

Accessibility Guide

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BRUNY ISLAND CRUISES

Where it all began in 1999 - Our award-winning 3 hour eco-cruise encompassing the second-tallest dolerite sea cliffs in the Southern Hemisphere, a multitude of caves and a jaunt into the Southern Ocean to view a haul-out of Australian Fur Seals on the isolated Friar Rocks. This tour does not involve any movement as such once onboard, we will manoeuvre the boat so that all guests are able to take in the beautiful scenery along this impressive coastline.

Tours start and finish at our Visitor Centre/Seafood Restaurant at 1005 Adventure Bay Road, Adventure Bay. This modern facility opened in December 2017 and is well equipped to accommodate guests of all levels of mobility.

5 Accessible Car Parks are located within a ramped 50m of the entrance foyer where there is either a 19-Step Spiral Staircase or an elevator to transfer to the main level. The open plan restaurant, retail and check-in area also has an accessible bathroom and level access to the balcony overlooking Adventure Bay and kunanyi / Mt Wellington.

The cruise departure point is from a newly built sloped jetty located 350m from the Visitors Centre. Access is via a wide, gently sloping gravel path then onto flat gravel around the edge of a carpark before arriving at the jetty. Vehicular access is also available to the jetty, where the boats will be within 50m from your vehicle.

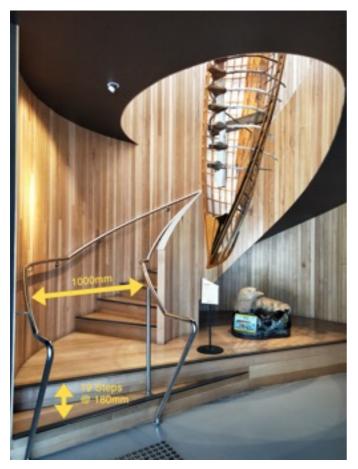
The boats themselves are not wheelchair accessible due to their size, however we have had many guests over the years with a multitude of mobility restrictions join us on the cruise. As shown in images below, there is a non-slip pad that must be crossed before two steps down on to the deck of the boat. The nearest seat is directly across the 840mm aisle from the entrance.

The smoothest ride can be found at the rear of our vessels as this is the pivot point for the boat as it rides over waves. More accurate weather forecasts are best obtained 1-2 days prior to your cruise.

Carpark with 5 accessible car spaces. Gently sloping ramp to entry foyer. 50m distance.



Entrance from top of ramp to entry foyer. 1050mm Wide level, manual push-pull door.



Staircase from entry foyer to main level 1000mm Wide with 19 Steps @ 180mm High



Elevator from entry foyer to main level 890mm Wide by 1500mm Deep

Alternative entrance from carpark to visitors centre/access from visitors centre to jetty via gently sloping gravel path. 300m from balcony to boat.



Access across carpark from bottom of slope towards jetty.

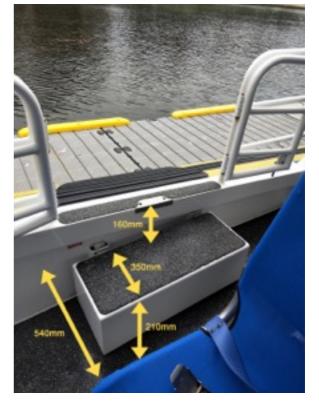


Other end of carpark with start of jetty.

Access from jetty onto boat. As our jetty uses a sloping design, we are usually able to create near-level access. There is still a small step over to a nonslip pad before 2 more steps down onto the deck.



Once onboard there is two more steps down onto the deck. The aisle is 540mm wide with a seat directly across the aisle. Good hand holds are available.





Seats are 450mm wide with 330mm of legroom.



TASMAN ISLAND CRUISES

The Tasman Island Cruise is a spectacular three hours along the coastline of the Peninsula. This three hour cruise gets you up close and personal with the tallest dolerite sea cliffs in the Southern Hemisphere, the rugged coastline and caves along the Tasman Peninsula. No movement is required as such once onboard. Our skippers will manoeuvre the boats to allow for great views from any seat onboard.

