

Tasmania

Part and yet not part of Australia, Tasmania's southerly latitudes have led to a distinctive landscape, climate and culture. Balmy weather caresses the east coast's beautiful beaches, encouraging wonderful arable produce and some of the best cool-climate wines in the world, while the Southern Oceans crash onto the western side creating dramatic cliffs and dense rainforest. Diverse habitats and huge expanses of wilderness ensure that unique flora and fauna have developed and flourished and there is nowhere better to see such a range of exciting wildlife in Australia. Colonisation took place during the 19th century, establishing the island as Britain's most feared penal colony. The legacy of this period is some of the oldest and most attractive colonial villages and Georgian architecture in Australia and a fascinating history of personal strife and success against all odds. Tasmania is experiencing a renaissance and new-found assurance as more and more travellers realise that it really is a special destination in its own right and not simply the small island off the south of Australia.

HOBART

As Australia's second oldest city, Hobart is rich in colonial and maritime history. Hobart is also the second sunniest city in Australia, after Adelaide, contributing to its bustling café culture which is focused on the waterfront where fishing boats are berthed next to cruising yachts and a square rigger or two. First populated in 1804 as a ragtag collection of tents and huts with a population of 262, of which 178 were convicts, Hobart soon developed into a penal colony. Convict and early settlement history highlights begin with the diverse Salamanca Place and its many galleries, cafés and the extraordinarily vibrant Saturday market, or you can venture up 'Kelly's Steps' to emerge in the city's best preserved village area of Battery Point; so called after the defensive guns built by the British. Also worth including are the views from Mount Wellington, the serene parkland of the 'Queen's Domain' and the harbourfront heritage area of the Henry Jones Jam Factory, established by its rags-to-riches namesake who was, at one point, the largest private employer in the southern hemisphere. Hobart offers so much to see within its own boundaries, but it is also a marvellous base from which to explore the surrounding area's diverse attractions whether taking wildlife cruises or guided convict tours.

🏠 Battery Point Guesthouse, Hobart

Located in the historic old town of Battery Point, this is the closest guesthouse in Hobart to the thriving waterfront area of Constitution Harbour and is just a two minute walk to the renowned Salamanca Place Market. The listed building was originally the coach house to the nearby Lenna Mansion and is now infused with character and charm by hosts Roger and Sue. The six spacious and ensuite bedrooms are all individually decorated, including the Empire Suite which is a replica of that found on the Titanic. After a hearty breakfast in the conservatory you may wish to simply lounge in the beautiful garden or put your feet up in front of a log fire. For those that wish to head out exploring, you will not find a better-located place to stay.



Battery Point Guesthouse



Port Arthur

PORT ARTHUR

Described by Governor Arthur as a “natural penitentiary”, the Tasman Peninsula is connected to the mainland by ‘Eaglehawk Neck’, an isthmus only one hundred metres wide that was guarded by a permanent line of savage dogs, wickedly sharp man-traps and legend has it, waters baited to keep them shark infested! Port Arthur housed 12,500 convicts between 1830 and 1877. For some, this was a hellish place, however most convicts would earn their probation for good behavior, whereupon their prospects were actually quite good on account of the skills learned in Port Arthur’s thriving industries. Convict labour enabled Tasmania to become initially self sufficient and then a nett exporter. You can take a short boat trip to the poignant ‘Island of the Dead’, where prisoners and civilians alike were buried, often in unmarked graves. Not surprisingly one of the most popular evening tours around Port Arthur is the ‘Ghost Tour’ which is packed with ghoulish stories and anecdotal evidence. For such a history-focused day out it is well worth considering the use of a guide who will enthrall you with details otherwise missed.

🏠 The Henry Jones Art Hotel, Hobart

This historic factory has been restored impeccably and opened for business in 2004. Hobart’s most luxurious hotel is a fascinating and unexpected combination of old and new. From its original and beautifully crafted staircase to the restored machinery and all-glass atrium, The Henry Jones Hotel reflects the fascinating influences of its rich colonial trading history and every room is unique as the existing historic structure has been preserved in its entirety. The beguiling mix of textures from original stone walls, ancient beams, polished floors, leather sofas and art covered walls will have you wanting to explore every corner of the hotel before even venturing into Hobart itself.



