

Inala's Best of Bruny Tour: Food, Flora & Fauna



2022-2023 Tour dates:

27th – 29th November 2022

20th – 22nd March 2023

13th-15th November 2023

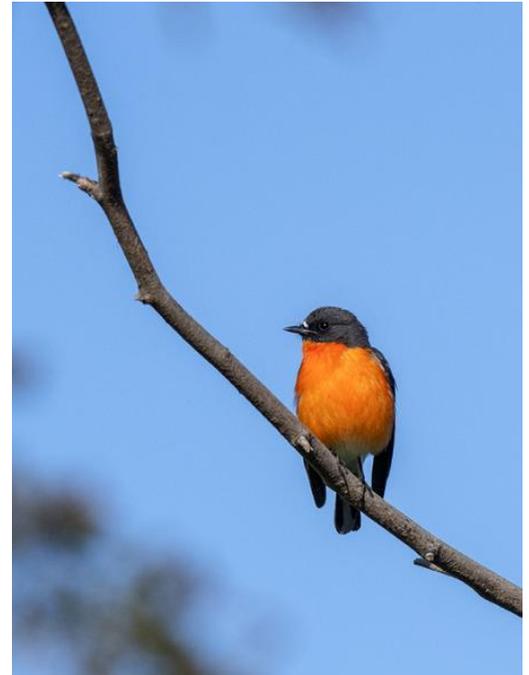
Duration: 3 days

Price: From: AU\$2360 per person (\$80 single supplement)

Highlights: A comprehensive tour of all of Bruny's flora, fauna, history and food highlights. All 12 of Tasmania's endemic bird species. Night tours to visit penguin rookery and search for nocturnal birds and mammals.

Overview: The best of Bruny's plants, birds and animals whilst combining this with local Tassie produce. This relaxed tour will use the 1,500 acre Inala property as our base. The tour is all inclusive of food and beverages (featuring lots of delicious local Bruny produce) and includes transfers from and to Hobart.

On this inclusive and comprehensive tour you will enjoy most of the natural wonders of Bruny Island. You will enjoy a walking tour of the Inala Private Reserve for a chance to see the Endangered Tasmanian endemic Forty-spotted Pardalote from the purpose-built canopy platform and enjoy raptors such as the Tasmanian subspecies of the Wedge-tailed Eagle and the white morph of the Grey Goshawk from the raptor hide. We will also enjoy Bruny's spectacular coastline at Adventure Bay, where we may find Hooded Plover and visit the site of collection of the first botanical specimens of the genus *Eucalyptus*. We will also visit a patch of cool temperate rainforest enjoying a stroll along a streamside reserve lined with giant tree-ferns while searching for the elusive Tasmanian endemic small-brown-birds: Scrubtit, Tasmanian Scrubwren and Tasmanian Thornbill, as well as the striking Pink Robin. We will also explore the rugged southern coastline of Bruny Island and observe the magnificence of the Southern Ocean in all its splendour from Cape Bruny, the location of Australia's second oldest lighthouse (next stop Antarctica...). Coastal highlight species include Tawny-crowned Honeyeater, Brown Quail and Beautiful Firetail. We may even see a whale in the distance. You will also visit some different habitats and wetlands on north Bruny. This area of the island only receives half the average annual rainfall of South Bruny, and the different vegetation and birds on this part of the island reflect this. You will also have several nocturnal excursions including a visit to the Little Penguin and Short-tailed Shearwater rookery to view these birds returning to their burrows after dusk. Eastern Quoll, Long-nosed Potoroo, Tawny Frogmouth and Southern Boobook are also possibilities.



3 Day Inala Bruny Island Gourmet Tour - Itinerary

Day 1: This morning at 08:30 we will meet our Inala guide at Hobart's waterfront to head out on our adventure. We shall make our way down the Channel towards Bruny Island with the opportunity to stop at some lovely locations along the way depending on the weather and the interests/wishes of the group. Situated 40km south of Hobart, Bruny Island is separated from the Tasmanian mainland by the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and accessed by a vehicle ferry. The ferry trip takes approximately 15 minutes where one can enjoy some wonderful scenery.



A picnic lunch of local Tasmanian and Bruny produce will be provided and enjoyed in a beautiful location.

