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Please note: Passenger baggage to be a maximum of 15kg. per person

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# TASMANIA



**17 days**  
**Saturday 6 November to**  
**Monday 22 November 2021**

## PORT MACQUARIE TRAVEL

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### 17 Day Tasmania Explorer

Saturday 6 November – Monday 22 November 2021

Explore Tasmania's spectacular rugged beauty and experience pristine wilderness.  
Uncover the compelling stories surrounding convict heritage set deep within her towns.

#### DAY 1: (D) PORT MAQUARIE TO GOULBURN

Sat 6 Nov

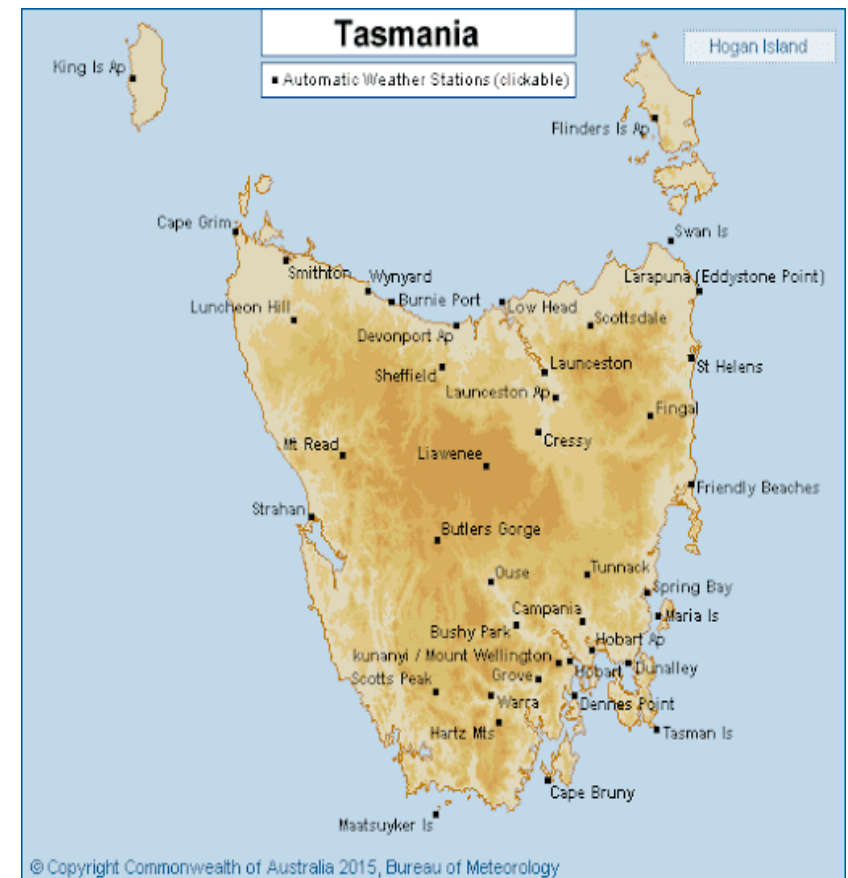
Welcome to our Spring tour to **Tasmania**. We depart the Port Macquarie Coach Terminal at 8.00am with the coach loaded, we are ready to go! Setting into our travel day we enjoy breaks along the way before arriving into Goulburn.

**1 night | Mercure Goulburn (02 4822 5445)**  
Lunch at own arrangement and cost | dinner at hotel

#### DAY 2: (B) MELBOURNE – OVERNIGHT SPIRIT OF TASMANIA Sun 7 Nov

On the road again, we cross into Victoria and stop for a lunch break in Wodonga. Arriving into Port Melbourne we prepare for our voyage across

- Devonport | Don River Railway Museum tour, train ride, workshop, tea and coffee
- Melbourne | Mercure Melbourne Albert Park buffet breakfast
- Central Coast | Central Coast Leagues Club buffet lunch



## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Air conditioned coach travel
- 16 night's motel accommodation
- 16 cooked motel breakfasts
- 13 motel dinners
- 8 included lunches – see below
- Melbourne | Spirit of Tasmania
- Devonport | Argosy Motor Inn cooked breakfast
- Launceston | Tamar River Cruises Discovery Cruise
- Launceston | James Boags Brewery share platter style lunch, tour and tasting
- Launceston | Bridestowe Estate Lavender Farm entry, guided tour and tastings
- Ross | Tasmanian Wool Centre entry
- Bothwell | Australasian Golf Museum entry
- Hobart | Guided town tour
- Hobart | Mawson's Huts Replica Museum entry to museum
- Hobart | Cascades Female Factory entry and the Proud and the Punished Show
- Huon Valley | Tahune Adventures Forest Airwalk entry
- Port Arthur | Port Arthur Historic Site entry, walking tour, harbour cruise, Escape from Port Arthur Tour and light lunch incl. tea and coffee
- New Norfolk | Salmon Ponds entry & morning tea
- Derwent Bridge | Wall in the Wilderness entry
- Derwent Bridge | Wilderness Hotel lunch incl. tea and coffee
- Strahan | World Heritage Cruises premium seating and buffet lunch
- Strahan | West Coast Wilderness Railway - River and Rainforest Tour including a light lunch, tea & coffee
- Cradle Mountain | McDermotts Coaches Park Explorer Tour incl. National Park Passes (Cradle Mountain only)
- Cradle Mountain | Devils @ Cradle Day Keepers Tour
- Cradle Mountain | Cradle Mountain Hotel lunch
- Smithton | Woolnorth Tours guided tour, morning tea and lunch
- Burnie | Makers' Workshop visit
- Burnie | Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens entry

the Bass Strait aboard the **Spirit of Tasmania**. Settling into our porthole cabins, we have a number of options to purchase dinner before enjoying a good night's rest.

**1 night | Spirit of Tasmania (13 20 10)**  
Breakfast at hotel | lunch  
at own arrangements | dinner not included

### **DAY 3: (BD) DEVONPORT TO LAUNCESTON** **Mon 8 Nov**

Welcome to Tassie! Capturing the excellent views over the Mersey River and the "Spirit of Tasmania" vessel, we then settle our stomachs at **Argosy Motor Inn** with breakfast. Feeling content, we head to **Sheffield**, a delightful village near Lake Barrington. We'll have time to explore the many murals depicting the area's early history before continuing on to pretty town of **Deloraine**. Here you'll have time to purchase lunch and enjoy a look around. From here we then head to **Launceston** and our hotel, where we can relax prior to dinner.

**2 nights | Best Western Plus Launceston (03 6333 9999)**  
Breakfast at Argosy Motor Inn | lunch at own arrangement and cost |  
dinner at hotel

### **DAY 4: (BLD) LAUNCESTON – TAMAR RIVER CRUISES & CATARACT GORGE RESERVE** **Tue 9 Nov**

Joining **Tamar River Cruises**, we explore the magical river and Cataract Gorge onboard the Tamar Odyssey. Be captivated by the captains interesting commentary as we cruise by Tamar Island, wildlife, historical properties and of course the spectacular Cataract Gorge. With **morning tea** on board, it's a fantastic way to uncover the regions natural beauty. Back on dry land we head to the James Boag's Brewery to enjoy a shared platter lunch before touring the brewery and of course tasting their crisp beverages. We then spend the afternoon on land at Cataract Gorge Reserve. Surrounded by cliffs, bushland and beautiful gardens explore at your leisure, perhaps taking a ride on the world's longest single span chairlift (own expense). When we are all ready, we shall return to the hotel.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at James Boags Brewery

**DAY 5: (BD) LAUNCESTON TO SCAMANDER****Wed 10 Nov**

Enjoy the clean air and open spaces of the world's largest privately-owned lavender farm, **Bridestowe Estate Lavender Farm**. Watch the farm in action on a tour of the flower shed and distillery. Tasting hints of lavender in lovely samples, you'll then have time to browse their extensive gift shop. Next, we veer off to a little place called **Legerwood** to see some incredible tree carvings, honouring fallen soldiers in World War I. Arriving in **St Helens** we have time to purchase lunch before continuing through to our overnight destination of **Scamander**.

**1 night | Scamander Beach Resort (03 6372 5255)**  
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at own expense

**DAY 6: (BD) SCAMANDER TO HOBART****Thu 11 Nov**

This morning we travel inland to **Campbell Town**, once a staging town on the Elizabeth River before heading through to Ross. Visit the **Tasmania Wool Centre** and uncover the stories that trace back to the first export. Continuing our day, we wander off the beaten track and arrive in **Bothwell**, a fine example of Tasmania's colonial Heritage. Visit the **Australasian Golf Museum** and unearth the story of how golf evolved from a crude game played by a handful of villages in Scotland, to the international game it is today. Our sightseeing drive now takes us to the historic town of **Richmond**, where we stop to capture the oldest bridge in Australia, the convict-built **Richmond Bridge** before heading to our hotel in **Hobart**.

