

Austripper Newsletter

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WHAT'S THE AUSTRIPPER ABOUT?

Austrips package and wholesale coach tours and individual holidays to destinations all over Australia. We pick the cream of the crop to offer to friends who have travelled with us in the past.

WE ALSO DISCOUNT SOME PRICES BY 10% BUT ONLY ON DIRECT SALES VIA THE AUSTRIPPER NEWSLETTER.

We also recommend some superb trips which we have especially selected for their great value without discounts. These include touring with O'Shannessy's on the the following:

Norfolk Island Tour

8 Days - November 12 to 19, 2006

Inclusions

4 Star Luxury accommodation – return flights departing Melbourne – Ultimate Norfolk Island Tour.

Price per person twin share:- \$3045.00

New Zealand Discovery Tour

18 Days - Nov 22 to Dec 9, 2006

Highlights

Christchurch – Dunedin – Invercargill – Queenstown – Mount Cook – Fox Glacier – Wellington – Rotorua – Auckland – Milford Sound – Tranz Alpine Scenic Railway

Price per person twin share:- \$5345.00

Cherry Festival - Young

5 Days – Nov 30 to Dec 4, 2006

Highlights

Murrumbidgee River Eco Cruise – Quelch Fruit Juice Factory – Yandilla Mustard and Oil Seeds – Cherry Grove Orchard Tour – Cherry Festival Street Parade stalls and festivities.

Price per person twin share:- \$1070.00

Check the bargains inside!!

TASSIE WOODEN BOATS FESTIVAL TOUR

**10 Day Coach Tour
5 – 14 February 2007**

Tour Highlights

- Australian Wooden Boat Festival
- Salamanca Market
- Australian Maritime College
- Port Arthur
- Gordon River Cruise
- Shipwrights School of Wooden Boat Building

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1800 777 726 for more
information**

AUSTRIPPER BY EMAIL

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- **King Island touring**

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JOIN THESE TOURS NOW

Spring time in The Flinders Ranges

Our Tour Director Keith Tucker has conducted tours all over Australia, but the destination he really loves is the Flinders Ranges.

Although Keith has escorted dozens of tours to the area, this is the first time he has been able to put together his own version of the perfect trip to the Southern Centre region.

Austrips have contracted quality tour operators Beechworth Buslines to provide the transport for this comprehensive and exciting trip which includes the Murray River, Broken Hill, Wilpena Pound, Arkaroola and Roxby Downs.

Bonus features are the Andamooka Opal Fields, historic Silverton, Woomera, the Clare Valley and Hahndorf Village in the Adelaide Hills as well as a Dinner Cruise on the Murray, and many other interesting features.

The tour departs from Beechworth on the morning of September 13th - visit our web site for the full information or free call **1800 777 726** for your brochure.

For participants wishing to join the tour from Melbourne, transfers to and from Beechworth and overnight accommodation pre and post tour has been arranged.

PRICES: Ex MELBOURNE AND RETURN

Full Fare: \$2645.00 per person twin share
Concession#: \$2595.00 per person twin share
Single Supplement: \$ 763.00 for sole use of rooms

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Full Fare: \$3169.00 per person twin share
Concession#: \$3065.00 per person twin share
Single Supplement: \$ 895.00 for sole use of rooms

Conditions apply

TINY'S TOTAL TASSIE

11 Day tour

9 – 19 October 2006

Highlights

Spirit of Tasmania – Sheffield Murals – Tassie Devil – Launceston – Hobart – Port Arthur – Richmond Village – Botanical Gardens – Cadburys Chocolates – Cradle Mountain – Salamanca Market – Gordon River Cruise

PRICE: Adults - \$ 1830.00
 Seniors - \$ 1770.00
 Pensioners - \$ 1683.00
Single Supplement - \$ 600.00

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Springtime in Tasmania

Oct 23rd – Nov 2nd 2006

11 Day Tour

Highlights

Travel by sea and air, Murals, Swiss Village, Cataract Gorge, Cradle Mountain, Gordon River Cruise, Mt. Wellington, Cadbury's Chocolate, Airwalk Launceston, Richmond, Port Arthur, Hobart, Salamanca Market, Gardens Woolmers, Seahorse World

