

BAY OF FIRES WALKING TOUR

BAY OF FIRES CONSERVATION AREA • ANSONS BAY • ST HELENS

THE OFFER

A feast for the eyes as well as the soul, Tasmania's Bay of Fires Conservation Area is nothing short of spectacular. Broad strokes of white sand and cerulean water, graceful swirls of olive green heathland, all flecked with fiery orange and grey 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 welcome dinner and day at leisure in Launceston, and then put your best foot forward as you journey into the heart of the Bay of Fires. Take in spectacular locations including The Gardens, Eddystone Point Lighthouse, Boulder Point, the summit of Mt William (Wukalina) in the Mt William National Park - and many more! You'll also learn about the abundant birds and wildlife that call the conservation area home, as well as sites of local Aboriginal significance, from the professional tour guides. Package includes four nights quality hotel accommodation, 12 meals including all meals during the walking tour, national park fees, and return transfers from Launceston.

5 DAY EXPLORER PACKAGE

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THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive Launceston - 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.

Over the next few days, you will immerse yourself in the spectacular beauty and peacefulness of the Bay of Fires area. Renowned for its bursts of colour from its fiery orange lichen-covered granite rocks to the aquamarine waters, the Bay of Fires are rich in history and cultural significance.

A guide will accompany you each day as you walk the entire coastline of the world-famous area. Carrying only a day pack each day and returning to comfortable accommodation, a hot shower and a delicious meal with like-minded walkers, this walk is achievable to those with a moderate level of fitness. There are many long beach sections and some pebbly headlands so some training on sandy and rocky terrain is highly recommended.

Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston - Deluxe Room

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 The Gardens to Policeman's Point (15km walk)

Your adventure begins! You will depart the Grand Chancellor at 7:30am for a 2-2.5hr drive to The Gardens area at the southern end of the Bay of Fires Conservation Area.

After a lovely homemade morning tea and taking in some of those spectacular orange rocks this coastline is so famous for, we will start our walk heading north. The Eddystone Point Lighthouse will be our guiding beacon in the distance, as we will be walking towards it the whole day. This section of the walk has a few longer loose pebble sections as well as few

headlands with rock boulders to navigate around.

The end point today is at Policeman's Point from where we will make our way to your comfortable accommodation in a Superior Room at the Bayside Hotel in St Helens for dinner and an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Bayside Hotel St Helens - Superior Room

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 3 Musselroe Bay to Boulder Point (12km walk)

Today it's a decent drive to the other end of the Bay of Fires coastline, where we start heading south from Musselroe Bay, aided by the prevailing winds. We will be heading along those famous and stunningly white and isolated beaches in Mt William National Park. The beautiful blue water might even invite you for a relaxing swim at Boulder Point.

After our beach and sand walking is done for the day we make our way to Mt William/Wukalina for some 360 views from its peak (216m). On a good day you can see as far as the islands of the Furneaux Group in Bass Strait. Finish the day back at your comfortable accommodation where you can relax and enjoy a hot dinner.

Overnight: Bayside Hotel St Helens - Superior Room

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 4 Boulder Point to Picnic Rock (15km walk)

More isolated and wide white sandy beaches await us today. We head along the coast from Boulder Point past Cobblers Rocks to Deep Creek and finish around Picnic Rock.

Along the way we should encounter some of the many shorebirds that call this area home and will pass Aboriginal sites of significance.



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Depending on the tide, we may need to take off shoes to cross Groves Creek close to the end of our walk.

Once we meet up with the bus again, we will do a little detour to Eddystone Lighthouse, to finally see up close what we have been walking towards in the last couple of days.

Overnight: Bayside Hotel St Helens - Superior Room

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 5 Picnic Rock to Ansons Bay - Launceston (12km walk)

After 3 wonderful days exploring this amazing place today's walk will summarise everything we have seen in one day.

From Deep Creek we will head across Eddystone Point to a white and seemingly endless beach before navigating our way around some headlands with those famous orange boulders.

The last section of our walk today takes us inland through coastal tea trees and heath country.

Our walk ends at Ansons Bay, which completes our end to end along the larapuna coastline. We will have some time to observe swans, cormorants, pelicans and many more birds, who usually frequent the lagoon.

From Ansons Bay it's a scenic 2.5hr drive back to Launceston, which sees us getting back to Launceston around 5pm where you can make your own onward arrangements. For customers who would like another night in Launceston, additional nights accommodation can be arranged through the operator directly after purchase.

