

Transport Service for Bush Walkers or anyone wanting to access to rural & remote areas of Tasmania.

As there is a lot of information on the following pages we suggest you print them so
You can read them at your leisure.

WHO IS THE SERVICE FOR

Bush walkers, back packers, cyclists, fisherman & outdoor enthusiasts.

WHAT DO WE OFFER

A non scheduled, "on demand" service. Our Service caters for:

Extended Bushwalking Expeditions - you have a choice of one way or two way transport from the same location or a different location several days later.

Examples : a) Pickup at Airport – drop off at Cradle Mountain Visitors Centre
b) Pickup Launceston – drop off at Cradle Mountain, pickup at Lake St. Clair seven days later and return to Launceston or onward to Hobart.

Canoeists, Cyclists & Fly-fishing Transport – very similar to our Bushwalkers Transport except you may wish to be picked up at a different location on the same day (see separate heading later on this page) or several days later.

Examples : a) Four canoeists drop off at Avoca – pickup at Evandale three days later.
c) Two keen fly-fishers, pickup Launceston Airport, drop off at Great Lake, pickup again several days later.

WHEN IS OUR SERVICE AVAILABLE

Providing we are not already booked, it is available at any time (except Christmas Day and Boxing Day) even at short notice, however forward booking is **strongly** recommended, particularly in our busy period October to April to secure our services on the day you want.

IF I WANT TO BOOK HOW MUCH NOTICE IS REQUIRED

As much as possible, as we are very busy over the summer period.

WHERE DO WE GO & HOW MUCH WILL IT COST

Most of our "Standard" (fixed price services) are ex-Launceston, however we also offer a service to Hobart from Lake St.Clair & from other areas by special arrangement.

All the fares shown below can be paid by credit card, or direct deposit in advance or pay a deposit of \$30.00 per passenger and the balance paid later. If you want to save some money please ask for our **special cash prices** which can be paid by direct credit at the time of booking or in cash at the time of pickup.

FROM	DESTINATION	STANDARD PRICES (\$AU)				
		Based on number of passengers – (min 2)				
		2	3	4	5	6+
Launceston	Cradle Mountain	130	108	90	82	75
Launceston	Mersey Valley Area for: Walls of Jerusalem, Lees Paddocks, Lake Myrtle Track, Mosses Creek Track (for Chapter Lk)	130	108	90	82	75
Launceston	Arm River	130	108	90	82	75
Launceston	Lake Mckenzie	130	108	90	82	75
Launceston	Higgs Track, Meander Falls Track,	125	100	80	75	70
Devonport prices to all the above destinations please add \$5.00 to costs shown						
Launceston	Bay of Fires/Ansons Bay/Eddystone	136	114	96	88	80
Launceston	Freycinet & Douglas Apsley National Parks	136	114	96	85	78
Launceston	Lake Ada	130	108	90	82	75
Launceston	Lake St.Clair (via Great Lake)	135	113	95	87	80
Launceston	Ben Lomond National Park	60	50	40	30	25
Launceston	Frenchman's Cap	136	114	96	88	80
Lake St.Clair	Launceston (1)	135	113	95	85	80
(1) If you book your <u>inward</u> transport with us (Launceston to Cradle Mountain) then your return transport from Lake St.Clair to Launceston will be at the <u>same price</u> as Lton to CM						
Lake St.Clair	Hobart (4)	152	132	112	94	86
Hobart	Cradle Mountain (3)	N/A			150	140
(3) As we are Launceston based this is a round trip of approx 700km. This option is only really viable for groups of 8 & over. We will negotiate a special rate.						
Launceston to Tarkine Region – please see separate document under Special Tours & Charter						
<i>All prices include GST & are in Australian Dollars Prices are correct as at May 2016</i>						

(4) Special note for post overland track walkers.

Lake St.Clair to Hobart. There is a general misconception that Lake St. Clair is closer to Hobart, this is in fact incorrect. Although we are happy to take groups to Hobart, it is only really worthwhile for passengers if they plan to spend a day or two enjoying the sights and attractions that Hobart can offer, prior to flying home. However, booking transport to Hobart, just to fly out is a more expensive option than returning to Launceston. As we are

Launceston based, firstly we can do this cheaper and secondly it is in fact some 20 km shorter & due to less traffic a quicker journey.

HOW CAN I REDUCE MY TRANSPORT COSTS?

Firstly, please ask for our [“Special Rates for Cash”](#) & we will send you our price schedule. Secondly, if you are undertaking the Overland Track, unless you particularly want to go to Hobart following your walk, it is actually cheaper to come back to Launceston (The journey time is approximately the same) this means you can fly in & out from the same airport. Finally, reduce your transport costs by travelling with others - see section: “How Does Our Message Board Work”

WHERE ELSE DO YOU GO?

We can take you to just about any location in Tasmania, but please bear in mind that we are Launceston based (central north) and that for individuals and small groups (4/5 people) it might be cheaper to travel from Hobart if you want to access walking tracks in the South West. For larger groups, however please contact us & we will give you a quotation.

WILL WE KNOW HOW MUCH IT WILL COST US BEFORE WE COMMIT OURSELVES?