PRICE: Adults - \$ 2315.00
 Seniors - \$ 2283.00
 Pensioners - \$ 2235.00
Single Supplement - \$ 575.00

**SOME SEATS STILL AVAILABLE!
Call 1800 777 726**

Christmas and New Year in Tasmania

11 Days - Departs Dec 23, 2006 to Jan 2, 2007

Highlights: Port Arthur – Christmas Dinner – Tahune Forest Airwalk – Gordon River Cruise – Launceston – Cradle Mountain – Hobart – St Helens – New Years Eve Celebration

Prices per person twin share from:- \$2885.00 Pensioner

For more information call 1800 777 726

AUSTRIPS ESCORTED TOURS

Below is a selection of tours being escorted by **Austrips staff**. A quality way to see the country.

2006 August: Darwin – Kalgoorlie
 September: Kalgoorlie – Sydney

2007 May: Far North Queensland

Tasmania And its Gardens

November 20 – 29, 2006

PRICE: Adults - \$ 2115.00
 Seniors - \$ 2065.00
 Pensioners - \$ 1970.00
Single Supplement - \$ 625.00

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Indulge – King Island Style- 3 Days

Be pampered, be romantic, relax and indulge

Imagine walking hand in hand on a deserted beach! Cuddle up by a log fire sipping on fine wine and indulge in some of the finest cuisine King Island has to offer. Relax, unwind and let the Island atmosphere soothe and refresh.

\$540*

Per person, twin share
Ex Melbourne

The Package Includes

- Return Rex Airfares ex Melbourne
- 2 nights luxury spa accommodation at 'Blencartha' Shannon
- Coastal Cottage.
- Continental breakfasts provisions each morning
- 3 days car hire
- Ask your professional consultant about options, add-ons and upgrades

10% OFF

*Conditions Apply: Price valid until 31/3/07 pp twin share, subject to availability, Taxes included are subject to change, Car insurance and GST included. Car is a Mitsubishi Magna and includes unlimited kms. Rex tickets subject to availability, Travel insurance not included. Accommodation based on a 1 bedroom Blencartha Shannon Coastal Cottages. Flights available with King Island Air – conditions apply.

Enjoy a break - 3 Days

Exchange your busy life for three breathtaking days on remote King Island, the jewel in Bass Strait.

A fifty minute flight from Melbourne will soon have you embarking on pristine King Island. Clean, fresh air, with rugged beaches, world famous cuisine and lots of friendly people, King Island has so much to offer any traveller. Take a relaxing walk around the Island's main business centre Currie. Venture up North where you can visit King Island Dairies and take the opportunity to sample and purchase the produce. Meander over to Grassy to where the Scheelite mine is being redeveloped. So much to offer on such a tiny Island.

\$512*

Per person, twin share
Ex Melbourne

The Package Includes

- Return Rex Airfares ex Melbourne
- 2 nights accommodation at Parers King Island Hotel
- Continental breakfasts daily
- 3 days car hire

10% OFF

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Coach Tour - 4 Days

Relax and let the friendly team at King Island Discovery Tours show you the island they love!

When you arrive and settle into your accommodation, your tour of this magnificent Island begins. Be absorbed in the early history of Currie settlement with visits to the Historical Museum, King Island Kelp Industries, Currie Lighthouse and Historic Boat House. Refreshed from your overnight stay, embark on 2 full days of touring taking in breathtaking scenery of Ettrick Bay, Pearshape Lagoon, Calcified Forest, Seal Rocks and Sea Elephant Bay. Not forgetting the tallest Lighthouse in Australia and many more sights.....

\$749*

Per person, twin share
Ex Melbourne

The Package Includes

- Return Rex Airfares ex Melbourne
- 3 nights accommodation at Parers King Island Hotel
- Continental breakfast each morning
- 2 full days coach tour with King Island Discovery Tours
- ½ day coach tour includes morning or afternoon tea
- Lunch, morning and afternoon tea included on 2 days of touring
- Ask your professional consultant about option, add-ons and upgrades
- Return airport transfers

10% OFF

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