



TRIP NOTES - TARKINE

Please find attached some trip notes about your upcoming trip to the Tarkine.

The trip departs from Launceston.

Our central Launceston pick up is from the Hotel Grand Chancellor, 29 Cameron Street, Launceston—7.45am for 8.00am departure.

DAY ONE

9km walking, (approx. 2 hours) easy grade

The trip departs from Launceston, then it's just under 2 hours of driving before we arrive into the seaside town of Penguin where enjoy a welcome morning tea break and refreshment stop. By 11.00am we'll be on our way to Hellyer Gorge and short walk of about half an hour which will include lunch eaten in the rainforest. Another hour's drive and then we walk into Philosophers Falls.

This walk is a brilliant 2-hour return hike through a beautiful rainforest. It's the most delightful introduction to the Tarkine. Then another hour's drive and we are in Corinna.

We spend three nights at Corinna which was once a small mining village. It had a few buildings and being right on the edge of the Pieman River it was used for timber harvesting, particularly the highly sought after Huon Pine. It is a gorgeous little spot and the accommodation is lovely. A rustic outdoor dining area is where we serve breakfast and dinner and it is where we make our lunches.

Tonight we enjoy a delicious dinner in the Tannin restaurant at Corinna.

Meals: Lunch and dinner

ABOUT OUR ACCOMMODATION

Corinna Wilderness Lodge

Our eco wilderness retreat cottages (where we stay for 3 nights) are self-contained, all linen and towels are included. Our accommodation includes two-bedroom cottages which have a twin room and double room, shared bathroom plus its own lounge and kitchen area.

Each cabin has its own bathroom, but none of the individual rooms within the cabin have their own ensuite. You can choose a single supplement if you would prefer not to share a room, this means you would have one room in the two-bedroom cabin and could be sharing the cabin (and bathroom) with one or two other guests.

Corinna runs on solar power so just be mindful of this, there is electricity for charging devices, but no television, mobile coverage or wi-fi at Corinna. For heating purposes there is a small gas fired log fire in each cabin. Hairdryers can't be used at Corinna.

Tullah Lakeside Lodge

Our last night of the tour is spent at the Lakeside Lodge in Tullah, which is perched on the banks of Lake Rosebery. We have accommodation in generously sized Premium rooms which include tea/coffee facilities. Either twin or double bedding configurations (single room available for additional expense at time of booking). Each room has its own bathroom facilities with toilet and shower, linen and towels are included here.





DAY TWO

**12km (approx. 5 hours walking combined)
moderate grade**

Today we make the short drive out of Corinna to the Savage River bridge where we begin the Mount Donaldson walk. This is a steady return walk that passes through several different vegetation types. Our morning tea view is one of the best in the area and it gives us a magnificent aerial overview of the whole Tarkine. Then it's back down from Mt Donaldson.

After lunch by the river the short 1.5 hour afternoons walk begins at our front door. Giant man ferns, burrowing crayfish and possibly platypus are some of the features of the Whyte's river walk.

As an alternative (depending on weather conditions) to this walk we may do the Savage River Walk. This is a steady climb up Ahrberg Hill under the canopy of magnificent Myrtle rainforest and then a descent to Savage River.

After this loop walk we return back to Corinna for the evening for a two-course dinner prepared by your guides.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner



DAY THREE

**12km (approx. 3-4 hours walking combined) easy
grade**

Today sees us departing our place of stay around sunrise as we are taking the boat MV Arcadia down to the mouth of the Pieman River and out onto the wild Tarkine Coast. It's an absolutely stunning piece of coast. And a photographer's paradise.

The historic Huon pine vessel the Arcadia takes approximately one and a half hours to travel the 22km down to the Pieman Heads where you will disembark with your Park Trek guide and explore the wild Pieman Heads.

The track can be muddy and wet in places and it deviates in and out of the coast. There is the opportunity for a lunchtime swim if weather permits. We spend the whole morning out on the coast exploring it and making our way up north until we turn around, retrace our steps and back on board the MV Arcadia for lunch and an early afternoon cruise back to Corinna.

There is time in the afternoon for a self-guided kayak trip or a short walk along the river.

This evening you'll enjoy a two-course dinner prepared by your guides.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner



DAY FOUR

10 km (approx. 2 hours walking combined) easy grade

This morning your Park Trek guide will pack away all of the equipment while you embark on a more leisurely start and take your time with several of the shorter walks around Corinna.

By mid-morning we'll be loading ourselves onto the Fatman Barge, crossing the mighty Pieman and making our way south to Zeehan for morning tea.

One of Tasmania's great short walks - Montezuma Falls is our next stop. While it is a relatively easy walk nonetheless it is a 9.6 km undertaking so you should get a good stretch of the legs. The falls themselves are Tasmania's highest single drop and quite spectacular after rain. We enjoy lunch at the base of the falls. We then make tracks for Tullah Lakeside Lodge.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch. Dinner at Tullah Lakeside Lodge (at guests own expense)



ABOUT THE MEALS

The food we serve is healthy, hearty and home style. Our menus are designed to showcase the fabulous regional produce. Fresh local cheese, yoghurt, fruit, vegetables, fish and meats are used, supporting local farmers and minimising our food miles. We don't offer five-star dining, but our guides take pride in ensuring that all meals are delicious and plentiful, prepared with top-quality fresh seasonal ingredients.

