



*The*  
**MARIA**  
ISLAND WALK  
TASMANIA

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*Best Adventure Tourism:  
Australian Tourism Awards 2008, 2011*

*Best Eco/Wilderness Experience:  
The Australian Travel and Tourism Awards 2009*

*Best Adventure and Best Eco-Tourism Awards:  
Australian Gourmet Traveller Awards 2007, 2008, 2010.*

*Best Adventure & Ecotourism:  
Tasmanian Tourism Awards  
2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.*



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**MARIA**  
ISLAND WALK  
*Four days that will last a lifetime.*

*Is there a better place on the planet  
to spend 4 days? Probably not.*



*There are few places on the planet that offer the total tranquility and unspoiled natural beauty of Maria Island. The island is a National Park and sanctuary for some of the world's rarest wildlife including the endangered Tasmanian Devil and the tiny forty-spotted pardalotes.*

*In small groups of just ten guests and two friendly guides you will enjoy gentle walking by day and then each night relax and enjoy delicious candlelit dining provided by the guides.*

*Maria Island is a very special place – no traffic, no phones, no shops, no stress. Our four day walk is a perfect short break to rejuvenate and recharge while enjoying the best Tasmania or indeed, the world has to offer.*



# DAY 1



## THE FIRST STEPS.

*We collect you from wherever you're staying in Hobart. Back at our city base, you'll meet the rest of the group, collect your backpacks and be given a briefing. Then it's a drive of just over an hour to the fishing village of Triabunna where we board the Maria Island boat for the 40 minute crossing. You'll land on the same pristine beach the French explorers did back in 1802.*

*After a delicious lunch and a short walk to Casuarina Beach camp, there is time for an afternoon stroll through the tall eucalypt forest and visit a penguin colony at Haunted Bay.*

*That evening, after a candlelit dinner, you can stroll along the beach with a glass of wine delighting in the day you've had and excited by what lies ahead. (Distance: 8 km)*



# DAY 2



## FIVE FABULOUS BEACHES.

*Wake up to the busy chattering of the wattle birds and, from the comfort of your bed, watch the morning sun sparkle through the forest.*

*After a morning dip and delicious breakfast, it's time to start your journey along five beautiful beaches. Watch for dolphins in the surf and wedgetail and sea eagles soaring overhead as we walk to White Gums camp.*

*We arrive by late afternoon for a refreshing swim and then after the perfect day, you can relax with your fellow walkers, before enjoying another gourmet feast with fine Tasmanian food and wine.*

*Can it get any better than this? Day 3 awaits.  
(Distance: 13 km)*



# DAY 3



## INTO THE HEART, UP TO THE HEIGHTS.

*Today you head inland to the heart of the island and discover the rich greens of the grand forests.*

*You'll wander through the planet's largest stands of giant Tasmanian blue gums and if you like, you can climb through rare 'cloud' rainforests to the summits of Mt Maria or Bishop and Clerk.*

*The views are simply breathtaking.*

*That evening you arrive at the enchanting World Heritage settlement of Darlington where you'll stay at the elegant Bernacchi House enjoying hot showers and a final banquet with fine wine and conversation.*

*Another day that's given you plenty to dream about.  
(Distance: 9 km)*



# DAY 4



## WALK BACK IN TIME.

*The final day begins with a delicious breakfast followed by a walk around Darlington. You'll experience Darlington's rich history - the convict years, the industrial era and the fascinating farming history.*

*Then head off to see the Fossil Cliffs – a short circuit walk through varied woodlands, home to spectacular wildlife.*

*Returning to Darlington you'll enjoy a farewell champagne lunch before boarding the boat to return to Hobart taking with you new friends, memories and stories of an amazing four days that will last a lifetime. (Distance: 4 km)*





*One of the great walks of Tasmania.  
One of the great walks of the world.*

## A COMFY BED & GOURMET MEALS

### *The Accommodation*

*To enjoy every minute of your four days, a good night's sleep is essential and what better way to drift off to sleep than by listening to the tranquil sounds of the forest and the lapping waves from our two wilderness camps. They are nestled in the forest behind our own private beaches. There are private washing and toilet facilities too. And each night you'll enjoy candlelit dining with a gourmet meal prepared and served by the guides from the best produce Tasmania has to offer.*

### *Friendly Guides*

*Our expert and experienced guides are amongst the best in the industry. And they all share a common bond – a great love of Maria Island. Their knowledge of the history of the island and its wildlife will add enormous enjoyment to your experience. They are warm and friendly people who love what they do and that satisfaction is obvious in everything they do.*



## ABOUT US.

*Ian and Bronwyn Johnstone established the walk in 2002 as a family business providing high quality, authentic, local tourism. We want our staff and guests to feel a valued part of our family business and share our passion for responsible, sustainable and ethical tourism.*

*We love Maria Island and enjoy what we do, and it shows.*

*We work closely with Parks & Wildlife Service Tasmania and Birds Australia in conservation projects and we play a leadership role in helping our local tourism industry and community.*

## AWARDS.

*We've always thought that The Maria Island Walk was one of the great walks of the world. The breathtaking beauty, spectacular wildlife and friendly service make for a world class experience. But what's nice is when it becomes official. The Maria Island Walk just keeps on winning all the top tourism awards. Is there a better place on the planet to spend four days? We think not.*



## THE LOW DOWN.

*This four day fully guided tour includes two nights at our wilderness camps and the final night at historic Bernacchi House in the settlement of Darlington.*

*Each walk is limited to a maximum of ten guests accompanied by two guides.*

## SEASON.

*Walks depart daily from 1st October to 1st May subject to availability.*

## WHEN AND WHERE.

*We start in Hobart with a hotel pickup by 7.30am on Day 1 and return to Hobart before 5pm on Day 4.*

## WHAT'S INCLUDED.

*All transport between Hobart and Maria Island; park entry fees; accommodation; all food and wine; packs & raincoats; two guides.*

## WALKING GEAR.

*The Maria Island Walk supplies lightweight backpacks, rain jackets, head torches and inner sheets for the sleeping bags.*

*Fresh sleeping bags are provided at each camp and fresh linen is provided at Bernacchi House.*

*We ask that you bring good supportive walking boots that have been worn in.*

*A comprehensive checklist is provided on confirmation of your booking.*

## BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES.

*Our office staff would love to help with any queries, trip availability and bookings. Visit [www.mariaislandwalk.com.au](http://www.mariaislandwalk.com.au) or contact us on*

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*We look forward to welcoming you on our walk.*