

Delights of Tasmania

With Trade Travel

10 Days / 9 Nights

Tour Departs: Wednesday 02 November - Friday 11 November, 2022.



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Day 1. Wed 02 Nov: Homeport - Richmond - MONA

Dinner

Flight VA1528 Departs Sydney 0730 - Arrives Hobart 0925

Today after our morning flight into Hobart we are met by our coach captain to make our way to the **historic township of Richmond**. Here we enjoy some free time to soak up the village history which boasts Australia's oldest bridge built in 1823 and more than fifty 19th Century Georgian buildings. After purchasing lunch in Richmond we head down to **The Mona Gallery**, Hobart's newest and most talked about attraction David Walsh's "\$75 Million" Museum of Old and New Art "MONA", designed by famed Melbourne architect Fender Katsalidis. Spread over three floors this museum lends itself not only to traditional hanging pieces, but allows the installation art to truly shine. Following our gallery visit we check in to our accommodation and enjoy a rest before dinner in the motel restaurant.

Overnight Hobart: Best Western Hobart

Day 2. Thu 03 Nov: Peppermint Bay Cruise

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after a leisurely breakfast, we visit the top of **Mount Wellington/Nelson** (weather permitting) where we take in the full panorama of Hobart across the Derwent River. We also take in the highlights of **Hobart City, Battery Point, Constitution Dock, Queens Domain, Tasman Bridge, Bellerive, Blundstone Arena and Bellerive Fort**. We then step aboard our **Peppermint Bay Cruise** and enjoy a relaxing and rewarding day on-board the luxurious 23 metre catamaran, Peppermint Bay II, and experience the real Tasmania. Departing from the tourist hub of Sullivan's Cove in Hobart, our cruise takes in harbour and city views, the River Derwent and its magnificent estuary, slicing its way along the stunning d'Entrecasteaux Channel, arriving in the near-pristine waters of Peppermint Bay. The River Derwent and d'Entrecasteaux Channel teem with aquatic life and it is not uncommon to spot a pod of dolphins, a sunbathing seal or even migrating whales on our cruise. We arrive at **picturesque Peppermint Bay for lunch** featuring the very best produce this region has to offer followed by 30 minutes of leisure time exploring the Bay and the **delightful village of Woodbridge**. 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 3. Fri 04 Nov: Bruny Island Traveller

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today after breakfast we make our way down to Kettering to board the ferry across to **Bruny Island** to explore the beautiful scenery and sample the delicious gourmet produce made on Bruny Island. We will be engaging with local artisan producers from the island such as an oyster farmer, cheese maker, fudge maker and a whisky distiller to hear the stories behind their harvests. **Our Bruny Island experience** will include visits to; **Get Shucked Oyster Farm** to savour the clean salty flavour of oysters straight from the shell. **Bruny Island Cheese Co** where we meet the cheese maker and share in a platter of their award-winning cheeses and hand crafted beer. **Bruny Island Fudge and Chocolate Factory** which is home to handmade fudges, chocolate and truffles. We visit the **Seafood Restaurant in Adventure Bay for lunch** with amazing views. This afternoon we try a Tasmanian single malt whisky or a hand-crafted gin at **Bruny Island House of Whisky**.



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Day 3. Continued.

Along the way we can enjoy short walks along deserted beaches and see white wallabies, native wildlife and birds in their natural habitat. At The Neck, we'll stand at the top of Truganini's Steps and see the narrow isthmus stretch away south in graceful curves. At the end of our day on Bruny Island we board the ferry and return to the mainland for a well deserved rest before dinner in the motel restaurant.