Tours start and finish at our booking office at 6961 Arthur Highway, Port Arthur. This building has car parking directly out front, is level throughout and has an accessible bathroom inside.

We operate from different cruise departure points depending on the weather conditions each day. Tour start and finish and our booking office regardless of the cruise route. We will provide bus transfers to and from the jetty. Check with staff in the afternoon before your cruise for an update on the route likely to be taken the next day. Access changes depending on which cruise route/jetty we are taking on a certain day.

The boats themselves are not wheelchair accessible due to their size, however we have had many guests over the years with a multitude of mobility restrictions join us on the cruise. As shown in images below, there is a non-slip pad that must be crossed before two steps down on to the deck of the boat. The nearest seat is directly across the 840mm aisle from the entrance.

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Please see below for access specifications for the boats.

Stewarts Bay Jetty

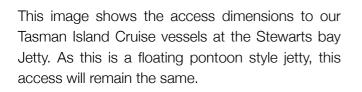
The bus will stop roughly 100m from the jetty. Images on this page show the type of path you will be on. 800mm wide at it's narrowest across the bridge, there is also a downhill gravel slope of about 30m in length with steps along the way and at the bottom. The floating pontoon jetty has a gangway between which is 1170mm wide with a 170mm step at the end. Crew are available to assist moving down this path.













Eaglehawk Neck Jetty

The bus generally stops around 40m from the jetty in the carpark area, however can be brought closer if necessary. As access to the boats here is from a regular jetty (not floating) the access height will change depending on the tide. Generally this is an easier point for unloading and loading than the Stewarts Bay Jetty with a smaller step down required.



Tasman Island Cruise Vessel Information

Once boarding at either jetty you will be onboard the boat for the duration of the three hour cruise.

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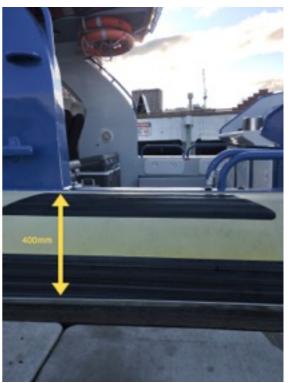


12 SEAT VESSELS IRON POT CRUISE & TASMANIAN SEAFOOD SEDUCTION

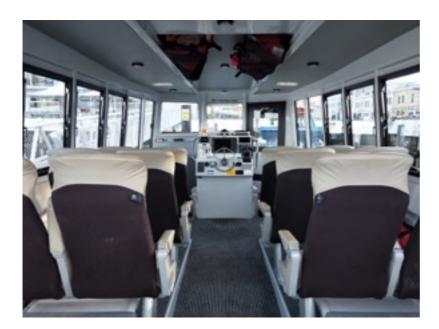
Operating from the Dock Head Building, Franklin Wharf, Hobart, our 12 seat vessels operate our **Iron Pot Cruise** and **Tasmanian Seafood Seduction** tours.

Access to these vessels is from a floating pontoon style jetty with an 1190mm wide gangway ramp down from the wharf area. Top of the gangway is around 50m from the Hobart Office. Access dimensions remain the same regardless of tide. 400mm step up. Once inside there is a 290mm then a 320mm step down.





The cabin onboard has 12 seats, on a slightly raked platform meaning there is a small step up to some seats. The bathroom is located at the front of the cabin and has a 450mm access width with three small steps down.







BRUNY ISLAND TRAVELLER

Departing from your Hobart CBD Hotel, the Bruny Island Traveller tour is a full day, all-inclusive tour of Bruny Island. Taste your way across Bruny Island visiting some of our favourite artisan producers on a gourmet adventure whilst taking in the spectacular scenery of Tasmania's favourite island.

