



## A Weekend with MONA

Choose from three dates in 2012:

Thu 8 – Sun 11 March

Thu 9 – Sun 12 August

Thu 4 – Sun 07 October

(4 days / 3 nights)



Tour Leader

## Jenny Birt

(March 2012 Weekend)

Jenny Birt has been a volunteer guide with the Art Gallery of NSW for 26 years and became Guides' Co-ordinator in 1998. She served as an elected Councillor with the Art Gallery Society for 9 years and for 3 of those years was its Vice-President.

In 2002, with fellow Councillor, Ann Thomson, she led a 3 week tour of 26 people to France for the Society.

For 9 years she organised the AGS Art Appreciation Diploma Lecture series as well as Private Eye visits for members to corporate and private collections.

The tour hosts of the weekends in August and October 2012 will be announced closer to the date. They will be volunteer guides and/or Art Gallery Society councillors and be well known to Society members.

*All MONA photographs courtesy of MONA and Leigh Carmichael.*

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Enjoy a luxury weekend of stimulating art, gourmet food and fine Tasmanian wine, with exclusive use of Hobart's boutique, historic Islington Hotel, recently restored and set in a delightful garden with stunning views of Mount Wellington.

The highlight will be a visit to the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), Australia's latest and most ambitious experiment in art curatorship, offering a unique and somewhat eccentric museum experience. The new museum is the brainchild of the multi-millionaire David Walsh and is dramatically carved out of a sandstone cliff and cleverly concealed beneath a grassy hill. Inside the three storeyed underground structure, designed by Melbourne architect, Nonda Katsalidis, Walsh offers his extraordinary private collection to the visitor, creating an adventure in seeing, his "subversive adult Disneyland", in which he deliberately stimulates lively discussion and debate about the very nature of art.

In addition to the art each weekend package includes a concert in the ballroom of Epsom House, one of the oldest houses in Australia, located in Pontville just outside Hobart.

Book early – places are strictly limited!

## Your Hotel ...



## The Islington Hotel

Built in 1847, the Islington is a small luxury hotel in Hobart, decorated with fine art and furnished with antiques, presented in an atmosphere of serenity, luxury and tranquillity. The Islington is an outstanding example of Hobart's Regency architecture, recently restored to showcase the property's original glory and up-dated to include such modern amenities as a glass enclosed mountain-view pavilion.

The Islington has eleven sumptuously furnished guest rooms, many with distinct characters that reflect an eclectic mix of a bygone era coupled with contemporary comfort.

For more information visit [www.islingtonhotel.com](http://www.islingtonhotel.com)

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Thursday

### Arrive Hobart

Arrive in Hobart and check-in to the exclusive Islington Hotel. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner with your tour host and fellow art lovers at Peppermint Bay located 40 minutes south of Hobart in the picturesque township of Woodbridge. Nestled between the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and the seclusion of the Huon Valley, the restaurant has wonderful panoramic views of the bay. (D)

### Day 2 Friday

### Hobart

After breakfast visit MONA - the Museum of Old and New Art, located on a private peninsula on the Derwent River, and part of the Moorilla Estate. Opened in January 2011, it is the largest privately funded museum in the southern hemisphere housing antiquities, modern and contemporary art from the David Walsh collection.

Enjoy a degustation lunch accompanied by matching wines at The Source Restaurant, the contemporary, glass-walled restaurant on the estate, featuring the best produce from Tasmania's finest boutique farms.

The afternoon is at leisure to remain at the museum. Return to Hobart under own arrangements by ferry or taxi. Evening at leisure. (BL)

### Day 3 Saturday

### Hobart

Start the day with a visit to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Tasmania's leading natural, cultural and heritage organisation. It is a combined museum, art gallery and herbarium which safeguards the physical evidence of Tasmania's natural and cultural heritage, and the cultural identity of Tasmanians.

There will be free time for lunch (at own expense) and to wander around the famous Salamanca Markets where some of the best arts and crafts, food and flowers produced in Tasmania are displayed.

