

TASMANIA SPRING FLING

5 November 2024

**10 Day Fully Hosted Small Group Tour
to the Island of Tasmania from your front door**

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This 10-day journey to the enchanting island state of Tasmania, a destination that's on most people's 'must visit' list, that has captivated the hearts of many travelers with its unique flora, fauna, and rich history. This gem of Australia is a treasure trove of wonders waiting to be explored, and we have meticulously planned this trip to coincide with the most favorable time of the year, from November to April, ensuring an experience that is as delightful as it is memorable.

In Hobart, we've allowed plenty of time to take in everything this lovely coastal city and its surrounds have to offer, including free time for you to explore this delightful small city on your own. Our tour of Hobart wouldn't be complete without a visit to the extraordinary MONA - Museum of Old and New Art, which promises to redefine your perception of art with its unconventional exhibits.

As we venture beyond Hobart, our fully hosted tour encompasses Tasmania's most iconic landmarks. From the haunting beauty of Port Arthur's historic sites to Richmond's famed bridge; from the serene expanse of Lake St Clair to Strahan's picturesque coastal village; and from the majestic Cradle Mountain to Launceston's Tamar River - each location has been carefully selected to showcase the best Tasmania has to offer. And let's not forget the abundance of wildlife, incredible food, and wineries in between.

We invite you to join us on this captivating tour of Tasmania. Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and tastes of this extraordinary island state and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Trip Highlights

- Hobart City sights orientation tour
- Coal River Farm for High Cheese
- Richmond Town visit and tour
- Puddleduck Wine Estate
- Tasmania Peninsula and Port Arthur Historic site
- Port Arthur Lavendar Farm
- Hobart (freetime)
- Ferry ride to MONA on the Posh Pit
- Hobart Museum of Old & New Art (MONA)
- Russell Falls in Mt Field National Park
- Derwent Bridge, visit the Wall in the Wilderness
- St Clair award winning visitors centre and short walk along the lake
- Lake Margaret Hydropower and Sawmill Tour, Queenstown
- Nostalgic movie and dinner at the Paragon Theatre
- Gordon River Cruise
- Theatrical performance of the "Ship that Never Was".
- Cradle Mountain visitor center and Park Explorer Tour
- Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm
- Cruise the Cataract Gorge along the River Tamar
- Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre



Day to Day Itinerary

5th to 14th November 2024

Tour Length: 10 Days

TUE 5 Wellington

Today your long-awaited holiday is about to begin. We meet our fellow travellers at Wellington Airport prior to our onwards flight to Hobart via Melbourne with meals provided in-flight provided.

On our twilight arrival into Hobart, we will be transferred to the Movenpick Hotel, our home for the next four nights.

WED 6 Hobart - Richmond

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This morning, we begin our day with an orientation tour of Hobart City, located amid the exciting beauty of Southern Tasmania and boasts a charming waterfront. The capital of Australia's island state of Tasmania, Hobart sits on the River Derwent with Mount Wellington as a backdrop and is Australia's second oldest city after Sydney. Many fine examples of Georgian and Victorian architecture can be seen around the harbour as well as restored warehouses that have been converted into dockside cafes, artists' studios, and restaurants.

Continuing out of Hobart we travel into the heart of Tasmania's Coal River Valley. Here we explore Coal River Farm including an exquisite high cheese where we indulge in a sumptuous journey through a selection of award-winning artisan cheeses and chocolates, before exploring the region further.

We then stop at the historical village of Richmond, rich in history with its ornate Georgian architecture, stately heritage buildings and quaint cottages, with plenty to explore from tea shops, art galleries to craft boutiques and museums. The instantly recognisable Richmond Bridge is Australia's oldest surviving arch bridge, built by convicts in the 1820s, still in use today and an easy stroll from the village centre.

After Richmond, we visit the charming Puddleduck Wine Estate. Here, we indulge in a curated wine tasting session featuring four of their signature wines. This experience is accompanied by an informative presentation of the Puddleduck story by one of the experienced wine guides.

We enjoy dinner tonight back in Hobart at the waterfront restaurant, dockside Mures Upper Deck.

THU 7 Hobart - Port Arthur

(B) (D)

After an early breakfast today, we drive along the Tasman Peninsula towards Port Arthur. By mid-morning we arrive into the historic sites of Port Arthur and take an orientation walking tour then later a small boat cruise around the bay and the Isle of the Dead. Returning to the mainland, we disembark from the cruise and enjoy some free time exploring more of Port Arthur.

We then continue on to the Port Arthur Lavender Farm, which is an absolute delight to the senses! This farm cultivates an extensive variety of lavender species each contributing to the vibrant tapestry of purples and greens that blanket the fields. Take a stroll through the fragrant fields of purple or visit the café that tempts provides a delightful culinary journey with dishes that incorporate the farm's signature lavender.

