

Australia: Bay of Fires Walk

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At the edge of Mt. William National Park in north-eastern Tasmania, the magnificent coastline known as the Bay of Fires provides dramatic landscapes, ecology, and wildlife. Immerse yourself in one of the most pristine environments that Tasmania has to offer; walk the soft sandy beaches, explore coves, kayak the Ansons River and enjoy the uncomplicated luxury of our accommodation at the Forester Beach Camp and award winning Bay of Fires Lodge. NEW for the upcoming season is the addition of a full service spa at the lodge. Treatments will vary from massages, facials and body treatments with a special focus on rejuvenation. We can't think of a better way to end an exhilarating day of walking.

It's in our nature...

...to guide you through the breathtaking beauty

that awaits you along the Bay of Fires walk.

Gene and Jo Ann Taylor, owners of The Walking Connection invite you to explore the Northwest of Tasmania in style of comfort, luxury and adventure that has become the hallmark of their company. Bay of Fires is a part of the Great Walk of Australia series and is simply one of the most beautiful places in world we have ever been!

Bay of Fires Walk with The Walking Connection.

"These are four days of walking and hiking that will give you a lifetime of stories to share with your family and friends...**for the rest of your life!**" Jo Ann Taylor 2013

Led by interpretive guides, our small group hikes explore both the fascinating beach environment and the rich diversity of the nearby woodlands. This coastal stretch of azure water and rocky headlands, with boulders dotted offshore, appears as if untouched for thousands of years and offers a remote landscape with something for everyone to discover.

We begin our adventure at Boulder Point with a fantastic walk in the company of native birds, interesting shells and marine artifacts on one of the many pristine beaches nestled into the coastline. And it just gets better. Places with names like Eddystone Point Lighthouse, the dunes of Abbotsbury Peninsula and Pipers Brook wine region mark our trail along the way. Awesome! Come Walk The Bay Of Fires With Us!

- Mt William National Park
- 10 Guests Maximum
- Spectacular ocean views
- Expert naturalist guides
- Bird-rich waters of Ansons Bay
- Swim, snorkel or kayak
- Full service spa & treatments
- Fine Tasmanian wines
- Stunning architecture

- Over 20km of pristine coastline

Bay of Fires Walks

The first night's accommodation is spent at Forester Beach Camp, a private haven nestled in a protected dune swale behind a stretch of clean, white-sand beach. The camp features twin-share rooms with timber floors, canvas roofs, and full kitchen facilities.

The second and third nights' accommodation is at the multi-award winning Bay of Fires Lodge. Set 40m above the beach, this eco-conscious building is an architectural feat comprising two long timber and glass pavilions, and an open living area complete with fireplace and private twin-share bedrooms. All meals are provided for the duration of the walk, using only the finest Tasmanian local produce: freshly baked bread, fresh fruit salad, cereals, and a cooked breakfast in the morning, and gourmet dinners complete with world-class Tasmanian wines.

Day One

Launceston to Mt. William National Park

Journey to Mt William National Park, enjoy views of the Furneaux Group of Bass Strait Islands and spend the evening at Forester Beach Camp.

Day Two

Exploring The Bay of Fires Coastline

Walk along ridgelines of sand-dunes, look out across the heathlands, and lunch at the coves sheltered behind the dunes near Eddystone Point Lighthouse. Sleep sound at the Bay of Fires Lodge.

Day Three

Kayaking and Exploring the Area

Kayak down the Ansons River and experience the diverse ecology of the river, cross the bird-rich waters of Ansons Bay, and stroll over the dunes of Abbotsbury Peninsula. Fish, snorkel in the marine nursery, explore the nearby shell coves or just enjoy the surroundings.

Day Four

Return to Launceston

Walk through eucalyptus forests and coastal heath land. Return through the picturesque Pipers Brook wine region. We'll stop at Dr Andrew Pirie's vineyard and then travel onto Launceston returning to Quamby homestead early evening.

*Itinerary: Please note that the details of this itinerary are subject to change. Many of the planned activities are organized according to availability, events or seasonal dates, appropriate weather conditions, and the discretion of our guides. We make every effort to provide the experience described in the itinerary with the understanding that some things may change.

Your Walking Connection – Great Walks Of Australia – Bay of Fires Walk Includes:

- Entry into The Walking Connection High Mileage Club.

- Introduction to the lodge staff and management by Gene and Jo Ann Taylor.
- Expertly planned custom itinerary exclusive to The Walking Connection including visits to little known destinations not typically frequented by tourist groups.
- All park fees, sanctuary fees, government taxes and statutory charges as listed on the itinerary.
- Return transfers between Launceston and the walk base.
- 1 night at Forester Beach Camp and 2 nights at Bay of Fires Lodge twin share.
- All meals and non-alcoholic beverages, plus a limited selection of Tasmanian wines.
- Local experienced interpretive and naturalist guide(s) on walks and hikes.
- Daily Meals as indicated in itinerary: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch and (D) Dinner.
- Coffee, tea and drinking water will be provided with meals.
- Optional kayaking day
- Use of a backpack and Gore-tex jacket for the duration of the walk
- Detailed “Know Before You Go” information including recommended website, reading lists, packing list, what to bring, weather and much, much more.

