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THE KING ISLAND EXPERIENCE

TASMANIA *at its finest*



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- King Island is known for its rugged landscape – you will have the time to feel sand between your toes!
- Learn of the ship wrecks and the light houses
- Dine on delicious cuisine as we discover “the Grazing Trail of King Island”
- Participate in a cooking class at Wild Harvest Kitchen
- Ride a golf buggy around Cape Wickham Golf Links – the location will take your breath away
- Relax and unwind whilst supporting local businesses throughout our State

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Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove

9 Days • Departing **24th February 2022**

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FOREWORD

Andrew Jones Travel has been synonymous with world travel and adventure for over 20 years. We're a business with deep Tasmanian roots, and it's a privilege to turn our global perspective inwards to focus on the unexplored wonders of our own backyard.

Despite the significant challenges of the past year and all that has been thrown at us, I know that we have a marvellous opportunity to again delve into the brilliance of Tasmania.

We are very proud to present the next part of our King Island symphony. Through experience, we have learned that an extended stay on the Island provides a better opportunity to fully appreciate the nuances and delights of this remarkable place. Although there are similarities between this adventure and previous visits, at every turn the experience has been sculpted and amplified to offer something new.

This tour has created a set of its own challenges in its creation due to the remoteness of the areas we will be visiting.

Far from an average coach tour – **this journey is hallmarked with exclusive engagements with a number of establishments on King Island and a flagship business, all of whom are united in their desire to provide us with unforgettable experiences.**

Andrew Jones Travel would like to take this opportunity to thank the accommodations, the coach company, the museums, the restaurants, and the attractions for joining us to showcase the very best of what they do. It truly is a pleasure to come together with such dedicated Tasmanians.

Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove
Travel Designer



OUR TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1

**THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2022:
HOBART – ULVERSTONE**

An early start as we depart Hobart enroute to Ulverstone. We have several stops designed to surprise and delight, as we start to look at a familiar landscape through a fresh lens. L



Days 2 to 8

**FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
TO THURSDAY 3RD MARCH:
ULVERSTONE – KING ISLAND**

THE KING ISLAND EXPERIENCE

King Island is home to approximately 1600 residents and is famous for its produce and hospitality.

A destination that very few ever have the privilege to explore; it remains remote, quiet and unspoilt but don't be deceived as history, flora and fauna abound.

Together we will experience the "Grazing Trail of King Island" during our time on the Island, as the chef will personally introduce each night's meal and location. It will be a journey displaying and offering the providence of the King Island food

story as it is delivered to your plate. We will dine at Wild Harvest as well as the Grassy Club, the Boat Club, and a very special night at the beach as the waves crash upon the shore.

King Island's natural attractions are diverse and often majestic.

We will explore the Hidden South East not normally seen by visitors. Travelling in our custom built 4WD vehicles, we leave the main roads and have been invited to traverse private properties which lead to an unforgettable experience. We will see nature at its best – wild peacocks, wallabies, turkeys and pheasants all in their natural surroundings. Many are not aware that the Island is a haven for avid twitchers!

Travelling along the coastline and sand tracks gives us the opportunity to explore hidden bays, coves and miles of sweeping beaches. A photographer's delight with endless, unique landscapes.

The 7000-year-old calcified forest is well worth the walk through the bush.

We will surprise you with some of the most spectacular coastline in the world! The purpose-built Seal Rocks Lookout will certainly leave you in awe.

We visit the natural forest of King Island. Here we will see the nest of the giant sea eagle and view wild pepper, blue gum, dogwoods, pines and paper bark tea trees. At Sea Elephant reserve we will do a riverbank walk, whilst learning the importance of the river ecology system in its support of the local fauna, flora and oyster farm.

Disappointment Bay is certainly one of the most deceptively named places in Australia, as the stark beauty of this special place will linger in our memories long after we've left. For those who wish to walk, we can enjoy an hour's beach walk whilst others can explore the many rock pools, paddle or simply sit back in a deck chair and let the senses be overwhelmed with the power of this Island. Our hosts have also challenged us to try to fly a kite with them!

We will spend time at Porky's Beach, Seal Bay, and British Admiral Beach. There will be opportunities for avid walkers and even a yoga class on the beach (weather permitting).