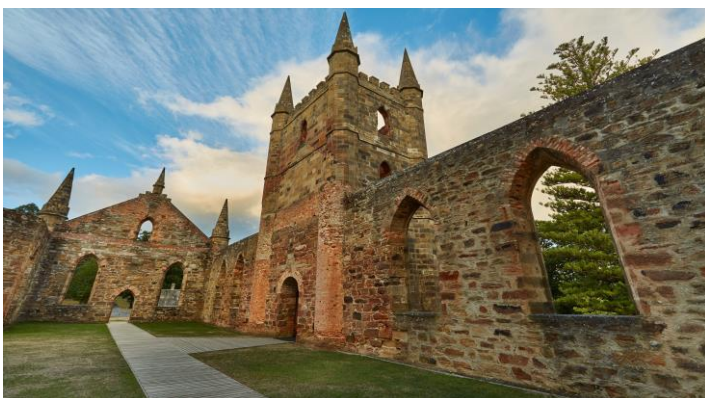
We arrive back in Hobart with time to freshen up before gathering for dinner together in our hotel restaurant.

FRI 8 Hobart

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This morning enjoy a full breakfast before free leisure time to explore Hobart City and perhaps wander down to Brooke Street Wharfs. (We highly recommend sampling the famous Scallop Pie!).

This afternoon we make our way to the Brooke Street wharf to travel on the 30-minute ferry ride to MONA, whilst enjoying the Posh Pit experience, before returning via ferry to Brook Street Wharf. The rest of the evening is yours at leisure.



SAT 9 Hobart – Queenstown

(B) (L) (D)

After breakfast we depart Hobart for Queenstown with our first stop at the Mt Field National Park and the site of the majestic Russell Falls. Esteemed as one of Tasmania's oldest national parks, established back in 1916 alongside Freycinet National Park, it offers a rich history and breath-taking natural beauty that has been cherished since 1885 when it was set aside as Tasmania's first nature reserve.

We visit the national parks visitor centre before taking the self-guided short circuit walk to the captivating falls.

We continue along the route and journey onto Derwent Bridge visiting Lake St Clair visitors' centre and also take a short walk to the lake, before we view The Wall exhibition "Window to the Wilderness", a selection of amazing wood carving displays. Lunch today will be on-route (own cost)

Later this afternoon we check into our accommodation in Queenstown ahead of our evening out at the recently re-opened historic Paragon Theatre. Upon arrival at the theatre, we take a short tour of this historic building before enjoying dinner and a nostalgic movie together (from 6.30 pm). After dinner and our movie, we return the short distance to our accommodation.

SUN 10 Queenstown - Strahan

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This morning, we will be joined by a local Queenstown guide who takes us on a tour of this intriguing mining and timber town, including the Tasmanian Special Timbers Mill and the Mt Lyell Mining & Railway company, where we'll step back in time to the 1890s and visit the office of Robert Carl Sticht, the visionary engineer behind the copper smelter. We marvel at the uniqueness of the Queen River and its unusual colour, and of course the gravel football oval that hosts the legendary Queenstown Crows.

After lunch we settle in at the Paragon Theatre to watch The Franklin, an epic adventure to retrace the story of Australia's most significant environmental battle: the saving of the Franklin River. We head out and explore Lake Margaret, a hidden gem that houses a historic hydroelectric power station. We join RoamWild Lake Margaret Hydro for a fascinating tour of the original machinery and pipelines and learn about the lives of the workers and their families who lived in this remote location.

To end our wonderful day, we enjoy dinner together at the hotel Restaurant View 42, where we can enjoy panoramic views of the town and the mountains.



MON 11 Gordon River Cruise

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After our continental breakfast we proceed to the harbour front early this morning and checking in at 8.00am for a full morning on the Gordon River aboard the Spirit of the Wild, including lunch.

The national award-winning Gordon River Cruise boat is where we will experience quiet cruising with dedicated guides and character-based interpretation who will take us through the history of this remarkable place as we cruise across Macquarie Harbour to Hells Gates and then on to the Gordon River.

This afternoon we will return to Strahan where we enjoy some free time to look around this quaint little village or perhaps relax before we go out together and take an early evening local theatrical performance called - The Ship that Never Was.

At the conclusion of the performance, we dine together at a local restaurant.

TUE 12 Strahan - Cradle Mountain - Launceston

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Today we begin our journey from Strahan to Launceston, passing through the scenic central highland region that hosts the Cradle Mountain Lake in the St Clair National Park. The majestic Cradle Mountain rises 1,545 metres (5,069 ft) above sea level and offers stunning views. Calling into the visitors' centre, a local guide will join our tour and accompany us on a guided Park Explorer Tour including a stop at the serene Dove Lake.

Our lunch stop today (own cost) is in the picturesque Mural township of Sheffield, before continuing to Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm.

Our late afternoon/early evening arrival into Launceston allows for some free time before we enjoy dinner together tonight at the Jailhouse Grill, known for its great steaks, the Grill uses only the best Tasmanian Premium grass-fed yearling beef and their chefs have cooked over 430,000 steaks between them!

