

## Expedition Medicine on Maria Island

The first two days of the course are held in Hobart before moving to the stunningly beautiful Maria island for the rest of the course.

The University of Tasmania's Medical Sciences Precinct is a modern and well equipped venue in Hobart's CBD and close to the waterfront and a variety of hotels

On Sunday afternoon we have a hasty early dinner before travelling for just over an hour up the east coast to the small town of Triabunna. From here we catch the ferry to Darlington, an old penal colony on the northwest coast of Maria Island.



The old penitentiary has been converted into simple, low cost accommodation. There is a large hall for teaching, dining and occasionally relaxing in front of the roaring fire (if you've bothered to light it!). There is adequate power for charging phones and cameras or whatever else you choose to bring.

Perhaps the most important person on the course is Heather – our cook – seen below bent over the kitchen sink.



Once on the island the course is fully catered – breakfast, lunch and dinner, with hot drinks whenever you want them.

Sleeping quarters are in bunk rooms – usually 4-6 to a room. There is no electric power in these rooms (so bring a head torch) but the bunks are comfortable and you will only need a sleeping bag and pillow



Hot showers are available but are a few minutes walk away and take \$1 coins. Expect the teaching program to be disrupted by wombats, Tasmanian devils and Cap Barren geese!

You may wish to consider bringing a mountain bike, they're handy for getting about and Friday afternoon will be free to recreation.

**For further details visit:**

<http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/?base=3495>