Together we will visit a number of museums including the History Museum, where we will see a ship's figurine from just one of the many vessels that came to grief on the rugged coastline. It is hard to believe that there were over 60 known shipwrecks on the

Island which claimed over 2000 souls. We will follow some of the tragic and heroic stories of the amazing shipwreck trail that skirts the formidable coastline and meet with a local historian.

We will reflect on the foreshore of Australia's worst maritime disaster. This was Cataqua and as the story unfolds, emotions will run high as you listen to the unnecessary loss of life when a captain chose to sail into the eye of a storm. There was a bounty to be had which was based on the number of passengers delivered to their destination – alas it was not to be.

With such a rugged coastline came the need for lighthouses and we will meander North through country roads which will ultimately lead us to the tallest lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere. This is the Wickham Lighthouse Reserve.

At Cape Wickham, yet another piece of the puzzle of our maritime shipwreck trail will fit into place. We will learn about the stores that were carried to feed the shipwreck survivors and pause at the graves of those that did not survive.

At Cape Wickham Golf Course, which ranked in the top 25 Golf Courses in the world, our golf buggies await as we drive the fairways and the dunes of one of the world's leading golf courses. Remember to have the cameras at the ready as so many photo opportunities await.

We will hear the history of Captain Baudin who will prove to be an interesting gentleman along with the story of Captain Currie. We will also gain a true understating of the meaning 'Ship in Distress'. We will find out what Naracoopa and the Louvre in Paris have in common.

We will travel to a coastal lookout, overlooking Christmas and New Year Island, where you will learn how King Island derived its name.

The people of the Island are welcoming, and our guides are on first name terms with most of them! Agriculture and aquaculture play an important part of the economy and everyday life, but it is also the tangible sense of community spirit which we will come to understand. The nostalgic boathouse, which is also known as the "Restaurant with no food", is testament to such a claim and is sure to delight.

The Cultural Centre gives us the opportunity to view the work of local artists through many different mediums. Be warned though, you may find yourself taking home a piece of artwork that you did not anticipate being displayed in your home this year! Kelp craft is like leathercraft and we will make a stop at Old Reekara School to gain an insight into this artwork.

Food is synonymous with King Island and we have the privilege of celebrating Ocean to Table and Paddock to Plate with the Chef from Wild Harvest; a



cooking demonstration class with one of the most respected chefs in Tasmania. We will be satisfying our appetites as we learn from the very best. You may find yourself recreating the menu in your own home on your return. Seasonal changes dictate culinary delights and are harvested and gathered under the restaurant banner of Wild Harvest. We're in for a gastronomic treat as Chef transforms the culinary delights of King Island into a gastronomical dining experience.

Are you a competent hunter and gatherer? We will soon find out as we make our way to Grassy's Harbour and wander the break wall as we try our luck searching for edible morsels along the foreshore. It might be time to cast a line and try to catch perch or squid in preparation for a feast. For those who think they would prefer to take it easy, you can just sit back and listen to the sounds of the early evening including

the calling of the penguins as they make their way to their burrows.

From delectable seafood to a traditional Sunday roast with all the trimmings, we will cover every aspect of the Island's foods. King Island is also world-renowned for its quality dairy produce and we will enjoy the very best of the many cheese varieties.

In summary, we will meet the people, be amazed by the scenery, delve into the culture, foods, and history. We will see King Island and its best. You will be astounded!

Meals: **D** (DAY 2), **CB**, **L**, **D** (DAYS 3 TO 7)

Day 8

THURSDAY 3RD MARCH: KING ISLAND – WYNYARD – HADSPEN

A leisurely morning before we transfer back to Currie for our return flight to

Wynyard. On our return we will enjoy an early dinner before continuing our journey onto to Hadspen near Launceston. **CB**

Day 9

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2021: HADSPEN – HOBART

This morning we make our way home but there is still time for you to be amazed and delighted with what we do along the way! Our anticipated arrival back into Hobart will be around 6:00pm with lots of discussions and laughter; enriched by our experiences over the past eleven days.. **B**, **L**

