

# 14 Day | Tasmanian Explorer

Monday 11 November to Sunday 24 November 2024

A place of wild beauty, friendly people and haunting history evoked by world-famous convict ruins.

***Experience Tasmania's spectacular rugged beauty dotted with the colours of Spring. Journey into pristine wilderness by land and river and uncover the compelling convict heritage set deep within the historical towns.***

**14 days – Twin / Double    \$ 7780.00**  
**Single    \$ 8990.00**  
**Deposit    \$500.00**

**Inc Airfares – Brisbane > Launceston  
Hobart > Brisbane**

**Inc – private transfers - Home p/up & return\***  
**\* Sunshine Coast Regions & Brisbane**



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**DAY 1: (D) BRISBANE – MELBOURNE – LAUNCESTON****Monday 11 November 2024**

Welcome fellow explorers! Greeting our coach captain, we head to Brisbane Airport where we find ourselves boarding our flight, eager to begin our holiday to the stunning state of Tasmania! In Melbourne we board our second flight into **Launceston**, where we are welcomed by our wonderful local coach captain. Settling into our comfortable accommodation, we freshen up for dinner.

**2 nights | Best Western Plus Launceston | 03 6333 9999**

Dinner at the Hotel

**DAY 2: (BLD) GOLDMINES, UNIQUE WILDLIFE AND BEAUTIFUL LOOKOUTS****Tuesday 12 November**

This morning we discover **Cataract Gorge**, the magnificent oasis in the city. After a pleasant stroll exploring the landscaped gardens we head to the majestic **Tamar Valley**. We begin at Beaconsfield where we'll visit the **Gold and Heritage Museum**, a place where you can lose yourself within its history. Play with treasures from the past and uncover a different story around every corner. At **Beauty Point**, gain unique access into the world of the mysterious seahorse and watch the shy Tasmanian platypus' going about their daily business hunting for mealworms. We enjoy **lunch at Seahorse World** before heading to George Town and Low Head, at the mouth of the Tamar. The Low Head Pilot Station and Maritime Museum has interesting exhibits to view before heading back to Launceston.

Breakfast &amp; Dinner at the Hotel | lunch at Seahorse World

**DAY 3: (BLD) LAUNCESTON TO SWANSEA****Wednesday 13 November**

Greeting our coach captain, we set out on our journey eastward towards Scottsdale, the main centre in this area, surrounded by some of the richest agricultural and forest lands in the State. Close by is **Bridestowe Estate Lavender Farm** beckoning us with its fragrant allure during a **tour** of the flower shed and distillery. Venturing on we detour to the hidden gem of Legerwood, renowned for its incredible tree carvings. Next is a stop at the **Dairy Factory**, nestled amidst Pyengana's fertile valley. Here we are treated to a symphony of flavours of cloth bound cheddar cheese delights our senses. After a satisfying **lunch** in the café, we set forth to our overnight stay in the coastal haven of Swansea.

**1 night | Swansea Motor Inn | 03 6257 8102**

Breakfast at Hotel | Lunch in Pyengana | Dinner at Tavern

**DAY 4: (BLD) FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK & WINEGLASS BAY****Thursday 14 November**

With the impressive Hazard Mountain Range as our backdrop, we head to Coles Bay to cruise magical **Wineglass Bay**. Step aboard the cruise vessel and experience this place of beauty, from the sights of Freycinet Peninsula to the abundant wildlife. Dropping anchor inside Wineglass Bay, take in the tranquility of one of the world's most beautiful beaches and perfect turquoise waters. With the water lapping the boat, feel spoilt as we enjoy some of the area's finest and freshest produce for lunch. It will be a day to remember. Disembarking, we travel through to Hobart we check into our lodgings for 4 nights.