This day involves lots of stops so you will be in and out of the bus very regularly.

All our stops along the way have flat/ramped access.

Bruny Island Cheese and Beer Company has an enclosed balcony area where our seated tasting takes place. This is located 50m from the bus requiring you to cross a gravel carpark area and go down a gradual gravel slope before reaching the balcony. An accessible bathroom is onsite.

Bruny Island Honey has a recently refurbished tasting area. The bus can be positioned at the bottom of a short ramp onto the balcony which then provides level access inside. The layout is openplan with a bathroom in the building.

Truganini Lookout is a favourite stop on our Bruny Island Traveller tour. With just shy of 240 steps from the carpark to the top, it affords spectacular views over the Bruny Island Neck. The steps are 140mm high, with plenty of flat platforms to rest along the way. There is also a wheelchair accessible ramp to a lookout by the beach. An accessible bathroom is available here.

Bruny Island Cruises Restaurant is at our visitors centre in Adventure Bay. Bus parking is located within a ramped 50m of the entrance foyer where there is either a 19-Step Spiral Staircase or an elevator for transfer to the main level. The open plan restaurant and retail area also has an accessible bathroom and level access to the balcony overlooking Adventure Bay and kunanyi / Mt Wellington.

Bruny Island Chocolate Company has an outside gravelled area with picnic benches where our tasting is usually conducted. If the weather is inclement we can move inside their retail area/tasting room. While there are no steps, the ground is gravel and there is no bathroom onsite.



OUR BUSES

We operate a fleet of buses to provide transport to and from our journeys. For the Bruny and Tasman Island Cruises, we offer bus transfers from the Hobart Waterfront. We also offer the Bruny Island Traveller, a land based tour taking in many of the gourmet food producers on the island. Whilst the buses used on certain tours are subject to change, the below will provide information regarding the access to our buses.

20 Seat Toyota Coasters

These buses are primarily used for our Bruny Island Traveller tour, however especially on quiet days they may be deployed for the Bruny Island and Tasman Island Cruise bus services.

With steps of 170mm, 190mm and 300mm, the Coaster provides for easy access. Once onboard it has a 300mm aisle width, along with 210mm of legroom. The front row has 460mm of legroom. Seat width is 460mm.



37 Seat Bonluck Coaches

These modern coaches may be deployed on any tour. They will kneel to an initial step height of 230mm, followed by 5 steps of 170mm each.

Once onboard the aisle is 350mm wide. Legroom is 300mm with a seat width of 460mm. There is also a large luggage area capable of transporting walkers/wheelchairs etc.





41 Seat Bonluck Coaches

These modern coaches may be deployed on any tour. They will kneel to an initial step height of 270mm, followed by 5 steps of 200mm each.

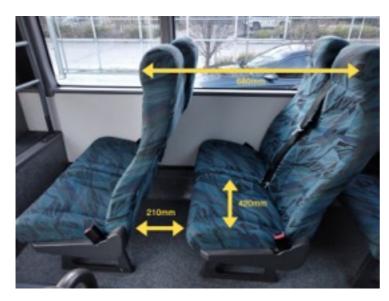
Once onboard the aisle is 370mm wide. Legroom is 315mm with a seat width of 450mm. There is also USB Charging facilities at each seat and a large luggage area capable of transporting walkers/wheelchairs etc.





34 Seat Hino RB8's

These buses are generally used as our Bruny and Tasman Island Cruise full day tour buses. They may also be used for transfers for our Tasman Island Cruise. The higher ground clearance makes for a 420mm initial step up. There is good hand holds on both sides. Once onboard there is a 300mm aisle with 210mm of legroom. Seat width is 420mm.





57 Seat Bonluck Coach

This larger coach is used to transfer guests between our booking centre in Port Arthur and the Eaglehawk Neck cruise departure point on busier days. This modern coach kneels to a 270mm entry height followed by 4×210 mm steps.

Once onboard the aisle is 350mm wide.

