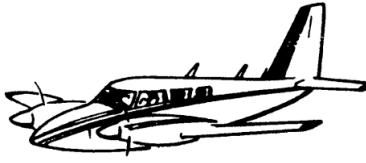


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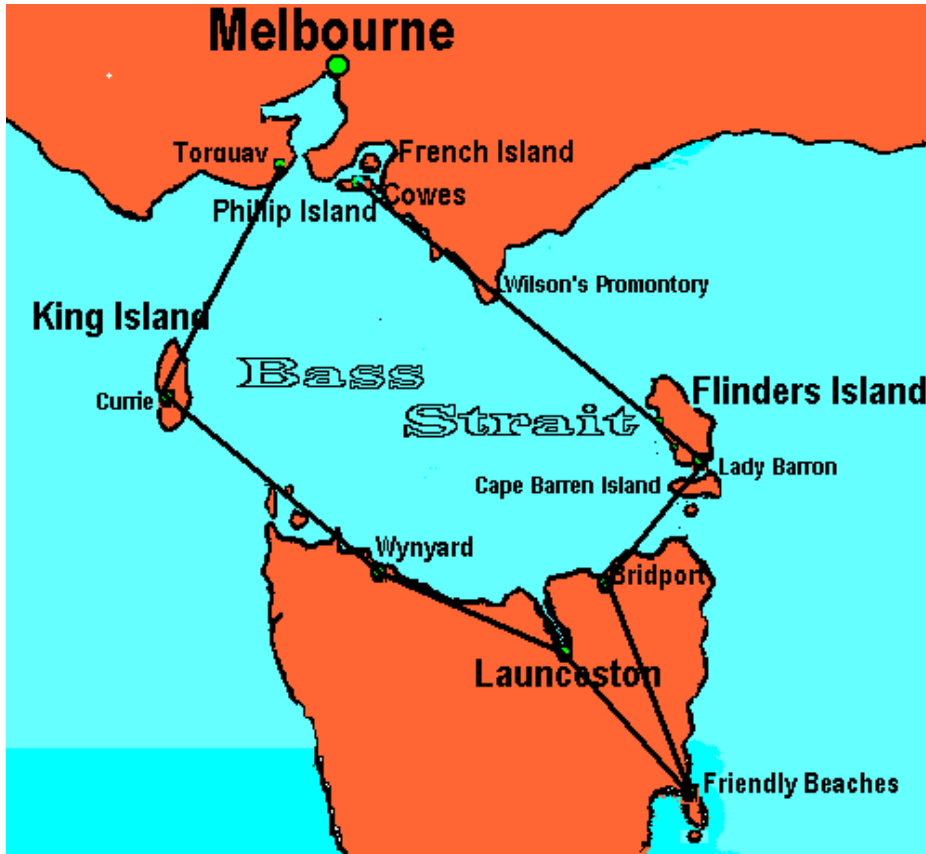


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BASS ISLANDS ADVENTURE

1st - 11th MARCH 2010

Preliminary Itinerary



Day 1

Phillip Island

Our meeting place will be **Phillip Island**, a large island in Westernport Bay south of Melbourne which is well known for its Grand Prix motorcycle track and for its little penguin colony. The island covers 10,000ha and is 26km long and 9km wide and attracts over 3 million visitors a year.

Settle in to your accommodation then get to know your fellow travellers over a pre dinner drink.

After dinner we will take a short drive to the Nobbies and along the scenic route to Summerland beach for the Penguin Parade. Experience one of Australia's most popular attractions as the sun fades in the sky, witness the magical procession of Little Penguins waddle up the beach to the safety of their homes in the sand dunes as they return ashore at sunset after a day's fishing. See the world's smallest penguin in its natural habitat from viewing stands and boardwalks and the spectacular coastal scenery from the Penguin Parade.

Overnight **Cowes**.



Day 2



Phillip Island Follow in the footsteps of motor racing champions on a Guided Tour of Phillip Island Circuit. This allows exclusive access to all sorts of off-limits areas trackside, including the Control Tower, Race Control, Media Centre, Pit lane, Pit Roof and the winner's. Revisit the history of the venue within the Visitor Centre's History of Motorsport Display depicting the different eras of motor racing on the Island, from its inception in 1928 through to modern day racing with many fine vehicles on display and lots of interesting insights to life on the Island in bygone eras.

Dinner and overnight **Cowes**

Day 3

Flinders Island

Depart Phillip Island for a spectacular scenic flight along the coast and Wilsons Promontory, the most southerly tip of the Australian mainland. Our destination Flinders Island is the main island of the Furneaux group, a collection of 52 islands that stretch across the eastern end of Bass Strait.

On our personalised tour learn about early aboriginal settlement, sealers who were the forebears of the island and of by-gone ships that sailed Bass Strait against the windy might



of the Roaring Forties. Places of interest include Trousers Point, a favourite picnic area with a superb beach curving around the small bay with the imposing backdrop of Mt Strzelecki from whose granite peak Tasmania is clearly visible. The township of Lady Barron hosts the local fishing fleet. The lucky fossicker might find a Killiecrankie diamond in the gravels of Killiecrankie Bay or nearby Mines Creek. The local museum at Wybalena shows some of the unhappy history of the aborigines who were settled in this locality in the 1830's.

After dinner an evening cruise will take us out among the off shore islands to see over a million mutton birds (Short Tailed Shearwaters) returning at sunset to feed their young.

