



*Explore the beautiful beaches, offshore islands and into secluded coves on your 7-day Flinders Island Adventure!*

## 7-DAY FLINDERS ISLAND ADVENTURE TRIP ESSENTIALS

### Getting to Flinders Island

When you book your Flinders Island Kayak Adventure you will have the option of purchasing return or one-way scenic charter flights between Launceston to Flinders Island as part of your package. These flights will depart Launceston at 10.30am on the first day of your adventure and return at approximately 1pm on the final day. You will need to meet at Launceston Airport at 10am on the first day of your tour.

Sharp Airlines also have flight options direct from Melbourne (Essendon Airport) and up to three flights a day from Launceston. If you would prefer to fly direct from Melbourne, or you would like to choose different flights so you can extend your time on Flinders Island, please contact Sharp Airlines direct on 1300 55 66 94 or [sharpairlines.com](http://sharpairlines.com).

**NOTE: Both the charter flights and Sharp Airlines have a 20kg baggage limit**

### Day One

Roaring 40's Kayaking staff will meet you on the first day of your tour at Launceston Airport at 10am, or at Flinders Island Airport at 11.30am if you choose to book your own flights. After a light lunch we will jump in the kayaks for a relaxing afternoon paddle around Sawyers Bay before setting in to our accommodation and enjoying some Flinders Island produce for dinner.

### Meals and Food

All meals, snacks and drinks, including all cooking equipment and eating utensils, are provided from lunch on day 1 to breakfast on the last day. We can cater for most dietary requirements, (e.g. vegetarians, lactose/gluten intolerant etc). If you have a dietary requirement please let us know when you book.

A glass of Tasmanian wine or beer is provided with dinner each evening. If you would like to purchase additional alcohol there will be opportunity to stop at a local bottle shop during the trip.

The final evening we will travel to Flinders Island Wharf for a dining experience celebrating beautiful island produce including world-class beef, lamb and seafood prepared by their incredible local and guest chefs.

## Accommodation

Accommodation is at Sawyers Bay Beach Shacks, with absolute beach frontage it is the perfect location for a kayaking adventure. There are two shacks, both with large open plan living areas and decks with expansive views across Bass Strait, Mount Strzelecki and the outer islands. There are five bedrooms across the two shacks with shared facilities in each shack.

Singles may be required to share with another single of the same sex. A single supplement of 50% applies to secure a private single room.

## Safety and Medications

Flinders Island has a resident doctor, pharmacy and emergency services. These services are some distance from our accommodation so we recommend bringing all medication you will require for your trip.

**If you are taking any medications please be sure to let your guide know.** It is also important that you let us know if you have any pre-existing medical conditions or injuries. Our supplies of non-prescription medications are limited. If this is a concern, feel free to bring your own. All Roaring 40's Kayaking's trip leaders hold sea kayaking and wilderness first aid qualifications. We carry an extensive first aid kit, satellite phone, location beacon, marine radio, flare kits and towing equipment in case of emergencies.

## Weather

Flinders Island is generally mild (by Tasmanian standards) as the sea has a moderating effect protecting the islands from extremes of temperature. Cooler than Melbourne in the summer and unexpectedly warmer than Melbourne in winter, they also have more sunny days than the Gold Coast! Expect average temperatures between February and April from 12° to 22° degrees and at least one day of rain or drizzle. Flinders is also situated on the 40<sup>th</sup> parallel with the Roaring 40's winds crossing the island. February to April the winds are traditionally at their calmest, but there is always a possibility of windy days. On these days we will try to find protected paddling locations, or offer walking options instead.

## Swimming

With the warmer weather on Flinders Island, swimming is definitely an option most days. Bring goggles or a mask and snorkel if you enjoy swimming.

## Kayaking Equipment

We pride ourselves on providing participants with high-quality sea-kayaking equipment. In practical terms it means that you will have a PFD that fits, a quality spray deck, a light paddle, good-quality paddle jacket and pants, pogies (paddling mitts) and a well-maintained sea kayak. Of course, you are welcome to bring your favourite paddling accessories, such as split paddle, PFD and paddling jacket, but please ensure they fit within your flight weight allowance.

## Power and phones

There will be power to charge mobiles and cameras at Sawyers Bay Shacks. Mobile coverage is patchy at Sawyers Bay Shacks and across Flinders but is available depending on your carrier. We recommend turning phones off during your tour for your enjoyment and that of others.

## Biosecurity

The greatest threat to Tasmania's land plants is an introduced plant disease called root rot (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*). Root rot is spread on the muddy boots and camping gear of visitors. Once root rot infects an area, it cannot be removed. **Before you pack, please CHECK, CLEAN AND DRY all clothing and equipment**, paying particular attention to boots and velcro on clothing.

## Itinerary

Due to the variability of the weather (including those Roaring 40's winds), and the range of options available to us on Flinders Island, we have no fixed schedule. Whilst we do our best to fulfil the wishes and aspirations of our participants, our first priority is participant safety. The number of days paddling, and the number of hours in the kayaks on each of those days, is highly variable and dependent upon both participants and conditions. We have over 15 different paddling locations available to us and our guides are experienced at optimising each day's plan to make the most of prevailing conditions.

On a typical day we will aim to kayak for approximately 2-3 hours in the morning and 2-3 hours in the afternoon. Kayaking speed is relaxed (i.e. it is like going for a relaxed walk rather than a sprint).

There may also be days when kayaking is not possible due to strong winds. Bring footwear and clothing suitable for walking on these days.

## Extending your stay on Flinders Island

For information on accommodation, car hire and things to do, we recommend the Visit Flinders Island website. Find them at <http://www.visitflindersisland.com.au/>.

## COVID-19 Policy

To ensure your health and safety we have implemented a range of COVID-Safe measures and updated cancellation policy. Read our COVID-19 Safe Policies on our website -

<https://roaring40skayaking.com.au/COVID-Policy>

## Deposit and Final Payments

Deposit and payment conditions apply as follows:

- For all bookings made more than 60 days prior to the departure date, a deposit of \$400 per person is required to secure the booking. The balance is payable no less than 60 days prior to the departure date.
- Bookings made 60 days or less prior to departure are required to make full payment to secure the booking.
- Payment can be made by direct deposit, cheque or credit card (a credit card surcharge of 1% applies to payments over \$400 per person).
- Children: This kayaking expedition is not recommended for children under 18 unless they have experience kayaking (please contact us to discuss suitability). No child discount applies.

## Cancellation Policy and Travel Insurance

The following cancellation policy applies:

- Bookings cancelled more than 60 days prior to departure will be charged a fee of \$400.
- Bookings cancelled between 60 to 30 days prior to departure will be charged 50% of the trip cost.
- Bookings cancelled inside 30 days prior to departure will be charged the full value of the booking. No refund will apply.

Roaring 40's Kayaking reserves the right to cancel any trip due to weather conditions, insufficient numbers or other circumstances outside of its control. In such a case, participants will be given a choice of:

- Transferring payments towards another trip date; or
- Receiving a full refund; or
- If insufficient numbers, payment of an additional fee to have the trip run as scheduled.

Roaring 40's Kayaking will not be responsible for reimbursement of cost of flights, accommodation, hire car, meals or any other incidental costs which are or may be incurred in relation to the cancelled trip.

***Important: Roaring 40's Kayaking strongly recommends purchasing travel insurance that covers losses due to unforeseen events that result in cancellations.***



## GEAR LIST

### Essential Clothing

- Lightweight thermal long sleeve top for paddling
- Lightweight thermal long johns for paddling
- Lightweight fleece for paddling
- Quick drying shorts
- Quick drying long trousers
- 2 or 3 lightweight quick drying t-shirts
- Outfit for a casual dinner out
- Warm polar fleece or down jacket
- Quality breathable rain jacket with hood for walking
- Swimwear
- Sleepwear
- Footwear for paddling that can get wet (*sandals, wet suit booties, Crocs*)
- Trail walking shoes/runners or lightweight hiking boots if you prefer ankle support
- Shoes/sandals for around the shack
- Sun hat
- Sun glasses
- Beanie or woolly hat
- Pair of gloves (just in case)
- 1 pair of warm socks
- 1 pair of walking socks
- Underwear for 7 days

### Essential Personal Items

- Water bottle / hydration system (*minimum 1 litre capacity*)
- Personal toiletries including soap/shampoo and any medications you may need
- Beach towel or pack towel
- Sunscreen and 50+ Lip Balm
- Insect repellent
- Headlamp with spare batteries

### Optional Items

- Swimming goggles or mask and snorkel
- Short or long sleeved rash vest
- Long sleeved quick drying shirt for sun protection
- Sarong
- Paddling gloves
- Gaiters
- Camera
- Book
- Journal and pen
- Small frameless daypack
- Extra wine or spirits (*we supply a glass of wine/beer with dinner each evening but there will opportunity to purchase extra supplies on Flinders Island*)

### What we provide:

- Transport on Flinders Island
- Kayaks and all kayaking equipment including PFD, spray skirts and paddle
- 1x dry bag for your personal belongings while kayaking
- Waterproof paddling jacket and pants
- Pogies (paddling mitts)
- All linen and bath towels
- All meals, drinks and snacks including a glass of wine/beer each evening
- Final evening meal at Flinders Island Wharf
- All cooking equipment including cups, plates and eating utensils
- Toilet paper and toilet kit
- Antibacterial hand gel
- Small book library with a variety of reference books including field guides
- Comprehensive first aid and emergency safety equipment
- Two professional sea kayak guides

### What's not included:

- Flights to Flinders Island (you can book these separately or through us)
- Accommodation in Tasmania or on Flinders Island prior to and after your trip
- Insurance (we strongly recommend you purchase travel insurance)

## GEAR NOTES

### Thermals

Synthetic or wool thermals are a critical element to comfort in cooler and wet weather. The synthetic or wool material wicks water away from the skin, keeping the layer closest to you warm and dry. We strongly recommend you bring at least one set of thermals for paddling. Garments that are any type of cotton, cotton blend or silk are not suitable (once these fabrics get wet they will become cold on your skin).