**4 nights | Wrest Point Casino, Hobart (03 6225 7035)**  
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at own arrangements and cost

**DAY 7: (B) EXPLORING HOBART****Fri 12 Nov**

Embark on a **sightseeing tour** Hobart, where everywhere we go the past steps out to meet us. Discover Sullivans Cove and the tiny cottages of Battery Point with architecture that whispers stories of a bygone era. Thanking our guide, we conclude our tour at the

**1 night | Mercure Goulburn (02 4822 5445)**  
Breakfast Mercure Melbourne Albert Park | lunch at own arrangements and cost | dinner at hotel

**DAY 17: (BL) HOMEWARD BOUND****Mon 22 Nov**

Wow, what a spectacular holiday we have experienced! Discovering breathtaking landscapes with towering mountains and pristine wilderness to exploring charming villages steeped with intriguing history. Travelling to Port Macquarie, we stop for lunch at the Central Coast before arriving home with a suitcase full of spectacular memories.

Breakfast at hotel | lunch at Central Coast Leagues Club

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times or days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures or inclement weather*

**COST: \$5620.00 per person**  
(based on twin/double share accommodation)  
**Single Supplement: \$1400.00**

A deposit of \$900.00 per person is required upon booking with the final payment being 14 September 2021

**Stanley**, enjoy a look around and wonder at The Nut. This is all that remains of an ancient volcanic plug. In Tassie's rugged North West sits **Woolnorth Station**, Australia's biggest dairy operation. Following a delicious lunch we explore the historic precinct on a **guided tour** taking in the old farm buildings, Tasmania's first wind farm and interpretive centre. On our tour, we also visit **Cape Grim**, where the Bureau of Meteorology has measured the cleanest air in the world since 1976. The cape offers sensational seascape views overlooking the islands off the North West Tip. Completing our tour we return to Wynyard.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Woolnorth Station

#### DAY 15: (B) SPIRIT OF TASMANIA TO MELBOURNE Sat 20 Nov

This morning we head to **Burnie** for a papermaking tour at the **Makers Workshop** where it is explained how ancient paper making techniques are used to create beautiful, eco-friendly papers. Moving onto **Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden**, we wander the commons, immersing ourselves in this internationally recognised garden, classified as a plant museum! Continuing to **Penguin** we take time to purchase lunch before heading to the **Don River Railway Museum** in Devonport. All aboard as we track along the historic Melrose line taking in the views of the township of Don and areas of historic value. We also visit **The House of Anvers Chocolate Factory**. Early evening, we farewell Tasmania and board the "**Spirit of Tasmania**" for our overnight sailing back to **Melbourne**.

1 night | **Spirit of Tasmania** (13 20 10)

Breakfast at hotel | lunch at own arrangements and cost | dinner not included

#### DAY 16: (BD) MELBOURNE TO GOULBURN Sun 21 Nov

**The Spirit of Tasmania** arrives back at Station Pier in Melbourne where we head off to enjoy breakfast before beginning our journey home. Travelling towards our night stay, we break for lunch in Glenrowan. Arriving in **Goulburn** we check in and refresh before our final dinner together on tour.

**Mawson's Huts Replica Museum**. We'll have time here to look through the museum before heading off to purchase lunch. Our afternoon begins with a visit to at the **Cascades Female Factory**. This was a self-contained, purpose-built institution intended to reform female convicts, where the inmates did laundry and needlework services, offsetting some of the colony's penal costs. Here, we take in the performance **The Proud and the Punished** centres around a female petty criminal rallying against the system of punishment and redemption. The tale of tragedy and triumph is brought to life in this short dramatisation, highlighting the strength of character of a woman enduring the hardships of the female factory. Dinner this evening is at our own expense and arrangement.

Breakfast at hotel | lunch & dinner at own arrangements and cost

#### DAY 8: (BD) SALAMANCA MARKETS & THE HUON VALLEY Sat 13 Nov

One of the highlights each Saturday in Hobart is the **Salamanca Markets** where hundreds of stallholders set up along the elm tree-lined street, drawing large crowds. With so many sellers the list of items we can find are endless with many local crafts, jewellery, fashion and food stalls all rating very highly. We have some free time here to wander and perhaps buy a souvenir of our holiday. A pleasant drive later this morning takes us into picturesque **Huon Valley**, an area to the south of Hobart. The Huon Valley and D'Entrecasteaux Channel provide some of the most picturesque touring in Tasmania. Travelling via Geeveston we make our way into the Tahune Forest and the **Tahune Forest Airwalk**. What an exhilarating experience it is to take a walk high in the tree top canopy. Back in Hobart, dinner this evening is at our hotel.

