

# **Bay of Fires Walk**

5 Days



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A feast for the eyes as well as the soul. Tasmania's Bay of Fires Conservation Area is nothing short of spectacular. Broad strokes of white sand and cerulean water, graceful swirls of olive green heathland, all flecked with fiery orange and grey boulders, it's a destination that begs to be explored one foot after the other. This five day small group walking tour ex Launceston is a chance to do just that.

Begin with a welcome dinner and day at leisure in Launceston, and then put your best foot forward as you journey into the heart of the Bay of Fires. Take in spectacular locations including The Gardens, Eddystone Point Lighthouse, Boulder Point, the summit of Mt William (Wukalina) in the Mt William National Park - and many more! You'll also learn about the abundant birds and wildlife that call the conservation area home, as well as sites of local Aboriginal significance, from the professional tour guides. Package includes four nights quality hotel accommodation, 12 meals including all meals during the walking tour, national park fees, and return transfers from Launceston

### Details

#### Arrive: Launceston Depart: Launceston Duration: 5 Days Group Size: Maximum 12 guests Average Age: 55-75

Activity Level: Moderate to Challenging

### Testimonials

"Although initially hesitant to join an organised tour, I'm so glad I did. From emails early on, to phone calls with me to check things, like "How to prepare" emails ... IO's communication is superb. Our guides, Sarah and Anna, were intelligent, empathetic, knowledgeable, humble, caring and safety conscious. Add to the mix a great group of like minded people and delicious home cooked meals and the result was a first class holiday. Such a gorgeous part of Australia. Adventure made easy."

#### Barbara E - 2018

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## Highlights



Iconic orange rock formations which give the area its name.



Stuning coastline will be alongside us the whole way.



We end the walk at a bird-filled lagoon.

### What to expect



Each night we return to comfortable accommodation where you can relax in a social settimg.



Carry only a daypack and leave all the heavy work to us!



Average Temperature (degrees): November: 10 min - 18 max December: 12 min - 20 max January: 13 min - 21 max February: 14 min - 22 max

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## Itinerary

5 day guided walking tour of the famous Bay of Fires Track in Tasmania. Isolated beach stretches, vibrant orange lichen covered rocks and aqua marine waters. Comfortable accommodation, all meals.

#### Day 1 ARRIVAL DAY WITH WELCOME DINNER

Arrive at any time during the day and make your way to the Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston for a 2pm check-in. Meet in the lobby of the hotel at 6pm for a tour briefing followed by a 7pm welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant.

| Activity:      | Travel day                          |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Meals:         | D                                   |
| Accommodation: | Hotel Grand Chancellor - Launceston |

#### Day 2 THE GARDEN TO POLICEMAN'S POINT

Your holiday begins! We will depart the Grand Chancellor at 7:30am and we have a 2-2.5hr drive to The Gardens area at the southern end of the Bay of Fires Conservation Area.

After a lovely homemade morning tea and taking in some of those spectacular orange rocks this coastline is so famous for, we will start our walk heading north. The Eddystone point Lighthouse will be our guiding beacon in the distance, as we will be walking towards it the whole day. This section of the walk has a few longer loose pebble sections as well as few headlands with rock boulders to navigate around.

The end point today is at Policeman's Point from where we will make our way to your comfortable accommodation in a Superior Room at the Bayside Hotel in St Helens for dinner and an evening at leisure.

| Activity:      | 15km walk               |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Meals:         | B, L, D                 |
| Accommodation: | Bayside Inn - St Helens |

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#### Day 3 MUSSELROE BAY TO BOULDER POINT

Today it's a decent drive to the other end of the Bay of Fires coastline, where we start heading south from Musselroe Bay, aided by the prevailing winds. We will be heading along those famous and stunningly white and isolated beaches in Mt William National Park. The beautiful blue water might even invite you for a relaxing swim at Boulder Point.

After our beach and sand walking is done for the day we make our way to Mt William (wukalina) for some 360 views from its peak (216m). On a good day you can see as far as the islands of the Furneaux Group in Bass Strait. Finish the day back at your comfortable accommodation where you can relax and enjoy a hot dinner.

| Activity:      | 12km walk               |  |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|
| Meals:         | B, L, D                 |  |
| Accommodation: | Bayside Inn - St Helens |  |

Day 4 BOULDER POINT TO PICNIC ROCK

More isolated and wide white sandy beaches await us today. We head along the coast from Boulder Point past Cobblers Rocks to Deep Creek, and finish around Picnic Rock.

Along the way we should encounter some of the many shorebirds that call this area home and will pass Aboriginal sites of significance.

Depending on the tide, we may need to take off shoes to cross Groves Creek close to the end of our walk.

Once we meet up with the bus again, we will do a little detour to Eddystone Lighthouse, to finally see up close what we have been walking towards in the last couple of days.

Activity:15km walkMeals:B, L, DAccommodation:Bayside Inn - St Helens

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#### Day 5 PICNIC ROCK TO ANSONS BAY - LAUNCESTON

After 3 wonderful days exploring this amazing place todays walk will summarise everything we have seen in one day.

From Picnic Rock we will head across Eddystone Point to a white and seemingly endless beach before navigating our way around some headlands with those famous orange boulders.

The last section of our walk today takes us inland through coastal tea tree and heath country.

Our walk ends at Ansons Bay, which completes our end to end along the larapuna coastline. We will have some time to observe swans, cormorants, pelicans and many more birds, who usually frequent the lagoon.

From Ansons Bay it's a scenic 2.5hr drive back to Launceston, which sees us getting back to Launceston around 5pm.

Activity: 12km walk

Meals: B, L

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### **Departure Dates**

| 06 Feb 2022 | - | 10 Feb 2022 |
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| 09 Feb 2022 | - | 13 Feb 2022 |
| 06 Mar 2022 | - | 10 Mar 2022 |
| 08 Oct 2022 | - | 12 Oct 2022 |
| 14 Oct 2022 | - | 18 Oct 2022 |
| 06 Nov 2022 | - | 10 Nov 2022 |
| 27 Nov 2022 | - | 01 Dec 2022 |

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## Pricing

2022 \$1,999 Per Person \$350 Deposit

**Optional Extras** 

Single Supplement \$440

### Inclusions

### Exclusions

- All transport in a private mini bus
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- National Park entrance fees
- ٠ 4 night's comfortable accommodation
- 4 healthy breakfasts cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast ٠
- 4 morning teas, carried by your guide ٠
- 4 lunches .
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night ٠
- 4 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 20 yrs experience

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### Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

Jump onto our website www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au, find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/ Book Now' alternatively call us on 08 6219 5164 (international calls dial +618 62195164) or email us at walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au.

Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

## **Cancellation Policy**

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

We understand times are still uncertain as we ride the rollercoaster of state outbreaks. That's why we've introduced flexible cancellation terms so that if you're in a pickle, your adventure isn't. Please see our cancllation policy during covid restrictions here https:// www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

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### About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the accommodation, slip into your comfy slacks and slippers and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the dinner table. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

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