

TOUR ITINERARY

TASSIE 11-DAY BUCKET LIST ADVENTURE

THE EXPERIENCE

- Explore the quaint historic village of Richmond. Walk over and under the oldest convict-constructed sandstone bridge in Australia, visit the oldest Catholic Church in Australia and peruse the antique shops and galleries.
- Port Arthur Historic Site is a bucket-list destination for most visitors to Tasmania. Delve into the dark history of hardship and punishment on a guided introductory tour through the ruins and preserved buildings on the grounds.
- Enjoy a short harbour cruise around the Isle of the Dead and Point Puer, the site of the English colonies first boy's prison. This is a good opportunity to have a warm drink, bite to eat or sample a local wine or beer.
- Get the camera ready for the stunning coastline of the Tasman Peninsula. These soaring sea cliffs will leave a lasting impression. We take you to the highlights including Eaglehawk Neck, Blowhole, Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen.
- Sit back and relax on The Great Eastern Drive as it winds through countryside and the pretty coastal towns along Tasmania's east coast.
- See Spiky Bridge. This unique bridge was built by convicts using field stones in 1843. Its jagged flagstones were used to prevent cattle from falling over the edge.
- Explore Freycinet National Park. Soak in the magic of Wineglass Bay from the lookout and if time permits, walk down to the beach. Dare you to go for a swim in the refreshing water!
- Settle in at the lovely seaside town of Bicheno. We check out the blowhole and after dinner watch little penguins march up the beach to their burrows with Bicheno Penguin Tours.
- See some of the world's most rare animals at East Coast Natureworld. Get up close and personal with Tasmanian Devils, spotted quolls, wombats, wallabies, birds and reptiles.
- Take in the stunning sight of Irapuna/Bay of Fires. Crystal-clear water, white sand and orange lichen-covered rocks make this one of Tasmania's most popular conservation reserves.
- Sample Tasmania's premium wines and sparkling matched with seasonal fresh produce at some of the Tamar Valley's most prestigious vineyards on a Tamar Valley Food and Wine Boutique Tour.
- Enjoy a three-hour journey through the Central Highlands to Cradle Mountain. We stop at Sheffield to check out the beautiful mural art.
- Breathe in the pure fresh air at Cradle Mountain. This iconic mountain is located in Cradle Mountain-Lake St Claire National Park, part of the Tasmanian World Heritage Area. Here, ancient pines fringe glacial lakes and icy streams cascade down rugged mountains. The vegetation is rich and diverse including grassland, rainforest and many ancient plants such as King Billy pine and fagus – Australia's only deciduous native. It's a hotspot for native wildlife including wombats, quolls, Tasmanian Devils and echidnas.
- We do a three hour walk around the picturesque Dove Lake, one of Tasmania's premier walks. This glacially formed lake beneath Cradle Mountain is surrounded by diverse vegetation. Walk past buttongrass, myrtle, sassafras and magnificent rainforest as you enjoy intimate and epic views of the famous mountain.

- Enjoy a drive through stunning forests to the remote town of Corinna. Set in pristine ancient rainforest, Corinna is in one of the most remote regions of Tasmania. This is a nature-lovers paradise. We stay at the southern end of takayna/Tarkine, the largest temperate rainforest in Australia.
- Enjoy a cruise along the peaceful Pieman River and experience the serenity of this untouched wilderness.
- Learn about the last attempted convict escape watching the play The Ship that Never Was in the pretty harbour-side town of Strahan.
- Embark on the famous and award-winning Gordon River Cruise across Macquarie Harbour to Hells Gates and then up the Gordon River. Enjoy the tranquillity of this majestic river in Tasmania's World Heritage-listed South West Wilderness National Park. Hop off for a short nature walk through tall Huon pines, sassafras and myrtle.
- See the most photographed and arguably the most pretty waterfall in Tasmania – Russell Falls. Walk under man ferns and large eucalypts, past mossy glens and glow worms to the cascading tiered falls. It's the perfect end to the tour.

ITINERARY

Day 1:

10am pickup at Hobart CBD accommodation or Hobart Airport.

Visit the pretty historic town of Richmond.

See the stunning rock formations at Eaglehawk Neck including the Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen.

Step back in time at Port Arthur Historical Site on a guided tour plus a full narrated harbour cruise to the Isle of the Dead.

Dinner included.

Accommodation: Port Arthur Lodge.

Day 2:

We head north on The Great Eastern Drive as it winds through countryside and the pretty coastal towns along Tasmania's east coast.

See Spiky Bridge - a unique bridge built by convicts using field stones in 1843.

Enjoy a delicious lunch at Richardson's Bistro in Coles Bay.

Explore Freycinet National Park. Soak in the magic of Wineglass Bay from the lookout and if time permits, walk down to the beach.

Watch little penguins march up the beach to their burrows with Bicheno Penguin Tours.

Breakfast and dinner included.

Accommodation: Beachfront at Bicheno.

Day 3:

Spend some time with our rare and unique creatures at East Coast Natureland.

Soak in the views with a picnic lunch at Irapuna/Bay of Fires.

Enjoy the ride as we travel through lush green forest and countryside to Launceston, Tasmania's second largest city.

Breakfast and lunch included.
Accommodation: Best Western Launceston.

