

10 Day Tasmania Small Escorted Group Tour

18-27 September 2021

This Discover Tasmania comprehensive island tour showcases the diverse natural environment of Tasmania and incorporates fascinating landscapes, breathtaking scenery and unique wildlife encounters.

Highlights include the Bonorong animal sanctuary, Maria Island, optional Wineglass Bay Cruise and Penguins, Bay of Fires, Cradle Mountain, Mt Field National Park and so much more.

There is also an option to finish the trip with a Tasman Peninsula & Huon Valley extension.

10 days from \$3,995 pp twin share

INCLUSIONS:

- 10 day small group touring with local guide
- Transport in a well-appointed vehicle
- 9 nights' accommodation
- 9 x breakfast, 3 x lunch
- · 2.5 hours Bonorong night tour
- Maria Island Ferry
- After Dark Tour at Devils@Cradle
- Entry to West Coast Heritage Museum
- · Half Day River & Rain forest train excursion
- All National Parks passes
- * Minimum 10 Guests













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Day 1: Saturday, 18 September 2021 - Hobart Arrival and Bonorong

Arrive in Hobart. At around 5pm, your tour starts with a short drive to the Bonorong animal sanctuary where you join a 2.5 hour behind the scenes tour to learn everything about Tasmania's native animals. Accommodation: The Old Woolstore Hotel, Hobart (Studio Apartment)

Day 2: Sunday, 19 September 2021 - Maria Island **Experience**

Begin your Tasmanian journey & travel the scenic East coast to the seaside village of Triabunna. Embark on the ferry, crossing the Mercury Passage to Maria Island NP. Peaceful walking amongst historic ruins, along sweeping bays, rugged fossil cliffs and imposing mountains. Later, return to mainland Tasmania & continue northbound to Bicheno, your destination for the upcoming 2 days. Accommodation: Hotel Beachfront at Bicheno, Bicheno (Poolview room)

Meals: Breakfast and Deluxe Picnic lunch

Day 3: Monday, 20 September 2021 - Wineglass **Bay and Penguins**

Travel to the magnificent Freycinet Peninsula. There is ample time to explore the stunning National Park. Join your guide on a walk up to the Wineglass Bay lookout for some stunning photo opportunities, with views across Freycinet NP. After lunch, explore the Friendly Beaches before returning to your accommodation. At dusk, join your quide on a Penguin spotting tour to observe and lookout for the resident blue penguin colony.

Optional:

A 4-hr cruise along the spectacular coastline viewing the dramatic pink peaks of the Hazard range in the background. Take in the sheer beauty of Wineglass Bay from the rarely seen perspective of the water.

Accommodation: Hotel Beachfront at Bicheno, Bicheno (Poolview room)

Meals: Breakfast and Ploughman-style lunch

Day 4: Tuesday, 21 September 2021 - Bicheno -Bay of Fires

Continue your journey & arrive in St. Helens, the gateway to the Bay of Fires. Walk on the white sandy beaches of Binalong Bay and step onto the orange lichen-covered granite rocks of the gardens. Stunning photo-opportunities and memories are guaranteed.

Accommodation: Panorama Hotel, St. Helens (Standard room)

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5: Wednesday, 22 September 2021 - Bay of Fires, Wines and Launceston

We visit one of Tasmania's highest waterfalls followed by a morning tea at a local dairy farm. Continue your journey via small mining town towards Launceston. Lunch is arranged in a local restaurant before we arrive at Launceston where we will visit the Cataract Gorge where the South Esk river forces its way through the sheer granite rocks before we arrive at the accommodation for the night.

