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## WILDLIFE & WANDERING: MARIA ISLAND

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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries



Australia, Tasmania



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## 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

- Revel in waterfront luxury in historic Hobart, savouring a cornucopia of local delights
- 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
- Spend 2 nights at MACq01, located on Hobart's iconic waterfront

**Note:** The walking component of this journey is a scheduled, shared group activity.



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Hobart**

Arrive into the Apple Isle and transfer to your waterfront hotel with the rest of the day to relax or explore the surrounds.

### ***MACq01***

### **Day 2: Triabunna - Maria Island**

Today begins your unforgettable walking exploration of spectacular Maria Island. Transfer 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 3: 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 4: 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 Tasmanian'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 5: 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. Transfer to your luxurious harbourside retreat with the evening at leisure.

*(Walking distance: 4kms)*

**MACq 01 Hotel | BL**

**Day 6: Depart Hobart**

As your journey comes to an end, savour breakfast before transferring to Hobart Airport for your departure flight.

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## Accommodation

### MACq 01 Hotel, Hobart



A unique hotel of unlimited intrigue, MACq 01 is inspired by the stories of Tasmania and its most colourful characters. Located in the heart of the historic Hobart waterfront, this storytelling hotel offers an informal luxury setting. From the rooms and decor to the service, the food, the entertainment, the views and even the people you meet within its walls, MACq 01 has been designed to offer a quintessentially Tasmanian experience like no other. Inside the hotel, you'll encounter the essence of Tasmania amidst a cornucopia of delights: fresh Tassie produce, a roaring open fire, trinkets and curiosities of the distant past, touches of live entertainment, all surrounded by the stories and characters that have made Tasmania the unforgettable place it is today.

#### Why we like it

- Each room is unique with a design inspired by a different Tasmanian character
- Amazing views of Hobart harbour and surrounds
- Gourmet restaurant serving the finest local ingredients
- Suites offer butler service

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