

Kayaking Trip to Tasmania in February 2012

Aim

To provide a variety of kayaking experiences as well as a quick scenic tour of southern Tasmania.

To this end 3 x 3 day paddles have been chosen at South Bruny Island, Port Arthur area and the Freycinet Peninsular Area. The 3 day paddles will be split into 2 groups, those who want to paddle and camp for the 2 nights and those who want 3 x 1 day paddles. Also a 2 hour kayak trip of Hobart Harbour has been included.

To keep costs to a minimum I have planned to hire 2 x 12 seater buses for our duration in Tasmania. One of the buses will tow a trailer with our hire kayaks. Our accommodation will be in cabins at 4 different holiday parks. We will hire kayaks and all necessary equipment from 2 different kayaking hire firms.

Itinerary:

- 11 Feb Depart Sunshine Coast for Brisbane using Col's Airshuttle service
Brisbane to Hobart – Virgin DJ702 –dep 08:45 arr 12:30
- Vehicle Rent – 16 days – 2 x 12 seater minibus seating 9 plus luggage
- Overnight accom. - Barilla Holiday Park in Cambridge
- 12 Feb Morning - 2 hour paddle on Hobart Harbour
Afternoon - Group 1 will purchase provisions as required for overnight camping trip Group 2 shopping or sightseeing - overnight accom. – Barilla Holiday Park
- 13 Feb Travel to South Bruny Island picking up kayaks enroute from Kettering – overnight accom. Captain Cook Caravan Park
- 14 Feb Group 1- commence 3 day camping overnight paddle – South Bruny Island
Group 2 - day paddle in South Bruny Island area - overnight accom. - Captain Cook Caravan Park
- 15 Feb Group 1- day 2 of 3 day camping overnight paddle
Group 2 - day paddle - overnight accom. - Captain Cook Caravan Park
- 16 Feb Group 1- day 3 of 3 day camping paddle - return to Captain Cook Caravan Park
Group 2 - day paddle - overnight accom. - Captain Cook Caravan Park
- 17 Feb Travel from South Bruny Island to Port Arthur, shopping enroute if necessary – overnight accom. – Port Arthur Holiday Park
- 18 Feb Group 1- commence 3 day camping overnight paddle – Tasman Penisular
Group 2 - day paddle in Tasman Penisular area - overnight accom. - Port Arthur Holiday Park
- 19 Feb Group 1- day 2 of 3 day camping overnight paddle
Group 2 - day paddle - overnight accom. - Port Arthur Holiday Park
- 20 Feb Group 1- day 3 of 3 day camping paddle – return to Port Arthur Holiday Park
Group 2 - day paddle
Then on return of both groups return kayaks to Kettering. overnight accom. Port Arthur Holiday Park
- 21 Feb Travel Port Arthur to Coles Bay – overnight accom. – Iluka Holiday Centre
- 22 Feb Group 1- commence 3 day camping overnight paddle – Freycinet Penisular area
Group 2 - day paddle in Freycinet Penisular area - overnight accom. - Iluka Holiday Centre
- 23 Feb Group 1- day 2 of 3 day camping overnight paddle
Group 2 - day paddle - overnight accom. - Iluka Holiday Centre
- 24 Feb Group 1- day 3 of 3 day camping paddle – return to Iluka Holiday Centre
Group 2 - day paddle
Then on return of both groups return kayaks. overnight accom. Iluka Holiday Centre
- 25 Feb Travel Coles Bay to Cambridge - overnight accom. – Barilla Holiday Park
- 26 Feb Hobart to Brisbane – DJ 705 – dep 13:05 arr 14:40
Brisbane to Sunshine Coast using Col's Airshuttle service