WINTER 2019 ON LORD HOWE ISLAND

AVG HIGH TEMP 19.8°C
AVG LOW TEMP 14.7°C
AVG RAIN 142.9mm
AVG WATER TEMP 19.9°C
WATER TEMP VARIATION 14.7°C

LORD HOWE ISLAND IS UNDISPUTEDLY ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE PLACES ON EARTH.

Its outstanding universal value is recognised in a World Heritage listing for exceptional diversity of spectacular and scenic landscapes. The island’s rich biodiversity is home to many threatened and endemic species found nowhere else in the world.

Lord Howe Island’s renowned pristine natural environment is maintained through world-class conservation efforts that began more than 100 years ago. Today we continue with the help of a community that takes great pride in ensuring the island is protected.

EXPERIENCE THE WILDLIFE PHENOMENA OF LORD HOWE ISLAND’S PROVIDENCE PETREL

EXPLORE THE WORLD’S SOUTHERNMOST CORAL REEF

ENJOY OUR VAST ARRAY OF WALKING TRAILS

A CENTURY OF CONSERVATION

Lord Howe Island’s pristine natural environment is maintained through world-class conservation efforts that began more than 100 years ago and continue today.

Feral pigs, cats and goats have been successfully eradicated and some of the world’s rarest species - on the brink of extinction - such as the Lord Howe Island Woodhen and Lord Howe Island Phasmid have been recovered.

The island is also midway through a 30 year weed eradication program targeting over 60 invasive weed species and has recently declared a world first successful eradication of African Big-headed Ants.

The next step in our conservation journey is the eradication of rats and mice, with the Rodent Eradication Project (REP), scheduled for active implementation mid-April to October 2019. Rodents are significantly impacting Lord Howe Island’s World Heritage values, including impacts to more than 70 species of plants and animals.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING YOUR STAY

You will likely come across our friendly conservation team members, easily identified by their bright hats, who will be placing lockable bait stations in public areas and in and/or around your accommodation. Our team are happy to answer any questions you have about our conservation projects.

Recreational activities will not be affected; however, some walking tracks will be closed for short periods of time (approx. 1-2 days) to allow efficient aerial baiting.

For full details, contact the LHI Board:

(02) 6563 2066
lhiroderadicationproject.org
Recycle Right

Lord Howe Island has a world class waste management facility that diverts 86% of the islands waste from landfill. Please help us by separating waste according to the island’s four-bin sorting system. Bins are clearly labelled and located at all lodges and public areas.

Choose to Reuse

The Lord Howe Island community is working together to reduce single-use plastic. While you enjoy your holiday, please consider using reusable products. Boomerang bags are available to borrow during your stay, while other reusable items are available for purchase at island shops and restaurants. Bring a reusable water bottle and ask for no straws.

Take only photos, leave only footprints

Harming or removing any part of the island’s natural environment is illegal. When enjoying the islands walking tracks, remember that bins are not provided on the walking tracks, please carry your rubbish out with you.

Know where to fish

More than one-third of the island’s waters are sanctuary zones where all forms of fishing are prohibited. If you plan on fishing during your stay, please refer to the LHI Marine Park Zoning Map and ensure you hold a valid recreational fishing licence, both of which can be obtained from the LHI Marine Parks office in the town center.

Conservation Volunteers LHI

The best way to experience the true beauty of Lord Howe Island is to see it for yourself. During your stay why not get involved and make a difference in the continued protection of our World Heritage listed Island.

Join the citizen science programs, talks and lectures and see the species, which our projects safeguard. Our globally renowned conservation projects have experts from all over the world working by side with our conservation volunteers, monitoring, collecting and exploring this unique natural environment. Experience nature like nowhere else as you learn and contribute to our conservation story.

Follow LHI Conservation Volunteers for updates on events, opportunities to participate and to see our volunteers in action:

www.facebook.com/CVLHI @cvlhi

Biosecurity

The unique characteristics that make the Lord Howe Island World Heritage area so special also leave it vulnerable to invasion by exotic species. It is therefore extremely important to prevent the introduction of exotic pests.

