



13 Day Premium Tour - Itinerary

This 13 Day 12 Night Package encompasses everything that a curious traveller could want to explore in Tasmania from the comfort of our private coach bus. Your hosts have parcelled together 20 years of experience exploring Tasmania and arranged an itinerary that truly reflects and showcases the diversity of Tasmania's attractions. An anti-clockwise loop of the island, we move fast enough to sample dozens of the most scenic locations yet slow enough to relax and enjoy a 'holiday paced' tour. On 3 occasions we stay at our accommodation for multiple nights, meaning you won't need to pack and unpack those bags daily. This 13 Day experience will truly leave an amazing and lasting impression.



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Day 1 - Hobart

Meet and greet for an evening meal and drinks in Hobarts' city centre and get to know your host for the 13 days. Tonight you will be staying at the lovely 4-Star Movenpick Hotel. Comprehensive tour itineraries will be provided along with a personalised map graphically depicting your 13-day journey which covers approximately 2000kms.



Day 2 - Hobart to Port Arthur



Pick up from the Movenpick hotel and set off for the summit of Mt Wellington (1270m) boasting spectacular views in all directions. A short exploration around Australia's 2nd oldest capital city of Hobart, including stops at Constitution Dock & the Cascade Brewery.

A short stop off at the boutique Federation Chocolate factory is a must to taste what delicious and unusual flavours are available. Lunch with wine tastings at a positively charming vineyard in the Coal Valley region before proceeding to the beautiful township of Richmond. This impeccable historic settlement boasts the country's oldest bridge still in use, the lovely convict built, sandstone arch construction of the Richmond Bridge.

Then on to the Tasman Peninsula for more spectacular coastline of the Tasman National Park. From its towering sea cliffs, we look over Pirates Bay, Tasman's Arch, the Devils Kitchen and the amazing Tessellated Pavements. See the infamous dog line at Eaglehawk Neck and photograph the colourful fields of the Port Arthur Lavender Farm before overnighting right on the cusp of the Port Arthur Historic site.



Day 3 - Port Arthur to Bicheno



Spend several hours being personally guided through the most interesting buildings and attractions of the Port Arthur World Heritage Site. See the stunning main Penitentiary building and explore the Silent Prison as we bring this site to life with stories from its past.

Learn about Point Puer, The Isle of the Dead and the history of convicts in Tasmania before taking a harbour cruise to view the site in panorama as incoming convicts must have.

From here we head north to take in the sights of Tasmania's east coast. Stop for a wander on Raspins beach with views across the passage to the beautiful Maria Island. See the quirky Spikey Bridge and enjoy coffee & snacks at Spikey Beach with panoramic views across Coles Bay to the Freycinet Peninsula. Arriving at our accommodation in Bicheno, an optional & *free* penguin tour is available in the evening.



Day 4 - Bicheno, Bay of Fires to Launceston

Bask in the morning sunshine while witnessing the amazing blowhole on the rocky coast of Bicheno. Spend time at the award-winning East Coast Nature World wildlife park where we watch the iconic Tasmanian Devils feeding. Learn about this incredible little animal's struggle for survival while petting wombats and hand feeding wallabies, kangaroos & Cape Barron geese.



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Next up is Tasmania's most scenic coastal road with breathtaking views of the east coast Bay of Fires. Dip your feet while walking along one of Tassie's best beaches - Binalong Bay. Visit a working oyster farm, sample cheeses at the award winning Pyengana dairy and enjoy afternoon tea & coffee at the highly emotive Legerwood memorial trees. Proceed through an ancient Myrtle rainforest and the renowned Tamar Valley region before arriving in Launceston for our first of 2 evenings in town.



Day 5 - The Tamar Valley

Let's slow the pace down just a little as we explore the landscape north of Launceston around the beautiful Tamar River. Beginning with a morning tour of the famous Beaconsfield Gold Mine & Heritage Centre. Embark on an historical journey as you learn about the significance of this site in Tasmanian history and the dramatic collapse of the mine in 2006 which led to one of the most publicised rescue missions in Australian history.



