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We bring you Tasmania, a place of wild and beautiful contrasting landscapes, forests, native animals, waterfalls, rugged coastlines and still lakes.

## *Experience the Exceptional...*

- We circumnavigate the whole island on our 12-day tour and present to you an in-depth insight into its history, culture, uniqueness, and natural splendour. And of course, we add musical flavour from our artists!
- Tasmania is Australia's smallest state but it packs a lot in and like New Zealand is bigger than it looks, filled with diverse scenery with over 40 percent reserved as national park and World Heritage areas. It also has wonderful, friendly, helpful people who enjoy a relaxed island lifestyle, fabulous wine and food and a haunting history evoked by spectacular convict-era ruins.
- Musical events from our hosts Karl Perigo, Russell Dixon and Marian Burns including welcome dinner and concert: **Showstoppers**, **Luck of the Irish** in a beautiful vineyard, and final night gala **Tennessee Waltz!**
- A full day tour to the Port Arthur Convict Settlement with its rich history of Australia's convict past with a guided walking tour, a short harbour cruise, plus 30 buildings, ruins and restored gardens and houses.
- Picturesque Dove Lake at the foot of Cradle Mountain plus travel past mountain ranges, swift flowing rivers, steep gorges and historic mining towns.
- Hobart (5 nights), Strahan (2 nights), Launceston (3 nights), Cradle Mountain (1 night).
- Cruise the Gordon River into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness. 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.



**OUR ARTISTS FOR THIS TRIP:**  
**Karl Perigo, Russell Dixon and Marian Burns**





## PLACES WE STAY

**Movenpick Hotel, Hobart (3 + 2 nights)** is a 4-star hotel, located in the heart of Tasmania's picturesque capital city of Hobart and is considered one of the most elegant hotels in the region.

**Strahan Village Hotel (2 nights)** is located in the heart of the picturesque village of Strahan, a perfect setting, overlooking the harbour and in close proximity to the Gordon River.

**Novotel Devonport (1 night)** is Devonport's premium 4-star hotel boasting an unrivalled location in the heart of the city.

**Peppers Silo Hotel, Launceston (3 nights)** brings history alive on the banks of the idyllic Tamar River. Stylish rooms and suites are housed in vertical silos and the latest addition of the North Tower offers sweeping views over the Cataract Gorge, North Esk or Tamar River.



*Strahan Village Hotel*



*Peppers Silo Hotel, Launceston*



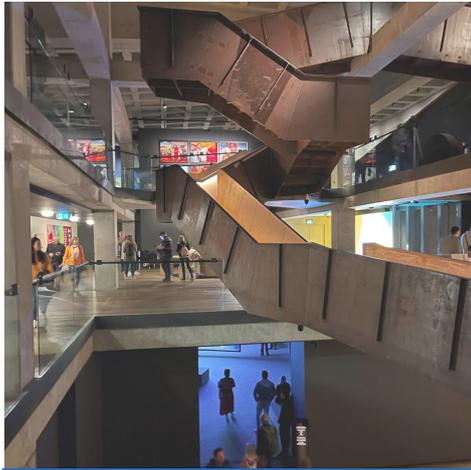


Movenpick Hotel Hobart

## SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024 (L, D) -MOVENPICK HOTEL HOBART (3 NIGHTS)

### *Highlights Include:*

- On arrival at the Hobart Airport be greeted by our Tasmanian coach driver and welcomed aboard the luxury 5-star touring coach.
- Travel to nearby Rosny Lookout for panoramic views of Hobart against the majestic backdrop of the Wellington Range.
- Depending on time of flights we will cross the Tasman Bridge to Hobart City and enjoy lunch, then an orientation tour that includes historic Battery Point, Salamanca Place, Constitution Docks and the waterfront. (If flights are later in day we will transfer these activities to another day).
- Arrive at our centrally located accommodation for mid afternoon check-in then time to freshen up before a light dinner at the hotel.



Visit to MONA

## MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2024 (B, L, D)

### *Highlights Include:*

- Morning visit to MONA, the museum of old and new art, with an intro talk and free time to wander followed by lunch. MONA is gaining a reputation as one of the world's great museums and must be seen to be appreciated. The Museum does contain a few controversial pieces that some people may find offensive but love it or hate it, you'll certainly be talking about it.
- After our visit it's back to the hotel for free time before our private dinner and concert *Showstoppers!* Featuring best loved songs from many different genres: musicals, country, rock and roll, 60s and 70s music and so much more.

## TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2024 (B)

### *Highlights Include:*

- 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.



