

Tasmania

08 – 19 March 2024

Join Barbara Varley on an epic adventure exploring
Tasmania!



TRAVEL
& TOUR
HUNTERS

Day 1 – Friday 8th March - Signature Gardens ~ Arrive Hobart (D)

Meet at Signature Gardens and travel by private coach to Sydney airport - Your journey has begun! On arrival at the Hobart Airport be greeted by your Tasmanian Coach Captain and welcomed aboard the luxury 5-star touring coach. Cross the Tasman Bridge to Hobart City and settle into accommodation for the next four nights. Enjoy dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

Day 2 – Saturday 9th March- Salamanca Market ~ City Tour ~ Botanic Gardens (BD)

As it is Saturday morning, take the opportunity to explore the famous Salamanca open-air market with its bustle and buskers, colour, and excitement. In the afternoon a short city tour including historic Battery Point, Sandy Bay, and the magnificent Royal Botanical Gardens. Stroll the beautifully landscaped site and discover its most significant cultural heritage landscapes and major iconic trees. On return to the hotel, enjoy some free time before dinner at the hotel.

Day 3 – Sunday 10th March – Richmond ~ Port Arthur ~ Lavender Farm (BD)

This morning we cross the Derwent River to visit the historic town of Richmond, where you can view the spire of Australia's oldest Catholic Church from beneath the arches of Australia's oldest stone bridge. Wander the streets of this delightful Georgian village and discover the arts and crafts, bakeries, and tea rooms. Travel via Sorell Causeway and Midway Point for our full day tour to Tasman Peninsula. Take in magnificent views from the look-out above picturesque Eaglehawk Neck and Pirates Bay before continuing to the Port Arthur Convict Settlement. Within the 40 hectares of landscaped grounds lies a rich history of Australia's convict past. Included in the entry is a short Harbour Cruise, access to the Visitor Centre and Interpretation Gallery as well as more than 30 buildings, ruins and restored gardens and houses; explore as you wish before departing the historic site and returning to Hobart. Along the way visit the Port Arthur Lavender Farm to sample the ice-cream or gin!

Day 4 – Monday 11th March Huon Trail ~ Wooden Boat Centre ~ Mt Nelson (BLD)

This morning we tour the beautiful 'Huon Trail' which takes you through the Huon Valley and D'Entrecasteaux Channel, a region of waterways & wilderness, art, craft & heritage, apple blossom and vineyards. Explore the little villages of Cygnet and Kettering in one of the most scenic regions of Tasmania. Stop at the Wooden Boat Centre where you will gain an understanding of the rich background of Australia's premier wooden boat training centre, as well as Franklin's maritime history. Enjoy lunch at one of the many cider houses in the famous apple growing region. Returning to Hobart, take in the panoramic views of the city and estuary from Mt Nelson.

Day 5 – Tuesday 12th March – Oatlands ~ Ross ~ Coles Bay ~ Bicheno ~ St Helens (BD)

Departing Hobart we travel north along the Heritage Highway - see if you can spot the Shadows of the Past, silhouettes depicting scenes from our colonial days, including chain gang convicts, bushrangers, and stagecoaches. Visit the historic villages of Oatlands and Ross to admire the beautiful sandstone buildings and Georgian architecture. Travel the Lake Highway to the Freycinet Peninsula and spend some time at the beautiful Coles Bay. Continue along the East Coast, admiring the blue waters of the Tasman Sea to Bicheno and St Helens for our overnight accommodation.

Day 6 – Wednesday 13th March – Northeast ~ Beaconsfield ~ Launceston (BD)

This morning we tour the hinterland and myrtle rainforest of Weldborough Pass, through the former tin mining area of Derby and detour to Legerwood to admire the tree carvings commemorating the war heroes of the region. Travel via the rich agricultural region of Scottsdale, across the unique A-frame Batman Bridge spanning the Tamar River and continue to Beaconsfield where we tour the Gold Mine Heritage Museum, site of the mine disaster and miraculous rescue. Gain views of the

picturesque Tamar Valley as we tour through Grindelwald Swiss Village with its alpine style houses and unusual wood carvings. Continue to our overnight accommodation at Launceston.

Day 7 – Thursday 14th March – Launceston ~ Cataract Gorge ~ Gourmet Source (BLD)

This morning explore Launceston's city centre and magnificent Cataract Gorge with its cliff-side gardens, peacocks, pools, suspension foot bridge and one of the longest single span chairlifts in the world (ride is optional and own expense). Stroll in City Park and the John Hart Conservatory noted for displays of begonias, cyclamens, and other hot house blooms. Visit the nearby village of Evandale and the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company. Here we will sample some of their products which appeal to a wide range of tastes from the chilli lover to the sweet tooth. Enjoy a gourmet BBQ lunch before returning to Launceston for some free time this afternoon.

