

Austrips 4 Day King Island

Day: 1	Welcome to King Island ~ Currie	D
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On arrival into King Island we are met by Matthew, a 5th generation born and bred King Islander, who will be our expert local guide this week. Matthew will take us on a guided tour of the main township of Currie. This is a great opportunity to purchase anything we made need for our stay on King Island. We now make our way to our accommodation at the Island Breeze Resort for check in and to meet our welcoming hostess, who will ensure a comfortable stay. This evening, we are most fortunate to have one of King Island's best chefs prepare our welcome dinner in-house tonight.

Day: 2	Naracoopa ~ Grassy ~ Penguins	BLD
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Our journey takes us to the east coast where we first visit Sea Elephant River, then Blow Hole Beach. Visit the farming region of Naracoopa before stopping at Grassy, to learn about the scheelite mine. At Surprise Bay we learn of the history of the island's first settlement in 1889 by the Bowling family. Visit a very rare forest with views over some of King Island's most spectacular coastline which had the worst peacetime maritime disaster in Australia's history. Moving to the Calcified Forest, enjoy a leisurely 30-minute stroll that takes us to a viewing platform overlooking intriguing fossilised stumps of ancient rainforest trees. Our last stop this afternoon is at King Island Dairy to sample some of the delicious cheese. With a legacy spanning more than 100 years, it has developed an enviable reputation as a maker of some of the world's finest produce. This evening we transfer to dinner at Wild Harvest Restaurant, one of the best on King Island who showcases the island's fabulous produce. After dinner we will have the opportunity to view the local fairy penguin colony. On dusk the penguins waddle out of the water to return to their burrows.

Day: 3	Cape Wickham ~ Farm Tour ~ Martha Lavinia Beach	BLD
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Heading north, we stop at Shag Lagoon Bird Hide to view some of King Island's beautiful water fowl. Enjoy morning tea at Quarantine Bay while taking in the views of Christmas Island and New Year Island. Visit the mouth of Yellow Rock River, the wreck site of the Shannon to hear Captain Johnson's unfortunate story. After a private farm tour, we visit Penny's Lagoon, a rare freshwater perched lake found in only three locations in the world. From here we visit Martha Lavinia Beach, a world class beach break. Continue past Lake Flannigan and Disappointment Bay to the most northern point of King Island to view the Cape Wickham Lighthouse, the tallest granite lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere which overlooks one of Australia's top ranking golf courses. Our last stop for today is our museum, full of the island's history including the original lens from the Cape Wickham light house. On arrival back at our accommodation there will be time for a short rest and freshen up before transferring to a local restaurant for dinner.

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This morning after breakfast and check out, we farewell our host. It's then time to check into King Island Airport for our flight home to Melbourne after a wonderful time on King Island.

Itinerary may change due to weather conditions.

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner