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Tasmania's Footsteps and Trails

Breathe the world's cleanest air as you uncover the wilds of untouched Tasmania. Take part in a pilgrimage on the wukalina walk, guided by a traditional custodian of these sacred lands. Discover spectacular Bruny Island, the Bay of Fires and magnificent Wineglass Bay, as you embark on a journey through time, ancient landscapes, and untamed coastline.



© wukalina walk

The magnificent natural landscape of North East Tasmania is the perfect place to reveal the palawa story, as contemporary palawa culture is most strongly tied to this part of Tasmania, as well as the Furneaux Islands. The palawa people did not document their history or keep it in museums - this landscape is their museum.



Wombat footprints, wukalina walk



Launceston



MONA Wine Meets Art

7 DAYS Launceston • Mount William National Park • Bay of Fires • Freycinet National Park • Coles Bay • Hobart • Bruny Island

Discover

Soak up the rugged scenery of The Bay of Fires, and the panoramas of Wineglass Bay from the lookout between Mt. Amos and Mt. Mason.

Explore

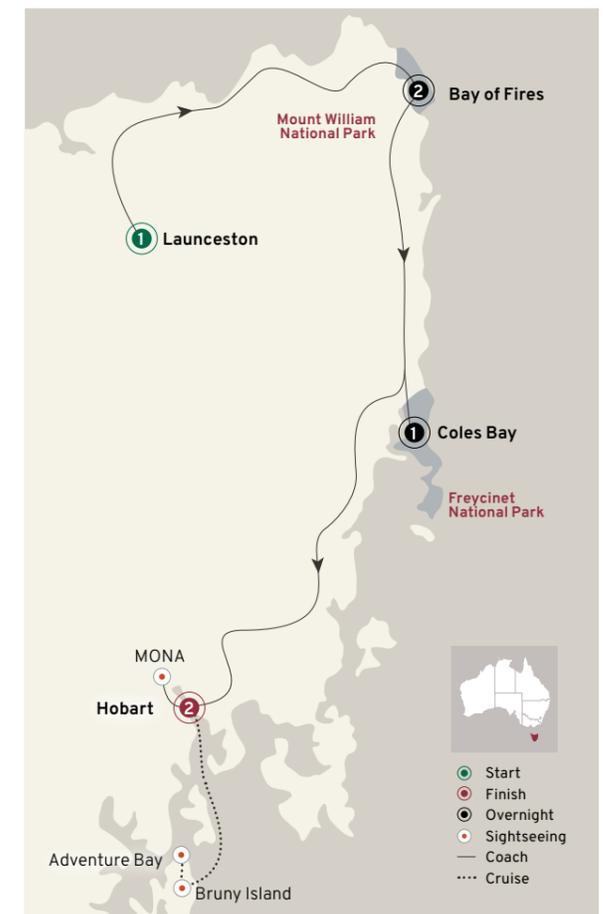
Experience the renowned Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), and uncover Bruny Island coastline on an award-winning cruise experience.

Immerse

Walk with Indigenous palawa guides in ancestral footsteps along the unmatched wukalina walk.

Relax

Learn old and new artisanal winemaking techniques at Moorilla Estate winery.





Wukalina walk

Wukalina walk is the only palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal people) owned and operated guided hike in Tasmania. The hike provides invitation-only access to a cultural homeland, and to a culture completely unique. The architecturally designed, bespoke standing camp sits deep within a National Park.

This is the beginning of a cultural journey 40,000 years in the making. The guides teach you about Aboriginal history and share their culture and what life in the area was like.

If you're not sure what constitutes a traditional palawa dinner, the first night's menu takes care of your curiosity. The traditionally-inspired dinner is followed by a Smoking Ceremony and under a broad night sky, you'll hear the creation story from those who have heard it through earlier generations.

Important Information: This is an active itinerary. No technical climbing skills are required. The hike is graded in degree of difficulty as Easy-Medium. A reasonable amount of fitness is required as you will be walking up to 10 kms per day. Water resistant hiking boots with firm tread soles and ankle support are essential.

