



Peter O'Leary in association with Specialty Travel presents his 10 Day

## Two Island Special – King Island & Flinders Island

Thursday 25 October – Saturday 03 November, 2012

Located approximately 80 km northeast of Tasmania and about 90 km southeast of Cape Otway on the Victorian coast, King Island, with a population of over 2 500, is one of Australia's undiscovered island retreats. ooWindswept, rugged and attractive it boasts over 145 km of untouched coastline, an estimated 57 offshore wrecks (a legacy of the dangers of trying to cross and pass through Bass Strait in inclement weather) and a wide and unusual variety of seabirds and wildlife. This is not a tiny island. It is some 58 km long and 21 km wide and has a total area of 126 000 ha. In recent times King Island has gained an extraordinary reputation for its dairy products. King Island butters, cheeses and creams have found their way into fashionable suburban delicatessens on the mainland and have become a by-word for dairy quality. Also in Bass Strait is Flinders Island - the main island of the Furneaux Group – a collection of 52 islands that stretches across Bass Strait between Tasmania and mainland Australia. These remarkable “mountains in the sea” offer a unique holiday experience. Here we can get away from it all in an inspiring world of sparkling beaches, rugged ranges, abundant wildlife and flora, and clear sapphire waters. With a pleasant climate throughout the year and activities from boating, climbing, fishing, to exploring our historic sites, Flinders Island has much to offer.

### Day 1: Thursday 25 October

### Rockhampton to Melbourne

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Yeppoon Rail 7.15am, Emu Park 7.35am, Northside Plaza 8.15am, South Mobli 8.30am, Gracemere 8.45am, Arrive Rockhampton Airport 9.05am

Welcome to our 10 day tour featuring **King Island** and **Flinders Island** – both are in Bass Strait between Victoria's south coast and the north coast of Tasmania. We depart **Rockhampton** today on our flight to Melbourne (**Virgin Australia Flight DJ1238/328 - via Brisbane - Departs Rockhampton at 10.25am/Arrives Melbourne 4.25pm**). On arrival our local touring coach will transfer us to the city for our overnight stay. We have chosen the **Quality Batman Hill Hotel** right in the heart of town. The Collins Street tram runs past the front door and there are shops and restaurants nearby. Welcome dinner in the hotel.

**Quality Batman Hill Hotel, Melbourne 03 96146344**

### Day 2: Friday 26 October

### Melbourne to King Island

(BD)

After breakfast we transfer back to the Airport – and the **Regional Express (REX) Terminal** - to connect with our 55 minute flight, across Bass Strait, to Currie, the main town on King Island. (**Regional Express Flight ZL3871 Departs Melbourne at 11.55am/Arrives Currie 12.50pm**). On arrival at **Currie Airport** we will be met by **King Island Discovery** tours and transferred into the town and our accommodation at Boomerang By the Sea Motel. After checking in there will be some time to take a walk into Currie to browse the shops or visit the **famous King Island Bakery** for tea, coffee and home made pies and pastries (own expense). The main points of interest in Currie are Currie Harbour, the Kelp Works, the Boathouse, District School, Hospital and Health Centre. Tonight we have the opportunity to enjoy a **Penguin Tour** to see the Fairy Penguins come up the beach to their Rookeries. No flood lights or concrete paths here - just a delightful experience to watch these creatures in their natural habitat!

**Boomerang By the Sea Motel, Currie, King Island 03 64621288**

### Day 3: Saturday 27 October

### King Island

(BLD)

Breakfast: This morning we head out to the Northern Reaches of the Island on the Wickham Tour. We see Reekara, South Yellow Rock, the Wreck of the Shannon, **Cape Wickham lighthouse** which is the tallest in the Southern Hemisphere. There have been a total of 57 wrecks along the coast and at one stage as many as 5 light houses were built to protect the shipping. On the way home we stop at the famous **King Island Dairy Fromagerie** where we will have time to sample and purchase the fabulous award winning product.

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**Day 4: Sunday 28 October** **King Island** **(BLD)**

Breakfast: This morning we take the **Scenic South Tour** which takes in the electricity generating wind farm, Ettrick River, the **Calcified Forest** and the rugged cliffs off **Seal Rocks**. The views of the rugged south coast are dramatic. Lunch today will be a BBQ of succulent King Island Steak accompanied by garden fresh salads. This afternoon we enjoy the Grassy Township tour and visit the seaside village of Naracoopa before returning to Currie.

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**Day 5: Monday 29 October** **King Island to Melbourne** **(BD)**

Breakfast: A short tour of Currie this morning including the Kelp Works and the museum housed in the old lighthouse keeper's residence before lunch (own expense) and then the transfer to the airport to connect with our Rex Service to Melbourne. **(ZL3872 Departs 1310/Arrives Melbourne 1405)**. On arrival back at Tullamarine we once again transfer to our inner city accommodation.

**Quality Batman Hill Hotel, Melbourne 03 96146344**

**Day 6: Tuesday 30 October** **Melbourne to Flinders Island** **(BD)**

After breakfast this morning we are ready for our second "Island Experience!" This time our flight departs from Melbourne's **Essendon Airport**. We have to split onto two flights this morning for the 65 minute flight to **Flinders Island**. The first departure is at 11.30am and the second at 12.30pm. On arrival at **Whitemark Flinders Island** our local touring coach and resident guide will be waiting. We head south to the fishing port of **Lady Barron**. We take in fantastic views of the island's south of Flinders and the beautiful Franklin Sound from Vinegar Hill Lookout. We visit Yellow Beach before arriving at our accommodation, the Furneaux Tavern situated on the shores of Adelaide Bay.

