



KING ISLAND

Mon 14 – Fri 18 November 2022
 5 days/4 nights

The Tour Price Includes:

- Return Economy Airfares
- Airport Transfers
- Door to door service
- All Touring and Entrance Fees as per Itinerary
- Meals as per Itinerary
- Morning Teas



Tour Highlights:

- Currie Township & Tour
- Pennys Lagoon
- Martha Beach
- King Island Kelp Craft
- Cape Wickham Lighthouse
- King Island Dairy
- Shag Lagoon Bird Hide
- Seal Rocks Lookout
- Disappointment Bay
- Egg Lagoon
- King Island Kelp Industries
- Restaurant Without Food
- Calcified Forest
- Grassy Township
- King Island Boat Club
- Surprise Bay
- King Island Historical Society Museum
- Quarantine Bay
- Whistler
- Yellow Rock River
- King Island Hydro
- Ettric River
- Millers Bay
- Sea Elephant Reserve
- Pegarah Homestead
- Café Brewer
- King Island Brewery
- King Island Distillery
- Naracoopa
- King Island Hotel



King Island is located approximately 80 km northeast of Tasmania and about the same distance southeast of Cape Otway on the Victorian coast. With a population of just 1600, King Island is one of Australia's best kept secrets! It's often windswept and rainy but its rugged and very scenic and it has a fascinating history. Around 60 or so offshore wrecks (a legacy of the dangers of trying to cross and pass through Bass Strait in the early days) lie along the reefs just off the 145ks of coastline. Before the arrival of Europeans the island was richly forested but today it has been cleared for farming and the huge trees have been replaced by low lying scrub and ti-trees. In recent times King Island has gained an extraordinary reputation for its dairy products. King Island cheeses have found their way into fashionable suburban delicatessens on the mainland – made by the King Island Dairy with produce from just 7 dairy farms! Large beef properties are now the major industry on King Island with King Island providing 25% of the Tasmanian beef industry and the same amount in the seafood industry with the southern rock lobster. Our guide – a long term resident of King Island - is passionate about “all things King Island”. He will ensure we enjoy a memorable visit!

Day 1. Mon: Home – King Island

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Good morning and welcome aboard, let's begin our journey to **King Island**. After we collect you from home, we make our way to Tullamarine Airport for our afternoon **flight** to this lovely Island. Our friendly **King Island guide** (who will remain with us for the next 5 days) will greet us on arrival from here we'll enjoy a guided tour of the main township of **Currie** taking in the fishing harbour, King Island Cultural Centre, Currie Lighthouse and some of the Island's shipwreck history – before arriving at our hotel with the opportunity to unpack and settle in before we head to the King Island Hotel for a lovely 2 course dinner.

Overnight: Boomerang by the Sea Motel

Day 2. Tue: Northern King Island

(B/L/D)

This morning after breakfast we begin touring the northern region of King Island. First destination is **Shag Lagoon Bird Hide** to view some of King Island's beautiful water fowl. From here we head further north whilst keeping a keen eye out for bird species such as pheasants, peacocks and turkeys which are plentiful in this area and visit **King Island Kelp Craft** for morning tea. Our next stop is **Quarantine Bay** where we will be taking in the views and interesting history of Christmas Island and New Year Island located just off the coast. Following this we visit the mouth of Yellow Rock River, the wreck site of the **Shannon** to hear Captain Johnson's unfortunate story. From here we head to lunch at **Pennys Lagoon**, a rare perched lake found in only three locations in the world. Its freshwater is held by compacted sand and organic matter and is a favourite swimming spot for locals and visitors. After lunch we visit **Martha Lavinia Beach**, a world class beach break on King Island in Bass Strait. The wave peak has been voted one of the Top 10 Surf Breaks in Australia and is frequented by pro surfers when in the region for the Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach Classic. Next, we travel to **Cape Wickham**, the most northern point of King Island. We view the Cape Wickham Lighthouse, the tallest granite lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere which overlooks the beautiful Cape Wickham Links Golf Course, one of Australia's top ranking golf courses. We continue up past Lake Flannigan and on to **Disappointment Bay** which is anything but a disappointment - in fact it's one of King Island's most beautiful locations. We drive through **Egg Lagoon**, once a massive lagoon and now used for farming. From here we return to our accommodation for a short rest to freshen up prior to heading back to the King Island Hotel for another lovely 2 course dinner.

Overnight: Boomerang by the Sea Motel

Day 3. Wed: East Coast & Central King Island

(B/L/D)

This morning after a lovely breakfast we head to the east coast settlement of **Naracoopa**. We learn about the area & its early history including the controversial jetty built in 1915/16. We'll visit **Sea Elephant Reserve** and **Pegarah Homestead**, an 18-hectare property in the middle of the island. Here we'll meet Peter Gillett who loves a yarn and has some very interesting stories to tell. Peter is an ex policeman living with PTSD, who has now settled into life on the farm. Next, we make our way into the deep water port of Grassy to discuss King Island's shipping and fishing fleet & enjoying lunch at the **King Island Boat Club** harbour-side. We'll discover the scheelite mining heritage of King Islands Dolphin Mine which operated between 1917 and 1992, its closure due to extremely low tungsten prices, rather than a lack of reserves plus hear the news of its possible future. A stop at the King Island Brewhouse where you are most welcome to sample and purchase their wares (at own expense) before we head back to our motel. Dinner tonight will be in the motel Restaurant – check out the gorgeous views!!

Overnight: Boomerang by the Sea Motel

Day 4. Thu : Southern Scenic Tour

(B/L/D)

After breakfast this morning we take the **Scenic South Tour**. This takes us to one of King Island's most dramatic parts of the coast, **Seal Rocks** Lookout, which was used by Dutch and French sealers to spot pods of seals. We then move onto the **Calcified Forest** enjoying a leisurely 30-minute return stroll that takes us to a viewing platform to survey the fossilised stumps of rainforest trees. For those of us not up for a walk, we can relax and enjoy a cuppa from the coach. We'll head to **Millers Bay** and on to **Lymwood** where we enjoy lunch at **Café Brewer**. After lunch we head to **King Island Hydro**, the Islands hybrid power plant that energises King Island on its own grid. With a stop into **King Island Distillery** Cellar Door where you are welcome to sample and shop some of the locally made spirits on show here (own expense). We make our way back to our motel with some time to relax before another lovely dinner at the Boomerang by the Sea Restaurant.

Overnight: Boomerang by the Sea Motel

Day 5. Fri: King Island to Home

(B/L)

After breakfast we complete our check out formalities and load the bus. Holidaying in King Island would not be complete without a visit to the **King Island Museum**. The museum was established in a former lighthouse keeper's cottage in 1980. All aspects of the Island's history are represented in the displays including the original lens from Cape Wickham Lighthouse made from crystal. Relics from the large number of shipwrecks around the coastline are also featured. This will keep us busy until Morning Tea at **Restaurant without Food**. Perched on the rocky banks of Currie Harbour. Don't worry – we won't let you go hungry! From our unusual M/T stop we head to **King Island Kelp Industries** where we learn about its harvesting, its refining and what it is used for and why King Island is the major player in kelp. From here we head to lunch at the King Island Hotel and a visit to the **King Island Dairy** for a Cheese tasting and a chance to purchase some of this delicious cheese before heading to the airport for our flights home. From Tullamarine we are transported to our door having enjoyed a glorious adventure discovering King Island.



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