

# the walls of jerusalem experience



## trip highlights

- ..... Spectacular base camp location central to a diverse range of day walking opportunities
- ..... Tasmania's last remaining stands of ancient pencil pine forests
- ..... Summit numerous mountain peaks including Mt Jerusalem, The Temple and Solomons Throne
- ..... Abundant wildlife and stunning endemic wildflowers
- ..... Fascinating highland heritage and historic mountain huts
- ..... Delicious evening meals cooked by your wilderness guides



<b>Trip Duration</b>	4 days	<b>Trip Code: WJX</b>
<b>Grade</b>	Moderate	
<b>Activities</b>	Trekking with a day pack and full pack	
<b>Summary</b>	4 day trip, 2 days trekking with a full pack, 2 days walking, 3 nights camping	

## Tasmanian Expeditions

Thank you for your interest in our The Walls of Jerusalem Experience trip. Tasmanian Expeditions offers the largest range of active adventure holidays across Australia's island state. With over three decades of experience, our comprehensive range of active trips include every iconic Tasmanian walk, Franklin River rafting expeditions, Self Guided walking and cycling trips, Family and Gourmet Adventures as well as award-winning Multi Activity tours. We also offer a number of carefully selected accommodated walks and day tours operated by trusted partners. All our guided tours are led by highly experienced and passionate guides and include meals, internal transport, accommodation, National Park fees and group camping equipment. If you cannot find the right trip for you we can easily customise a private trip or special itinerary just for your group.

## why travel with Tasmanian Expeditions?

When it comes to experiencing the very best of the Tasmanian wilderness it makes sense to travel with Tasmanian Expeditions. In each and every trip we combine:

- 30 + years experience
- The most experienced professional guides
- An unblemished safety record
- 24 hour backup
- A commitment to sustainable travel practices
- Quality equipment
- Delicious meals sourced from Tasmanian produce

Each and every trip will provide you with a high quality experience that represents unsurpassed value for money. We look forward to helping you explore our amazing wilderness - the right way.



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## trip dates

**2026** 19 Oct - 22 Oct  
16 Nov - 19 Nov  
30 Nov - 03 Dec  
31 Dec - 03 Jan **H**

**2027** 25 Jan - 28 Jan **H**  
15 Feb - 18 Feb **H**  
10 Mar - 13 Mar **HS**  
05 Apr - 08 Apr

## important notes

**H** - High Season

**HS** - Holiday Season

**Note:** - A high season supplement applies from 1 December to 15 February, and for any trip that overlaps a public holiday.

**DN2** - For those who would prefer to reduce the weight they will carry on day 1 and 4, we have a portering option available. The guides will carry in the tents and sleeping mats should you choose this option. Supplements apply and the cost will vary depending on how many other people on your trip would also like their tents and sleeping mats portered.

**DN3** - Permits for tours from December 2026 onwards are to be confirmed.

Tasmanian Expeditions does not require single travellers pay a surcharge for travelling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveller of the same sex and if we cannot match you up we will provide a single room (or tent if applicable) at no extra charge. If you prefer not to share, a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room (or tent if applicable) pending availability. Please refer to our website for the additional cost.

## the trip

Discover a mountain landscape only accessible by foot on this exclusive walk in the magnificent Walls of Jerusalem, Tasmania's only true alpine National Park.

On this trip we use a comfortable base camp near the main peaks, allowing for delightful day walks with light packs into the heart of this spectacular mountain region. On the first day we make the short, steep hike up to the base camp with full packs, then set up our tents on raised timber platforms nestled amongst the wilderness. You'll have the chance to climb King David's Peak and Mt Jerusalem, from where views stretch across much of Tasmania, or venture to remote outer regions such as Golden Gate or Zion Vale. Each evening we return to camp, situated near a stunning cluster of alpine tarns known as Solomons Jewels, where your guides will prepare gourmet camp meals served with a view.

Utilising the base camp, this trip is an ideal introduction to remote wilderness walking in one of Tasmania's most pristine alpine environments.

## at a glance

A PRE-TOUR BRIEFING IS HELD THE DAY BEFORE THE TRIP COMMENCES, PLEASE SEE ITINERARY BELOW FOR DETAILS.

