

**Tasmania Tour**  
*History, Wilderness Heritage & the Heart of Tassie*  
**13 Days/12 Nights**



**Date:** Wednesday 9 to Monday 21 October 2024

**FREECALL 1800 611 735**

**DAY 1 – Wednesday**

**MLD**



Welcome aboard your 13 Day tour to Tasmania.

Your tour begins with mini-coach pick up in the morning from your home, before meeting with our large coach. We head south towards Goulburn for our morning stop. We then continue along the Hume Highway to **Yass**, to stop for a light lunch at **Yass Country Kitchen**. We spend the afternoon travelling to our overnight accommodation in Albury.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Best Western Plus Hovell Tree, Albury Ph 02 6042 3900

**DAY 2 – Thursday**

**BMD**



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Checking out from our motel at Albury, we make a stop for morning tea and lunch (own expense) along the way before reaching **Werribee** mid-afternoon where we visit **Werribee Park Mansion**. Completed in 1877 it was built in the Italianate style by pioneering pastoralists, the Chirnside brothers from Scotland. On arrival we will be introduced to the mansion before enjoying a **self-guided tour** at our own pace. We also have plenty of time to enjoy the formal gardens including a stroll through the **State Rose Garden**. We farewell our hosts and continue to **Geelong**. For the most of its history, Geelong has been one of the great wool cities of Australia. There are some 200 buildings in the area, that are classified as National Trust. We visit the **National Wool Museum** with its many displays dealing with the arts of shearing, wool cleaning, classing, pressing and despatching.

Afterwards, while the coach is being loaded onto the cargo deck of the **Spirit of Tasmania** we board and get settled in. The facilities on the vessel are extensive with lounges, bars, shops and viewing areas. It will be a relaxing evening cruising across the Bass Strait.

**\*\*Note: Please bring a small overnight bag to take on board The Spirit of Tasmania for this evening. Remaining luggage to stay on the coach\*\***

Dinner taken onboard The Spirit of Tasmania.

Accommodation: The Spirit of Tasmania – Port Hole Cabins



**DAY 3 – Friday**

**BD**



Welcome to Tassie! Capturing the excellent views over the Mersey River and the "Spirit of Tasmania" vessel, we settle our stomachs at **Argosy Motor Inn** with breakfast. Well rested and well fed we are ready to explore Tasmania!! **Don River Railway Museum** is our first stop where we have arranged a **tour** of the workshop as well as a **train ride**. Next, we head to **Sheffield**, a quirky, rural town at the foothills of the majestic Mount Roland, where history and art merge to create an entire **town of murals**. Once a centre for industry, the town has reinvented itself as an arts community and features more than 140 murals. We continue on to **Launceston**, where we will check in to our overnight accommodation.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Best Western Plus, Launceston Ph 03 6333 9999

*Please note: Some rooms with have shower over bath in ensuite*

## DAY 4 – Saturday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Today we head to the majestic **Tamar Valley**. First stop is **Grindelwald**, a village established in 1980 inspired by the alpine style architecture of Switzerland. We make our way to Beaconsfield – the site of Tasmania's largest gold discoveries and of course more recently the incredible rescue in 2006 of two miners trapped underground. We'll visit the **Beaconsfield Gold Mine and Heritage Museum**, home to Australia's only waterwheel driven stamp battery and features an extensive collection of memorabilia and artefacts. **Platypus House** and **Seahorse World** are two very unique attractions that are right next to each other so we plan to visit both this afternoon. Seahorse World is a working farm and the information we receive here shows us just what fascinating creatures they truly are. Platypus are very shy and quite elusive in the wild but here we get a chance to see them face to face as they swim and go about their daily business in this indoor facility. We continue on to Burnie for check in to our overnight accommodation.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Beachfront Voyager Motor Inn, Burnie Ph 03 6431 4866

