



TOUR COSTS

Twin/Double per person
AUD\$6,250.00

Single Supplement
AUD\$2,000.00

AUTUMN IN TASMANIA

Tour Departs: 04 March 2021

Tour Length: 13 Days

Over the years, we have operated many tours to Tasmania at different times and of varying lengths, but given the success of our recent tours, we have again opted for this in-depth and comprehensive tour capturing the history, beauty and the spectacular scenery of Australia's southernmost state.

Tasmania is a charming variety of historic elegance, alpine wilderness and stunning mountains that pierce the sky, spectacular coastal scenery, towns and quaint colonial villages, rare flora and fauna, bustling markets, mighty rivers rushing through rain-forested gorges, idyllic and isolated beaches, lush and fertile farmland and much, much more. It is harvest time with the apple pickers busy and a great time to visit with generally settled weather – clear, calm and mild days with cooler evenings.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Launceston for 3 nights total including Cataract Gorge and Tamar River Cruise
- ❖ Overnight stay in Bicheno
- ❖ Historic Swansea, Richmond
- ❖ The Tasman Peninsula, Eaglehawk Neck including Tasman Arch and The Devils Kitchen
- ❖ Port Arthur Penal Settlement including walking tour and "Isle of the Dead" Cruise
- ❖ Bonorong Wildlife Park with Tasmanian Devils, Wombats, Echidnas, Quolls and Forster Kangaroos
- ❖ Hobart for 4 nights, Royal Botanical Gardens, Peppermint Bay Cruise
- ❖ Mt. Field National Park, Lake St. Clair, Strahan Gordon River Cruise
- ❖ Dove Lake – Cradle Mountain – Stanley – Woolworth – Cape Grim – Smithton
- ❖ Sheffield, Woolmers Estate and Rose Gardens
- ❖ Melbourne for the final night, including farewell dinner

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DAY TO DAY ITINERARY:

Thursday 4 March

Home – Launceston

Today we arrive in Launceston where we will be met and transferred to our hotel for a 2-night stay.

Friday 5 March

Launceston

(B.L.D)

This morning, we enjoy a cruise of the Tamar River, with lunch on board. We cruise into Cataract Gorge and travel past Tamar Island, Freshwater Point, the vineyards and under the Batman Bridge before turning for home at Devils Elbow. The cruise concludes at Launceston Seaport and we then enjoy a tour of Launceston and discover the charms of this lovely city. Very close to the city centre is Cataract Gorge Reserve with its tree rhododendrons and peacocks, fern glades and spacious lawns and the longest single span chair lift in the world offering magnificent views of the gorge. This afternoon return to the hotel with the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Saturday 6 March

Launceston – Bicheno

(B.D)

Leaving Launceston, we will visit Seahorse World before we travel North-East out through the green and fertile valleys to Derby to visit The Tin Centre for morning tea. We visit St Helens on Tasmania's East Coast with the fishing fleet sitting snugly in Georges Bay before turning south to Bicheno for an overnight stay. Later in the day, we visit Freycinet National Park noted for its spectacular coastal scenery, and this evening a guided tour to the local Penguin Colony is available.

Sunday 7 March

Bicheno – Hobart

(B.D)

From Bicheno, we travel to the historic town of Swansea and see the Spikey Bridge built by the convicts around 1843. On down the East Coast to the fishing port of Triabunna and through to the historic National Trust town of Richmond for our lunch stop. Once an important military staging post and convict station, the town nestled in the Coal River Valley is famous for its Georgian architecture and stone buildings that now house galleries, teashops, craft boutiques and museums. Afterwards, we travel to Bonorong Wildlife Park where we enjoy close encounters with Tasmanian Devils, Wombats, Quolls, Echidnas and other Australian Wildlife. Late this afternoon, we continue on to Hobart, where we will stay for 4 nights.

Monday 8 March

Hobart – Port Arthur – Hobart

(B.D)

Today we journey by coach to Port Arthur, where we tour the historic site of the penal settlement which was once home to 12,500 convicts. There is time to wander among the buildings and gardens to soak up the atmosphere and scenic beauty of this once horrific place. We take a cruise around the "Isle of the Dead", final resting place for over 1000 people who died during 1840 - 1870. After lunch, we continue down to the Tasman Peninsula and its gateway at Eaglehawk Neck. We see the natural wonders including Pirates Bay Lookout, Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen before returning to Hobart.