Overnight Hobart: Best Western Hobart

Day 4. Sat 05 Nov: Salamanca Markets - Queenstown

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after breakfast we experience the sights, sounds, action and colour of the **Salamanca Market**, one of Australia's best markets with over 300 stalls offering Tasmanian arts and crafts, fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers, clothes, books, skincare products and lots more. We then make our way north west, stopping by the beautiful **Tarraleah Estate**. A special place with stunning views of the Tasmanian highlands and wilderness, and once the home of hundreds of hydroelectric pioneers. Enjoy a light lunch before travelling west to Derwent Bridge, where we visit the amazing **Wall in the Wilderness**. The Wall in the Wilderness is Greg Duncan's commemorative of those who helped shape the past and present of Tasmania's central highlands. A work in progress, The Wall is being carved from three-metre high wooden panels. The carved panels tell the history of the harsh central highlands region - beginning with the indigenous people, then to the pioneering timber harvesters, pastoralist's, miners and hydro workers. After leaving Derwent Bridge we travel across to **Queenstown** driving through the **Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park** showcasing some of the state's most spectacular lakes and mountain areas. Our steep descent into Queenstown is an eerie highlight in itself, surrounded by mountains once covered in vegetation, now strangely bare and stained by the sulphur fumes from mining processes. Bushfires, logging and heavy rain have combined to wash the soil away and stripped many of the hills of vegetation and created Queenstown's famous "moonscape". We check-in to our accommodation and enjoy a 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. On arrival dinner will be served then we relax on the leather couches to watch one of the classics such as High Noon, Rio Bravo, Sunset Boulevard, North by Northwest, Oklahoma, The Big Sleep to name a few. After the movie, try one of their delicious desserts, coffee, hot chocolate or a nightcap before returning to our accommodation.

Overnight Queenstown: Comfort Inn Gold Rush

Day 5. Sun 06 Nov: Gordon River Cruise

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after breakfast we transfer down to Strahan where we board **World Heritage Cruises** multi-million dollar state-of-the-art vessel for our cruise out to **Macquarie Harbour** and up along the famous Gordon River. Travel to Hells Gate, the harbour entrance to the great southern ocean, before arriving at the dreaded **Sarah Island**. This infamous piece of land became the largest ship yard in British colonies, turning out 113 vessels in 12 years. We re-board our cruise vessel and enjoy a superb smorgasbord lunch. At the southeast corner of the harbour, we enter the majestic Gordon River, well known for its stunning mirror like reflections, Huon Pine trees and wilderness boardwalk, where we pass by a **2000-year-old Huon pine**. After our cruise we spend time in Strahan Village with time to visit **Morrison's Huon Pine Sawmill**. A family sawmill in operation specialising in the unique Huon Pine timber, Morrison's also have a selection of other Tasmanian timbers available plus a well-stocked gift shop featuring handcrafted items that are made on site along with a selection of locally and Tasmanian made products. Walking into the sawmill is like going back in time - call in and say hello to the Morrison family and see for ourself how Huon Pine is transformed from a salvaged log to a beautiful piece of crafted timber. Later in the afternoon we return back up to Queenstown to rest up before dinner.

Overnight Queenstown: Comfort Inn Gold Rush

Day 6. Mon 07 Nov: Cradle Mountain - Grindelwald

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we depart Queenstown and travel through the old mining towns of **Rosebery** and **Tullah** to **Cradle Mountain**. Our **Park Explorer Tour** departs the Cradle Mountain Visitors Centre and makes its way into the world class national park. We arrive at **Dove Lake** and develop a new understanding of glacial lakes and deep rugged gorges. View the alpine flora and fauna which flourishes in this unique environment as well as buttongrass plains to temperate rainforest and King Billy Pines thousands of years old. Dove Lake offers the most beautiful views and our 'personally guided tour' will prove to be one of the highlights of our time in Tasmania. After, 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. We see the animals daylight habits, sleeping in their dens, sunbathing, play fighting or fossicking for food. This afternoon we depart Cradle Mountain National Park and begin our drive across to Launceston and check in to the Aspect Tamar Valley Resort for a rest before dinner.

Overnight Grindelwald: Aspect Tamar Valley Resort

Day 7. Tue 08 Nov: Tamar Valley

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we experience the **Tamar Valley and Beauty Point**, we call in at the **Platypus House** which offers a rare chance to see the unique Tasmanian Platypus and Echidna in an indoor setting. Watch platypuses feeding and playing; see echidnas foraging in a bushland setting, visit the Interpretation Centre explaining the biology of both platypuses and echidnas and view a 15 minute film on platypuses. At **Seahorse World** we see seahorses in captivity, the working farm and aquarium gives a rare insight into the mystical and elegant seahorse at various stages of development, along with the leafy sea dragon and the pipe fish. After our tour we enjoy lunch in their upstairs dining room before travelling to **Beaconsfield** and the famous site of the great escape by Todd and Brant.

