWT**

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**DATES | 2015**

13 Nov - 19 Nov

11 Dec - 17 Dec

**DATES | 2016**

08 Jan - 14 Jan

05 Feb - 11 Feb

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01 Apr - 07 Apr

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09 Dec - 15 Dec



The lighthouse at Cape Reinga, New Zealand | Malcolm O'Neill

# active journeys

## northland discovery

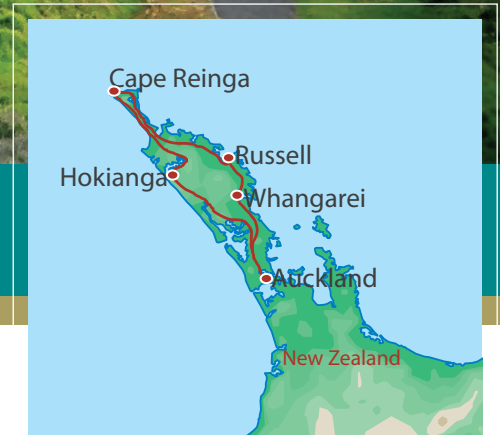
5 day trip • Day walks • 2 nights hotel/motel • 2 nights eco lodge

### Journey to the edge of the world as you hike and swim your way through the natural wonders of Northland

A journey into Northland feels like a trip to the furthest reaches on earth. The scenery is sublime with long white beaches stretching between ancient volcanic headlands, remote dune-scapes melding into sub-tropical forests and warmer evenings yielding to spectacular bright starry nights. This itinerary provides plenty of time for swimming in secret coves of turquoise water, brilliant short walks as well as an extended remote coastal hike near the Bay of Islands. From Auckland we follow the east coast to the original capital, the harbour town of Russell, stopping to check out some glow worms and to stretch our legs with a climb up an old volcanic plug. At the Bay of Islands explore secret beaches and climb up to a vantage point for breathtaking views. Further north at Whangaroa, trek along beautiful bush-fringed coastline with red volcanic headlands and visit the spectacular old volcanic plug (Dukes Nose) before retiring at our remote homestead nestled in the dunes at 90 Mile Beach. The northward journey ends at Cape Reinga, where the waters of the Pacific Ocean collide with the Tasman Sea. See the massive Te Pahi sand dunes before heading back south to Auckland via the magnificent Kauri Forests where you'll encounter Tane Mahuta, New Zealand's biggest kauri tree.

**BRIEF ITINERARY:** DAY 1 | Depart Auckland for Russell via Whangarei 2 | Explore the Bay of Islands, return to Russell 3 | To Whangaroa Harbour and 90 Mile Beach 4 | To Cape Reinga 5 | To Waipoua Forest to walk amongst giant Kauri trees, return to Auckland

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 2 dinners • Professional guide/s • 4 nights motel 2 nights lodge accommodation • Use of snorkeling gear • Transport by private minivan • Dept. of Conservation concession fees • Comprehensive first aid kit



**TRIP CODE: NLD**

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**DATES | 2015**

24 Nov - 28 Nov  
22 Dec - 26 Dec

**DATES | 2016**

19 Jan - 23 Jan  
16 Feb - 20 Feb  
15 Mar - 19 Mar  
12 Apr - 16 Apr  
22 Nov - 26 Nov  
20 Dec - 24 Dec



## coast and canyons trekking

5 day trip • Day Walks • 4 nights camping

**A superb walking exploration of the west coast for those who appreciate real wilderness travel**

Discover the northern regions of the South Island through a series of hand selected daywalks exploring superb wilderness settings before recounting your day around the campfire at secluded cave campsites. At Kahurangi National Park, which boasts some of New Zealand's oldest rocks, rarest birds and most exotic plants, you'll trek through beech forest, past limestone sinkholes and across tussock-covered mountain slopes. There is also the option to summit Mt Arthur (1795m) for panoramic views of the Nelson region. Transfer to the coastal forests at Paparoa National Park to enjoy walking through lush rainforest set in a limestone canyon, wade across crystal clear rivers, explore glow-worm caves and enjoy watching the antics of New Zealand fur seal pups at a breeding colony. This is a true wilderness lover's adventure as you sleep out beneath limestone overhangs in native forest settings, learn river-crossing skills and swim in New Zealand's beautiful, clear rivers. This tour easily links with our Glaciers and West Coast Trekking itinerary.



