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For young, adventurous couples with a romantic streak and a love of the wild, Binalong Bay offers the perfect one-night coastal escape. Tucked within Tasmania's famed larapuna / Bay of Fires, this itinerary blends awe-inspiring nature with indulgent experiences that leave you feeling connected, inspired, and completely off-grid—in all the best ways.

Located 250km from Hobart International Airport, via the scenic coast road, start your adventure by following the picturesque coastline from Hobart, via Buckland, Orford and the iconic Bicheno townships. From Launceston Airport you are only 2 hours from Binalong Bay, approximately 162km. Enjoy a taste of what you're set to experience, wonder... Is the best really still to come? You have seen so much beauty already! Yes, the best is still yet to come. The 3.5hr trip up the East Coast can be made a day trip in itself, however we felt your experience would be most enjoyed beginning and ending in Binalong Bay.

DAY ONE

Morning: White Sands, Fresh Oysters, and a Hidden Rock Pool

Ease into your coastal getaway with a barefoot wander along **Binalong Bay Beach**. Here, the sand squeaks beneath your feet and the water glows in hues of aquamarine. The scene is dotted with lichen-covered granite boulders, the hallmark of the Bay of Fires—raw, untouched, and utterly breathtaking.

Elevate your morning with a stop at Lease 65, where plump oysters are pulled fresh from the bay. Follow this with a curated gourmet picnic by Salty Picnic Co. who will prepare a luxe set-up for two at Sloop Reef Cove, a quiet and secluded stretch of coastline made for lingering. After lunch, take a refreshing dip in the Mermaid Pool—a naturally formed, perfectly rounded three-metre-deep rockpool carved over centuries into the sea-washed boulders. It's an unforgettable place to cool off, connect, and take in the power of nature. Watch the gulls fly overhead and the sea eagles work for their next meal.

Afternoon: Snorkel, Spot Sea Dragons, and Soak It All In

Pack your snorkel and fins for an afternoon at **The Gardens**, a lesser-known underwater playground teeming with life. The temperate reef system reveals vibrant seaweeds, darting fish, and, if you're lucky, an elusive **weedy sea dragon** drifting through the kelp like something from a dream. You may even spy a **southern rock lobster** or **black-lip abalone**, nestled in their granite hideaways.

Evening: Campfire Stars or Beach Shack Comfort

As the sun dips below the horizon, retreat to one of two equally romantic accommodations.

At the <u>Bay of Fires Bush Retreat</u>, stylish bell tents are tucked into peaceful bushland, offering comfort with a wild edge. Cook up a dinner using produce from the on-site organic garden or select a chef-prepared meal from the seasonal menu. End your evening by the communal campfire, sipping wine and toasting marshmallows beneath a night sky so clear you can see the Milky Way stretch from one side of the horizon to the other.

Prefer walls and waves? Settle into Sea Eagle Cottage, boasting incredible views of the Bay of Fires, pour a glass of Tasmanian pinot and let the rhythmic crash of the surf lull you into deep relaxation. Fishing rods are provided if you're keen to cast a line just as locals have done here at the beach for generations.

DAY TWO

Morning: High-Energy Adventure or Hands-On Creativity

Wake to the call of kookaburras and the scent of eucalyptus drifting through the air. After a relaxed breakfast at the Retreat or Cottage, choose your own pace for the day.

For thrill-seekers, tackle the legendary **Bay of Fires Mountain Bike Trail**. Starting in the misty, sub-alpine Blue Tier, this 42-kilometre track descends through towering forest, granite ridgelines, and finally spills you out onto the dazzling sands of **Swimcart Beach**. With panoramic views at every turn, it's an adrenaline-laced journey of world-class riding. **Vertigo MTB** or **Gravity Isle** can sort you out with bikes, helmets, transfers, and even a packed lunch.

If something more hands-on appeals, stop in at <u>Christie Lange's Art Studio</u>, where her pottery is inspired by the rich colours and wild textures of the surrounding landscape. Create your own coastal keepsake or simply browse her stunning earthware collection.

Afternoon: Pizza with a View and a Farewell Wander

Wind down with lunch and a bevvy at <u>The Hub Seaside</u>, perched above the bay with panoramic views stretching all the way to **Skeleton Rock**. The wood-fired pizzas are as memorable as the view, and a crisp Tasmanian Beer from <u>Bicheno Beer Co</u> never goes astray.

Take a final stroll through Binalong Bay, where beach shacks of yesteryear sit beside sleek coastal builds, each reflecting a different chapter in the story of this treasured town. Hop along the rocks, explore the tide pools, and don't leave without one last photo from the **lookout**, a perfect moment to bottle the memory.

One night in Binalong Bay is never enough, but it's more than enough to fall in love with the place. With equal parts serenity and adventure, it's a destination that captures hearts and stays with you long after the red rocks fade from view.

Before you head off for your next adventure, call into the <u>Serpentarium Wildlife Park</u> and see the turtles, snakes and other slimy species that are sure to captivate and inspire you, if you didn't see them underwater or when trekking through our bush, you're sure to get up close and personal here!

So, there you have it, the perfect 36 hours on the East Coast – see you soon!