Walking Tour of Convict Settlement

## WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2024 (B, L, D)

### -STRAHAN VILLAGE HOTEL (2 NIGHTS)

#### *Highlights Include:*

- 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 hydroelectric 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.

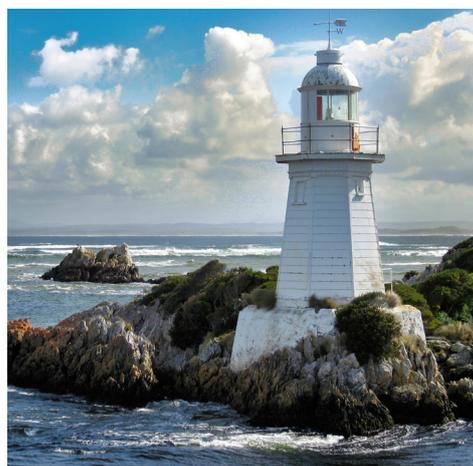
## THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2024 (B, L, D)

#### *Highlights Include:*

- Today we 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 board-walk 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, there will be opportunity to further explore the village or return to the hotel.



*Mt Wellington*



*Macquarie Heads Lighthouse*



*Gordon River Cruise*



Woolmers Estate

### FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024 (B, L, D)

#### -NOVOTEL DEVONPORT (1 NIGHT)

##### *Highlights Include:*

- Continue north through rainforest and mineral rich mountains, crossing the Vale of Belvior 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 and the visual delights of the Wilderness Gallery at the Cradle Mountain Hotel.
- Later in the afternoon, we will have the chance to get up close and personal with the Tasmanian Devil as we visit Devils@Cradle and learn about the challenges facing this endangered species.
- Visit the town of Sheffield and admire the evocative out-door art gallery of impressive murals en route to our overnight accommodation at the Novotel, Devonport.



Peppers Silo Hotel

### SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2024 (B, D)

#### -PEPPERS SILO HOTEL LAUNCESTON (3 NIGHTS)

##### *Highlights Include:*

- Today we slowly make our way to Tasmania's second largest city, Launceston.
- Along the way sample chocolates, explore a beautiful private garden which will be in full spring bloom.
- Travel the old Bass Highway through the beautiful historic villages of Deloraine and Westbury before arriving in Launceston, where we will stay for the next three nights at Peppers Silo Hotel.

### SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2024 (B, L)

##### *Highlights Include:*

- After a leisurely start this morning explore Launceston's city centre and magnificent Cataract Gorge with its cliff-side gardens, peacocks, pools, suspension foot bridge and one of the longest single span chairlifts in the world (ride is optional and own expense.)
- Stroll in City Park and the John Hart Conservatory noted for displays of begonias, cyclamens and other hot house blooms.
- Enjoy a gourmet BBQ lunch and sample some of the delicious products at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company before travelling to Longford to tour the World Heritage Woolmers Estate and National Rose Garden. This property shows a fascinating reflection of colonial life in Tasmania with the Rose Garden displaying one of the finest collections of historic roses in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Return to our accommodation in the early afternoon with free time to relax before dinner.



John Hart Conservatory

## MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024 (B, D)

### Highlights Include:

- Take some free time this morning to explore Launceston at your own pace.
- Afternoon travel along the Tamar Valley, soaking up the views from Brady's Lookout before arriving at a beautiful vineyard for platters, wine and concert: *Luck of the Irish!*
- Here we can enjoy a glass of wine and a beautiful platter of gourmet products, all sourced from around the Tamar Valley.
- After a relaxed evening of food, wine and music return to the hotel.

## TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2024 (B, L, D)

### -MOVENPICK HOTEL HOBART (2 NIGHTS)

### Highlights Include:

- This morning we travel the Heritage Highway to Campbell Town where we'll stop for a short break. Then take the Lake Leake Highway to the beautiful East Coast and spend time at Coles Bay and the Freycinet Peninsula.
- Visit Cape Tourville for spectacular views over the Southern Ocean and along the East Coast.
- After lunch, follow 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.

