





# FLINDERS ISLAND | 6 DAYS | 60 KM

NAMED AFTER CAPTAIN MATTHEW FLINDERS WHO FIRST NAVIGATED THESE ISLANDS IN 1798, FLINDERS ISLAND IS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S BEST KEPT WALKING HOLIDAY SECRETS.

Flinders Island is the main island of the Furneaux group, a collection of 78 islands that stretch across Bass Strait between Tasmania and mainland Australia. A true hidden gem, Flinders is 75km long and 40km wide, with a resident population of about 850 people and is blessed with pure white beaches, crystal clear turquoise waters, striking mountain peaks and ranges. Flinders Island enjoys a more moderate climate compared to its neighbours (Melbourne and Launceston) and is best enjoyed in the summer season. With a backbone of granite peaking at Strzelecki and continuing through the Darling Ranges, the island offers spectacular rugged mountain ranges, in addition to rich wide agricultural plains and stunning coastal scenery. The island has abundant native wildlife, gorgeous wild flowers and extensive stands of old growth forests.

Trek Tasmania is very excited to offer this guided walking tour, which is led by two of our professional wilderness guides. This trek is fully vehicle supported so you only carry a day pack. Our guides love to source as much local produce as they can; our Tasmanian meals are a highlight of every trek. We take you to the must see places and get you fully immersed in the wilderness heart of the island.

Our Flinders Island 6 day walking holiday is about getting off track, slowing down the pace, swimming, camping and walking in a true wilderness wonderland.





#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 2 professional wilderness guides.
- 5 nights camping.
- 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 5 dinners.
- All delicious snacks on the trail.
- Return flights from Launceston to Flinders Island.
- All transport on Flinders Island.
- Group camping equipment.
- National Park and camping fees.
- Entry to Furneaux Museum.
- Tent twin share, sleeping bag, sleeping mat.
- Emergency communications & group first aid kit.
- Alcohol can be purchased on the island.
- Wet weather gear and other walking accessories can be hired at great prices.

## NOTE

As the flight to Flinders Island is in a small plane there is a strict baggage allowance - allowance is 15kg checked baggage, 6kg maximum hand luggage (this will be weighed and checked). There is no option to take excess luggage.

#### TREK GRADING : MODERATE TREK

See: <a href="http://www.trektasmania.com.au/faq/trek-gradings/">www.trektasmania.com.au/faq/trek-gradings/</a> for more information about gradings

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

Our 6 day Flinders Island adventure is a moderately demanding walk. There are many off track sections with no marked trails, we advise you to do as much training as you can before your tour with us. The more you train for the walk the easier you will handle the terrain and the more you will enjoy this wonderful part of the world. It's also important to come along with an open mind, ready for an awesome experience whatever the weather, whoever the group. It is very important that you bring the right gear for the conditions. The Tasmanian weather can be unpredictable, storms and very strong winds can arise very quickly and heavy rain can fall at any time of the year. Quality rain jackets, over pants and gaiters are available for hire. If you are at all concerned about your ability to complete this walk, please contact us for more information/advice.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change with any change in community regulations as well as governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

#### DAY 1: FLY LAUNCESTON TO FLINDERS ISLAND, WALK FROM NORTH EAST RIVER

Pick up from Launceston hotels early morning (time confirmed when booking) and transfer to airport. Fly scenic flights from Launceston to Flinders Island. Short vehicle transfer to North East River and walk along the spectacular north east tip of Flinders Island to Palana. A short vehicle transfer will take you to Killiecrankie, where you will enjoy a short walk into our special island base camp.

13kms Meals: Lunch, Dinner



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#### DAY 2: WALK THE DOCKS TO KILLIECRANKIE

Transfer from Killiecrankie to the Docks. Walk along the spectacular Killiecrankie Coast back into our base camp. Following a full day hiking the rugged and secluded headlands of the north west of Flinders Island. Tonight we enjoy another spectacular sunset and another delicious island focused meal.

11kms + exploring Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 4: HISTORIC WYBALENNA, BEACH WALK TO CASTLE ROCK

This morning we explore the fascinating Furneaux Museum before transferring a short distance to the historic site of Wybalenna. Enjoying a walk around this very important First Nations Palawa site, affords us the opportunity to learn more about the complex history of Flinders Island. There is a chance for a swim in one of the many secret sandy coves, while your guides prepare another hearty lunch for you. In the afternoon we enjoy a beach walk to one of the islands icons - Castle Rock, before transferring back to our beach camp.