Breakfast & dinner at hotel | lunch at own arrangements and cost

#### DAY 9: (BLD) PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE Sun 14 Nov

Today we experience a humbling visit at the **Port Arthur Historic Site**, a stark reminder of the harsh conditions endured by some of the earliest European inhabitants. Your tour begins at the **Visitor**

**Interpretative Centre** where you are taken on a fascinating journey, retracing the life of a convict from the time of his petty crime, to his transportation to **Port Arthur**. With time for lunch you'll then be guided through the **Penal Settlement**. Afterwards, explore the settlement at your own pace and take a cruise around the Harbour passing the **Isle of Dead**. Leaving the site, we journey back to Hobart, stopping to see some natural attractions on the **Tasman Peninsula** such as the **Tasman Arch** and **Devils Kitchen**.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Port Arthur Historic Site

#### **DAY 10: (BLD) HOBART TO STRAHAN**

**Mon 15 Nov**

With a slightly earlier departure time, we leave Hobart behind us and set off to the isle's West Coast. Stopping at **Salmon Ponds** we spend time wandering the beautiful gardens dotted with ponds, discovering its history at the **Museum of Trout Fishing** and **Angling Hall** of Fame before morning tea. Continuing on at **Derwent Bridge**, we discover the beautifully carved works of the **Wall in the Wilderness**, depicting the hardship and perseverance of the people in the Central Highlands. Enjoying lunch at the Wilderness Hotel, we travel through the pristine wilderness of the **Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park**. Witness some spectacular scenery before making the climb into **Queenstown** and on to **Strahan**. Here we settle in for the next two nights

**2 nights | Strahan Village, Strahan (03 6471 4200)**  
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Wilderness Hotel

#### **DAY 11: (BLD) EXPLORING THE GORDON RIVER**

**Tue 16 Nov**

We are in for a stunning day as our **World Heritage Cruise** takes us across Macquarie Harbour into the **Gordon River**, an area of the ancient Huon Pine trees. You'll see these and other trees of the dense forest close up on a Heritage Walk. Stumble across the remains of the 3-storey jail house on Sarah Island and take a firsthand view of the only entrance to Macquarie Harbour, known as Hells Gates. It's a great day topped off with a beautiful buffet lunch.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch with World Heritage Cruise

#### **DAY 12: (BLD) WEST COAST WILDERNESS RAILWAY** **Wed 17 Nov**

This morning we take a fabulous **River and Rainforest** journey with **West Coast Wilderness Railway**. Soak up the stunning views of Macquarie Harbour as you travel along the foreshore from Regatta Point Station in Strahan. As you enter the rainforest, you'll follow the course of the King River to Teepookana – once the fourth busiest port in Tasmania, and the place where construction of the railway first began. Throughout our journey you'll hear the stories of the railway and the resilient people who lived and worked along its length. With morning tea and a light lunch included it is a wonderful way to explore this pristine wilderness. Back at the station we now head to our hotel in **Cradle Mountain**, where we settle in for the evening.

**1 night | Cradle Mountain Hotel, Cradle Mountain (03 6492 1404)**  
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch with West Coast Wilderness Railway

#### **DAY 13: (BLD) CRADLE MOUNTAIN TO WYNYARD**

**Thu 18 Nov**

Enjoy invigorating mountain air of **Cradle Mountain National Park** as we explore such sights as Waldheim and Dove Lake. Be transfixed by this beautiful glacial lake with remnants of the last ice age etched in the surrounding rocks. Guided through a cool temperate rainforest we'll see native trees and hopefully, some wildlife. Next visit to **Devils @ Cradle** Here we'll be guaranteed a sighting of the Tasmanian Devil as they are either sunbaking, sleeping in the dens or running around their enclosures. Enjoy a **light lunch** at the nearby Cradle Mountain Hotel before heading to **Wynyard**, where we are welcomed at the Waterfront Wynyard Motor Inn.

**2 nights | The Waterfront Wynyard Motor Inn (03 6442 2351)**  
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Cradle Mountain Hotel

#### **DAY 14: (BLD) STANLEY & WOOLNORTH STATION**

**Fri 19 Nov**

We have a sensational day planned, starting with a stop at Table Cape. The area is an extinct volcano vent with cliffs dropping away to the Bass Strait. Take a short stroll along the walking track, making way for spectacular views. Continuing on to the historic town of