## DAY 5 – Sunday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

This morning we visit the **Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens**, known internationally for its unique design. Wander through the gardens and enjoy the tranquility of this lush environment. Next, we visit **Hellyers Road Distillery**, a fascinating local whisky maker. Go behind the scenes on the working distillery to see how Hellyers make one of the finest single malt whiskies in the world. We'll also have the opportunity to taste some samples. We stay for lunch with views of the picturesque Emu Valley. This afternoon we travel to **Table Cape**, an extinct volcano vent. With cliffs dropping away into the Bass Strait, the **Tulip Farm** is perched on top. In spring, the farm explodes with colour, attracting people far and wide to this spectacle. Wander amongst the blooming fields, with rows and rows of beautiful bright colours. This afternoon we arrive in historic **Stanley** for our next 2 nights.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Stanley Seaview Inn, Stanley Ph 03 6458 1300

## DAY 6 – Monday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Today we head to a truly remote and beautiful part of Tasmania. On the far north-west coast, the **Arthur River** winds through a completely wild and pristine wilderness, having never been logged, dammed or tarnished by fire for over six hundred years. While **cruising** (lunch included onboard) this spectacular part of the world, our **local guide** will impart a wealth of knowledge on the plant life, history and the Aboriginal tribes who once lived here. Be among the few who have ventured to the rugged river and be captivated by this special place. Return to Stanley late afternoon.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Stanley Seaview Inn, Stanley Ph 03 6458 1300



## DAY 7 – Tuesday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

This morning we depart early and travel to the rugged mountains, ancient rainforests and stunning scenery of **Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park**. We arrive in time for a light lunch at the **Cradle Mountain Hotel** before meeting our **local guide** exploring the park visiting such sights at **Waldheim** and **Dove Lake**, a glacially carved lake directly beneath **Cradle Mountain**. Leaving this area, we continue our journey to Queenstown for our 3 night stay.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Silver Hills, Queenstown Ph 03 6471 1755

*Please note: Rooms are on the ground floor AND upstairs*

## DAY 8 – Wednesday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

We travel to **Strahan** to join a cruise on the **Gordon River** this morning and head across Macquarie Harbour—a vast body of water that measures six times the size of Sydney Harbour. First navigated by Captain James Kelly and four companions in 1815, these wild and remote waters offer the only safe harbour on Tasmania’s west coast. We will visit Sarah Island, once known as “hell on earth” as Tasmania’s first and most brutal penal settlement. We’ll hear about the points of interest including the Huon Pines found in this area, commonly known to live for 2000 years. Lunch will be taken on board the cruise. We return to Strahan where a coach will be waiting to take us back to Queenstown.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Silver Hills, Queenstown Ph 03 6471 1755

## DAY 9 – Thursday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Queenstown’s history has long been tied to the mining industry. This mountainous area was first explored in 1862. Soon after alluvial gold was discovered at Mount Lyell and so began the Mt Lyell Mining and Railway Company. It went on to become the dominant copper mining company of the west coast. This morning we join the **Rack and Gorge Tour** with **West Coast Wilderness Railway**. This half day tour sees us board the steam train in Queenstown for a journey travelling along the original Mt Lyell Mining Railway, built on the edge of civilization in 1896. Guides will bring the stories of the railway and the resilient people to life as we make our way along King River Gorge and through cool temperate rainforest. Includes a **light lunch** on board with a glass of Tassie sparkling wine. The afternoon at leisure before meeting up for dinner.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Silver Hills, Queenstown Ph 03 6471 1755

## DAY 10 – Friday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Leaving Queenstown, we now head to **Derwent Bridge** (the geographical centre of Tasmania) where we stop to view - **the Wall in the Wilderness**. The “wall” is a work in progress which will take several more years to complete. The panels, when complete, will measure 100 metres in length. In the reception area, there are many three-dimensional sculptures to view. The area to the south is part of the huge South West National Park, which combined with the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park makes up almost a full, one third, of the land mass of Tasmania.