Henry Jones Art Hotel

RICHMOND

Twenty minutes drive north of Hobart will lead you to Richmond, the first place that the ‘Coal River’ could be bridged enroute to Port Arthur in 1820. The village is home to over 50 beautiful sandstone buildings including Australia’s oldest Anglican Church. The municipal gaol is still splendidly intact, complete with shared and solitary cells, warden’s house and flogging yard. Richmond also boasts Australia’s oldest bridge, around which many ducks and geese loiter on the riverbanks creating an idyllic rural scene reminiscent of a Constable painting.



Salamanca Market



Millhouse on the Bridge

🏠 Millhouse on the Bridge, Richmond

John and Suzanne Hall own this historic property that is consistently voted the best bed & breakfast in Australia by both national and international publications. It is a wonderful mix of hospitality and history, character and comfort. Set on the lovely riverbank next to the famous bridge in Georgian Richmond, the building was built by convicts in 1853 as a steam mill and is now listed by the National Trust. The bedrooms are charming, while the lounge and breakfast areas are roomy and inviting. What really makes it stand out though is the personal touch with which the hosts treat their guests.



Cradle Mountain National Park

HUON VALLEY

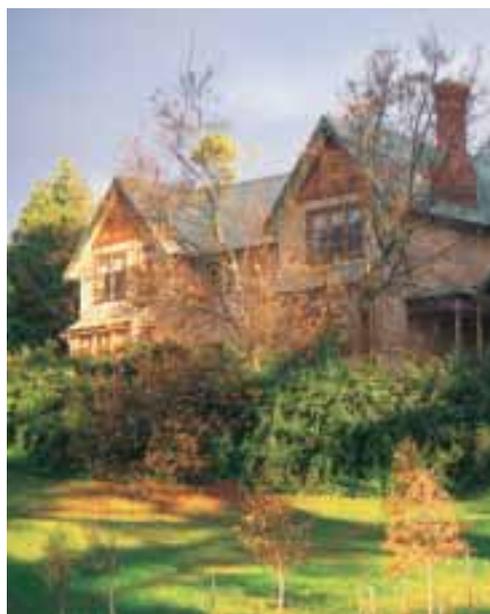
The Huon Valley region is one of rich fertile valleys, waterways, forests and mighty rivers. Many of the island's gourmet food producers are in this region, including numerous berry and fruit farms. Vineyards also abound and in the sheltered waterways Atlantic salmon farms can be seen. Exploring deep into the Huon Valley will lead you to the fascinating Tahune Forest Airwalk where you can stroll for nearly a kilometre 40 metres up at treetop level overlooking the Eucalypt forests, rare Huon pines and the majestic Huon River. Head further south and you will find the Hastings cave systems that include a delightful glow worm cavern. After subterranean excursions you can enjoy a dip in the natural hot springs.

MOUNT FIELD NATIONAL PARK

As you wind your way along the Derwent River you pass vineyards offering cellar door tastings and the historic Salmon Ponds and fly-fishing museum near New Norfolk. Beyond this gateway to one of Tasmania's most visited regions is lovely Mount Field National Park. Highlights include walking through man-ferns and wet eucalypt forest to the multi-tiered Russell Falls and visiting the secluded Styx Valley, where the world's tallest hardwood trees grow in the 'Valley of Giants'. In this region you also have a higher chance of seeing platypus than anywhere in Australia and can see most of the state's native species in wildlife sanctuaries.

🏡 Franklin Manor, Strahan

Situated on the edge of the breathtaking World Heritage wilderness of west coast Tasmania, Franklin Manor is 500 metres from the centre of Strahan. The weatherboard building is set in attractive gardens just a stone's throw from the waterfront. Once inside, tasteful modern artworks and sculptures adorn the walls and stained glass windows frame the beautiful staircase. There are two guest lounges, ten standard guestrooms, four suites and four garden cottages. Co-owner Meyjitte Houghenout is a two star Michelin chef and the small restaurant is regarded as the best in western Tasmania, which makes pre-booking essential.



