



# GREAT AUSTRALIAN WALKS

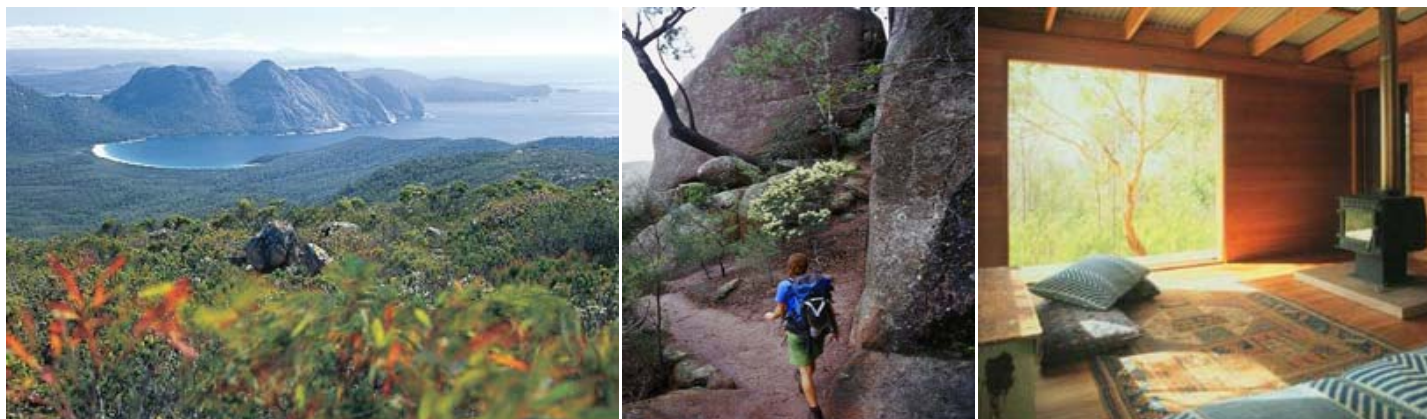
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## TASMANIA'S FREYCINET PENINSULA - 4-DAY GUIDED WALK

*"The Freycinet Experience's combination of gorgeous landscapes and prevailing ethos of 'luxury without harm' is enough to leave visitors on a natural – and sustainable – high."* Gourmet Traveller June 2008

This four-day guided wilderness walk covers the entire length of the Freycinet Peninsula on Tasmania's east coast. Rise to the sights, sounds and smells of the Australian 'bush', enjoy the spectacular vistas of the clear waters of the Tasman Sea, see the contrast of bright orange lichen on granite against pristine white beaches, hear bird song and waves collapsing on the shore, and relish the warm honey smell of Kunzea in flower.

This walk allows you to experience the challenge of a good days hike with the indulgence of having to carry no more than your lunch. Each evening, you return to our lodge for candlelit dinners, a hot bath and a comfortable bed. For many, the highlight of this tour is staying at the award-winning Friendly Beaches Lodge. Every aspect of the lodge and its surrounds is designed to give guests maximum comfort yet have minimal impact on the environment.



The only building on Friendly Beaches, Friendly Beaches Lodge is set in **blissful isolation** amidst 130 hectares of private land surrounded by Freycinet National Park. Two accommodation lodges branch off from the main lodge with a collection of double and twin rooms. Both lodges contain a lounge area with fireplace, a bathroom with a clawfoot bath, a separate shower room and two composting toilets.

Explore a **contemporary menu** of exceptional quality, freshly prepared, healthy, and with just enough indulgence. Enjoy local oysters plucked from the sea only hours before you eat them and try a range of Tasmania's **finest cheese and wines**. Our Lodge co-ordinators will make you feel at home and help you unwind. The lodge is used exclusively for walking groups.

### Departures 2011:

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November; Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December

### Departures 2012:

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Cost per person: \$1995 (up until 20 December 2011), \$2175 (for the rest of season)

Costs include: 3-nights accommodation in Friendly Beaches Lodge with shared bathroom and toilet facilities; all transport from Hobart; meals (including wine with dinner); experienced and knowledgeable walk guides; park fees; rain jacket and daypack hire. Maximum group size is ten participants (with two guides & two Lodge Hosts).

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The walk is organised so that people who are active will enjoy it. Walkers must be moderately fit and it is important to prepare for the walk beforehand. On the second day of the walk there is a choice between a challenging eight-hour 16km walk to climb Mount Graham (579 metres above sea level, for safety reasons walkers must be wearing ankle support boots to do this section) or a more relaxed 12km route along coastal heath lands and fabulous beaches. On the third day, there is a 12km walk (approximately six hours) to Friendly Beaches Lodge from Bluestone Bay. Guests will walk between 36km to 40 km over the four days



### **Suggested itinerary:**

#### **DAY ONE — HOBART TO COLES BAY & SCHOUTEN ISLAND**

Walking time: 2hrs      Distance: 3km

We depart from the Hobart Old Woolstore at 8.15am for Coles Bay, taking in views of the Freycinet Peninsula. We stop for morning tea at the historic Spiky Bridge near Swansea. From Coles Bay jetty we board 'The Naturaliste' to Schouten Island (weather permitting). After a picnic lunch, take a walk up Bear Hill or fish for flathead in Schouten Passage with our Coxswain Shep before a transfer back to Friendly Beaches Lodge to relax and enjoy a dinner of fresh fish and Tasmanian wine, listening to the crashing waves of Friendly Beaches

#### **DAY TWO — COLES BAY TO COOKS BEACH & A CHOICE OF TWO WALKS**

Coastal Track      Walking time: 5hrs      Distance 12km      Mt Graham Walking time: 8hrs      Distance 16km

An early transfer takes us from Friendly Beaches Lodge to Coles Bay for a boat trip to Cooks Beach. Here you have a choice between a peaceful walk through sclerophyll forests and beaches to the renowned Wineglass Bay, or a more challenging walk to the top of Mt Graham (at 579m) descending to Wineglass Bay via the spectacular Quartzite Ridge. Both walks arrive at Wineglass Bay late in the afternoon, a perfect time for a swim in its clear turquoise waters. We then return to Friendly Beaches Lodge by bus for a refreshing shower before drinks and dinner

#### **DAY THREE — BLUESTONE BAY VIA BLUESTONE RIDGE & FRESHWATER LAGOON**

Walking time: 6 hrs      Distance: 12km

Walkers are transferred by 4WD to Bluestone Bay, to explore the geological formations of the White Water Walls and Little Bluestone Bay before climbing to the Bluestone Bay cliff tops. We head through pristine bush following a track used by the Oyster Bay Tribe, past giant Xanthorrea (Grass Trees) and the exceptionally rare flowering Epacris Barbata, to arrive at the red lichen rocks south of the Friendly Beaches headland. We walk along the dazzling white sands of Friendly Beaches to arrive at the Lodge where cool drinks and afternoon tea await you.

#### **DAY FOUR — THE FOSSIL RICH RIDGELINE OF MT MARY & SALTWATER LAGOON**

Walking time: 3 hrs      Distance: 6km

Rise early and head down to the beach or sleep in at the lodge. After breakfast, an optional walk along a ridgeline packed with fossils and a descent to Saltwater Lagoon — nesting ground to black swans and pelicans. After an exceptional lunch, guests walk north along Friendly Beaches to Isaac's Point, where they are met by our bus and return to Hobart by 5.30pm

### **Contact Outdoor Travel direct for more details, travel brochures and reservations**

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