DAY 1	TRANSFER FROM LAUNCESTON, TREK TO WILD DOG CREEK BASE CAMP
DAY 2	EXPLORE WALLS OF JERUSALEM NATIONAL PARK
DAY 3	EXPLORE WALLS OF JERUSALEM NATIONAL PARK
DAY 4	TREK FROM WILD DOG CREEK BASE CAMP, TRANSFER TO LAUNCESTON

## what's included

- 2 professional wilderness guides
- 3 nights camping at a remote base camp
- 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners, snacks and hot drinks
- Transport by private minibus
- National Park fees
- Tent, backpack, gaiters
- Sleeping bag, inner sheet & inflatable sleeping mat
- Group camping equipment including all cooking & eating equipment
- Emergency communications & group first aid kit

## what's not included

- Travel to and from Launceston before and after the trip
- Accommodation before or after the trip
- Items of a personal nature: alcoholic beverages, car parking etc
- Travel insurance
- Face masks and hand sanitiser

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## detailed itinerary

The tour commences with a **COMPULSORY** pre-departure briefing at Tasmanian Expeditions Offices, 3/33 Churchill Park Drive, Invermay at 1pm on the day before departure. It is **ESSENTIAL** that you make your travel arrangements to enable you to attend this briefing and that you bring along all of the gear/clothing required for your expedition with you.

The briefing will be approximately 2 hours in duration and will include:

- Opportunity to meet your fellow group members over a complimentary hot beverage
- Overview of the itinerary and objectives of the tour
- Cross-check of required gear and clothing
- Distribution and packing of all hire gear requested and/or included in the tour price
- Explanation of what is expected from the group and individual participants
- Outline of inherent risks of the trip and our emergency procedures
- Explanation of conservation strategies and Leave No Trace principles
- Forecast weather conditions
- Confirmation of pick up times and locations for the following morning's departure
- Opportunity to pack your backpack and leave it with your guides, ready for the following morning

### DAY 1 Transfer from Launceston, trek to Wild Dog Creek base camp

We pick you up early this morning in Launceston, from one of our two pick up locations. Our first pick up point is at 8:15am from the Grand Chancellor and our second pick up point is at 8:30am at the Penny Royal. You will then be transferred to the Walls of Jerusalem National Park (travel time approx. 2 hours). Carrying our full backpacks into this magnificent highland area will provide us with a challenge but we will be given plenty of encouragement from our guides as well as snacks and numerous rest stops along the way.

Once the plateau has been reached, the walking is flat and spectacular as we pass by numerous tarns and lakes en route to our base camp for the next 3 nights. On arrival we set up camp, relax and enjoy the amazing surrounds of the rugged mountain of King Davids Peak (1499m).

Walking Distance 7km | Walking Time 4 hours.

\*You will need to arrive in Launceston the day before your trip, ensuring that you arrive in time to attend the 1:00pm pre-trip briefing.

**meals: L,D**

### DAY 2 Explore Walls of Jerusalem National Park

Today we head out from our camp (carrying just our day packs) passing Lake Salome and the Pool of Bethesda before reaching the imposing dolerite Gate of Damascus. From the 'Gate' we walk through a rare stand of ancient pencil pines, coming to lush grasslands known as Dixons Kingdom. The cultural heritage hut here was built in the early 1930s by Reg Dixon, a trapper of the time.

After a short break enjoying our lush green surrounds, we head off to climb Mt Jerusalem. On a clear day the views from Mt Jerusalem stretch across the central highlands where you will see why the area is referred to as the 'Land of a Thousand Lakes'. Our return route to base camp either takes us through the Gate of the Chain or the Golden Gate. Either way spectacular sub-alpine scenery awaits.

Walking Distance 8-12km | Walking Time 6-8 hours

**meals: B,L,D**

### DAY 3 Explore Walls of Jerusalem National Park

Today is another bushwalker's dream. After breakfast at our scenic camp, we continue to explore this alpine paradise carrying just day packs. We can climb Solomons Throne from where we have

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## fast facts

### Private Groups:

#### Group Size Min:

6

#### Group Size Max:

10

Private group options are available for this trip\*

#### Leader:

Expert local leader

#### Advice for people with limited mobility

This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

#### Brochure Reference:

Tasmanian Expeditions

## responsible travel

Tasmanian Expeditions operates in some of the world's most pristine and beautiful environments, including the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage area.