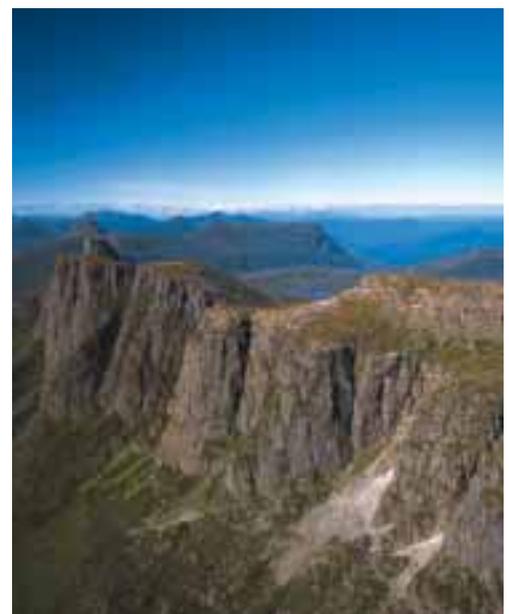
Franklin Manor

STRAHAN & GORDON RIVER

Strahan is located at the head of Macquarie harbour on the World Heritage-Listed west coast of Tasmania where there is nothing but vast stretches of wild ocean until the southern tip of Argentina. In this hostile environment an isolated penal colony settlement was situated on Sarah Island in the middle of Macquarie harbour and it was to here that the worst of the worst European convicts were sent to work and die felling Huon pine - so valuable for ship building - on the banks of the mighty Gordon River. The harbour mouth is named 'Hell's Gate', because of the fearsome reputation held by the penal colony within. Built up on the back of the local timber industry, Strahan is now one of Tasmania's quaintest towns with its old timber buildings, scenic port and natural backdrop of weathered mountains and thick native bush. Taking a cruise out of Hell's Gate into the Southern Ocean and upriver into the World Heritage-Listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park is an awe-inspiring visit to pristine wilderness: a real highlight of Tasmania. Strahan is also home to the restored 2896 railway which steams 22 miles across rivers and mountains to the old mining settlement at Queenstown.

LAKE ST CLAIR & CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Lake St Clair and Cradle Mountain are two iconic elements of this Tasmanian World Heritage area. The scenery is awe-inspiring, as eucalyptus forests give way to mountain scenery reminiscent of Scotland's finest. Whether taking a gentle walk around the enchanting Dove Lake, a summit walk to Cradle Mountain peak or even indulging in the six to eight day 'Overland Track' from Cradle Mountain to Lake St Clair, you are highly likely to encounter wallabies, wombats and possums at close quarters. As well as the walking you can visit the Waldheim Hut, home to pioneer conservationist Gustav Weindorfer, the Wilderness Photography Gallery, experience bountiful fly-fishing, horse riding and even see the wilderness from the air on a spectacular flight across lakes and peaks from Cradle Valley.



Highland Plateau



Gordon River wilderness cruise

STANLEY

Stanley is an enchanting historic fishing village which is an ideal base from which to explore the wild and remote Northwest coast. You'll discover penguin rookeries, seal colonies and platypus in streams as well as historic sites, cave systems and grand coastal features. A highlight is the lovely Table Cape headland, ablaze with tulips in spring time, while at Stanley itself you can walk to the summit of the Table Mountain-like hill know as 'The Nut'. Nearby lie the ruins of Highfield Historic House (1928) and to the west you can see wild Tasmanian Devils in abundance at the Arthur River or simply unwind with some of the region's glorious cheeses.

DELORAINÉ

This artistic region is in the lee of the lovely Western Tiers and is home to many idyllic valleys which hold charming villages such as Delorainé that were first settled by colonial pioneers in the early 1800s. This history accounts for the many National Trust and heritage-listed buildings located in what resembles quintessentially English landscape. You will find sculpture trails, pottery shops, cheese factories and berry farms as you explore the area. There are also dramatic natural features such as the lovely Liffey Falls, Mole Creek National Park's glow worm-filled karst cave systems and the Devil's Gullet viewing point on the rim of the Western Tiers.



Calstock Hotel

🏠 Calstock Hotel, Delorainé

Built in 1831, Calstock is the most elegant and charming small hotel you are ever likely to find. Restored in 1999, the six rooms are all individually decorated to impeccably high standards and have some of Tasmania's most lovely rolling countryside views. The house is decorated in an English country house style with lofty ceilings, marble mantelpieces and fine plasterwork. Your hosts Remi and Ginett Bancal bring Gallic charm and professionalism with them from their time working at top restaurants in Australia as well as the Paris Ritz. The organic cuisine is Tasmanian (much grown on site) while the wine list has won several Australia-wide awards.

