

Abercrombie & Kent



MARIA ISLAND WALK

Experience a delightful four day guided walk exploring Maria Island, combining rare Tasmanian wildlife, spectacular scenery and fascinating history.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries



Australia, Tasmania



4 days, from AU\$2,600pp



Private

Journey Overview

Explore World Heritage Listed Maria Island, renowned for its natural beauty and unspoilt tranquility. Travel with local guides, walking along pristine beaches and through ancient blue gum forests by day and by night, savouring gourmet local fare. Uncover fascinating history and observe an abundance of rare birds and captivating wildlife.

Journey Highlights

Admire pristine coastal landscapes and local wildlife on an exploration of Shoal Bay and the eucalypt forests of Haunted Bay

Discover the world's largest stand of Tasmanian blue gums and climb majestic Mount Maria, journeying through rare "cloud" rain forests

Stay at Heritage listed Bernacchi House, indulging in a feast of Tasmania's flavourful local produce and famous wines

Note: This walk is a scheduled, shared group activity.



Itinerary

Day 1: Hobart - Maria Island

Transfer from Hobart to the historic coastal town of Triabunna, before boarding a boat and travelling through the sparkling waters of Mercury Passage to the isthmus of Maria Island. Arrive and set foot on a pristine, untouched beach, exactly as explorers did years earlier. Here you enjoy lunch overlooking the crystal azure waters of Shoal Bay before taking a walk to the tranquil Casuarina Beach camp.

The journey camps are located only moments from the beach, tucked away in the beautiful surrounding forest. Specially designed to have a small environmental footprint, guests will fall asleep in a comfortable bed in a private bush cabin to the sound of waves gently lapping nearby and wake to the sound of birds in the forest.

Spend the afternoon exploring the trail through the tall eucalypt forest down to the remarkable Haunted Bay.

This evening, after a fine Tasmanian gourmet dinner, stroll along the beach at sunset with a glass of wine, admiring the spectacular landscape.

(Walking distance: 8kms)

Casuarina Beach Camp | BLD

Day 2: Maria Island

Wake up to the busy chattering of the wattle birds and, from the comfort of your bed, watch the morning sun sparkle through the forest. After a delicious breakfast, it's time to start your journey along five beautiful beaches. Watch dolphins play in the surf and sea eagles soaring overhead as you walk past the carpet of exotic shells lining the water's edge. By late afternoon arrive at White Gums camp for a refreshing swim.

After the perfect day, relax with your fellow explorers before enjoying a candlelit dinner of the finest Tasmanian food and wine.

(Walking distance: 13kms)

White Gums Beach Camp | BLD

Day 3: Maria Island

Today your expert walking guides will take you inland to the heart of the island to discover the rich greens of the grand forests. You'll wander through the world's largest stand of giant Tasmanian blue gums and can choose to climb the peaks of Mt Maria or Bishop and Clerk, a 700 metre climb through rare "cloud" rain forests. As you can imagine, the views are simply breathtaking. That evening you arrive at Tasmania's fascinating World Heritage listed settlement of Darlington where you'll stay at the elegant colonial Bernacchi House and enjoy a final night banquet with matching wines.

Bernacchi House at Darlington, a rare, beautifully restored, heritage listed house dating back to 1880. Take a stroll out to the veranda and marvel at the millions of stars and the fragrance of the lavender garden below. In the winter months, curl up in front of roaring log fire, and savour delicious meals with matching wines year-round, feasting on the best local produce and other epicurean delights.

(Walking distance; 9-17kms)

Bernacchi House | BLD

Day 4: Maria Island - Hobart

Your final day begins with a delicious breakfast followed by a walk around the northern tip of Maria Island. The walk will take you through a variety of spectacular woodlands and forests with rare endemic birds, wallabies and wombats on show. Continue on to the dramatic sea cliffs of Fossil Bay and then head down to admire the area's remarkable namesakes at Fossil Cliffs. Arriving back at Darlington, revel in a celebratory farewell lunch before boarding the boat back to the mainland Tasmania and Hobart, taking with you incredible memories and stories of an amazing Maria Island adventure.

(Walking distance: 4kms)

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Extraordinary Experiences

Our in-country presence allows our Journey Designers to include exceptional activities and experiences that are beyond the reach of the average traveller. Here are just a few examples.



Visit the Raptor Refuge

Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy is proud to support Tasmania's Raptor Refuge. Exclusive to A&K guests, you can enjoy an inspirational behind-the-scenes experience where you are invited to observe how precious, and endangered, birds of prey are being rehabilitated and returned to the wild.



Immerse Yourself in MONA

Hop aboard a fast ferry to MONA, Hobart's breathtaking and utterly brilliant museum. Lose yourself in the contemporary collection of art and antiquities that never fails to inspire and challenge. Afterwards, enjoy a private, vineyard tour of Moorilla with wine tasting before a delicious two-course lunch of seasonal local produce with matched wines at MONA's stellar restaurant.



Explore Bruny Island & Huon Valley Tour

Board a ferry to scenic Bruny Island where you'll discover artisan cheeses at the Bruny Island Cheese Company, followed by a wilderness cruise at Adventure Bay. Embrace the tranquillity of the Huon Valley and its vineyards as you laze over a locally-sourced lunch, followed by a visit to one of Tasmania's oldest orchards to sample craft ciders and meet the people who make them.



Tee off on Tasmania's world-class golf courses

A golfer's paradise, test your swing in style and tee off on one of Tasmania's three celebrated courses. Visit Barnbougle's 'Lost Farm' and Tom Doak-designed 'The Dunes' carved cleverly into the coastal landscapes, or the Cape Wickham Links, standing proudly on picturesque King Island offering otherworldly ocean views alongside a world-class course.



Hike the hidden wonders of Flinders Island

Step into an awe-inspiring world of sparkling beaches, rugged ranges, abundant wildlife and sapphire waters as you mountain climb, rock hop and swim your way through the landscapes of Flinders Island. Drink in spectacular views from Mt Killiecrankie and be spellbound by the ancient rock formations as you're immersed in the island's natural wonders.



Savour a private, indulgent beachside picnic

Enjoy the best in local produce alongside spectacular coastal views on an indulgent beachside picnic. Soar by private helicopter from Hobart to your own pristine sandy beach haven, where you'll savour regional epicurean delights in private idyll, with nothing but the soft lapping of water on the shore to disrupt you.



Go on a Quoll Patrol

Discover the wilderness, wildlife and tastes of Tasmania. With Forester kangaroos as your dinner companions, enjoy the ambience of campfire dining with a four-course dinner, featuring a wonderful 'after dark' wildlife show which focuses on the antics of the eastern quoll in its natural habitat.

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