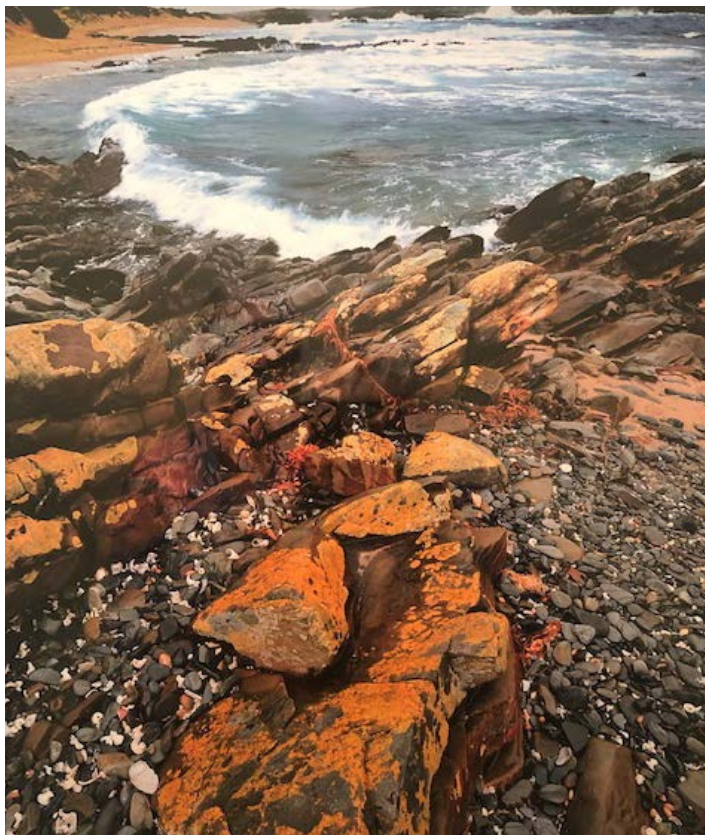
Included meals as shown in the itinerary:
B Breakfast (incl "CB" Continental); **L** Lunch; **D** Dinner

KING ISLAND ACCOMMODATION

We will be staying at Grassy throughout our time on King Island. Please note that some accommodation will be at the Retreat, whilst others will be in

holiday cottages. The Retreat offers rooms with ensuite whilst the cottages offer two bedrooms with a share bathroom. It is important to be aware

the accommodation on King Island is of an acceptable standard but relatively basic in style.



DISCOVER what others say about their experience on our recent “Tasmania at its finest” July 2020 tour with Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove...



I have **told quite a few people** about our adventures and they all thought it was a great idea; discovering our own backyard and enjoying the company of good friends, all while staying safe.

I stay tuned for plans of your next adventure for us!”

– Genevieve Tanner

“Tasmania at its Finest Tour reminded this group of seasoned travellers what we value as Tasmanians... a unique opportunity to reconnect with the things we love – beauty, quality and connectedness. **Organised by the best** in the business, **it was an outstanding experience.**”

– Barbara Lypka

“The Planning. The Places. The People. **Pure Perfection.**”

– Glenn and Wendy Long

“P.S.: And the Pub!”

“So many thanks for a wonderfully crafted tour through Tasmania’s midlands and east coast regions. What a magnificent mix of history and scenery plus stunning food and wine stops. **So many memorable experiences** and you even managed the weather gods for our surprise helicopter ride over the NE vineyards, what a day that was. **Cathi, you are such a fabulous facilitator**, leaving us with amazing memories and fantastic friendships, thank you!”

– Rob Pryce-Jones

“I am unable to **truly express my enjoyment and excitement** about the planned itinerary for “Tasmania at its Finest” and **so many surprises on our trip.**”

Given the expectation our local operators would be “hungry” for tourers, we were given so many special surprises to make this comparable on “our backyard” to OS tours we are currently unable to make.

Thank you so much, Cathi, for giving me the option to **see things I would not otherwise see**, such as the fabulous glass blowers, but several places we would not have been able to access without your dedicated enquiry and motivated planning and accessing. The accommodation was great and all the cuisine was exceptional!
When can we travel WITH YOU again, please?”

– Rosemary Young

Participants in this tour are granted complimentary

Lifetime Membership of The Compass Society

Membership is exclusive to travellers who have travelled as guests on premium tours escorted by Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove to amazing destinations around the world. Members enjoy special events and tour briefings, advance tour notifications and more.



THE COMPASS SOCIETY

“This week long tour **certainly lived up to its name.**”

Our group was so fortunate to visit scenic sensations. Places we saw in a new light due to our assiduous, inventive leader, Cathi. We shared gastronomic delights, often in totally unique venues... gourmet heaven!

Each day brought **super, superior surprises** yet we always had our restful, contemplatory times. It was a wonderful experience.
We were SO lucky.