🏠 Cradle Mountain Lodge

Cradle Mountain Lodge harks back to bygone days of exploration, now translated into luxurious log cabin accommodation. With no telephones or televisions in the cabins, this is an unashamedly wilderness lodge set in the heart of Tasmania's Cradle Mountain and Lake Clair World Heritage Area. The lodge offers fine wine and food, served in front of a roaring log fire set in timber constructed buildings. Located close to Cradle Mountain Visitors' Centre, perfectly placed to explore the area by car, on foot or on horseback. A spectrum of accommodation is on offer to suit all tastes and budgets, from the charming Pencil Pine Cabins up to the opulent King Billy Suites.



Cradle Mountain Lodge

THE WOMBAT & WINE TRAIL

Explore the delights of Freycinet and Maria Island national parks, cruise from Hobart towards Bruny Island and gain a fascinating insight into the convict history of Australia at Port Arthur while staying in just a few well located bed & breakfasts. You also get to watch the wombats in the beautiful Cradle Mountain World Heritage Area and enjoy the wine tasting in the Tamar Valley. This well-balanced self-drive is for independent travellers keen to see all the highlights at an unhurried pace.

- Day 1:** Arrive Launceston and drive to Swansea.
- Day 2:** Day trip to Freycinet National Park, Wineglass Bay and Hazard's mountains.
- Day 3:** Day trip to Maria Island with its prolific wildlife including wallabies, kangaroos and wombats before driving to Richmond.
- Day 4:** Visit Hobart's Salamanca Market (Saturday) and then cruise to Peppermint Bay for a waterside lunch.
- Day 5:** Guided historical tour to Richmond and Port Arthur.
- Day 6:** Drive to Strahan and the west coast, via Mount Field National Park.
- Day 7:** Gordon River day cruise, then drive to Cradle Mountain National Park.
- Day 8:** Day at leisure exploring Cradle Mountain's scenery and wildlife.
- Day 9:** Drive to Launceston area through the rolling scenery of northern Tasmania.
- Day 10:** Day trip exploring the Tamar Valley wineries and villages.
- Day 11:** Depart from Tasmania.



Wombat

TAILOR-MADE TRAVEL

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LAUNCESTON

Historic Launceston and the Tamar Valley blend history, scenery and the superb flavours of food and wine. Launceston is a city of contrasts; a short walk from the graceful Victorian facades is the scenic Cataract Gorge with its peacocks and rhododendrons, fern glades and spacious lawns. Take a heritage walk exploring the city's history, colonial churches and elegant architecture. Travel the Tamar Valley wine route through many award winning cool-climate wineries for which Tasmania is gaining a world-beating reputation, as well as the Grubb Shaft Gold and Heritage Museum - one of Tassie's largest goldmines - and coastal Georgetown where you can see fairy penguins in their natural habitat. Personalised tours can lead you to private wine tastings, exploring forest reserves and face to face meetings with Bennett's wallaby.