Day 7. Continued

We stop at the mine site and also visit the **Mine and Heritage Centre**, which occupies the site of Tasmania's largest gold mine, which between 1877 and 1914 produced \$450 million worth of gold - at present values. After a guided tour we take in the panoramic views of the Tamar River and Valley from **Bushranger Brady's Lookout**. Our last stop for the day is at **Tamar Ridge Estate Cellar Door at Rosevears**. After tastings of wine and cheese, we can enjoy a glass of wine (own cost) while admiring the views across the Tamar River and Valley. We then return to the resort for a rest & dinner.

Overnight Grindelwald: Aspect Tamar Valley Resort

Day 8. Wed 09 Nov: Launceston

Breakfast & Dinner

Today we take in the sights in and around Launceston as we view it's beautiful parks, buildings, River Tamar, North and South Esk Rivers and their waterfront precincts. We arrive in historic Longford at the World Heritage listed **Brickendon Estate** to immerse ourselves in the incredible story of the Archer family, assigned convicts, free workers and the beginnings of Australia's pastoral and agricultural industry. Brickendon is one of Tasmania's oldest farming properties, settled in 1824 by William Archer, the farm has been continuously operated and lived on by his direct descendants, now in their seventh generation. After morning tea and guided tour of the village and gardens we make our way to Launceston **Cataract Gorge Reserve**, which features tree rhododendrons, peacocks, fern glade and spacious lawns. It also contains the World's longest single span chairlift that crosses the gorge. Lunch can be purchased from the Basin Cafe or Gorge Restaurant before boarding **The Lady Launceston** and embark on a cruise that explores the old and new facets of the Launceston Seaport precinct of today. We also learn about the history of Launceston's Seaport, Kings Wharf, heritage properties and of course the spectacular Cataract Gorge. The highlight of the experience is cruising into the spectacular Cataract Gorge as we engage the Lady Launceston's unique and silent electric drive. View the sheer cliffs and cascades from our comfortable seat with unobstructed views on this multi award winning 1890's style vessel. Tonight we dine at the **Launceston Country Club**, enjoy casual dining with an alfresco touch as we take in sweeping views over the Country Club Tasmania golf course. Be spoilt for choice with an interactive buffet experience at the Links Restaurant. Offering something for everyone, our **buffet dinner** includes a soup station, salad bar, roast counter, open hot and cold dessert kitchen, chocolate fondue fountain, and tea/coffee stop. After a lovely dinner we return to our accommodation for a good night's sleep.

Overnight Grindelwald: Aspect Tamar Valley Resort

Day 9. Thu 10 Nov: The Art, Craft, Antique & Gourmet Food Trail

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Our drive today takes us through the countryside and small townships of Carrick, Westbury, Deloraine, Elizabeth Town and Sassafras. Our first stop is in Carrick at the **Tasmanian Copper and Metal Art Gallery** which has been making and supplying unique metal art worldwide, for over 40 years. Free-standing pieces, framed murals and large murals suitable for feature walls are all representative of their work. Exquisitely coloured butterflies, jewellery, statues and pots, abstract designs to Viking vessels, land and seascapes, zodiacs and many other subjects are created at the studio. The art work also adorns the walls of many Australian hotels, commercial and private buildings. In Deloraine we come across **Yarns Artwork in Silk**, a large scale community art project of quilted, soft sculpture silk panels, one for each season, drawing us into the landscapes and lifestyles of the Meander Valley people. Yarns was created by more than 300 community members using numerous hand working techniques. **Lunch** is next at the delightful **Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm** followed by a visit to the family owned **Ashgrove Cheese Farm and Factory**, here we have the opportunity to stock up on provisions, including gourmet Tasmanian produce, all things cheese. While here sneak a peek through the viewing window, where we will get a behind the scenes look at how they make their cheese using traditional techniques with modern methods. Our last stop for the day is at the **House of Anvers**, home to a delicious range of all things chocolate from truffles, fudge, chocolate blocks, couverture, cakes and gift hampers. The chocolate antique display takes us on a journey from the Aztec Indians, to when chocolate was only consumed as a liquid in the 1700's, on to Henry Nestle who mixed the chocolate with milk (in 1875), to the chocolate we know today. Our day now complete we travel back down to our resort before dinner in the restaurant.

