

Water by Nature (Tasmania)

Franklin River Tasmania Wilderness Rafting

5, 7 & 10 Day Expeditions

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From its headwaters in the alpine lakes of the Cheyne Range until its confluence with the Gordon River some 130 km later, the Franklin River flows through a wilderness national park. You will see no dams, buildings or cars; in fact there is no permanent human habitation in its catchment.

The banks are lined by temperate rainforest punctuated by rock formations and small beaches, while the air is some of the cleanest in the world.

Water levels often rise 3 metres and occasionally up to 5 metres in 6 hours, we usually have plenty of warning when this is going to occur. The river level can also drop quickly, we may wait for this to happen, depending on the section we intend to run.

Our Environmental Policy

Tasmanian produce is purchased fresh where possible and in bulk to reduce packaging and "food kms". Recyclable material is separated prior to and during the trip and processed in Hobart. Liquid fuel stoves are used for our cooking needs and a group of up to 10 people consume less than 1 litre of fuel a day whilst on the river. On the Franklin we do not light camp fires as they can consume rare driftwood, scar the ground, crack rocks, may start bushfires (including igniting peat) are inefficient and can produce a large amount of smoke. We use minimal amounts of soaps, detergents and toothpaste. We have a clean and efficient toilet system to ensure we leave very little behind (if you would like to discuss any of this in more detail please call us).

Finally we are fortunate that the Franklin runs with pure drinkable water and we do our utmost to ensure this continues.

Guides

Our guides are professionals, chosen for their local knowledge, rafting and cooking skills. They look forward to helping you get the most from your holiday. Your safety, comfort and enjoyment are our priority.

Camping

We prefer to use spacious flysheets as campshelters and have found they work very well in this normally serene environment. Most of our camps have secluded satellite options and several are under large dry overhangs with spectacular outlooks. It is possible to bring your own small tent if you wish. We provide comfortable air mattresses with pillows, you may bring a thermarest or closed cell foam mat as well. Insects are not usually a problem. We expect to begin each days rafting at around 9.00am, have lunch by the river around midday, and aim to finish at about 3.00pm.

This gives us time to take a swim, explore the river environs or just to relax.

Our guides take pride in their cooking skills and go to great lengths to provide a varied and interesting menu using fresh produce. Please advise us if you have any dietary requirements.

Weather

Often warm and sunny, however rain and cold conditions both on and off the river may be encountered, and nights are usually cool. Much of the Franklin catchment receives in excess of 2500mm precipitation annually. It can snow on the peaks even in summer however, it is generally protected and comfortable in the river valley. For your comfort please follow the equipment list provided.

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