

Mandala Visitors Book Extracts

On behalf of our group (13) we complement you on an outstanding house in the most picturesque environment. The facilities have been perfect, except maybe the TV setup [now replaced]. We found Bruny a most peaceful and interesting place to stay.

Melbourne, October 2006

We loved Mandala! We escaped for the show long weekend and had sun, wind, rain, hail and snow in 48 hours. We found the TV / stereo a little tricky [now replaced]. Would love to come back. Thank you.

Hobart, October 2006

Our last stop in Tassie and easily the best house (but we loved the others as well!). The kids really appreciated all the things to do – my complaint is that we had to drag them out of the house! The Adventure Bay sea tour is breathtaking – huge Southern Ocean swells providing incredible drama – especially at the Friar Islands. Thousands and thousands of shearwaters, and hundreds (yes hundreds) of dolphins. All topped off with seals and albatross. The jetty beach / peninsula walk is also a feature with its wild flower display and the friendliest young echidna we had ever seen. The kids were entranced. We've had every type of weather except snow (though it's in the mountains today) but the house has kept us warm, dry and very much at home. Thanks for being so generous with the inclusions – we'll be back sometime.

Brisbane, October 2006

A wonderful place ... extremely comfortable, warm, great ambience & so much stuff to make you feel so at home. Really didn't want to leave. We hope to visit again soon. Thank you for making this available for others to enjoy!

Hobart, September 2006

Lovely family house. Peaceful setting. Good entertainment for kids (except TV too complicated to get going) [now replaced]. Enjoyable time spent on a lovely island.

TAS, September 2006

Managed to get 2 nights away this time but still not long enough! The only fishies biting were big cod off the Lunawanna jetty – had to resort to steak for dinner! Good meal at pub Friday night.

Hobart, September 2006

This house is so awesome, fully equipped with things I didn't even think of! So homely, so practical, so beautiful. Really appreciated the manuals on everything.

Definitely be back with the family. Hot tip: Adventure Bay Jetty, squid galore on a lucky day = lots of calamari for dinner ... yum!

Hobart, September 2006

Spring is here. Will always remember where I spent Spring 06 ... what a great house, great island, it was fantastic! And thanks for all the child-friendly touches, much appreciated!

North Queensland, September 2006

We've had a great time – the house is lovely. We really appreciated all the child-friendly touches. Thanks so much for a wonderful stay – we'll definitely be back for longer next time.

Sydney, 26–29 August 2006

What a wonderful place Mandala is! We had a great weekend there, just loved it, & all the personal touches as well, you've thought of everything. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to share it. Very impressed!! Have had a great time (never long enough) – a beautiful place in a beautiful setting with everything here! Thanks very much for the opportunity to stay here. Loved it!

New Norfolk, TAS, August 2006

What a great find. You've thought of everything. Thanks for allowing us to share this gem. We'll be back with reinforcements (i.e. more couples and friends).

New Norfolk, August 2006

Thanks so much for allowing this haven you've created to be enjoyed by others – it's been wonderful and I'm sorry to be leaving. Saw 3 cats. Might be good to set a trap? Did see lots of different birds though.

TAS, July 2006

Great place, good times, thank you very much for letting us stay in your beautiful house and have a great couple of days. Thank you.

Hobart, July 2006

Really super – enjoyed all the facilities. Pity we could not have stayed longer. We would certainly come back in the summer season if possible. Thank you.

Scotland and Hobart, July 2006

A nice and relaxing weekend getaway from Hobart. Hope to return soon for longer than one night! Thank you.

Hobart, July 2006

A great getaway for a couple of nights!! Would have stayed longer. Definitely back soon.

Hobart and New Zealand, June 2006

Another lovely break away – the kids loved it here & we'll be back again. Thank you so much.

Hobart, June 2006

Had a very relaxing and enjoyable stay – only one problem .. it wasn't long enough.

Hobart & Adelaide, June 2006

Spur of the moment stay and what a good choice it was. Wonderfully set up house, view, everything. We just wanted to get away and relax and that is exactly what MANDALA does. Thanks.

Hobart, June 2006

Gorgeous, gorgeous. The perfect holiday home. Everything just wonderful. We had a lovely time and are already looking forward to coming back ...

Sydney, June 2006

A wonderful stay in the home with everything – thanks! Beautiful spot! Very similar to home!

Scotland, March 2006

Very relaxing and homely. We liked all the little personal touches and obvious thought put into making the house comfortable. Very child-friendly too. Thank you.

Hobart, March 2006

Excellent accommodation. You have thought of everything. Most enjoyable stay. Highly recommended.

