



Tasmania

9 - 16 February 2027

Australia's mysterious island state is home to 12 endemic birds as well as some unique mammal species. Our Tasmania: Birds & Mammals tour showcases these wonderful birding and mammal highlights in 5½ fabulous days. Bird species include Forty-spotted Pardalote, Dusky Robin, 3 Honeyeaters, Yellow Wattlebird, Tasmanian Nativehen, Black Currawong, Green Rosella, Tasmanian Scrubwren, Tasmanian Thornbill and Scrubtit, as well as the beautiful Swift Parrot. Iconic mammals include Tasmanian Devil, Platypus

and Echidna. We'll be visiting enchanting fern glades, pristine and spectacular coasts, dense eucalypt forests, islands, streams and wetlands, and unique button-grass moors. Wonderful scenery, true wilderness, good food and excellent accommodation, often located within the various wilderness areas we'll be visiting, make this a tour not to be missed! The tour commences and ends in Hobart, and visits Bruny Island, Mt Wellington and Mt Field NP. Join us in 2027 for an unforgettable experience!

Itinerary

Day 0: 9 February 2027

Arrival in Hobart

Today has been set aside as an arrival day so you are free to arrive at any time that suits your travel plans. You are to make your own way to the hotel in the city (please see notes at the end of this itinerary) and we will meet at the hotel in the evening for a brief orientation and welcome dinner.

Overnight: Hobart, en-suite hotel rooms

Meals included: D

Day 1: 10 February 2027

Hobart reserves & Mount Wellington

After breakfast we bird local reserves around Hobart, which is situated on a steep rainfall gradient, ranging from averages of 500 mm to 1350 mm within only 25 km. This provides a wide variety of forest types, from grassy woodland to wet forests rich in ferns and mosses, and an opportunity to find a diverse array of birds including Tasmania's endemic species and see the differing habitat requirements of some of these localized, endemic bird species. We'll also head up to Mount Wellington. This mountain, at a height of 1270m (around 4,150 feet), affords spectacular views of the city and surrounding landscape on a clear day. Here we will also take a walk through a fern glade with towering tree ferns where we have another chance to see the rather shy Scrubtit as well as Tasmanian Scrubwren and the stunning Pink Robin. Further endemic highlights we find here include Green Rosella, Tasmanian Native Hen, Black Currawong and Yellow Wattlebird. At the end of the day, we drive north towards Mt Field National Park.

Overnight: Mount Field Retreat, en-suite cabins

Meals included: B, L, D

Day 2: 11 February 2027

Hobart to Mount Field

We depart early to explore Mt Field with its natural wonders. At its base stand giant, 250-year-old gum trees, towering to 100 m tall, with a ground cover of mosses, ferns, lichens and fungi. As we ascend the winding road to the higher slopes, through an ever-changing succession of plant communities, the scenery changes from the soft greens of the rainforest to the harsh, glaciated landscape of the mountains, producing some spectacular scenic highlights. Among this myriad and density of vegetation we'll look for Pink Robin, Black Currawong and Yellow Wattlebird. We take several short walks and keep an eye out for



Green Rosella, Tasmanian Nativehen, Flame Robin, and Striated Fieldwren. All photos by Peter Waanders.

platypus, completing our day in the high alpine meadows searching for Striated Fieldwren and Flame Robin.

Overnight: Mt Field Retreat or similar, en-suite cabins
Meals included: B, L, D

Day 3: 12 February 2027 Mt Field to Bruny Island

After breakfast we drive back south and take a ferry to Bruny Island for our stay on the island. All twelve of Tasmania's endemic species are found on this scenic island: Tasmanian Native-hen, Green Rosella, Dusky Robin, Tasmanian Thornbill, Forty-spotted Pardalote, Tasmanian Scrubwren, Scrub-Tit, Yellow Wattlebird, Black Currawong, Strong-billed Honeyeater, Black-headed Honeyeater, and Yellow-throated Honeyeater.