Add to that we had the amazing Stacey our fabulous coach captain. We were safe & spoilt. Next trip..... hopefully soon!!!”

– Gae Williams

“Tasmania at its Finest, was typical of a tour organised by Cathi – **a thoughtful and well-planned itinerary which goes beyond the superficial**, but still leaves room for spontaneity, like finding a good cup of coffee, having a drink with the locals at a country pub or checking out the Little Blue Lake!

As is always the case with Cathi’s tours, the emphasis was on enjoying local produce and the quality of the included meals was exceptional.

The tour included a number of unique offerings **which could not otherwise be experienced.**”

– Wendy Sawford



AND MORE

From our “Tasmania at its finest” October 2020 King Island Tour...

“Not the usual way to escape but I found this holiday **a totally rejuvenating experience particularly King Island.** No matter what our previous travel experiences there was so much to take in – far exceeding my expectations. The rich sense of community that pervades the island was palpable and its hospitality, history, rugged coastlines, wonderful food and our four wheel drive excursions more than satisfied and challenged my spirit of adventure but in a most relaxing and unhurried way. Thanks Cathi for yet **another outstanding experience.**”

– Barbara Lypka

“Wonderful trip to King Island, expertly organised and run by Cathi. It took us to **stunning places unexpected, off the beaten track**, that we would not have gone to without Cathi’s guiding hand. Anybody undertaking a similar journey with Cathi can be **absolutely certain it will be a great and safe adventure.**”

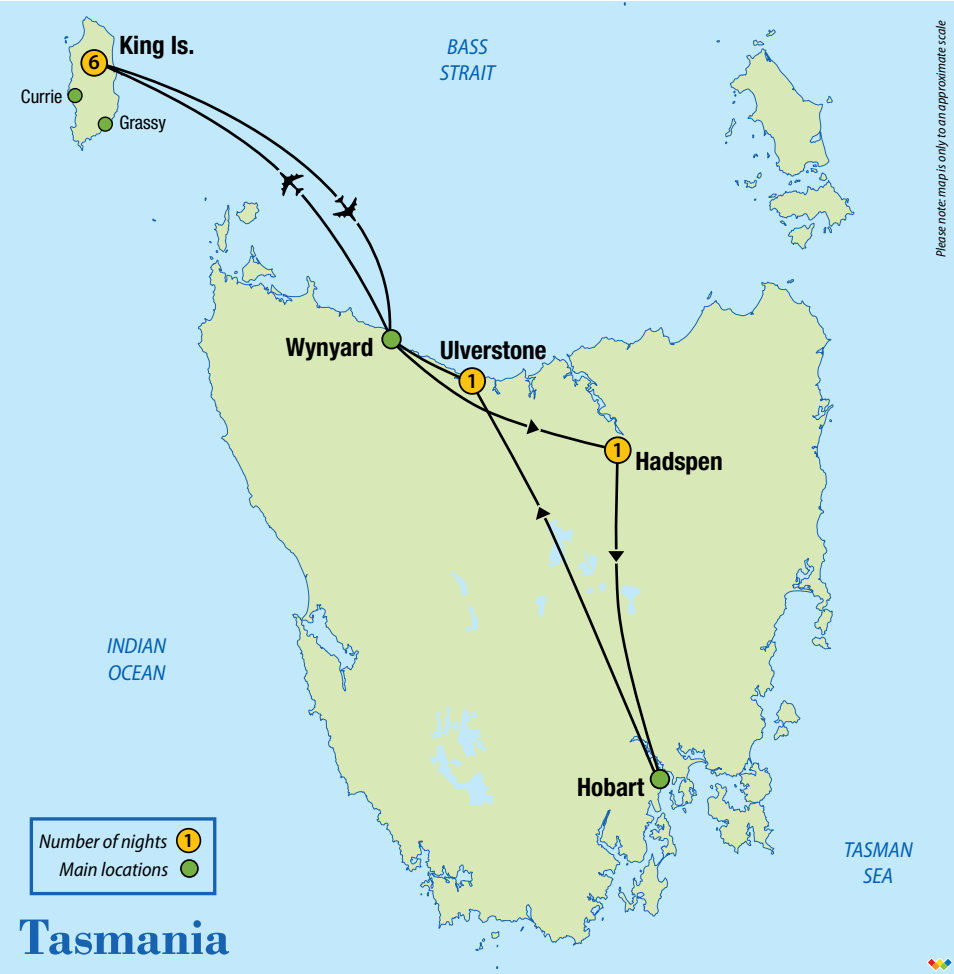
– Lindsay and Elizabeth Brinsdon

“King Island **delivered all we have come to expect** from our many tours with Cathi, fine dining, spectacular scenery and country hospitality, with lots of fun and laughter.”

