

TASMANIAN WILDERNESS EXPLORER

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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DAY 1 – Hobart - Port Arthur

The Tasmanian adventure begins early afternoon as we depart Hobart for Port Arthur and visit the Port Arthur Historical Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed former penal settlement and important historical site. Here, we enjoy a fascinating tour and boat cruise before checking in to our accommodation. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and get to know your fellow travellers. **L.D**

Stay: 1 night at Port Arthur Motor Inn

DAY 2 – Port Arthur - Freycinet National Park

Discover Tasmania's stunning east coast as we travel north along the scenic Tasman Highway with a brief detour to explore the charming village of Richmond, home to Australia's oldest bridge (1823). Continuing north through picturesque coastal towns of Orford and Swansea before heading down the Freycinet Peninsula.

A short walk to the Wineglass Bay lookout presents stunning views of the pristine beach below, rated as one of the top ten beaches in the world. We then make our way to Freycinet Lodge, where we will dine at the Dove Restaurant. **B.L.D**

Stay: 1 night at Freycinet Lodge

DAY 3 – Wineglass Bay - Woolmer's Estate - Launceston

Begin the day at Cape Tourville Lighthouse for sweeping views over the Tasman Sea. Then, take to the skies on an exclusive 20-minute scenic flight over Freycinet National Park. Soak in a bird's-eye perspective of the stunning Wineglass Bay, then marvel at the park's towering pink granite cliffs as they plunge dramatically into the sea below. Later, depart for Launceston stopping along the way

to visit Woolmer's Estate at Longford, one of the most intact pioneer farm complexes in the nation. Tonight, we'll indulge in delicious Tasmanian produce at Grain of the Silos Restaurant. **B.L.D**

Stay: 1 night at Peppers Silo Hotel

Note: Weight limit of 130kg applies to scenic flight.

DAY 4 – Launceston - Stanley - Smithton

Follow the scenic Bass Highway west through the charming towns of Ulverstone, Penguin, and Burnie before arriving in Stanley, home to 'The Nut'. If weather permits, we'll take the chairlift to the top for stunning views over Bass Strait. The more active among us, may choose to tackle the very steep ascent.

Stanley was once the administrative centre for the Van Diemen's Land Company; a royal charter company formed in 1824 during the reign of King George IV. A visit Highfield House, the company's original headquarters, helps bring this history to life. We then continue to Smithton, where we spend the night. **B.L.D**

Stay: 1 night at Tall Timbers Hotel

DAY 5 – Woolnorth - Cradle Mountain

Smithton is home to Tasmania's most fertile dairy and vegetable growing area. Also found here is historic Woolnorth Station, which is still owned by the Van Diemen's Land Company and which is the site of State's largest wind farm and Australia's biggest dairy operation. We'll take a fully guided tour of Woolnorth, including the Roaring 40's Wind Farm and rugged Cape Grim. We then journey south to the World Heritage-listed Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at Cradle Mountain Lodge

DAY 6 – Cradle Mountain Exploring

Discover the area's early tourism pioneers with a visit to Waldheim Chalet, a replica of the original built by Gustav and Kate Weindorfer in 1912 as we venture to Dove Lake, a glacier-carved jewel at the foot of Cradle Mountain.

Choose to take the 5.7 km circuit walk that hugs the shoreline for immersive views of the dramatic landscape or

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enjoy shorter nature trails at your own pace. For those preferring a gentler experience, after we return to the hotel to unwind, explore the nearby Enchanted Walk, a 45-minute loop through mossy forest and alpine flora.

Late this afternoon, indulge in a local tasting experience featuring some of Tasmania's finest cheeses and cool-climate wines. **B.L.D**

DAY 7 – Cradle Mountain - Strahan

We farewell the beautiful Cradle Mountain-Lake and head south towards the coast. We'll visit Queenstown and learn about the area's mining history with a local guide before continuing to Strahan, the iconic port on the banks of Macquarie Harbour and gateway to a vast protected region in Australia, covering almost a quarter of the island. **B.L.D**

Stay: 2 nights at Strahan Village Motel

DAY 8 – Gordon River Cruise

Cruise along the Gordon River aboard the 'Spirit of the Wild', taking in the breathtaking sights of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area which is recognised for its significant natural and cultural value. The morning includes two guided shore excursions - to Heritage Landing and the historic Sarah Island - and a visit to Hells Gates, where the harbour meets the wild Southern Ocean.

After returning to Strahan mid-afternoon, the rest of the day is spent at leisure. Wander through the village and perhaps call in to the Huon Pine Sawmill for a demonstration. **B.L.D**

DAY 9 – Lake St Clair - Russell Falls - Hobart

Awaken to adventure as we depart Strahan early, winding through the untamed beauty of Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park on to Lake St Clair. Next, discover the 'Wall in the Wilderness' at Derwent Bridge, an exquisite work in progress by artist Greg Duncan. We then continue southeast towards Hobart, stopping at beautiful Russell Falls along the way. **B.L.D**

Stay: 3 nights at Hotel Grand Chancellor

DAY 10 – Hobart - Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary - Royal Botanic Gardens

Step into Tasmania's wild heart today as we uncover its natural wonders and living history. Begin at Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary, the state's largest wildlife rescue service, where you'll encounter iconic species such as Tasmanian devils and wombats. Then, wander through the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens - the second oldest in Australia - home to an impressive collection of cool-climate species, historic plants, and significant trees, many of which date back over a century.

Later this afternoon, we return to Hobart and embark on an historical walking tour, with your guide providing fascinating commentary and local insights. This evening, we enjoy dinner together at the hotel. **B.L.D**

DAY 11 – Bruny Island Cruise

Prepare for an unforgettable day as Bruny Island beckons with its rugged beauty and abundant wildlife. Experience a sensational three-hour adventure cruise with multi-award-winning Pennicott Wilderness Journeys. Travel along Bruny Island's rugged southern coastline to spot the island's abundant marine and coastal wildlife. This afternoon, we make our way back to Hobart. Enjoy dinner at the Old Wharf Restaurant located on the waterfront. **B.L.D**

DAY 12 – Hobart

Your Tasmanian journey reaches its pinnacle atop Mount Wellington, where sweeping views 4,170 feet above the city below will leave you breathless. Admire the mesmerising views of Hobart and the Derwent River from several vantage points along the boardwalk, a perfect ending to your adventure around Tasmania. Our tour concludes with a transfer to the airport or your CBD hotel if staying on in Hobart. **B**

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