



## LORD HOWE INSIGHTS

**Sunday 26th July to Friday 31st July 2009**

Ever wanted to visit Lord Howe Island? With Insights Tours you can experience this unique World Heritage Listed island situated just 2 hours by direct flight from Sydney. You will stay at Pinetrees Resort – renowned for 166 years of superb hospitality and cuisine.

Insights Tours has arranged several special activities for you including, a pre dinner talk by expert botanist Ian Hutton, a tour of the kentia palm nursery, a launch transfer to North Bay for a BBQ lunch and a tour to Little Island to experience the return of the seabirds to their nests.

The tours have been carefully co-ordinated to ensure that you can enjoy the wonderfully relaxed and beautiful surroundings with a combination of short insightful guided tours to enhance your understanding of the special significance of Lord Howe Island. Most of your time will be free to discover, relax and enjoy the 12 km long island at your own pace by walking or cycling.

Depending on the weather conditions we may take the tours on different days.



Aerial view of the island with the lagoon and mid island airstrip visible

**DAY 1          Sunday 26th July          Sydney to Lord Howe Island**

We take a late morning flight from Sydney to Lord Howe Island – about 2 hours is all it takes to arrive in another world of spectacular scenery, mountains, coral reef, beaches, biodiversity, few people and open space. During your stay you will marvel at the unique flora and fauna as you explore different areas of the island and some of the National Park which covers more than 75% of the island. There will be opportunities to see the Lord Howe Woodhen, endemic to the island which was until recently on the brink of extinction.

After our arrival you will be transferred to Pinetrees Resort for a complimentary welcome drink. The afternoon will be free to acquaint yourself with the facilities of Pinetrees Resort and possibly hire a bicycle (own expense) and begin your exploration of the island. Afternoon tea is served on the verandah at 4pm. A special pre dinner talk by Ian Hutton, expert on the special environment of Lord Howe Island will be held this evening. Ian has a wealth of knowledge of the flora and fauna of the island.

**DAY 2          Monday 27th July          Lord Howe Island**

This morning we have arranged an optional cruise by glass bottom boat to view the coral reef (additional expense). The Lord Howe lagoon is the worlds' southernmost coral reef and an expert guide accompanies the cruise and explains the ecology. There will be an opportunity for snorkelling.

In consultation with our local agents Insights Tours has chartered a vessel to cruise to North Bay in the late morning . You may choose to walk to Old Gulch or to Mt Eliza or just enjoy the scenery and solitude of North Bay. A delicious BBQ lunch will be provided. Afterwards it will be your choice of returning on the boat or enjoying the walk back to Pinetrees.



Lord Howe Island

Photo: John Tuckerman

**DAY 3****Tuesday 28th July****Lord Howe Island**

Clive Wilson, a longtime resident of Lord Howe knows the island as only a local does. In the late afternoon he will lead us on his tour to Little Island in the shadow of Mt Lidgbird. We witness Clive “calling” the Providence Petrels which have a distinctive and exciting flight manner as they return to their nests after their day long feeding at sea. It is also a good opportunity to see the dramatic mountains of Lidgbird and Gower and a chance to see the endemic Lord Howe Wodden.



Pinetree's Boatshed

**DAY 4****Wednesday 29th July****Lord Howe Island**

Enjoy the islands various charms and attractions. Perhaps one of the various walks, a ride on your hired bike (own cost) or relax at Pinetrees Boatshed superbly located on the edge of the lagoon and a perfect place to toast the sunset.

This afternoon could be your opportunity to visit the local boutiques and craft workshops. Lord Howe Golf Club and Bowls Club both welcome visitors and at Pinetrees there is a synthetic tennis court for guest's complimentary use.



**DAY 5      Thursday 30th July      Lord Howe Island**

You can choose to visit the Lord Howe Museum which has expositions explaining its fascinating history from whaling operations in the 1800's to replenishing ship's water and food supplies and the famous flying boat operations. Entry is complimentary and you can visit on any day between 10am and 3pm. One of the main sources of income for the Island is the sale of the Kentia palms which are exported as far afield as Europe. During a tour of the Palm Nursery you will have the opportunity to learn of the establishment of the palm industry and its continued importance for Lord Howe.

