

## Tasmania

25 - 31 March 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, Dusky Robin, Forty-spotted Pardalote, 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: 25 March 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: 26 March 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: 27 March 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: 28 March 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

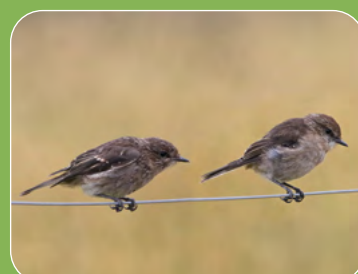
## Day 4: 29 March 2028

### 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: 30 March 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: 31 March 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: 25 – 31 March 2028

Tour commences with dinner on 25 March 2028. Please arrive on or before 25 March. Tour finishes after lunch (4:00PM) on 31 March 2028. Please depart on or after 31 March.

This tour links up with our [preceding South-West Western Australia Tour](#), from 16 to 23 March 2028.

### STARTING IN

Hobart, Tasmania

### FINISHING IN

Hobart, Tasmania

### GROUP SIZE

Minimum 4, maximum 9 participants.

### BRIEF ITINERARY

Day 0: 25 March 2028: Arrival in Hobart

Day 1: 26 March 2028: Melaleuca

Day 2: 27 March 2028: Hobart to Mount Field

Day 3: 28 March 2028: Mt Field

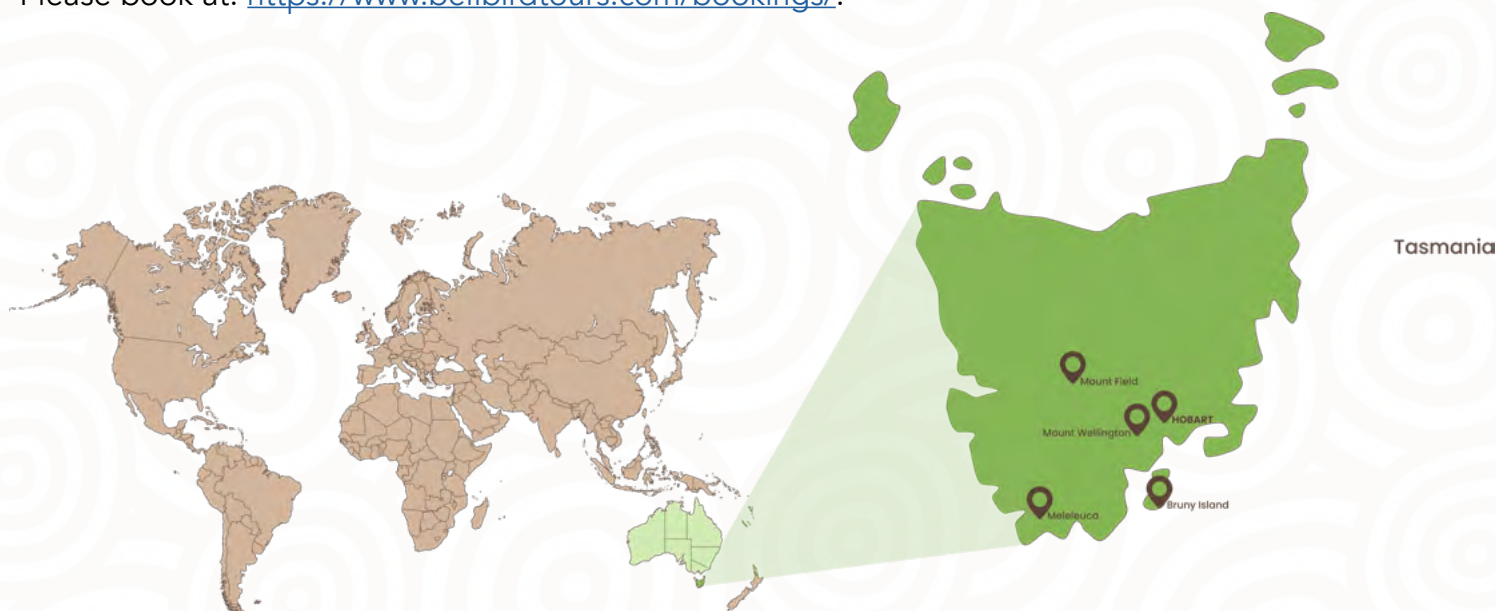
Day 4: 29 March 2028: Mt Field to Bruny Island

Day 5: 30 March 2028: Bruny Island

Day 6: 31 March 2028: Bruny Island to Hobart, departure

### BOOKING

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



## COST

### COST

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.

You can connect this tour with our [preceding South-West Western Australia Tour](#), from 16 to 23 March 2028, which leaves and arrives in Perth.

### 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/>.

### BOOKING

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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