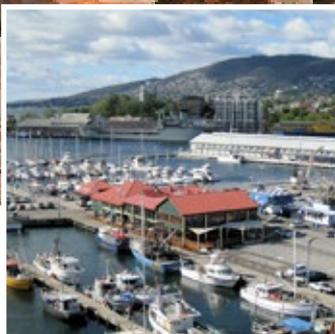


TASMANIAN SPRING FLING

18 November 2020

10 Day Fully Escorted Small Group Tour
to the Island of Tasmania from your front door





TASMANIA ITINERARY November 2020

WED 18 Wellington - Hobart

Today you will be collected from your front door and meet your fellow travellers prior to our onwards flight to Hobart via Melbourne. After our evening arrival into Hobart, we will be transferred to the Wrest Point Hotel, our home for the next four nights. Meals provided in-flight and a snack in your room on arriving into Hobart.

Accommodation: Tower City Hobart. Meals in-flight.

THU 19 Hobart - Richmond

(B) (D)

This morning we begin the day with a coach tour and orientation of Hobart City which is located amid the exciting beauty of Southern Tasmania and boasts a charming waterfront. The capital of Australia's island state of Tasmania, Hobart sits on the River Derwent with Mount Wellington as a backdrop and is Australia's second oldest city after Sydney. Many fine examples of Georgian and Victorian architecture can be seen around the harbour as well as restored warehouses that have been converted into dockside cafes, artists' studios and restaurants.

Our tour today will also take us out of Hobart into the nearby towns of Cambridge and Richmond, nestled in the heart of Tasmania's Coal River Valley. Richmond is a beautiful vibrant town built in the Georgian style with many of the sandstone structures still standing. Its bridge is Australia's oldest and is still in use, built in 1823, around the time of the town's first settlement. The coal river valley will be our hosts to both the first wine and cheese tasting of the tour at the Puddleduck Vineyard and a Devonshire tea at the Coal River Farm. Our late afternoon and evening will be filled with an educational visit to the Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary (hopefully to see the Tasmanian Devil). We will enjoy a picnic style evening dinner together upon arrival before taking our Bonorong's wild night tour commencing at 6pm. We return to our Hobart accommodation later that evening.

Accommodation: Tower City Hobart

FRI 20 Hobart - Port Arthur - Bangor Shed

(B) (D)

After an early breakfast today, we join our tour leader and drive along the Tasman Peninsula towards Port Arthur and its Historic site. We will view the Blowhole, Tasman Arch and stop off at the Devils Kitchen along the way. By mid-morning we will arrive into the historic sites of Port Arthur where we will take an orientation walking tour and later a small boat cruise around the bay and the Isle of the Dead. Returning to the mainland, we disembark from the cruise and enjoy some free time exploring more of Port Arthur. We depart mid-afternoon and continue to Bangor Shed in Dunalley for an oyster and wine tasting experience at this award-winning family-owned vineyard near Dunalley.

Tonight we take a group dinner at The Point Revolving Restaurant, a famous local restaurant with a French-inspired menu that weaves some of Tasmania's finest ingredients into a dining experience punctuated with theatre and flair, all while taking in the 360° revolving views of the Tasman Bridge, Mount Wellington, and the majestic River Derwent.

Accommodation: Tower City Hobart

SAT 21 Hobart

(B)

This morning enjoy a full breakfast in the buffet & coffee shop before some free leisure time to check out the Salamanca markets, or wander down to Brooke Street Wharfs. (We highly recommend sampling the famous Scallop Pie!) We have arranged a coach transfer at 9 am to the Markets for those wanting to head in that direction. In the late morning we will all make our way to the Brooke Street wharf to check in for the MONA ferry at 11.30am (ferry departs at 12 noon). We will travel on the 30-minute ferry ride to MONA - enjoy the Posh Pit experience. This afternoon we visit the Museum of Old and New Art with its eclectic array of exhibits, then take the return ferry at 4.00pm to Brooke Street Wharf, where you will be met by your coach and transferred to your hotel. The evening is at your leisure.

Accommodation: Tower City Hobart

SUN 22 Hobart - Queenstown

(B) (D)

After breakfast we transfer from Hobart to Queenstown today with our first stop at the Mt Field National Park and the site of the Russell Falls. It was founded in 1916, making it, along with Freycinet National Park, Tasmania's oldest national park. The area around Russell Falls has been protected for its natural beauty since 1885, when it was set aside as Tasmania's first nature reserve. We visit the national parks visitor centre before taking the self-guided short circuit walk to the falls. Afterwards we continue along the route and journey onto Derwent Bridge to visit The Wall exhibition "Window to the Wilderness", a selection of amazing wood carving displays. You will have an opportunity to take lunch at The Wall café (own arrangements) before we visit the Lake St Clair visitors' centre and also take a short walk to the lake.