This afternoon we will visit Bruny's southern coastline to view the second oldest lighthouse in Australia, and search for species such as Tawny-crowned Honeyeater, Olive Whistler and Yellow-tailed Black-cockatoo. Here we also have a chance to see the Tasmanian subspecies of Short-beaked Echidna, one of Australia's two egg-laying mammal (monotreme) species. After dinner tonight, we will visit the Little Penguin and Short-tailed Shearwater colony to view these species at their burrows.

Accommodation: Cottages on the Inala property, South Bruny Island.

Meals included: Lunch and dinner.



Day 2: After a generous breakfast comprised of fresh local produce, the day will begin with a walk around the Inala Private Reserve, a 1,500 acre (600 ha) Land for Wildlife property which is home to a variety of threatened species and all 12 Tasmanian endemic birds. View at close range the Endangered Tasmanian endemic Forty-spotted Pardalote from the purpose-built canopy platform within one of its largest known colonies, raptors such as the Tasmanian subspecies of the Wedge-tailed Eagle and the white morph of the Grey Goshawk from the raptor hide and learn of the conservation efforts to protect these species and their habitats.



We will then explore further afield, travelling to historic and scenically beautiful Adventure Bay to explore the beautiful beaches, and cool temperate rainforests containing some Gondwanan and Tasmanian endemic flora. Stroll along the shore in search of Hooded Plovers, White-bellied Sea-eagles, Kelp and Pacific Gulls and, if we are lucky, Humpback Whales, dolphins, Shy Albatross, and rafts of thousands of Short-tailed Shearwaters. We will also be looking for the uncommon white colour form of the Red-necked Wallaby for which Bruny has become famous.



After a delicious lunch, we will visit the site of collection of the first botanical specimens of the genus Eucalyptus, learn about the ecology of wet eucalypt forest and the relationship between eucalypts and cool temperate rainforest, and stroll along a streamside reserve lined with giant tree-ferns while searching for the elusive Tasmanian endemic small-brown-birds: Scrubtit, Tasmanian Scrubwren and Tasmanian Thornbill, as well as the striking Pink Robin.



We will return to the Inala Reserve in the late afternoon, so that you can settle into your cottage and freshen up before a BBQ dinner at Inala comprised of fresh local produce.

After dinner, there will be an opportunity to take another evening tour to view some of Bruny Island's nocturnal wildlife such as Tasmanian Pademelons and Eastern Quolls which are now only found in Tasmania, and Brush-tailed Possums which also rarely occur as albinos on Bruny Island. Long-nosed Potoroo, Tawny Frogmouth and Tasmanian Boobook are also possibilities.

Accommodation: Cottages on the Inala property, South Bruny Island.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 3: After breakfast, we will spend another day on Bruny Island. Activities today include a walk to some lagoons and a fantastic stone arch on Cape Queen Elizabeth, with a stop en route on The Neck to absorb the magnificent views. Lunch will again be provided en route at one of Bruny's onsite eateries, with the chance to sample local oysters and cheeses. There will also be a chance to visit more of north Bruny Island this afternoon. This area of the island only receives around half of the average annual rainfall of south Bruny and the different vegetation and birds on this part of the island reflect this. We shall loop around to Dennes Point with its fabulous views of South Arm and Mt Wellington and if time allows, we shall walk the short history trail in Dennes Point. Crossing the channel once again, we shall return you to a central Hobart location at around 5:00pm and bid you farewell, with your heart and your taste-buds bursting with memories.

Accommodation: none.

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch.

PRICING AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (AUD\$):

4-6 pax + Inala guide. \$2,360

Single supplement: \$80 (own room and possible shared bathroom).

25% deposit taken at time of booking - balance adjusted to match final group numbers



Inclusions: 2 nights' accommodation, transport and specialist guiding for day and night tours as outlined above, including transfers from and to central location in Hobart. Also includes all meals (with beer/cider/wine with evening meals), entrance fees and activities as outlined in the itinerary, transport, National Park entry fees, Bruny Island ferry fares and Goods and Services Tax.

Exclusions: gratuities, personal expenditure flights and accommodation in Hobart.

We can provide additional accommodation in Hobart on the night prior to the start of the tour and the night the tour finishes on request. Prices vary according to availability of accommodation choices in Hobart.

Note: If you are keen on this tour, but the dates do not suit you, please get in touch about a private version or the possibility of creating new shared tour dates - also consider our private [2 day/night tours](#) and [3 day/night tours](#) which start and finish at Inala