Approaching Mr Arthur |



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Nelson, drive to Kahurangi National Park **2** | Climb Mt Arthur, drive to Buller Gorge **3** | Visit seal colony, trek to Ballroom overhang **4** | Explore limestone canyons, drive to Punakaiki **5** | Coastal walk, drive to Greymouth, trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners • Professional guide/s • 3 nights camping accommodation • 1 night cottage accommodation • Transport by private minivan • All group camping equipment including tents, sleeping mats, stoves, catering & dining utensils • Department of Conservation concession fees • Comprehensive first aid kit

**TRIP CODE: CCY**  
grade » Moderate ]

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**DATES | 2015**  
09 Nov - 13 Nov  
07 Dec - 11 Dec

**DATES | 2016**  
04 Jan - 08 Jan  
01 Feb - 05 Feb  
29 Feb - 04 Mar  
28 Mar - 01 Apr  
07 Nov - 11 Nov  
05 Dec - 09 Dec



## secret south

11 day trip • Day Walks • 7 nights camping  
• 2 nights huts • 1 night cabin

**Explore the best of New Zealand's South Island on foot plus kayaking and cycling options**

Many walking holidays in New Zealand focus on the South Island and the Secret South hiking safari will reveal to you some of the best reasons why. This trip includes hiking into the rugged mountains of Fiordland National Park to beautiful alpine lakes with stunning mountain views. You'll kayak beneath massive sea cliffs in Milford Sound while watching out for basking seals and leaping dolphins. Explore the spectacular Catlins coast, with beautiful beaches, luxuriant rain forest, fossilised trees and rare species of sea lions, dolphins and penguins. Hike up the rocky slopes of the Ohau Range and look down on turquoise glacial lakes. View the contorted forms of glaciers and the snow capped peaks of Mount Cook. Explore the remarkable volcanic topography of Mount Somers with its waterfalls and narrow canyons. This is one of New Zealand's most beautiful, varied and interesting walking holidays.



Kayaking on Milford Sound |



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join Queenstown, transfer to Fiordland National Park, walk a section of Routeburn Track **2** | Milford Sound, optional kayak **3** | Commence overnight trek in Fiordland NP **4** | Trek to roadhead, transfer to Catlins Coast **5** | Curio Bay walk, transfer to Cannibal Bay **6** | Rest Day in Alexandria or optional cycle on Otago Rail Trail **7/8** | Ohau Range trek **9/10** | Trekking in Mount Cook National Park **11** | Explore water caves before returning to Christchurch where trip concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 10 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 10 dinners • Professional guide(s) • 10 nights accommodation, mix of camping/backcountry hut, NZ summer house (crib) and homestead • All group camping equipment including tents, sleeping mats, stoves, catering & dining utensils • Transport by private coach • Department of Conservation concession fees • Comprehensive first aid kit

**TRIP CODE: SSS**  
grade » Moderate ]

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**DATES | 2015**  
22 Nov - 02 Dec  
20 Dec - 30 Dec  
27 Dec - 06 Jan

**DATES | 2016**  
17 Jan - 27 Jan  
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Mountain hut on the Aspiring Glacier Traverse

# alpine treks



## mt aspiring glacier expedition



3 day trip \* 3 day trekking \* 2 nights huts

### Improve your glacier & mountain skills on this spectacular walk to the Bonar Glacier

If you have ever wanted to hike on a glacier or learn to walk safely amongst towering columns of an ice fall, then this exciting trip in Te Wahipounamu, in the Southwest New Zealand World Heritage Area, is for you. New Zealand's glaciers are spectacular but very few people ever get to visit the catchments of these vast oceans of snow. Here is your chance to experience a hiking adventure in one of New Zealand's most famous glacial areas which culminates in the magnificent Bonar Glacier. Renowned for its wonderful mixture of remote wilderness, high mountains and beautiful river valleys, the Mount Aspiring National Park is a walker's paradise, where the views are endless and unforgettable. With all the technical gear provided and pre-placed; all you need is a good pair of boots, excellent fitness and a spirit of adventure. The route passes directly below Mount Aspiring with amazing views. Mount Aspiring itself is a majestic peak and the only peak over 3000 metres outside Mount Cook National Park. The hike up the French Ridge track is steep, real steep and a good reminder why this demanding walk requires a high level of fitness. Clutching at roots and pulling yourself up over obstacles will give you a whole new appreciation of New Zealand hiking.

**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Trip briefing and gear check. Depart for Matukituki Valley and trail head, steep walk to French Ridge Hut 2 | **DAY 2** | Introduction to cramponing and glacier travel skills, reach Quarterdeck Pass Glacier, return to French Ridge Hut 3 | **DAY 3** | Return to valley floor, walk out to transfers back to Wanaka

**INCLUSIONS:** 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners \* Professional NZMGA qualified guide \* 2 nights tent or hut accommodation and any general camping equipment \* Transport by private coach \* Department of Conservation concession fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit \* Satellite phone/ radio communications