Tuesday 9 March

Hobart

(B.L)

In the morning we visit the Royal Botanic Gardens before boarding a luxury catamaran for a cruise through Hobart's magnificent sheltered waterways to Peppermint Bay, cruising the Derwent River and D'Entrecasteaux Channel past Bruny Island. The ship's underwater camera will introduce you to the marine life of the Tinderbox Marine Reserve. Our cruise continues past an Atlantic salmon farm and we step ashore at Peppermint Bay and enjoy a delicious lunch at the hotel before cruising back to Hobart later this afternoon. A lovely, relaxing day.

Wednesday 10 March

Hobart

(B)

Tasmania's capital city is an intriguing blend of heritage, lifestyle, scenery and vibrant culture. This morning, there is time for a tour of Hobart as we travel to Mt Wellington to enjoy panoramic views of the city and surroundings. We also visit Mt Field, Tasmania's oldest National Park. A short walk through the ferns and the rainforest sees us at the much-photographed Russell Falls. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy time in the shops or just relax and enjoy the city from our waterside hotel.

Thursday 11 March

Hobart – Strahan

(B.D)

A scenic spectacular day as we travel to the beautiful glacial Lake St Clair, Australia's deepest lake located at the southern end of Lake St Clair-Cradle Mountain National Park. We continue on our journey to the mining town of Queenstown with its almost moon-like landscape. Here, we tour the Mt Lyell Copper Mine before the last leg of our journey through to idyllic Strahan where we enjoy a 2-night stay.

Friday 12 March

Strahan

(B.D)

This morning, we board our luxury cruise vessel for the cruise across Macquarie Harbour to Hells Gate where the harbour meets the ocean. As we cruise along the mighty Gordon River, our guide will detail the areas unique native flora and fauna. Visit Heritage Landing and view an ancient 2000-year-old Huon Pine. We enjoy a superb buffet lunch on board and then explore Sarah Island, Tasmania's first and most brutal penal settlement. Schedules permitting, we may see a local theatre group perform the dramatic and true story of escape from Sarah Island in a "Ship That Never Was". Another great day today.

Saturday 13 March**Strahan – Cradle Mountain****(B.L.D)**

Leaving Strahan, we journey north through the rugged wilderness of this wild and exquisite part of the country. We re-enter Lake St Clair-Cradle Mountain National Park and explore this World Heritage region, including idyllic Dove Lake and the jagged peaks of Cradle Mountain. Overnight in the Cradle Mountain area. After dinner sit back and relax in our rural retreat.

Sunday 14 March**Cradle Mountain – Smithton****(B.D)**

Leaving the mountain region, we travel through the patchwork farmlands of Table Cape enjoying the scenic drive to Stanley, nestled at the foot of the towering volcanic core. We visit the historic grazing property of Woolnorth, which is still owned by the Van Diemens Company and is the last Royal Charter Company in the world. We visit Tasmania's major wind farm, producing electricity for the region. We stop at Cape Grim on the tip of the West Coast and sample the clean, fresh air before settling in for our overnight stay at Smithton.

Monday 15 March**Smithton – Launceston****(B.D)**

This morning we travel to Woolmers Estate, an outstanding example of a 19th century Australian rural settlement and home to the National Rose Gardens. We then continue on to Launceston with a stop along the way to explore Evansdale and pick up some lunch before continuing on to our accommodation.

Tuesday 16 March**Launceston – Home****(B.)**

Time to farewell Tasmania today as we are transferred to the airport for your flight home.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**BOOKING CONDITIONS:**

Deposit of AUD\$1,000.00 per person is due upon confirmation of the booking.
Final payment date: Tuesday 05 January 2021.

COSTS INCLUDE:

First Class or Superior Grade hotel or motor inn accommodation throughout
Meals as indicated in the itinerary
First-Class air-conditioned coach transportation for all touring
Sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary
Baggage handling of one suitcase per person
Gratuities and tips to local guides, coach drivers and cruise staff
Fully escorted by a Maher Tours Leader (subject to minimum numbers)

COSTS EXCLUDE:

Items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service etc
Any meals and sightseeing tours not specifically mentioned
Travel Insurance (assistance and advice will be offered)

Flights are not included but can be arranged for you.

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