

# TASMANIA

Experience the best of Tasmania



## Suggested 7 Night Self-drive Itinerary

**Day 1:** Start your trip in historic Launceston, exploring the Tamar Valley wine route and visit a selection of Tasmania's finest wineries. A recommended lunch stop is Strathlynn, at Rosevears. Continue north and visit Aviemore Blueberry and Cheese Farm, Seahorse World and Platypus House at Beauty Point. See George Town's colonial buildings and lighthouse, or visit more wineries and vineyards - Delamere, Dalrymple and Pipers Brook. For another day trip from Launceston the Bristow Estate Lavender Farm is just north of Nabowla (in flower Dec/Jan).

Overnight - Launceston

**DAY 4:** Explore Sullivan's Cove, Hobart's waterfront, where settlers came ashore in 1804. Wander around the historic waterfront to Salamanca Place (markets every Saturday), then to Battery Point with its Georgian cottages, art and craft shops and popular restaurants. A 20 minute drive takes you to the top of Mt Wellington (1,271 meters) for a stunning panoramic vista of Hobart and the Derwent River. This afternoon experience Cascade, Cadbury and the Lark Whisky distillery on the popular Taste Hobart Tour.

Overnight - Hobart

**DAY 7:** Heading North-East from Strahan through Tasmania's rugged mining towns, stop for a while and see one of the best displays of 19th century photography of the area and other mining artifacts at the renowned Zeehan Mining Museum. Continuing on the road winding through the small towns of Roseberry and Tullah, the rugged west coast gives way to the sub-alpine forests of Cradle Mountain. Overnight - Cradle Mountain



**DAY 2:** Travel via the North East Coast farmlands to the scenic East Coast. Look out for the Pancake parlour at Elephant's Pass, between the Chain of Lagoons and St Marys. Meet a Tasmanian Devil and other wildlife at the East Coast Natureworld. Take the A3 south to the Coles Bay turn off - the gateway to the Freycinet National Park. Explore the quiet sheltered beaches and take the breathtaking 30 minute walk to the lookout over looking Wineglass Bay's gleaming crescent of sand. Stop for dinner at the stunning Freycinet Lodge - a chance to enjoy some fresh Tasmanian seafood.

Overnight - Swansea

**DAY 5:** Wind your way along the mighty Derwent River to historic New Norfolk which has a fine collection of heritage buildings, antique stores and Australia's oldest Anglican church. Stop for morning tea at the nearby Salmon Ponds, then follow the signs to the Mt Field National Park- take a walk to the impressive Russell Falls. Continuing on the Lyell Highway travel west via Ouse, stop for lunch at Tarraleah, an old Hydro town or at Lake St Clair - the end of the famous Overland Track. Continue on to the West Coast for a 2 night stay.

Overnight - Strahan

**DAY 8:** Explore one Tasmania's most famous National Parks - Cradle Mountain including Dove Lake and Waldheim Chalet, the home of the area's first pioneers. Enjoy a selection of varying grades of walks suitable for all abilities. Head north from Cradle Mountain to the 'Town of Murals' - Sheffield - an alternative to staying at Cradle Mountain or a great morning tea stop. From Sheffield you have time to explore more of Tasmania's north or catch a flight from Launceston, Burnie or Devonport or sail home on the Spirit of Tasmania.

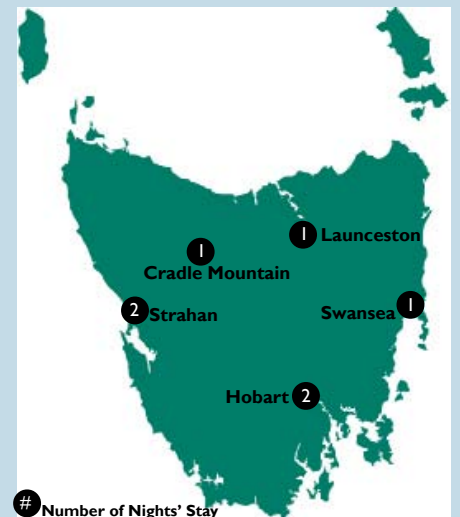


**DAY 3:** Before departing Swansea call in for some delicious homemade ice-cream and fruit at Kate's Berry Farm. Follow the scenic drive south past the convict-built Spikey Bridge (c1841) through the fishing village, Triabunna. Take the Maria Island Ferry to Maria Island where convict buildings date from 1825 (you will have to take all your provisions with you for your time on this beautiful National Park island). Continue onto Hobart. Tonight dine at one of the many restaurants on Elizabeth Street in North Hobart or near the waterfront.

Overnight - Hobart

**DAY 6:** Today you will experience Tasmania's true wilderness aboard a cruise on the Gordon River. A luxury catamaran will take you into Macquarie Harbour, past the convict ruins on Sarah Island and into the Gordon River. Lunch is included and make sure you take your camera with you; the reflections of the wilderness rainforest in the dark water are remarkable. The cruise ends around 3.30pm, so spend the late afternoon browsing the town centre shops; several art and craft shops, some woodturners and lovely Huon Pine Souvenirs. Alternatively, join the West Coast Wilderness Railway from Strahan to Queenstown and return via coach. The 5 hour tour takes you through stunning wilderness country on the restored rail line connecting Strahan and Queenstown.