Accommodation: Grand Chancellor Hotel, Launceston (Deluxe room) Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6: Thursday, 23 September 2021 -Launceston - Cradle Mountain

After breakfast, continue your journey to UNESCO Word Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park. Travel to Latrobe for the possible chance to see Platypuses in their natural environment. Enjoy an introduction to this captivating alpine environment before settling in at your accommodation for the night. Later today, meet our iconic mascot, the Tasmanian Devil with the possibility to get close and observe these guirky animals in a natural like habitat. Accommodation: Lemonthyme Lodge (Spa cabin) Meals: Breakfast

Day 7: Friday, 24 September 2021 - Cradle Mountain

Be mesmerised by the beautiful alpine landscapes of Cradle Mountain. The rugged grandeur of Cradle Mountain is reflected in the tranquil waters of Dove Lake. Be introduced to the many endemic fauna and flora species of the region whilst enjoying picturesque views on your walk beneath the spectacular craggy peaks. Many Birds are present in this area, whilst Echidnas, Platypus, Spotted-tailed Quoll and the Eastern Quoll may also be seen. In the afternoon, cuddle a baby wombat or a baby Tasmania Devil on an exclusive joy encounter at Devils@Cradle. Accommodation: Lemonthyme Lodge (Spa cabin) Meals: Breakfast

Day 8: Saturday, 25 September 2021 - Cradle Mountain - Zeehan - Strahan

Depart the Cradle Valley and travel to the Tasmanian West Coast. Passing through old mining town of Roseberry, Tullah and Zeehan. In Zeehan we will stop for a very informative tour and visit of the West Coast Heritage museum. Continue to Strahan for the night. Accommodation: Strahan Village Hotel, Strahan

(Hilltop Harbour View Executive room)) Meals: Breakfast

Day 9: Sunday, 26 September 2021 - West Coast Wilderness Railway - Lake St. Clair

Embark on a steam train journey from Strahan into the western temperate rainforest. Stopping at remote train stations, you will visit Lower Landing and Dubbil Barril before returning to Strahan. After lunch, travel via Queenstown into the alpine wilderness of the Lake St Clair National Park.

Accommodation: Tarraleah Lodge, Tarraleah (Scholars House room)

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10: Monday, 27 September 2021 - Derwent Bridge - Mount Field NP - Hobart

This morning we continue our journey into the Mount Field National Park. Be mesmerized by the lush forest landscapes. Explore the green forest canopy where you can crane your neck to see some of the tallest flowering trees in the world. Return to Hobart in the late afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional Tasman Peninsula, Port Arthur & Huon Valley **Extension** 3 days from \$930pp

INCLUSIONS

- 2 days touring with a local guide
 - Transport as per itinerary
 - 3 nights' accommodation
 - 3 x breakfast, 2 x lunch
 - A range of tastings
- Entry to Port Arthur historic site & private Hobart departure transfer

Monday, 27 September 2021 - Derwent Bridge - Mount Field NP - Hobart For those guests who wish to extend, we will take you to accommodation in Hobart Accommodation: The Old Woolstore Hotel. Hobart (Studio Apartment)

Tuesday, 28 September 2021 - History & Geology on the Tasman Peninsula

The Tasman Peninsula & Port Arthur Historic Site are some of Tasmania's most visited destinations. Tasmania's famous convict settlement site harbours a dark history which our experienced guide will bring to life. In the afternoon, travel to the historic village of Richmond, nestled in the Coal River Valley. Experience the nostalgia of colonial times as you stroll and admire the well-preserved colonial architecture before returning to Hobart. Accommodation: The Old Woolstore Hotel.

Hobart (Studio Apartment) Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Wednesday, 29 September 2021 - Taste of the Huon

Begin your day with an ascent to the alpine wilderness of Mt Wellington. The 1,270m peak offers stunning vistas over Hobart, the Derwent River and beyond. Continue into the Huon Valley. Enjoy cider tastings and visit other fine providores to sample unique and award-winning cheeses.

Accommodation: The Old Woolstore Hotel. Hobart (Studio Apartment) Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Thursday, 30 September 2021 - Hobart **Departure**

Enjoy the hours in Hobart until we transfer you to the airport in time for your departure flight back to the mainland.

Meals: Breakfast