– Wendy and Glenn Long



OUR TOUR MAP





TOUR INFORMATION

TOUR PRICE

TWIN SHARE

\$3,850* per person

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$380* per person (very limited availability). Please note: Some accommodation may be in a two bedroom cottage with two singles sharing one bathroom.

INCLUSIONS

- Premium coach and 4WD vehicles will be chartered for our group throughout the tour;
- Flights and transfers to/from King Island on days 2 and 8;
- Meals and accommodation as specified;
- All excursions as stated in the itinerary;

- Local tour escort;
- Lifetime membership of The Compass Society®™

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Drinks with meals other than breakfast;
- Tour Director (we will meet with local guides wherever possible);
- National Park Passes;
- All items of a personal nature.

Your Tour Escort: **Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove** at Andrew Jones Travel in Hobart

Phone: (03) 6221 3499 or email: cathi@ajtravel.com.au

BOOKINGS

For bookings, contact **Cathi** (details above) or your favourite consultant at **Andrew Jones Travel in Hobart or Launceston:**

HOBART Level 1, 61 Salamanca Place, Hobart 7000

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LAUNCESTON 44 Charles Street, Launceston 7250 • Phone: (03) 6331 1214

While this pricing is current as of October 2021, fluctuating fuel surcharges, fees and/or taxes may result in an increased cost.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR PAYMENTS Deposit of \$800 per person is required within 7 days of your booking. Final payment by Monday 17th January 2022.

In the event of cancellation, all monies are non-refundable. Should the tour be cancelled for any reason associated to Covid-19 it is important to note that the operators involved will not generally offer refunds. Andrew Jones Travel is committed to securing credits for future travel and therefore the tour will be postponed to a future date. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Travel Insurance will cover some Covid-19 related scenarios – please request a copy of the Product Disclosure Statement provided by the insurer of your choice from your consultant.

CANCELLATIONS Tour payments are strictly non-refundable. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel on or before final payment due date. Loss of payment. After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the vacation.

Andrew Jones Travel Pty. Ltd. and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any vacation departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same vacation with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

REVISION FEES A fee of \$150 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation, plus any additional costs from Operators. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveller name, vacation date or tour itinerary at any time will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; standard cancellation fees apply.

PARTICIPATION For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones Travel at the time the reservation is made. All travellers must be able to handle their own suitcase. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs

of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the handicapped participants well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for touring vacations in this brochure.

SMOKING Smoking is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

PRICE GUARANTEE Air tickets booked via Andrew Jones Travel are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Vacation prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

ACCOMMODATIONS The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide. Paying for a single supplement ensures own room, not necessarily a twin bedded room.

Accommodation throughout this tour will be variable in style and standards, however we have secured the best options available in the areas we will visit.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE IMPORTANT NOTE: Luggage allowance on flights to/from King Island is restricted to 15kg checked luggage and 7kg hand luggage.

Porterage for one suitcase on vacation is included in the tour price. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions not exceeding 76x53x28cm (30x21x11"). We regret we are unable to accept a second suitcase, or any luggage exceeding these limits. Please talk to your agent for baggage weight restrictions. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bag should not exceed the dimensions of

30x28x14cm (12x11x6"). For safety reasons wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

DINING A restaurant or date of a dinner may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operators' control.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE Drinks with meals other than breakfast; National Park Passes; All items of a personal nature.

This tour is not guided by a Tour Director. We will meet with local guides wherever possible.

HOLIDAYS AND RESTRICTIONS During local or national holidays, or due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, certain itinerary features and facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible.

SAFETY Please be aware that during your participation in vacations operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

TRAVEL INSURANCE is compulsory and passengers must take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

* Conditions apply. Price is per person, twin share or as stated. Price is correct at time of publication (October 2021) but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, airfare, surcharges and currency. Price is land only ex Hobart and does not include airfares except as shown. Price does not include taxes imposed directly by third parties. Tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. Minimum tour numbers apply, see booking conditions for more details. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply. Images used throughout this brochure are representative of the destinations only, and may not depict your precise tour itinerary. Base map artwork: vemap.com.



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