

Lord Howe Island

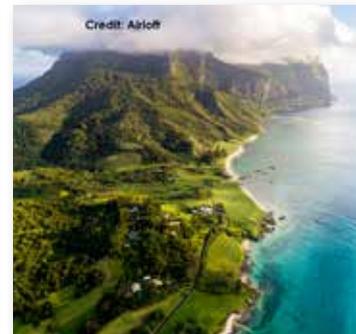
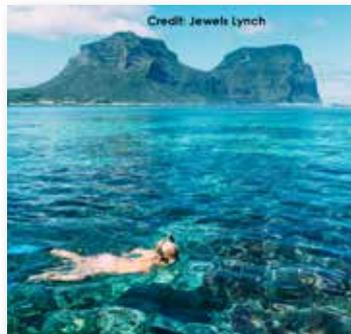
With Trade Travel

6 Days / 5 Nights

Tour Departs: Sunday 3 October - Friday 8 October 2021



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Day 1. Sun 3 Oct: Sydney - Lord Howe Island

Dinner

Flight Details: Sydney - Lord Howe

Today we **board our flight across to beautiful Lord Howe Island**. On arrival we are transferred to our accommodation at Somerset Apartments for check in. Somerset is perfectly situated between Neds Beach and the Lagoon, on a level area of Lord Howe Island, allowing easy walking and biking to nearby shops, restaurants and the Visitor Centre. The accommodation units are nestled in subtropical palm groves alive with splashes of colour from Hawaiian hibiscus and fragrant frangipani flowers. The grounds are well planned, with tracks meandering through the palms and gardens, giving a sense of seclusion and tropical mystery. As we enjoy a cool drink we will learn about our accommodation, our home for the next five nights. We then have time to relax and settle in with the remainder of the afternoon at leisure before dinner at the Golf Club.

Overnight Lord Howe: Somerset Apartments

Day 2. Mon 4 Oct: Lord Howe Island Tour - Ian Hutton Presentation

Breakfast & Dinner

Our day begins with a delicious breakfast before our touring.

Island Bus Tour: Group 1 (Group 2 - morning at leisure)

Enjoy an **Island Tour** to get a feel for this unique island. We join our tour hosts Janine and Peter Phillips on a **fun and informal bus tour of Lord Howe Island's** more interesting nooks and crannies! Janine is a fifth generation islander. Her Great Grandfather was an American Whaler, Nathan Chase Thompson, who settled on the island in the 1850s. Peter is the island's Post Master. He has had a number of his photos and stories published as well as writing a book on the island's history. We will learn more on our three hour tour with them, than if we spent a week searching things out for ourselves. We arrive back at Somerset to rest and purchase some lunch.

Island Bus Tour: Group 2 (Group 1 - afternoon at leisure) After lunch (own cost) it is our turn to **enjoy the Island Tour**. After the tour, we arrive back at Somerset to relax and freshen up.

Ian Hutton Presentation

This evening we are privileged to receive a **presentation on Lord Howe by naturalist, photographer and writer Ian Hutton**. Ian Hutton is perhaps Lord Howe Island's most prolific photographer, and has written many books and scientific papers about his adopted home. Over the past 34 years, he has published over 20 books, been involved in the production of dozens of videos, documentaries and films, and has a personal collection of over 40,000 photographs, which he has meticulously catalogued. Tonight dinner will be at the Coral Cafe.

Overnight Lord Howe: Somerset Apartments

Day 3. Tue 5 Oct: Around Island Cruise - North Bay Turtle & Nature Tour

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we enjoy breakfast before our cruise.

Around Island Cruise

Take in the breath-taking views all around Lord Howe Island including **Ball's Pyramid**, the tallest sea stack in the world at 551m. During part of the 2hr cruise we will approach the 'Admiralty Islands' which are home to a large percentage of the Island's bird population.



