

TASMANIA

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER - TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Day 1: Tuesday 24 September 2024

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Dubbo ~ West Wyalong ~ Shepparton

Your Tassie adventure starts today, so we can make the most of our experience! Relax and enjoy the scenery as we travel through the heart of the Riverina, and onto Shepparton for our overnight stay.

Day 2: Wednesday 25 September 2024

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Shepparton ~ Geelong ~ Bass Strait Cruise

After travelling to Geelong Terminal, we board the famous Spirit of Tasmania for your overnight crossing of the Bass Strait. This really is a highlight of the trip - the journey there is all part of the fun! Sit down to an evening meal before exploring the many on-board features. Including sampling some of the state's best cheeses, chocolates, beers, ciders and wines and enjoying live music! Settle into your comfortable Porthole Cabin with private facilities as you cruise through Port Phillip Bay and across the Bass Strait towards the great Tasmania.

Day 3: Thursday 26 September 2024

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Spirit of Tasmania ~ Sheffield ~ Cataract Gorge ~ Launceston

After berthing in the Mersey River as the sun rises, disembark and be welcomed to Tassie and its unique scenery. Sit down at a local restaurant for breakfast and admire the evocative outdoor art gallery of impressive murals in Sheffield. Next up we travel to Launceston, including a stop at magnificent Cataract Gorge with its suspension foot bridge and one of the longest single span chairlifts in the world! Take a stroll in City Park and the John Hart Conservatory noted for displays of begonias, cyclamens and other house blooms. We will spend the night at our accommodation in the heart of Launceston.

Day 4: Friday 27 September 2024

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Heritage Highway ~ Campbell Town ~ Ross ~ Hobart

This morning we follow the Heritage Highway south to Hobart, passing through former coach staging villages of the Tasmanian Midlands. Stop to take in the beautiful village of Campbell Town before travelling to Ross to view the historic Celtic carved Herbert Archer Bridge. Then on to Oatlands, one of Tasmania's oldest settlements. Its intact Georgian townscape, mostly convict-built in the early 1800's, offers a complete representation of the architecture, urban design and the cultural heritage of early European settlement in Australia. Continue south to the city of Hobart where we check into our accommodation for the next 5 nights.

Day 5: Saturday 28 September 2024

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Hobart ~ Salamanca Markets ~ Free Day

Today is your day in Hobart - labelled by Lonely Planet as one of the top ten spots to visit in the world right now. And Saturday morning in Hobart means - a trip to the Salamanca open-air Market! Nestled alongside the beautiful Constitution Dock, this market gets its fame as the finish of the Sydney to Hobart yacht race. The rest of the day is yours to do as you please. Dinner tonight is at your own expense, to allow you to explore some of the world-famous tastes of Tassie.

Day 6: Sunday 29 September 2024

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Hobart ~ Tasman Peninsula ~ Port Arthur ~ Hobart

Travel via Sorell and Midway Point to visit the Tasmanian Devil Park to come face to face with the endangered Tasmanian Devils at the newly re-vamped Tasmanian Devil "un-zoo". Your visit here will directly support the efforts in saving this endangered animal. On we travel to the historic Port Arthur Convict Settlement, where within its 40 hectares of landscaped grounds lies a dark history of Australia's past. You may be interested to know that included in the entry is a guided walking tour, a short cruise across the harbour, access to the Visitor Centre and Interpretation Gallery - as well as more than 30 buildings, ruins and restored gardens and houses.

Day 7: Monday 30 September 2024

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Huon Valley ~ Tahune Airwalk

Today we walk high above the forest canopy and share the lives of the forest giants at Tahune Airwalk. The walkway finishes at a cantilevered platform, high above the riverbanks with views that extend to the mountains of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. It's a once in a lifetime view! Return to Hobart later in the day touring past Geeveston and the apple orchards of the Huon Valley.

Day 8: Tuesday 1 October 2024

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Hobart Royal Botanical Gardens ~ Richmond ~ Hobart

After breakfast, step inside the 14-hectare (34.6-acre!) Royal Botanical Gardens. Explore the world's only Subantarctic Plant House, as well as the extensive collection of plants, with everything from a Japanese garden to a veggie patch. We then cross the Derwent River and travel to the historic village of Richmond. Nestled in the heart of the Coal River Valley, this charming place was originally established as an important military staging post and convict station, linking Hobart with Port Arthur. The village is now famous for its elegant Georgian architecture, with beautiful heritage buildings now housing galleries, tea shops, craft boutiques and museums. Continue to your accommodation for a chance to get ready for dinner.