**TRIP CODE: FFF**

[ grade » Entry level Mountaineering/Exploratory Trek

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**DATES | 2015**

13 Nov - 15 Nov

19 Dec - 21 Dec

30 Dec - 01 Jan

**DATES | 2016**

05 Jan - 07 Jan

22 Jan - 24 Jan

06 Feb - 08 Feb

12 Feb - 14 Feb

22 Feb - 24 Feb

24 Mar - 26 Mar

03 Apr - 05 Apr



## gillespie & rabbit pass trek

8 day trip \* 8 days trekking \* 4 nights huts \* 3 nights camping

**Spectacular alpine trekking along NZ's most challenging wilderness route**

Widely regarded as New Zealand's hardest guided trek, this exciting 8 day hiking adventure will take you to some of the most remote and seldom visited trails of the World Heritage listed Mt Aspiring National Park. Your perseverance and endurance will reward you with breathtaking views of the highest peaks in the region, including the impressive Mount Aspiring. Following the main divide of the South Island, the Gillespie/Rabbit Pass trek is the longest guided trek in NZ and well away from the main tourist walking trails. Our route will take you from rainforests to hanging glaciers as you explore an awe-inspiring alpine environment home to glacier covered peaks, waterfalls, the Kea - the only alpine parrot on earth - and one of the greatest collections of alpine plants in the world. The walking is challenging but well balanced to allow time to relax and enjoy your remarkable surroundings. Staying at local mountain huts & our pre-placed campsites, the trip is suitable for fit & experienced hikers with good balance who are ready to challenge themselves in true backcountry terrain.



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Depart Wanaka for the Young Valley  
**2** | Ascend to Gillespie Pass for great views of the Southern Alps  
**3** | Descend to mountain hut via Siberia Valley  
**4** | Follow an alpine stream to the Upper Wilkin Valley  
**5** | Day trip to Lake Castilla  
**6** | Cross Rabbit Pass via Waterfall Flat  
**7** | Hike through open river flats & ancient forests then up to our alpine camp  
**8** | Descend to valley floor, return to Wanaka where tour concludes

**INCLUSIONS:** 7 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners \* Professional guide(s) \* 7 nights Alpine hut/pre-placed camp accommodation \* All camping equipment including sleeping bags from day 4 \* Transport by private coach \* Department of Conservation concession fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit

**TRIP CODE: GRP**  
 grade » Challenging]

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**DATES | 2015**  
 16 Dec - 23 Dec  
 27 Dec - 03 Jan

**DATES | 2016**  
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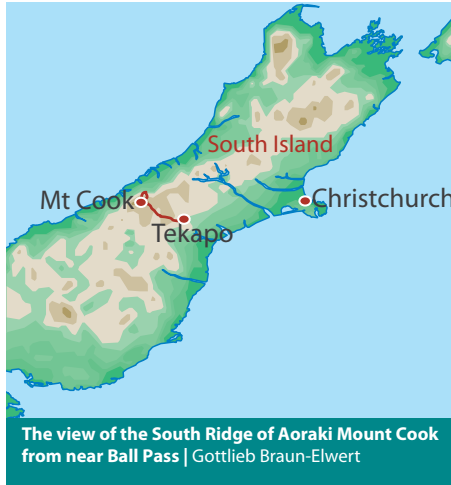


## ball pass summit trek

3 day trip \* 3 days trek/climb \* 2 nights huts

**A spectacular mountaineering trek under the imposing shadow of Mount Cook**

This exciting adventure offers a three day alpine trek, exploring the Tasman Valley up to Ball Pass. With ten peaks over 3000m, the Aoraki Mount Cook National Park offers stunning alpine scenery and is New Zealand's premier climbing region. Most of the peaks are accessible only to experienced mountaineers however alpine trekkers can also enjoy the forays up-close to Mount Cook, in the company of experienced mountain guides, along the Ball Pass Crossing. The trail follows the Ball Ridge high above the Tasman Glacier and opposite New Zealand's highest icefall - the mighty Caroline Face of Mount Cook. You will spend two nights at the private Caroline Hut at 1830m, using the middle of the day to climb Kaitiaki Peak (2222m) and explore the Ball Glacier. During your time in the National Park you will encounter rich alpine flora and unique birdlife, but it's the uninterrupted views of New Zealand's highest peaks that will truly take your breath away.



**BRIEF ITINERARY: DAY 1** | Join at Tekapo, drive to Mount Cook and the Tasman Glacier terminus, begin 850m ascent to the Caroline Hut  
**2** | Basic mountaineering instruction and a short climb on Kaitiaki Peak (2222m)  
**3** | Return to Mount Cook Village via the Tasman Valley, with views of the Tasman Glacier. Trip concludes at Tekapo.

**INCLUSIONS:** 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners \* Professional guide \* Caroline Hut accommodation \* Transport by private coach \* All climbing equipment \* Department of Conservation concession fees \* Comprehensive first aid kit

**TRIP CODE: BPT**  
 grade » Challenging]

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