Overnight: Bruny Hotel, en-suite hotel room
Meals included: B, L, D

Day 4: 13 February 2027 Bruny Island

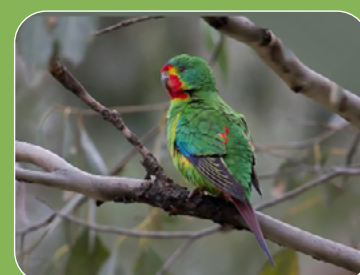
We will spend a full day birding on the island targeting the endemics and the non-endemics that are more abundant on Tasmania than on mainland Australia, including Hooded Plover, Brush Bronzewing, Swift Parrot, robins, Crescent Honeyeater and Forest Raven. Along the coast we should see Fairy Penguin, Black-faced Cormorant, Short-tailed Shearwater and other seabirds. We will visit a great little reserve with a very good chance of Forty-spotted Pardalote. At night we'll spotlight for marsupials such as Bennett's Wallaby, Tasmanian Pademelon, Long-nosed Potoroo & Eastern Quoll.

Overnight: Bruny Hotel, en-suite hotel room
Meals included: B, L, D

Day 5: 14 February 2027 Bruny Island to Hobart

The morning will be an opportunity to pick up anything we have missed on Bruny Island. Partway through the day we will take the ferry back to the mainland and for some final birding around Hobart. We will enjoy several short walks in reserves we haven't visited previously.

Overnight: Hobart, en-suite hotel rooms
Meals included: B, L, D



Tasmanian Thornbill, Forty-spotted Pardalote, Yellow-throated Honeyeater, Swift Parrot, and Dusky Robin. Swift Parrot by Chris Tzaros, all other photos by Peter Waanders.

Day 6: 15 February 2027

Melaleuca

Today we take a spectacularly scenic flight to the remote South-West World Heritage area, the area named Melaleuca famed for its unspoilt wilderness, clean air and rare birdlife. We will have a chance to see one of the world's rarest birds, the critically endangered Orange-bellied Parrot. With no more than 100 left in the wild, this vivid parrot is teetering on the brink of extinction. Other specialties we hope to see are the elusive Ground Parrot, Striated Fieldwren, Black Currawong, the delightful Southern Emuwren and the Beautiful Firetail. Please note, the flight is weather dependent, and we will have limited opportunity to reschedule. Should the flight be cancelled, we'll explore the southern forests of the Tasman peninsula and visit the Tasmanian Devil rescue project at the "Unzoo". The cost of the flight will be refunded if cancelled.

Overnight: Hobart, en-suite motel room

Meals included: B.L.D

Day 7: 16 February 2027

Departure

Departure from Hobart, Tasmania, after breakfast.

Meals included: B



Orange-bellied Parrot, Beautiful Firetail, Blue-winged Parrot, and White-bellied Sea Eagle. All photos by Peter Waanders.

QUICK OVERVIEW

SCHEDULED DATES

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STARTING IN

Hobart, Tasmania

FINISHING IN

Hobart, Tasmania

GROUP SIZE

Minimum 4, maximum 9 participants.

BRIEF ITINERARY

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Day 3: 12 February 2027: Mt Field to Bruny Island

Day 4: 13 February 2027: Bruny Island

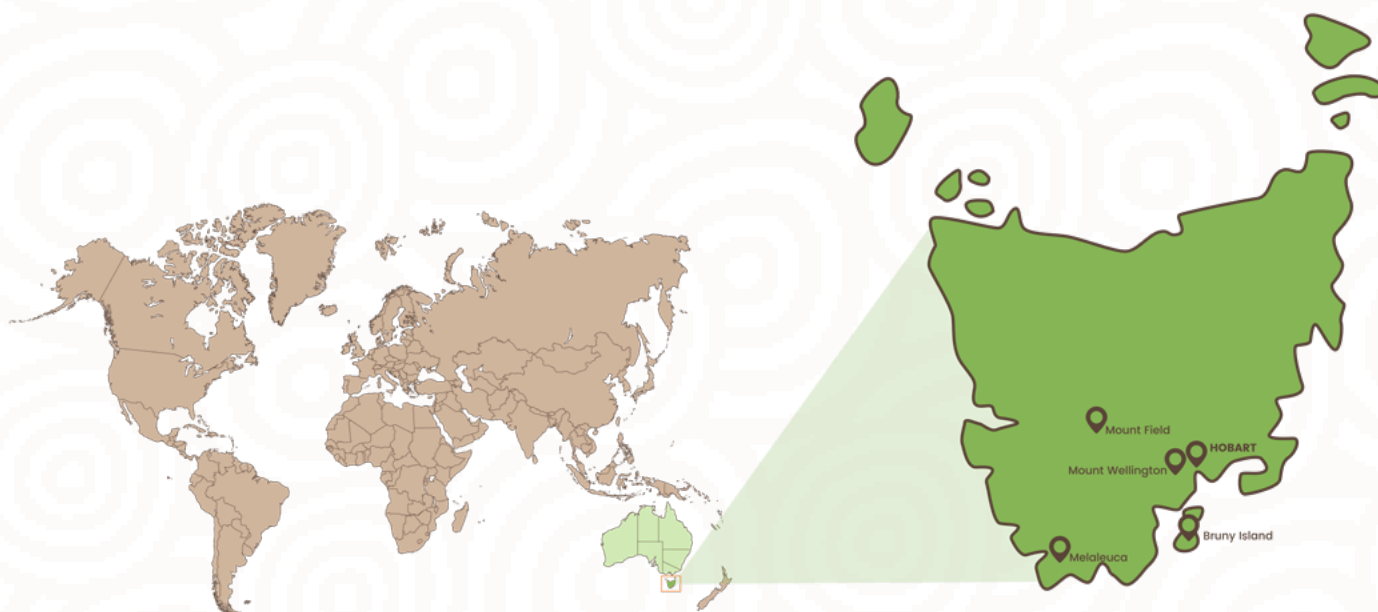
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Day 7: 16 February 2027: Departure

