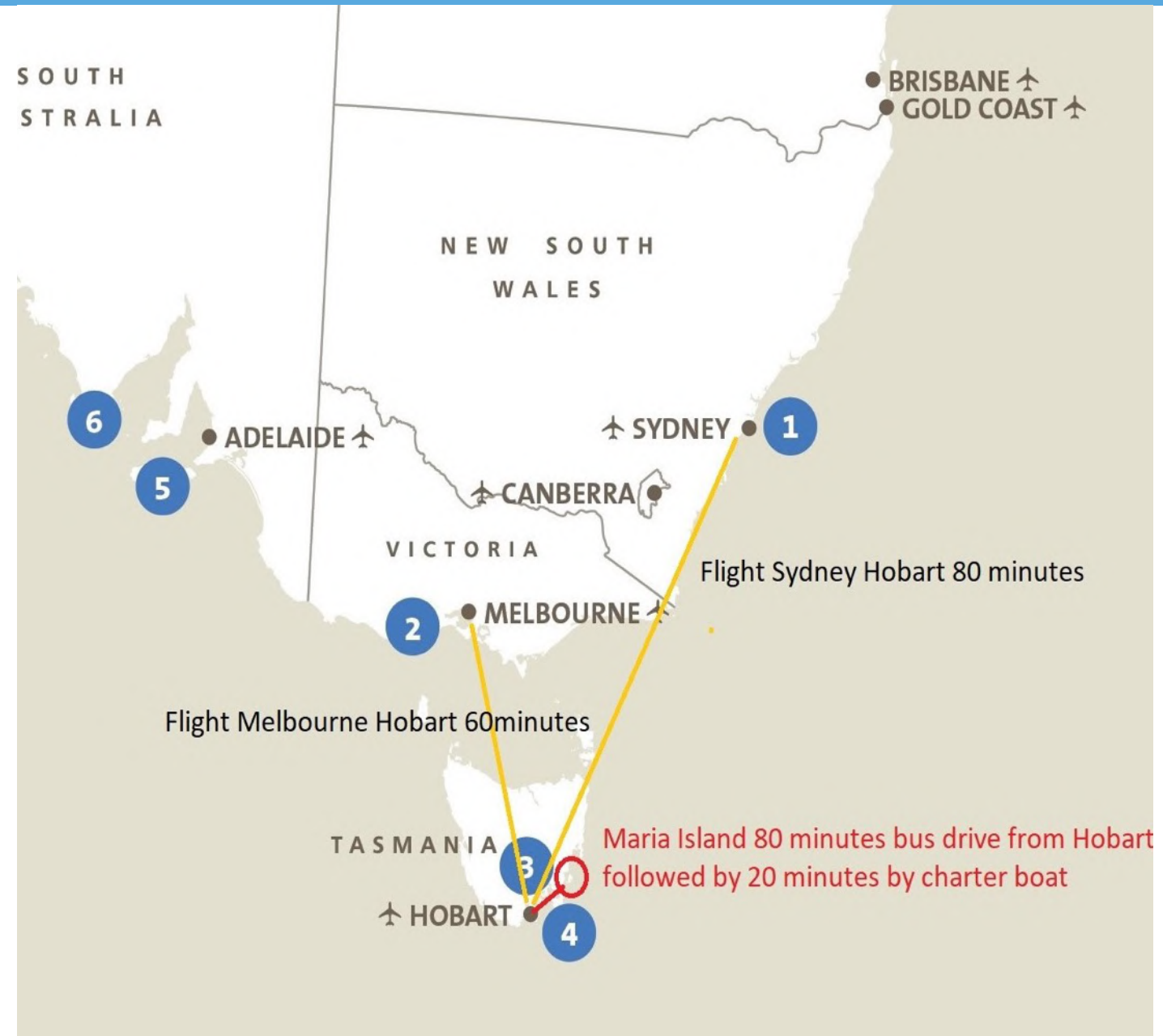
The
MARIA
ISLAND WALK
Four days that will last a lifetime.

Company Profile

- **Family owned and operated Tasmanian guided walk**.
- Established by Ian and Bronwyn Johnstone 17 years ago the company has become recognised as **one of Australia's leading soft adventure experiences**.
- **Winner** of 8 national and 15 state tourism awards.
- **Takes small groups of 10 guests and 2 local guides** on a journey that showcases Maria Island's wonderful wildlife and World heritage listed history by day and each night relaxing with gourmet dining and elegant private accommodation.