Our passion for the Tasmanian wilderness is at the core of our values; we are informed and guided by this, ensuring that everything we do is carefully managed for sustainability. We have an exceptional record of successfully utilising minimum impact procedures to ensure that the wilderness values that inspire us are undiminished by our activities.

We invite you to experience the Tasmanian wilderness with us, so that you can experience the transformation that nature can bring, yet be assured that you will not be transforming nature. Our environmental policies together with your help and co-operation will ensure that we can safeguard the pristine wilderness areas in which we operate.

Visit our website to learn more about our Leave No Trace policy.

## trip grading

an excellent view of the area we walked on the previous day. From here we head south and enjoy yet more of the lakes, tarns, forests and open grass lands that make this such a superb and pristine walking location. For those that are keen there are more opportunities to climb the surrounding peaks such as The Temple and King Davids Peak.

Our last night is spent enjoying the serenity of the Tasmanian Alpine environment from our comfortable camp.

Walking Distance 8-12km | Walking Time 6-8 hours

meals: B,L,D

### DAY 4 Trek from Wild Dog Creek base camp, transfer to Launceston

This morning we bid farewell to this truly outstanding part of Tasmania's World Heritage Area and begin our walk off the plateau. We meander past the sparkling tarns of Solomons Jewels, descend steeply through tall eucalyptus forests filled with melodious bird call, and stop for a rest at the old Trappers Hut. The final section of gentle downhill track gives us time to reflect on the last four days of outstanding bushwalking.

Shrugging off our trusty backpacks, we board the bus and cruise to the village of Mole Creek for a celebratory pub lunch together. Congratulations on completing one of Tasmania's most magnificent and unforgettable wilderness walks! We return to Launceston by approximately 3.30pm, our two drop-off points in Launceston are the Grand Chancellor and the Penny Royal.

Walking Distance: 7km | Walking Time: 3-4 hours

meals: B,L

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

## making your way to the briefing rooms

You will need to make your own way to the Tasmanian Expeditions offices for your pre-departure briefing but at its conclusion your guides will be happy to transfer you back to your central city accommodation.

Please refer to the following options:

#### WALKING:

We suggest walking along the Esk River Walkway, watching out for the Tasmanian Expeditions sign as you approach the end. Depending on where you start walking it will take between 15-30 minutes, a good warm up for the walks you will experience on your tour.

#### TAXI:

Please take a taxi to 3/33 Churchill Park Drive, Invermay. Your taxi fare should be approximately \$10 from the city centre.

## am i suitable for this trip?

Physical and mental preparation for your trip cannot be highlighted enough. Come open minded and ready for a wonderful experience whatever the weather, whoever the group, whatever your preconceived ideas. Your guides will be working to enhance your trek and maximise your safety.

## climate

Tasmania is located between Latitudes 40 and 43, with the island's temperature and weather moderated by the surrounding oceans. The cool temperate climate offers four distinct seasons which can interchange on any given day of the year. Summer in-land temperatures average 24 degrees with nights averaging a relatively cool 8 degrees. Rainfall in Tasmania is

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## Moderate

This adventure involves trekking for up to 6 or 7 hours a day at a steady pace.

You will need a good level of fitness and must be in good health. You carry a full pack (approx 14-18kg) on the first and last day. Be prepared for potential variable weather conditions. Walks can be steep in sections, and some ascents may involve sections of scrambling.

Suggested preparation: 45 minutes of aerobic type exercise, three to four times a week (this can be cycling, jogging or walking) interspersed with relatively demanding bushwalks carrying a full pack weight (up to 18kgs). You should walk regularly with a weighted day pack (5-7kg) for several hours for leg strengthening and aerobic fitness. The best preparation for your trek is multi day bushwalking involving relatively steep ascents and descents and in variable weather conditions.

## adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with our trained staff.

## important note

The above itinerary is to be taken as a guide only. Inclement weather, group fitness and a number of other factors may influence our planned itinerary causing delays and variations. The Tasmanian Expeditions group leader reserves the right to make modifications and or alterations to the trip's itinerary in the best interests of all involved.

far higher than any mainland counterpart and averages 2700 millimetres on the west coast and central highlands.

Tasmania's alpine regions can experience heavy rainfalls and temperatures below zero degrees in summer. For group safety and comfort, having adequate gear and equipment for the local conditions ensures accessibility to the wilderness is enjoyed. Tasmanian Expeditions has a specialist gear list available that details what clothing and equipment is required for each of our Tasmanian adventures.