Lunch will be on the banks of the Tamar River at the ever-delightful Beauty Point where after we will take a short stroll to explore the wonders of either the acclaimed Seahorse World or Platypus House. Our afternoon activities include a scenic drive up to George Town & Low Head, home of some amazing tree carvings by renowned artist Eddie Freeman with tea & coffee at the Low Head Historic Lighthouse site. A second restful evening in the comfort of our Launceston CBD Best Western Hotel will end our days touring.

Day 6 - Launceston to Cradle Mountain

A short drive through downtown Launceston before enjoying a morning stroll at the lovely Cataract Gorge, a fantastic urban wilderness only minutes from the CBD. Soon after we head westward into the Meander Valley which is an absolutely stunning farming and pastoral area. Try local made ice-cream and honey tastings of more than 50 flavours at the renowned Melita Honey Farm in Chudleigh before learning about Tasmania's oldest and biggest Leatherwood Honey producer R. Stephens Honey in Mole Creek.



Next enjoy a private tour of the spectacular Marakoopa Caves with their 250-million-year-old crystal formations, the only show caves in Tasmania boasting resident glow worms! Travelling up onto the central highlands we will reach the World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park. Come for a short animal spotting jaunt in the evening before relaxing at the acclaimed 4-Star Cradle Mountain Hotel.



**above is the beautiful Marakoopa Caves.*

Day 7 - Cradle Mountain



Visit the divine Dove Lake at the foot of Cradle Mountain - a photographer's paradise. Take in the stunning views of this iconic space from several angles as we complete a short walk to Glacier Rock. Wonders abound strolling through the mossy forests of the Enchanted Walk and the mesmerising cascades of Pencil Pine waterfall. Visit the old 'Waldheim Chalet' of pioneer Gustav Weindorfer - the father of this wondrous park.



After a delicious lunch we make our way on to Strahan via the meandering forest highways of the west coast. Your lungs will thank you as you inhale possibly the cleanest air on Earth. Arrive at Tasmania's most westerly town for some afternoon relaxation and 2-nights accommodation in Strahan Village.

Day 8 - Gordon River Cruise

Don't bother checking out of your hotel as we enjoy a memorable day of scenery before relaxing back in the same accommodations for a second night. Spend the day enjoying one of the most scenic and unique tourist attractions in Australia - the Gordon River Cruise. Aboard the famous 'Harbour Master' in upper deck Gold Class luxury, your 6-hour cruise will include stunning views of Hells Gates and Macquarie Harbour, Sarah Island, the salmon farms and of course the jewel in the crown - the Gordon River World Heritage area itself. The cruise will also include a freshly prepared buffet lunch meal onboard the vessel.



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Our afternoon plan will see us visit the Morrison Sawmill for a close-up look at Tasmania's most famous timber - Huon Pine. Overnight once again in Strahan Village. There is some optional entertainment this evening for those that would like to see Australia's longest running performance play *The Ship That Never Was*.

Day 9 - West Coast Wilderness Railway

Today we journey back in time on Tasmania's beautifully restored West Coast Wilderness Railway. Departing from Strahan we travel premium 'Wilderness' class and will be welcomed



onboard with complimentary sparkling wine. The 2.5hr journey heads deep into the heart of the west coast. Journey over the Iron Bridge at Teepookana, once a thriving port town, before disembarking at Lower Landing Station on the King River. Enjoy a short nature walk and taste honey, with its origins from local & endemic species, before heading back to Strahan.

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Listen to your guide bring stories of the railway and its resilient people to life and enjoy the beautiful sights of the King River waterway, this is truly one of Tasmania's premier experiences.

Lunch back in quaint Strahan Village and enjoy the views over Macquarie Harbour from Strahan's highest scenic lookout point. Next journey towards Queenstown where tonight's evening meal will be provided by your hosts.