Hobart, February 2006

We thoroughly enjoyed our stay here on Bruny. Mandala is so comfortable and well appointed.

Ulverstone, TAS, January 2006

What a brilliant trip, what a fantastic break. There was a lot of fishing, followed by legendary beer batter and wasabe mayo dip. Also sailing, hiking (one two-day trip and a couple of day trips), spear fishing, daytrips to beaches, and a serious amount of eating and drinking. The perfect holiday. We adored the wild un-trodden beaches, beautiful high cliff lined bluffs, big dunes, watching the dolphins go past the window of your lovely house,

swimming with a big seal ... fantastic. In fact it was probably the most relaxing and fun short trip I've ever had. We'll be back.

Sydney, January 2006

Flatties galore with Davo's wasabe mayo. In the water with a big seal. No-one on the beach, ever. Windswept wonders at Cape Queen Elizabeth. High traverses over the high tide on dodgy limestone, our son's eyes bright – the biggest catch of the holiday. The house absorbed all-comers, serenely, and swapped stress for something else we don't even have a word for in Sydney. Kilos piling on and knocked off by the mad, mad exertions of carry kayak, fish, swim, hike, snorkel, cook, drink, eat and, oh it's time for desert again.

Sydney, January 2006

Thank you for all the personal touches that make Mandala a home, not just a holiday house. We have had just under two wonderful weeks where we have all turned feral, running wild in the elements of Bruny Island. It will be a holiday we carry with us for a long time. Thanks Nicola for always being a voice at the end of the line and for filling the house with fresh flowers and making it sparkle.

Sydney January 2006

Had a great time, best beds ever (especially upstairs). We ventured all over the island and saw heaps of crazy things. Animals, walks, etc.

Brisbane, January 2006

Just wanted to let you have some feedback on our stay ... it was marvellous!!! Such a special place to stay for Christmas. So nice to find somewhere so generously and tastefully furnished with everything that we needed. Sitting on the deck with a glass of Pinot looking out at the bay ... doesn't get better than that. It is a long way to go but worth every minute on the plane. We certainly hope to be back in the future.

Malaysia, December 2005

Absolutely magical. A wonderful week of snoozing and walks on Neck Beach.

Malaysia, December 2005

Here for a few days before our nephew's wedding in Hobart. We loved the house, the surroundings and the birds. Unfortunately the weather was not conducive to kayaking as we had been looking forward to a paddle!

Philadelphia US and Cape Town SA, December 2005

What a great treat! A nice relaxing stay (too short though) and we loved seeing the penguins. Thank you. We love Bruny Island!

USA, December 2005

A very relaxing 2 days spent at Mandala. Beautiful views, gorgeous house and all the makings needed for a great respite from the city. We will recommend it to friends travelling to Tasmania next year. Thanks very much.

South Australia, December 2005

Bruny Island – world's best secret island destination. We only stayed one night on this most beautiful of islands. Really looking forward to coming back here for a week sometime in the future. The house has been renovated in a fantastic manner to suit its inner qualities, and to suit the diverse weather conditions, with a view that makes you instantly relax. Many times in our short stay memories of my childhood were evoked, with summer breezes bringing salty wafts and distant sounds – how quickly can I get back!!!

P.S. Thanks to Nicola, the house was in terrific condition.

Melbourne, November 2005

We had a super time in this beautiful house. Enjoyed the walks, music, meal in the pub, and also caught the fishing bug! The house is tops, quality galore, very cosy, we could not have asked for better.

Hobart, November 2005

Superlatives needed to describe Mandala. Is this the most beautiful and peaceful place in the world? We are planning our reunion here! Family member about to move and work overseas – we wanted to something special in a Tasmanian setting. You have provided everything! Treasured memories – thank you.

Hobart, November 2005

What a fantastic home to stay in! We loved every minute, from sitting on the veranda in the sunshine while eating breakfast, to gathering around the fireplace. We had a wonderful time.

Hobart, September 2005

A lovely spot to spend a quiet few days. Beautiful views and lots of bird spotting. A wonderful house – perfect for a curious toddler. We have had a relaxing and most enjoyable time here, thank you. We will be back I'm sure.

Melbourne, September 2005

What a wonderful visit to a special island – even the rain didn't spoil the time here – so peaceful and relaxing. House perfect for a tribe of children. We've all had a great time and will be back.

Launceston, September 2005

We had a lovely time at Mandala – watching birds from the lounge and verandah, kayaking, cooking and consuming many a gourmet meal and generally lounging about. You have set it up so well as a home away from

home with a holiday feel. The kayaking was good - but it was difficult getting them down and back up again (from their harness, rather than to the water). I wondered about a rack system where there wouldn't be so much lifting and manoeuvring above shoulder height.

