

Three Capes Lodge Walk, Tasmania Open for Bookings

Australia's Most Ecological and Sustainable Lodges

Tasmanian Walking Company is excited to announce the official commencement of bookings for the much anticipated Three Capes Lodge Walk. Set to open in September 2018, the move heralds a new era of conservation-based tourism in Australia, and reveals the extensive measures Tasmanian Walking Company (TWC) has taken to preserve the Tasman National Park ecology by using trailblazing initiatives in sustainability and conservation.

The 30-year old market leader has a sound reputation of treading lightly in the wilderness, and is the only commercial operator entrusted with providing private lodge accommodation, supporting guided walking experiences in the Tasman National Park.

Brett Godfrey, Co-owner said, "Three Capes Lodge Walk is the next step forward in our quest to create the most innovative and environmentally sustainable lodges in the world." Brett continued, "The lodges will be a reflection of the iconic and remarkable landscapes providing the opportunity to be immersed, educated and of course guided safely through our natural environments".

Heath Garratt, General Manager added, "Demand exhibited for the Three Capes Track to date gives us great confidence in this new project. If our other walks are any guide, our guests will arrive as walkers but leave as advocates for our National Parks."

Focussing on ecological preservation, TWC has scoured the world for best practice environmental technologies. The development is set to be the largest investment in the company's history, with infrastructure utilising off-grid sustainable lodge systems to minimise impact on the surroundings. The distinctive, high quality split-level construction comprises separate skillion roofed structures that follow the contour of the existing landscape to minimise bulk and height. In a quest to blend seamlessly with nature, the lightweight modular sleeping pods are pre-fabricated with each component positioned beneath the tree canopy by helicopter.

Environmental technologies allow for future proofing as new technology is developed or refined. Advancements include locally sourced environmentally friendly wall insulation, and Australia's first recycling showers. The Swedish design filters and recirculates 5 Litres of shower water and requires 80% less energy consumption.

The innovative off grid renewable energy system has PV solar panels bolstered by Archimedes wind turbines, which are intrinsically safe to birdlife with no rotor tips. Birdlife is further protected through clever use of operable external timber screens to prevent birds striking windows.

Predominately constructed with non-reflective Tasmanian materials, the lodges will feature suspended floors to ensure minimal ground disturbance. Trees removed during construction will be incorporated into the joinery design and replaced with new trees planted nearby. All servicing systems, water tanks and battery store will be hidden in a sub floor beneath the main level of each building with open lower decks also functioning as a helipad for supply drop-off and removal of all waste.

TWC is Australia's largest operator of multi-day walks, and was awarded the contract by the State Government and Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (TPWS), to design, develop and operate the only commercial walk utilising the full Three Capes Track. The four-day 46 km walk offers a fully guided experience of the Three Capes Track, complete with lavish meals prepared by guide come chefs, local wines, massages and relaxation baths. This project is supported by a significant grant from the Australian Government Innovation and Investment Fund.

Three Capes Lodge Walk commences with a private boat trip to Denman's Cove. Walkers venture along the coastal woodlands to Surveyors Cove, and take in the staggering views from Crescent Lodge across Crescent Bay and beyond to Cape Raoul. Day two invites walkers to climb Arthur's Peak and skirt the edge of Tornado Ridge, before retiring for the first of two nights at Munro Lodge. Day three commences with a walk through silver gum forest, and out to the highest sea cliffs in Australia at Cape Pillar. The final day of the walk climbs to 483 metres above sea level to the walk's highest peak, Mount Fortescue, offers a stunning side trip to Cape Hauy before descending to the white sands of Fortescue Bay for sparkling wine and canapes to toast the four-day achievement.

Three Capes Lodge Walk commences September 2018. Booking at www.tasmanianwalkingcompany.com.au or call +61 (0)3 63922211

ABOUT TWC

Tasmanian Walking Company, which also owns and operates iconic Cradle Mountain Huts Walk, Bay of Fires Lodge Walk and Wineglass Bay Sail Walk, is recognised as a leader in environmental travel practices winning awards for Ecotourism, Adventure Tourism and the Qantas Award for Excellence in Sustainable Tourism. Bay of Fires Lodge is the only eco lodge of its kind in Tasmania and won Australasia's Best Sustainable Boutique Hotel in 2015 at the World Boutique Hotel Awards. Most recently TWC won Best Ecotourism operator at the 2016 Tasmanian Tourism Awards. All walks managed by TWC hold the highest level of eco-accreditation in Australia.

ABOUT THE OWNERS

TWC is owned by Rob Sherrard and Brett Godfrey. Together they have invested in several other tourism ventures including Australian Walking Company, Quamby Estate, Entally Estate, Low Head Pilot Station and Makepeace Island in Queensland, a joint venture with Sir Richard Branson. They were the co-founders of Virgin Australia in 2000.

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