Overnight - Strahan



# Number of Nights' Stay

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## A Selection of Must Do Attractions

### Taste Hobart Tour

**Hobart:** The must do tour of Hobart's icons! Indulge at the Cadbury Chocolate Shop. Soak up the history, beauty and of course the beer whilst enjoying a Tasmanian taste platter at the Cascade Visitors' Centre. Concluding at the Lark Distillery, you will taste some of the finest liqueurs, spirits and whiskies in Australia. Includes bonuses and excellent interpretation.

### The Peppermint Bay Cruise

**Hobart:** Experience the real Tasmania with a fully guided cruise from Hobart's magnificent harbour through 75km's of sheltered waterways onboard our high speed luxury catamaran. Discover sealife and giant kelp forests with our exclusive underwater cameras. Includes lunch onboard and a shore excursion to Peppermint Bay.

### Par Avion Wilderness Tours

**Hobart:** Award winning flights to Tasmania's World Heritage South West wilderness. Witness the Western Arthur Range, Federation Peak, Precipitous Bluff and the rugged southern coastline, before landing at Melaleuca. The tour includes a boat cruise on Bathurst Harbour and the opportunity to view endangered wildlife. This unforgettable day includes lunch.

### Robert Pennicott's Tasman Island Cruises

**Tasman Peninsula:** Join this spectacular coastal wilderness cruise for three hours along the coastline of Tasman National Park, between Eaglehawk Neck and Port Arthur. Experience the highest sea cliffs in the Southern Hemisphere, enter deep-sea caves; see wonderful wildlife, hundreds of seals and abundant bird species.

### Port Arthur Historic Site

**Tasman Peninsula:** Australia's premier convict site. Package includes 2 days site access, guided walking tour, interpretation gallery, harbour cruise & access to over 30 buildings, ruins and beautiful gardens. Lantern-lit Ghost Tour operates nightly. Convict Pass (site entry and ghost tour) available as well as an After Dark Pass which includes Ghost Tour and dinner.

### Huon Jet

**Huon Valley:** Enjoy an exhilarating 35 minute ride on the magnificent Huon River, only 30 minutes from Hobart. Travel 12 km up the picturesque Huon River at speeds of up to 80 kilometres per hour, whilst negotiating gentle rapids. Departs daily at 11am and 2pm.

### Tahune Airwalk

**Huon Valley:** Walk above the treetop canopy, 40 metres above the ground. Exhilarating, yet suitable for all ages, the 627 metre walk allows close up views of some of the most beautiful trees in the southern forests including Celery Top Pines, Sassafras, Myrtle and towering Eucalypts. The walk is suspended above the Picton River.

### World Heritage Cruises

**West Coast:** Cruise the Gordon River with the family owned and operated company which pioneered cruises on the Gordon River over one hundred years ago. Visit Hells Gates, a fish farm and stopover at Sarah Island convict settlement. Tour includes onboard commentary and a buffet lunch.

### West Coast Wilderness Railway

**West Coast:** Clamber through 35km of tight curves, spectacular bridges, rugged wilderness, dense rain-forest and steep gorges. Departs Strahan and Queenstown daily (& afternoon during peak season). Choose from one-way rail with coach return or return rail at extra cost.

### Gordon River Cruises

**West Coast:** Glide along the Gordon River onboard Lady Jane Franklin II, designed for World Heritage Area access, ensuring minimal impact to one of the world's last remaining pristine river systems. Includes buffet lunch and commentary. Ask about upgrading to the Captains Premier Upper-Deck.

### Stanley Seal Cruises

**North West Coast:** A 75 minute cruise to view Australian Fur Seals. Pass by the famous Stanley Nut to arrive at Bull Rock, 500 metres from the Tasmanian coastline. You are guaranteed excellent viewing of the Fur Seals.

### Tamar River Cruises –

**Launceston:** Multi-award winning. Cruise into the spectacular Cataract Gorge, then down the river past Tamar Island, historic Freshwater Point, the vineyards and Batman Bridge. Morning tea, superb light lunch, Tasmanian cheese and fruit platter; wine tasting, commentary and unlimited tea and coffee. Another option is the Cataract Gorge 50 minute cruise.

### Seahorse World

**Beauty Point:** The world's first seahorse farm, situated at Beauty Point, only 35 minutes from Launceston in the stunning Tamar Valley. Open daily from 9.30am, with fully guided tours and fish feeding on each tour. An amazing experience that can be included with other attractions in the area.

### Bicheno Penguin Tours

**East Coast:** Experience penguins in their natural environment at Bicheno's rookery. Small groups are guided to the rookery to view the penguins, returning one hour later to the Penguin Tour Shop.

### Freycinet Adventures

**East Coast:** Pink granite mountains, pristine white sandy beaches and blue waters so clear you feel you can touch the marine life below. Experience the Freycinet Paddle - a 3 hour fully guided sea kayak tour in Freycinet National Park.



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