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Perfect Tasmania

Highlights

Local Connection

Whether you're cruising the Gordon River and Wineglass Bay, or going behind the scenes at wineries and whisky distilleries, in-the-know locals will keep you company.



Insider Knowledge

 **MADE TRAVEL MATTER** |  A cider in Penguin – no, it's not the name of a novel, but instead your Be My Guest lunch experience at Mt. Gnomon Farm in this charming north-coast town.

Cultural Immersion

Cataract Gorge is a special, and spiritual, place – and it's remarkably close to Launceston's CBD. Explore at your leisure.

Sustainable Footprints

 **MADE TRAVEL MATTER** |  Help keep Tasmania pristine, by assisting horticulturists with propagating seeds, which will be planted to regenerate the site at a former wood chip mill.

Wildlife & Nature

Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park is the kind of place that makes you put life into perspective. How can nature be this humbling?

1 Welcome to Hobart

You don't have to venture far from your hotel to find inspiration in Hobart, whether you're exploring the harbour or easing into one of the city's applauded galleries and wine bars. Save room for dinner, enjoyed in the company of your fellow adventure-seekers. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. DW**

2 Salamanca Market and City Sights

From alpaca throws to woodwork, Salamanca Market unites Tassie talent. Grab a coffee and roll and navigate stalls, wedged alongside the precinct's historic sandstone warehouses. Your afternoon excursions delve deep into many of the things that make Hobart great: the Botanical Gardens, historic Battery Point and the Cascade Brewery. End the day on a literal high at Mt. Nelson Lookout, offering dizzying views over the city. **B**

3 Hobart – Strahan

Waterfalls, lakes and ancient moonscapes – today is a journey of contrasts. Not to mention soul revival. Exhale amid the forest enveloping Russell Falls in Mt. Field National Park. Forget your worries at Lake St. Clair, the deepest of its kind in Australia. Sigh as you skirt the World Heritage-protected Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Then revel in the serenity of Strahan. You're overlooking Macquarie Harbour, seven times the size of Sydney Harbour. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B DW**

4 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

No day that involves a cruise is a bad day. Even better if it's the deep, dark waters of the Gordon River. Soak up the silence of this untouched wilderness area en route to Sarah Island, Tassie's oldest convict settlement; today, haunting ruins have been reclaimed by nature. Your commute toward immense Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park visits Rosebery – tagline: "welcome to the rainforest, don't complain about the rain" – and tiny Tullah, population 165. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain, 2 nights. B L DW**

5 Cradle Mountain

At the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, Cradle Mountain is all moss-covered ancient rainforests and deep river gorges,

snow-tipped peaks, wild alpine moorlands and glacial lakes – case in point Dove Lake, where you'll likely spot Bennetts wallabies, echidnas and pademelons. Pause at Waldheim Chalet, once the home of Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, the duo pivotal in the park's formation. **B DW**

6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

A pioneer in delicious Aussie distillations, Hellyers Road Distillery produces some of the tastiest whiskys you'll come across. Breakfast sorted. Continue your palate expansion at Mount Gnomon Farm, in the hills overlooking the petite town of Penguin. Farmer Guy Robertson is as passionate about his orchard as he is the cider he makes. Sip your way through a Be My Guest lunch. Continue to quirky Sheffield, the 'Town of Murals' and through the Meander Valley to Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B BG**

7 Launceston

Prepare for goosebumps – Cataract Gorge is humbling. Even more remarkable is the fact that this enormous cavern is just a few minutes' walk from the heart of Launceston. Explore at your leisure. By the time you reach Josef Chromy Wines, you'll have worked up a thirst. We've got you covered. This afternoon is yours: an optional cruise along the Tamar River, perhaps? **B L DW**

8 Launceston – Bicheno

You'll smell Bridestowe Estate well before you arrive – this lavender farm welcomes with soothing aromas, and addictive flavours in the form of lavender ice-cream. Moving moments await at Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, a series of trees carved with sculptures as an homage to fallen WWI soldiers. It's a poignant reminder just how lucky we are to have Tasmania's scene-stealing landscapes to gaze over. Be sure to head out tonight to catch a glimpse of the little penguins that call Bicheno home. **Hotel: Diamond Island Beach Resort. B DW**