BOOKING

Please book at: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings/>.



COST

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AU\$5,999 per person including accommodation and all meals, based on double or twin-share occupancy. Single occupancy surcharge of AU\$990.

Early bird discount of AU\$99 for bookings received up to 12 months before departure date. Return client discount may apply.

INCLUDED

7 nights en suite accommodation (but see note on Bruny cottage), specialist guiding and transport for day and night tours as outlined above, all meals as outlined in the itinerary, activities outlined in the itinerary, National Park entry fees, Bruny Island ferry fares, return flight to Melaleuca, tax.

EXCLUDED

Travel to & from departure and finish points, pre- & post trip accommodation, any meals before dinner on Day 1 and after breakfast on Day 7, any activities not described, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, tips, insurance.

GETTING THERE & AWAY

Tour commences with dinner in Hobart, Tasmania, on 9 February 2027. Please arrive on or before 9 February and make your own way to our hotel for dinner and introductions that evening. Tour finishes with breakfast in Hobart, Tasmania, on 16 February 2027. Continue with your own arrangements or go to the airport for onward flights.

PRE & POST TOUR OPTIONS

If you wish to spend extra time before the tour starts or after the tour finishes and you'd like us to book you into a hotel, please indicate this on the booking form.

DISCLAIMERS

(1) itinerary may be modified slightly due to factors such as availability of accommodation, updated information on the state of accommodation, roads, or birding sites, the discretion of the guides and other factors; (2) until we've received your final payment, tour price may be subject to adjustment in the event of significant cost increases in ground arrangements. See our Terms and Conditions: <https://bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions/>.

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PRACTICAL DETAILS

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Arrival in Hobart: There is a regular shuttle bus service (The Hobart Airporter) between Hobart airport and the main hotels in the city. Details on the costs and timing of the shuttle can be found here: <http://www.airporterhobart.com.au/>. Alternatively, you may wish to take a taxi to the city. There is no need to pre-book these, they are readily available outside the terminal building. More information on taxis (and additional airport information) can be found here: <https://hobartairport.com.au/travellers/transport-and-parking/>.
- Meals: Breakfast: continental style (cereal, fruit, yoghurt and tea/coffee). Full cooked breakfast not usually available. Lunch: sandwiches/rolls/wraps, fruit, and a drink, often in the field; at times we may visit a bakery for lunch. Dinner: 2 courses (mains with the choice of either an appetiser or dessert). Drinks (soft and alcoholic) are not included but at lunches and breakfasts juice may be made available.

LEADERS

Bellbird leader.

DIFFICULTY

Low to medium level of fitness required. The tour has a relaxed pace, and walks are on varying surfaces, from paved roads to sandy or rocky walking trails with some short climbs. We generally walk slowly, with lots of stops. You can opt out of any challenging walks.