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Day 3. Continued

What we could see - **Birdlife:** Noddy Tern, Grey Ternlets, Masked Booby, Various Albatross, Red Tail Tropic Bird, Storm Petrel, Providence Petrel, Mutton Birds. **Marine Life:** Sharks, Dolphins, Flying Fish, Whales, Turtles. **Land Marks:** Admiralty Islands, Kings Point, Wolfe Rock, Mutton Bird Island, Boat Harbour, Worlds End, Red Point, Clear Place, Middle Beach, Wheat Sheaf Isle, Gower Island, Little Slope, Observatory Island, Ball's Pyramid. Later we return back to Somerset.

North Bay Turtle & Nature Tour

This afternoon we head off on a **3.5 hour tour to North Bay**. Viewing the turtles in the North Passage, snorkelling the wreck, take in a guided seabird walk and much more.....many regard Marine Adventures tour to North Bay as "Lord Howe's most complete tour"! While on the boat view the large variety fish, turtles, stingrays and amazing corals of the world's southern most barrier reef on our glass bottom boat, 'Adventure One'. Enjoy the relaxed commentary on the Islands history and marine life through the eyes of the young Island based Marine Adventures team, as we cruise slowly to the beautiful North Bay. While exploring North Bay we can climb up Mt. Eliza, walk to the Old Gulch or Herring Pools, view the sea bird rookery (seasonal), swim or just sit and laze the day away. Marine Adventures will guide us on an optional walk along the beach where we are able to get up close to some of the Islands migratory seabirds, have numerous photo opportunities and learn about the unique history of the bay.

We arrive back at our accommodation to freshen up before dinner at the Anchorage Restaurant.

Overnight Lord Howe: Somerset Apartments

Day 4. Wed 6 Oct: Clear Place Walking Tour - Coral Viewing Tour

Breakfast & Dinner

Another breakfast awaits us before our full day touring.

Clear Place Walk

We meet our guide near the hospital and begin our tour. Starting with a bushwalk up to Anderson Road (near the start of the Middle Beach walk) and then walk along the road a couple of hundred metres to begin the next bushwalk to **The Clear Place** past Middle Beach. Here we enjoy beautiful views overlooking the ocean down across to Blinky Beach and out to Balls Pyramid. We will also get really good views of the seabirds. We return back to Somerset before our environmental tour.

Coral Viewing Tour (With Optional Snorkelling Tour)

This afternoon we enjoy a **Coral Viewing and optional Snorkelling Tour** which is the ultimate way to experience the **lagoon's premier reef and coral holes**. This two hour tour focuses on exploring the profuse coral seascape and introduces us to some of the more unusual lagoon inhabitants such as the **Endemic Double-Header Wrasse, Stingrays and Turtles**. This tour provides an optional snorkelling experience at Erscott's Hole or we can just relax on the boat and view the stunning diversity of this exotic marine location.

Following our tour the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure before dinner at the Golf Club.

Overnight Lord Howe: Somerset Apartments

Day 5. Thur 7 Oct: Little Island Walking Tour - Free Time

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today enjoy breakfast before our walking tour.

Little Island Walking Tour

This morning we catch up with our local guide and enjoy a **walk to Little Island**. Our guide will take us to the fascinating mountains end of the Island, to begin a 1km level stroll to the base of the mountains. See Little Islands and where the lagoons reef comes to its southern end, this is where the rock was obtained for the building of the airstrip and is the start to Mt Gower walk where Woodhens often are seen. After a rest to enjoy the views and some photo opportunities, we stroll back for lunch at the Anchorage Restaurant. This afternoon is free to relax and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Dinner tonight is at the **Beach House on the Moon Restaurant**.