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch



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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk on the wild side of Tasmania ex Launceston
- Explore the vibrant city of Launceston at leisure
- Discover the Bay of Fires (Larapuna) on a 4 day guided walking tour
- Admire white beaches, clear waters and orange lichen-covered rocks
- Trek along isolated beaches and wild coastal heathland
- Enjoy 360 degree views over in Mt William National Park from the peak of Wukalina (Mt William)
- Encounter an abundance of wildlife and pass sites of Aboriginal significance
- Observe swans, cormorants, pelicans and many more birds
- Visit Eddystone Lighthouse, located on the dangerous Eddystone Rocks

ACCOMMODATION

- 1 night 4-star hotel accom. in a Deluxe Room at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston
- 3 nights accom. in a Superior Room at Bayside Hotel in St Helens

DINING

- Enjoy 12 delicious meals including a welcome dinner and all meals during the walking tour

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- Enjoy small group touring with a max of 12 travellers per group
- National park fees
- Professional guides

TRANSPORT

- Transport by private A/C vehicle

TRANSFERS

- Return transfers from Hotel Grand Chancellor in Launceston

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation email. You will be required to complete a smart waiver, to be returned within 3 days of purchase. A link will be provided in the Purchase Confirmation email. Once the smart waiver has been completed, you will receive a final booking confirmation from the tour operator by email and/or phone within 3 business days.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Book With Confidence

If your holiday is affected by Government travel restrictions as a result of COVID-19, a one off date change will be permitted free of charge. For any changes not associated with COVID-19, please refer to the Schedule of Fees.

Please note: Date change requests need to be made at least 14 days prior to the original date of travel. Date changes within 14 days are subject to availability, and not guaranteed.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 27th of November 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$400 applies.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Departure City

Launceston

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

4 star (self rated)

Launceston: Hotel Grand Chancellor - Deluxe Room

3 star (self rated)

St Helens: Bayside Hotel - Superior Room

Extra Nights

Launceston (Pre/Post Tour): Starting from \$165 per room including breakfast

Please note: extra nights are requested and booked directly through the tour operator after purchase

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available

Bedding Configuration

2 x Single Beds or 1 x King/Queen (Subject to availability)

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 6, maximum group size 12 per vehicle.

EXCLUSIONS

- Flights / airport transfers
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

The temperature and rainfall in the Bay of Fires region and neighbouring St Helens has a maximum of 21.3 degrees celsius and a minimum of 7.1. In January the average rainfall is 45.4 mm, with approximately 6 days of rain. February has an annual rainfall of 46.3 mm and a maximum temperature of 21.3 and a minimum of 14.3. There is 57.7mm of rain in March, and the temperature begins to drop around one degree or so. Aprils max temperature is around 18.2 degrees, and the minimum is around 11.5- significantly colder- while the rainfall is also increased, with 66.2mm. In May the temperature continues to drop, with a low of 9.7 degrees

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and a high 15.9 degrees. The rainfall is slightly decreased, with 65mm in total. In June, July, and August, the temperature is around on maximum 13.5 degrees and a minimum of approximately 7.7 degrees. The temperature begins to climb higher leading to the end of the year, while the rainfall greatly decreases by December. In total the hottest month of the year in Lake Hillier is February, the coldest and wettest is July, and the driest is January. The Bay of Fires region and St Helens are not commonly hit with severe weather warnings in any form. It is recommended to visit Bay of Fires in Summer- preferably December, January and February. The Bay of Fires area is in Tasmania, which therefore means it is very southern and cold most times of the year compared to mainland Australia.

COACH TOUR

Meals

We pride ourselves on providing you with fresh, wholesome food. We serve simple, nutritious and delicious food on tour, using fresh and local ingredients as much as possible. Of course, if you like, you can indulge in some less nutritious treats as well – you're on holiday after all and the team bake some mean cakes. Breakfast, home-made morning tea, lunch, fresh fruit, pre-dinner nibbles and a two course evening meal are all included. We are happy to adapt our menu to suit many dietary needs including gluten free, vegetarian and vegan diets.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility

- Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.
- You do not have to be superfit to enjoy this tour, however you will need a good level of agility and balance. This walk is

achievable to those with a moderate level of fitness. There are some long beach sections and some pebbly headlands so some training on sandy and rocky terrain is recommended.

- If you have any concerns about your own fitness for this tour, please contact TripADeal prior to purchase for further information.

Gratuities / Tipping

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customer's discretion.

Sightseeing

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket, date/accommodation changes or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/accommodation/other travel provider.

Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these

outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.