ACCOMMODATION

Private en-suite rooms in most hotels or lodges. Standards of the lodgings are generally very comfortable. Expect slow, if any, wi-fi access. On Bruny Island, we stay cottage style accommodations: individual rooms some with en-suite bathroom and some with bathrooms shared between 2-3 people

CLOTHING

Lightweight long pants, t-shirt and long-sleeved shirt, over the top of which you can wear layers that can be taken off as necessary, including a jumper / sweater and a wind- and rain-proof jacket.

WHAT TO BRING

Please travel light. Binoculars, camera, mobile phone, chargers, power adaptors if you're an international guest, insect repellent, sunscreen, personal medications, sun hat, water bottle, hand sanitizer. Sturdy footwear recommended. Scopes, super-telephoto lenses with tripods, and heavy suitcases are discouraged.

RECOMMENDED READING

The comprehensive (but large and heavy) *Australian Bird Guide* by Danny Rogers, Peter Menkhorst, and Rohan Clarke, or the (smaller and lighter) *Compact Australian Bird Guide* (2022) by the same authors.

HOW TO BOOK THIS TOUR?

Step 1: Essential reading

- Download, save and read the itinerary (this document);
- Read our terms and conditions and the release of liability waiver (both can be found on <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/terms-and-conditions>);
- Read our health & safety information page (<https://bellbirdtours.com/health-and-safety/>).

Step 2: Online booking

Head over to our secure online booking page: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/bookings> (should you prefer a paper booking form, this can be downloaded from there).

Step 3: Pay the deposit

To secure your seat, a deposit of 20% of the tour price is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. Until full payment has been received, Bellbird Tours reserves the right to change the tour price (e.g. due to changing fuel prices).

Payment options:

Domestic electronic funds transfer: please send funds to the following bank account:

- bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
- account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
- branch no. (BSB) 015-140 and account no. 206136528
 - Please use your surname as the booking reference.

Visa, Mastercard & Google Pay: Please contact us to use this option, and we'll email you a secure payment link.

International electronic funds transfer: please send funds in Australian Dollars (+ bank charges) to the following bank account:

- international swift code: anzbau3m (no IBAN codes are used in Australia)
- bank: Australia & New Zealand Bank (ANZ), 112 Rundle Mall, Adelaide SA 5000
- account name: Bellbird Tours Pty Ltd
- branch no. (BSB) 015-140 and account no. 206136528
 - If possible, please use your surname as the booking reference.
 - If you are asked to provide our physical address, this is: 101 Chilton Road, Berri, SA 5343, Australia.
 - Please specify AU\$ as the recipient's currency, and the correct amount. Select the option for you to incur any charges at both ends.

Any discrepancy between the amount payable and amount received will be added to the final balance, or payable in cash at the start of the tour. Prices and fees are not negotiable.

Step 4: You're done!

Sit back and wait for your booking confirmation to arrive (24-48 hrs). Meanwhile, should you have any questions, please contact us via: <https://www.bellbirdtours.com/about-us/>.