Please assist us in protecting Lord Howe Island by following the rules below:

- NO PLANT MATERIAL (fruit & vegetables permitted)
- NO ANIMALS
- NO SOIL OR MULCH

Always scrub and dip when using the walking tracks on Lord Howe Island. Applies to all footwear, walking poles and any other gear which may have been in contact with soil, mud or organic matter.
LOCAL TOURS

EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF LORD HOWE ISLAND

Over winter, our tour operators have a selection of informative experiences focused on showcasing Lord Howe Island’s fascinating world heritage values.

CHASE “N” THYME EXPERIENCE
Round Island Bus Tour

Rated #1 on TripAdvisor’s Things to do on Lord Howe Island and recently the first island Business inducted into TripAdvisor’s Hall of Fame, the Chase “n” Thyme experience is more than a tour – this is a journey through the island from early settlement to the present day and all the wonderful things in between. Come join your hosts Janine and Peter Phillipps on an entertaining and informal tour of Lord Howe Island’s more interesting nooks and crannies!

A great introduction on what, where and how to do Lord Howe! What are the best walks? Where do you get the best photos? The tour includes visits to the local school, Government House the hospital and the Catalina monument.

Peter will point out many of the island’s ever-changing sea and land birds. The island’s rare bird the endemic Woodhen and Kentia Palm. Learn all about the island’s social history, early settlement, predators and pests, flora and fauna, ships, flying boats and the airstrip, island tales and even buried treasure!

Morning or afternoon tea at Peter and Janine’s secluded Neds Beach home included.

Check out Chase n Thyme on TripAdvisor and find out what you can experience, Howe, What, When and Why? To book this tour please contact via the following options:

chasenthyme@gmail.com  02 6563 2247

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REEF N BEYOND ECO TOURS
The ultimate Eco Tour Experience

We will give you an up close and personal view of the unique wildlife and spectacular scenery Lord Howe Island and Ball’s Pyramid have to offer.

Our new state of the art vessel “Reef N Beyond affords a fast, stable, dry ride & exceptional visibility for all on-board. Comfortable seating is provided for all passengers. The vessel is equipped with a toilet.

Tours on offer:
• Ball’s Pyramid/Island Combo Cruise
• Island Wildlife Cruise
• Sunset Admiralty Bird Cruise
• Guided Aqua Scooter Snorkelling (Boat & Shore based)
• Pyramid Snorkelling Tour
• Yoga, nutrition and wellness classes
• Guided walks and more

Visit our boatshed for:
• Tour bookings, advice and information
• Eco Store
• Photography
• ‘Bag it’ Marine Debris Project

www.visitlordhowe.com.au  02 6563 2216 or  02 6563 2208 (after hours)
North Bay & North Head Discovery Tour
Discover the Northern Hills
Enjoy a relaxing glass bottom boat ride to North Bay while learning about the Island’s fascinating maritime history. Walk through the North Bay palm forest then climb to the top of North Head and be amazed by the panoramic views from this volcanic ridgeline.
$80.00pp
BOOK NOW

Ultimate Snorkelling Tour
For the snorkelling enthusiast join us on our two-hour snorkelling tour to four of the lagoons most amazing coral gardens. Marvel at the diversity of this reef environment as you experience the greatest range of coral communities and fish fauna within the Island’s stunning lagoon.
$60.00pp
www.lordhoweislandtours.com
02 6563 2260
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Marine Life Discovery Tour
Discover the world’s most southern coral reef
View the pristine beauty of one of the worlds untouched reef systems. Learn about this unique marine environment and discover a new world on our glass bottom boats. Focused on world heritage values and exploring the coral seascape of the world’s southernmost coral reef, this tour introduces visitors to some of the more unusual lagoon inhabitants such as the endemic double-header wrasse, stingrays and turtles – optional snorkel available.
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Lord Howe Island Nature Tours
with Island Naturalist Ian Hutton
Transit Hill botany walk
A three-hour exploration of the flora of Lord Howe Island. Beginning with a 15 minute PowerPoint overview at the Museum of the Island's flora and plant identification, followed by a walk to the top of Transit Hill to discover and learn about the island's unique plant species, and conservation projects to protect them. Easy walking from the Museum.
$40.00pp

