



QRAA (Qld Recreational Aircraft Assn.)
Events Team.

Hi all,

The QRAA Events committee are in the early stages of considering a tour to Tasmania. We anticipate this will take place from February 17th 2018 and will probably be 12 to 14 days long.

The weather in Tasmania / Bass Strait can be quite variable, to say the least. Unlike other tours our club has conducted where we plan and pre book accommodation, buses, cars, fuel etc and can mostly stick to the plan, I think with Tasmania we may have to do an overall plan which would be flexible to suit the weather conditions, booking as we go.

In anticipation, I have made contact with two people who I knew would be able to give us some good advice and suggestions. The first was Rick Frith who has been to Tasmania a couple of times and has offered lots of comments from his experiences. The second was Owen Bartrop, who is an experienced pilot and an ex QRAA member and has been on a couple of our tours some years ago. Owen lives in Devonport and has flown across Bass Strait many times. Owen has offered lots of info for us to consider.

In general, the thought is that tour participants would meet at say, Latrobe Valley, on a particular day. This site has fuel, accommodation, hire cars etc and is a large enough community so that in the event the weather forces us to spend several days there, there will be plenty to see and do. This will allow those wishing to fly Victor 1 the chance to do so, or you can travel inland if you wish.

When the weather is right we would fly to Flinders Island for a couple of nights, then we would fly on to Devonport. From this point on we would envisage fly and drive sightseeing outings depending on the weather.

Fuel looks like being an issue in the lower half of Tassie, so we will have to take that into consideration. The return flight to the mainland would most likely be via King Island, possibly staying one night.

We will need to restrict the number of participants for logistical reasons. As the tour is only six months away and we already have five or six teams interested, we would need to receive expressions of interest as soon as possible. If you haven't already registered and are interested in going, go to the website QRAA.info, click on Events and register. Once you have registered you will receive all the information on the event as it comes to hand.

Regards,
Graham.
'Tarry not for the slow'....

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