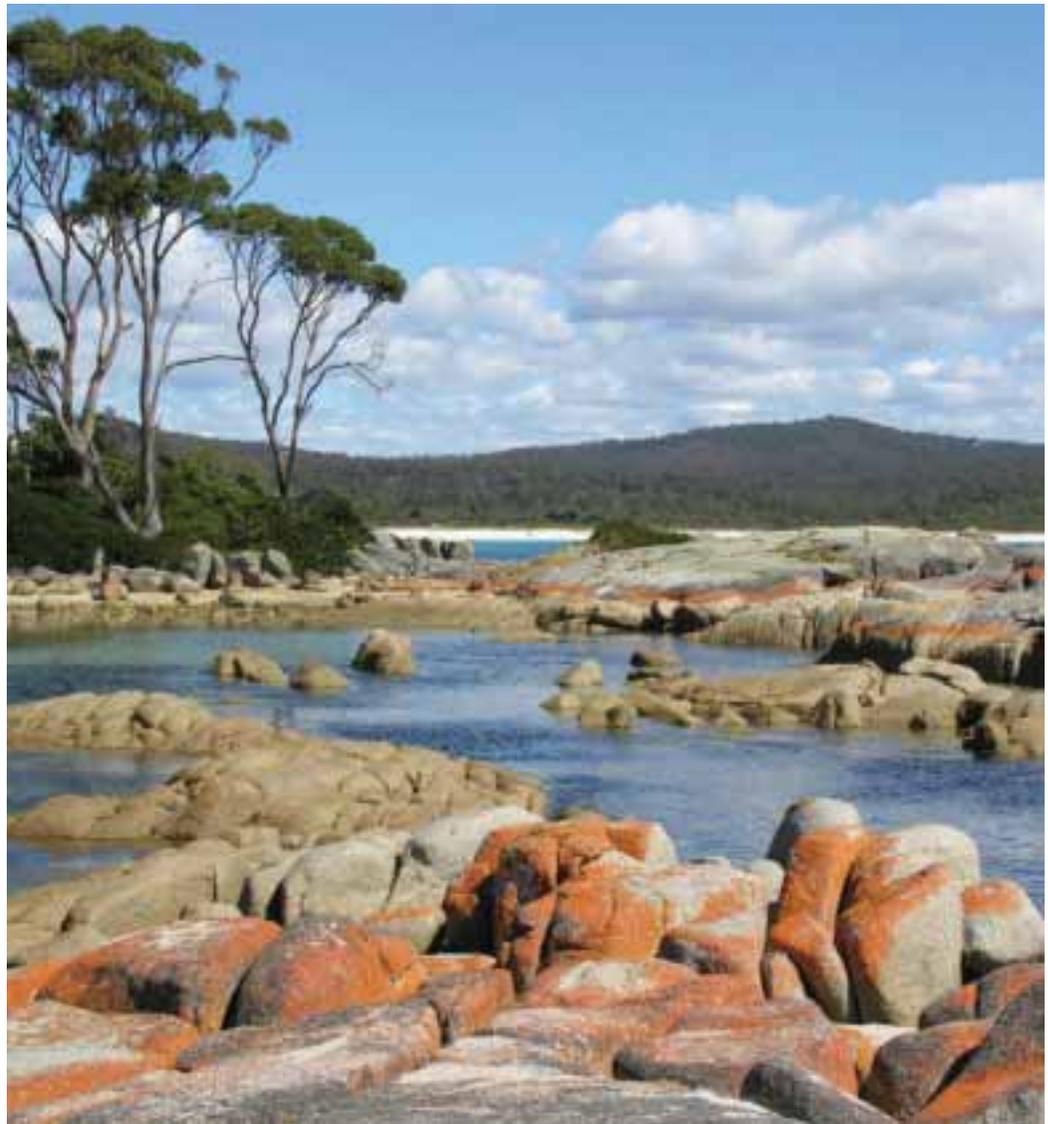
Brickendon Cottages

Brickendon Cottages, Longford

Brickendon is one of Tasmania's oldest farming properties and is located just a few minutes drive from Launceston. Settled in 1824 by William Archer, this magnificent rural estate has been continuously owned and farmed by his direct descendants, now in their seventh generation. Set close to old farm buildings or the renowned gardens are a number of self-contained cottages that simply ooze character and charm from their exposed beam rafters to the fragrant gardens complete with little picket-fence boundaries and the simply lovely rural views.

BINALONG BAY & BAY OF FIRES

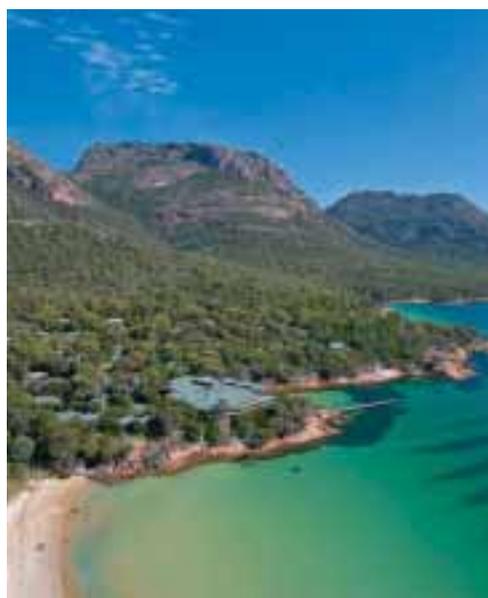
Words fail to describe the beauty of the Bay of Fires Coastal Reserve, so-called because the first sighting of the shores by European sailors was ablaze with Aboriginal camp fires. Starting at Binalong Bay, the sparkling white sands, turquoise waters and granite shoreline, covered in fiery red lichen, stretch along 30 kilometres of coast to the Eddystone lighthouse. Explore a good portion of this reserve by car or by indulging in a luxury wilderness walk. Native wildlife, including wallabies and wombats can be seen in abundance which adds to the experience. The remote northeast's Blue Mountains can be explored from Binalong Bay, including the magnificent St Columba Falls at Pyengena. For the active visitors the area is known for its game-fishing from St Helens and the great kelp forest diving.



