

## Trip Dossier

### 8 Day Lord Howe Island Tour



Accommodated Small Group Tour - Max 14 passengers  
Lord Howe Island 26 November - 3 December 2022

#### Itinerary Highlights:

- Led by Lord Howe Island's resident expert and naturalist, Ian Hutton
- Walk to Malabar Hill for spectacular views and wildlife
- Reef walk at Neds Beach
- Walk to Transit Hill for panoramic views of the Island
- Glass bottom boat cruise for a close look at the coral and other marine life
- Boat cruise around the island
- Boat Harbour visiting Masked Booby colony at Mutton Bird Point
- Boat Cruise to North Bay for swimming, snorkelling and beach combing
- Walk to Mt Eliza for Sooty Terns, Red-tailed Tropicbirds and Black Noddys nesting
- Optional walk to the top of Mount Gower

The beautiful landscape is dominated by the twin peaks of Mount Gower and Mount Lidgbird, which tower above the central lowlands and the surrounding sea.

This small and pristine island boasts tall rainforests, thronging seabird colonies and coral reefs with abundant marine life. Only 400 visitors are allowed on the island at any one time, so humans have had a minimal impact here. Each day Ian will take you to different parts of the island as you learn about its history, flora, fauna, marine life and geology. He will also take you on leisurely walks to explore the mainland's many natural wonders.

The islands' seas offer a fabulous mix of tropical and temperate marine life. You will be reef walking, beach-combing, snorkelling and cruising in a glass-bottom boat.

There will be ample time and flexibility for individual and group interests to be enjoyed. Evening talks and slide shows will add to your experience, and reference books on the history and natural history of the island (written mainly by Ian Hutton) will be available for your use during the tour.

Join Ian to discover this natural paradise for yourself.

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Arrive Lord Howe Island

Upon arrival at Lord Howe Island, we'll transfer to Somerset and check in to our accommodation. This afternoon we'll spend time walking around the settlement, learning about the local history.

Accom: Somerset

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### Day 2 Lord Howe Island

We set out on a morning walk to Malabar Hill (210m) for spectacular views, plant life and nesting sea birds. We'll spend the afternoon reef walking at Neds Beach. We'll learn about the interesting geology, fossils, and marine life while exploring low tide rock platforms. Black-winged Petrels will have recently returned to the island. A highlight is watching their courting displays as they circle the rock faces.

Accom: Somerset

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### Day 3 Lord Howe Island

Today we'll take a morning walk to Transit Hill for panoramic views of the island and introduce the bird and plant life.

After lunch, we will take a two-hour glass-bottom boat cruise for a close up look at the hard and soft coral, as well as the beautiful marine life. Masks, snorkels and flippers will be supplied free of charge for those who want to get an even closer look.

Accom: Somerset

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### Day 4 Lord Howe Island

Today we will enjoy a boat cruise around the island. This is the perfect way to grasp its size and diversity and experience the island from new angles. We will call into the Admiralty Islands and many small bays and enjoy the birdlife and more. This evening we will have dinner at Neds Beach, where we will witness Shearwaters rafting up offshore before heading to the island where they nest overnight.

Accom: Somerset

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### Day 5 Lord Howe Island

Today we undertake a full day walk to Boat Harbour, visiting the Masked Booby colony at Mutton Bird Point. We'll have lunch at sheltered Boat Harbour, where we'll have a chance for a swim or some beachcombing. We'll return to Somerset via Smoking Tree Ridge.

Accom: Somerset

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## Day 6 Lord Howe Island

This morning we'll enjoy a boat trip to North Bay, where we will spend the day. The area offers plenty to do, including swimming, snorkelling and beachcombing. We will take a walk to Mt Eliza to see Sooty Terns, Red-tailed Tropicbirds and Black Noddys nesting. Our boat will return us to the settlement at the end of a great day.  
Accom: Somerset D

## Day 7 Lord Howe Island

Today you'll have the option to take an all-day walk to the top of Mount Gower. This is a strenuous climb (875 m), but we will take it in easy stages. The ever-changing scenery and vegetation, culminating in the unique mist forest on the summit, makes the effort worthwhile. Those not wanting to do the walk will have the opportunity to explore other parts of the island.  
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## Day 8 Depart Lord Howe Island

Before departing the island, we'll spend time looking at the lowland forest at Stevens Reserve and visiting the palm nursery and visitor's centre. We'll be transferred to the airport this afternoon.