**DAY 6**

**Friday 31st July**

**Lord Howe Island to Sydney**

Morning free to relax. After lunch at Pinetrees Resort we are transferred to the airport for our afternoon flight to Sydney.

### ***General Information***

#### **Cost**

The cost of this tour is \$1999 (AUD)

The cost includes:

1. all transportation as shown in the itinerary
2. accommodation on a twin share basis
3. all sightseeing excursions mentioned in the itinerary except optional excursion on the glass bottom boat.
4. entrance to Lord Howe Museum
5. guided touring as specified in the itinerary
6. all meals
7. all taxes
8. services of Insights Tours escort throughout the tour

The additional costs are: drinks and items of a personal nature such as bicycle hire and golf.

Places on the tour require a \$500 deposit.

The balance of \$1499 will be due by Monday 11th May, 2009.

#### **To make a booking**

Please complete the booking form and return to Insights Tours with a deposit of \$500 per person.

#### **Cancellations prior to or on Monday 11th May, 2009**

Refunds will be made less any cancellation fees imposed by third parties.

#### **Cancellations after Monday 11th May, 2009**

No refunds will be possible after Monday 11th May, 2009

#### **Insurance**

We strongly recommended that insurance cover be obtained and to include cover for loss of deposit and cancellation fees. Because Lord Howe flights can occasionally be delayed due to weather conditions we also strongly recommend insurance cover for any unavoidable delay in departure or extension to our stay at Lord Howe due to flight cancellations.

Insights Tours can assist you with insurance policy options.

#### **Aircraft**

The flights to and from Lord Howe are operated by QantasLink using Dash 8 turbo prop 36 seat airliners.

**Accommodation**

Pinetrees provides comfortable accommodation in motel style ensuite rooms which are serviced daily. The cost of the tour is based on twin share accommodation. The tariff is based on this type of accommodation. Single accommodation is available for a supplement of \$200.

Optionally there are 1 bedroom suites and Garden Cottages which offer an enhanced level of spaciousness and with a private lounge area. These accommodation options are subject to a supplementary tariff. Full details are available upon enquiry to Insights Tour's office.

Pinetrees has been operating for 166 years and continues to be managed by Pixie and Kerry who are direct descendants of the original family who established Pinetrees. First class chefs are employed by Pinetrees who delight in presenting daily changing menus.

**Luggage**

Please limit your luggage to 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage per person. Porterage of luggage on the island is provided by Pinetrees Resort. Please note that a luggage weight limit of 14kgs per passenger is strictly enforced.

**Insights Tours**

Insights Tours is a boutique tour business operated by Paul and John Tuckerman. We arrange tours which utilise chartered trains, coaches and aeroplanes and provide passengers with spacious and ample accommodation. Our philosophy is to provide a tour with a spectrum of interesting visits, inspections and conveyances. Each tour is uniquely arranged to encompass the most interesting sights of the regions visited. Insights Tours engages our own guides to ensure that our passengers have the best insight into the location being visited.

Passenger numbers are limited to ensure a commodious travelling experience and to ensure that visits and guided tours are of maximum benefit. This tour is for a maximum of 20 passengers.

Each of our tours is personally escorted ensuring you can relax in the confidence that all of the pesky administrative details and arrangements are being taken care of.

There is always the chance that our itinerary could be delayed or curtailed in some way beyond our control. Except for prolonged or unexpected events, the tour will be conducted as closely as possible to the itinerary stated above. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to conduct the advertised itinerary however we reserve the right to alter the itinerary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

If you would like details or assistance with any bookings, please contact Paul Tuckerman

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# BOOKING FORM

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Any special requirements or requests:.....

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Accommodation type: please circle your choice:

Twin          Double          Single

Optionally for supplementary tariff: Garden Cottage or 1 Bedroom Suite

Deposit

Cheque enclosed. (please make cheques payable to Insights Tours)

OR

Electronic / bank transfer. Our account details are:

- Name of account: Insights Tours client travel account
- BSB: 062 607
- Account number: 1013 1313

Signature/s: .....