Overnight Grindelwald: Aspect Tamar Valley Resort

Day 10. Fri 11 Nov: Heritage Highway - Hobart - Home

Breakfast

After early breakfast and check out we head back through Launceston and down along the Midland Highway also known as "**The Heritage Highway**". We arrive in **historic Campbell Town** which has an impressive collection of colonial buildings with many antique and speciality shops. Campbell Town is full of colonial history and a self-guided walk that follows the **Convict Brick Trail** along High Street reveals the individual stories of Tasmania's convicts. There are some impressive colonial structures to admire along the way, including the famous **Red Bridge**. Built by convicts in the 1830s, it's said to contain one million bricks and these days carries more than two million vehicles each year. Other places of interest in Campbell Town are the **Eddie Freeman chainsaw tree sculptures** and **The Book Cellar**. Leaving Campbell Town we continue south to **Ross**. Visit the **Tasmania Wool Centre** and learn the prosperity of Ross which can be traced back to its first export - wool. These stories unfold in the Wool and Heritage galleries with many artefacts, pictures and documents on display. Promoting Australian wool in all its diversity, the **Wool Shop** is one of the largest retailers of woollens in Tasmania, with styles, colours and prices to suit everyone. Situated just 50 metres down the road is **Classwood** a bright and chirpy gift shop "*with a touch of class in wood*" that is well worth a visit. Lunch can be purchased today at the Ross Village Bakery or across the road at the Wisteria Cafe and Gift Shop. We also take a drive across the **historic Ross Bridge** and take in the history at the site of the **Ross Female Factory**. This is one of the four female factories built in Tasmania between 1847 and 1854 operating as probation stations for female convicts and their babies. After leaving Ross we continue towards Hobart arriving at the Hobart Airport for check in and flight home after a delightful adventure in Tasmania with Trade Travel.

Flight VA1535 Departs Hobart 1630 - Arrives Sydney 1820

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Tour Highlights: Historic Richmond; The MONA Galley; Hobart Highlights Tour & Mount Wellington/ Nelson Lookout; Peppermint Bay Lunch Cruise; Bruny Island Full Day Tour; Salamanca Markets; Tarraleah Estate Luncheon; Wall in the Wilderness; Queenstown Paragon Theatre Dinner & Classic Movie Night; Gordon River Wilderness Lunch Cruise; Morrison's Huon Pine Sawmill; Cradle Mountain & Dove Lake Park Explorer Tour; Devils at Cradle "Daykeepers Tour"; Tamar Valley Day - Platypus House, Seahorse World, Grubb Shaft Gold & Heritage Museum, Bushranger Brady's Lookout, Tamar Ridge Estate Cellar Door; Launceston City Sightseeing Tour; World Heritage Brickendon Estate; Cataract Gorge Cruise; Launceston Country Club Buffet Dinner; Tasmania Copper & Metal Art Gallery; Yarns Artwork in Silk; Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm; Ashgrove Cheese Farm & Factory; House of Anvers Chocolate; The Heritage Highway - Historic Campbell Town's Convict Brick Trail & Red Bridge, Eddie Freeman Chainsaw Tree Sculptures, The Book Cellar; Historic Ross, Tasmania Wool Centre & Museum, Ross Bridge, Female Factory Site and much more!

Tour Price Includes:

- Return economy flights Sydney - Hobart & Hobart - Sydney
- Luxury coach travel
- Quality accommodation as per itinerary
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (25 meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

Tour Cost: \$3998.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$612.00)

Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax

The tour prices valid for travel in 2022. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

\$200.00 per person deposit due at time of booking with completed booking form.
Final payment due **Friday 2nd September, 2022.**

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