



Bay of Fires Walk

5 Days



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A feast for the eyes as well as the soul, Tasmania's north-east region including Irapuna/Bay of Fires and the Blue Tier range is nothing short of spectacular, where white sand meets turquoise-blue water, bordered by green coastal heathland, and dotted with the famous vivid orange and grey granite 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 day at leisure and a welcome dinner in Launceston, and then put your best foot forward as you journey along Irapuna/Bay of Fires. Take in spectacular locations including The Gardens, Eddystone Point Lighthouse, the temperate rainforest of the Blue Tier range - and many more! You'll also learn about the abundant birds and wildlife that call the region home, as well as sites of local Aboriginal significance, from the professional tour guides. Package includes four nights' 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 lichen on granite formations over turquoise-blue water.



Walk along stunning coastline and through dense temperate forest.



Look out for crepuscular wildlife, including Devil paw prints in the sand.

What to expect



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



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



Average Temperature
(min - max, degrees celcius):

Autumn: 8 - 18

Summer: 12 - 22

Spring: 7 - 18

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Itinerary

5 day guided walking tour of the famous larapuna/Bay of Fires region and Blue Tier range in north-east Tasmania. White beaches, vibrant orange lichen covered rocks and aqua marine waters. Comfortable accommodation, all meals.

Day 1

ARRIVAL DAY WITH A 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.

Please note: the itinerary may change during the tour depending on weather and other factors; we may do the walks on different days or directions.

Activity: Travel day

Meals: D

Accommodation: Hotel Grand Chancellor - Launceston (or similar)

Day 2

DRIVE TO ST HELENS AND SOUTHERN LARAPUNA/BAY OF FIRES

Your holiday begins! We will depart the Grand Chancellor at 7:30am and drive to St Helens (2.5 hours), a lovely coastal town that will be our base for the tour.

After morning tea, we will continue to Binalong Bay and the southern end of larapuna/ Bay of Fires, where we will undertake walks in the Humbug Point Conservation Area, and perhaps explore the coastline east of Binalong Bay. The walks today are easy to moderate, on formed paths with the occasional rocky scramble. Watch out for sneaky roots in the pathway!

At the end of the day we will return to St Helens to check-in to our comfortable, 3-star accommodation at the Bayside Hotel, and afterwards a group dinner (included) and an evening at leisure.

Activity: Various walks around St Helens and Binalong Bay

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Bayside Hotel - St Helens (or similar)

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Day 3

WALK DEEP CREEK TO ANSONS BAY, EDDYSTONE POINT LIGHTHOUSE

Today we drive to Eddystone Lighthouse first up to beat the crowds. After enjoying the view south along Irapuna / Bay of Fires, we continue on to Deep Creek Campground where we stop for morning tea before starting our beach walk along what we think is the most stunning section of Irapuna/Bay of Fires.

The walk today is mostly flat along glorious white and sandy beaches with the occasional granite headland to break up the walk. The end of the walk finishes along a 4WD track through coastal heathland.

At the day's end we return to our accommodation, with possible optional visits to an oyster farm or winery on the way, time and interest dependent. Then you'll have a chance to relax before enjoying a delicious meal at one of the local restaurants.

Activity: Primarily beach walking; visit Eddystone Lighthouse

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Bayside Hotel - St Helens (or similar)

Day 4

WALK POLICEMANS POINT TO THE GARDENS

After a short drive along the coast, we will start our walk heading south from Policemans Point to the Gardens, a beautiful area that showcases the vivid orange lichen growing on Devonian granite that the area is famous for, back-dropped by turquoise waters. We will stop for morning tea and lunch on the walk, while enjoying the coastal views.

This walk is the most challenging of the tour, with several long sections of loose pebbles and rocks, and a few rocky headlands to scramble over or navigate around, depending on the tide. Walking poles are recommended, and your guide/s will be available to assist along the way. (If it's windy from the south, we'll walk south to north - not much fun walking with a face full of sand!)

The end point today is The Gardens, the southern-most end of Irapuna/ Bay of Fires, from where we will make our way to the accommodation for dinner and a relaxed evening.

Activity: Beach walking with some rocky sections; a challenging and rewarding day!

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Bayside Hotel - St Helens (or similar)

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Day 5

BLUE TIER RANGE; DRIVE TO LAUNCESTON

Today, we're changing things up and heading to the Blue Tier sub-alpine plateau. The walks in the area vary in terrain, length and difficulty; your guides will choose the best route for the day, depending on weather, time, and group interest.

The easiest is the 600 metre Goblin Forest walk which meanders easily along a path and explores the history of tin-mining in the region. The most challenging is the Mount Michael loop track, which takes you through temperate rainforest to reach the top of Mount Michael. Reaching sub-alpine heathland vegetation as you near the summit, you'll enjoy the spectacular views over St Helens and through to the east coast. There are also several waterfalls to visit - the hardest thing about today is deciding which walks to do in the limited time!

From the Blue Tier area, we drive back to Launceston where our adventure comes to an end. We do recommend an additional night or two in Launceston before returning home - please ask our friendly reservations team for recommendations on accommodation and activities.

Activity: Various walks in the Blue Tier range

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: n/a

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Departure Dates

03 May 2023	-	07 May 2023
23 Sep 2023	-	27 Sep 2023
30 Sep 2023	-	04 Oct 2023
07 Oct 2023	-	11 Oct 2023
28 Oct 2023	-	01 Nov 2023
18 Nov 2023	-	22 Nov 2023
06 Dec 2023	-	10 Dec 2023

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Pricing

2023

\$2,099 Per Person

\$350 Deposit

Optional Extras

\$380 Single Supplement

Inclusions

- 4 nights' accommodation in hotels.
- 12 meals, morning tea and pre-dinner nibbles.
- Two professional guides.
- Comfortable bus for travel.

Exclusions

- Additional optional activities.
- Personal snacks on walks.
- Alcohol.

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Ready to book?

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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

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:

- 85 days or more, you will be refunded all monies paid, less a \$50 administration fee.
- 42 to 84 days prior to departure, you will lose your deposit
- 28 to 41 days: 25% of full tour cost
- 14 to 27 days: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 14 days: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

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

Check out our reviews on TripAdvisor



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