Day 8 – Friday 15th March – Sheffield ~ Table Cape ~ Stanley ~ Smithton (BD)

Departing Launceston travel through the delightful village of Deloraine situated on the banks of the Meander River. Spend time in the town of Sheffield to admire the wonderful out-door art gallery of impressive murals, then follow the scenic coastal drive through Ulverstone and Penguin. Marvel at the breathtaking views from Table Cape with its amazing diversity of crops and farms. Visit the historic village of Stanley nestling at the foot of an ancient volcanic core known as 'the Nut'. Tour past Highfield, historical headquarters of the early Van Diemen's Land Co. and explore the quaint town with its terraces and chairlift access to the top of The Nut (ride is optional and own expense). Overnight accommodation at Smithton.

Day 9 – Saturday 16th March – Cradle Mountain ~ West Coast (BLD)

Travel this morning through the rainforest and mineral rich mountains of the west coast to Cradle Valley and board the shuttle bus into picturesque

Dove Lake at the foot of the crags of Cradle Mountain and visit Waldheim Forest home of pioneer Gustav Weindorfer. Enjoy lunch at the Cradle Mountain Hotel and browse through the Wilderness Gallery before continuing through mountain ranges, past swift-flowing rivers, steep gorges, and former mining towns. Tullah, one such town, has since served as a base for the construction of hydroelectric power development and is now almost surrounded by superb lakes. Gold was discovered in Rosebery in 1893 and Zeehan was a former 'silver cihjnty'. The port of Strahan situated on beautiful Macquarie Harbour is our destination this afternoon. Explore the village and wharf area where one of the few remaining Huon pine sawmills still processes logs felled in the rainforests of western Tasmania and has its history with the 'piners' who gathered this beautiful timber, much prized for boat building. Accommodation tonight is at Strahan, overlooking the harbour.

Day 10 – Sunday 17th March – Macquarie Harbour ~ Golden River Cruise ~ Strahan (BLD)

Today we cruise the incomparable Gordon River into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and the edge of World Heritage. Cross vast Macquarie Harbour, stopping on Sarah Island, worst convict settlement of all and follow the Gordon through stands of ancient Huon pine, sassafras, and myrtle rainforest to step ashore for a wilderness boardwalk at Heritage Landing. Voyage to Hell's Gates, the aptly named harbour entrance where many early ships were destroyed by ferocious ocean swells. On return to Strahan, there will be opportunity to explore the village including the Visitor Centre and Huon pine sawmill. This evening enjoy the play "The Ship that Never Was" which tells the dramatic and hilarious true story of The Great Escape from Sarah Island.

Day 11 – Monday 18th March - West Coast ~ Central Highlands ~ "The Wall" ~ Hobart (BD)

Depart Strahan via Queenstown, the spectacular Mt. Owen, the winding Gormanston Hill, and ghost towns of the Chamanoi Valley. Cross Lake Burbury to enter the Wild Rivers National Park and experience the

wonders of Gondwanaland during a short rainforest walk to Nelson Waterfalls. At Derwent Bridge visit “The Wall in The Wilderness”, an extraordinary work of art being crafted telling the story of Tasmania’s Central Highlands. In Tarraleah Gorge view the penstocks and workings of an early Hydro-electric installation before crossing the Central Plateau. Descend through hills and hop fields to historic New Norfolk. Follow the picturesque Derwent Valley to the city of Hobart and overnight accommodation.

Day 12 – Tuesday 19th March - Home

Enjoy an easy morning with a last-minute stroll around the Hobart waterfront before departing the hotel around midday for flights home. Welcome home! Arrive at Sydney airport before being driven by coach back to Signature Gardens where your journey concludes.

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12 days touring with Barb Varley

Friday 08 March - Tuesday 19 March 2024

Departing Signature Gardens

FROM \$6495 per person twin share

\$1275 single supplement

Saving \$500 per person if group exceeds 20 passengers
(\$5,995) *

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Terms & conditions of travel apply. Please read before completing booking form and paying for your holiday.

Travel insurance is essential to participate on the tour. Please advise Jane if you would like to receive a quote.

Please do not hesitate to call Jane on mobile: 0412130419. Feel free to send a text message and I will return your call the same day.

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All payments must be made via direct deposit or credit/debit card.

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