



TAKAYNA EXPLORER – FOREST TO SEA **5 DAYS | 40 KM HIKE, 10 KM PADDLE**

JOIN US ON THE TAKAYNA / TARKINE EXPLORER TO EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF 2 OF THE REGION'S MOST UNIQUE WILDERNESS LOCATIONS, TARKINE TRAILS VERY OWN TIGER RIDGE AND THE HISTORIC CORINNA WILDERNESS VILLAGE

Our takayna Explorer walking tour enables you to be fully immersed with the ancient river systems, unique cool temperate rainforest and wild coastline of this region. This tour showcases the best of both inland and coastal takayna / Tarkine whilst focusing on a true connection and development of sense of place.

The tour commences with some full takayna / Tarkine immersion, based out of the comfort of our Tiger Ridge camp, deep in the hilly rainforest. Spend your evenings accompanied by views of the forested valley whilst indulging in some fine local produce; the perfect way to end the day of total forest immersion. We then relocate to the wilderness village of Corinna, where we have the opportunity to visit the amazing wild coastline, paddle the ruyinrim / Pieman river and walk through the diverse forests hugging the river systems of the southern takayna / Tarkine and weather dependent get up high for some 360 mountain views. This is an unforgettable experience which will last a lifetime.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 2 professional wilderness guides.
- 2 nights lodge/cabin style accommodation (twin share).
- 2 nights Exclusive camp accommodation (twin share tents)
- 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners.
- All delicious snacks on the trail.
- Return transport from Launceston.
- Pieman River boat transfers.
- Kayak hire.
- All national park fees.
- Emergency communications & group first aid kit.
- Alcohol is not included.

TREK GRADING : MODERATE TREK

See: www.trektoursaustralia.com.au/trek-grading/ for more information about gradings

IMPORTANT NOTES

Our 5 day takayna explorer is a moderately graded walk. However, 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 West Coast 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 do this walk, please feel free to call one of us here at Trek Tasmania for more 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: DEPART LAUNCESTON AND TRANSFER TO TIGER RIDGE CAMP

This morning we collect you from your Launceston accommodation between 7:30am and 8:00am and transfer you to the Aspire Adventure Equipment gear store in Launceston for a trip briefing. Your guides will do a thorough gear check, just to make sure you have everything needed for our Tarkine Trails adventure.

Our first day will transfer you from Launceston into the vast quiet of the Tarkine. We stop for morning tea and an introductory briefing before continuing to our remote destination deep on the edge of the Tarkine. Today's walk is about arriving at your rainforest home and our walking route immerses us into the vast rainforest landscape immediately as you meander your way up through the forest onto Tiger Ridge.

Once at camp, it is all about settling in and enjoying your new forest home. Food, fire and the company of new friends are essential ingredients to this process. An optional circuit walk is on offer to build up the appetite for dinner as the sounds of the late afternoon forest come alive with the changing mood of takayna. Every meal that is served bears testimony to the quality of Tasmanian produce. By the end of today you'll feel as if you haven't just traversed Tasmania but transcended it.

5-10kms
Meals: Lunch, Dinner

DAY 2: EXPLORING A RIVER

Starting the day on the balcony with your favourite morning beverage, taking in the incredible birdlife of the rainforest, you may be thinking, "I could really get used to this!" Look out for yellow-tailed black cockatoos, green rosellas and even the endangered white goshawk.

Our day today features a slow walk down to the Huskisson River. Walk beneath the most ancient of rainforest forms – the cathedral-shaped callidendrous forest. The Huskisson itself is a wild river that broadens in the valley floor and, if the water level is low, meanders and warms in pools perfect for a midday swim. After lunch we too meander in this valley for a time, before making our way back to Tiger Ridge to relax and refresh before dinner. Tiger Ridge's Japanese style washroom hangs out over the ferns and myrtles in the basin below. It truly is a bathroom with a view. Then, after another meal of amazing Tassie produce, we settle around the fire for our last night in this amazing wilderness.

5-10 kms walking
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4: COASTAL HIKE TO LAYMANIKA (RUPERT POINT)

After breakfast enjoy a spectacular ferry transfer in an historic Huon pine vessel to the Pieman River Heads. Transfer to the northern side of the Heads and undertake a coastal exploratory hike to Point Rupert. Our walk includes significant indigenous cultural sites, rare coastal flora and amazing coastal rock formations. A late afternoon transfer to your accommodation at Corinna where your guides will prepare another tasty dinner.

14kms
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3: TIGER RIDGE TO CORINNA VIA MT DONALDSON

We commence the morning with a stunning loop walk after bidding farewell to Tiger Ridge. You will take in the incredible rainforest around this through a different part of the forest. We then transfer to the trail head of Mount Donaldson (408m). Ascending through forest on to an open button grass ridge leading to the summit for spectacular wilderness views of the Pieman River, the rainforest valleys of the Donaldson River, the Tarkine's deep interior, and the Southern Ocean to the west. This is now our playground for the next days! After returning to the trailhead there is a short drive to your eco-cabins at Corinna, deep in the southern Tarkine wilderness. After checking into your accommodation there may be time for a sunset walk along the Whyte River. Dinner tonight is at the Tannin Restaurant at Corinna.

up to 15kms
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5: KAYAK RUYINRIM (PIEMAN RIVER), WARATAH RETURN TO LAUNCESTON

Enjoy breakfast with your guides to the waking sounds of the Tarkine. This morning we explore the Tarkine by kayaks, paddling down the Pieman River. The water here is flat and perfect even for first time paddlers. We continue our paddle up a tributary river, the Savage River, where we stop for an early lunch. We return to Corinna with a short hike along the shorelines of the rivers paddled today.

After lunch we transfer to the small scenic town of Waratah, which sits on the edge of the Tarkine wilderness. Once home to the richest tin mine in the Southern Hemisphere, there is much to learn and discover. We return you to your Launceston accommodation for the night to reminisce on takayna / Tarkine and your new found connection.

5kms hiking | 10kms paddling
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WHAT EQUIPMENT TO BRING ON YOUR TARKINE WILDERNESS TREK

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

E indicates essential item of equipment

H indicates available for hire

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. E, H (\$60)		45L day pack with hip belt E	
Waterproof over pants (Gore-Tex or equivalent 3 layer membrane) E, H (\$30)		Head torch with spare batteries E	
1 Woollen/polar fleece jumper - must be wool or synthetic fibre E		Sunglasses	
2 Long sleeve thermal tops (wool or synthetic) E		Water bottles or water bladder - minimum 3 litres E	
1 Long thermal pants (wool or synthetic) E		Swimmers and Towel	
2 T-shirts/Long sleeve shirts		Gaiters E, H (\$30)	
Warm trousers - wool or synthetic fibre		We provide all catering equipment including cutlery, cups, plates, bowls E	
Walking trousers (not jeans)		Personal Toiletries and First Aid	
Walking shorts		Personal toiletries	
Walking socks - wool or thermal E		Insect repellent cream (please do not bring spray repellent)	
Warm gloves or mittens E		Sunscreen and lip balm E	
Sun hat E		Personal first aid kit with tape for treating and preventing blisters and any personal medication.	
Warm beanie E		Optional Equipment	
Underwear		Camera	
		Book	
		Binoculars	
Footwear		Walking Poles H (\$30)	
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. E			
Sandals with straps or shoes for the end of the day.			
Please contact us with any questions.			