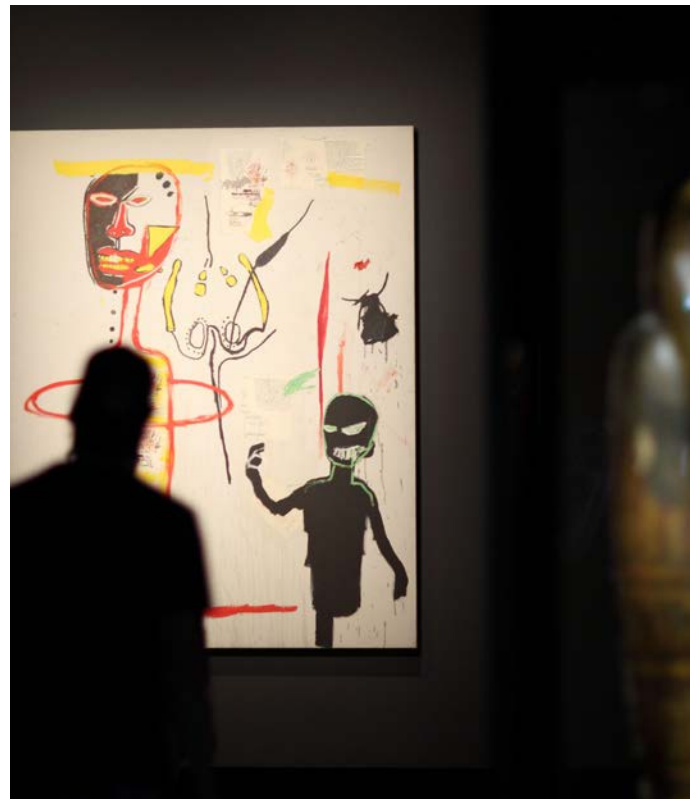
Later visit Narryna Heritage Museum, a handsome Georgian house set in a picturesque, old-world setting. Experience the elegant lifestyle of a prosperous Hobart merchant and his family in the 19th century. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

Tonight attend a concert held at Epsom House, one of the oldest houses in Australia, located in the tiny town of Pontville. The owners, Jacqui and Geoff Robertson, organise intimate concerts in the ballroom of their lovingly restored home. Enjoy a pre-concert supper followed by a chamber concert (program to be advised). (BD)

### Day 4 Sunday

### Depart Hobart

Tour arrangements conclude after breakfast. (B)



*Skin Flint by Jean-Michel Basquiat*



*Fat Car by Erwin Wurm*



*My Beautiful Chair by Gregory J. Taylor*



*Foreground: Pulse Room by Rafael Lozano-Hemmer  
Background: Bullet Hole by Mat Collishaw*

## TOUR PRICES ...

Per person, twin-share	\$1,690
Single supplement*	\$625
Deposit (per person)	\$250

\*Single travellers may request to share.  
Please advise at time of booking.

### Final Payment

45 days prior to commencement of the tour e.g. 23 Jan, 25 Jun or 20 Aug 2012

### Tour Code

AGS MONA - Mar / Aug / Oct

### FLIGHTS

Please contact Renaissance Tours for assistance.

### TOUR PRICES INCLUDE

- Accommodation at The Islington Hotel with private facilities and daily breakfast (B)
- Meals as per itinerary (L=Lunch, D=Dinner) including wines
- Comprehensive sightseeing, visits to galleries and attractions including entrance fees as per itinerary
- Concert and supper at Epsom House
- Gratuities for guides and drivers

### DO NOT INCLUDE

- Transfers on arrival / departure
- Flights to / from Hobart
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone, laundry, taxis etc.
- Airport and hotel portage
- Travel insurance (recommended)

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

#### How to Book

Complete, sign and return the Booking Form available from Renaissance Tours with your deposit of \$250 per person. Upon receipt of your Booking Form and deposit, you will receive confirmation of your place from Renaissance Tours.

#### Deposit / Final Payments

Deposit (at time of booking) \$250

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#### Fitness and Participation

While our tours do not require a special level of fitness, for the overall benefit of the group, all tour members must possess a moderate level of mobility, including the ability to:

- negotiate airports and railway stations without wheelchair assistance
- use combined shower/bath facilities (it is impossible to guarantee walk-in shower facilities)
- undertake walking tour of 2-3 hours duration, including using stairs, walking over cobblestones and other uneven surfaces
- stand for long periods in museums and other sites
- embark / disembark coaches, trains and other methods of transportation without assistance
- handle your own luggage

If you (or we) have any doubts about your ability to participate in your chosen tour, you may be required to have a doctor's appraisal. This would require a doctor to read the itinerary of your chosen tour and provide you with a written confirmation of your ability to participate.

#### Terms & Conditions

You can find a copy of the full terms & conditions attached to the Renaissance Tours booking form. They can also be found on our website or we would be happy to post you a copy on request.

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