WED 13 Launceston – Hobart

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This morning we head out to visit the beautiful Tamar Region. Our excursions today will include a visit to the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre which was formed in 1972 and holds over 10,000 pieces in its collection.

We continue the day with a tour of Seahorse world, including our lunch stop for today, which is situated close by in the beautiful Tamar Valley. Seahorse World is one of the most experienced, specialised bulk breeders and exporters of seahorses in the world. Upon our return to Launceston, we connect with a local cruise boat and enjoy a leisurely cruise along the Tamar River and spectacular Cataract Gorge before returning to Hobart for our final overnight stay.

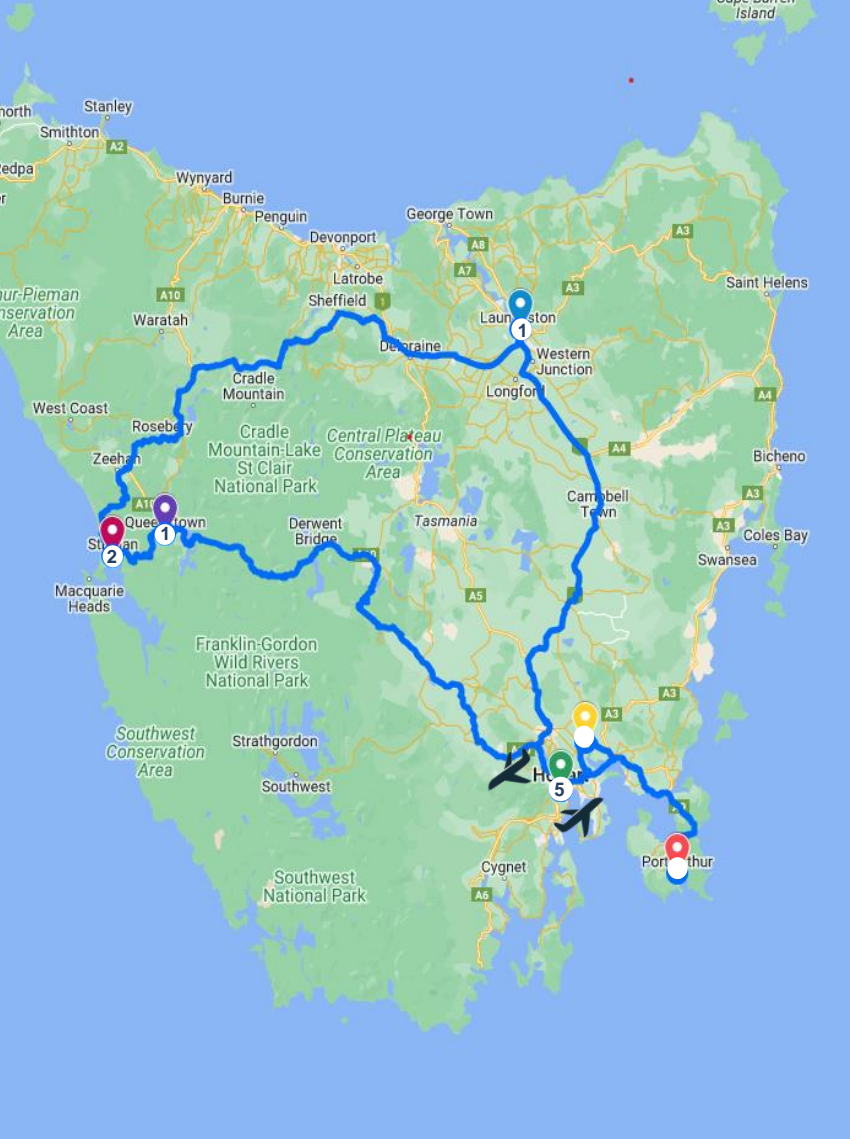
We dine together at our hotel tonight.

THU 14 Hobart – Home

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Sadly, as the saying goes, all good things must come to an end as it is time to say goodbye to Tasmania and to take home some treasured memories of the Apple Isle.

After breakfast, we will be transferred to Hobart airport for our early afternoon flight home to New Zealand.



Tasmania Spring Fling Tour Includes

YOURTours home pick up (T&C's apply)

Fully hosted from NZ with a YOURTours Host

All flights, including domestic flights in NZ and arrival and departure transfers (T&C's apply)

Premium accommodation

NOTE: this tour does include motel style accommodation in Queenstown and Strahan, due to the availability of accommodation in both locations.

First class air conditioned coach transportation for touring

Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated on the itinerary

All gratuities to local guides and coach drivers

Departs 5 November 2024

Twin Share or Double Room Price from \$8,995 pp

Supplement for Single Room \$2,275 pp

You are invited to join us on one of our fully hosted small group tours, with a maximum of 18 guests.

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