**4 nights | Wrest Point Hotel Casino, Hobart | 03 6225 0112**

Breakfast at Tavern | Lunch on cruise | Dinner at Hotel

**DAY 5: (BLD) HISTORICAL HOBART & THE HUON VALLEY****Friday 15 November**

Embarking on a sightseeing tour of Hobart, we find ourselves immersed in the echoes of the past, discovering the stories of its convict history. Explore **Sullivans Cove** and the quaint cottages of **Battery Point**, the architecture whispering tales from long ago. Grateful for our guide's expertise, we then make our way to the **Cascades Female Factory**. Here we witness the compelling account of **The Proud and the Punished** which centres around a resilient female petty criminal who courageously challenges the system of punishment and redemption. Through a poignant dramatization, the story unfolds revealing both tragedy and triumph, showcasing the spirit of a woman enduring the hardships of the female factory. From the historical sites, we head into the picturesque **Huon Valley**, where nature's beauty astounds us. In the

embrace of the Tahune Forest, we enjoy lunch before experiencing a gentle treetop stroll through its canopy, along the **Tahune Air Walk**, capping off a wonderful day.

Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel | Lunch at the Tahune Air Walk

#### DAY 6: (BLD) SALAMANCA MARKETS AND THE PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE Saturday 16 November

The **Salamanca Markets** are a highlight of a visit to Hobart so we spend some time wandering the stalls along the tree-lined street. From here we experience a humbling visit to the **Port Arthur Historic Site**, a stirring reminder of the harsh conditions endured by the early European inhabitants. We commence our expedition at the **Visitor Interpretative Centre** where we are taken on a fascinating journey, leading us through the captivating life of a convict from the moment of his petty crime to the haunting shores of Port Arthur. Pausing for lunch, we are then guided through the **Penal Settlement**, followed by the opportunity to join a cruise around the Harbour passing the sombre **Isle of the Dead**. Granted the freedom to explore at our own pace, reflect on those who once trod these grounds and the struggles they endured. We bid farewell to the site to return to Hobart. We pause to admire the wonders of nature gracing the Tasman Peninsula, including the awe-inspiring **Tasman Arch** and the mesmerizing **Devils Kitchen** where the wild forces of the environment has carved artistry in the rock.

Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel | Lunch at Port Arthur Historic Site

#### DAY 7: (BL) EXPLORING BRUNY ISLAND Sunday 17 November

Today is dedicated to savouring the delights of one of Tasmania's most pristine and preserved paradises - **Bruny Island**. Taking the ferry to Adventure Bay we begin an authentic gourmet journey, surrounded by incredible scenery. Be on the lookout for the elusive white wallaby, adding an element of excitement to our adventure. Our expedition leads us to the home of Bruny Island's succulent Oysters, indulgent Fudge, exquisite Wine and much more. Sample these delectable products, savouring each taste whilst uncovering the stories behind their harvest and creation. With contented bellies and appreciation of the island's gifts, we return to Hobart and perhaps a lighter dinner, of your choosing.

Breakfast at Hotel | Lunch on tour | Dinner own arrangement and cost

#### DAY 8: (BLD) HOBART TO STRAHAN Monday 18 November

After the sun has graced the horizon, we gather our belongings and set off on our journey to the state's wild west coast. Our first stop at **Derwent Bridge** unveils the impressive **Wall in the Wilderness**, a collection of beautifully carved works depicting the trials and triumphs of the people in the Central Highlands. These artistic masterpieces offer a poignant glimpse into the endurance and spirit of those who lived amidst the rugged wilderness. Enjoying lunch at the **Wilderness Hotel**, our expedition continues through the untouched wilderness of the **Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park**. A moment to stretch our legs beckons at the easily accessible **Nelson Falls**. Educational guides will unravel the mysteries of the evolving habitat and the native flora. With cameras ready, we meander at our own pace through the lush rainforest to the stunning waterfall. Witness some spectacular scenery making the climb into **Queenstown** before arriving into the coastal haven of **Strahan** for the next two nights.