## a typical day

Each day, each group, each guide influences itinerary details but the following gives you an idea of daily timing:

Mornings start with a hot drink call from your guides. They then prepare a nourishing breakfast whilst you pack up your equipment and prepare for the day. After breakfast and complete pack-down of camp we set off for the day's walk.

The morning walk is usually 3-4 hours with numerous breaks along the way. A leisurely picnic lunch is served on the trail which provides the chance to take off your pack, put your feet up and enjoy the magnificent scenery.

The afternoon walk is usually shorter than the morning walk, getting us to camp with time for setting up our tents, exploring, or just relaxing with a hot drink and a chat. Over a scrumptious, hearty dinner your guides will give a briefing on the following day's activities and tell a few stories before heading off for the night's rest.

## meals during the trek

Tasmanian Expeditions aims to provide quality wilderness meals to meet the satisfaction of all our guests. Our guides have remarkable wilderness culinary skills and pride themselves on the variety, quality, nutritional levels and their ability to cater to a wide range of dietary requirements. Each guide is able to select their own menu for the destination. Depending on the length of the expedition, some meals will use dehydrated product to lighten loads carried by the group. You will be given your own personal bag of snacks to consume at your leisure throughout the trip so you always have a source of energy ready at hand. Please feel free to bring along your own favourite snack to complement the ample food provided.

- Breakfasts - ranges from cereals to delicious porridge accompanied by a steaming hot pot of 'bush' coffee.
- Lunches - variation each day, wraps, rice cakes or fresh salad rolls with an assortment of cold meats.
- Dinners- varies from trip to trip, 2-3 courses, fresh Tasmanian foods where possible. There will be some nights on most camping trips when an entree or dessert won't be cooked (may be cheese and dips for entree, or biscuits for dessert).

## dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance we are able to cater for vegetarian diets, and can assist with food intolerances. Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us at least a month prior to your trip to determine whether we can cater for your dietary needs. Please note that options are likely to be limited in remote locations or alternatives can be more expensive or unavailable and there may be times when those with special requirements need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut free or allergen free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self administering these medications.

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## hygiene

Tasmanian Expeditions is deeply committed to ensuring the natural heritage and wilderness values of Tasmania are undiminished for generations to come. The following policies and techniques for personal hygiene in the wilderness will help to reduce our impact and ensure our trip is sustainable:

- Please keep toiletries to an absolute minimum. This is a benefit to the environment and to the weight of your pack! If you bring biodegradable products their suitability will be discussed at your pre-tour briefing. We suggest embracing the 'bush look' and leaving shampoo, soaps and hair products behind. Natural 100% Tea Tree oil serves as a good antiseptic soap/shampoo alternative.
- Toilet paper is provided and composting toilets are available only at Wild Dog Creek Camp and Dixons Kingdom. In the wilderness we need to dispose of waste as per Leave No Trace Principles, which will be explained by your guides.
- On this trek there are some opportunities to refresh yourself with a swim or bathe in lakes and streams. We recommend bringing a quick drying micro/travel towel for washing and drying.
- Please note that if you choose to bring wet wipes/moist towelettes on the track it is required that you carry them out again in your own backpack as there is no rubbish disposal on the trail and wipes cannot be put in the composting toilets.
- If possible, organic/natural brands of toothpaste, sunscreen, insect repellent and deodorant are preferred.
- Hand sanitiser will be provided at mealtimes and around camp. Having a small personal quantity is also recommended – 60ml is sufficient.

## accommodation on the trip

Our 3 nights in the Walls of Jerusalem National Park are spent at Wild Dog Creek base camp. Situated at the foothills of the area's highest mountain, King David's Peak (1499m), we set up our tents on elevated wooden platforms. A permanent kitchen and dining platform provide rustic shelter from the elements and a panoramic spot to enjoy a hot drink, a chat about the day's events and a hearty evening meal together. A composting toilet and fresh drinking/washing water is located close by.

We provide strong, twin-share bushwalking tents, which give each occupant a personal access door and storage vestibule for individual use. Our tents weigh between 2.5 and 3.2kg and this weight is shared equally by each occupant. We use a range of high quality 3-4 season tents which have been trialled and tested to withstand all weather conditions that may be encountered on our adventures. Brands that are most commonly used are Wilderness Equipment and One Planet.