Breakfast is a continental spread of cereals, stewed fruit, yoghurt, toast and spreads. Coffee and tea are always available at your base accommodation.

Lunch can vary from day to day, but includes meat, salad, bread and wraps. Some days might include something different like roasted chicken.

Dinner is a casual two-course meal of main and dessert prepared by your guides. The menu changes to suit available fresh produce but could include a classic roast lamb, salmon fillet or Thai chicken. Dessert may include things like maple baked apples, pears in red wine or seasonal fruit salad.

Snacks Guests can prepare their own trail mix each morning from our self-serve trail mix selection. There will be fresh fruit for the trail and biscuits or fruit cake for tea breaks.

Pre-dinner antipasto Each evening we prepare a selection of antipasto delights, dips, cheese and crackers before dinner.

Dietary requirements We are able to accommodate guests' specific dietary requirements and can prepare meals to meet individual needs.

Alcohol Our tours do not include alcoholic beverages, however guests are most welcome to bring wine/beer along with them. If you are bringing bottled wine, please pack this well in your main bag to avoid breakages. There may also be an opportunity to visit a local bottle shop while on the tour.

DAY FIVE

6 kms (approx. 3 hours) moderate to hard grade

Breakfast and then time to embark on the challenging but rewarding trail to Mount Farrell. This 3 hour return walk is graded moderate to hard with a steep incline but the views from the summit are well worth the climb, offering a vista over Lake Tullah, Roseberry and Cradle Mountain. Then it's onto Sheffield for a coffee stop (OE) and an afternoon journey that sees us returning to Launceston around 4.30pm. We can take you to the Launceston airport or drop off at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston on your return.

Meals: Breakfast and lunch



GEAR LIST

Please bring your gear in a soft bag rather than hard suitcase to help guides pack the trailer.

DAY PACK—recommend approx. 20 litres, with a load bearing harness

As a walker you will need to have your own day pack and water bladder and suitable hiking shoes/boots. Here is a suggested list of what walkers will need to be wearing or have in their day pack:

- rain jacket
- a fleece jacket
- wide-brimmed hat for sunny days
- beanie or woollen hat for cold days
- water bottle or drinking bladder, min 2 litre
- high factor sunscreen
- lip balm
- blister pads and / or tape for rubbing and/or blisters
- antiseptic hand gel
- sun glasses
- walking poles (optional)
- gaiters (optional)
- camera
- binoculars
- spare batteries for all devices/charger

MAIN BAG

Your main bag stays at Corinna & is moved to Tullah for the duration of the trip. You only carry your light day pack while walking.

- 4 pairs long and/or short pants. Preferably loose fitting, lightweight and quick drying
- 2 x Long sleeved shirts
- 4 x T-shirts
- Fleece jacket/woollen sweater – something warm
- Rain jacket/ spray jacket
- Swimmers/bathers and towel (optional)
- Walking socks
- if rain is expected, then having a set of thermal under garments can keep you warm in the face of blustery conditions
- a woollen or fleece hat for cooler weather
- lightweight, quick drying towel
- waterproof, reusable bag for worn clothing
- Comfortable shoes and clothing for evenings and activities
- Underwear
- Toiletries— shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant, sanitary products, toothpaste etc.



There are no laundry facilities at Corinna.

We suggest that you have a few extra pairs of walking pants for this trip and we recommend that you give serious consideration to having a second pair of walking boots. There are no laundry facilities at Corinna so it is advised to have enough clothes for the duration of the tour. Remember the environment in the Tarkine is temperate rainforest, meaning the tracks can get very muddy and there can be a good dose of rain at any time.

LIST OF WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- Park Trek guides, who will drive, cook and care for you.
- Transport which includes collecting from Launceston and returning back. We use a comfortable mini coach with a trailer attached for luggage. Plus we use the coach to drop off and pick up during the course of the day.
- 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 3 dinners. Plus trail mix, antipasto, fresh fruit
- We always have a thermos with plenty of tea, coffee, hot chocolate and biscuits/cake.
- 4 night's accommodation on a twin share basis (single supplement available at additional cost).

POST TOUR INFORMATION:

We will drop you back to the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Launceston around 5.30pm. If you are flying out that night, you'll need to book a flight out after 7pm.

Pre and Post tour accommodation

We pick up from the Hotel Grand Chancellor

Tel: (03) 6334 3434 at 8am on day 1 of the trip.

If you are looking for accommodation other than the Hotel Grand Chancellor, here are some options:

- Balmoral on York Tel 03 6331 8000
- Best Western Plus Tel 03 6333 9999
- Kurrajong House Tel 03 6331 6655
- Ashton Gate House Tel 6331 6180
- Comfort Inn Coach House Tel 03 6331 5311