

TASMANIA – MARIA ISLAND WALK

4-days / 3-nights small group guided walk with exclusive bush camp and heritage listed accommodation



Experience the crystal clear waters, quiet beaches, serene bush landscapes, painted cliffs and incredible wildlife on the historic Maria Island. Located off the south eastern coast of Tasmania, around 2 hours from Hobart, Maria Island is a national park with breathtaking scenery and world heritage listed history.

On this award winning guided walk, you'll stay in exclusive wilderness camps and at the heritage listed Bernacchi House, which dates back to 1880. After a day of walking, relax under the stars with a three-course gourmet, restaurant quality meal made with fresh, local produce and enjoy Tasmanian beers or wines from local family owned vineyards like Cape Bernier, Springvale and Bream Creek. Take your time and enjoy leisurely cooked breakfasts, then feast on lunch in stunning locations.

Departures: 1 October 2023 – 30 April 2024

Costs from: \$3050 per person, twin-share
\$3350 per person, twin share for portered service departures (limited availability)
\$2245 Single supplement

Family friendly options and portered service (pack free) departures are available.

Includes: Return transfers from Hobart, 2 nights' accommodation in private wilderness camps and 1 night in the heritage listed Bernacchi House, all meals, trail snacks, drinks including premium local Tasmania wine and beer, National Parks pass, expert guides, loaned travel pack for use during the walk (including a 50-litre backpack, waterproof jacket, sleeping bag liner, pillowcase and headtorch).



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Suggested itinerary:

Day 1: Hobart to Maria Island

Walking 8km

You will be collected from your accommodation in Hobart city at 7.30-8.00am and taken to the office to meet your guides for a briefing, collect your travel packs with time to repack your bags and store luggage. After the road transfer to Triabunna, you'll board the boat to cross Mercury Passage to the isthmus of Maria Island. Here, you'll enjoy lunch overlooking the crystal-clear waters of Shoal Bay before walking to Casuarina Beach camp. In the afternoon explore the trail through the tall eucalypt forest, down to Haunted Bay. In the evening, after a gourmet dinner, stroll along the beach at sunset with a glass of wine.

Day 2: Casuarina Beach to White Gums

Walking 13km

Wake up to the chattering of wattle birds, watching first light stream in through the forest. After breakfast, start your journey along incredible 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. Arrive at White Gums camp in the late afternoon for a refreshing swim. Relax with your fellow walkers, before enjoying a candlelit dinner surrounded by nature.

Day 3: White Gums to Darlington

Walking 9-17km

Today you'll head inland to the heart of Maria Island to discover the grand forests and wander through the world's largest stand of giant Tasmanian Blue Gums. You can choose to climb the peaks of Mt Maria (711 metres) or Bishop and Clerk (a 599-metre climb through rare "cloud" rain forests) with views that are simply breathtaking. By the afternoon, head into the historic settlement of Darlington where you'll stay at heritage listed Bernacchi House.

Day 4: Darlington to Hobart

Walking 4km

The final morning starts with a walk around the northern tip of Maria Island, via a variety of spectacular woodlands and forests with rare endemic birds, wallabies, and wombats. Later we continue to the dramatic Fossil Cliffs then head back to Darlington, for a celebratory lunch before boarding the boat back to mainland Tasmania. You'll be dropped back into Hobart around 5.00pm.



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Accommodation: You'll stay immersed in the wilderness and history of Maria Island. The exclusive wilderness camps are located only moments from stunning beaches, tucked away in the beautiful surrounding forest. They have been designed to leave only a small environmental footprint with bush showers and clean composting toilets. You'll fall asleep in a comfortable bed in your own bush cabin to the sound of waves gently lapping nearby and wake to the sound of birds in the forest.

The last night on Maria Island is spent at Bernacchi House, a rare, heritage listed house dating back to 1880. Enjoy hot showers and relax in front of the fire on the cooler nights. Recently refurbished with key elements undertaken by Laura Stucken, local designer and co-owner of award-winning Van Bone Restaurant. Despite the refresh, the historic property remains true to its original fabric and story.

Local artisans Scott Van Tuil designed the sandstone side tables and coffee tables in the home as a nod to the famous Painted Cliffs of Maria Island and Simon Ancher Studio supplied floating beds using Tasmanian timber. Soft furnishings were sourced from Hobart-based Featherston Interiors and vases from local potters across the Mercury passage at Dunalley, Tim and Tammy Holmes (Potters Croft), are dotted through the house.



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