Day 10 - Queenstown to Tarraleah

Take in the views from the Iron Blow lookout above Queenstown. The cantilever platform allows panoramic viewing over the colourful surrounds. Head into the World Heritage area for a morning stroll through thick forest to the imperial Nelson Falls - beautiful any time of year.

A little further along we stop on the bank of the infamous Franklin River. The waterway at the centre of huge controversy and a major conservation effort in the late 1970's and early 80's.



After lunch at the famous Lake St Clair lodge we stroll down to the jetty to take in Australia's deepest natural, freshwater lake at nearly 200m deep and surrounded by numerous stunning mountain peaks.



Next we stop at a true gem in Australian Art - The Wall in the Wilderness. Learn about the history and significance of the 100m long Huon Pine carvings by artist Greg Duncan and enjoy lunch in unique surroundings. This is legitimately one of the most incredible privately owned art galleries in Australia.

Our afternoon travels will see us arrive at the old Hydro township of Tarraleah for our evenings lodgings. Now converted to a beautiful tourism venue *Tarraleah Estate* is one of the most unique locations we overnight at on tour. Learn about the monstrous hydro-

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electricity project and how it came to life back in the 1950's. Wander the grounds to see abundant wildlife in the late afternoon and the resident Highland cattle that roam the property. In the evening dine in the very comfortable and warm *Highlander* restaurant.



Day 11 - The Derwent Valley



Wake up feeling amazing after your night in 5-star luxury. First up this morning is a stop at the beautiful Tarraleah lookout gazing over the hydro power station down below. We then continue via a magical drive into the Derwent Valley with its meandering, rolling hills. A morning stop at Lawrenny Distillery is in order, a stunning 1800's built house & estate on the banks of the Derwent River. For those inclined there is optional Whiskey & Gin tastings or tea, coffee and snacks instead.

We then continue our journey our to one of Tasmania's most frequented national parks - Mt Field NP. This is the location of the states very iconic waterfall - Russell Falls. The large 3 tier falls is quite a sight to see especially in flood and is easily accessible for guests of all physical abilities. The 40-60min walk features some of the most beautiful trees on the island. For guests after a slightly more challenging walk there will be an option to extend to see a 2nd beautiful waterfall higher up in the park. Giant Eucalyptus trees 300+ years old are as big as you will find in Tasmania. Tree ferns standing 6+ meters high dating hundred



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**below is the 3 tiered Russell Falls.*



of years also line the pathway giving this walk a prehistoric and enchanted feel. Keep your eyes open for the many pademelons and other creatures that are very regularly seen along the pathway. Another scenic drive back through the Derwent Valley is next past cherry farms, rolling pasture, hops fields and many scenic vistas. We are lunching at a cute local venue in the Derwent Valley. Relax and enjoy the delicious home made foods on offer. This evening we return to Hobart city for 2 more nights stay at the very stylish, 4-star Movenpick Hotel.

Day 12 - Tahune Airwalk and the Huon Valley

Today we journey down the beautiful Huon Valley for a wilderness experience at the acclaimed Tahune Airwalk. After being ravaged by fire in 2019 this attraction has been re-developed and is now back to its beautiful best, showcasing the pristine rivers & tranquil native forests which include some specimens of Tasmania's most famous tree - Huon Pine.



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The Tahune Airwalk itself is an elevated walkway 30 meters above the forest floor, with the final cantilever section sitting at a height of 50 meters above the Huon River. It boasts spectacular views to the confluence of the Huon & Picton Rivers and beyond to the peaks of the World Heritage Area in Tasmania's south-west. Enjoy the Huon Phone walk, a leisurely stroll along the river bank and through lovely forest to see some of these ancient trees up close.



