

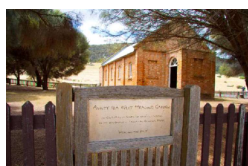
Flinders Island

Day: 1	Flight to Flinders Island ~ Vinegar Hill Lookout	D
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Depart Essendon Airport for your scenic flight to Flinders Island. On arrival at Whitemark Airport be welcomed by your hosts before being taken to our accommodation for the next four nights at the Furneaux Tavern in Lady Barron. Along the way keep an eye out for Cape Barron geese at home in their natural habitat of hillside and heath land as we travel to Vinegar Hill Lookout for spectacular views out across Franklin Sound and it's islands set against the hilly backdrop of Cape Barren Island.

Day: 2	Castle Rock ~ Killecrankie Bay ~ Wybalenna	BLD
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Today we explore the north western corner of the island, pausing at the photogenic Castle Rock. Enjoy morning tea at the far northern area of Palana, site of coastal surveillance at the start of World War Two before touring to nearby North East River which is a favourite spot for local fishermen. Stroll along beautiful Killiecrankie Bay keeping an eye out for the famous Killiecrankie diamonds. Our lunch stop is at Deep Bite Café which has magnificent views of Mt Killiecrankie. This afternoon explore the history of Wybalenna, a small settlement established in 1833 – 1847 to house Tasmanian Aboriginal people brought to Flinders Island by George Robinson. Today, the only remaining building is the red brick chapel which has been restored by the National Trust and is of national heritage significance. Near Emita, visit the small but interesting Furneaux Museum which contains a wonderful collection of records and exhibits of the island's natural history, maritime heritage and island lifestyle, including mementos of stirring days and enterprises. Stroll along Allports Beach and enjoy afternoon tea before returning to our accommodation.

Day: 3	Boat Cruise ~ Patriarchs Wildlife Sanctuary	BLD
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After breakfast we board our cruise vessel departing from the wharf at Lady Barron for a morning cruise of picturesque Franklin Sound with its various islands including Little Dog, Great Dog and Vansittart. Explore remote beaches; observe the wildlife and the wonderful sight of soaring sea birds, albatross, Pacific gulls, shearwaters and sea eagles. Return for a late lunch at the Tavern and some free time before either going out on an evening Sunset Mutton Bird Cruise or meeting the Parks & Wildlife officer at Patriarch Sanctuary, a wildlife haven where you will encounter some of the native animals.

Day: 4	Trousers Point ~ Mt Strzelecki ~ Whitemark	BLD
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This morning, follow the Coast Road to Fotheringate Bay where we will have a chance to explore the beaches and have morning tea. Stop at the beautiful Trousers Point with Mt. Strzelecki's towering granite crags forming a backdrop to the pristine half-moon beach. Have your cameras ready for this famous, photogenic area. Travel to the main town of Whitemark to have a look around the town, with time to visit the galleries and gem shop before having lunch at The Interstate Hotel. This afternoon, take in the 360 degree view of Flinders and the surrounding islands from Walkers Hill Lookout. Pause at Tobias Furneaux Lookout before travelling to either Patriarch's Wildlife Sanctuary which is full of native animals including Cape Barren Geese, wallabies and wombats or Cameron Inlet before returning to our accommodation.



For our last morning on Flinders Island we will have some time for exploring and morning tea before we are transferred to the airport for our flight back to Melbourne.

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner