



3-DAY 'WILDERNESS ON WATER' EXPLORATION

Experience three brilliant and unforgettable days

Rare experiences, new horizons, life-long memories – and all in just three brilliant and unforgettable days. This 3-day exploration is an ideal way to experience the majesty of the World Heritage Area wilderness if your time is at a premium, or you are new to paddling or wilderness camping.

A spectacular flight deep into the World Heritage Area wilderness of southwest Tasmania - paddling to remote and beautiful destinations in protected waterways – enjoying camping with a splash of comfort at the standing camp in the rainforest – these are the highlights of our 3-Day Sea Kayak Exploration.

Due to the unique nature of this area and the variability of the weather that it experiences we have no fixed route or schedule. Following is a sample itinerary of what you may expect.

Day 1

Depending on the weather, we fly across mountain ranges, close to the quartzite crags of Federation Peak; or along the wild and rugged South Coast, with its string of remote ocean beaches. After landing at Melaleuca airstrip, near the home where legendary pioneer of the southwest Deny King once lived, we paddle a short distance down the quiet inlet to our Forest Lagoon campsite. You're in the wilderness – but in comfort, with spacious platform tents, a covered kitchen and dining area and toilet facilities. After lunch, we'll enjoy an afternoon paddle along the sheltered shores of Bathurst Harbour, visiting sandy beaches and the unique Celery Top Islands with their canopy of native pines. In the evening, a glass of wine and a fine meal of fresh Tasmanian produce ends a wonderful day.

Day 2

Over a hearty breakfast, our guides will check the weather and discuss plans with the group. Options include further explorations of Bathurst Harbour – perhaps past Mt Rugby and through The Narrows to Joe Page Bay, or into the calm waters of Moulters Inlet. The coastline of the harbour is complex, so there are plenty of options for pleasant paddling in almost any weather. Depending on the conditions, we'll explore bays and beaches, points and headlands; we'll cross open stretches of water or hug the shore; we'll nudge into wild and remote rivers with thickly-forested banks. After lunch ashore we'll turn our backs to the breeze and enjoy a relaxed return trip to Forest Lagoon.

Day 3

In the morning we'll take a short paddle across the lagoon to Claytons, once the home of fisherman Clyde Clayton. Now deserted, the house is tucked away in a sheltered corner of Melaleuca Inlet and there are still some remains of the garden that was lovingly tended by Mrs Clayton. An easy walk takes us to the summit of Mt Beattie, where there's a spectacular view overlooking the destinations we've explored over the previous two days. Back in camp, we'll pack the boats and paddle back along Melaleuca Inlet to meet our plane for the return flight to Hobart.