

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 were 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"



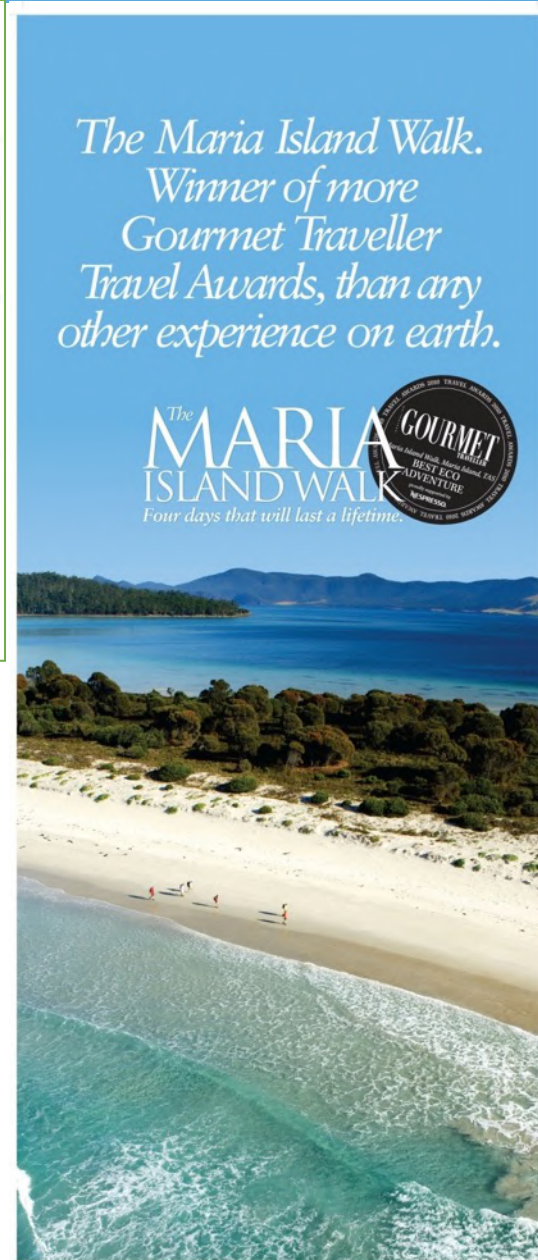
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WINTER ESCAPE
Everything on Maria is beautiful. Even winter.

- 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



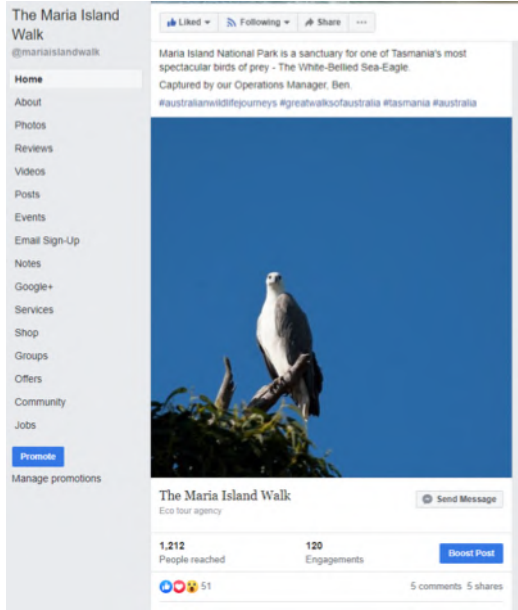
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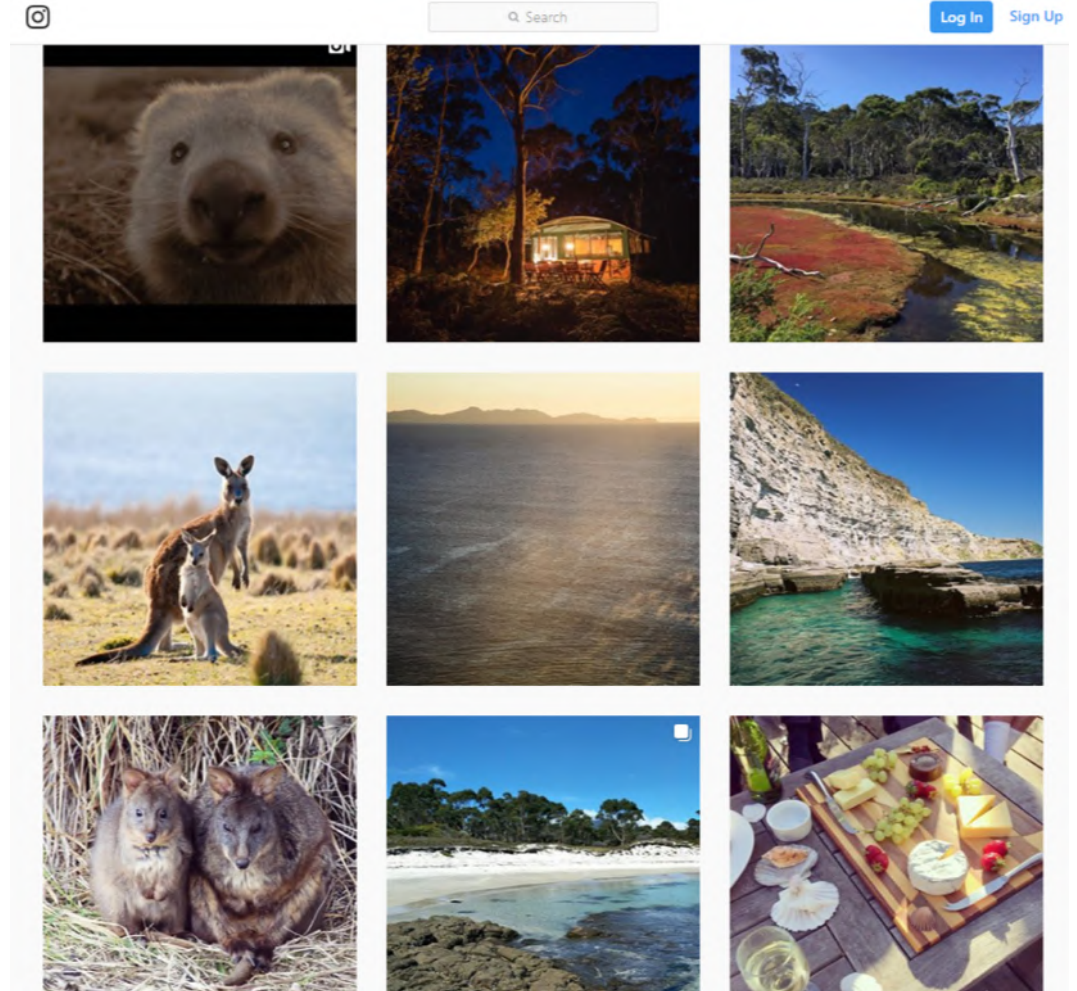
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Instagram grid showing various photos of the island, including a close-up of a wombat, a night view of a building, a landscape with a stream, kangaroos, a sunset over the ocean, a rocky coastline, two wombats, a beach, and a table with food.



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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.