2 nights | Strahan Village | 03 6471 4200

Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel | Lunch at Wilderness Hotel

#### DAY 9: (BLD) EXPLORING THE GORDON RIVER Tuesday 19 November

Cruising down the iconic **Gordon River** is a must do when visiting Tasmania. Our cruise will bring the river and its rich history to life for an unforgettable experience. Cruising the **scenic waterways**, we'll listen to the intriguing stories of the region, passing through **Hells Gates** we step ashore **Sarah Island** to see some of Australia's oldest convict ruins. It's a great day topped off with a beautiful buffet lunch. On return to Strahan, there will be time to explore the village including the visitor centre and **Huon Pine Saw Mill**.

Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel | Lunch on cruise

**DAY 10: (BLD) STRAHAN TO SMITHTON via CRADLE MOUNTAIN****Wednesday 20 November**

Today we discover the rugged mountains, ancient rainforests and stunning scenery of **Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park**. Be sure to have your camera handy as today's tour promises breathtaking landscapes and unforgettable sights. **Dove Lake** is a glacially carved body of water nestled directly beneath the majestic Cradle Mountain. Prepare to be mesmerized by the amazing views that unfold before our eyes. We also take a short drive to **Waldheim Chalet**, the forest home of pioneer Gustav Weindorfer. A well-deserved lunch awaits, giving us a moment to take in our tranquil surroundings. Our afternoon's journey is to our comfortable and well-appointed hotel in Smithton. Settling into its warm embrace, the **Tall Timbers Hotel** will treat us to stunning rural views.

**2 nights | Tall Timbers Hotel Motel, Smithton | 03 6452 9000**  
Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel | Lunch at Cradle Mountain Hotel

**DAY 11: (BLD) WOOLNORTH STATION****Thursday 21 November**

We have a sensational day planned, starting with a visit to **Woolnorth Station**, Australia's biggest dairy operation. Located in the far North West corner of Tasmania, we explore the historic precinct on a guided tour taking in the old farm buildings, Tasmania's first **wind farm** and interpretive centre. On our tour, we also visit **Cape Grim** where the Bureau of Meteorology has measured the cleanest air in the world since 1976. The cape offers sensational seascape views overlooking the islands off the North West Tip. We enjoy a delicious lunch before we return to our accommodation with the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel | Lunch at Woolnorth Station

**DAY 12: (BLD) ARTHUR RIVER TO DEVONPORT****Friday 22 November**

Our destination today is to an enchanting corner of untouched beauty. The remote sanctuary is on the far north-west coast where the **Arthur River** winds serenely through a pristine and wild wilderness. This sacred land stands undisturbed and unblemished by logging, dams or the ravages of fire. While cruising this spectacular part of the world, we are accompanied by a local guide who shares with us a wealth of knowledge on the region's plant life, historical significance and the ancient indigenous tribes who lived here. You'll also witness the feeding of completely wild sea eagles that nest on the banks of the river. Back on dry land we make our way through to **Devonport**.

**1 night | Gateway Hotel by Nightcap Plus Devonport | 03 6424 4922**  
Breakfast & Dinner at Hotel | Lunch on tour

**DAY 13: (BLD) DEVONPORT TO HOBART via THE GREAT LAKE****Saturday 23 November**

We embark on a delightful path today, first taking in the charming town of **Sheffield**, nestled at the foot of Mount Roland. Here, history and art intertwine into vibrant murals, an ode to the creative spirit that thrives within this quirky haven. At Elizabeth Town **Ashgrove Cheese Factory** invites us to savour their range of award-winning cheeses. From the richness of English county cheeses to unique flavours such as Wild Wasabi cheese. We then venture through the sparsely inhabited and the undeniably breathtaking expanse of the Central Highlands, flanked by the **Great Lake**. This shimmering gem, harnessed for hydroelectricity, stands as Australia's second largest freshwater lake. Pausing at the lookout grants us a perfect moment for a photo opportunity to capture the pristine landscape. A little further on we break for lunch at the **Great Lake Hotel**. Having satisfied our appetites, we continue our journey passing through the historically classified town of Bothwell, where the unmistakable Scottish influence leaves its mark on the architecture and streetscape. With a slight detour, we have time to make a stop in **Richmond**. With its streets paved in history we view Australia's oldest, convict-built bridge. Arriving into **Hobart** we take time to refresh for a celebratory evening out to commemorate the end of our unforgettable tour.