TOUR PRICE

\$6400 per person twin share

\$7800 single traveller

Deposit: \$500 per person required on booking

Final Payment: Thursday 8th August 2024

Day 9: Wednesday 2 October 2024

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Hobart ~ Derwent Bridge ~ Queenstown ~ Strahan

We leave Hobart this morning and head to the picturesque Derwent Valley through New Norfolk, to climb onto Tasmania's Central Plateau. Follow the Wild Way through lakes brimming with trout, mountains and gorges and the Wild Rivers National Park. Pass through Tarraleah Gorge, site of early hydro-electric installations and pause at "The Wall in the Wilderness." This is an incredibly unique experience (and one of Phil Langley's personal favourites.) It depicts the history of the region, beautifully carved in Tasmanian timbers. Cross Lake Burbury and descend through the ghost towns of Linda and Gormanston to the copper mining town of Queenstown, before reaching the lovely Strahan and your accommodation for the next two nights.

Day 10: Thursday 3 October 2024

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Strahan ~ Macquarie Harbour ~ Gordon River ~ Strahan

Today is cruise day! Glide across the incomparable Gordon River into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and the edge of the World Heritage Area. In your Premium Class seating, we voyage to Hell's Gates, the aptly named harbour entrance where ferocious ocean swells destroyed many early ships. Cross the vast Macquarie Harbour, past Sarah Island (the worst convict settlement of all!) and follow the Gordon River through stands of ancient Huon pine, sassafras and myrtle rainforest. Step ashore for a wilderness boardwalk at Heritage Landing. On return to Strahan, there will be an opportunity to explore the village! Immerse yourself in the culture and heritage with activities including exploring the museums, galleries and attractions of the historic fishing port. You may even have time for a whisky or wine tasting.

Day 11: Friday 4 October 2024

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Strahan ~ Zeehan ~ Cradle Mountain National Park ~ Smithton

Today we travel to Zeehan, which was known as the "Silver City" due to the silver and lead discovered by Frank Long in the late nineteenth century. We then continue north through rainforest and mineral rich mountains, crossing the Vale of Belvoir and alpine cattle country to reach Cradle Mountain National Park - Tasmania's iconic wilderness destination. From ancient rainforests and deep river gorges to snow-covered mountain peaks, wild alpine moorlands and glacial lakes, the park is revered for its diverse and breath-taking landscapes. Experience a guided tour to Dove Lake at the foot of Cradle Mountain and visit Waldheim, the forest home of pioneer Gustav Weindorffer. Enjoy a lovely lunch and the visual delights of the Wilderness Gallery at the Cradle Hotel, before following the highway through mountains and button grass plains. Onward we go, to the North-West Coast, touring along the scenic coastal route. Pass through the port city of Burnie and onto your overnight accommodation at Smithton.

Day 12: Saturday 5 October 2024

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Woolnorth ~ Stanley (The Nut)

Today we visit a huge property on the West Coast of Tasmania called "Woolnorth." You'll be able to hear how dairy (food) production works, as well as the wind farm! Admire the views over the outer islands from Cape Grim and breathe the purest air in the world. The charming town of Stanley is nestled at the foot of an ancient volcanic core known as "the Nut". Tour past Highfield, historical headquarters of the early Van Diemen's Land Co., then explore the quaint town with its terraces before returning to our accommodation for the chance to freshen up before dinner.

Day 13: Sunday 6 October 2024

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Smithton ~ Devonport ~ Bass Strait Cruise

Today is all about one-of-a-kind sights of natural beauty. Experience the breathtaking views from the rich agricultural area of Table Cape - with its amazing diversity of crops and farms. Continue to the coastal town of Burnie before touring east and passing through Sulphur Creek, Penguin and Ulverstone. Take in the panoramic views of the Bass Strait at Devonport's Mersey Bluff, before travelling to a delightful local venue for dinner. Board the Spirit of Tasmania and settle into your porthole cabin for the return crossing of the Bass Strait.

Day 14: Monday 7 October 2024

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Geelong ~ Wangaratta ~ Albury ~ Wagga Wagga

The early risers may be rewarded with experiencing the entry into Port Phillip Bay through "The Heads" - before the Spirit of Tasmania glides past the lights of the Mornington Peninsula, heading to the impressive city skyline of Melbourne. Disembarking at Geelong Terminal, travel to a great local venue for breakfast, before boarding your luxury Langley's Coach and travelling north out of Melbourne. Pass through Wangaratta, cross the Murray River at Albury and pull into your overnight accommodation in Wagga Wagga.

Day 15: Tuesday 8 October 2024

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Wagga Wagga ~ West Wyalong ~ Parkes ~ Dubbo

This morning we head for home! Travel through Temora and West Wyalong before stopping at Parkes where we farewell the passengers from Orange and Bathurst (transfer home on our mini coach). We continue to Dubbo before arriving in the late afternoon. We hope you have enjoyed a memorable tour of Tasmania.