Reservations for this trip are available on a limited basis and are only available on a first come first served basis. Should this trip completely sell out, please see our waiting list policy located in the Fine Print Section.

All prices in AUD including GST

1 October – 24 December 2015

Prices begin at \$2,300 AUD per person

24 December, 2015 – 31 March, 2016

Prices begin at \$2,475 AUD per person

1 April – 1 May, 2016

Prices begin at \$2,300 AUD per person

All accommodation is twin share. Single travelers may be required to share a twin room with someone of the same gender. To guarantee a single room for the duration of the walk a supplementary price of 75% of full fee will apply. This needs to be requested at the time of booking.

Deposits: A deposit of \$500 USD per person is required to reserve your space. No space will be held without a complete deposit. Deposits may be made by check or credit card. Our tour prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation at the time of final payment.

Payments: All payments must be made according to the schedule & are subject to the cancellation & penalty policy. Final payment is due on or before 90 days prior to the trip. We request that all final payments be made by check. Credit card payments for final amount due may be available but all credit card company surcharges will apply. They are usually 3% of the total due.

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Special Supplier Gifts and Items: As a local custom, vendors, suppliers, ground operators, restaurants

and hotel properties may offer complimentary beverages that may or may not contain alcohol. Should you elect not to accept this gift, complimentary water may not be offered as a replacement and may only be offered for a fee. This is a local custom beyond the control of The Walking Connection.

Travel Roommates and Single Supplements: If you have registered for double occupancy but don't have a travel roommate, the Walking Connection will attempt to locate one for you. In the event that a roommate cannot be found, you may be charged for a Single Supplement for any portion of the trip where you will be rooming as a single other than bothfeet lodge.

Travel roommates are assigned in the order in which we receive deposited and confirmed reservations. Final roommate assignments will be made and you will be notified of any Single Supplement charges due 30 days prior to the due date of your final payment.

Air Arrangements: The Walking Connection is now associated with Goway Travel and they are a full service travel agency that can assist you with making your air travel arrangements. If you prefer to directly book your own air the Walking Connection will gladly provide you with the recommended arrival and departure time for this trip. Please let us know if you would like assistance and we will provide you with the contact information.

Trip Minimum: There is no minimum for this CONNECT trip. It is available for single individuals up to a group of 10 people. On the guided portions of the adventure you maybe joined with other guests at the lodge or if you prefer, private walks and hikes may be arranged. Please note that private hikes may cost extra. Please do not make your international or domestic air arrangements until trip is confirmed.

Waiting List Policy: On occasion, Walking Connection tours sell out and a waiting list is formed. If this should happen, the following policy will apply. To be put on the waiting list, a fully refundable deposit is due with reservation. If space becomes available, you will be notified at that time and if you choose to go, the standard cancellation policy will then apply. If not, your money will be refunded in full.

Cancellation, Penalty & Refund Policies: Should you have to cancel your tour the following terms will apply: Due to the exclusive and small group nature of this adventure, all cancellation requests will incur a \$500 per person administrative fee (the amount of your initial deposit).

For cancellations from 91 -120 Days prior to the trip: deposit is forfeited.

For cancellations from 61 -90 days prior to the trip 40% penalty of the total trip cost.

For Cancellations and no shows 60 days before trip, no refunds.

No refunds will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

All cancellations must be made in writing and delivered to The Walking Connection via e-mail and/or United States Post Office. Your cancellation date is the date your notice is received and confirmed by The Walking Connection, not the postmark date.

Your Walking Connection – Great Walks Of Australia – Bay of Fires Walk Does Not Include:

- All international and domestic airfares with taxes not outlined in the Inclusions section.
- All items of a personal nature including beverages, guide gratuities, laundry and shopping.
- All passport and visa application fees, vaccination and medical consulting fees.
- All international departure taxes collected at airport of departure.
- Anything that is not expressly stated in the itinerary or on the inclusions page as included.
- Travel Insurance is not included, we recommend [CSA Travel Pro](#).

“Tassie turned on the weather for our party. Plenty of time for some entertaining conversations whilst

wandering along Tassie's pristine coastline, to be greeted by a chilled Tassie wine and gourmet feast at the culmination of the day. Even brekky was 5 star!"

~Graeme, December 2012

"Every day was invigorating, stimulating and energizing. Every night was like a dinner party: great company, food and wine – well earned after the days' activities. We had high expectations of our Bay of Fires experience and they were definitely exceeded. Above all, it was fun!"

~Sandra, November 2013

"I loved every moment of the trip – I found myself in holiday mode straight away once I started walking along the beach."

~Gail, October 2013

"A unique holiday experience I have recommended to all my friends and family. Good for the soul."

~Sharon, April 2013