**1 night | Grand Chancellor Hobart | 03 6235 4535**  
Breakfast at Hotel | Lunch at Great Lake Hotel | Dinner at Drunken Admiral



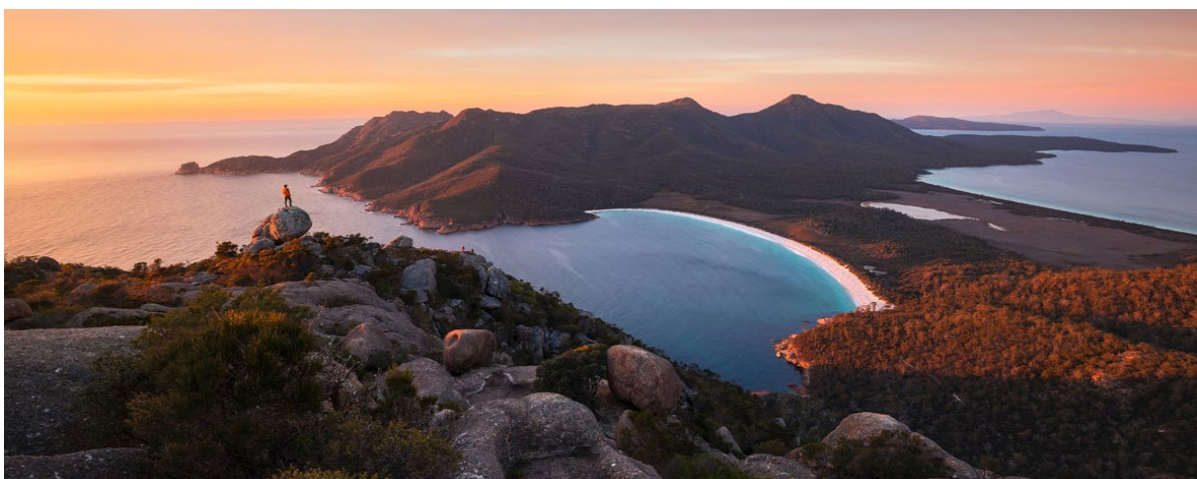
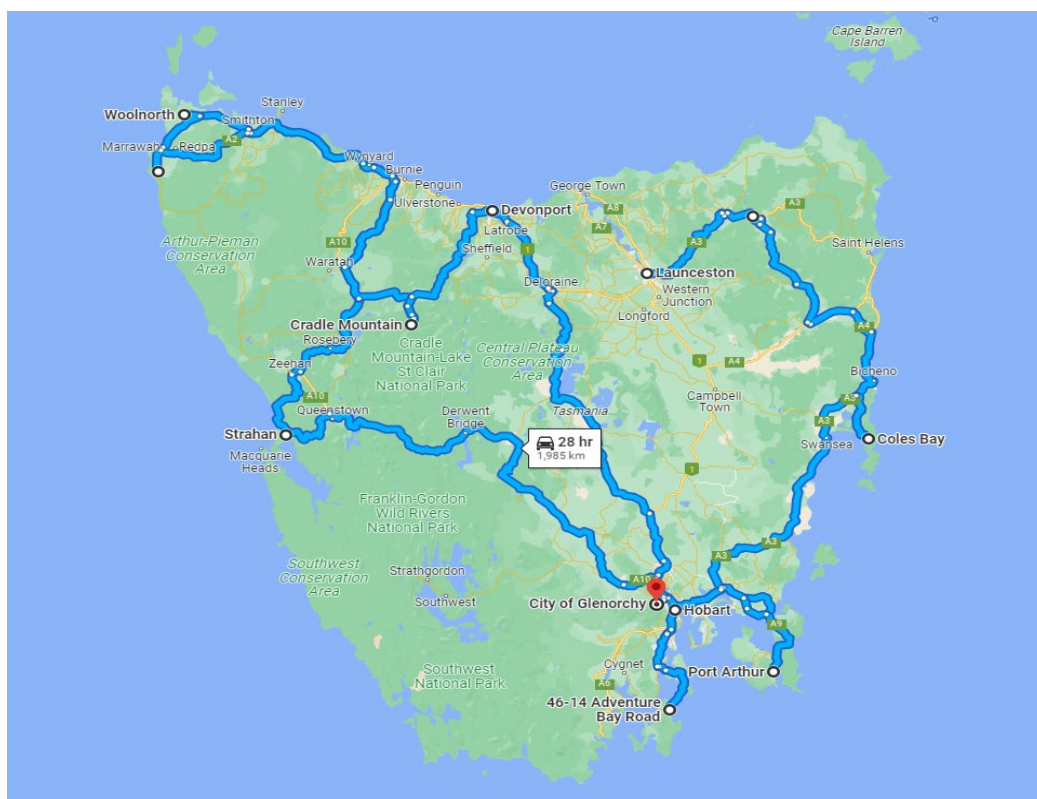
## DAY 14: (B) HOBART TO BRISBANE