## pre and post tour accommodation

Our preferred hotel in Launceston for pre and post tour accommodation is the Penny Royal Leisure Inn. Once your trip booking has been confirmed your reservations consultant will send you a booking link and a discount code for the hotel. The Penny Royal Leisure Inn offers a discount of 15% for all Tasmanian Expeditions clients. Alternatively we have discounted rates and are happy to book the accommodation on your behalf. Discounted rates are not available during Christmas, New Years, Easter, and other peak periods throughout the year.

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## equipment provided



We provide you with good quality equipment however you may choose to bring your own gear.

## what you carry

For day 1 and 4 of this trip you will need to carry all equipment to the base camp in a full trekking backpack that is 75-90litres in capacity. Depending on the quantity of personal gear and toiletries the average pack weight will be between 14-18kg. You will carry the following items:

- Sleeping bag & inflatable mat
- Portion of the shared tent
- Portion of the group food
- All personal items that you have decided to bring along
- All wet weather gear supplied by Tasmanian Expeditions

For day 2 and 3 of this trip you will just carry a day pack containing the day's necessities.

\*For those who would prefer to reduce the weight they will carry on day 1 and 4, we have a portage option available. The guides will carry in the tents, sleeping bags, liner and sleeping mats should you choose this option. Supplements apply and the cost will vary depending on how many other people on your trip would also like their tents and sleeping mats portered. This will reduce your pack weight by 4kg. You will still need to carry in your personal items and a portion of the group food. Please speak to our team if you would like to take this option.

## equipment required

Tasmanian Expeditions has a specialist gear list available that details what clothing and equipment is required for each of our Tasmanian adventures. The gear list is specific to the type of tour you will be joining us on and it provides a clear description of what is included in the tour cost, what items are available for hire and what you will need to bring with you. Brand recommendations and the individual weight of the gear provided is also included.

## luggage

Luggage will be stored in locked vehicle or trailer for the duration of the trip - it is recommended to leave excess luggage at your accommodation for safe keeping if possible.

## protecting the environment

Tasmanian Expeditions operates in some of the world's most pristine and beautiful environments, including the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. It is our priority to leave these places unspoilt and as they were for all future visitors to enjoy.

The Leave No Trace principles and minimal impact practices specific for your adventure will be introduced at the initial group briefing and reinforced by your guides when required out in the field. Following our 'hygiene' suggestions listed on these trip notes is a productive first step in helping the environment. Our environmental policies together with your help and cooperation will ensure that we can safeguard the pristine wilderness in which we operate.

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In 2013 we achieved Ecotourism Certification at the ECO IV level for all the tours we own and operate. The ECO Certification Program is a world first, developed to address the need to identify genuine nature and ecotourism operators. The program is now being exported to the rest of the world as the International ECO Certification Program.

## private groups

The adventures featured in our brochure and on our website are just the starting point for many of our private group travellers. We love creating custom designed itineraries for groups of friends, work colleagues, charities, schools and clubs. Our staff will assist you with all aspects of your private group adventure. Contact our office today.

## get social

You can view photos and grab tips from our community of travellers or be the first to know about deals and special events at [Facebook.com/TasmanianExpeditions](https://www.facebook.com/TasmanianExpeditions) or on [Instagram/TasmanianExpeditions](https://www.instagram.com/TasmanianExpeditions) or at [Twitter.com/TasExp](https://www.twitter.com/TasExp)

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## trip availability

If this trip sounds right for you then we encourage you to call us now to check availability. Limited space on our small group trips is just one reason why you may not be able to join your desired departure. Many of our adventures require us to secure services on your behalf far in advance and the demand is increasing each year making it difficult to join a trip last minute. To ensure we can assist you onto your adventure of a lifetime we ask that you contact our reservations team at your earliest convenience.

## how to book

To book this trip, you will need to complete a booking form and pay a non refundable deposit which you can do by using our online booking function, or if you prefer, download a booking form from the website [www.tasmanianexpeditions.com.au](http://www.tasmanianexpeditions.com.au) and return to us by email, or mail your booking form and deposit to Tasmanian Expeditions.

If you have any questions please call Tasmanian Expeditions or your nearest World Expeditions office.

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