

Tasmania

1 – 7 February 2028

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 Orange-bellied Parrot, 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 Melaleuca, Bruny Island, Mt Wellington and Mt Field NP. Join us in 2028 for an unforgettable experience!

Itinerary

Day 0: 1 February 2028

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 room

Meals included: D

Day 1: 2 February 2028

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 hotel room

Meals included: B, L, D

Day 2: 3 February 2028

Hobart to Mount Field

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



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

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 Nativehen, Black Currawong and Yellow Wattlebird. At the end of the day, we drive north towards Mt Field National Park.

Overnight: Junction Motel, en-suite rooms
Meals included: B, L, D

Day 3: 4 February 2028

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

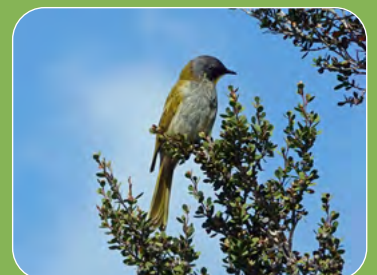
Overnight: Junction Motel, en-suite rooms
Meals included: B, L, D

Day 4: 5 February 2028

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 Nativehen, Green Rosella, Dusky Robin, Tasmanian Thornbill, Forty-spotted Pardalote, Tasmanian Scrubwren, Scrubtit, 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



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 5: 6 February 2028

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 Dotterel, Brush Bronzewing, Swift Parrot, robins, Crescent Honeyeater and Forest Raven. Along the coast we should see Little 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 6: 7 February 2028

Bruny Island to Hobart, departure

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. The tour finishes at 4:00PM in Hobart, after which we will drop you to the airport for your flight, or at the hotel of your choosing (not included).

Meals included: B, L



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

QUICK OVERVIEW

SCHEDULED DATES

Tasmania: 1 – 7 February 2028

Tour commences with dinner on 1 February 2028. Please arrive on or before 1 February. Tour finishes after lunch (4:00PM) on 7 February 2028. Please depart on or after 7 February.

STARTING IN

Hobart, Tasmania

FINISHING IN

Hobart, Tasmania

GROUP SIZE

Minimum 4, maximum 9 participants.

BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 0: 1 February 2028: Arrival in Hobart

Day 1: 2 February 2028: Melaleuca

Day 2: 3 February 2028: Hobart to Mount Field

Day 3: 4 February 2028: Mt Field

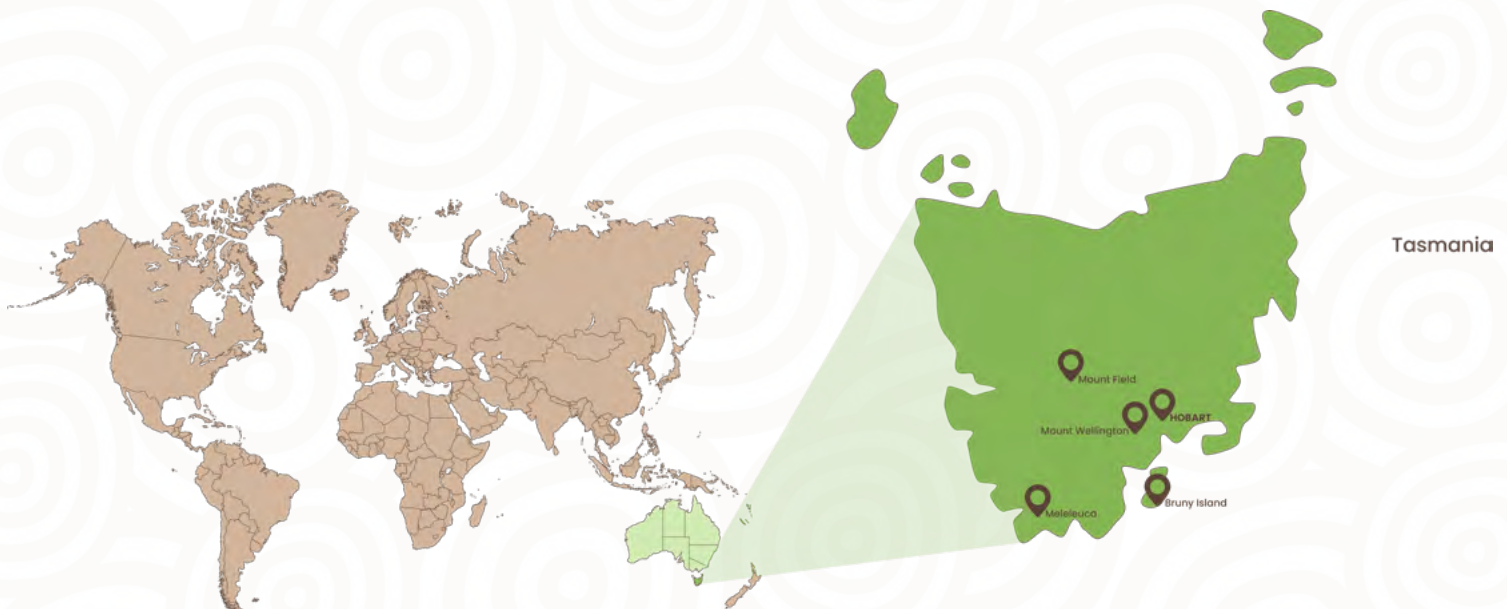
Day 4: 5 February 2028: Mt Field to Bruny Island

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Day 6: 7 February 2028: Bruny Island to Hobart, 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

6 nights en suite accommodation, 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 0 and after lunch on Day 6, any activities not described, drinks except where provided, personal expenses, tips, insurance.

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 (Skybus Hobart City Express) between Hobart airport and the main hotels in the city. Details on the costs and timing of the shuttle can be found here: <https://www.skybus.com.au/hobart-express/>. 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.

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 90 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/Apple 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: 30 Roberts Avenue, Balaklava, SA 5461, 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)

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 Swampphen	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 Needletail
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 Emuwren
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 Shriketit
Olive Whistler
Australian Golden Whistler
Rufous Whistler
Grey Shrikethrush
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