9 Freycinet National Park & Wineglass Bay Cruise

There's a reason this part of Tasmania takes home top honours for its beaches – they were made for postcards. The brilliant blue ocean follows you through Cape Tourville's virgin eucalypt forests, with golden beaches as far as the eye can see. Perhaps the only sight

more dazzling is the flawless crescent of sand that marks Wineglass Bay, your cruise boat backdropped by the dusty pink Hazards mountains of Coles Bay. **Hotel: Eastcoaster Tasmania. B L DW**

10 Triabunna – Hobart

Freestone Point was once home to the world's largest wood chip mill, built on the unceded lands of the Paredarmerne people. It's had a philosophy change, and is now intent on charting a sustainable path. As if your Welcome to Country at Oyster Bay wasn't humbling enough, you'll then have the chance to visit beehives and worm farms, and assist horticulturists in propagating seeds to regenerate the area. The GPS is now set for the historic township of Richmond; explore the convict-built gaol and bridge or browsing the quaint boutique shops in town. This evening is at your leisure in Hobart. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor (Harbour View Room), 3 nights. B**

11 Port Arthur Historic Site

While the World Heritage listed Port Arthur Historic Site has a grim convict history, you wouldn't know it today – the countryside is all rolling green fields and ocean views. Only the place names give its heritage away: cruise around the Isle of the Dead, glimpse rugged sea cliffs from Pirate's Bay Lookout, and veer past Tasman's Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole. Tonight is at your leisure – we can recommend any number of stellar restaurants. **B**

12 Hobart Free Time

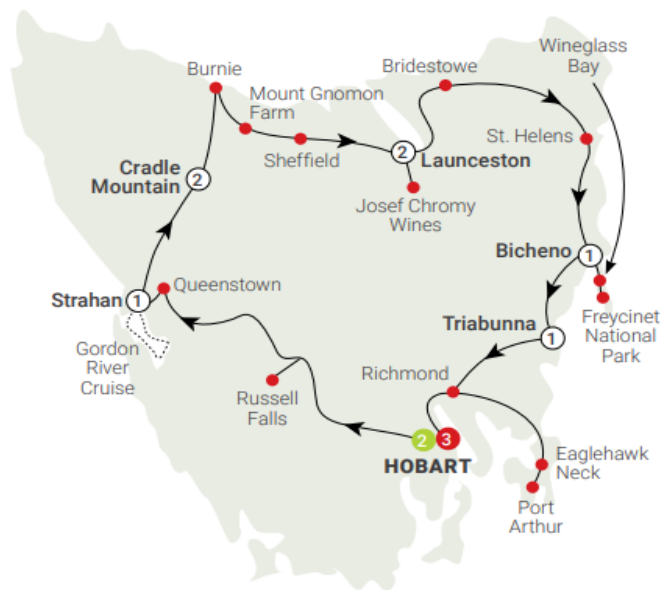
There's something about Tasmania's capital that encourages life in the slow lane. You'll quickly fall into step today, yours to spend as you will. Perhaps add on a Bruny Island cruise to spot playful sea lions and ogle Australia's highest sea cliffs? Or enjoy a bird's-eye view on a scenic flight down to the great Southwest? Or get your cultural fix with a visit to the Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery. **B FD**

13 Farewell from Hobart

If you can still count all the delicious things you have eaten and drunk, and all the epic things you have seen and done, two weeks down the track, we commend you. Now's the time to re-live them with friends and family back at home. **B**



- **START**
- **END**
- 1 Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



Price Includes:

- Departure Taxes
- Airport Transfers
- Breakfast Daily
- All accommodation & sightseeing as per itinerary.
- All sightseeing & entrance fees

Tour Cost per person twin share \$7,899.00

Single Supplement \$2,351.00

Approximate flight price \$650.00

Although travel insurance is not compulsory it is highly recommended at the time of booking.

A non-refundable deposit of \$750.00 per person is required to secure a seat.

Full payment will be required by 15 December 2023.

Tour price does not include:

- Personal travel insurance
- Meals other than specified
- Optional sightseeing