There will be no nasty surprises at your journeys end with a fee far more than you had expected. We always give you a quotation.

BRINGING YOUR VEHICLE TO TASMANIA

Although you can of course drive yourselves to the start of the overland track at Cradle Mountain, you will still need to arrange transport back to your vehicle at CM from Lake St.Clair. There are several options for your return transport. Scheduled bus service (this runs on certain days of the week only) and private transport operators. In our experience, judging by the number of phone calls we receive, unless you can arrange your finishing date to coincide with a scheduled service, then this can be a difficult & expensive journey as most private transport operators are not based at Lake St.Clair and would need to travel a long distance to pick you up.

An alternative to the above, rather than leave your vehicle in a public car park, is **free secure parking at our property** just outside Launceston. We can then provide you with return transport

THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF US, WE WANT TO GO TO CRADLE MOUNTAIN, BUT THIS IS GOING TO COST US \$130 EACH, CAN YOU DO IT CHEAPER?

Yes, we probably can, firstly enquire about our [‘special rates for cash customers’](#), secondly check our [‘Message Board’](#) to see if we are already going to your destination on the day you want to travel or close to your date. OR book anyway with a good chance of others booking on the same journey through our ‘Message Board’ service.

HOW DOES OUR MESSAGE BOARD WORK

Our [‘Message Board’](#) service is our way of endeavouring to make your journey more affordable. Firstly check to see if we already have a bus going to your destination on the day you wish to travel, failing this we suggest you make a firm booking (\$25 per passenger deposit). Once you have booked for a particular date & destination we will

publish this on the internet, via our 'message board'(also known as "scheduled departures") that we have a confirmed bus movement to the destination you have chosen. Other clients can now see online when a bus movement will occur and how many passengers are already booked and thus are encouraged to also book on this date to save themselves money.

Note: Obviously we cannot guarantee to get extra passengers on a particular day, we therefore recommend that you check with us no later than 30 days prior to your journey. If we have failed to get extra passengers you will have the option of going ahead at the applicable rate or cancelling without loss of your deposit. However, we often get extra passengers, sometimes as late as the day before your departure. If this is the case your fare will still be less.

WHAT IS OUR SPECIAL RATES FOR CASH CUSTOMERS?

To make your journey more affordable, we can also offer substantial discounts for cash payments on the day of departure, this also prevents the possibility of you over paying for your transport i.e.; if we have additional passengers travelling on your day of departure, your journey will now being cheaper than the originally quoted price. This, we feel is a win-win situation, we save on costly bank charges & you pay less for your transport. We will send you full details of this discount upon making an enquiry.

GROUP BOOKINGS

For educational groups, special interest groups and bush walking clubs for eight passengers and over we will give you a custom quote.

IS THERE A SPECIAL BOOKING FORM

Yes, you can book online or we can send you one by e-mail.

CAN YOU PICK US UP AFTER OUR WALK

Yes, providing you make the arrangements in advance. Please be sure you arrange your pickup time realistically, making a generous allowance for your walk taking longer than you expected. We cannot make refunds if you fail to turn up – if you are planning or considering walking the overland track or high alpine areas in **winter** (June to September) this is a serious undertaking and special conditions of booking apply between 1st June and 30th September. In addition we can make suggestions that may help your planning.

CAN YOU DROP US OFF & PICK US UP AGAIN ON THE SAME DAY (EVEN AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION)

This option is available for groups of 4 and over only – details on request..

ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIAL RATES FOR REGISTERED WALKING CLUBS

WHERE CAN WE BE PICKED UP FROM?

Providing we are able to park safely we can pick up from all Hotels & Guest Houses in Launceston City & Suburbs. We can also pick up from Launceston Airport or the Launceston Transit Centre.

Special conditions apply for pick up from “remote locations” such as Lake St. Clair

We can pick up at other locations by special arrangement – additional charges may apply.

LAST MINUTE FOOD REQUIREMENTS

Most fresh items of food (vegetables, dairy products & meat) cannot be brought into Tasmania. As we know that most folks need to purchase these items after arrival we usually make a short shopping stop en-route to your destination. This is especially helpful if you are being picked up at Launceston Airport & are going to Cradle Mountain. We can stop at Deloraine en-route for this purpose.

FUEL FOR YOUR COOKING STOVE

If you need fuel please contact us or tick the box for further information on the booking form. All fuel orders must be pre booked.

EQUIPMENT HIRE

We have a limited range of essential equipment for hire, including cooking stoves. We can also give you details of other independent businesses who can hire tents, rucksacks, sleeping bags etc please let us know if you want details.

ACCOMMODATION BEFORE & AFTER YOUR WALK See our ‘links’ page for details of budget & other accommodation in both Launceston & Hobart.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

If you have arranged return or onward transport with us after your walk we offer a free luggage storage facility, providing this is limited to one medium size bag each (max 12 kg). We will arrange to have this waiting for you when we pick you up. Oversize or overweight bags will be charged \$10.00 per bag.

WHO DO WE CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

It assists us greatly if you can complete out “on-line” enquiry form as this gives us all the information to give you a quotation.

If you require additional information please do this by email or if urgent you can contact Paul Grigg on 0408 91 8249

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