Where is Maria Island?



What makes Maria Island so special?

- Maria Island is off the sun kissed east coast of Tasmania **90 minutes drive** from the capital Hobart.
- Hobart serviced by daily flights Melbourne (60 minute flight) and Sydney (80 minutes)
- The island is **100% National Park** and is **World Heritage-listed** because of its intact convict settlement at Darlington.
- Maria has a resident population of just **two park rangers and their one car!!**
- Described as the **Noahs Ark of Tasmania because it is a sanctuary for many birds and animals**, a number of which were threatened with extinction and introduced by parks and wildlife service when it became a national park in the 1970s.
- Spectacular beaches and safe and family friendly. It's a fantastic destination for soft adventure tourism

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- Most recent addition is the **Tasmania Devil** which where introduced in 2013 as an insurance breeding population against the facial tumour disease.
- The island is now a wildlife sanctuary where visitors can observe birds and animals at close quarters. **Recognised as one of the best places on earth to observe wombats, kangaroos and wallabies**.
- It also has ancient old growth forests and magnificent untouched beaches.
- The island is easy to access, is very family and walker friendly and safe

One of the world's best place to view Wombats!

Marsupials galore…

Birdwatchers Delight – 12 Tasmanian Endemic Birds

Parrots, Raptors and the Turbo Chook!

Ever-changing Landscapes…

Sublime Coastlines…

TOUR #1 : The 4 Day "Maria Island Walk"

- The 4 day guided walk is an **'all inclusive' package** that starts and finishes in Hobart.
- Operates start of October to end of April
- Price is AUD $2550 - $2600 per person

Day One: The First Steps

- Depart from Triabunna with board ride across the Mercury Passage
- Overlook the crystal azure waters of Shoal Bay before taking a walk to the tranquil Casuarina Beach camp. tall Explore tall eucalypt forests down to the spectacular Haunted Bay.
- Tasmanian gourmet dinner, stroll along the beach at sunset. *(8 kilometres/5 miles)*

Day Two: Five Fabulous Beaches

- Watch dolphins play in the surf and sea eagles soaring overhead as you walk past five amazing beaches.
- Late afternoon arrival at White Gums camp for a refreshing swim. After the perfect day, you can relax with your fellow walkers, before enjoying a candlelit dinner of the finest Tasmanian food and wine.

(13 kilometres/8 miles)

Day Three: Into the heart, up to the heights

- Your guide takes you inland to the heart of the Island to discover the rich greens of the grand forests.
- See the world's largest stand of giant Tasmanian blue gums. Option to climb the peaks of Mt Maria or Bishop and Clerk through rare "cloud" rainforests.
- Evening arrival to World Heritage-listed settlement of Darlington where you'll stay at the elegant colonial Bernacchi House and enjoy a final night banquet.

(9-17 kilometres/6-11 miles)

Day Four: The Fabulous Top End

- Delicious breakfast followed by a walk around the northern tip of Maria Island through a variety of spectacular woodlands and forests
- See dramatic sea cliffs of Fossil Bay and then head down to the remarkable fossils at Fossil Cliffs.
- Arriving back at Darlington we enjoy a celebratory farewell lunch before boarding the boat to go back to the mainland Tasmania.

(4 kilometres/2.5 miles)

Accommodation: Two Wilderness camps hidden behind our own private beaches

- Environmentally sensitive wilderness camps. Elegant dining. Bush showers and composting toilets
- Fall asleep to sound of lapping waves in twin share cabins with mattresses, pillows and fresh bedding.

