

Chris Bray Photography's

Tasmanian East Coast Experience!

Information Document



We hope you'll enjoy reading this information document - it'll help you pack, help you get the most out of this safari tour, and help answer any questions you may already have.

Mobile Phone Reception on the East Coast of Tasmania:

In the major cities of Hobart and Launceston you'll be able to get reception with most mobile phone carriers, however on the east coast itself where we'll be spending the bulk of our time, the best (and in most cases only) phone coverage is **Telstra**. If you need to be contactable we suggest you buy a Telstra pre-paid sim card - they are only \$2 (purchase from Australia Post outlets or Telstra shops) and you can stick on either \$30, \$40 or \$50 initial credit. Bring and use your normal sim card until we've all found each other in Launceston. Remember you're on holiday though - it might be nice to be uncontactable!



Medical Information — This is important – a few weeks before the safari we will send you a medical information form to fill in. Now, we don't actually mind what medication you take, but we do need this information to present hospital staff should you be taken ill or have an accident – such information could then save your life.



Insurance — You **MUST** obtain your own travel insurance, and you **MUST** provide us with a copy or proof of your travel insurance along with your final safari payment.

Airport or city pick up from Launceston: On the Monday afternoon we will have our safari minibus and can collect you either from the airport, or - if you're on an earlier flight and have made your way into town – we can pick you up from within Launceston itself, and drive you out to our accommodation at the Rosevears Vineyard Eco Retreat. Please email safaris@ChrisBray.net your flight details once you book them.



Airport drop-off at Hobart: On the last day of the Safari, the morning is set aside a final relaxing breakfast and debrief. We can take you to the airport at any time that suits you, however, we've got the accommodation until 10am, and the vibrant, colourful Saturday Salamanca markets will be in full swing by then in town and we'll drive those of you who are left down to the markets where we will say good bye. We will happily do **airport transfers for you in the safari minibus anytime up until 5:30 PM on the Saturday**. If you're planning on spending a few extra days in Hobart (might be nice?!) then we can drop you at your Hobart accommodation instead. Easy.

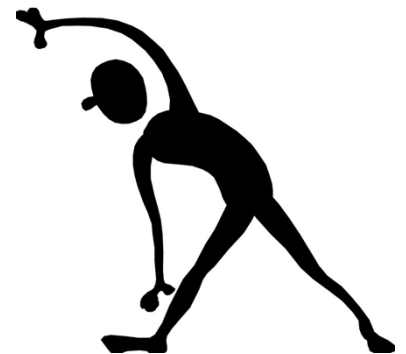
Itinerary Changes: Obviously the **exact itinerary may be shuffled** around and tweaked due to weather, but you can rest assured that we'll be working flat-out to get you to all the best places, at the best times, for the best photos possible. There will be no refunds due to poor weather or similar changes forced upon us by factors outside our control.

Food and Drink: All **food is provided**, and dinners will usually be accompanied by a complementary glass of Tasmanian wine or beer, however, additional alcohol must be purchased at your own expense.

Accommodation Arrangements: Accommodation arrangements vary for each location, with different numbers of cottages and rooms, however these provide **mostly twin-share accommodation**, so you will be sharing some bedrooms (but not beds, unless couples would like to - haha!). For solo travellers we can't guarantee that we'll always be able to have you sharing with someone of the same sex – it depends on the gender split, but we do our best! Keep in mind though that you're only usually in your rooms to sleep as we fill your waking hours with plenty to do.



Physical Activity & Fitness: There won't be any strenuous hiking, but a **reasonable level of mobility and fitness** will be required to find the best photography spot amongst those orange boulders, walk along the beaches and to climb into the helicopter and things like that. On Maria Island we do two walks, one to the fossil cliffs and another to the painted cliffs, both walks are easy but over a distance of several kilometres where you'll also need to carry your own camera gear, water and lunch. However, if you would prefer to only do once of these walks there is plenty to photograph near the historic sights around the ferry wharf or village while the others go walking, so don't worry about that! Be aware that we are unable to stay with you though, National Park requirements dictate that both guides must accompany the walking party.



Price does not include flights from your hometown into Launceston, nor your flight back home from Hobart.

Dietary Requirements: Clearly an appreciation for fresh seafood heightens this experience, but rest assured we can cater for non-seafood eaters and vegetarians – just let us know in advance by filling in your medical form!

Things to Bring:

- **Raincoat** (what you prepare for won't happen!),
- Sturdy comfortable closed-in **walking shoes**,
- **Head torch** (comes in handy when your shooting in the dark),
- **Sunscreen, sunnies, personal medication** (if applicable),
- **Camera gear**, we'll go into more details soon.
- In terms of **clothes**, it's really up to you, but keep it comfortable and practical – giving you heaps of mobility to clamber over rocks, crouch or even lay down for those cool angle shots etc. This is a practical photography safari - we're going out there to take photos, not to be seen. So honestly I wouldn't pack any fancy gear for evening meals, simply because on the occasions where we do eat out, there may not be time to get changed into such clothes anyway. Tasmanian weather is notoriously varied – so although it is summer, pack some warmer clothes too. Remember less clothes means more camera gear, so don't go overboard, ladies! Ha ha.

Camera Gear

It is up to you of course, but here are a few things not to forget:

- Your digital SLR **camera** (we can lend you one of our Canon 600D's if you'd like, let us know in advance),
- A happy-snap **compact camera** or GoPro camera (if you have one, might be fun),
- **Spare batteries and plenty of memory cards**,
- Camera **charging** equipment,
- Your camera's user **manual** (for the moments when you just can't find that function button),
- **Tripod** (again, we can loan you one of our entry-level sized ones if you request it early enough, but it might not be strong enough to support your camera – ask us.)
- **Snap-lock** bags (easy way to keep stuff dry!),
- **Camera cleaning equipment** (don't worry if you don't have any),
- **Polarizing** and other filters can be fun (remember all your lenses should have a UV/lens protective filter on them anyway)
- Whatever lenses you decide to bring (Don't forget, for those of you with cannon camera DSLR's you will be able to borrow one of the four awesome 100m macro lenses and one of the four wide angle lenses from us that we share with the group!),
- Camera **backpack/daypack** – something big enough to carry all your camera gear in for the day as well as perhaps a rain jacket. Before you pack, take a photo of an empty blue sky with a large f/# and check if there's any little black specks on the photo – if there are then your camera sensor is a bit dirty and you might like to clean it (or take it to a camera shop and have it cleaned) so that you don't have those marks on all your photos from the trip!



Any other Questions?

Please, if you have any questions that are not yet covered in this document, please just ask us at safaris@chrisbray.net and we'll let you know, and add the info to this document too for others!

Thanks!

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