### Rain gear

We supply a waterproof paddling jacket and waterproof pants for kayaking. The jacket has velcro around the wrist to help stop water from running along your arms when kayaking. The pants we provide are non-breathable, but great for stopping the wind when you get out of the kayak.

We recommend you bring your own breathable waterproof jacket for walking opportunities.

### Footwear

Kayakers have to be prepared to get their feet wet! You can either opt for water sandals (like Tevas/Keens), light neoprene booties or Crocs (most of our guides wear Crocs!).

We plan to also do some walking, and if we have strong winds we may also look at some longer walks. Trail hiking shoes or runners are ideal, or lightweight hiking boots if you prefer ankle support. Note the trails can be muddy and rutted so your shoes can get wet and dirty.

It is also great to have a dry pair of shoes for around the shack. Sandals, runners or crocs are good options.

### Water bottle/hydration system

You will require at least 1 litre of water carrying capacity. Each morning and night, and at lunch, you will be able to re-fill your water bottles. Each kayak will have a deck bag where you can store either your water bottle or hydration pack.

### Equipment we supply

Below is the makes and models of the equipment we supply:

- Kayaks – Misson ECO NIIZH 565
- Paddles – Galasport Seawolf carbon tour
- Paddle Jackets – Burke

### Bag weight limitations on Flights

Remember there is a 15kg checked weight limitation plus 5kg hand luggage on both our charter flights and Sharp Airlines.





## 4 Day 'Wilderness on Water' Expedition Example Itinerary

This itinerary is an **example** of a typical 7-day kayaking adventure on Flinders Island. All days are adapted to suit the weather and the desires of the individual participants to ensure a safe and satisfying experience for everyone. We have over 15 different paddling locations available to us and our guides are experienced at optimising each day's plan to make the most of prevailing conditions.

You can expect beautiful sandy beaches, rocky crags, blue seas and mountain views. If we have days that are too windy for paddling we have a range of walking options available as well.

### Day 1

Arrive Tasmanian Aero Club near Launceston Airport at 10am. Our charter flight is due to depart at 10.30am and arrive on Flinders Island at 11.30am. If you are meeting us on Flinders Island meet us at Flinders Island Airport at 11.30am. Remember to pack your paddling clothes at the top of your bag as after a light lunch we will jump in the kayaks for a relaxing afternoon paddle around Sawyers Bay before setting in to our accommodation. For dinner we will enjoy some Flinders Island produce for dinner with a glass of wine.

### Day 2

Trousers Point to Lady Barron - Our paddle starts at Trousers Point, an often-photographed secluded bay, then winds around the coast, past the Strzelecki National Park to the small but busy town and port of Lady Barron. Walking options available at Trousers Point.

### Day 3

Palana Beach and North East River - At our starting point, there's a tiny group of shacks which were originally set up as a radio station during WWII when the fear of Japanese invasions was at its peak. You can still see the barracks, mess hall, office and weapons depot. There are also great views along Palana Beach to the Sister Island group to enjoy. North East River is a tidal estuary on the far corner of the island which is an important habitat for sea birds.

### Day 4

Killiecranke Bay and The Docks- Stunning Killiecranke Beach has it all as we paddle the length of the beach and around rocky headlands – sandy beaches, blue seas, mountain views and a shipwreck. It's also famous for "Killiecrankie diamonds" (semi-precious clear topaz) so keep your eyes open on the beach and around the rocks!

## Day 5

Wybalenna to Lillies Beach – Paddle past some beautiful beaches and rocky crags. In calm conditions we may even be able to paddle out to Wybalenna Island. Optional visit to the Furneaux Museum.

## Day 6

Tanners Bay and Royden Island - Picturesque Tanners Bay is a cove with a cluster of small islands and the remains of an old jetty. Roydon Island, just offshore, has a crunchy sand beach and a cute little hut tucked in the coastal scrub.

Royden Island is also known as "The Kayakers Island" as it is a main landing point for Bass Strait kayak crossings

Tonight we venture out to Flinders Island Wharf for a dining experience celebrating beautiful island produce including world-class beef, lamb and seafood prepared by their incredible local and guest chefs.

## Day 7

The final day of our adventure typically starts with a relaxed breakfast. You will have time for a last swim/snorkel at the beautiful Sawyers Bay beach before we head to the airport for a 12 noon departure. You are due to arrive back in Launceston at approximately 1pm.

