

# Tasmania Explorer

Wilderness, Wildlife, Gourmet Delights

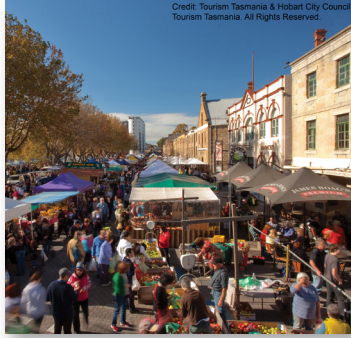
With Trade Travel

7 Days / 6 Nights - Fully Escorted

Tour Departs: Thursday 24 October - Wednesday 30 October, 2024.



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Effortless Journeys, Endless Memories



## Day 1. Thurs 24 Oct: Homeport - Richmond - Hobart

Dinner

### Flight Details: to be advised

After our morning flight into Hobart, we meet up with our local coach captain before making our way up the **historic township of Richmond**. Here we enjoy some free time to purchase some refreshments before **touring the notorious convict built Richmond Gaol, the oldest, still intact, gaol in Australia**. This afternoon we take in some **highlights of Hobart** as we head around to the **Mount Nelson Signal Station Lookout**, here we take in the panoramic views over Hobart city, the River Derwent and, on a clear day, down to Bruny Island and out to Storm Bay. Back down in Hobart we arrive at our hotel for check in, freshen up and dinner.

**Overnight Hobart: The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel**

## Day 2. Fri 25 Oct: Hobart

Breakfast

This morning we tour the World Heritage listed **Cascades Female Factory Historic Site** for a greater understanding and appreciation for the largely untold story of female convicts sent to Australia. Next stop is **Runnymede**, a beautifully preserved **1840 whaling captain's house and gardens**. On our **Captain's House Tour** we discover everything this lovely homestead has to offer before taking a **stroll around the beautiful gardens**. For the remainder of the day the choice is ours, with transfers offered for both the **Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens and Constitution Dock precinct**. At the gardens, grab a map and ask the staff about what highlights there are to explore across the 14 hectares of gardens. At the **Constitution Dock precinct** we have many options to visit, such as the **Maritime Museum of Tasmania, Mawson's Huts Replica Museum and Tasmania Museum and Art Gallery**. *Please note all entry fees for this afternoon are at own cost.* This evening is also at leisure with dinner at own cost and choice of venue.

**Overnight Hobart: The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel**

## Day 3. Sat 26 Oct: Salamanca Markets - West Coast Wilderness Region - Strahan

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after checkout, experience the sights, sounds, action and colour of the **Salamanca Market**, one of Australia's best markets with over 300 stalls! We depart Hobart late morning for the great West Coast Wilderness Region. **Tarraleah Estate** provides the perfect lunch stop, Tarraleah isn't just special place with stunning views of the Tasmanian Highlands and wilderness, it was once the home of hundreds of hydroelectric pioneers. We then head across towards Derwent Bridge, to the amazing **Wall in the Wilderness** - Greg Duncan's commemorative wooden carvings of those who helped shape the past and present of Tasmania's central highlands. Our journey then continues through the **Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park** before the spectacular drive down into Queenstown, through the mountain summits, resembling a cratered moonscape - created by a brutal mining past. We then arrive into picturesque village of Strahan, the gateway to the Franklin-Gordon World Heritage area. After check-in, take advantage of the twilight and take photos of this pretty village, then gather in View 42 for a **delicious seafood buffet dinner**.

**Overnight Strahan: Strahan Village**

## Day 4. Sun 27 Oct: Wilderness Lunch Cruise - The Ship That Never Was

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after breakfast, we take a stroll down to the wharf to board **World Heritage Cruises** for a delightful half day **lunch cruise**, taking us out across **Macquarie Harbour**, and down along the **Gordon River**.

#### Day 4 cont.....

Cruise highlights include Hells Gates, Salmon farms, guided Sarah Island stop-over, Gordon River heritage landing board walk and Huon Pine Sawmill. Enjoy lunch featuring delicious Tasmanian produce and listen to the skippers live commentary, which brings the river and its rich history to life, all providing an unforgettable experience on the Gordon River. Following our cruise we enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure, explore the delightful village at own pace, visit the West Coast Information Centre, stroll the Historic Foreshore Walk or call into **Morrison's Huon Pine Sawmill**. Before dinner this evening, we enjoy a special treat as we witness **"The Ship That Never Was"**, which tells the dramatic and hilarious true story of the Great Escape from Sarah Island! Following the show we enjoy dinner back at the Village.

