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29-41 days: 50% of fare plus deposit

30 days before and Day of departure: 100% of fare.

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

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17 Day Tasmania Explorer *featuring The Wooden Boat Festival*

Saturday 4—Monday 20 February 2023

Explore Tasmania's spectacular rugged beauty and experience one of the worlds most anticipated maritime events. Journey into pristine wilderness and uncover the compelling convict heritage set deep within the towns.

DAY 1: (D) PORT MAQUARIE TO GOULBURN Saturday 4 Feb 23

Welcome to our summer tour to **Tasmania**. We depart the Port Macquarie Coach Terminal at 8.00am and once we have loaded the coach, we are ready to go with morning tea from the coach at Bulahdelah. Setting into our travel day we enjoy breaks along the way before arriving into Goulburn.

1 night | Mercure Goulburn

lunch at own arrangement and cost | dinner at hotel

DAY 2: (B) MELBOURNE – OVERNIGHT SPIRIT OF TASMANIA Sun, 5 Feb 23

On the road again, we have morning tea off the coach in Gundagai before we cross into Victoria and stop for a lunch break in Wodonga.

- Entry to Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens, Burnie
- Entry and train ride at Don River Railway Museum, Devonport
- Entry and talk at the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame, Devonport
- Visit to the House of Anvers Chocolate Factory, Devonport
- Breakfast in Geelong following disembarkation from the Spirit of Tasmania
- Lunch at Ourimbah RSL



TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Air conditioned coach travel
- 16 night's motel accommodation
- 16 cooked motel breakfasts
- 13 motel dinners
- 9 included lunches – see below
- Coach return on the Spirit of Tasmania
- Breakfast at the Argosy Motor Inn, Devonport
- Entry to Yarns: Artwork in Silk, Deloraine
- Entry to Pearn's Steam World, Westbury
- Discovery Cruise with Tamar River Cruises, Launceston
- Lunch and tour at James Boags Brewery, Launceston
- Guided tour and tastings at Bridestowe Estate Lavender Farm, Launceston
- Lunch at the Pub in the Paddock, Pyengana
- Entry to the Tasmanian Wool Centre, Ross
- Entry to the Australasian Golf Museum, Oatlands
- Guided tour of Hobart
- Entry to Mawson's Huts Replica Museum, Hobart
- Tour and lunch at the Port Arthur Historic Site
- Morning tea at Salmon Ponds, New Norfolk
- Entry to Wall in the Wilderness, Derwent Bridge
- Lunch at the Wilderness Hotel, Derwent Bridge
- Lunch cruise with World Heritage Cruises, Strahan
- Strahan to Dubbil Barril train ride including lunch with West Coast Wilderness Railway, Strahan
- 2 Hour Cradle Mountain National Park Explorer Tour with McDermotts Coaches
- Tour at Devils @ Cradle, Cradle Mountain
- Light lunch at Cradle Mountain Hotel
- Guided tour of Highfield Historic Site, Stanley
- Light Lunch at the Stanley Seaview Inn

Arriving into Port Melbourne we prepare for our voyage across 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

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

DAY 3: (BD) DEVONPORT TO LAUNCESTON Mon, 6 Feb 23

Welcome to Tasmania! 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 witness a light and sound show presentation at **Yarns: Artwork in Silk**. In **Westbury**, we visit **Pearn's Steam World** and discover the vast collection of historic agricultural machinery. From here we then head to **Launceston**, where settle in before dinner.

2 nights | Best Western Plus Launceston (subject to availability)

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 7 Feb 23

Joining **Tamar River Cruises**, we explore the magical river and Cataract George 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 Boags Brewery** to enjoy a shared platter lunch before **touring** the brewery and of course **tasting** their crisp beverages. We then spend the afternoon at leisure in **Cataract Gorge Reserve**, a rare natural phenomenon in central Launceston. The unique George, surrounded by cliffs, bushland and beautiful gardens can be

explored by land or by the world's longest single span chairlift (own expense). When we are all ready, we shall return to the hotel for dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at James Boags Brewery

DAY 5: (BLD) LAUNCESTON TO SCAMANDER Wed 8 Feb 23

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 along. 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. Enjoy lunch at one of Tasmania's oldest pubs, **The Pub in the Paddock** then continue the day through **St Helens** as we make our way to the **Scamander**.

1 nights | Scamander Beach Resort

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at the Pub in the Paddock

DAY 6: (BD) SCAMANDER TO HOBART Thu 9 Feb 23

This morning we travel inland to **Campbell Town**, once 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 veer off the beaten track and arrive in **Bothwell**, a fine example of Tasmania's colonial Heritage. Visit the **Australasian Golf Museum** and uncover 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 Hotel Casino, Hobart

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

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

DAY 16: (BD) MELBOURNE TO GOULBURN Sun 19 Feb 23

Disembarking **The Spirit of Tasmania** upon arrival in Melbourne we make our way to breakfast. Beginning our journey home we break for lunch in Glenrowan then travel on to our overnight in **Goulburn**. We to check in and refresh before our final dinner together on tour.