Sunday 24 November

Wow, what a spectacular holiday to have experienced! Discovering breathtaking beauty from towering mountains to completely wild and pristine wilderness. Exploring charming towns and villages steeped with intriguing history and unique charm. Boarding our flight in Hobart, we begin our return journey home to Queensland. We arrive later this afternoon eager to share our stunning photos and everlasting memories with friends and family.

Breakfast at Hotel

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## Tour Inclusions

- 13 night's motel accommodation
- Private transfers\* – Home to Brisbane Airport & return \* *Sunshine Coast Regions & Brisbane*
- Airfare – Brisbane to Launceston
- Airfare – Hobart to Brisbane
- 12 motel Cooked Breakfasts
- 10 motel 2 course Dinners
- 12 included lunches
- Luxury coach for transfers and touring
- Guided tour at Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Museum
- Lunch and guided tour to Seahorse World
- Tour and talk at Platypus House
- Self-guided tour at Low Head Pilot Station and Maritime Museum
- Guided tour at Bridestowe Estate Lavender Farm
- Lunch at the Holy Cow Café, Pyengana
- Comprehensive Tour, Talk & Tastings at the Pyengana Dairy Factory
- Dinner at the Bark Mill Tavern on day 3
- Breakfast at the Bark Mill Tavern on day 4
- Cruise on Wineglass Bay including lunch with Pennicott Wilderness Journeys
- Self-guided tour and The Proud and the Punished show at Cascades Female Factory
- Lunch and guided walk at Tahune Adventures, Huon Valley
- Entry and light lunch at the Port Arthur Historic Site
- Bruny Island tour including lunch with Pennicott Wilderness Journeys, Hobart
- Entry to the Wall in the Wilderness, Derwent Bridge
- Lunch at the Wilderness Hotel, Derwent Bridge
- Sarah Island cruise with Gordon River Cruises including lunch, Strahan
- 2 hour Park Explorer Tour, Cradle Mountain
- Light lunch at the Cradle Mountain Hotel
- Guided tour and lunch at Woolnorth Tours, Smithton
- Arthur River Cruise including morning tea and BBQ lunch, Smithton
- Self-guided tour and tastings at Ashgrove Cheese Factory, Elizabeth Town
- Lunch at the Great Lake Hotel, Miena
- Dinner at the Drunken Admiral Restaurant

## Confirmed Accommodation

- Best Western Plus Launceston – 2 nights
- Swansea Motor Inn – 1 night
- Wrest Point Hotel Casino – 4 nights
- Strahan Village – 2 nights
- Tall Timbers Hotel Motel – 2 nights
- Gateway Hotel by Nightcap Plus – 1 night
- Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart – 1 night

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