In the late afternoon we check into our accommodation in Queenstown ahead of our evening out at the recently re-opened historic Paragon Theatre. Upon arrival at the theatre, we will take a short tour of this historic building before enjoying dinner and a nostalgic movie together (from 6.30 pm). After dinner we will return the short distance to our Queenstown accommodation.

Accommodation: two gorgeous B&B properties just for the night.

(B) Breakfast

(L) Lunch

(D) Dinner

All in-flight meals included.

Trip Highlights

Welcome to Tasmania Group Dinner

- Tasman Peninsula and Port Arthur Historic Sites
- View the Blowhole, Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen
 - Coal River Farm for Devonshire Tea
 - Wine and cheese tasting at Puddleduck Farm
 - Oysters and wine at Bangor Shed
 - Picnic and wine at Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary
- Saturday Markets in Hobart · Ferry Ride to Mona
 - Hobart Museum of Old & New Art (MONA)
 - Russell Falls in Mt Field National Park
 - Richmond Town visit and tour
 - Journey to Derwent Bridge and visit The Wall
- St Clair visitor centre and short walk along the lake
- Nostalgic movie and dinner at the Paragon Historic Theatre
 - Queenstown Wilderness Railway experience
 - Tour an 1890s mine and timber town, including the Tasmanian Special Timbers Mill · Gordon River Cruise
- Theatrical performance of "The Ship That Never Was"
- Cradle Mountain visitor centre and Park Explorer tour
 - Devonshire Tea at Christmas Hill Raspberry Farm
 - Cheese tasting at Ashgrove Cheese Factory
 - See the Marquee Monkeys in Launceston City Park
 - Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Village
 - Cruise the Cataract Gorge along the River Tamar
- Ride the longest single chairlift span in the Southern Hemisphere in Cataract Gorge

Tasmanian Spring Fling

The island state of Tasmania is on most people's 'must visit' list, boasting unique plants, animals, and history that you won't find in the rest of Australia.

The most popular time to visit Tasmania is in the summer months of November through to April, which is why we have chosen this special time of the year to travel.

This fully escorted tour will surely blow the winter cobwebs away and set you up for the summer days ahead. Our tour of this beautiful unspoiled area of Australia covers most of the must-see spots on the Tasmania Peninsula, including Port Arthur historic sites, Richmond and its historic bridge, Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary, scenic Lake St Clair, the coastal village of Strahan, the stunning Cradle Mountain and Tamer river, without forgetting the abundance of wildlife, and incredible food and wineries.

We have also planned a visit to the fabulous MONA, Museum of Old and New Art. MONA is Australia's largest private museum and one of the most controversial private collections of modern art and antiquities. Who says art has to be boring? The building is a work of art itself and the grounds are a delight to walk around in.

WED 25 Strahan - Cradle Mountain - Launceston (B)

After breakfast we begin our transfer from Strahan to Launceston for our final two nights of this Tasmania Spring Fling tour. From Strahan to Launceston we take a gentle drive through this beautiful mountainous central highland region known as the Cradle Mountain Lake set within the St Clair National Park area. Cradle Mountain sits at 1,545 metres (5,069 ft) above sea level. We will call into the visitors' centre where a local guide will join our tour and accompany us on a guided Park Explorer Tour including a stop at Dove Lake.

Continuing our drive towards Launceston we stop for a cheese tasting at the Ashgrove Cheese Factory and before ending our afternoon we visit Christmas Hill Raspberry Farm to spoil ourselves (because we can) with a delicious Devonshire tea.

We have planned to arrive into Launceston early evening and have built in some free time for you to self-explore tonight and find your own special place for dinner.

Accommodation: Executive room at the Grand Chancellor Hotel Launceston

THU 26 Launceston (B) (L) (D)

Today we get up with the larks and after breakfast head out to visit the beautiful Tamar Region. Our excursions today will include a visit to the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre which formed in 1972 and holds over 10,000 pieces in its collection. We continue the day with a tour of Seahorse world which is situated close by in the beautiful Tamar Valley. Seahorse World is now into its 20th year and is one of the most experienced, specialised bulk breeders and exporters of seahorses in the world. Upon our return to Launceston we connect with a local cruise boat to take a light lunch and enjoy a 40km round trip down the river, see Tamar Island, historical properties, notable vineyards and of course the spectacular Cataract Gorge.

Our day ends tonight, with an end of tour dinner together at the Jailhouse Grill in Launceston known for its great steaks. The Jailhouse Grill uses only the best Tasmanian Premium grass-fed yearling beef and their chefs have cooked over 430,000 steaks between them! They also have an outstanding main menu which has a wide choice of great meals to satisfy everyone.

Accommodation: Executive room at the Grand Chancellor Hotel Launceston

FRI 27 Launceston - Wellington (B)

Sadly as the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. Today marks the final day of our incredible tour through Tasmania. Early-morning, after breakfast and time to pack, we will be transferred to the airport for our flight home arriving into New Zealand in the afternoon in good time to get everyone back to their front doors before dinner.

