

Lake Oberon Explorer Itinerary

Welcome to Tasmanian Hikes

Thank you for enquiring into our tours and activities. At Tasmanian Hikes we specialize in small group trekking.

This tour is limited to a group of 6 clients, to reduce our environmental impact and to maximize your adventure experience.

On all our tours our guides will share their skills and experiences with you, so that you can best develop your own bushwalking skills and ensure that your objectives are met. Our itineraries have been designed and researched by experienced guides.

Each day is broken down into manageable legs to give you the best possible experience plus time out to relax and explore the beauty of your surroundings. Our campfire cuisine, where able is prepared using fresh ingredients and our meals will satisfy the heartiest of appetites.

Tasmanian Hikes utilize the services of local businesses whenever we can thus generating economic benefits for the host communities that we visit.

We invite you to join us on our treks and look forward to guiding you through your wilderness adventure.

Joining Instruction

At the booking stage of the tour we will provide you with the how, when and where of the tour. This will include booking information, a personal bushwalking equipment list, our environmental policy for the National Park, travel and accommodation information.

Important Information

A prerequisite is that you will have to share the load of food to be consumed plus your shelter. This may be up to an additional weight of 5 kilograms over and above your personal items. This walk climbs up onto the Western Arthur Range to an altitude of 1000m where we will spend most of the tour. The range is exposed to cold and wet westerly winds and walkers should expect some wet weather on their tour.

Itinerary

Day 1: Hobart to Scotts Peak & Lake Cygnus –15.3 km, 8.5 hours

We depart Hobart at 0630am and arrive at Scotts Peak car park @ 0845am. We follow the Port Davey track through low stands of scrub and button grass plains to Junction Creek where we stop for lunch.

Following lunch we continue across more button grass plains to the track junction of Alpha Moraine and the Port Davey Track. From the junction it is a steady 3 hour climb to the top of the range just below the summit of Mt Hesperus. We are rewarded with excellent views over Lake Pedder, Scotts

Peak and Mt Anne.

Once on top of the range it's easy walking as we pass Lake Fortuna and the amazing rock formations that make up the Capella Crag. The Crag sits in a shallow saddle and Lake Cygnus sits just beyond this.

From the saddle it is a steep descent down to Lake Cygnus and our 1st night's camp.

Day 2: Lake Cygnus to Lake Oberon – 4.2km 4 hours + side trips

We climb back up Lake Cygnus' access track, climb a minor peak and traverse around Mt Hayes. From the saddle we climb the short distance to the summit of Mt Hayes for expansive views over the South West National Park where Federation Peak is the dominant feature.

The track then descends to a number of saddles then contours around to Square Lake and lunch.

Following lunch the track climbs steeply from Square Lake passing Mount Orion and the turnoff to Epsilon Moraine. The terrain from here sidles under some cliffs followed by some small rocky knolls with low scrub.

Before we drop down to Lake Oberon a small saddle offers us an iconic view of Lake Oberon as seen in many postcards and photographs.

From the saddle we carefully descend down to a plain behind Lake Oberon and our camp.

Day 3 & 4: Lake Oberon – casual day trips

We spend the next 2 days exploring, photographing and just enjoying the surrounds of Lake Oberon. The 2 days at Lake Oberon also allows us a bit of flexibility should the weather be a bit inclement.

We will climb the peaks of Mt Pegasus where the track goes through a hole in the rock near the summit, Mt Pegasus South and also Mount Orion.

Day 5: Lake Oberon to Lake Cygnus - 4.2 km, 4 hours

We retrace our route back to camp at Lake Cygnus.

Day 6: Lake Cygnus to Scotts Peak – 15.3 km, 8 hours.

We descend down Alpha Moraine to Junction Creek and lunch then on to Scotts Peak and our transport back to Hobart.