Elegant and comfortable Wilderness Camps for nights 1 and 2

Final night at Bernacchi House in World Heritage listed Darlington settlement

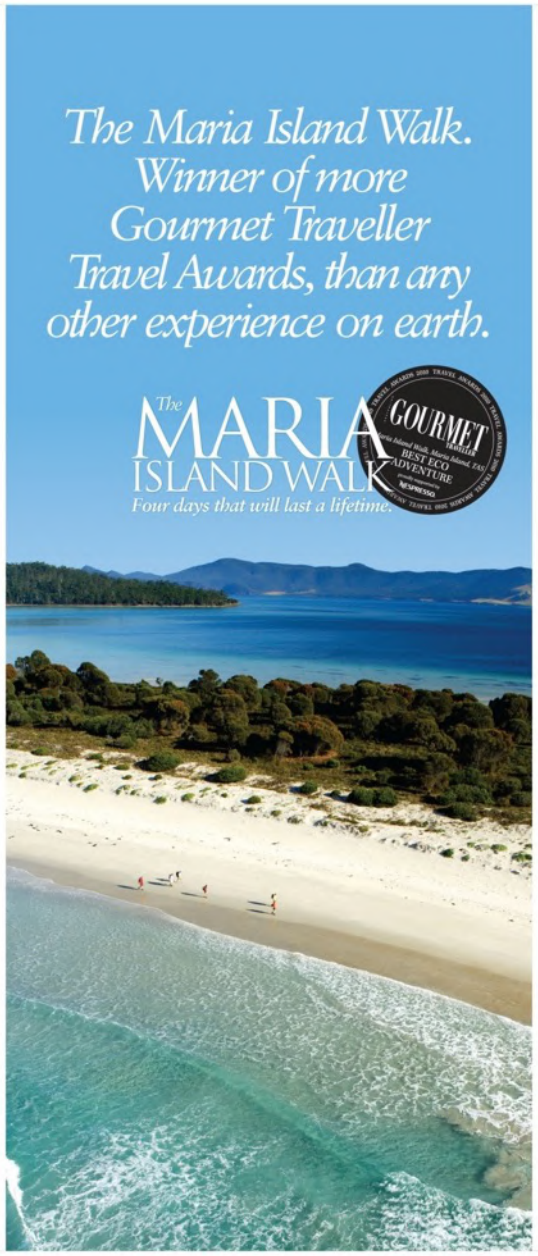
Bernacchi House in World Heritage convict settlement of Darlington

TOUR #2 : Maria Island 3 day "Winter Escape"

- Operates on **selected departures June to August**, starting and finishing in Hobart.
- The island is completely empty over this period and guests explore the wildlife, history and tranquillity in a variety of day walks around World Heritage-listed Darlington.
- Three days and two night based in charming **Bernacchi House**.
- Max **8 guests and 2 guides**.
- All inclusive package includes transfers food and wine park entry at AUD $1490/person.

Winter Escape is a lodge based experience offering a variety of day walks

Awards



Telstra Business Awards
2009 Tasmanian Winner
MYOB Small Business Award

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2012 Winner
Australian Tourism Awards

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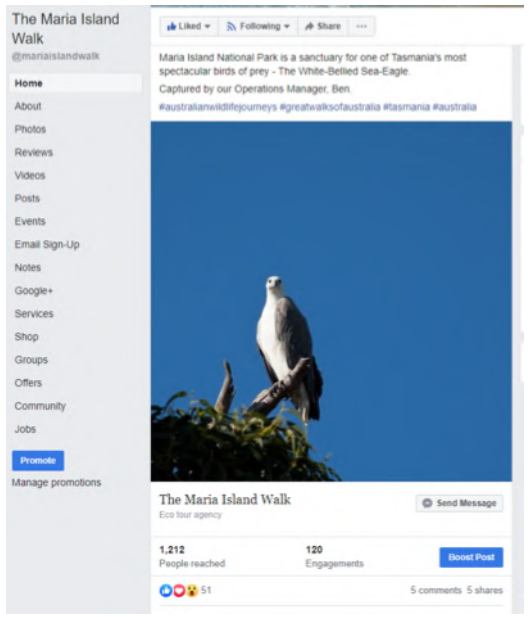

