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## ***KING AND FLINDERS ISLAND***

**TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY TO THURSDAY 03<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2022**

(Tour limited to maximum of 18 people)

*Discover the sights, sounds and wonderful local produce of King Island  
and the unspoilt natural beauty of Flinders Island*

### **Day 1 ROCKHAMPTON TO MELBOURNE**

**Tuesday 22 February 2022 (D)**

Discover something new and join us on tour to explore the islands of the Bass Strait. **King Island** and **Flinders Island** offer something quite different from each other. Our tour on King Island focuses on local produce and meeting the producers whilst Flinders Island introduces us to spectacular scenery with considerable amounts of magical appeal. Boarding our flight we make our way to Melbourne. Overnighing here we are ready for our onward journey in the morning.

Lunch at own cost | Dinner in Hotel  
Sebel Moonee Ponds (subject to availability)

### **Day 2 MELBOURNE TO KING ISLAND**

**Wednesday 23 February 2022 (BD)**

This morning we board our short flight to **King Island**, crossing the Bass Strait. We'll be met on arrival by a **local specialist**, a fifth generation born and bred King Islander, who will be with us for the duration of our stay. This afternoon we'll be introduced to the township of **Currie** with a **guided tour** and the opportunity to purchase anything we may need for our stay. Later we check into our accommodation for the next 3 nights. After unpacking and settling in, we head out to enjoy our first dinner on the island.

Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel | Lunch at own cost  
Boomerang By the Sea, King Island (03 6462 1288) – subject to availability

### **Day 3 SOUTHERN KING ISLAND**

**Thursday 24 February 2022 (BLD)**

We start the day by travelling through some of the most productive farming land on King Island. En-route our guide will enlighten us on all things farming, rain fall differences and effects between the north and south of the Island. Our journey takes us across to the east coast of Naracoopa where we first visit **Sea Elephant River**, one of the Islands largest river system and major link to the Lavinia wetlands for many of the critically endangered species such as the Orange Belly Parrot. After this we make our way to **Blow Hole Beach** where in the correct weather conditions, a natural blow

hole in the rocks provides an impressive sight. Learning about the island's European history en-route, we continue to **Grassy Harbour** and our lunch stop at the **King Island Boat Club**. In the town of Grassy we discover mining heritage from the 20<sup>th</sup> century before arriving at the southernmost settlement of King Island - **Surprise Bay**. Visiting a very rare calcified forest, offering views over some of King Island's most spectacular coastline, a leisurely short stroll takes us to a viewing platform to survey the intriguing fossilised stumps of ancient rainforest trees.

Beginning our drive back to Currie we make a last stop at **King Island Dairy** to sample some of the delicious cheeses. With a legacy spanning more than 100 years, King Island Dairy is Australia's premier specialty cheese producer and has developed an enviable reputation as a maker of some of the world's finest produce with a range including white, blue and cheddar cheeses.

This evening we transfer to one of the best restaurant's showcasing the islands fabulous produce. After our delicious dinner we have the opportunity to view the local **fairy penguin colony**. On dusk the penguins waddle out of the water to return to their burrows where they are able to keep safe from predators to nest, rest and moult.

All meals included

#### Day 4 NORTHERN KING ISLAND

Friday 25 February 2022 (BLD)

This morning our touring takes us to the northern region of King Island. First destination is **Shag Lagoon Bird Hide** to view some of King Island's beautiful water fowl. Head further north whilst keeping a keen eye out for bird species such as pheasants, peacocks and turkeys which are plentiful in this area. Enjoy morning tea at **Quarantine Bay** while taking in the views and interesting history of Christmas Island and New Year Island located just off the coast. Visit the mouth of **Yellow Rock River**, the wreck site of the Shannon to hear Captain Johnson's unfortunate story. Then experience a **Meat Your Beef tour** with Tom and Anna Perry at their beef farm to discuss how they farm on King Island, followed by a special **Paddock to Plate lunch** on their property.