Overnight Lady Barron

Day 4

Bridport



As a treat for the golfers we will be heading for one of the world's top Links golf courses, Barnbougle Dunes, Australia's #1 Public Golf Course, World #7 public access course and 35th best course in the world. A round of golf will be arranged for those who wish. For the non golfers the local town of Bridport is a beautiful seaside village, with wonderful beaches and cafes. Fishing Charters are available if you would like to try your luck out in the Bay or set a line at the river mouth. Seven of Australia's best cool climate vineyards are within close proximity including Pipers Brook, Jansz, home to some of Australia's best sparkling wine, and Dalrymple Vineyard and other nearby vineyards include Delamere, Brook Eden, Clover Hill and Bay of Fires.

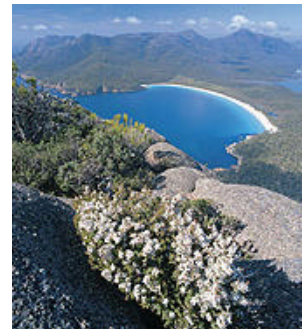
Dinner and overnight Barnbougle

Day 5

Friendly Beaches/Wineglass Bay

After breakfast transfer to airstrip for Friendly Beaches airstrip at the northern end of the Freycinet Peninsula and Great Oyster Bay on Tasmania's north-east coast. Transfer to our accommodation at Freycinet Lodge. You can relax and take a spa in your luxury cabin or if you are feeling more energetic the walk from the Lodge to Wineglass Bay takes about 1½ hours with spectacular views of the Bay along the way.

Dinner and overnight Freycinet Lodge.



Day 6



Friendly Beaches/Wineglass Bay

Today discover Tasmania's greatest sea kayaking destination on the Freycinet Paddle listed as the #4 must-do experience in Australia on the Nine Network's *Things to Try Before you Die*. On this relaxed, three hour guided tour of the Freycinet coastline, you'll glide beneath pink granite mountains, past pristine sandy beaches and across crystal clear waters. Watch for soaring sea eagles, elusive little penguins and the sudden gleam of a dolphin's back as it breaks the ocean's surface. Take time out on a secluded beach and discover Freycinet's rich stories from your guides as you relax with freshly brewed coffee and tasty snacks.

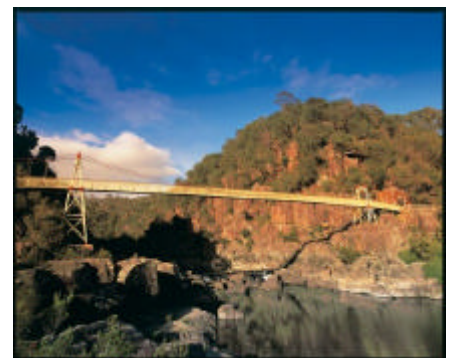
Dinner and overnight Freycinet Lodge.

Day 7

Launceston

After breakfast transfer to airstrip for departure to Launceston. This small compact city is easy to explore. You can walk the elegant streetscapes and through century-old parks, which sit beside revitalised areas such as Launceston Seaport, with its waterfront eateries. A boardwalk links the Seaport to Inveresk, where you can visit one of Australia's best regional galleries, the Queen Victoria Museum at Inveresk. The boardwalk also takes you to Home Point rowing course, passing Ritchies Mill, with its galleries and restaurants. Continue along the zig-zagging path into Cataract Gorge. Its steep, rugged cliffs and wild areas attract rock climbers and a chairlift allows all to enjoy the panoramic views.

Overnight Launceston.



Day 8

Wynyard/Stanley



Wynyard is a centre of agriculture and sits on the banks of the Inglis River sheltered by Table Cape- flat-topped and fertile. See the spectacular views from Fossil Bluff and Table Cape Lookout. As the surrounding area was heavily wooded, the town also boasts one of the widest ranging displays of elegant timber homes in Tasmania. Visit Stanley, a port founded in 1825, where you still will find splendid fresh seafood at the old wharf area. At the huge rock formation known as The Nut we will take a chairlift ride to the 120 metre high summit. The local visitor centre has a world class collection of veteran Ford cars and local art to enjoy.

Dinner and overnight Wynyard

Day 9

King Island

After breakfast depart Wynyard for King Island situated on the western edge of Bass Strait, between Victoria and Tasmania. King Island is extremely fertile with a mild maritime climate. You may have heard about their delicious cheese, seafood and the fact that the beef is amongst the best in the world. Their seafood, beef, pork, smallgoods, bakery and dairy products are exceptional. After transferring to our accommodation we will explore King Island's natural beauty, history and man-made features. Visits include the Kelp Factory and the world renowned King Island Dairy. The Island's location, in the path of the Roaring Forty winds, resulted in hundreds of shipwrecks along its coastline during the 19th century. Local legend has it that straw mattresses from the wrecks contained grass seeds that floated ashore and propagated in the island's rich soil, resulting in a unique variety of grass on which the dairy cows of King Island graze.



Dinner and overnight Currie

Day 10

Torquay



After breakfast depart King Island for short flight back to the mainland at Torquay, Victoria's surfing capital and a major holiday resort town, where the beach-based culture is at its strongest. Some of the biggest names in surf wear and accessories have their headquarters in Torquay, with huge retail outlets at Surf City Plaza selling everything connected with the sport. The Surfworld Museum captures the spirit of

surfing in a vibrant range of exhibits. There are great walks, shops, galleries and eateries. Most of you will have flown along this spectacular coastline but it is always makes great flying.

Farewell dinner and overnight Torquay.

Day 11

After breakfast transfer to airstrip.

Tour ends.

Notes:

Accommodation, tours, park entries, transfers, and most meals included.

Accommodation ranges from 4 Star to budget according to availability and location.

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