

# Freycinet Peninsula Guided Walk



## Highlights

There seems to be an innate and age-old desire for solitude in us all, and the serene Freycinet Peninsula is one place to address it. Located on the east coast of Tasmania, this guided walking tour will lead you through the many facets of this unspoilt region, exploring the bays and mountains. Walking with an intimate group of no more than ten guests, this is the perfect break for the independent traveller or a small group

Named after the French explorer of the same name, the Freycinet Peninsula and its corresponding national park are globally acclaimed as being one of the best coastal travel locations in the world. The landscape is diverse enough to warrant this four-day walk in order to see it all.

Along with two resident Tasmanian guides, you'll take a blissful and leisurely walk along deserted beaches, up pink granite monoliths and through the heart of the rich native lands of the Freycinet National Park, including the iconic Wineglass Bay. The walk itself will take you over 37 km of both coastal and mountainous regions, and the best part is that since this bushwalk is lodge-based you won't have to haul any luggage along with you.

The Canadian poet Bliss Carmen once wrote, "the greatest joy in nature is the absence of man," a sentiment the vast majority of us would agree with and certainly one which is captured on this tour. Other than your guides, you're likely to see very few (if any) souls during your break and as a preserved area, most of the wilderness is just that - wilderness!

The walking itself is moderate and with your luggage transfer taken care of, the main objective is really to take in the beauty and completely unwind. There are more highlights along the route than we can possibly list here, but one site which will utterly captivate you is Wineglass Bay. Named after its distinctive topography, the coast here is a model of perfection and its completely unspoilt beauty is guaranteed to have you reaching for a camera.

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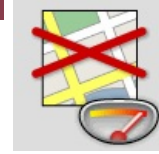
If you're after an action-packed thrill ride you'd probably like to click around the site until you hit something more exhilarating, but broadly speaking this is a tour everyone should try to get on. Freycinet is a spellbinding paradise and a coast greatly treasured by the people of Tasmania, Australia and beyond.

It's a walking holiday first and foremost, so you'll need to be comfortable being on your feet for six hours a day and the temperature can get rather high (Freycinet has a climate very similar to France with over 300 days of sunshine per year.) As you'll see by the itinerary you'll be broken into the walking gently however, so an average level of fitness and a passion for nature is all it takes to have a terrific time. The walking is moderate, with some steeper sections. If you really want to push yourself, there is the option of a very challenging 2 day walk to choose.

The walks themselves are guided, but the group size is kept intimate with no more than 10 walkers. You will be dining together and walking together, so see this as a chance to make new friends to share the beauty of the Freycinet Peninsula with!

## Accommodation

The lodge which forms the base for your walking holiday is tucked away in Freycinet National Park and



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surrounded by coastal forests. It can be hesitantly termed as an eco-lodge since it is powered and supplied solely by sun and rain, but don't be under any illusion that your accommodation is a primitive affair - quite the opposite!

Hot baths, a well stocked library and luxury beds are amongst the tranquil pleasures waiting for you after a day of walking, and the whole lodge has a cosy yet minimalist feel with open-plan rooms heated by wood stoves. In addition to the large living spaces, there are both double and single rooms available and shared bathroom/shower rooms.

The Friendly Beaches Lodge has won some prestigious awards for its architecture, and the food is of equally high standards. All guests can expect extremely high quality meals cooked by a resident chef from the lodge's varied menu, featuring delicacies such as seafood caught locally and grain-fed beef fillet steak, all accompanied by the region's finest wines. Any dietary requests can be taken into consideration - simply mention during the booking process.

## Itinerary

**Day One - (walking time 2 hrs, 3km)** The walk begins by departing from the Old Woolstore in Hobart at 8.30am. The first stage of the walk leads you across the scenic journey from Hobart to Coles Bay and taking in wide panoramas of the Freycinet Peninsula across Great Oyster Bay. A morning tea break is taken at the historic Spiky Bridge near Swansea.

On arrival at Coles Bay on the Freycinet Peninsula, you'll board the Naturaliste for a spectacular sea cruise down the western length of the peninsula to Schouten Island, the southernmost part of Freycinet National Park (weather permitting.) After a picnic lunch, there's a walk up Bear Hill for magnificent views, or fishing for flathead in Schouten Passage. The boat returns to Coles Bay and you'll be transported back to Friendly Beaches Lodge to relax and enjoy a dinner of fresh fish, good company and fine wine, to the rhythm of the waves on Friendly Beaches.

**Day Two - (Walking time 5-8 hrs, 12-16km)** An early start will see you rise with the sun and transfer from Friendly Beaches Lodge to Coles Bay for another boat trip down the peninsula. Today you have a choice of walks: from Bryan's Beach through sclerophyll forests and along beaches to the renowned Wineglass Bay (taking five hours) or the more challenging walk from Cook's Beach to the top of Mt Graham (579m) descending to Wineglass Bay via spectacular Quartzite Ridge (this walk takes eight hours.)

Which ever option you choose, when you arrive at Coles Bay late in the afternoon it's the perfect time for a swim in the bay's crystalline waters and a dry off on its sugar-white sand. Refreshed, you'll make the steep climb to the Wineglass Bay Lookout for spectacular views, then descend to the waiting vehicle. Back at the lodge, you can unwind with a refreshing hot shower before drinks and dinner.

**Day Three - (Walking time 6 hrs, 12km)** Transfer by vehicle this morning brings you to the secluded Bluestone Bay. There will be time to explore the fascinating geology of White Water Wall and little Bluestone Bay before climbing to the Bluestone Bay cliff tops. You'll walk back to the lodge through pristine bushland following a track used by the Oyster Bay Tribe. Along the way you'll spot giant Xanthorea (Grass Trees) and the exceptionally rare flowering Epacris Barbata. After a peaceful walk you will arrive at the orange lichen-splashed rocks at the beautiful south Friendly Beaches headland. From here is a leisurely stroll along the dazzling white sands of Friendly Beaches before arriving at the lodge where cool drinks and homemade afternoon tea await.

**Day Four - (Walking time 3 hrs, 6km)** This morning is yours to either enjoy a lie in or get up early to walk the beach. After breakfast there's an optional walk along the fossil-rich ridgeline of Mt Mary and a descent to Saltwater Lagoon, a nesting ground of black swans and pelicans. After an exceptional lunch, a stroll along Friendly Beaches brings you back to Isaac's Point, meeting point for the leisurely journey back to Hobart.

## Details

### Getting there

This trip departs from Hobart, the capital city of Tasmania. There are internal flights service to Hobart Airport from Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere in the Southern Pacific

### Price includes

Four days guided walking, 3 nights lodge accommodation, meals and beverages, boat rides, Tasmanian wine, passes, jacket, pack hire, airport transfer and goods and services tax.

Discounts available for children and large groups.

### Available

Oct—Apr

### Typical Duration

4 days

### Comfort level

Reasonably comfortable (Inns, B&Bs, luxury camping etc.)

### Experience required

A reasonable level of fitness and interest is all that is needed

