

# Tasmania

Depart Cairns 16th February at 5.10AM arrive Sydney 9.10AM – Virgin

Depart Sydney 16th February at 2.30PM arrive Launceston 4.15PM – Virgin

Commence the following tour with Travelmarvel in Launceston on the 16th February and ending in Launceston on the 25th February

Arrive Launceston, Beaconsfield

On arrival, you'll transfer to your hotel in Launceston. After settling in, enjoy a picturesque journey following the Tamar River. **Stay:** Launceston, Hotel Grand Chancellor (D)

**Insider Experience:** Visit the gold mining town of Beaconsfield, and take a guided tour of the Mine & Heritage Centre.

2 Launceston, Bicheno

Drive through the scenic wine-producing area of northern Tasmania. Traverse Weldborough Pass and stop at East Coast Natureworld. Here, meet a Tasmanian devil and other native animals. Continue on to the seaside town of Bicheno. Later, you might like to gain a special insight into the lives of little penguins (own expense). **Stay:** Beachfront Bicheno (B/D)

**Insider Experience:** At Bridestowe Lavender Estate, enjoy a guided tour of the distillery and sample unique lavender-inspired fare.

3 Freycinet National Park, Richmond, Port Arthur

Home to pristine beaches, rugged landscapes and granite peaks, Freycinet is a place of breathtaking natural beauty. Explore the park and take in the stunning surrounds. Continue south to Richmond, home to the historic Richmond Bridge. Built by convicts in the 1820s, it is Australia's oldest bridge. On the way to Port Arthur, see how nature and time have created spectacular rock formations such as the Tessellated Pavement and Tasman Arch. **Stay:** Port Arthur Motor Inn (B/D)

**Insider Experience:** Travel into Freycinet National Park where you'll enjoy an insightful walk with a naturalist guide.

4 Port Arthur Historic Site, Hobart

At Port Arthur Historic Site, join a cruise around the Isle of the Dead and hear haunting stories about the convicts buried there. Later, travel to Hobart. This small capital city sure packs a punch with an endless supply of dining, cultural and nature-based experiences available. **Stay Two Nights:** RACV/RACT Hobart Apartment Hotel (B)

**Insider Experience:** Embark on a guided tour of the Port Arthur Historic Site, once Australia's most notorious convict prison.

#### 5 Hobart, Salamanca Market

Soak up the old-world charm and lively culture of the Tasmanian capital today. Wander around Salamanca Place, visit Constitution Dock and enjoy the views from the city's picturesque harbour. The Apple Isle also has a growing reputation for high quality food and wine, with Hobart at its core. Visit the famous Salamanca Market and peruse the treasures of Tasmania at more than 300 stalls, which showcase the best of the island's fresh and famous produce. (B)

#### 6 Hobart, Lake St Clair, Strahan

Framed by lush vegetation, the three-tiered Russell Falls is a jewel in the crown of Mt Field National Park. After a short walk to marvel at the famed falls, continue to World Heritage-listed Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park. Here, relish the pristine wilderness on the shores of Lake St Clair. Later, travel by coach to the town of Strahan and enjoy a buffet dinner at View 42° Restaurant and Bar this evening. **Stay:** Strahan Village Hilltop (B/D)

#### 7 Strahan, Cradle Mountain

On the brand-new Spirit of the Wild, cruise across Macquarie Harbour and enter the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. On arrival in Strahan, reboard your coach and head for Cradle Mountain. **Stay:** Cradle Mountain Hotel (B/L/D)

**Insider Experience:** Encounter Tasmanian nature at its finest during a stay at Cradle Mountain Hotel.

#### 8 Cradle Mountain, Sheffield, Smithton

Take in the serenity of Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park. This is quintessential Tasmania, where breathtaking landscapes are covered with alpine flora. Visit Waldheim Chalet and marvel at the views from the shores of Dove Lake. Then travel via the mural town of Sheffield to Stanley, set in the shadow of The Nut. Later, arrive in Tasmania's north-western town of Smithton. **Stay:** Smithton, Tall Timbers Hotel (B/D)

**Insider Experience:** Enjoy a three-course dinner at Tall Timbers, featuring seasonal produce.

#### 9 Smithton, Launceston

Journey to the Great Lake and admire the vast body of water that draw anglers from all over Australia. Continue to Launceston, where you will enjoy a Farewell Dinner and Drink. **Stay:** Launceston, Hotel Grand Chancellor (B/D)

**Insider Experience:** Sample some of Tasmania's finest chocolate during a tour at the House of Anvers.

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- 10 day tour including breakfast daily, 7 lunches, 1 dinner and sightseeing as per itinerary