

Ultimate Tasmania Discovery

With Trade Travel



TRADE TRAVEL
Effortless Journeys, Endless Memories

13 Days / 12 Nights - Fully Escorted

Tour Departs: Monday 14 October - Saturday 26 October, 2024.



Day 1. Mon 14 Oct: Home Port - Hobart - Port Arthur

Dinner

Flight: VA702 Brisbane - Hobart 0940/1330 Flight: VA1530 Sydney - Hobart 1005/1200

Flight: VA1320 Melbourne - Hobart 1040/1155

After our morning flight into Hobart we meet our local coach captain and begin our **13 Day Tour of Tasmania**. From Hobart Airport, we travel down the Tasman and Arthur Highways through **Eaglehawk Neck** towards Port Arthur. Along the way stop by the **'Dog Line' monument** and take in its frightening history, plus take in some of 'The Neck's natural geological wonders like the **Tessellated Pavement**, and nearby **Tasman's Arch, Blowhole and Devil's Kitchen**. Late afternoon we arrive into Port Arthur and settle into our accommodation before dinner and our overnight stay.

Overnight Hobart: Port Arthur Motor Inn

Day 2. Tues 15 Oct: Port Arthur Historic Site - Richmond

Breakfast & Dinner

Our touring today begins at the **Port Arthur Historic Site** for a guided **walk through the site and 20-minute harbour cruise past the Isle of the Dead**. The **Port Arthur Gallery** includes interactive exhibits and displays that tell the story of the Port Arthur Historic Site and its people. This afternoon, we make our way to the **historic township of Richmond** and enjoy some free time before **touring the notorious convict built Richmond Gaol, the oldest, still intact, gaol in Australia**. We then travel into Hobart to check in and refresh before gathering for this evenings dinner.

Overnight Hobart: Best Western Hobart

Day 3. Wed 16 Oct: Hobart

Breakfast

This morning we begin with a **City Sights Tour of Hobart** before touring the World Heritage listed **Cascades Female Factory Historic Site**, for a greater understanding and appreciation for the largely untold story of female convicts sent to Australia. Next stop is **Runnymede** a beautifully preserved **1840 whaling captain's house and gardens**. On our **Captain's House Tour** we discover everything this lovely homestead has to offer before taking a **leisurely stroll around the beautiful gardens**. This afternoon is at own leisure with a set transfer offered for those wanting to visit the **Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens**, on arrival pop into the Visitor Hub located at the main gate, grab a map and ask the staff about what highlights there are to explore across the 14 hectares of Gardens. A set transfer will also be offered to the **Constitution Dock precinct** which is to the **Maritime Museum of Tasmania, Mawson's Huts Replica Museum and Tasmania Museum and Art Gallery**. *Please note all entry fees for this afternoon are at own cost*. This evening is at leisure with dinner at own cost and choice of venue.

Overnight Hobart: Best Western Hobart

Day 4. Thurs 17 Oct: Bruny Island Experience

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we travel by ferry to **Bruny Island** to explore the beautiful scenery and sample the delicious gourmet produce made on the island. We will be engaging with local artisan producers such as an oyster farmer, cheese maker, fudge maker and a whisky distiller to hear the stories behind their harvests. **Our Bruny Island experience** starts at the **Bruny Island Cheese Co** where we meet the cheese maker and share in a platter of their award-winning cheeses and hand crafted beer. We enjoy lunch at a **Seafood Restaurant in Adventure Bay** and also visit **Bruny Island Chocolate Factory**, home to handmade chocolate, fudge and truffles. At **Bruny Island Honey** we sample the highly prized Manuka honey and shop for all things honey! During the day we also enjoy short walks along deserted beaches and see white wallabies, native wildlife and birds in their natural habitat. At the end of our day on Bruny Island we board the ferry once more, returning to the mainland and our accommodation for a well-deserved rest before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight Hobart: Best Western Hobart

Day 5. Fri 18 Oct: Peppermint Bay Cruise

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after breakfast we head around to the **Mount Nelson Signal Station Lookout** and take in the panoramic views over Hobart city, the River Derwent and, on a clear day, down to Bruny Island and out to Storm Bay. We then step aboard our **Peppermint Bay Cruise** which provides a great way to experience the city's harbour, beachside towns and wildlife on route to the Peppermint Bay Hotel. This morning after breakfast we head around to the **Mount Nelson Signal Station Lookout** and take in the panoramic views over Hobart city, the River Derwent and, on a clear day, down to Bruny Island and out to Storm Bay. We then step aboard our **Peppermint Bay Cruise** which provides a great way to experience the city's harbour, beachside towns and wildlife on route to the Peppermint Bay Hotel. Arriving at Peppermint Bay a short stroll takes us to the restaurant to enjoy the chef's special set menu based on seasonal produce from the garden and of course local producers, whilst we soak up the views over the d'Entrecasteaux Channel and Bruny Island. Later in the day we arrive back at Sullivan's Cove and then transfer back to our accommodation to rest up before dinner.