**Furneaux Tavern Flinders Island 03 63593521**

**Day 7: Wednesday 31 October** **Flinders Island** **(BLD)**

This morning we travel the east coast, passing some of the **Soldier Settlement Farms** and onto Cameron's Inlet, a haven for the many native birds and animals. We view the magnificent beach that stretches along the east coast of the island. From here we travel north to the **Tobias Lookout** for fantastic views to **Babel Island** and north to the Sister's Islands. We then travel to the Patriarchs where we learn of one man's fight to save the **Cape Barren Geese**. We return to Lady Barron via Trouser's Point Beach at the foot of **Mount Strezlecki** then along the Wallanippi Road back to our accommodation for time to wander around the water front before dinner.

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**Day 8: Thursday 1 November** **Flinders Island** **(BLD)**

**Port Davies** on the west coast of the Island is on our itinerary this morning. We will divide into two groups The first group will enjoy a morning away on a charter boat, fishing and exploring the waters around **Prime Seal Island and Marshall Bay**. Weather permitting; we will be able catch some fish to BBQ for lunch on return to shore (Island style). Our host for the day is the island fisherman Mike Nichols. The second group will visit historic **Wybalena Chapel and Cemetery** and learn of the sad history of the Aboriginal community who were transported here in the 1800's. We visit the island museum which houses a written information, photos and artifacts of the past settlement of this beautiful island. After lunch we reverse the groups.

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**Day 9: Friday 2 November** **Flinders Island** **(BLD)**

Today we travel to the northern part of the island stopping at **Sawyers Bay** to take in the magnificent views and then onto **Mount Tanner** for even more views of the west coast. We visit Killiecrankie the home of the famous Killiecrankie Diamonds. We continue north to The North East River for views over the **Sisters Islands** and along the beaches south to Babel Island. We return to Lady Barron stopping at the only vineyard on the island to sample their product.

**Furneaux Tavern Flinders Island 03 63593521**

**Day 10: Saturday 3 November**

**Flinders Island to Homeports**

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Our touring complete we are ready to begin the flight home. Once again we have to split into two groups for the short flight back to **Melbourne** – the first departure will be at 9.00am and the second at 9.30am. We have arranged a coach transfer from Essendon Airport to take us back to Tullamarine to connect with our **Virgin Australia Flight** back to **Rockhampton**. (**Virgin Australia Flights DJ333/1251 departs Melbourne at 3pm (via Brisbane) arrives Rockhampton at 7.15pm**) to complete a sensational 10 day tour.

*Depart Rockhampton Airport 7.45pm, South Mobil 8.00pm, Gracemere 8.15pm, Northside Plaza 8.30pm, Emu Park 9.10pm, Yeppoon Rail 9.30pm*

**Tour Cost: \$4405.00 per person**

Single Supplement add \$520.00 per person

*(These are not easily accessible places which tend to make them more expensive places to tour & unfortunately the prices have increased from last year!(mostly the airfares))*

**PLEASE NOTE: The order in which the tours are run on both Islands could change depending on the weather conditions at the time for your comfort & safety!**

*This tour will fill fast – so to guarantee your place on this tour please fill out attached booking form and return to Peter with a \$500 Deposit per person.*

***Final Balance Due by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September***

**Insurance not included but highly recommended.**

**Please ask for a quote!!**

**Any queries please phone Peter on 49112644**

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### **Tour Inclusions**

Coach Transfers Yeppoon/Rockhampton to Airport & return  
9 nights dinner bed & breakfast accommodation as per the itinerary  
9 cooked breakfasts, 9 dinners and 5 lunches  
All return flights – on Virgin, Regional Express & Sharpe Airlines  
Coach Transfers Melbourne- Airport/City & City/Airport return  
King Island Discovery Tours  
Flinders Island Executive Tours

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## Terms & Conditions

### **Specialty Travel reserves the right –**

To vary the itinerary in anyway at anytime it deems necessary.

To amend the price subject to any changes imposed by other operators and carriers included in the itinerary. The operation and provision of services from other operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operations and no responsibility is taken by Specialty Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service.

To cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control that in the opinion of the company would adversely effect the operation of the tour.

The company accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggests that suitable insurance be attained for protection of the same.

The company does not accept responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport companies used for connection tours operated by this company.

### **Cancellations**

Cancellation fees may be levied in accordance with notice given. Unless specifically advised at the time of booking there will be no fee for cancellations made more than 2 months prior to travel. For cancellations between 1 and 2 months of the date of travel, cancellation fees **may** apply as per conditions imposed by other suppliers of services included in the tour. For cancellations between 30 and 14 days, a cancellation fee of up to 30% of the fare **may** apply. For cancellations less than 14 days, a cancellation fee of up to 50% of the fare **may** apply. For 7 days and less & no shows a 100% cancellation fees **may** apply.

No cancellation fees will apply if someone else replaces you on the same tour

### **Fares & Payments**

Fares quoted are subject to alteration. However no change will be made after the final balance has been paid. A deposit of \$500pp is required to confirm your booking with the balance due at least 45 days prior to departure. (Pleased be advised your booking is not guaranteed until we receive deposit)

### **Inclusions**

Inclusions for each tour are shown on the itinerary. As a general rule, tours include dinner, bed, breakfast and entry fees to various attractions and cruises etc. Meals included are identified by the symbols, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

### **Exclusions**

Meals not specified, optional tours, room service, telephone calls, drinks and other items of a personal nature.

### **Accommodation**

Wherever possible, rooms are self-contained with private bathroom, colour television, tea and coffee making facilities and heating/air conditioning. Persons wanting a single room must pay a single supplement.

### **Departure Details**

Passengers are requested to ready for departure at least 15 minutes prior to departure time. Departure details and times will be advised either at the time of booking or final payment.

### **Travel Insurance**

**Is not included but is strongly recommended** and available if required for an additional cost