Stop at the Geeveston Timber Museum to learn the story of the early settlers harvesting timber from this area. There are many great old artefact and items of equipment on display. Finally on our return journey to Hobart we visit the famous Willie Smith's Apple Shed with the opportunity for an afternoon snack or refreshment - we recommend trying the apple cider made from apples grown in the surrounding orchards. Enjoy another relaxing evening at the Movenpick Hotel. Being Friday there are plenty of opportunities for night time entertainment and many great Hobart city restaurants & venues close by.



**our luxurious 17 seater Iveco vehicles with leather seats & overhead storage.*

Day 13 - Salamanca Markets

The world-famous Salamanca markets are held every Saturday and we wouldn't want to miss them. After a full buffet breakfast explore the market at your own leisure and sample some of the abundance of street foods. This officially concludes our most extensive and premium tour of the island. We are sure you will have enjoyed the experience of a lifetime and shaped many new friendships during our travels, taking home great memories, stories and photographs.



Highlights

- Mt Wellington Summit for breathtaking panoramic views
- Experience a 3 hour guided tour around the UNESCO listed Port Arthur Historic Site.
- 25min Harbour Cruise of Port Arthur aboard the spacious catamaran vessel *Marana*.
- Visit the elegant lavender farm at Port Arthur.
- Stroll through & photograph the incredibly colourful Bay of Fires.
- Visit the award winning Nature World for an interactive experience with Tasmania's native animals including the Tasmanian Devil.
- A fully guided tour experience of the Beaconsfield Heritage mine site.
- 1 Hour guided tour of either Seahorse World or Platypus House with its resident Echidnas.
- Visit one of Tasmania's most unique locations - Cradle Mountain, spectacular scenery and amazing wildlife.
- Cruise the majestic Gordon River, journeying deep into one of the world true frontiers.
- Scenic drive through UNESCO World Heritage area of the Wild Rivers National Park.



- Enjoy a memorable 2.5hr journey 'Premium Class' on board Tasmania's beautiful West Coast Wilderness Railway.
- Stop at the infamous Franklin River.
- See the beautiful Nelson Falls hidden deep in the UNESCO World Heritage area.
- Visit one of Australia most original, unique and tasteful art galleries - The Wall.
- Overnight at the beautiful, unique *Tarraleah Estate* property on the Tasmanian highlands.
- Visit Lawrenny Distillery on the banks of the Derwent River with the opportunity for Whiskey & Gin tastings.
- Walk through the giant Eucalyptus forrest on the way to see our stunning waterfall - Russell Falls.
- Enjoy & partake in 4 or 5 opportunities to search for the elusive Platypus. We are a reasonable chance to spot this reclusive creature along our travels.
- Day trip down the lovely Huon Valley and visit Willie Smith's Apple Shed.
- Experience the Tahune Airwalk - a 50m cantilever platform above the Huon River.
- Sample the culinary delights of the Salamanca Markets while shopping for Tasmania's best local produce and craft.
- Enjoy 3-nights accommodation at the very new 4-Star Movenpick Hotel in Hobart CBD.
- Return to Hobart in time to enjoy the famous Saturday Salamanca Markets.

Inclusions

- 12 nights accommodation at comfortable lodgings rated 3.5 - 4.5 star.
- 12 breakfasts and 11 lunches provided.
- 1 x evening meal and welcome drinks provided in Hobart on the opening night.
- 1 x additional evening meal provided in Queenstown.
- Bottled water provided on tour.
- FREE wine, chocolate, cheese, oysters & honey tastings provided on tour.
- Daily afternoon tea, coffee & biscuits stops included *FREE*.
- All attraction fees including Gordon River cruise and Wilderness Train experiences.
- All entry fees and National Parks passes provided.
- Tour is planned to arrive back in Hobart Friday evening leaving Saturday free to explore the famous Salamanca Market.
- The only additional expenses incurred are 10 x evening meals & any spending money.

**We reserve the right to alter tour itineraries without notice due to climatic conditions and other circumstances outside our control.*