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Information Booklet

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Hi and welcome to your Information Booklet on our Flinders Island Workshop. Here you will find all the info you need to prepare yourself for our upcoming adventure. If you do still have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

## An Overview of Flinders Island

Flinders is truly an amazing place, and I am not just talking about the landscape. It has a certain feel, it calms you, probably due to the sparsity of people and abundance of nature. It also has a "super friendly country town" feel, residents wave to you as you pass them on the roads, you can pick a new tourist, as they are the ones that don't wave back.

When it comes to photographic opportunities, Flinders Island really over delivers, it is a concentration of superb locations, the beauty of this place will stay with you forever. I found the West Coast the most interesting, so we will concentrate on that side. The east is mainly open sandy beaches, where the west has beach after beach with amazing rock formations. One thing that makes this place so photogenic is Mt Strezelecki and the outer islands, these become fabulous backdrops for our images.

Whitemark is the main town, it has an IGA supermarket, a Pub, Bakery, fuel and a few other small shops. Tourism is quite limited, they are trying to move forward with it, but infrastructure holds them back a little, the residents seem a bit divided on it too. And I don't blame them, the appeal of the island is its lack of human touch.

Get ready for lots of dirt roads, untouched pristine beaches and 3 million Wallabies.



## Flying to Flinders

Most of you are flying from Launceston to Flinders Island, Letizia and I will already be on the Island, so we will meet you at Flinders airport when you land

Oh, and the plane is quite small, no inflight movies, no food service and no toilet, not even a hostie, the pilot does the safety drill and helps load the bags, which I always find amusing.



## Heading Home

The workshop will finish on Sunday afternoon 25th May.

Most of you are on the 4.55pm flight out. We will get you to the airport.

If you are staying on we can work out where you need to be dropped off.

## Luggage

You can check in 15kg and carry on is 6kg. There are no overhead lockers so they will encourage you to place your camera bag through checked luggage with a Fragile Label. If you opt to take your camera bag on board, it will have to be placed on the floor between your legs. Sharp have a few different planes so it will depend which one we get as to how much leg room there is.

Please be aware they WILL WEIGH YOUR LUGGAGE.

EXCESS luggage is \$4 per kilo each way, you can take more than 21kgs all up, BUT the problem is your luggage may not go on that flight if the plane is full and they have a lot of freight.

## Phone and WiFi

Telstra is the only carrier on the Island, reception is generally good at most parts of the Island but unfortunately not very good at the Lodge. The Lodge has free WiFi but we couldn't get it to work, so be prepared for limited internet while at the Lodge.

Good 4G coverage at a lot of locations we will be at so check emails etc if needed when you have coverage.

## Camera Gear

We will be shooting Landscapes, Seascapes and possibly some Wildlife. It can get tricky with the weight restrictions but it is very doable. These 3 lenses would be ideal, 15-35, 24-105 and a telephoto 70-300, plus Nisi filters and of course a good tripod. If you are unsure then give me a call and we can discuss.

You don't have to have a laptop but feel free to bring one if you have room.

You will also need something to back up your files onto.

## Accommodation and Meals

We are staying at Mountain Seas Lodge. You will each have your own room and bathroom. There is a nice lounge and dining area downstairs that we will use for meals. They are very flexible with the night meal, which will allow us to shoot our sunset and return home when it suits.

There is a section in the registration form for you to fill out regarding meals, more info there and you can advise us of any dietary requirements. The Lodge is licensed so alcohol can be purchased there, no BYO.



### A Bit about the Lodge

Mountain Seas Lodge is a stunning, remote property nestled at the foot of Mount Strzelecki. Featuring both mountain and ocean views, the land is well known for its rugged nature and wilderness, abundant wildlife, pristine vistas, and the cleanest air and water in the world. The property features private walking trails, fresh water streams, ponds, waterfalls and sculptural granite boulders. During your stay with us you will be sharing the land with wallabies, wom-

bats, and over 200 different bird species. It is a peaceful and tranquil place where you can enjoy mother nature in all her glory.

The walk to the highest peak on Flinders – Mount Strzelecki – begins just 1km from the property and is a ‘must do’ while visiting Flinders Island. The white sandy beach at Trousers Point is considered amongst the best in the world by Australian Geographic and is located just 2km from the property.

Additional features of the property include a hot tub, a 2km enchanting private bushwalk, bicycle rental, certified organic gardens and fruit orchards, nutritious, local and seasonal food offerings, and Tasmanian wine and spirits.



## Clothing - What to Bring

Flinders is a bit cooler than Victoria, the mornings and evenings will be cool. Have a look at the weather just before we head over to get an idea of what the week has to offer.

I will be taking a few light layers, I find this the best way to adjust for the temperature. Make sure you have a raincoat, beanie and gloves

Good boots are a big asset, we will be over a lot of rocks and on plenty of beaches, wear these on the plane and throw in a pair of shoes for around the lodge.

Thermals - I always get asked "Should I bring Thermals" if you feel the cold it could work well as a base layer for the mornings.



## Locations and Itinerary

On Friday after you land, Letizia and I will collect you from the airport. Check in time at the Lodge is 2-3pm, if we have early access we will drop bags and get settled in your rooms. If not, we will have bags in the van, and will spend the morning and afternoon shooting. We will head out to nearby Trouser Point for a sunset shoot and then back for dinner. Saturday to Tuesday will be full days and will consist of a morning shoot, breakfast, indoor session and then out for afternoon and sunset shoots. The final itinerary will be molded around the weather and tides, some days we may pack a lunch and head off, returning after our sunset shoot.

Locations include lots of beautiful bays, most of these have aqua water and fantastic rock formations. We have some locations that if we want to visit then we will need to walk in, this can be due to the location itself or it may be that we can only get the hire car so far, these walks are around 30 minutes max, most are quite short.

The beaches vary from sandy to rocky, the rocky ones tend to be rock platforms or large boulders, care will need to be taken in these areas.

There is a huge amount of wildlife on Flinders, lots of Wallabies and Wombats, they can be difficult to photograph as they are not too use to humans, the Wombats scattered every-time I stopped the car.

If the conditions are right we can do Astro one night, always fun and something a bit different. If you haven't done any Astro, don't panic, we will have a session on setting up for it before we go out.

## Registration Form - Dietary Requirements

If you haven't already then please head to the link to fill out the Registration form.

### [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

The form includes a dietary section where you can inform us of any requirements.

Please be sure to tell us of any particular foods you may want, supplies are limited on the Island, so Toni will need to procure these before our arrival.

All meals are supplied during the workshop, it is only alcoholic drinks that are not included, the lodge is licensed so these can be purchased during your stay.

**Please make sure you have my mobile number in your phone incase you need to ring me on departure day**

**0402 453 751**



## Print Critiques

Can you please bring along 5 A4 sized prints for a group critique. These needn't be your 5 best images but preferably ones that you want some clarification on. I can print these for you if you don't have prints or access to a printer, there is no charge for this.

## Indoor Sessions

Our indoor sessions will include group critiques of prints.

We will also have some discussions on composition and open sessions where you can dictate the questions.

## Travel Insurance

It is most important that you have taken out Travel Insurance for this trip.

Many thanks and contact me if you have any questions

Cheers Dean and Letizia