Low Tide Reef walk
2-hour walk to discover and learn about the myriad of amazing creatures inhabiting the intertidal zone – learn about their diet, defense, breeding and survival. Dates and times to coincide with low tides.
$40.00pp

PRODIVE Scott Portelli Dive Experience
3rd Underwater Photo Shootout with Scott Portelli
Pro Dive Lord Howe Island and Pro Dive Travel will host the 3rd of an annual Underwater Photography Shootout in conjunction with award winning wildlife, nature, aerial and underwater photographer Scott Portelli.
Participants will have the opportunity to attend Scott’s Workshops throughout the event receiving invaluable tuition.
Register your interest in our ‘Protecting Paradise’ dive, and explore Lord Howe Island’s world renowned Marine Park from a whole different perspective; with the opportunity to be instructed by international award winning nature photographer Scott Portelli.

Tour inclusions:
• Single Dive
• Dive gear (tank, weights, reg, computer, 5.5mm wetsuit, mask, snorkel, fins, 1.5mm - 3mm hooded vest. Booties and torch on request)
• Pro Dive leader
• Briefing and dive with Scott Portelli
The fee for the dive is $120 per person

Enter your best image of the day in the open category and be in the running for a number of brilliant prizes. This year’s workshop and competition will be open to categories including nature and wildlife photographs. This exciting competition is running from 2nd – 8th June 2019. Book Now and lock in this amazing dive experience.

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SEA LORD HOWE
Round Island boat cruises + Fishing

Sea Lord Howe is a boutique sightseeing and fishing charter located on Lord Howe Island. The vessel Lulawai was custom built on the island in 1968 and has a lot of memories and history to share. The 37ft luxury cruiser is fitted with a private bathroom and offers comfortable cruises as well as action filled fishing trips. The vessel was refitted in 2010 for modern cruises.

We offer around the island cruises where we circumnavigate the island as well as offer commentary. We point out landmarks, share stories and history related to the island and its rich background. This cruise is 2 hours long and while aboard you will be looked after by locals with an abundance of information to share with you.

We also offer fishing trips, the most popular of these being our evening trip. On which we head out into the lagoon to enjoy the sunset before chasing various species suited to all anglers. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the island during sunset from its best angle. This trip especially suits families or couples/friends who would enjoy a relaxed environment but still wish to leave Lord Howe Island with a fishing experience.

Full and half day fishing charters are also available.

sealordhowe@gmail.com

SEA TO SUMMIT EXPEDITIONS

Mt Gower
Enjoy a day with Jack Shick climbing Mt Gower on Lord Howe Island, rated one of Australia’s twenty best day walks. Jack is a fifth generation Islander and third generation mountain guide, following in the footsteps of his Grandfather and Father. Jack is the most experienced guide on Lord Howe Island with a total of over 2000 guided trips to the summit. Jack has been a mountain guide for 20 years. Experience breathtaking views, see some of the island’s rarest plants and bird life.

Mt Gower is an iconic peak at the southern end of Lord Howe Island, rising 875m from sea level. The walk is around 14km return and takes about 8.5 hours and are scheduled for every Monday and Thursday.

Scenic Trips – Balls Pyramid Sightseeing and Around the Island
Balls Pyramid, an iconic rock stack rising 552m out of the water, 23km from Lord Howe Island. This is not just a boat ride, with Jack Shick & Ian Hutton on board there is nothing missed. From Birds, Fish, Geology and Local History your journey will be filled with a wealth of information.

The tours included in this document can be pre-booked for winter 2019. Pre-book now to ensure you experience the best of Lord Howe Island, from those who know it best.

Once you arrive on Lord Howe Island, make your way to the Lord Howe Island Visitors Centre (located at the Lord Howe Island Museum). From there you can book additional tours and find details on our local restaurants and shops, pick up a list of all available volunteer opportunities for the week and find all the information that you need to ensure your trip is one to remember.

All tours listed are available over winter 2019, unless a time frame is specified, and are subject to weather and minimum numbers. For full details on availability please contact the operator directly.