Binalong Bay

FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

Located on the east coast, at the southern tip of the Freycinet Peninsula, this national park is the highlight of Tasmania for many people. Dominated by the granite peaks of the Hazards Mountain range, the park is forested wilderness accessible only by walking tracks or boat. Paths criss-cross the peninsula; from the 40 minute climb to view iconic Wineglass Bay to the luxury-tented walk of several days, there are options to suite all tastes. Secluded little coves shelter white sand beaches that can be explored by sea-kayak, walked to on well-maintained tracks or simply enjoyed from afar.



Freycinet Lodge

Freycinet Lodge, Great Oyster Bay

This property offers a real wilderness experience right on your doorstep. Set above the lovely Great Oyster Bay, you are also just a short walk away from the delightful Wineglass Bay. The lodge offers numerous activities from 4WD trips to cycle hire and guided walks in the lush Freycinet National Park. Accommodation is in secluded cabins which all have their own private balcony. The Freycinet and Wineglass (with spa) cabins have just one room, while Oyster Bay cabins have two rooms and a kitchenette, offering ideal accommodation for families (not bookable by couples). Luxurious Wineglass Premier Cabins are a real notch up for those that wish to spoil themselves.

Bed in the Treetops B&B, Binalong Bay

The last guests prior to Audley's visit wrote "The Treetops are halfway to heaven". Nestled in native bush on the hilltop above Binalong Bay at the southern end of the Bay of Fires this property has fabulous sweeping ocean views. The luxury suite is a cabin built around whole tree trunk pillars giving it a distinctive back-to-nature feel. However, with a double spa bath and a private sun deck you are pampered beyond all expectation. Your hosts Bruce and Marianne ensure that you feel at home and then give you as much privacy as you wish. The only other locals you will meet here are kookaburras, sea eagles, wallabies and possums.



Maria Island

SWANSEA

This charming seaside town is a holiday destination for many Tasmanians. Its great fishing and relaxed coastal lifestyle combined with dramatic views over Great Oyster Bay to the Hazards mountains and Freycinet Peninsula are understandable attractions. However, the biggest pull is its ideal touring location. It is just an hour north to Freycinet National Park with all its activities and half an hour south to catch the Maria Island National Park ferry, making Swansea a perfect base to explore the east coast highlights without needing to repack your bags.

Piermont Retreat, Swansea

The setting for Piermont Retreat is just breathtaking and is a real Audley 'find'. On 20 hectares of serene beach frontage sit snug cottages made of local stone and rammed earth. Using local timber and Kashmiri slate they are built 'bio-sustainably' and blend into the native bush gardens. The views across Oyster Bay include Freycinet National Park and the Hazards mountain range. As well as providing bed & breakfast accommodation, Piermont's location, just two kilometres from Swansea, means it is a perfect base from which to explore Freycinet National Park in one direction and Maria Island National Park in the other. Nine Mile Beach and Coles Bay are right on the doorstep as well.



Piermont Retreat

MARIA ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Maria Island National Park offers the most amazing diversity of geography, flora and fauna experiences to be found anywhere in Tasmania. There are pristine white sand beaches bordered by granite boulders covered in startling red lichen and dramatic mountains with dense forests that vary from tall eucalyptus to alpine scrub as the altitude changes. There is a strong colonial history with buildings from the 19th century varying from penal settlement to the ghost town of Darlington that was once home to hundreds. Aboriginal campsites can still be found on the shoreline and fossil cliffs reveal secrets of life from millions of years past. Arguably the highlight though is the stunning amount of native wildlife including wallabies, wombats, cockatoos and penguins which can all be found within easy walking distance of the shores. The island can be visited for day trips by ferry or enjoyed at length on a guided three-day walk (see page 81).



