

## **TOURING TASMANIA**

**14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019    11 days - 10 nights**



Travel around the whole of Tasmania and experience the relaxed lifestyle of this spectacular island just across the Ditch. Delve into the haunting history of the convict-era ruins and see iconic Australian wildlife.

There's also plenty of time to explore the magic of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and Hobart, Australia's second oldest city plus an opportunity to relax and recharge while in this delightful island.

**Day 1: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

**Dinner**

Our tour starts with an early afternoon flight to Melbourne and on to Tasmania. We stay in Launceston for 2 nights - a boutique riverside city that oozes modern refinement and easy charm.

**Day 2: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**Breakfast, Dinner**

We start with a free morning for you to recharge. In the afternoon, we enjoy a cruise on the Tamar River before making our way back to the hotel.

**Day 3: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**Breakfast, Dinner**

We set off this morning down the West Tamar Highway. We follow the Tamar River and cross the Batman Bridge on our way to Georgetown and the Port of Launceston at Bell Bay. Heading east and travelling through Bridport to Nabowla (Lavender Farm) Lunch will be in Scottsdale and then on to the Myrtle Rainforests seen over Weldborough Pass followed by the fishing village of St Helens. We stay in Scamander for 1 night.

**Day 4: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

**Breakfast, Dinner**

We travel the coastal road and see spectacular views before calling into the East Coast Natureworld where you can cuddle a Tasmanian Devil and also hand feed the Kangaroos and other free ranging animals.

Continuing on to the fishing village of Bicheno and on to Richmond where we stop for lunch. While there we visit the old Richmond Gaol, Richmond Bridge and St John's which is considered the oldest Catholic church in Australia. We continue to Australia's second-oldest city, Hobart, where we spend the next 3 nights.

**Day 5: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**Breakfast, Dinner**

This morning finds us travelling along the South Tasman Peninsula through Sorell and Copping and past Eaglehawk Neck. Arriving at the sandstone ruins of the Port Arthur penal settlement, we enjoy a guided tour and cruise.

On the way back to Hobart, we experience the impressive coastal rock formations of the Blow Hole, Devil's Kitchen and Tasman Arch.

## **Day 6: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Breakfast, Dinner**

A completely free day today to give you a chance to relax. However, there is plenty to see and do in Hobart. You also have the option to go on a full day tour to the Tahune Forest (own expense).



## **Day 7: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Breakfast, Dinner**

A change of scenery today as we start our journey through the rugged landscape of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. From the Derwent Valley, we cross the Derwent Bridge to the Tarraleah Power Station and Lake St Clair National Park with its lake set against a wild mountain background. Across the Franklin River we stop at Nelson Falls where you have the opportunity to enjoy a flat walk by a mountain stream. We proceed on to the lovely riverside village of Strahan for 2 nights.

## **Day 8: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

### **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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 Pines. After the cruise we make our way to our hotel.

## **Day 9: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

### **Breakfast, Dinner**

We head 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 then drive back to Launceston and check in for our final 2-night stay. After dinner, we make our way out to Low Head to visit the Little Blue Penguins in their natural habitat – a truly extraordinary experience.

## **Day 10: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

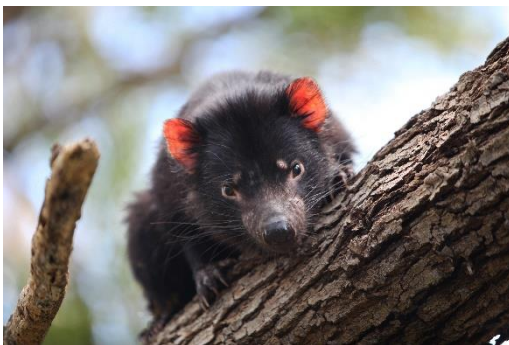
### **Breakfast, Dinner**

We spend the day in and around Launceston which starts with a morning walk in the spectacular Cataract Gorge, followed by free time in the afternoon.

## **Day 11: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Breakfast, Dinner**

Today, we make our way back home flying from Launceston to Auckland.



### **Highlights**

- Cradle Mountain
- Launceston Sights
- Hobart Sights
- Port Arthur
- Richmond Gaol
- Bicheno Wildlife Park
- Tahune Tree Top Walk
- Gordon River Cruise
- Lake St Clair
- Cataract Gorge Cruise

### **Fully escorted tour**

**Price per person \$5,695**

**Single Supplement \$1,245**

**First payment \$1,425 on booking**

**Second payment \$1,425 due by 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Balance of \$2,845 due by 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Early Payment Discount of \$100 if paid in full by 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018**