

In response to the picture in the paper 26<sup>th</sup> December 2013 re boat fares by Western Australian couple. I can relate to that.

I travel twice a year to Melbourne, have a cabin and pay \$130 to \$180 one way, pensioner rates. I can go from Melbourne to Adelaide for \$60 one way overnight and Melbourne to Sydney for \$125. Greyhound do not charge any more for Christmas or holidays as it is a set price. As I travel extensively around Australia by bus I have met and talked to many people who would like to come to Tassie but it is too pricey. They can see or travel more on the mainland.

One couple with two children said it was cheaper to fly and hire a car. No wonder the airlines are having a record number of passengers.

You can go to Bali for less than \$1000 plus accommodation.

My daughter came over in December and paid \$700 return with a small car. With petrol from Adelaide on top of that it makes an expensive holiday. The Bass Strait is a main highway. Tassie is missing out so much with tourists who can travel in Australia cheaper than the boat.

Regards

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