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TASMANIA

15 DAY TOUR

Departing: Saturday 13 November 2021

Returning: Saturday 27 November 2021



TOUR COST:

\$5895.00 Per Person Twin/Double Share

\$7160.00 Sole Occupancy

Please call the office for Direct Deposit details

PICK UP TIMES:

6.30am: Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

6.50am: Bay 1, Woden Interchange

7.10am: West Row Bus Stop, City

7.20am: Riggall Place, Lyneham

DAY 1: (D) CANBERRA TO MELBOURNE: Saturday 13 November 2021

Welcome aboard our tour to **Tasmania**. Settling into our seats, we make good time into Albury for our lunch break. Heading to **Port Melbourne** we join the **Spirit of Tasmania** for our journey across Bass Strait. We'll board the ship as the coach gets loaded and settle into our cabins. Prepare for our onboard dinner then check out the extensive facilities of lounges, bars, shops and viewing areas.

Spirit of Tasmania Port hole cabins (13 20 10)

DAY 2: (BLD) SPIRIT OF TASMANIA TO SMITHTON: Sunday 14 November 2021

Welcome to Tassie! Capturing the excellent views over the Mersey River and the "Spirit of Tasmania" vessel, we settle our stomachs at **Argosy Motor Inn** with breakfast. Heading for **Burnie** we visit the **Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden**. Wander the commons, immersing ourselves in this internationally recognised garden, classified as a plant museum before enjoying morning tea. Then at the **Makers Workshop**, we uncover how ancient paper making techniques are used to create beautiful, eco-friendly papers on a paper making tour. Next is **Annsleigh Gardens & Café**, for lunch and time to explore the garden. Afterwards we travel to Smithton and settle into the unique **Tall Timbers Hotel**.

Tall Timbers Hotel, Smithton (1800 628 476)

DAY 3: (BLD) ARTHUR RIVER CRUISE: Monday 15 November 2021

Joining the **Arthur River Cruise** we are introduced to the wild Tarkine region of the North West. Aboard the MV George Robinson we experience a waterway of coastal heath, eucalyptus and wattles as we cruise into rainforest. We enjoy **morning tea** underway, arriving at Turk's Landing for a leisurely stroll through the temperate rainforest with our **guide**. This area is home to many threatened and endangered species, such as the Giant Freshwater Crayfish and the Wedge Tailed Eagle, the largest eagle in Australia. Upon return to our camp amongst the trees, we are served a plentiful barbecue **lunch**. Feeling content, relax as we cruise back to the river's mouth to disembark and make our way back to Smithton.

Tall Timbers Hotel, Smithton (1800 628 476)

DAY 4: (BLD) SMITHTON TO CRADLE MOUNTAIN: Tuesday 16 November 2021

Travelling to **Cradle Mountain** we arrive in time for a **light lunch** at the Cradle Mountain Hotel. Spending the afternoon in the invigorating mountain air we explore the National Park. Be transfixed by the glacial beauty of **Dove Lake** and the remnants of the last ice age etched in the surrounding rocks. At the fascinating Waldheim we'll be **guided** through a cool temperate rainforest to see native trees and, hopefully, some wildlife. An early dinner allows us the opportunity for an unforgettable experience with the iconic Tasmanian Devil. At our special evening, **Devils@Cradle** helps us uncover the myths surrounding these unique carnivores. Witness these extraordinary animals in action during a rare and up-close group feeding situation - a spectacular sight to be seen!

Cradle Mountain Hotel (03 6492 1404)

DAY 5: (BLD) CRADLE MOUNTAIN TO QUEENSTOWN: Wednesday 17 November 2021

This morning we make our way to **Zeehan** to discover the region's fascinating history. From mines to memories to trains and treasures, the **West Coast Heritage Centre** offers a unique insight into the regions past. Afterwards we will enjoy our **picnic lunches** before travelling through the country side onto **Queenstown**. There will be time to explore the town before dinner at our hotel.

Comfort Inn Gold Rush Motor Inn Queenstown (03 6471 1005)

DAY 6: (BLD) WILDERNESS RAILWAY & GORDON RIVER CRUISE: Thursday 18 November 2021

This morning's excursion on the **West Coast Wilderness Railway** takes us on a relaxing steam train journey along the original Mt Lyell Mining Railway. Our **Rack and Gorge Tour** brings the story of the railway to life through cool temperate rainforest. Upon return to Queenstown we have a **light lunch** then drive to **Strahan**. Mid afternoon we join **World Heritage Cruises** for a cruise into the Gordon River, an area of the ancient Huon Pine trees. See firsthand the only entrance to Macquarie Harbour, known as Hells Gates then take a Heritage Walk on **Sarah Island**. Witness the remains of this penal settlement and hear the story of its past. **Dinner** is enjoyed onboard prior to returning to the dock. Settling on to the coach, we travel back to Queenstown.

Comfort Inn Gold Rush Motor Inn Queenstown (03 6471 1005)

DAY 7: (BLD) QUEENSTOWN TO HOBART: Friday 19 November 2021

We'll pass dramatic scenery today as we make our way to the east coast. The steep descent out of **Queenstown** gives us amazing views as we travel into the pristine wilderness of the Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Our stop is **Derwent Bridge**, known as the geographical centre of the state. Discovering **The Wall in the Wilderness** we view beautiful carvings in Huon Pine depicting the hardship and perseverance of the people within the local central highlands. The artist, Greg Duncan, has created individual panels each telling a unique story. **Lunch** is at the **Derwent Bridge Hotel** before making our way on to Hobart. Travelling via Hamilton and New Norfolk we'll be spellbound by the captivating Tasmanian landscape we journey through. Upon arrival settle into our rooms and prepare for dinner.

