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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.

It 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. We introduce you to the real Tasmania, circumnavigating the whole island and present to you an in-depth insight into its history, culture, uniqueness and natural splendour.



DAY 1: Monday 22 October 2018 (D) **Hobart**

Wrest Point Hotel (3 nights)

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- ☞ On arrival in Hobart travel to nearby Rosny Lookout for panoramic views of Hobart.
- ☞ Check into harbour view rooms.
- ☞ Dinner at the hotel.

DAY 2: Tuesday 23 October 2018 (B, D) **HIGHLIGHTS today include:**

- ☞ City tour of Hobart including Battery Point, Salamanca Place, Constitution Docks and the waterfront.
- ☞ Visit to Hobart's beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens.
- ☞ This evening's dinner is at one of Hobart's finest restaurants, accompanied by wine and singing from John and Lynette.

DAY 3: Wednesday 24 October 2018 (B)
Hobart ~ Port Arthur

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- ☞ Tour of Port Arthur to visit the Port Arthur Convict Settlement on 40 hectares of landscaped grounds, 30 buildings, ruins and restored gardens and house. Our time there includes a guided walking tour and a short harbour cruise.
- ☞ Norfolk and Frederick Henry Bays.
- ☞ Travel via Sorell Causeway and Midway Point for our full day tour to Tasman Peninsula, with its magnificent views.

DAY 4: Thursday 25 October 2018 (B, L, D)
Richmond ~ Freycinet ~ Bicheno

Beachfront Bicheno – Sea View (1 night)

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- ☞ Travel along the Tasman Highway to Coles Bay and the Freycinet National Park.
- ☞ Stop at the historic village of Richmond, visit the oldest bridge in Australia and Australia's oldest remaining Catholic Church, St Johns, built in 1836.
- ☞ Browse through the many delightful craft shops, galleries and food stores.
- ☞ Take in the views from the stunning Cape Tourville before arriving at the fishing village of Bicheno and your overnight accommodation.

DAY 5: Friday 26 October 2018 (B, D)
St Helens ~ Derby ~ Beaconsfield

Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston (2 nights)

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- ☞ Tour the East Coast to St Helens then turn inland and pass through the hinterland and myrtle rainforest of Weldborough Pass.
- ☞ Visit the former tin mining area of Derby and detour to Legerwood to admire the tree carvings commemorating the war heroes of the region.
- ☞ Tour the Gold Mine Heritage Museum, site of the mine disaster and miraculous rescue.
- ☞ Tour through Grindelwald Swiss Village with its alpine style houses and unusual wood carvings. Continue to our overnight accommodation at Launceston.

DAY 6: Saturday 27 October 2018 (B, D)
Launceston ~ Cataract Gorge ~ Woolmers

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- ☞ 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 hot house blooms.
- ☞ Tour the World Heritage Woolmers Estate and National Rose Garden.



DAY 7: Sunday 28 October 2018 (B, D)
Deloraine ~ Sheffield ~ Cradle Mountain

Cradle Mountain Hotel (1 night)

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- 👁️ Today we travel to the iconic Cradle Mountain.
- 👁️ Visit Deloraine, famous for its arts and craft and taste pure Tasmanian leatherwood honey at the Chudleigh Honey Farm.
- 👁️ Spend time in the town of Sheffield, where a tiny community has recorded their history and honoured their pioneers in huge paintings on the town walls.
- 👁️ Get up close and personal with the Tasmanian devil as we visit Devils@Cradle and learn about the challenges facing this endangered species.



Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake, Tasmania

DAY 8: Monday 29 October 2018 (B, L, D)
Cradle Mountain ~ Strahan

Strahan Village – Harbour View Executive Rooms (2 nights)

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- 👁️ Travel to picturesque Dove Lake at the foot of the crags of Cradle Mountain.
- 👁️ Travel past mountain ranges, swift-flowing rivers, steep gorges and historic mining towns.
- 👁️ Take time at Zeehan (once known as the 'silver city') to visit the museum and the beautifully restored Gaiety Theatre.
- 👁️ Explore the village of Strahan.



Tasmanian Wombat

DAY 9: Tuesday 30 October 2018 (B, L, D)
Macquarie Harbour ~ Gordon River Cruise

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- 👁️ Cruise the incomparable Gordon River into the heart of Tasmania's Wilderness World Heritage Area.
- 👁️ Cross vast Macquarie Harbour, past Sarah Island, worst convict settlement of all and follow the Gordon River through stands of ancient Huon Pine, sassafras and myrtle rainforest.
- 👁️ 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.



Gordon River Cruise

**DAY 10: Wednesday 31 October 2018
(B, L, D)**

Central Highlands ~ New Norfolk ~ Hobart

Wrest Point Hobart (2 nights)

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- ☞ Depart Strahan via Queenstown, the spectacular Mt. Owen, the winding Gormanston Hill and ghost towns of the Chamonoi Valley.
- ☞ Wild Rivers National Park and experience the wonders of Gondwanaland during a short rainforest walk to Nelson Waterfalls.
- ☞ Visit "The Wall in The Wilderness", an extraordinary work of art being crafted telling the story of Tasmania's Central Highlands.
- ☞ Descend through hills and hop fields to historic New Norfolk. Follow the picturesque Derwent Valley to the city of Hobart.



DAY 11: Thursday 01 November 2018 (B, D)

Huon Valley

HIGHLIGHTS today include:

- ☞ Tour the apple orchards and fruit growing regions of the Huon Valley, through Huonville, Franklin, and Geeveston to Tasmania's southern eucalyptus and Huon pine forests.
- ☞ Visit the Wooden Boat Centre and learn about the art of traditional wooden boat building.
- ☞ Visit the Forest & Heritage Centre at Geeveston before returning to Hobart.
- ☞ This evening a farewell dinner has been arranged with singing from our artists, to celebrate a wonderful time together visiting beautiful Tasmania.



DAY 12: Friday 02 November 2018 (B)

This morning after breakfast at the hotel we will be transferred to the Hobart Airport for our flight to New Zealand.