Wineglass Bay

WILD TASMANIA

Explore Tasmania in depth and discover a wealth of diverse scenery, fascinating wildlife and undiscovered wild places. Including the balmy east coast's Bay of Fires, Maria Island and Freycinet National Parks as well as the wilderness regions of the Franklin-Gordon rivers and the majesty of Cradle Mountain National Park, this trip touches on all of the state's real gems. The trip features a two night cruise into the utter wilderness of the enormous west coast World Heritage Area and a wildlife extravaganza on the Maria Island gourmet walk which will delight walkers of moderate fitness.

- Day 1:** Arrive in Launceston and drive to Binalong Bay in the scenic northeast.
- Day 2:** Day exploring the Bay of Fires.
- Day 3:** Drive south to Freycinet National Park.
- Day 4:** Day exploring Freycinet National Park, kayaking to secluded coves.
- Day 5:** Start the four day Maria Island guided walk.
- Day 6:** Day two of the Maria Island guided walk spotting the abundant wildlife.
- Day 7:** Day three of the Maria Island walk.
- Day 8:** Final day of the Maria Island walk followed by a drive to Richmond.
- Day 9:** Guided tour of historic Richmond and the penal colony of Port Arthur.
- Day 10:** Cruise from Hobart to visit kelp forests, salmon farms and wildlife reserves before mooring for lunch at Peppermint Bay.
- Day 11:** Drive to Strahan and board your two night World Heritage Cruise.
- Day 12:** Cruising the Gordon River World Heritage Area and Hell's Gate.
- Day 13:** Cruise to Sarah Island and then drive to Cradle Mountain National Park.
- Day 14:** Take a scenic flight over Dove Lake and Cradle Mountain.
- Day 15:** Drive to Devonport and board the 'Spirit of Tasmania' overnight ferry to Victoria.



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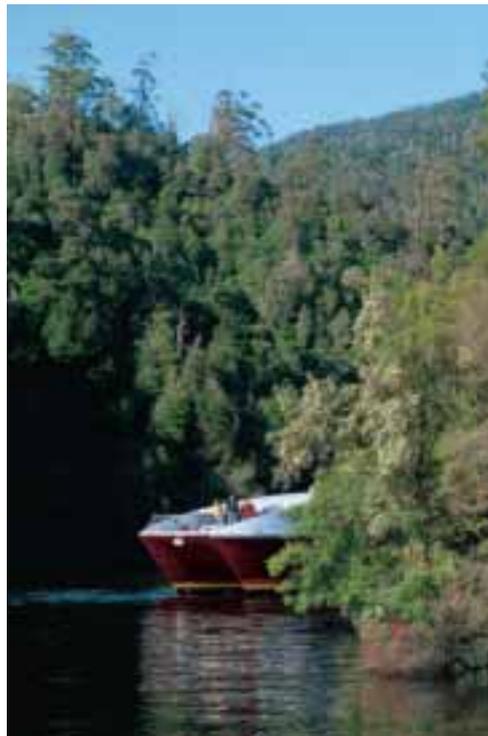
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Franklin-Gordon river

WILDLIFE & NATURE IN TASMANIA

Tasmania's landscape varies dramatically within its small area. Parts of the north and the central highway are reminiscent of middle England with its gently undulating arable lands. However, with much of the island designated a World Heritage Area, it is the wild scenery with its often unique flora and fauna that really stands out. The mountainous inland glacial landscapes include Cradle Mountain and the Walls of Jerusalem National Parks while the Mount Field National Park is home to beautiful alpine scenery and eucalypt forests. The west coast consists of steep, jagged cliffs and absolute wilderness as it receives the full fury of the southern oceans, whipped up over vast expanses of seas by the 'roaring forties' winds, resulting in many ships foundering on wicked rocks. The east coast consists of mile after mile of white sand beaches, broken up by granite headlands, sheathed in orange lichen. The southwest of Tasmania is well known for its wild rivers. The Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park is home to two that thread for 75 miles through largely unexplored, pristine forest wilderness and is the last remaining bastion of Huon pine, once highly valued for its ship building qualities. The wildlife in Tasmania is diverse and abundant, so you are likely to come across wombats, eastern grey and Bennett's wallabies, echidnas, Tasmanian Devils, quolls, parakeets, platypus, penguins and an array of birdlife. In order to really experience the wildlife, you are advised to get off the beaten track with one of the guided tours available. We have selected four of the very best that will allow you to experience the wilderness in comfort.