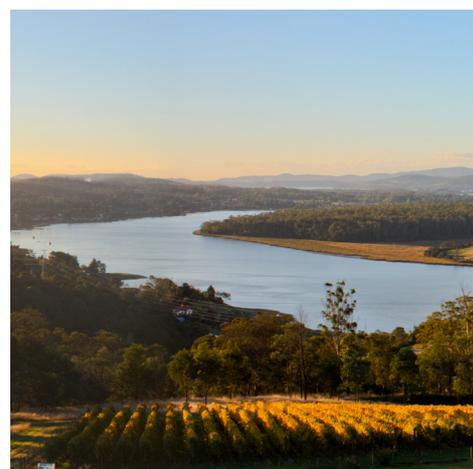
## WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2024 (B, D)

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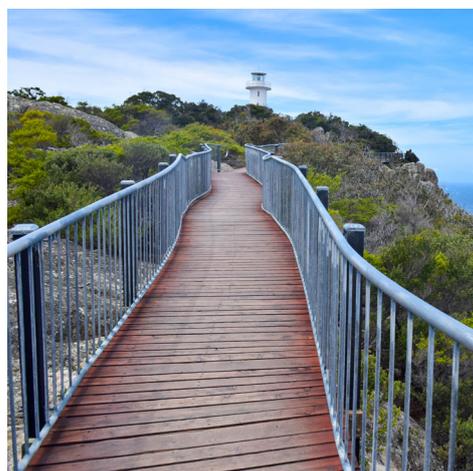
- This morning we travel to the nearby Mt Nelson for spectacular views over Hobart and Storm Bay.
- Next we enjoy some quiet moments in Hobart's Royal Botanical Gardens, vibrant with spring colours and blooms then travel to the historic village of Richmond. Walk across Australia's oldest bridge, built by convict labour between 1823 and 1825.
- Visit the cemetery of Australia's oldest remaining Catholic Church, St Johns, built in 1836 or browse through the many delightful craft shops, galleries and food stores. There are many cafes and restaurants serving beautiful Tasmanian produce.
- In the afternoon, return to Hobart for some last minute shopping.
- Final night gala dinner held in the ball room of the historic Hobart Town Hall with concert: *Tennessee Waltz*, great songs from country music through to Americana and everything in between.

## THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2024 (B)

This morning, after breakfast at the hotel, we are transferred to the Hobart Airport for our flights home.



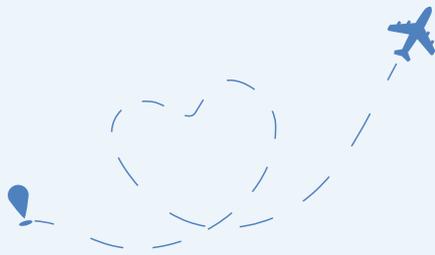
Tamar Valley



Cape Tourville



Richmond Bridge



# \$9400 per person twin share

Single Room Supplement Add \$2240

Initial Deposit on booking: \$1500

Second Deposit due 9th April 2024: \$2500

Final Balance due: 18th June 2024

## THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- 12 day full tour of Tasmania.
- Return Flights with Air New Zealand – Auckland – Hobart// Hobart – Auckland. Direct Flights.
- Hobart (5 nights), Strahan (2 nights), Launceston (3 nights), Cradle Mountain (1 night).
- A full tour around the beautiful island of Tasmania with its magnificent scenery, historical sites and turbulent history with a chance to meet with the friendly locals and really get to know this fabulous island.
- Musical events from our hosts Karl Perigo, Russell Dixon and Marian Burns including welcome dinner and concert: *Showstoppers*, *Luck of the Irish* in a beautiful vineyard, and final night gala *Tennessee Waltz!*
- Magnificent scenery including Freycinet and Cradle Mountain National Parks, Tasman Peninsula, Cataract Gorge, Gordon River and the Huon Valley.
- Time for tasting, coffee, shopping and rummaging in cute shops including Strahan, Chudleigh and Sheffield.
- Fabulous tours including Port Arthur and its convict history, Gordon River Cruise, Devils at Cradle, Freycinet National Park, Launceston and Hobart City tours, Woolmers Estate and the National Rose Garden.
- All breakfasts, 7 lunches, 9 dinners plus all tips, taxes and portage.
- Escorted by Karl Perigo, Russell Dixon and Marian Burns.

## GENTLE TOUR

This tour will suit most people, even with a stick or a walker, but sorry not someone in a wheelchair. The activity level is gently paced, but you still need to be able to get on and off buses easily. There will be walking, but not a lot.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All itinerary details are subject to change, but changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.
- Initial & Second deposits are fully refundable up until final balance due date, minus an administration fee of up to \$500 plus any non-recoverable costs.
- All monies are non-refundable at final balance due date. This becomes an insurance claim.
- Payment by direct credit incurs no surcharge. Credit card payments will incur a surcharge of 1.5%.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Bookings will only be accepted with initial deposit.
- All travellers must obtain comprehensive travel insurance for international travel and insurance for domestic travel is recommended.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions on booking form.