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# EXPLORE THE SOUTHERN ISLES IN STYLE WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

## Aircruising Isles of the Southern Straits

9 Days | 9 - 17 Oct 2024 | AUD\$16,495pp twin share | Single Supplement \$1,995

### EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy spectacular 'flightseeing' of Tasmania's pristine wilderness including Maria Island, Wineglass Bay, Freycinet Peninsula, Flinders and King Islands, the rugged South West, and the Cradle Mountain region
- Explore stunning Bruny Island enjoying its picturesque landscape and exceptional produce
- Experience uniquely rugged King Island and the picturesque Flinders Island in the Furneaux Group
- Explore the dramatic landscapes of Cradle Mountain National Park
- View tulips in full bloom on the North West Coast
- Premium cruising of the pristine waters of the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park
- Stylish boutique accommodation throughout including the award-winning Henry Jones Art Hotel on the waterfront in Hobart, and the magnificently set and iconic Cradle Mountain Lodge
- All touring, transfers and meals including the award-winning Aloft, Frogmore Creek & Landscape
- Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

*"The journey leader was wonderful, the planes were very good. Cradle Mountain and Straban were excellent! We loved Tasmania thanks to a well organised tour."*

Mrs Marie & Mr Alan Bonney, Lilli Pilli, NSW

Join Australia's Aircruising pioneers for an intimate and breathtaking exploration of the Southern Isles by private aircraft to maximise touring in each magnificent destination. This soft adventure style Air Tour will take you to remote locations few get to explore. You will enjoy spectacular aerial sightseeing of Tasmania's pristine wilderness including Maria Island, Wineglass Bay, Freycinet Peninsula, Flinders and King Islands, the rugged South West and the inspiring Cradle Mountain region. Immerse yourself in the serenity and scenic delights of remarkable World Heritage areas including the stunning Gordon River and awe-inspiring Cradle Mountain National Park. Marvel at the dramatic beauty of Bruny Island and discover fascinating early Australian history in Strahan. Explore the picturesque and remote King and Flinders Islands and view tulips in full bloom atop an extinct volcanic vent in the North West. As always on a Bill Peach Journey, enjoy the freshest gourmet produce and exceptional award-winning accommodation including iconic Cradle Mountain Lodge and Henry Jones Art Hotel. A luxury odyssey exploring the natural beauty of the Southern Isles awaits.





## THE SOUTHERN ISLES BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

### DAY 1 | ARRIVE HOBART

Transfer from Hobart Airport to the Henry Jones, Australia's first dedicated art hotel, a fusion of history and modernity, art and design. Enjoy the facilities of this remarkable hotel or explore this picturesque harbour city at your leisure. Your Welcome Dinner hosted by your Journey Director at award-winning Aloft Restaurant, will showcase the very best of Tasmanian produce.

Overnight: Henry Jones Art Hotel or similar

### DAY 2 | BRUNY ISLAND

A spectacular discovery awaits on Bruny Island today where dramatic landscapes are matched by delicious island produce. Explore Bruny's wilderness, breathtaking coast, heritage and Australia's southernmost lighthouse. Stunning sights also await at Truganini Lookout, The Neck Wildlife Reserve, South Bruny National Park and Adventure Bay. We learn for ourselves how the island's local produce is as refreshing as its beaches, cliffs and wildlife as we sample throughout the day cheese, wood-oven bread, seafood, honey and chocolate, all island specialties.

Overnight: Henry Jones Art Hotel or similar

### DAY 3 | HOBART - FLINDERS ISLAND - DEVONPORT

A breathtaking flight to Flinders Island begins the day. En-route we fly over Maria Island, the awe-inspiring Eastern Coastline, picturesque Freycinet Peninsula and stunning Wineglass Bay. Located in the waters of Bass Strait, off the north-eastern tip of Tasmania, Flinders is the largest island in the Furneaux Island Group. This is a group of more than 50 islands that are all that remain part of the land bridge which once joined Tasmania to the Australian mainland. Our touring includes a visit to Wybalenna Historic Site where the restored Wybalenna Chapel is the only building remaining from the ill-fated settlement. The Furneaux Museum is devoted to the cultural and natural history of the Furneaux Islands, showing where some of Australia's earliest European history took place and displays fascinating and historic shipwreck artefacts. Following lunch, take a short tour of Whitemark, the main settlement on Flinders Island,



which has a rich and remarkable past, with stories of life in a remote and sometimes harsh environment. Re-board the aircraft for the scenic flight to Devonport.

Overnight: Novotel Devonport or similar



### DAY 4 | DEVONPORT - KING ISLAND - CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

This morning, fly to King Island to tour this unique island. Learn about its fascinating maritime past including the many shipwrecks which surround the island and visit the main town of Currie. Learn about the importance of the kelp industry and, of course, enjoy a tasting at the famous and award-winning King Island Dairy. We fly on to Wynyard then transfer to Cradle Mountain Lodge located in a picturesque alpine woodland. Encompassing some 161,000 hectares, Cradle Mountain - Lake St Clair National Park covers some of Tasmania's highest country and is renowned for its magnificent alpine scenery. At the base of Cradle Mountain, in deep depressions cut by glacial action, lies Crater Lake, Dove Lake and Lake Lilla.