Day 1: Welcome to Launceston

On arrival in Launceston, you'll have the opportunity to relax and freshen up before meeting your Journey Director and fellow travel companions for a Welcome Reception including drinks and canapés.

Peppers Silo Hotel

Day 2 & 3: The wukalina walk

This is a two-day Aboriginal-owned and operated guided walk through the magnificent natural landscape of the Bay of Fires and Mt. William areas, the cultural homeland of the palawa people. The walk is a genuine cultural experience that will deepen your understanding of palawa culture and community history as well as immerse you in the natural, rugged beauty of wukalina and larapuna. Be captivated by one of the most pristine environments that Tasmania has to offer with a hike through the rugged natural beauty of the unspoilt northeast coast. Spend your evenings by the fire in exclusive eco-friendly accommodation in a setting of unspoiled beauty.

Bespoke accommodation (shared facilities), Bay of Fires, 2 nights

Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 4: Bay of Fires – Wineglass Bay

After breakfast, and a short beach walk, board your vehicle and follow the coast to Coles Bay and Freycinet National Park. The natural beauty of this region is simply breathtaking. It comprises of a peninsula defined by a Schouten Island and a granite mountain range known as the Hazards. Trails lead up to a lookout for panoramic views over Wineglass Bay. Views from Cape Tourville Lighthouse stretch over the Tasman Sea. After 2 nights on the trail, you will check in to your secluded waterfront accommodation to unwind, freshen up and enjoy a sumptuous dinner together.

Edge of the Bay

Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine



Bay of Fires

Day 5: Freycinet National Park – Hobart

After a leisurely start this morning, continue to Hobart to the renowned Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) for an all-inclusive Wine Meets Art experience. Perched on the banks of the River Derwent, MONA is Australia's largest privately owned gallery and museum. Showcasing the diverse collection of its Tasmanian owner David Walsh, the museum exhibits everything from ancient Egyptian funerary objects to a machine that mimics the human digestive system. Begin your exclusive MONA experience at the on-site Source restaurant for a Local Dining Experience of seasonal local produce and wine. Later, explore MONA's maze of subterranean galleries, followed by a behind-the-scenes tour through Moorilla Estate winery's vineyard, the second oldest in Tasmania. You'll then be treated to a tasting of ten different Moorilla wines, before taking the MONA ROMA ferry to Hobart's Constitution Dock. From there it's just a short walk to your accommodation, the 5-star MACq 01 Hotel. The evening is free for you to explore the historic, yet trendy CBD.

MACq 01 Hotel, 2 nights

Breakfast, Local Dining Experience



MONA

Day 6: Bruny Island

Enjoy an unforgettable, award-winning cruise experience along Bruny Island's rugged coastline down to the Southern Ocean. On the island, a morning tea of freshly baked blueberry muffins will be served at a beachside café in Adventure Bay before your 3 hour cruise departs. You will enter deep sea caves and join in the search for wildlife such as seals, dolphins and sea birds and fingers crossed, migratory whales. Return

Choose this journey if you'd love to experience:

- A pristine and traditional Indigenous walk with Palawa guides
- The Bay of Fires & Mt. William National Park on a guided walk
- Wildlife spotting on a Bruny Island cruise
- Wine Meets Art at MONA

Dining

- 6 Breakfasts
- 4 Lunches
- 3 Dinners with wine
- 1 Local Dining Experience
- 1 Celebration Dinner

to the coast for lunch, and arrive back at your Hobart hotel by sunset, in time to get spruced up for your Celebration Dinner at the Old Wharf Restaurant to toast and reminisce about the remarkable journey you've had.

Breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner



Bruny Island Cruise

Day 7: Farewell from Hobart

Exchange phone numbers with your new friends as your inspiring Tasmanian journey concludes. After breakfast, a private vehicle will transfer you to Hobart Airport for your onward flight.

Breakfast

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