Wrest Point Hotel Casino (1800 130 002)

DAY 8: (BD) EXPLORING HOBART: Saturday 20 November 2021

Meeting our guide, we unearth the heart of Hobart, finding 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. The **Salamanca Markets** are a highlight of a visit to Hobart so we spend some time wandering the stalls along the tree-lined street. This afternoon is free to enjoy as we wish. Meeting up for dinner we can share our afternoon's adventures.

Wrest Point Hotel Casino (1800 130 002)

DAY 9: (BLD) BRUNY ISLAND: Sunday 21 November 2021

Embarking on the **Bruny Island Traveller**, our full day adventure explores spectacular landscapes and gourmet local produce. We'll visit the home of Bruny Island's cheese, oyster, fudge, honey, wine and whisky, savouring their produce as we hear the stories behind the harvest. Visit the Neck, connecting the north and south islands and leave footprints in the sand of a deserted beach. The light bush of the northern island gives way to the dense rainforest of the south, home to diverse wildlife including the rare white wallaby. This is more than just a tasting tour. Another day of highlights under our belt, we return to Hobart having had a fully inclusive experience.

Wrest Point Hotel Casino (1800 130 002)

DAY 10: (BLD) PORT ARTHUR: Monday 22 November 2021

Today we experience a humbling visit to the **Port Arthur Historic Site**. Witnessing the historic penal settlement we are reminded of the harsh conditions endured by the earliest European inhabitants of this one time island jail. At the Visitor Interpretative Centre, our tour begins. Embarking on a fascinating journey retracing the life of a convict, we follow the story from the time of the petty crime in England to the transportation to Port Arthur and life within the penal colony. We'll then be **guided** through the Settlement with plenty of time to explore afterwards. Leaving the site, we drive back to Hobart, stopping to see some natural attractions on the Tasman Peninsula such as the **Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen**.

Wrest Point Hotel Casino (1800 130 002)

DAY 11: (BD) HOBART TO SWANSEA: Tuesday 23 November 2021

Leaving Hobart behind us, we stop in the historical town of **Richmond**. With its streets paved in history we stroll the pretty 19th century lanes, stopping to capture the oldest bridge in Australia - the convict built **Richmond Bridge**. Visiting the **Wicked Cheese Company** we enjoy a delicious morning tea and time to peruse all the tasty goodies they offer for purchase. Travelling onto **Buckland** we'll find the quaint little church with a stained-glass window depicting the life of John the Baptist. After a lunch break in Orford, we continue to our destination of **Swansea**. The historic town overlooks Freycinet National Park and the magnificent blue waters of Great Oyster Bay. Relaxing into our rooms, we refresh for dinner. Dinner this evening is at the **Bark Mill Tavern and Bakery**, Australia's only Black Wattle Bark Mill, used for tanning leather.

Swansea Motor Inn (03 6257 8102)

DAY 12 (BLD) WINEGLASS BAY CRUISE: Wednesday 24 November 2021

With the impressive Hazard Mountain Range as our backdrop, we head to Coles Bay to cruise to the magical **Wineglass Bay**. Step aboard the cruise vessel and experience this place of beauty, from the sights of Freycinet Peninsula to the abundant wildlife. Dropping anchor inside Wineglass Bay, take in the tranquility of one of the world's most beautiful beaches and perfect turquoise waters. With the water lapping the boat, feel spoilt as we enjoy some of the area's finest and freshest produce for lunch. It will be a day to remember.

Swansea Motor Inn (03 6257 8102)

DAY 13: (BLD) SWANSEA TO LAUNCESTON: Thursday 25 November 2021

Heading further along the east coast we pass through the quiet seaside towns of Bicheno and Scamander. We'll find a lovely spot for morning tea before arriving into the rural village of **Pyengana**, an old tin mining town. It's a pretty place nestled in a lush and fertile valley with green paddocks and cheese producing cows. An early **lunch** is in one of Tasmania's oldest pubs at the **Pub in the Paddock**. Continuing to a little spot called **Ledgerwood** we'll see some incredible tree carvings portraying soldiers lost during World War I. We make a brief stop at **Bridestowe Estate Lavender Farm** to taste a hint of lavender in our afternoon tea and browse through the extensive gift shop. Launceston is where we'll rest our heads for the night.

Best Western Plus Launceston (03 6333 9999)

DAY 14: (BLD) LAUNCESTON TO DEVONPORT: Friday 26 November 2021

After a pleasant stroll through the landscaped gardens exploring **Cataract Gorge** we head to the majestic **Tamar Valley**. We begin at Beaconsfield where we'll visit the **Gold and Heritage Museum**, a place where you can lose yourself within its history. Play with treasures from the past and uncover a different story around every corner. At **Beauty Point**, gain unique access into the world of the mysterious seahorse and watch the shy Tasmanian platypus' going about their daily business hunting for mealworms. We enjoy **lunch** at Seahorse World before continuing through to Devonport. Late afternoon we board the **Spirit of Tasmania** ready for departure back to Melbourne this evening.

Spirit of Tasmania Port hole cabins (13 20 10)

DAY 15: (BL) MELBOURNE TO CANBERRA: Saturday 27 November 2021

Wow what a spectacular holiday to have experienced, discovering immense natural beauty from towering mountains to completely wild and pristine wilderness. Exploring charming towns and villages steeped with intriguing history and meeting some of the unique native wildlife that call Tassie home! Today we head for home with a suitcase full of memories and many stories to share.

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FINAL PAYMENT: FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2021. Online Direct Debit transactions must include the following reference: **Surname + P12772**

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