Our lunch stop today is at the **Salmon Ponds** near New Norfolk. This is the oldest Salmon and Trout Hatchery in the southern hemisphere, established in 1860. We have lunch and visit the **Trout Fishery Museum**, working Fish Hatchery & Salmon Ponds. Mid-afternoon we arrive in Hobart and settle in our hotel and relax which will be our home for the next 3 nights. Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.  
Accommodation: Wrest Point Casino, Hobart Ph 1800 030 611

## DAY 11 – Saturday

BD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Meeting our **local guide**, we'll discover the hidden gems of the waterfront capital, Hobart. Offering a contrasting blend of heritage, scenery and culture, the city oozes charm. We visit the **Salamanca Market**, one of the most vibrant and loved outdoor markets. Take some time exploring the stalls and discovering the entertaining buskers. We have lunch here (Own expense), and at a designated time, we will meet up with our coach to drive to the summit of **Mount Wellington**. We will pass through temperate rainforest and glacial rock formations and end with panoramic views of Hobart, Bruny Island, South Arm and the Tasman Peninsula. Time for a group photo, before heading back to our hotel. This evening, **cruise along the Derwent River** enjoying a splendid three course dinner and glass of wine.

Dinner onboard Derwent River Cruise.

Accommodation: Wrest Point Casino, Hobart Ph 1800 030 611

## DAY 12 – Sunday

BD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

We have a relaxed breakfast this morning before heading to the **Port Arthur Historic Site**. The penal settlement at Port Arthur is a stark reminder of the harsh conditions endured by the earliest European inhabitants of this one-time island jail. The ruins are the greatest single tourist attraction in Tasmania and the place where up to 12,000 prisoners were kept in an atmosphere of hopelessness and misery. Even though the Tasman Peninsula is spectacular, you can imagine the conditions, especially on a cold winter's day, endured by the prisoners 150 years ago. When we arrive, the first part of our tour involves time at the **Visitor Interpretative Centre** where we take a fascinating journey, retracing the life of a convict from the time of his petty crime in England, to his transportation to Port Arthur and finally his life in the penal colony. We then take a guided walking tour through the **Penal Settlement**. There is plenty of time to further explore the settlement and purchase lunch (own expense). We leave the Tasman Peninsula later this afternoon but not before a brief stop just south of Eaglehawk Neck to see two dramatic natural coastal attractions - the **Tasman Arch** and **Devils Kitchen**. After a great day, we return to our hotel for our farewell dinner.

Dinner taken onsite at the accommodation.

Accommodation: Wrest Point Casino, Hobart Ph 1800 030 611

## DAY 13 – Monday

B

Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Following breakfast in the hotel we now transfer to the **Hobart Airport** for our flight to Sydney. A coach will meet you at **Sydney Airport** and transfer you to meet mini-coaches to get you back home this afternoon.

**PLEASE NOTE: All itinerary attractions are subject to change without notice.**

**B** = Breakfast **M** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

**Inclusions:** 12 nights' accommodation, all breakfasts, all dinners, light morning teas on various days, 8 lunches, entry to all attractions, Coach Travel to & Around Tasmania, Spirit of Tasmania travel, flight from Hobart to Sydney with Virgin Australia and coach pick up & drop off from your home (Illawarra and Sydney areas only).

	<b>Price per person twin share</b>	<b>Single supplement</b>
Travel Club Members	\$5450	\$1175
Non-Members	\$5500	\$1175

**Non-Refundable Deposit required:** \$200 per person

**Balance strictly due:** Monday 12 August 2024

### **CANCELLATION FEES AND AMENDMENTS**

**All fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given**

Please note: all deposits paid for this tour are <b><u>non-refundable</u></b> . All other payments are levied as follows:		
Days Notice:	60-90 Days ↓	Within 60 days ↓
	Full refund <u>OR</u> transferable, less initial deposit.	All monies paid are Non-refundable & Non-transferable

All payments can be made in person at our office, via credit card payment over the phone, or by cheque/money order sent to our post office box.

If you wish to pay direct deposit please ask for our bank account details.

All cheques/money orders are to be made payable to: '**Kiama Scenic Tours**'

*Please note: No receipts will be posted unless requested.*



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### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- **All tours are subject to minimum numbers.**
- **Venues, itineraries and attractions are subject to change without notice.**
- **Travel Insurance is highly recommended for this tour.**  
**Ask your preferred insurer for more details.**
- **Due to seating restrictions, we cannot reserve seats on the coach.**  
**Seat rotation will apply for all extended tours.**
- **Wearing of masks on board the coach is at the discretion of the traveller.**
- **Kiama Scenic Tours will not be responsible should you contract COVID while travelling on our coach.**