Overnight: Cradle Mountain Lodge or similar

### DAY 5 | CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Today, explore this World Heritage area of rugged mountains, glacial lakes and wild alpine moorlands. An adventure to remember today as we discover this spectacular pristine wilderness including Dove Lake and Waldheim Chalet. The afternoon is at leisure, giving you an opportunity to enjoy this outstanding national park before heading out to enjoy a unique encounter with the endangered mysterious and secretive Tasmanian Devil, learning about these marsupials and their conservation.

Overnight: Cradle Mountain Lodge or similar

### DAY 6 | CRADLE MOUNTAIN - STRAHAN

Transfer back to Wynyard this morning to view fields of joyous tulips in full bloom at the Table Cape Tulip Farm dramatically perched atop an extinct volcanic vent. Re-board your private aircraft for the awe-inspiring flight from Wynyard to Strahan taking in some of Tasmania's most spectacular aerial sightseeing over the



Cradle Mountain region and Lake St Claire<sup>^</sup>. In the afternoon we arrive in Strahan, known as the gateway to two of Tasmania's renowned wild rivers, the mighty Gordon and Franklin. Lying in the heart of Tasmania's World Heritage wilderness area, it is a region of spectacular gorges and deep river valleys.

Overnight: Strahan Village or similar

#### DAY 7 | STRAHAN

A day to remember as we cruise the pristine World Heritage-listed Gordon River enjoying lunch and a glass of Tasmanian wine while learning about the area's natural and human history from the Premier Upper Deck. Cross Macquarie Harbour, a body of water six times larger than Sydney Harbour, and cut through the perfect reflections of the Gordon River discovering a fascinating convict history and viewing the dense rainforest that blankets the steep gorges all the way down into the river itself. Sail through the narrow and notorious harbour entrance known to convicts as Hells Gates and hear the roar and power of the sea at Ocean Beach. Learn about aquaculture farms and take a guided stopover at Sarah Island, a former penal settlement where convicts laboured under the harshest conditions in the rainforest, felling Huon pines for boat building. Take a walk through the temperate rainforest, learning of the local flora and fauna while wandering elevated boardwalks that thread their way between the magnificent rainforest species visit the Huon Pine sawmill. This evening, we view the play "The Ship That Never Was", tale of the Frederick, a ship that was built and stolen by the runaway convicts of Sarah Island.

Overnight: Strahan Village or similar

#### DAY 8 | STRAHAN - HOBART

Board our private aircraft this morning for a scenic flight departing Strahan and flying over the pristine and awe-inspiring south-western coastline of Tasmania as we view the majestic and dramatic scenery of the rugged terrain and wild beaches below. On arrival in Hobart, we enjoy lunch at the acclaimed Frogmore Estate before taking a historic tour of the city which will take in Salamanca and Battery Point. The Farewell Dinner tonight will be at award-winning Landscape Restaurant serving exquisite local produce turned into masterful dishes in the heart of Hobart's waterfront precinct.

Overnight: Henry Jones Art Hotel or similar

#### DAY 9 | DEPART HOBART

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Say a fond farewell to new friends and take away memories of an unforgettable Isles of the Southern Straits adventure.

*"Flying around Tasmania, the views were spectacular. Henry Jones Art Hotel was beautiful accommodation and we had a lovely day in Strahan. The journey director made travel a great pleasure with her organisation. I had a great holiday."*

Mrs Barbara Brown, North Epping, NSW





## ABOUT AIRCRUISING

An Air Tour with Bill Peach Journeys is the perfect way to explore these hard to reach destinations in the style, speed and comfort of your own private aircraft. Travelling by private aircraft means that we can land directly in each location ensuring time on the ground is spent discovering each region. The style of aircraft is chosen to provide the best possible access into remote locations.

When you travel on an Air Tour everything is included. This means not only does your holiday include accommodation, dining and all excursions but every one of these elements is the finest in its class. Throughout the journey you will have a Journey Director on hand to look after each detail.

### FITNESS LEVEL - MODERATE

*"The fact that we could visit these mostly remote but beautiful islands so conveniently in a plane with all arrangements in place was the highlight for me. Food was great, Tour Director was a treasure."*

Mr & Mrs de Nys, Benowa, QLD

## WHY BILL PEACH JOURNEYS?

- ✦ A name to trust with over 40 years of experience in the luxury travel industry, we are Australian owned and operated
- ✦ Fully inclusive journeys, all meals, accommodation, touring, entrance fees, portage taxes and luggage
- ✦ Travel throughout the outback requires expert planning and organisation. Our Journey Planners ensure you enjoy an intimate exploration of the places visited in comfort and style
- ✦ A dedicated Journey Director that ensures you are looked after every step of the way
- ✦ Local professional guides at every location
- ✦ 70% of our travellers return to travel with us again within the first year of their initial journey
- ✦ No credit card fees on direct bookings

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