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Launceston, TAS, September 2005

Just a quick note to say how much we enjoyed our stay at your place on Bruny Island. We even managed to see 2 penguins on the Neck after dusk with the boys. You really have a lovely secluded spot with excellent facilities and will be highly recommended by us. I hope we will be back again sometime not too far away.

Sydney, August 2005

Thank you - everything was wonderful and I got lots of writing done! Mandala provided the initial inspiration for what will hopefully be my first novel. Thanks for everything - I think I'll probably be back again one day!

Canberra, August 2005

This is the most amazing place and I will hopefully come back. Bruny is beautiful and the house is amazing. Thank you so much for having me. I will remember this for a long time as by far one of my favourite holidays.

London, July 2005

This was a most wonderful few days. We are quite bewitched by Tassie, even though the "Wobblies" and Whales eluded us. So many thanks for such a beautiful holiday.

London, July 2005

The perfect spot for meeting and eating, thinking and drinking. Brass monkey weather but well countered by the iron stove.

Sydney, June 2005

Just to let you know that we had a fantastic time at Mandala. You have created a wonderful holiday house with everything we could possibly have needed. We didn't get out in the kayaks but that will have to wait until next visit. We are off [overseas] for a year but couldn't think of a better place to celebrate our return to Tasmania when we get back!

Hobart, June 2005

Your Cottage is brilliant we loved it and wished we had stayed longer – we are having friends from overseas so will book in advance and also for September school holidays. Sue has the place really nice and clean – always a worry when going to a holiday home.

Hobart, June 2005

We had a great time and the weather was mostly kind. My wife and I were able to paddle around to Sheepwash Bay on a very calm day. I took the kids for a short ride – but it was a little choppy that day. We were very comfortable and warm, though set box did not greatly work – I think we relocated the aerial directly into the TV so you might have to check this. The girls commented that a cheap hair dryer might be worthwhile having. Thanks again and we will think of going back!

Hobart, April / May 2005

Bruny is beautiful – serene and largely unspoilt. Great house and facilities. Kayaks used when weather permitted. Children loved roasting marshmallows by the camp fire and having tea parties in the cubby. Thanks for a terrific long weekend – we'll be hoping for more sunshine next visit.

Melbourne / Hobart, Anzac weekend 2005

Thank you for a wonderful holiday in the most stunning house – a dream realised. I'd love to come back and walk all over the island. Thank you.

Loches, France, April 2005

We've spent a most wonderful Easter holiday here – what a magical cabin with spectacular view, comfy beds and private setting. Bruny Island is just the best getaway for a relaxing time and peaceful hikes exploring the beaches and landscape. Congratulations on your wonderful retreat. We hope to return many times!

San Francisco, March 2005

So wonderful to be back on Bruny. Spent many wonderful holidays at Killora North Bruny. A large land grant on Nth Bruny was given to my ancestors. Families also lived around this area from the mid 1800s. To find this wonderful retreat, views, sun, rest and good friends ... what more could you want? We'll be back.

Hobart, March 2005

I can quite understand why you fell in love with this house and Bruny Island – we are tempted not to leave! The house is comfortable and cosy and works well – we have all had a fantastic time and the island is FANTASTIC.

Sydney, January / February 2005

Mandala is the prettiest house on Bruny – nestles into its site. Lovely bush setting and sea view. We loved our stay here and the sights and scenery of South Bruny,

not to mention the company of our grandchildren. The penguin viewing at The Neck was a great experience.

Devon, England, January / February 2005

Fantastic views, a beautiful and peaceful place to have a holiday. Lots to do and an easy house to relax in. The view from the sink is excellent!

Great cycling and paddling.

I really liked playing in the garden.

Leuven, Belgium, December / January 2004-5

Christmas at Mandala 2004. We loved our time at Mandala, the perfect place to spend Christmas. Lots of activities, perfect for big groups with children – the space is just great. Beautiful setting, fabulous for boating and fishing, relaxing or socialising. Definitely a Christmas to remember. Thank you.

Sydney, Christmas 2004

Family holiday meets Adventure holiday with mountain biking, kayaking, fishing, swimming and above all great company and a perfect setting. Hope to be back as soon as possible. Fantastic.

London, Xmas 2004

What a wonderful view! Great beds. Wonderful area. Not any time to sit down and be bored! Great beaches and so much to explore. Love to go back. Thank you very much.

Sydney, November 2004

What a beautiful place! We love it here – views both inside and out – I could (and do) sit for hours and look out the window in front of a blazing fire. Lots of sleeping, reading and a great walk up to Cape Bruny Lighthouse. We'll be back very soon!

Sydney, November 2004