

TASMANIAN SPRING FLING

23 November 2022



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



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WED 23 Wellington - Hobart (D S)

Today we meet our fellow travellers at Wellington Airport prior to our onwards flight to Hobart via Melbourne. After our evening arrival into Hobart, we will be transferred to the Wrest Point Hotel, our home for the next four nights. With our late afternoon evening flights, meals will be provided inflight and a late evening snack will be ready in your room on arrival into Hobart.

THU 24 Hobart - Richmond (B MT L D)

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 a delicious Devonshire morning tea, before exploring the region further, with our lunch stop today at the delightful Puddleduck Vineyard for a tasting and shared cheese & "Quackers".

Later this afternoon we visit 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. We enjoy dinner tonight back in Hobart at the waterfront restaurant, dockside Mures Upper Deck.

FRI 25 Hobart - Port Arthur - Bangor Shed (B D)

After an early breakfast today, we drive along the Tasman Peninsula towards Port Arthur and its Historic site. Here we view the Blowhole, Tasman Arch and stop off at the Devils Kitchen along the way. 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. Departing mid-afternoon, we continue to Bangor Shed in Dunalley for an oyster and wine tasting experience at this award-winning family owned vineyard near Dunalley.

Tonight we take a group dinner at The Point Revolving Restaurant, a famous local restaurant with a French-inspired menu that weaves some of Tasmania's finest ingredients into a dining experience punctuated with theatre and flair, all while taking in the 360° revolving views of the Tasman Bridge, Mount Wellington, and the majestic River Derwent.

SAT 26 Hobart (B)

This morning enjoy a full breakfast in the buffet & coffee shop before free leisure time to perhaps check out the Salamanca markets, or 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. This afternoon we visit the Museum of Old and New Art with its eclectic array of exhibits, before returning via ferry to Brook Street Wharf. The rest of the evening is yours at leisure.

SUN 27 Hobart - Queenstown (B D)

After breakfast we depart Hobart for Queenstown with our first stop at the Mt Field National Park and the site of the Russell Falls. Founded in 1916, making it, along with Freycinet National Park, Tasmania's oldest national park. The area around Russell Falls has been protected for its natural beauty 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 falls. Afterwards 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.

Trip Highlights

- Welcome to Tasmania Group Dinner
- Tasman Peninsula and Port Arthur Historic Sites
- View the Blowhole, Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen
- Coal River Farm for Devonshire Tea
- Wine and platter lunch at Puddleduck Vineyard
- Oysters and wine at Bangor Shed
- Saturday Markets in Hobart (*freetime*)
- Ferry Ride to Mona in the Posh Pit
- Hobart Museum of Old & New Art (MONA)
- Russell Falls in Mt Field National Park
- Richmond Town visit and tour
- Journey to Derwent Bridge and visit The Wall
- St Clair visitor centre and short walk along the lake
- Nostalgic movie and dinner at the Paragon Historic Theatre
- Queenstown Wilderness Railway experience
- Tour an 1890s mine and timber town, including the Tasmanian Special Timbers Mill
- Gordon River Cruise
- Theatrical performance of "The Ship That Never Was"
- Cradle Mountain visitor centre and Park Explorer tour
- Devonshire Tea at Christmas Hill Raspberry Farm
- Cheese tasting at Ashgrove Cheese Factory
- See the Marque Monkeys in Launceston City Park
- Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Village
- Cruise the Cataract Gorge along the River Tamar

MON 28 Queenstown – Strahan (B L D)

This morning we check-out ahead of breakfast before travelling a short distance to the train station and its quaint café for breakfast.

After breakfast we depart on the 9am excursion onboard the ABT rack and pinion system Wilderness Railway. The West Coast Wilderness Railway is a reconstruction of the Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company railway in Tasmania between Queenstown and Regatta Point, Strahan. Now operating as a tourist experience with a focus on sharing the history of Tasmania's West Coast, the original railway began operations in 1897 as the only link between Queenstown and the port of Strahan. The railway's ABT rack system conquers the mountainous terrain through rainforest, with original locomotives still operating on the railway today. Sitting in the Wilderness carriage, our excursion includes morning tea and a light lunch.

This afternoon, we will be joined by a local Queenstown guide who take 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 will see the original general office of Robert Carl Sticht's as it was in the 1890s.

This evening we will enjoy dinner together in our hotel restaurant.

TUE 29 Strahan - Gordon River Cruise (B L D)

We take breakfast in our hotel restaurant before proceeding to the harbour front and checking in 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 make our short distance back to our hotel and have dinner together.

Tasmanian Spring Fling

The island state of Tasmania is on most people's 'must visit' list, boasting unique plants, animals, and history that you won't find in the rest of Australia.

The most popular time to visit Tasmania is in the months between November through to April, which is why we chose this special time of the year to travel.

Our fully hosted tour of this beautiful unspoiled area of Australia covers most of the must-see spots in Tasmania, including Port Arthur historic sites, Richmond and its historic bridge, scenic Lake St Clair, the coastal village of Strahan, stunning Cradle Mountain and Tamer river, without forgetting the abundance of wildlife, and incredible food and wineries in between.

