

# TOUR ITINERARY

## FORESTS OF THE DEEP SOUTH

### PICK-UP

We depart from your Hobart CBD hotel at 8:00am. Simply enter your hotel name when completing the booking online. Our guide will notify you the day before as to exact pick-up time.

For guests of the charming Kermandie Hotel, we meet you at 9am.

### THE EXPERIENCE

- This day adventure takes you deep into the south of Tasmania so you can experience the unexpected beauty of the forests in this stunning region. We travel to the edge of Tasmania's World Heritage-listed Southwest National Park, past spectacular craggy mountain ranges and ancient forests.
- Our expedition destination is the idyllic Duckhole Lake. Lying within the Southwest National Park the delightfully tranquil lake is actually a flooded sinkhole. It is part of the extensive regional cave and karst system that includes the nearby Hastings Caves. The lake is a peaceful place to sit and listen to the birds and frogs while we enjoy our picnic lunch.
- The easy there-and-back track to Duckhole Lake is a short 4.2km walk, most of which is boardwalk and follows a beautiful stream through regrowth forest to the lake. The track follows a late 19th century sawmill tramway for much of the way, and remnants of the tramway can be seen.
- Your senses will be heightened as you breathe the fresh mountain air, listen to native birdsong and search for unique plant species and forestry relics embedded into growing trees. Discover the history of our fascinating forests and their possible future as the expert botanist shares his knowledge. He will bring all the equipment which may include a laser rangefinder, tape measure and spherical camera.
- You can't miss the views across the wild waters of the Huon and Picton Rivers and out towards the mountains of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.
- We return from our forest expedition along the banks of the pristine Huon River past Roaring Bay Beach and Surveyors Bay. Enjoy views of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and Bruny Island as we drive to the charming town of Geeveston, made famous as the location of the filming of the television series Rosehaven. Here we seek the elusive platypus in its natural habitat.
- After our enriching expedition, we aim to return to the Kermandie Hotel by 4pm and Hobart by 5pm.

### WHAT TO BRING

Water bottle

Hat and sunscreen

Camera

Sturdy shoes (please clean them to prevent any soil or seed contamination)

Any medications or assistive devices you require

### WHAT IS INCLUDED

A small group tour (maximum 11 people)

Qualified ecologist as your expert tour guide

All observation gear

Air-conditioned minivan or small bus

## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **OUR CANCELLATION POLICY**

You can cancel your tour booking up to 7 days prior to the scheduled departure and receive a full refund less a 2% booking fee. Unfortunately, we are unable to guarantee refunds for tours cancelled by you within 7 days of your departure date. If your plans change, please contact us! We would love to work with you to see if we can accommodate your needs.

Giving you an enjoyable experience touring you around Tasmania is our first priority, however in rare and unfortunate circumstances there might be a possibility of cancellation after confirmation should there not be enough passengers on a particular tour. In the event of this occurring, we will give you a full refund or work with you to arrange an alternative tour.

You will also receive a full refund should you not be able to travel due to government COVID-19 related travel restrictions, however we ask that you please let us know if you are unable to travel prior to the scheduled departure date.

### **BOOKING CONFIRMATION**

You will receive confirmation within 48 hours of booking your tour.

### **WHAT TO WEAR**

In Tasmania you can experience four seasons in one day. We love our changeable weather. Our east coast is often dry while our west coast is wet. Wear layers. Our sun can get hot, but once it goes down, the cool can set in fast. We recommend you bring a sunhat (and beanie), sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes and a waterproof jacket.

### **FITNESS LEVEL**

There is some bushwalking on this tour so a basic level of fitness is required. We recommend that if you have serious medical conditions you call us first to discuss. We would be happy to see how we can accommodate you.

### **ACCESSIBILITY**

Our vehicles are conveniently equipped to carry collapsible wheelchairs with removable wheels providing the passenger is accompanied by someone who can assist them board and disembark.

If you have any questions about accessible options for this tour, please do not hesitate to contact us to see how we can accommodate you to have the best tour possible.

### **CHILDREN**

For their safety, we kindly ask that children be accompanied by an adult.

For passengers younger than seven, we can arrange one or two seats for you. Please make sure to contact us directly to discuss.

## **MINIMAL IMPACT**

Like all living things, these forests and trees are fragile, and as visitors to wild heritage areas we need to tread lightly. As such, we will take steps to minimise our impacts and we will make sure to have the lightest footprint possible.

This means we may have limitations on where we can go, how close we can get to the trees, and when we are able to visit.

Practicing the skills of minimal-impact tourism is ultimately a rewarding and educational choice, and will help us to enjoy these forests into the future.

## **Have another question? Please don't hesitate to contact us.**

We look forward to seeing you and hope you enjoy your time with us.  
The Tours Around Tasmania Team.