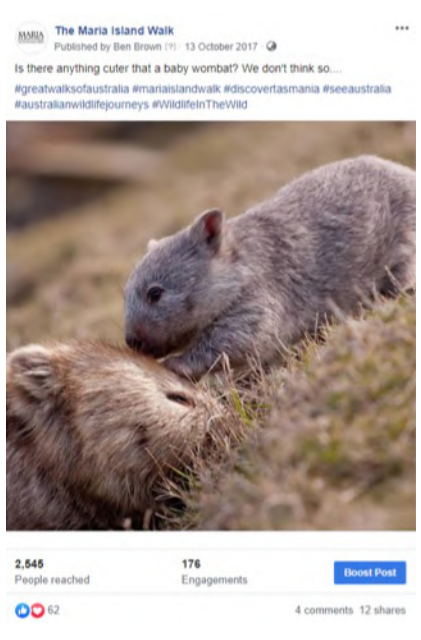

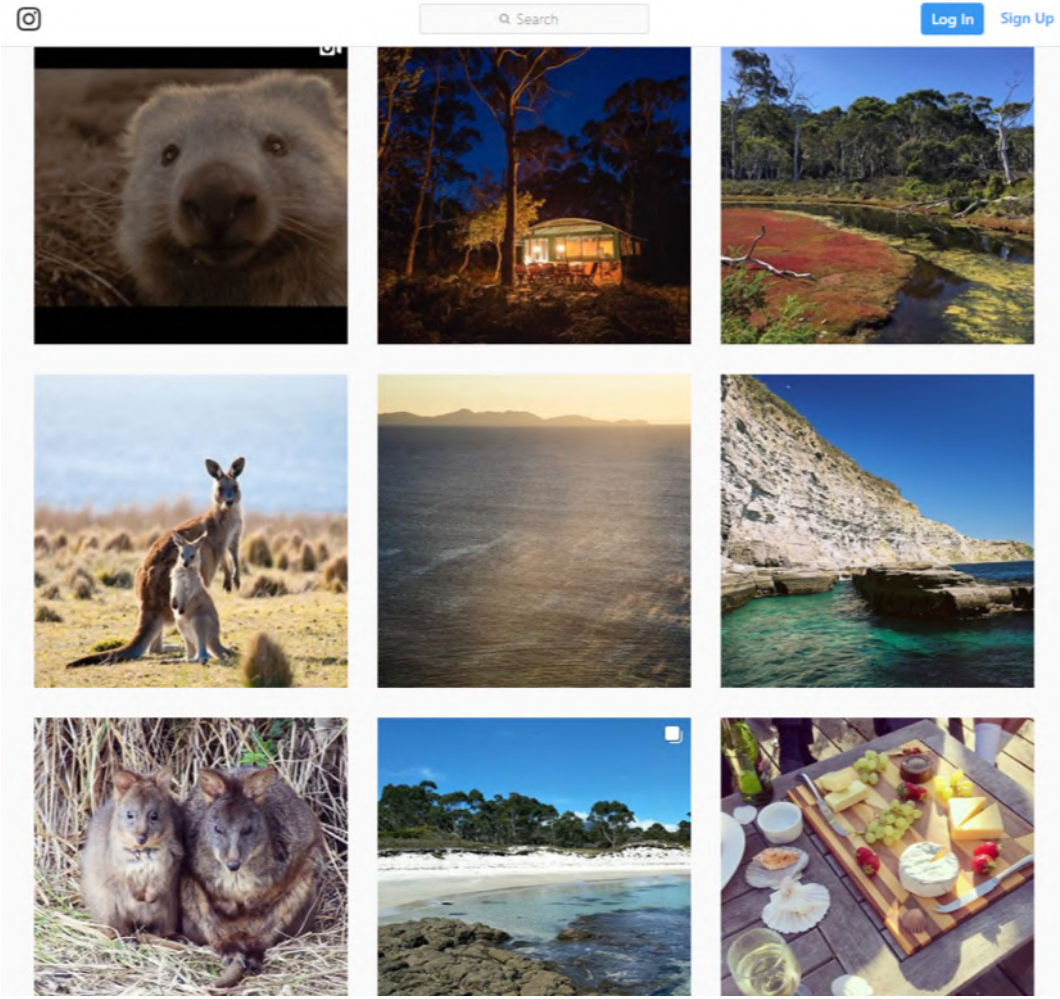

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Key selling points:

- *Maria Island is one of those remarkable "undiscovered" destinations. You need to visit!*
- *Walkers carry light packs, elegant accommodation, two local host guides*
- *Fabulous wildlife and perfect climate for walking.*
- *Every day is different, wildlife, history, tranquillity.*
- *Easy access - Starts and finishes in Hobart.*

We offer great rates for travel trade famils!

Check out the videos on our website.