POSSIBLE SPECIES LIST (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

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| Emu | Sooty Shearwater | White-headed Stilt |
| Cape Barren Goose | Short-tailed Shearwater | Red-necked Avocet |
| Black Swan | Flesh-footed Shearwater | Banded Lapwing |
| Freckled Duck | Fluttering Shearwater | Masked Lapwing |
| Australian Shelduck | Common Diving Petrel | Red-kneed Dotterel |
| Pink-eared Duck | Australasian Grebe | Pacific Golden Plover |
| Maned Duck | Hoary-headed Grebe | Grey Plover |
| Mallard | Great Crested Grebe | Red-capped Plover |
| Pacific Black Duck | Australian White Ibis | Double-banded Plover |
| Australasian Shoveler | Straw-necked Ibis | Lesser Sand Plover |
| Grey Teal | Royal Spoonbill | Greater Sand Plover |
| Chestnut Teal | Yellow-billed Spoonbill | Hooded Dotterel |
| Hardhead | Nankeen Night Heron | Black-fronted Dotterel |
| Blue-billed Duck | Eastern Cattle Egret | Latham's Snipe |
| Musk Duck | White-necked Heron | Black-tailed Godwit |
| Stubble Quail | Great Egret | Bar-tailed Godwit |
| Brown Quail | Intermediate Egret | Whimbrel |
| Little Penguin | White-faced Heron | Far Eastern Curlew |
| Wilson's Storm Petrel | Little Egret | Marsh Sandpiper |
| Grey-backed Storm Petrel | Australian Pelican | Common Greenshank |
| White-faced Storm Petrel | Australasian Gannet | Grey-tailed Tattler |
| Black-bellied Storm Petrel | Little Pied Cormorant | Terek Sandpiper |
| Wandering Albatross | Black-faced Cormorant | Common Sandpiper |
| Antipodean Albatross | Little Black Cormorant | Ruddy Turnstone |
| Southern Royal Albatross | Australian Pied Cormorant | Great Knot |
| Sooty Albatross | Great Cormorant | Red Knot |
| Light-mantled Albatross | Australasian Darter | Sanderling |
| Black-browed Albatross | Eastern Osprey | Red-necked Stint |
| Campbell Albatross | Wedge-tailed Eagle | Sharp-tailed Sandpiper |
| Shy Albatross | Grey Goshawk | Curlew Sandpiper |
| Salvin's Albatross | Brown Goshawk | Silver Gull |
| Grey-headed Albatross | Collared Sparrowhawk | Pacific Gull |
| Buller's Albatross | Swamp Harrier | Kelp Gull |
| Southern Giant Petrel | Whistling Kite | Caspian Tern |
| Northern Giant Petrel | White-bellied Sea Eagle | Greater Crested Tern |
| Cape Petrel | Lewin's Rail | Little Tern |
| Blue Petrel | Baillon's Crake | Fairy Tern |
| Antarctic Prion | Australian Crake | South Polar Skua |
| Slender-billed Prion | Spotless Crake | Brown Skua |
| Fairy Prion | Australasian Swamphen | Pomarine Jaeger |
| Kerguelen Petrel | Dusky Moorhen | Parasitic Jaeger |
| Great-winged Petrel | Tasmanian Nativehen | Long-tailed Jaeger |
| White-headed Petrel | Eurasian Coot | Rock Dove |
| Grey-faced Petrel | Pied Oystercatcher | Spotted Dove |
| Soft-plumaged Petrel | Sooty Oystercatcher | Common Bronzewing |

Brush Bronzewing
Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo
Shining Bronze Cuckoo
Pallid Cuckoo
Fan-tailed Cuckoo
Australian Masked Owl
Eastern Barn Owl
Morepork
Tawny Frogmouth
Australian Owlet-nightjar
White-throated Needle-tail
Pacific Swift
Laughing Kookaburra
Sacred Kingfisher
Azure Kingfisher
Rainbow Bee-eater
Nankeen Kestrel
Australian Hobby
Brown Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo
Galah
Long-billed Corella
Little Corella
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Green Rosella
Crimson Rosella
Eastern Rosella
Swift Parrot
Eastern Ground Parrot
Blue-winged Parrot
Orange-bellied Parrot
Little Lorikeet
Rainbow Lorikeet

Musk Lorikeet
Superb Lyrebird
Superb Fairywren
Southern Emu-wren
Tawny-crowned Honeyeater
Eastern Spinebill
Crescent Honeyeater
New Holland Honeyeater
White-cheeked Honeyeater
Strong-billed Honeyeater
Black-headed Honeyeater
Yellow-throated Honeyeater
White-fronted Chat
Little Wattlebird
Yellow Wattlebird
Yellow-faced Honeyeater
Noisy Miner
Yellow-throated Miner
Spotted Pardalote
Forty-spotted Pardalote
Striated Pardalote
Scrubtit
Striated Fieldwren
White-browed Scrubwren
Tasmanian Scrubwren
Brown Thornbill
Tasmanian Thornbill
Yellow-rumped Thornbill
Spotted Quail-thrush
Dusky Woodswallow
Australian Magpie
Grey Butcherbird
Black Currawong
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Black-faced Cuckooshrike
White-bellied Cuckooshrike
White-winged Triller
Varied Triller
Crested Shrike-tit
Olive Whistler
Australian Golden Whistler
Rufous Whistler
Grey Shrike-thrush
Willie Wagtail
Grey Fantail
Satin Flycatcher
Forest Raven
Dusky Robin
Pink Robin
Flame Robin
Scarlet Robin
Eurasian Skylark
Welcome Swallow
Tree Martin
Australian Reed Warbler
Little Grassbird
Silvereye
Common Starling
Bassian Thrush
Common Blackbird
Song Thrush
House Sparrow
Beautiful Firetail
Australian Pipit
European Greenfinch
Common Redpoll
European Goldfinch