10kms Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 6: PILLINGERS PEAK LILLIES BEACH WALK

We will complete a stunning coastal walk to Sawyers Bay, taking in the full vista back to Strzelecki National Park, before flying from Flinders Island back to Launceston in the late afternoon. Alternatively and conditions pending, we have the option to summit the precipitous Pillingers Peak (known to locals as the Eiger) and are rewarded with incredible 360 degree vistas of the island.

10kms Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 3: CLIMB MT KILLIECRANKIE

We transfer from our base camp to climb Mount Killiecrankie (310 metres) where we are treated to panoramic vistas of Bass Strait and the surrounding mountains and ranges. A beautiful fresh lunch on the beach followed by an afternoon with time to relax at camp, discover some local water birds, have a swim, read a book or have a nap in our peaceful surroundings.

8kms + exploring Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 5: CLIMB MT STRZELECKI

Climbing Flinders Island's highest peak, Mount Strzelecki (756 metres) is a wonderful challenge and rewards us with unsurpassed views of the entire Furneaux Island group, and even the distant peaks of mainland Tasmania. It's a full day to summit this giant granite outcrop treating us to sweeping panoramic views of the island; a magnificent reward for a challenging trek. After a full day of adventure we head back to our base camp and another delicious fresh island dinner.

6kms Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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# WHAT EQUIPMENT TO BRING ON YOUR FLINDERS ISLAND TREK

The following list sets out all the clothing and equipment you are required to bring for you to participate in the Flinders Island Trek.

- **E** indicates essential item of equipment
- **H** indicates available for hire

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Clothing	Equipment	
Rain jacket with storm hood attached. Must be seam sealed waterproof breathable fabric (Gore-Tex or equivalent 3 layer membrane). We recommend mid thigh length with full front zip opening which must have a storm flap. <b>E, H (\$60)</b>	Twin Share Tent (we provide) <b>E</b>	
	Inflatable sleeping mat (we provide) <b>E</b>	
Waterproof over pants (Gore-Tex equivalent 3 layer membrane or PVC coated nylon) <b>E, H (\$30)</b>	Sleeping bag rated to 3 seasons (we provide) <b>E</b>	
1 medium weight /thick woolen/polar fleece jumper - must be wool or good quality synthetic fibre ${\ f E}$	Inner sheet (we provide) <b>E</b>	
1 Long thermal pants (wool or synthetic)	Day pack (approx 25Litres) with good waist harness $ {f E} $	
	Good quality head torch with spare batteries $ {f E} $	
2 Long sleeve thermal tops (wool or synthetic) $ {f E} $	Sunglasses with secure neck strap	
2 T-shirts/Long sleeve shirts (must be wool or synthetics outdoor material - NO Cotton)	Water bottles or water bladder - minimum 3 litres $ {f E} $	
Warm trousers - wool or synthetic fibre	Swimmers and lightweight pack towel	
Walking trousers (not jeans)	Gaiters <b>E, H (\$30)</b>	
Walking shorts	We provide all catering equipment including cutlery, cups, plates, bowls <b>E</b>	
Walking socks - 3 pairs wool or thermal <b>E</b>	Personal Toiletries and First Aid	
Warm / Waterproof gloves or mittens <b>E</b>	Personal toiletries	
Wide brimmed sun hat with secure chin strap preferable $ {f E} $	Insect repellent cream (please do not bring spray repellent)	
Balaclava or warm beanie <b>E</b>	Sunscreen and lip balm <b>E</b>	
Underwear	Personal first aid kit with tape for treating and preventing blisters and any personal medication.	
Footwear	Optional Equipment	
Boots must be lace up, ankle high, leather or leather/ fabric construction with a sturdy rubber sole. Ideally boots will have a waterproof lining or for full-leather have been waterproofed. They must be well worn in but not worn out. <b>E</b>	Camera	
	Book	
	Binoculars	
	Walking Poles H (\$30)	
Light weight sandals or shoes for around camp	1 lightweight down or synthetic jacket or vest (Cooler trekking months of November/December and March/ April)	
Please contact us with any questions.		





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