Plenty of time has been allowed in Hobart to take in everything this lovely coastal city has to offer, including the fabulous Salamanca markets. Our tour would not be complete without a visit to the extraordinary MONA, Museum of Old and New Art. MONA is Australia's largest private museum and one of the most controversial private collections of modern art and antiquities. Who says art has to be boring? The building is a work of art itself and the grounds are a delight to walk around in.

WED 30 Strahan - Cradle Mountain – Launceston (B D)

After breakfast this morning we begin our journey from Strahan to Launceston, taking a gentle drive through this beautiful mountainous central highland region known as the Cradle Mountain Lake set within the St Clair National Park area. Cradle Mountain sits at 1,545 metres (5,069 ft) above sea level. 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 Dove Lake.

Our lunch stop today (own cost) is in the picturesque Mural township of Sheffield, before continuing to Ashgrove Cheese including a tasting, before ending our afternoon at Christmas Hill Raspberry Farm to spoil ourselves (because we can) with another delicious Devonshire tea.

Our late afternoon/early evening arrival into Launceston allows for some free time before dining out 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!

THU 01 Launceston (B L D)

This morning, after breakfast, we head out to visit the beautiful Tamar Region. Our excursions today will include a visit to the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre which 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.

Tonight we enjoy our Farewell Dinner together at the Grains of Silo restaurant, with its Head Chef famed for his passion in using local produce and paddock to plate ethos.

FRI 02 Launceston – Wellington (B)

Sadly, as the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. Today marks the final day of our incredible tour through Tasmania. After breakfast and with time to pack, we will be transferred to Launceston airport for our afternoon flight home to New Zealand via Sydney.

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10 Day Tour Includes

Home pick up**

Fully hosted by YOURTours team member

International flights

First Class accommodation

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

All excursions and activities as per itinerary

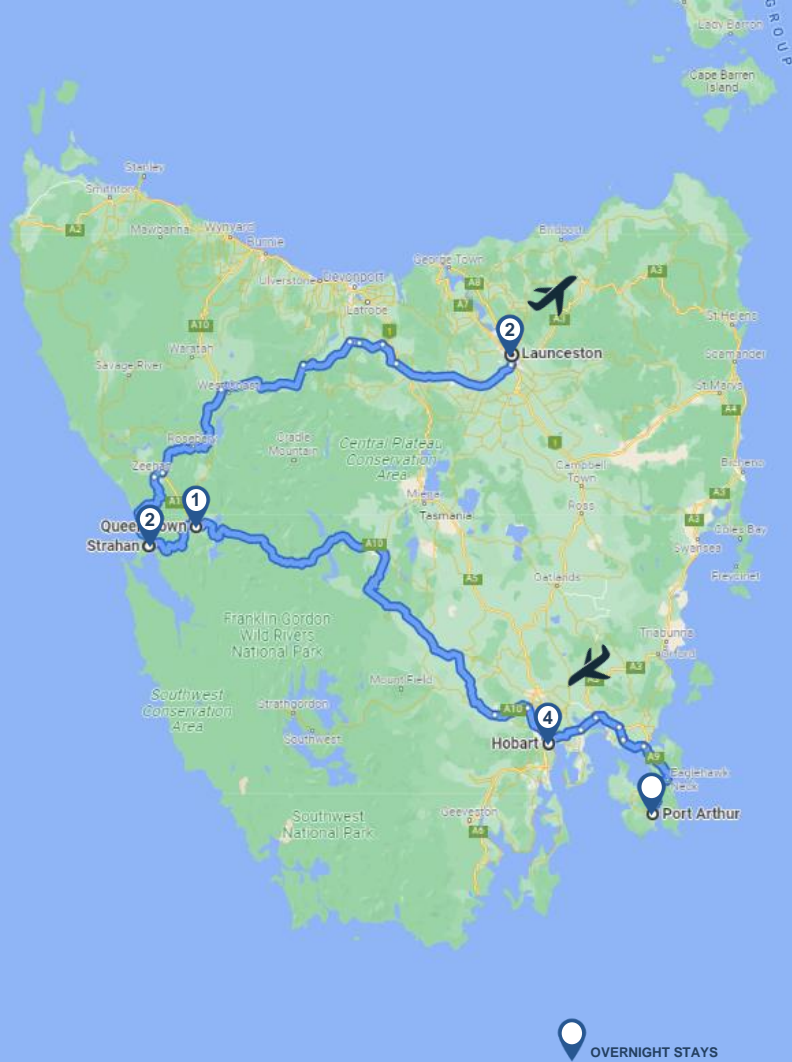
Meals as per itinerary & Gratuities

Departs 23 November 2022

Price from \$6,995 pp twin share

Single supplement \$1,625

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You are invited to join us on one of our fully hosted small group tours.

We are based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our tour guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand. We believe you will be pleasantly surprised by just how much we include in our tour price.

You can be reassured that your tour host will always be one of our friendly well-experienced YOURTours Hosts, ensuring everything is taken care of from start to finish, allowing you to relax and enjoy your tour

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