**NOTE: the above itinerary may be varied according to conditions and advice.**



## Tour Costs

Cost:	\$4,585.00 Per Person Twin Share
	\$ 925.00 Single Supplement
Starts:	Lord Howe Island 26 November 2022
Ends:	Lord Howe Island 3 December 2022

## Tour Payments

Deposit:	At time of booking \$500.00 per person (non-refundable)
Final Payment:	On or before 4 October 2022

**Note:** The final payment is non refundable if canceled within 45 days of the departure date.  
Travel Insurance covering all payments is available and is VERY strongly recommended.

## Included

- Naturalist leader
- Transfers to and from the Lord Howe Island airport to Somerset Apartments
- Meals as per itinerary
- Twin share accommodation with private facilities
- All national park entrance fees
- Boat cruises as per the itinerary

## Not Included

- Alcoholic & carbonated drinks
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Breakfast and lunches
- Drinks at restaurants
- Bicycle and snorkelling equipment (can be hired)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- All other private expenses
- Airfares to and from Lord Howe Island

## Special Offers

### Book Multiple Tours

Save 5% per person on the second and subsequent tours if more than one tour is booked in the same year. Applies to the cheaper tours.

### Loyalty Program

Save \$100 per person on your second, third and fourth tour. Save \$150 per person when you have travelled on 5 or more tours. Tours must be operated by Coates Wildlife Tours.

Please note: Loyalty discount can be combined with other offers.  
Discounts are only available on bookings made directly with Coates.

## Tour Information

### Trek Grading:

The walks range from easy to strenuous; however, most of the walks would be classified as medium-grade bushwalking. The Mt. Gower walk is considered strenuous. There will be hill walks on most days, and all walks are optional and can be conducted at your own pace. Some rock scrambling is required on a few of the walks.

### Birdlife:

Lord Howe Island is one of Australia's premier bird watching destinations, with 14 bird species breeding here in the hundreds of thousands.

### Rare Flora:

The majority of Lord Howe Island is covered in thick forests of the native *Kentia* palms and other endemic species. The range of altitude on this tiny volcanic outcrop, rising from sea level almost vertically to 875 metres, has resulted in the evolution of a spectacular diversity of unusual plant life. From the beautiful wedding lily to the red mountain rose, there are over 100 endemic species.

### Weather:

Usually fine and mild. Average daytime temperatures range from 23 to 28 degrees Celsius.

### Meals:

Evening meals will be at restaurants on the island and Neds Beach. Breakfast and lunch are purchased at the passenger's own expense, with lunch stops being made during the day. Breakfast supplies can be purchased upon your arrival at the island. Thompson's Store stocks a range of bakery, takeaway food, groceries and news agency products. The local bakery also provides a range of fresh bread, rolls, pies, pastries and sweet treats baked daily (apart from Saturdays).

### Clothing:

A suggested list of items to bring on the tour will be included with your pre-departure information. This will be sent to you approximately one month before departure. Comfortable, casual clothing is recommended. Light shirts/T-shirts and light trousers/shorts are most appropriate. Don't forget your bathers. Sturdy and comfortable walking shoes are essential.

### Accommodation:

Twin-share units at Somerset Apartments. A single room supplement applies.

Somerset Apartments are self-contained units and do not provide room service. They are centrally located on the lowlands, just a short walk from Neds Beach and the village area. The units are spacious, with individual balconies and bedrooms separate from the living area.



**Island Life:**

Like many remote locations worldwide, supplies can be hard to find or expensive on Lord Howe Island. As such, please keep in mind that where possible, you should try to bring both essential and additional items to avoid disappointment.

For detailed **Terms and Conditions**, please visit the [FAQ page on our website](#).

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