



North West Tasmania Tours

Aboriginal Heritage Day - 1 Day Tour A Special Experience with an Aboriginal Elder

Summary

North West Tasmania is steeped in Aboriginal culture and this is an authentic opportunity to see their Country through their eyes. Today's itinerary will be led by an Aboriginal Elder who will enrich your understanding of the original custodians and their culture. You will learn about the rich and ancient Aboriginal heritage through ceremony, storytelling and connection to Country by visiting sacred sites including 40,000-year-old rock art, middens and former homes.

You will visit culturally significant sites at West Point, Green Point and Sundown Point. It is here at the sacred sites at the behest of the Elders we evoke the spirit of the ancestors to impart their legend, and in the deep quiet when you are very still, the ancients may whisper to you..... This is our untold story.

***Itinerary**

9.00 Gather at The Postmaster Inn Bed and Breakfast – 10 Smith Street, Smithton

We start our day at the Postmaster Inn Bed and Breakfast, where our Aboriginal Elder will discuss the day's activities and invite you to ask questions and engage in open and meaningful conversation regarding the culture and heritage of North West Tasmania.

9.30 Depart Smithton for Iaraturunawn/Sundown Point, arrive 10.45am

The journey to Iaraturunawn/Sundown Point is through lush green pastures that are the foundation of the North West's agricultural industry and the driving force behind the early pioneers colonisation of the region. Arriving at our destination you will see one of the world's great archaeological and cultural sites – the Iaraturunawn petroglyphs – prehistoric rock carvings crafted by one of the oldest peoples to have walked the earth. These are some of the rarest Aboriginal engraving sites in the world. Through storytelling and a sense of place your guide will shepherd you through a chronicle that started around 40,000 years ago when the very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations People. When you look out to sea from the coast, the view is of an ocean that is boiling, the water is wild, the swell is huge and the waves seem to come from all directions and the realisation of the words "Always was, always will be" resound with your soul. A surreal journey that many have called a memorable and transformative experience.

12.00 Lunch – Enjoy a picnic style lunch with all the trimmings

1.00 Depart Iaraturunawn/Sundown Point for Nungu/West Point arrive 1.30

In this ancient location you will be welcomed to Country with a traditional smoking ceremony and as we trace the footsteps of the Ancestors walking along the beach you will see middens and hut depressions, remnants of families that dwelled here in perfect harmony with nature over 30,000

years ago. You will come face to face with jaw-dropping rugged natural beauty that is uniquely North West Tasmania.

2.30 Depart nungu/West Point for taypalaka/Green Point, Arrive 3.00pm – Rest break

Against the backdrop of the Bass Strait at taypalaka/Green Point in Marrawah indulge in informative and interactive conversation with your guide. The story of Tunnerrwait a local Aboriginal man from the early 1800 is depicted on story boards in the gazebo. Marrawah is also known for hosting the Rip Curl West Coast Classic, Tasmania's premier surfing event. Keep your eye out for big swells they can produce 6 metre waves on the right day!

3.45 Depart taypalaka/Green Point for Smithton

4.30 Arrive at Smithton

Prices and Inclusions

Tour includes:

- ♥ Guided tour with Aboriginal Elder
- ♥ Gourmet picnic lunch
- ♥ Morning/Afternoon tea
- ♥ Bottled waters
- ♥ All Parks and Wildlife permits
- ♥ Luxury transport to all tour destinations.

~~\$415 per person~~ **\$346 per person – Adult**

~~\$252 per child~~ **\$210 per person – Child (up to 12 years)**

Add Options

- ❖ Include 1-night accommodation in a Queen room with private ensuite at The Postmaster Inn, a boutique heritage style Bed and Breakfast with a full dining service – Rate includes a continental breakfast per person.
Add \$160 per room – maximum 2 guests
- ❖ Include breakfast and or dinner – Choose from our selection of gourmet meals highlighting fresh local gourmet fare including seasonal seafood, prime produce and organic fruit and vegetables Contact us for information regarding meal options **Ph 03) 5977 3867** or click on our menu tab.
- ❖ Include Airport transfers - Contact us **Ph 03) 5977 3867** for information regarding airport transfers.
- ❖ Include a handcrafted Tasmanian wooden gift box – Contact us **Ph 03) 5977 3867** for information relating to a range of custom-made Tasmanian wood boxes.

Group size Maximum of 6 people. Minimum of 4 people.

Terrain Easy to moderate, beach walking

Bring your Comfortable and stout walking shoes, camera, wet weather gear (seasonal), warmer layers in cooler months, sunglasses, sunscreen and hat.

**Contact North West Tasmania Tours for confirmation of meeting and pick up points
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**Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions*