

A tall, white, tapered lighthouse stands on a rocky outcrop. The lighthouse has a white base, a white body with horizontal ridges, and a white lantern room with a glass-enclosed top. A weather vane is mounted on the very top. The base of the lighthouse is surrounded by dark, jagged rocks covered in orange-brown seaweed. The background consists of a dense forest of dark green trees and a sky filled with heavy, grey clouds. The overall mood is dramatic and atmospheric.

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# TASMANIA

Australia's hidden gem



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Home to just 500,000 people, the island of Tasmania is as intimate as it is beautiful. Its gorgeous capital city, Hobart, is home to one of the world's most intriguing art galleries, while northern Launceston is one of the few cities on the planet to be wrapped around a gorge. Drive anywhere in the island state and you can go from beach-lined coasts to World Heritage-listed mountain areas in just a few hours. Along the way you'll pass welcoming farm-gate producers, cellar doors and restaurants specialising in local produce so fresh it's the envy of the culinary world.





### **Day 1 - Wednesday 28th October - Hobart & Surrounds**

This morning you will depart Maitland at 9am and travel to Sydney Domestic Airport for your flight to Hobart. On arrival at the Hobart Airport be greeted by your Tasmanian Coach Captain and welcomed aboard the luxury 5 star touring coach. Travel to nearby Rosny Lookout for panoramic views of Hobart set against the majestic backdrop of the Wellington Range. Cross the Tasman Bridge to Hobart City and tour historic Battery Point, Salamanca Place and the vibrant waterfront before settling into accommodation for the next four nights.

### **Day 2 - Thursday 29th October - Hobart ~ Port Arthur**

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 guided walking tour, 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 to tour beside Norfolk and Frederick Henry Bays back to Hobart

### **Day 3 - Friday 30th October - New Norfolk antiques ~ Plenty Salmon Ponds ~ Russell Falls**

Travel through the delightful Derwent Valley to New Norfolk and visit the amazing Willow Court Antique Centre. Here you will find a huge array of antiques and a nice coffee shop for morning tea (own expenses). Visit the Plenty Salmon Ponds. Circa 1861, this is the oldest trout hatchery in the Southern Hemisphere. It was the birthplace of trout in Australia and the origin of Tasmania's legendary trout fishery. Enjoy the original 19th century English style public open space of superb trees, hedges and lawns before visiting Mt Field National Park which is one of Tasmania's most loved national parks. An easy 10 minute stroll will take us to the iconic Russell Falls, the track is edged with graceful ferns and giant eucalypts tower overhead. Return to Hobart following the Derwent River.



### **Day 4 - Saturday 31st October - Hobart ~ Richmond**

A relaxed day around the city of Hobart includes historic Battery Point, Salamanca Place, Constitution Docks and the waterfront. As it is Saturday morning, take the opportunity to explore the famous Salamanca open-air Market with its bustle and buskers, colour and excitement. Tour Mt. Wellington (weather permitting) for panoramic views of the city and estuary before crossing the Derwent to the historic village of Richmond. Here you may view the spire of Australia's oldest Catholic Church from beneath the arch of Australia's oldest stone bridge still in use. Wander the streets of this delightful Georgian town and discover the arts and crafts, bakeries and tea rooms. Before returning to accommodation, enjoy some quiet moments in Hobart's Royal Botanical Gardens, vibrant with spring colours and blooms. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to relax or explore as you wish..

### **Day 5 - Sunday 1st November - Hobart ~ Queenstown ~ Strahan**

Departing Hobart this morning, tour the picturesque Derwent Valley through New Norfolk to climb the Central Plateau. Follow the Wild Way through trout lakes, mountains, gorges and the Wild Rivers National Park. Pass through Tarraleah Gorge, site of early hydro-electric installations and take a tour of "The Wall", a work in progress depicting the history of the region beautifully carved in Tasmanian timbers. Take a break at Derwent Bridge before a short walk into the delightful Nelson Falls. Cross Lake Burbury and descending through the ghost towns of Linda and Gormanston to the copper mining town of Queenstown. Continue to the harbour side village of Strahan and our accommodation for the next 2 nights at Strahan Village.

**Day 6 - Monday 2nd November - Gordon River Cruise ~ Strahan ~ The Ship That Never Was**

This morning cruise the incomparable Gordon River into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and the edge of World Heritage. Cross vast Macquarie Harbour, past 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, you will have free time to relax or explore the village including the Visitor Centre and Huon pine saw mill. This evening you have the option to enjoy the play "The Ship that Never Was" (optional, own expense) which tells the dramatic and hilarious true story of The Great Escape from Sarah Island.

**Day 7 -Tuesday 3rd November - Zeehan ~ Cradle Mountain ~ North West**

This morning tour through the rugged west coast which is rich in mining history, journey past Tullah which is located on the shores of peaceful Lake Rosebery. Continue north through rainforest and mineral rich mountains, crossing the Vale of Belvoir and alpine cattle country to reach Cradle Mountain National Park. Board the shuttle bus to Dove Lake at the foot of the crags of Cradle Mountain and visit Waldheim, forest home of pioneer Gustav Weindorfer. Enjoy lunch at Cradle Mountain Hotel and opportunity to visit the Wilderness Gallery before following the highway through mountains and button grass plains to the North West Coast and overnight accommodation at Launceston.

**Day 8 - Wednesday 4th November - Woolmers ~ Longford ~ Evandale ~ Gourmet Sauce Co**

Explore the nearby Longford / Evandale area with our first stop being at World Heritage Woolmers Estate, wander around and soak up the essence of 19th century Tasmanian life on a once working farm estate and admire their outstanding Rose Garden which represents one of the finest collections of historic roses in the Southern Hemisphere. Visit the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company and enjoy a gourmet BBQ lunch, product tasting and garden visit. Spend some time in historic Evandale, home of the Australian Penny Farthing Championships, before returning to Launceston.

**Day 9 - Thursday 5th November - Tamar Valley ~ Tasman Highway**

This morning we tour the picturesque Tamar Valley to the Mine & Heritage Centre in the gold mining town of Beaconsfield, site of the mine disaster and miraculous rescue. Cross the unique A-frame Batman Bridge and tour the north east through agricultural Scottsdale, Branxholm and former tin-mining centre of Derby. Visit Legerwood and view the War Memorial Tree Carvings, honouring the fallen soldiers of the region. Tour the myrtle rain forest of Weldborough Pass before descending to the East Coast at St. Helens and continuing to Scamander for overnight accommodation overlooking the blue waters of the Tasman Sea at the Beachfront Bicheno.







**Day 10 - Friday 6th November - Tasmanian devil ~ Bicheno ~ East Coast ~ Hobart**

Tour through the fishing and holiday village of Bicheno, viewing the 'Gulch' fishing harbour and the ocean blowhole. Meet a Tasmanian devil at the East Coast Nature World and learn about the threat to their survival during an informative ride on the 'Pelican Express'. Continue on to gain magnificent views of Great Oyster Bay, encompassing Maria Island and the rugged Freycinet Peninsula. Following the Tasman Highway, pass through Swansea and pause at the convict built, enigmatic Spiky Bridge. Follow the Prosser River valley through Buckland and Cambridge to cross the picturesque Derwent River into the city of Hobart nestled at the foot of Mount Wellington.

**Day 11 - Saturday 7th November - Home**

This morning we say goodbye to Tasmania and transfer to the Hobart Airport for our flight home. Upon arrival in Sydney, transfer back to Maitland.

## **PAYMENT DATES AND INFORMATION**

**\$4495.00 per person**

- Price per person is based on twin share
- Single supplement - \$795
- Deposit per person is \$500 within 7 days of booking
- Final payment due 15 September 2020
- **Price based on a minimum of 20 passengers, if numbers are not met price is subject to change**
- **\*Visit our website for full terms and conditions\***



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