



Autumn in Tasmania

 **Tour Length:** 12 Days

 **Tour Departs:** 07 March 2027

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.

Highlights

- Port Arthur Penal Settlement walking tour
- Mt. Field National Park, Lake St. Clair, Gordon River
- Cradle Mountain – Stanley – Woolnorth – Cape Grim – Smithton
- Woolmers Estate and Rose Gardens
- Cataract Gorge and Tamar River Cruise
- The Tasman Peninsula, Eaglehawk Neck including Tasman Arch and The Devils Kitchen
- Freycinet National Park, Wineglass Bay luncheon cruise

Tour Costs Per Person

Per Person Share Twin/Double Room

\$11,250

Supplement for Single Room

\$3,350

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Tour Costs

Inclusions

- Economy Class air travel from Auckland
- Prepaid airport/government/airline/security charges and taxes (as at 01/09/2026)
- 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
- Services of a Maher Tours leader, coach captain and local guides as appropriate (subject to numbers)
- Baggage handling of one suitcase per person where applicable (Not available at all properties on tour)
- All Gratuities and tips to local guides and coach drivers

Exclusions

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

Booking Conditions

- Initial Deposit due at time of booking: NZD\$3,000.00 per person
- Second Deposit due Friday 05 September 2026: NZD\$3,000.00 per person
- Final Payment due Monday 11 January 2027: Balance

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Tour Itinerary

12 Days

Day 1 | Home – Hobart

SUNDAY 07 MARCH (D)

Today we start the tour by flying directly to Hobart from Auckland. Tasmania's capital city is an intriguing blend of heritage, lifestyle, scenery, and vibrant culture. After leaving the airport, we make our way to the harbour front where there is time to enjoy lunch (own arrangement). This afternoon we tour the city of Hobart and Mt Wellington to enjoy panoramic views of the city and surroundings.

Day 2 | Hobart

MONDAY 08 MARCH (B)

Today we have a short city tour before we visit the famous MONA Museum. Described by its owner, professional gambler, David Walsh as a "subversive adult Disneyland", MONA is Australia's largest private museum and one of the most controversial private collections of modern art and antiquities in the world.

This unique and provocative art collection will leave a lasting impression with visitors as they explore 3 floors of subterranean architecture, art pieces, and exhibits. The museum features many exhibits that will both enthrall and turn-off unexpected visitors with its in-your-face candour.

Whether you love it or hate it, David Walsh's MONA has undisputedly put Tasmania on the map and has drawn in countless people from around the world who are attracted to this edgy, cultural phenomenon.

Day 3 | Hobart - Strahan

TUESDAY 09 MARCH (B,D)

A scenic spectacular day as we 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.

We stop mid-morning to view the incredible Wall in the Wilderness art exhibit. The wall, featuring beautifully scented and rare Huon Pine, is 100 metres in length and comprises 50 double sided panels that are 1 meter wide by 3 meters tall. The wall represents an ongoing project in which the artist Greg Duncan, has sculpted the story of the area. He depicts the history right from the beginning when the indigenous population lived in the area, to the pioneers who began harvesting timber from the ancient forests. Following the pioneering era, there are images of the pastoralists, miners and hydro-electric scheme workers, shown along with the many animals found in the area and the horses who worked alongside pioneers.

We continue and 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 before reaching Strahan where we enjoy a 2-night stay.

Day 4 | Strahan

WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH (B,L,D)

This morning, we board our 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 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.

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Day 5 | Strahan – Cradle Mountain

THURSDAY 11 MARCH (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. This evening, we take a special visit to Devils @ Cradle, a conservation sanctuary within the National Park which will provide us with an up close and personal encounter with the mysterious and secretive Tasmanian Devil at their most active time of the day. We return to the hotel and enjoy a lovely dinner at our rural retreat.

Day 6 | Cradle Mountain - Smithton

FRIDAY 12 MARCH (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.

Day 7 | Smithton - Launceston

SATURDAY 13 MARCH (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 to Launceston with a lunch stop along the way, and on to our accommodation.

Day 8 | Launceston

SUNDAY 14 MARCH (B)

Enjoy a morning on the water and explore the magical Tamar River and Cataract Gorge. Departing from Home Point, enjoy a 40km round trip down the river, see Tamar Island, various wildlife sanctuaries, historical properties, notable vineyards, St. Matthias Church and of course the spectacular Cataract Gorge. 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.

Day 9 | Launceston – Freycinet National Park

MONDAY 15 MARCH (B,D)

Leaving Launceston, we travel North-East out through the green and fertile valleys to Derby and then to St Helens on the East Coast with the fishing fleet sitting snugly in Georges Bay. Continuing, we stop at the tranquil village of Ross for a tour of the town - It's a collection of marvels everywhere you look, giving one the impression that there'll always be something to see, despite its size. This remarkably preserved nineteenth century village hugs the Macquarie River – simultaneously quaint and charged by its stories. Eventually we arrive in to Freycinet National Park noted for its spectacular coastal scenery. We experience a dinner together in the National Park with beautiful views and sunsets.

Day 10 | Freycinet National Park

TUESDAY 16 MARCH (B,L)

Today we have a lovely cruise on Wineglass Bay including lunch. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or enjoy a walk on one of the many trails close to the lodge.

Day 11 | Freycinet National Park – Port Arthur - Hobart

WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH (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 of this once horrific place.. 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 and have our final meal together.

Day 12 | Hobart - Home

THURSDAY 18 MARCH (B)

Time to head for home, as we are transferred back to the airport in time to join our direct flight to Auckland.



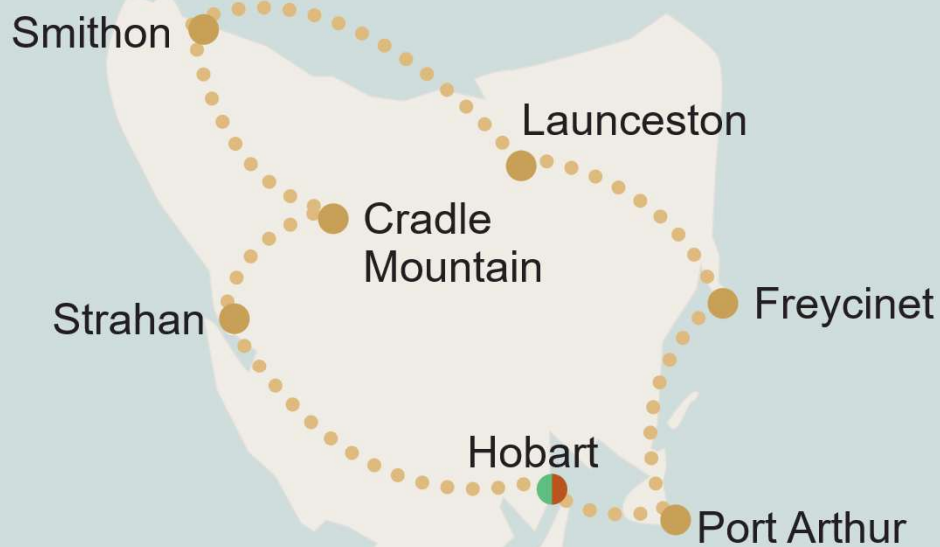
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