**Overnight Strahan: Strahan Village**

#### Day 5. Mon 28 Oct: Cradle Mountain

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After an early checkout we begin our drive up to the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park which has us travelling through the historic mining township of Zeehan, Rosebery and Tullah, before arriving at the **Cradle Mountain Visitors Centre** where our **Park Explorer** awaits. From the Cradle Mountain Visitors Centre we travel into the world class national park and take in amazing sights and highlights such as **Dove Lake** and the **historic Boat Shed**, spectacular and iconic views of **Cradle Mountain** plus a visit to **Waldhelm Chalet** and a couple of delightful short walks. After our tour we enjoy a light **lunch at the Cradle Mountain Hotel**, followed by the **Devils at Cradle "Daykeepers Tour"**. The sanctuary houses a large number of adult, sub-adult and baby devils within a range of naturally landscaped viewing enclosures. This afternoon we depart Cradle Mountain National Park and begin our drive across to Launceston. Across in **Sheffield** we spend some time taking in the **stories of the amazing and colourful street murals** before arriving in Launceston for our two night stay. After settling into our rooms we gather in the restaurant for dinner.

**Overnight Launceston: Hotel Grand Chancellor**

#### Day 6 Tues 29 Oct: Tamar Valley

**Breakfast & Dinner**

Today we experience the scenic Tamar Valley and Beauty Point, visit **Platypus House** for a rare chance to see and learn about the unique Tasmanian platypus and echidna. Next stop is **Seahorse World** which offers an insight into the mystical and elegant seahorse at various stages of development, along with the leafy sea dragon and the pipefish. After our tour we have time to purchase some light refreshments in the Cormorant Cafe, before travelling down to **Beaconsfield**, the famous site of the great escape by Todd and Brant. We stop at the mine site and also visit the **Mine and Heritage Centre**, which occupies the site of Tasmania's largest gold mine. After a guided tour we take in the panoramic views of the **Tamar River** and valley from **Bushranger Brady's Lookout**, before enjoying some wine tastings at the beautiful **Tamar Ridge Cellar Door**. After a delightful day out, we will have time to relax back at the hotel before dinner.

**Overnight Launceston: Hotel Grand Chancellor**

#### Day 7. Wed 30 Oct: Launceston - Melbourne - Homeport

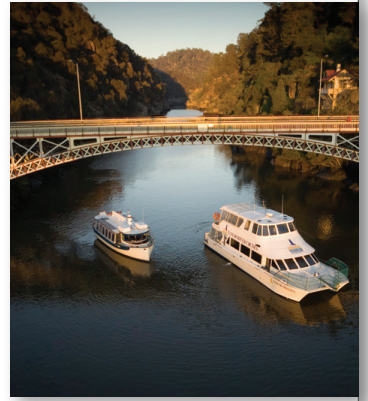
**Breakfast & Lunch**

We start our day in Launceston with a **highlights drive** around the lovely parks and gardens, then embark on a 50 minute **Cataract Gorge cruise**, exploring the old and new facets of the Launceston Seaport precinct of today. We then head across to Longford, home to the World Heritage listed **Brickendon Estate** to spend some time with Louise Archer who provides a rare insight into the early colonial and convict history of Australia. Explore the convict buildings of the farm village and also the gardens with some of the oldest trees in Australia to the most scented old fashioned roses, shrubberies, walks and planted beds. Following our tour, enjoy a relaxing lunch before heading across to the **beautiful historic village of Evandale**. Take a stroll along one of the most evocative streetscapes in Tasmania and absorb the history of this pretty colonial town. Mid-afternoon we arrive at the Launceston Airport for check in and return flight home, concluding our **"Tasmania Explorer" with Trade Travel**.

**Flight Details: to be advised**



# Tour Highlights & Inclusions



## Tour Highlights:

Historic Richmond Gaol; Hobart Highlights Tour; Mount Nelson Signal Station Lookout; Cascades Female Factory Site; Runnymede House & Garden; Salamanca Markets; Tarraleah Estate Luncheon; Wall in the Wilderness; Gordon River Wilderness Lunch Cruise; Story Of The Ship That Never Was; Cradle Mountain & Dove Lake Park Explorer; Devils at Cradle "Daykeepers Tour"; Sheffield Street Murals; Tamar Valley Day - Platypus House, Seahorse World, Beaconsfield Mine Site & Heritage Centre; Bushranger Brady Lookout; Tamar Ridge Estate Cellar Door; Launceston Highlights; Cataract Gorge Cruise; Brickendon Estate & Gardens; Historic Evandale Village & so much more!

**Optional** - Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens & Constitution Dock Precinct!

## Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Return airfares from Homeport to Hobart & Launceston to Homeport
- Quality coach travel Tasmania
- Quality accommodation as per itinerary
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (15 meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

**Tour Cost: \$3498.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$624.00)**

**A minimum of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.**

*The tour prices are valid for travel in 2024. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

**Deposit:** A deposit of **\$200.00** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form!

**Final Payment:** Due no later than **Friday 19 July, 2024.**

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