

## 10 days - Wild Islands of Australia

### Departure Eve



Ask our friendly staff about our accommodation options close to Bankstown Airport the night before your Dakota departure - talk to us about special rates.



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### Day 1...



An early departure from Sydney sees you flying south for adventure. After a morning visit to Merimbula, **(Flt # 809-01-01)** we fly across Bass Strait to reach our first destination: the magnificent Flinders Island, **(Flt #809-01-02)**. Here you will step off the plane into a different world where the spectacular natural beauty of the island overwhelms. Discover the diversity of the landscape from wild and remote beaches, to rolling green farmlands, to deep blue lagoons, to towering mountain peaks. Visit the island's historic sites and experience its abundant wildlife. Some of these pursuits will be guided but you will also have time for exploration, photography, walking or simply delighting in the island's enchanting beauty. Stay

overnight at the Flinders Island Lodge, on the picturesque south coast and enjoy colonial style accommodation, cozy log fires, fine Tasmanian cuisine and island hospitality.

Meals Provided:

- Lunch
- Dinner

## Day 2...

Leaving around midday, we set out for Hobart, (**Flt #809-01-03**). This wonderful city is like the jewel of the south, nestled between Mt. Wellington and the Derwent River. Flying into Hobart is a joy as the city reveals itself between the mountain ranges and the southern seas.

Today the renowned Salamanca Markets are in operation and you will be able to explore their lively color and activity at your leisure. Wander the famous Harbor that draws so many yachts to reach it, visit the museum to learn of the city's maritime and whaling history, discover Salamanca's waterfront sandstone warehouses of old. Hadley's Hotel will be our base for the next two nights. This grand old hotel is over 150 years old and has recently been restored to its former splendor. It offers the elegance of yesteryear with the facilities of today. The Hotel was awarded the 1997 Tasmanian AHA Award for best hotel and accommodation under 100 rooms.



Meals Provided:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## Day 3...

Today takes us to the Port Arthur Historic Site, troubled in both its historic and recent past. Wander the ruins and experience a glimpse of our forefather's struggles, yet stand in awe at the majesty of this coastal landscape. Learn of the times of social and political upheaval and the complex history of the site. Return to Hobart via the charming old-world village of Richmond. With a settlement history dating back to 1803, Richmond has much to reveal to visitors including its impressive convict-built bridge and St. Johns Church, the oldest Catholic Church in Australia. Many of Richmond's Georgian buildings have been restored and now serve as craft and art galleries, cafes and shops. **(No Flights Today – Enjoy the Sites)**



Church ruins at Port Arthur

Meals Provided:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



## Day 4...

Hobart is one of the world's prettiest cities, yet it has such a harsh early history. Today you will be guided through the city and have the opportunity to see its many points of interest and learn something of its history. The afternoon brings adventure as the DC3 comes into its own flying low



and slow over some of Tasmania's most remote wilderness areas. This is certainly the way to view the awesome majesty of this island that retains and protects true wilderness areas. Our destination and overnight stay is Strahan on Tasmania's West Coast. This pretty port town still retains its heritage atmosphere and cultural charm. Step back in time and enjoy the peace and relaxation it brings. **(FLT #809-01-04)**

Meals Provided:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

### Day 5...

A morning cruise with Gordon River Cruises begins the day as we explore Tasmania's wilderness at closer range. Misty dawns, crisp southern air and a postcard setting provide a traveler's delight. King Island then calls us on, **(FLT # 809-01-05)**, and if weather permits we will fly over Cradle Mountain as we go, arriving King Island early afternoon. Home for the next two nights will be Boomerang By The Sea. This Hotel is nestled in the hills close to Currie and offers glorious ocean views from each suite. The very best of local fare is served in its fully licensed restaurant.



Meals Provided:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

### Day 6...



Today brings a unique opportunity to explore King Island! From the glorious sunrise, to endless beaches and rocky lagoons, to abundant wildlife, to rich history, to local industry and fishing fleets, to sensory delights and delicious cuisine, King Island is a treasure waiting to be discovered. **(No scheduled flights – but a little maintenance and test flight around King Island might be fun)**

Meals Provided:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

### Day 7...

Say farewell to the King today and depart for Kangaroo Island, home to colonies of fairy penguins, sea lions, wallabies, koalas and many more Australian creatures. **(FLT # 809-01-06)** Delight in the journey that flies along Victoria's western coast with views of the Great Ocean Road and Twelve Apostles standing proud in the wild sea. Fly over Mt Gambier and its colorful



lakes and on to Kangaroo Island, arriving lunchtime. Lunch is at the Ozone Seafront Hotel, Kangaroo Island's superb hotel on the foreshore at Kingscote. Local produce and seafood are a culinary feature and the view is unsurpassed. Dolphins are regularly seen and the changing nature of the view is always spectacular. The Ozone Hotel will be our home for the next two nights. An afternoon island tour will introduce you to the sheltered North Coast of the island.

Meals Provided:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

### Day 8...



Enjoy a full day's wildlife tour including Seal Bay and Flinders Chase National Park. View the rocky cliffs and pounding Antarctic seas along the wild southern shore of Kangaroo

Island. Rest quietly tonight as the Cape Willoughby Lighthouse sends out its beacon of safety.

Meals Provided:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

### Day 9...

Depart for Ballarat (**Flt # 809-01-07**) and the gold rush days! Arriving at Ballarat around midday, there is time to discover the working gold town of Sovereign Hill and get a living sense of Australia's gold rush history. At night revel in the Blood on the Southern Cross Light and Sound Show. Stay at the Sovereign Hill Lodge in the spirit of the times.

Meals Provided:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



## Day 10...



Step back in time to the grandeur and turbulence of the golden days as you tour Ballarat. Experience the heritage of the Eureka Rebellion and the fascinating historical architecture of the town. Learn about this exciting chapter of Australia's history. We fly to the Rutherglen Winery for a sumptuous lunch, (**Flt #809-01-08**). Enjoy the friendship of your fellow travelers and store up the rich treasures of this wonderful trip. Time for a fond farewell as we head back north to Sydney. (**Flt # 809-01-09**)

Meals Provided:

- Breakfast
- Lunch

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Note: All the flights depicted are flights that are actual schedules used by ***Dakota National Air***. If you reside in Australia or anywhere for that matter, we believe that their itinerary is beyond compare if you want to re-live the time when Aviation Was Fun.

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