1 night | Mercure Goulburn

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

DAY 18: (BL) HOMEWARD BOUND Mon, 20 Feb 23

Wow, what a spectacular holiday to have experienced! Discovering breathtaking landscapes with towering mountains and pristine wilderness to exploring charming villages steeped with intriguing history. Today make our travels Port Macquarie, stopping for lunch at the Ourimbah RSL before arriving with a suitcase full of spectacular memories.

Breakfast at hotel | lunch at Ourimbah RSL 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

COST: \$5700.00 per person
(based on twin/double share accommodation)
Single Supplement: \$1,600.00

A deposit of \$1000.00 per person is required upon booking with the final payment due 4 December 2022

2 nights | The Waterfront Wynyard Motor Inn

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Cradle Mountain Hotel

DAY 14: (BLD) STANLEY

Fri, 17 Feb 23

We have a sensational day planned, starting with a stop at the historic township of **Stanley**. Perched atop a promontory, overlooking town, sits the **Highfield Historic site**. The house is a stunning example of colonial architecture built for the chief agent of the Van Diemens Land Company, Edward Curr. Embark on a self-guided tour and be treated to dramatic views of the rugged coastline and Bass Strait beyond from the large French windows of the homestead. Taking a drive around town, we enjoy morning tea and a look at The Nut, the imposing landmass remains of an ancient volcanic plug. We'll sit down for a homely lunch at the **Seaview Inn** before leaving town. After a stop at the lookout, we continue through to **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. 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 18 Feb 23

This morning we head to **Burnie** and **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**. All aboard as we track along the historic Melrose line taking in the views of the township of Don and areas of historic value. Having purchased lunch, we head to **The Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame**, a national museum showcasing Australia's wood-chopping sporting champions and also visit **The House of Anvers Chocolate Factory**. Early evening, we farewell Tasmania board the "**Spirit of Tasmania**" for our overnight sailing back to **Melbourne**.

1 night | Spirit of Tasmania

DAY 7: (BD) HOBART & THE WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL Fri 10 Feb 23

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 **Mawson's Huts Replica Museum**. Here we'll have we have time to look through the museum before making our way to the waterfront to purchase lunch and find a good location to see the **Parade of Sail**, the opening event of the **2023 Australian Wooden Boat Festival**. Marvel at the number of wooden vessels that sail up the Derwent River, led by several Tall Ships. After such a beautiful procession, we enjoy the remainder of the afternoon looking through various displays of the festival.

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

DAY 8: (BD) SALAMANCA MARKETS AND THE WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL Sat 11 Feb 23

We're lucky enough to be in Hobart on a Saturday, so this morning we head to the famous **Salamanca Markets**. Feel the buzzing atmosphere while wandering through Hobart's weekly stalls taking the opportunity to purchase some gifts. The remainder of the afternoon can be spent at the **Australian Wooden Boat Festival**. The Festival is much more than just a display of the world's most beautiful wooden boats. It's a lively weekend full of the best local food, live entertainment and all sorts of waterside activities. Late afternoon we return to our hotel for dinner

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

DAY 9: (BLD) PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE Sun 12 Feb 23

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, we explore the settlement at our 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 13 Feb 23**

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

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Wilderness Hotel

DAY 11: (BLD) EXPLORING THE GORDON RIVER **Tue 14 Feb 23**

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 15 Feb 23**

This morning we take a fabulous **River & Rainforest** journey with **West Coast Wilderness Railway** from **Queenstown to Dubbil Barril station**. As you travel through the west coast's cool temperate rainforest, you will ascend steep wilderness mountains under the power of the revolutionary Abt rack and pinion system – technology that transformed the fortunes of the west coast during the late nineteenth century. Stop at historic stations, traverse the deep chasm of the King River Gorge, and see the places where early west coast pioneers lived and worked to create this extraordinary railway. There is live commentary to enhance our understanding of the significance of the track, as well as time for morning tea and a light lunch all enjoyed from our wilderness carriage with access to a balcony at the back, to breathe in the mountain air! 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**
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch with West Coast Wilderness Railway

DAY 13: (BLD) CRADLE MOUNTAIN TO WYNYARD **Thu 16 Feb 23**

Enjoy invigorating mountain air of **Cradle Mountain National Park** as we explore visiting such sights at 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 settle into the welcoming Waterfront Wynyard Motor Inn.