Meals in-flight.

MON 23 Queenstown - Strahan (B) (L) (D)

We check out ahead of breakfast and store our luggage safely on the coach before travelling a short distance to the train station and its quaint café for breakfast. Today we will be taking a morning excursion on the ABT rack and pinion system Wilderness Railway. The West Coast Wilderness Railway is a reconstruction of the Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company railway in Tasmania between Queenstown and Regatta Point, Strahan. Now operating as a tourist experience with a focus on sharing the history of Tasmania's West Coast, the original railway began operations in 1897 as the only link between Queenstown and the port of Strahan. The railway's ABT rack system conquers the mountainous terrain through rainforest, with original locomotives still operating on the railway today. Our morning tour will depart at 9 am and we will sit in the Wilderness carriage, which also includes morning tea and a light lunch.

In the afternoon, we will be joined by a local Queenstown guide who take us on a tour of this intriguing mining and timber town, including the Tasmanian Special Timbers Mill and the Mt Lyell Mining & Railway company, where we will see the original general office of Robert Carl Sticht's as it was in the 1890s.

This evening we will enjoy a buffet dinner together in our hotel restaurant.

Accommodation: Strahan Village in a Hilltop Executive room.

TUE 24 Strahan - Gordon River Cruise (B) (L) (D)

We take breakfast in our hotel restaurant before proceeding to the harbour front and checking in for a full morning on the Gordon River aboard the Spirit of the Wild. The national award-winning Gordon River Cruise boat where you will experience quiet cruising with dedicated guides and character-based interpretation who will take you through the history of this remarkable place as you cruise across Macquarie Harbour to Hells Gates and then on to the Gordon River. This afternoon we will return to Strahan where you can enjoy some free time to look around this quaint little village or perhaps relax before we go out together and take an early evening local theatrical performance called - The Ship that Never Was. At the conclusion of the performance we make our own way the short distance to the Hamers Hotel (located on the foreshore) in the village for a group dinner.

Accommodation: Strahan Village in a Hilltop Executive room.



 OVERNIGHT STAYS

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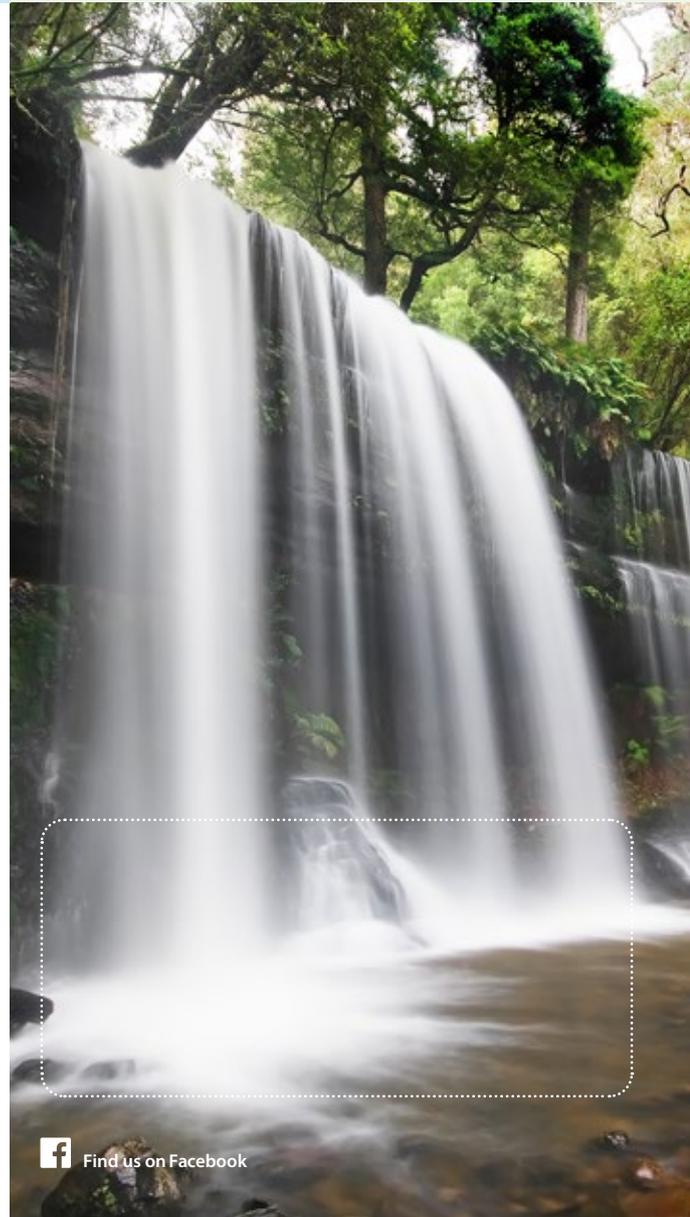
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