Overnight Hobart: Best Western Hobart

Day 6. Sat 19 Oct: Wall in the Wilderness - Queenstown

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning after checkout, we depart Hobart and begin our drive across to the west coast travelling via **Tarraleah Estate for a refreshment stop**. Tarraleah isn't just a special place with stunning views of the Tasmanian Highlands and wilderness, it was once the home of hundreds of hydroelectric pioneers. We then head across to Derwent Bridge, home to the amazing **Wall in the Wilderness** - Greg Duncan's commemorative wooden carvings of those who helped shape the past and present of Tasmania's central highlands. From Derwent Bridge we travel through the **Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park to Queenstown**. On our way into this very unique region we take in the **intriguing views from Iron Blow Lookout**, a unique geological wonder. In Queenstown, we take a look through the **Eric Thomas Galley Museum** which provides the most extensive overview of history in Queenstown, and the surrounding mining villages. Not to be missed is a visit to **The Empire Hotel** where we can purchase a drink and view the **beautifully handcrafted, National Trust listed staircase**, made from Tasmanian Blackwood, that is admired by visitors from all around the world. After checking into our accommodation we enjoy a short rest before heading out for a unique evening at the restored **Paragon Theatre**, where we enjoy dinner and "golden oldie" movie night at the beautifully restored art-deco theatre.

Overnight Queenstown: Gold Rush Inn

Day 7. Sun 20 Oct: Wilderness Lunch Cruise

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we head down to the pretty village of Strahan to board World Heritage Cruises for a delightful half day **lunch cruise** taking us out across **Macquarie Harbour** and down along the **Gordon River**. Cruise highlights include Hells Gates, Salmon farms, guided Sarah Island stop-over, Gordon River heritage landing board walk and Huon Pine sawmill plus lunch featuring delicious Tasmanian produce. Enjoy lunch featuring delicious Tasmanian produce and listen to the skippers live commentary, which brings the river and its rich history to life complete what is an unforgettable experience on the Gordon River. Following our cruise we enjoy some time in the village before heading back to Queenstown for dinner.

Overnight Queenstown: Gold Rush Inn

Day 8. Mon 21 Oct: Cradle Mountain - Launceston

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we depart Queenstown early and travel via **Lake Plimsoll, viewing Mt Tyndall and Mt Murchison** along the way to **Cradle Mountain** where our **Park Explorer Tour** awaits. From the **Cradle Mountain Visitors Centre** we travel into the world class national park and take in amazing sights and highlights such as Dove Lake and the historic Boat Shed, spectacular and iconic views of Cradle Mountain plus a visit to Waldhelm Chalet and a couple of delightful short walks. After our tour we enjoy a **light lunch at the Cradle Mountain Hotel** followed by the **Devils at Cradle "Daykeepers Tour"**. The sanctuary houses a large number of adult, sub-adult and baby devils within a range of naturally landscaped viewing enclosures. This afternoon we depart Cradle Mountain National Park and begin our drive across to Launceston. After check in at our centrally located hotel we gather for dinner.

Overnight Launceston: Best Western Plus Launceston

Day 9. Tue 22 Oct: Launceston

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We start our day in Launceston with a **highlights drive** around the lovely parks and gardens before embarking on a 50 minute **Cataract Gorge cruise** exploring the old and new facets of the Launceston Seaport precinct of today. We then head across to Longford home to the World Heritage listed **Brickendon Estate** and spend some time with Louise Archer who provides a rare insight into the early colonial and convict history of Australia. Being one of the earliest farming areas in Van Diemen's Land, Brickendon was developed by William Archer as a mixed enterprise with sheep, cattle and cropping. Explore the convict buildings of the farm village and also the gardens with some of the oldest trees in Australia to the most scented old fashioned roses, shrubberies, walks and planted beds. Following our tour and lunch our next stop is at the **Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company** where we will be guided through **complimentary tastings** and recipes, witness all the action in the **kitchen** including '**Big Bertha**' and enjoy a self-guided **garden tour**. We then head back to our motel to relax before meeting up for dinner at the hotel.

Overnight Launceston: Best Western Plus Launceston

Day 10. Wed 23 Oct: Tamar Valley

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we experience the scenic Tamar Valley and Beauty Point, visiting **Platypus House** for a rare chance to see and learn about the unique Tasmanian platypus and echidna. Next stop is **Seahorse World** which offers an insight into the mystical and elegant seahorse at various stages of development, along with the leafy sea dragon and the pipefish.