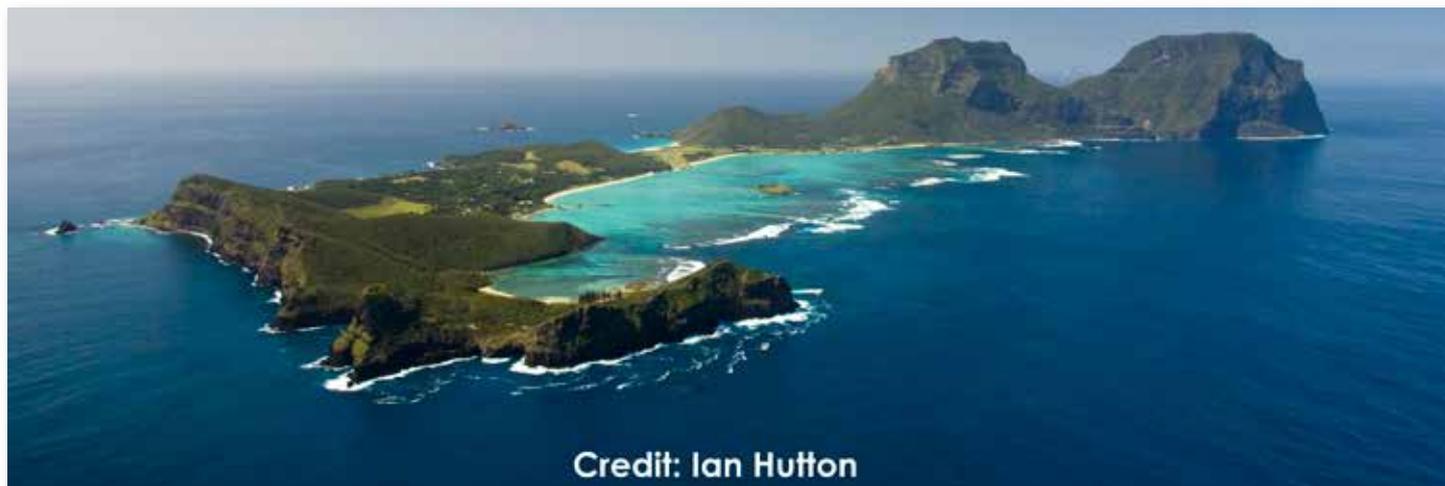
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Day 6. Fri 8 Oct: Lord Howe Island - Sydney

Breakfast

Flight Details: Lord Howe - Sydney

After breakfast enjoy a morning at leisure before we check out and make our way to the **Art and Craft Studio**, where we can do some last minute shopping on the Island (subject to change). We transfer to the airport for check in before our flight back to Sydney after a wonderful time away on Lord Howe Island with Trade Travel.



Credit: Ian Hutton

Lord Howe Island

Tour Highlights:

Orientation Bus Tour; Special Presentation by Ian Hutton; Around Island Cruise; North Bay Turtle & Nature Tour; Clear Place Walking Tour; Coral Viewing & Optional Snorkelling Tour; Little Island Walking Tour & more!

Please note: Itinerary & activities are all subject to change due to weather and tidal conditions experienced on Lord Howe Island.

Tour Price Includes:

- Return flights from Sydney to Lord Howe Island
- Return airport transfers on Lord Howe Island
- 5 nights quality accommodation on Lord Howe Island
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (11 Meals)
- All entry fees, tours & guides as per itinerary

Tour Price Excludes:

- Personal expenses for drinks, laundry, and personal requirements
- Travel Insurance
- Optional touring not mentioned in the above itinerary

Tour cost: \$3295.00 per person twin share (\$695.00 single supplement)

Superior Room option \$3395.00 Twin / \$795 Single + Plus Airport Taxes and Levies \$262 per person

Tour price based on minimum 10 paying passengers

We wish to advise that all pricing for travel is subject to tax, surcharges and fuel increases. It may be necessary to make adjustments to the pricing during the course of the tour booking, at ticketing and at the final payment deadline to ensure these changes are allowed for in the pricing!

Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Deposit: A deposit of \$300 per person is due with completed booking form.

Final Payment: Due no later than **30 June, 2021.**

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