Day 4:

Indulge your inner epicurean on the Tamar Valley Food and Wine Boutique Tour. Sit back and relax on the three-hour journey to the Central Highlands. See the infamous mural town of Sheffield. Breathe deep on arrival at Cradle Mountain. Cosy up by the fire or have a wander. Breakfast and dinner included.
Accommodation: Cradle Mountain Hotel.

Day 5:

Hike around Dove Lake to enjoy magnificent views of Cradle Mountain (6km over 3 hours).
Breakfast included.
Accommodation: Cradle Mountain Hotel.

Day 6:

This is a free day for you to enjoy Cradle Mountain. Feeling energised? Hike to the summit of Cradle Mountain! Not so energetic? There is a myriad of smaller walks through this beautiful wilderness. Relax and recoup in a spa. Sit by the fire and read a book. Or visit devils@cradle and meet these cheeky creatures, as well as spotted quolls and other Tasmanian wildlife. This is your time to stop, breathe and reset.
Breakfast included.
Accommodation: Cradle Mountain Hotel.

Day 7:

Enjoy the morning at Cradle Mountain before we drive to the remote historic township of Corinna at the edge of the takayna/Tarkine wilderness area.
Dinner included.
Accommodation: Corinna Wilderness Experience.

Day 8:

Cruise the Pieman River and experience this ancient temperate rainforest. Travel through the western wilds to the picturesque harbour-side village of Strahan.
Breakfast and lunch included.
Accommodation: Strahan Village.

Day 9:

Embark on the award-winning six-hour Gordon River Cruise across Macquarie Harbour to Hells Gates and then up the Gordon River. Hop off for a short nature walk through tall Huon Pines, sassafras and myrtle. Hear the stories of convict life at the penal colony on Sarah island.

See the play *The Ship that Never Was* and learn about the last attempted convict escape from the notorious Sarah Island.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Accommodation: Strahan Village.

Day 10:

Explore the Eric Thomas Museum in Queenstown

Visit Nelson Falls in the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Tasmanian Wilderness.

Enjoy lunch on the shore of Lake St Clair, Australia's deepest lake.

Sit back and relax as we drive to Rathmore House in Central Highlands for our farm-stay accommodation

Breakfast and dinner included.

Accommodation: Rathmore House, Hamilton.

Day 11:

Drive to Mt Field National Park

See the most photographed and arguably the most pretty waterfall in Tasmania – Russell Falls.

Walk the short Pandani Grove Nature Walk around Lake Dobson to see the world's tallest heath.

Breakfast included.

Drop off at Hobart Airport or Hobart CBD by 4pm.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

3 and 4-star accommodation for 10 nights

10 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 6 dinners

All activity entry and National Park fees

A small group tour (maximum 20 people)

Knowledgeable local driver and tour guide

Air-conditioned minivan or small bus

Live commentary onboard

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

Meals that are not mentioned above

Alcoholic beverages

Flights to and from Tasmania

PICK UP

At 10am we will pick you up from Hobart Airport.

If you are staying in the CBD we can pick you up outside your hotel. Simply enter your hotel name when completing the booking online. Our guide will notify you the day before as to exact pick-up time.

FLIGHTS

We recommend arriving in Hobart the day before the tour departure date.

We recommend booking a departure flight from Hobart Airport after 5.30pm for domestic flights and 6.30pm for international flights on the final day of your tour.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OUR CANCELLATION POLICY

You can cancel your tour booking up to 31 days prior to the scheduled departure and receive a full refund less a 2% booking fee. Unfortunately, we are unable to guarantee refunds for tours cancelled by you within 30 days of your departure date. If your plans change, please contact us! We would love to work with you to see if we can accommodate your needs.

Giving you an enjoyable experience touring you around Tasmania is our first priority, however in rare and unfortunate circumstances there might be a possibility of cancellation after confirmation should there not be enough passengers on a particular tour. In the event of this occurring, we will give you a full refund or work with you to arrange an alternative tour.

You will also receive a full refund should you not be able to travel due to government COVID-19 related travel restrictions, however we ask that you please let us know if you are unable to travel prior to the scheduled departure date.

BOOKING CONFIRMATION

You will receive confirmation within 48 hours of booking your tour.

WHAT TO WEAR

In Tasmania you can experience four seasons in one day. We love our changeable weather. Our east coast is often dry while our west coast is wet. Wear layers. Our sun can get hot, but once it goes down, the cool can set in fast. We recommend you bring a sunhat (and beanie), sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes and a waterproof jacket.

FITNESS LEVEL

There is an option to enjoy some walking on this tour so a moderate degree of fitness is required for this.

Alternatives are available if you prefer not to do the walks.

We recommend that if you have serious medical conditions you call us first to discuss. We would be happy to see how we can accommodate you.

ACCESSIBILITY

Our vehicles are conveniently equipped to carry collapsible wheelchairs with removable wheels providing the passenger is accompanied by someone who can assist them board and disembark.

If you have any questions about accessible options for this tour, please do not hesitate to contact us to see how we can accommodate you to have the best tour possible.

CHILDREN

For their safety, we kindly ask that children be accompanied by an adult.

Have another question? Please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you and hope you enjoy your time with us.
The Tours Around Tasmania Team.