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After our tour we enjoy lunch in the Cormorant Cafe, before travelling onto **Beaconsfield**, the famous site of the great escape by Todd and Brant. We stop at the mine site and also visit the **Mine and Heritage Centre**, which occupies the site of Tasmania's largest gold mine. After a guided tour we take in the panoramic views of the **Tamar River** and valley from **Bushranger Brady's Lookout**, before enjoying some wine tastings at the beautiful **Tamar Ridge Cellar Door**. After a delightful day out, we will have time to relax back at the hotel before dinner.

Overnight Launceston: Best Western Plus Launceston

Day 11. Thu 24 Oct: Pub in the Paddock - Bay of Fires - Bicheno

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast and checkout we begin our drive across to the east coast travelling via Scottsdale to Legerwood to view the **Legerwood Memorial Tree Carvings**. Next stop is for lunch at the **Pub in the Paddock** which is one of Tasmania's oldest country pubs, literally sitting in the middle of a paddock in the verdant Pyengana Valley. We even get to **have a drink with "Priscilla" the beer guzzling pig**. On reaching the east coast we venture up to the **Bay of Fires** famous for its crystal-clear waters, white sandy beaches and orange lichen-covered granite boulders. From Binalong Bay our beautiful scenic drive takes us down through Scamander, White Sands and Chain of Lagoons before reaching the fishing village of Bicheno to check in to our accommodation.

Overnight Bicheno: Beachfront at Bicheno - Optional Penguin Tour - \$66.50 per person. (Subject to change)

Day 12. Fri 25 Oct: Freycinet Peninsula - Hobart

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today after breakfast and check out, we head down through Coles Bay to the magnificent **Freycinet Peninsula**, home to **Cape Tourville** where we take in the spectacular and rugged coastal views from the easily accessible boardwalk. The elevated track loops around the **automated lighthouse** and at times taking us right to the cliff edge, offering amazing views of the **Hazards, Wineglass Bay** and nearby offshore rocks known as **The Nuggets**. We then travel down through Swansea and onto Orford for a light lunch, before travelling back into Hobart for check-in and our farewell dinner.

Overnight Hobart: Best Western Hobart

Day 13. Sat 26 Oct: Salamanca Market - Hobart - Home Port

Breakfast

This morning after early checkout we experience the sights, sounds, action and colour of the **Salamanca Market**, one of Australia's best markets with over 300 stalls! Late morning we transfer to the Hobart Airport for check in and our return flight back home concluding our **"Ultimate Tasmania Tour" with Trade Travel**.

Flight: VA705 Hobart - Brisbane 1410/1550 Flight VA1533 Hobart - Sydney 1240/1430

VA1327 Hobart - Melbourne 1515/1630



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Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Tour Highlights:

Eaglehawk Neck; Port Arthur Historic Site; Historic Richmond Gaol; Hobart Highlights Tour; Cascades Female Factory Site; Runnymede House & Garden; Bruny Island Full Day Experience; Mount Nelson Signal Station Lookout; Peppermint Bay Lunch Cruise; Tarraleah Estate; Wall in the Wilderness; Iron Blow Lookout; Eric Thomas Galley Museum; Empire Hotel - Heritage Listed Staircase; Queenstown Paragon Theatre Dinner & Classic Movie Night; Gordon River Wilderness Lunch Cruise; Cradle Mountain & Dove Lake Park Explorer; Devils at Cradle "Daykeepers Tour"; Launceston Highlights; Cataract Gorge Cruise; Tasmania Gourmet Sauce Company; Brickendon Estate & Gardens; Tamar Valley Day - Platypus House, Seahorse World, Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre; Bushranger Brady's Lookout, Tamar Ridge Estate Cellar Door; Legerwood Memorial Tree Carvings; Lunch Pub in the Paddock; Bay of Fires; Freycinet Peninsula & Cape Tourville Lighthouse; Salamanca Markets & so much more!

Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return airfares from Homeport to Hobart
- Luxury coach travel Tasmania
- Quality accommodation as per itinerary
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (31 meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

Ex Melbourne Tour Cost: \$5798.00 per person Twin Share
Ex Brisbane/Sydney Tour Cost: \$5948.00 per person Twin Share
(Single Supplement \$1180.00)

A minimum of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.

The tour prices are indicative for travel in 2024 - and final cost to be provided in January, 2024 - price adjustment may be applicable.

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change at any time without notice.

Please note: Flights are subject to confirmation/change and price increases at any time.

Deposit: A deposit of **\$200.00** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form.

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 5 July, 2024.**

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