

Scottsdale Tours Limited

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TOURING TASMANIA

January 22 – February 2, 2012 12 days - 11 nights



We are often asked what we consider to be the best tours in Australia and our response is usually 'the bottom and the top', which is of course Tasmania and Cape York. 'Tassie' is an interesting half-way house between New Zealand and Australia with many of the best bits of both countries. Combine this with its haunting convict history and some of the friendliest Aussies around and you are assured of a great trip.

Day 1 Sunday, January 22

We overnight in Auckland tonight before catching our early flight to Melbourne en route to Tasmania.

Day 2 Monday, January 23

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An early start this morning as we join our flight to Melbourne and on to Tasmania. Our first 2 nights will be at Grindlewald Resort which is a replica Swiss village just out of Launceston.

Day 3 Tuesday, January 24

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We spend the day in Launceston today with a local tour including the spectacular Cataract Gorge and a cruise on the Tamar River. After dinner we make our way out to Low Head to visit the little Blue Penguins in their natural habitat. This is an extraordinary hands on (or is that on feet) experience.

Day 4 Wednesday, January 25

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We set off this morning down the West Tamar Highway following the Tamar River and over the Batman Bridge on our way to Georgetown and Launceston's Port at Bell Bay. Heading east and travelling through Bridport and Scottsdale and on to the mining town of Derby we call at the Tin Mine Museum. Myrtle rainforests are to be seen over Welborough Pass followed by the fishing village of St Helens. We overnight at Scamander.

Day 5 Thursday, January 26

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We travel the coastal road, which has spectacular views and call into Eastcoast Nature World where you can cuddle a Tasmanian Devil and also hand feed the pelicans and wallabies. Continuing on through the fishing village of Bicheno we have a lunch stop at the historic town of Ross. Travelling south takes us to Oddlands and Richmond where we visit the old Convict Jail, Richmond Bridge and Australia's oldest Catholic Church. We complete the day in Hobart where we spend the next 3 nights.

Day 6 Friday, January 27

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Weather permitting we journey up Mt Wellington where we are able to capture panoramic views from the summit. Passing through the fruit growing areas of the Huon Valley we travel on to one of Tasmania's most popular attractions – the awesome Tahune Treetop Walk.

Day 7 Saturday, January 28

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This morning finds us journeying along the South Tasman Peninsula, through Sorrell to Copping Museum and then Eaglehawk Neck. We then have some awesome coastal scenery featuring the Blow Hole, devil's Kitchen and Tasman Arch. Arriving at the sandstone ruins of the Port Arthur Penal Settlement we have a guided tour and cruise.

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Day 8 Sunday, January 29

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Time for a quick visit to the famous Salamanka Markets this morning before we start our journey through the rugged scenery of Tasmania's world heritage areas. Following the Derwent Valley, we cross the Derwent Bridge to the Tarraleah Power Station and Lake St. Clair National Park with its lake set amongst wild mountain scenery. Across the controversial Franklin River and a stop at Nelson Falls where you have the opportunity for a lovely flat walk by a mountain stream. We proceed on to the lovely riverside village of Strahan where we spend the night. One of our favourite spots.

Day 9 Monday, January 30

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In the morning we join a cruise along the remote but spectacular Gordon River. Stopping at Heritage Landing we take in the wilderness walk through the rainforest which includes the famous Huon Pine. We cruise on towards Hell's Gate at the entrance to Macquarie Harbour before returning to Strahan. A special treat later as we join the ABT Wilderness Railway that takes us to Queenstown for our next overnight stop. With its steam engines and federation carriages this rail trip is also one of Tasmania's premier tourist attractions.



Day 10 Tuesday, January 31

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This morning we make our way through Zeehan, Roseberry and the Hellyer Gorge and back out to the coast at Wynyard. After lunch we go on to Stanley and explore this historic fishing village which is nestled at the base of a volcanic core called 'The Nut'. We overnight here.

Day 11 Wednesday, February 1

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We continue along the north coast this morning visiting the rich agricultural area of Table Cape and passing through Burnie and Ulverstone before heading inland to Cradle

Mountain National Park. After savouring the beautiful vistas of Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake we continue to the 'Town of Murals', Sheffield and have a quick look around the port city of Devonport. Later we make our way back to Launceston for our last night.



Day 12 Thursday, February 2

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This morning we head out to the airport to join our flight home.

**All inclusive escorted package,
TOTAL COST \$4250
Deposit \$100 on booking
\$1000 by October 22, 2011
Balance of \$3150 by November 22, 2011
Single Supplement \$770**