Heritage Cruise

🏠 Franklin-Gordon Rivers World Heritage Cruise

Sheer size and almost total isolation have kept the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park virtually inaccessible to all but the hardest of bushwalkers and kayakers. With more than one million hectares of rugged mountains, wild rivers and one of the world's last great temperate rainforests, it is home to some of the oldest plants and rarest creatures in the world. The luxury small ship 'Discovery' allows just 24 guests a magical experience visiting the remote river valleys and majestic gorges of this World Heritage Park in comfort on a three day cruise that takes you, from Strahan (page 76), across Macquarie Harbour and 20 kilometres upstream into the heart of the wilderness. Included are twilight walks through copses of Huon pine, kayaking near platypus, exploring the old penal colony of Sarah Island and cruising out of Hells Gate. Gourmet dining adds a further dimension to this very special experience.



Bay of Fires

Bay of Fires Walk

At the edge of Mount William National Park, the magnificent wilderness coastline known as the Bay of Fires (page 78) invites you to experience its dramatic landscape and wildlife. Led by well-informed Tasmanian guides, small groups can explore both the fascinating beach environment and the rich diversity of the nearby woodlands. The first night of this three day walk is spent in a permanent bush camp set in the sand dunes just back from the beach, while the following two nights are in the lovely Bay of Fires Lodge. You will spend the free day relaxing and kayaking up Ansons River in Mount William National Park, a haven for wildlife and home to the largest population of eastern grey kangaroos in the state, as well echinadas, brush-tail possums, wombats, Bennett's wallabies and Tasmanian Devils. Birdlife too is abundant, with over 100 species occurring in the park, including many varieties of sea and shore birds. The area is one of great significance to the Aboriginal community and huge middens of discarded shells are a reminder of days when tribes would migrate to the coast in winter to forage for shellfish, mutton birds and seals. Up to 10,000 years ago these Aboriginal tribes would cross the land bridge that once connected Tasmania to the mainland. Today, looking north to Bass Strait, the remnants of this land bridge - the Islands of the Furneaux Group - can be clearly seen from the coastline of this magnificent national park.

Bay of Fires Lodge

This is the only building in this near-unknown wilderness paradise and has views up and down the pristine white sand beaches. In the lodge's magnificent living area, with a large timber deck and open fire, you'll enjoy delicious meals prepared with the freshest local produce and accompanied by fine Tasmanian wines. Solar power provides the lighting and hot showers in a building whose very concept was based on 'eco-sustainability'.



Maria Island

Maria Island Walk

Tasmania's newest four day "Gourmet Walk" really will captivate you from the Hobart start point onwards. The island has a compelling mix of tranquility, varied scenery, abundant wildlife and one of Australia's best preserved convict settlements. Aboriginal ochre pits, ancient fossil cliffs as well as the flora and fauna are really brought to life by your informative local guides. This walk features the indulgence of meals prepared with fine Tasmanian produce and accompanied by regional wines served at your magnificent beachfront wilderness camp. Your final night is spent in a National Trust Listed house, a magnificent banquet is a fitting finale. What makes the walk unique is the fantastic variety of geography, flora and fauna that you will experience in just four days, a real roller-coaster of diverse sights and sounds.



Cape Barren goose

Cradle Mountain Huts Walk

Cradle Mountain National Park is home to one of the southern hemisphere's great wilderness walks. The 64 kilometre track has traditionally been enjoyed by only the most serious of walkers who have taken all provisions with them on a gruelling hike that extends from Cradle Valley to Lake St Clair through spectacular landscapes. The Cradle Mountain Huts six-day walk follows the famous Overland Track and now allows walkers to enjoy the trek while staying in five, comfortable, well-appointed huts. After a hard day's walk with stunning views you will find yourself at a rustic dining table, in convivial company, for a hearty meal prepared by your guides with fine Tasmanian wine and cheerful conversation. Your twin-share rooms are in the only private huts in the area. The eco-friendly design ensures that your hot showers, cooked meals and local wines do not impact the environment while local guides will enhance the journey with their knowledge and understanding of the flora, fauna, geology and history of the Overland Track and tales about the World Heritage Area.



Bay of Fires