Later we continue across to **Penny's Lagoon**, a rare perched lake found in only three locations in the world. Continue up past Lake Flannigan and onto **Disappointment Bay** which is anything but a disappointment - in fact it's one of King Island's most beautiful locations. At the most northern point of King Island view the tallest granite lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere, overlooking one of Australia's top ranking golf courses. Our last stop for today is the museum run by the King Island Historical Society full of history including the original lens from the Cape Wickham light house. On arrival back at our accommodation there will be time for a short rest and freshen up before transferring to our dinner venue.

All meals included

#### Day 5 KING ISLAND TO MELBOURNE

Saturday 26 February 2022 (BD)

Packing our bags this morning, we check out of our accommodation. Thanking our hosts, we transfer to the airport in time to board our flight to Melbourne. Being met on arrival we embark on a sightseeing tour before checking into our overnight accommodation. Settle in and prepare for our flight tomorrow across to **Flinders Island**.

Breakfast & Dinner in Hotel | Lunch at own cost  
Sebel Moonee Ponds (subject to availability)

#### Day 6 MELBOURNE TO FLINDERS ISLAND

Sunday 27 February 2022 (BLD)

Boarding our flight at Essendon Airport, our arrival onto **Flinders Island** is only an hour later. Our local touring coach and **resident guide** will be waiting with a warm welcome for us at **Whitemark**, the island's main town. Our touring day includes sightseeing on the eastern side of the island as well as a visit to a **Wildlife Reserve** to learn of one man's fight to protect **Cape Barren Geese**. After lunch we travel to Cameron's Inlet, keeping an eye out for the many northern waders that migrate to this area. A stop at a winery rounds out our day before checking into our accommodation at **Furneaux Tavern** overlooking the Franklin Sound and the many offshore islands.

Breakfast & Dinner in Hotel | Lunch on tour  
Furneaux Tavern, Flinders Island (subject to availability)

#### Day 7 FLINDERS ISLAND

Monday 28 February 2022 (BLD)

Following breakfast we travel to **Port Davies** on the west coast of the island. Our day includes a trip on a charter boat, fishing and exploring the waters around Prime Seal Island and Marshall Bay. Hopefully our lunch comprises of fish caught on our expedition! A visit to the historic Wybalenna Chapel and Cemetery will educate us on the indigenous community who were transported here in the 1800s and the local museum shares artefacts of the island's past settlement.

Breakfast & Dinner in Hotel | Lunch included

#### Day 8 FLINDERS ISLAND

Tuesday 01 March 2022 (BLD)

Grabbing the camera we explore Sawyers Bay and Mount Tanner for its magnificent views, providing us with everlasting memories of this fascinating island. At Killiecrankie we are bedazzled by the famous **Killiecrankie Diamonds**. This so-called diamond is actually a type of topaz, commonly found with tin, feldspar and quartz. Legend has it that topaz has the power to protect the wearer from illness and accidents. We return to Lady Barron where we can freshen up for our **farewell dinner** on the island.

Breakfast in Hotel | Lunch included | Dinner at restaurant

**Day 9 FLINDERS ISLAND TO MELBOURNE****Wednesday 02 March 2022 (BD)**

After packing our bags, we visit **Vinegar Hill Lookout** for views across the many scattered islands of Franklin Sound. Weather permitting we can even see the wreck of the Farsund at the eastern end of Vansittart Island. At the popular beach, Trousers Point, we see superb white sands, crystal clear turquoise waters and red lichens on the rocks against the backdrop of Mount Strzelecki. Arriving into Whitemark we have time to browse for souvenirs before our departure flight to Melbourne.

Breakfast & Dinner in Hotel | Lunch at own cost

**Day 10 MELBOURNE TO ROCKHAMPTON****Thursday 03 March 2022 (B)**

Returning to the airport, we embark on our flights taking us home to Rockhampton. With a suitcase full of memories and a wonderful tour behind us, we will be eager to share our holiday stories with family and friends.

Breakfast in Hotel | Lunch at own cost

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions.