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Freycinet National Park

Tasmanian Wonders

10 DAYS HOBART → HOBART FHLH

Hobart • Strahan • Gordon River Cruise • Cradle Mountain • Smithton • Launceston
Freycinet National Park • Bicheno • Hobart • Port Arthur

If Tasmania is on your must-do list, this journey offers the ideal introduction to the island state. Combining spectacular landscapes with exposure to rich convict history and gourmet artisan produce, it takes you to unforgettable locations and ensures memorable encounters. Step back in time at Port Arthur, and visit the wild Gordon River, Cradle Mountain and the pristine Tarkine Wilderness.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Hobart's iconic sights
- Visit spectacular Russell Falls
- Cruise on the Gordon River including a delicious lunch
- Discover Cradle Mountain National Park on a guided tour
- See 'The Nut' at Stanley
- Enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent Tarkine Wilderness region
- Indulge in local cheese at Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm
- Explore Launceston
- Visit Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre
- Discover Bridestowe Lavender Estate and the delicious lavender ice cream
- Spectacular views from Cape Tourville Lookout
- Step back in time at historic Port Arthur



The Tarkine



Cradle Mountain Hotel

Day 1 Welcome to Hobart

Your Tasmanian journey begins with an afternoon tour of Hobart. You'll see historic Battery Point, Salamanca Place, the Botanic Gardens, Constitution Dock, and Mt. Nelson, which affords panoramic views over Australia's southernmost city. Enjoy the company of your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening at a Welcome Reception and dinner. **Hotel: Wrest Point, Hobart. D**

Day 2 Hobart – Strahan

This morning you'll head west to New Norfolk and magnificent Mt. Field National Park and take a walk through lush rainforest to the many-tiered cascade of picturesque Russell Falls. Then enjoy the scenic drive to iconic Lake St. Clair, the deepest freshwater lake in Australia, and continue through the rainforest to the coastal town of Strahan. Nestled on the shores of massive Macquarie Harbour, Strahan is

the gateway to the World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B D**

Day 3 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

A highlight today is your lunch cruise on the Gordon River. You'll be awestruck by the beauty of the dark waters. Stained amber by buttongrass tannins, they reflect the untouched wilderness that surrounds them. Stop at Sarah Island for an insight into a relic of Tasmania's lesser-known convict history. See Hells Gates, the treacherous entrance to the harbour, and Heritage Landing, site of a 2,000-year-old Huon Pine. Travel through the old towns of Rosebery and Tullah on your way to your hotel. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain Hotel. B L D**

Day 4 Cradle Mountain – Smithton

This morning, marvel at the inspiring beauty of Cradle Mountain National Park. Join your Travel Director for a guided walk by Dove Lake, where you

may spot Bennetts wallabies, echidnas and pademelons along the way. Travel on through rolling green hills to Table Cape for spectacular views of Bass Strait. Picturesque Stanley is in your sights as you head west. Enjoy views of the sheer-sided Stanley bluff known as 'The Nut' and take some time to explore. Your destination is Smithton. **Hotel: Tall Timbers, Smithton. B D**

Day 5 Smithton – Launceston

Today, enjoy a tour with a local guide of the magnificent Tarkine Wilderness region. One of Australia's largest temperate rainforests, it boasts vast stands of myrtle, leatherwood and pine trees. En route to Launceston you'll visit the award-winning Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm to learn about its dairy production methods and taste some samples. **Hotel: Best Western Plus Launceston, 2 nights. B**

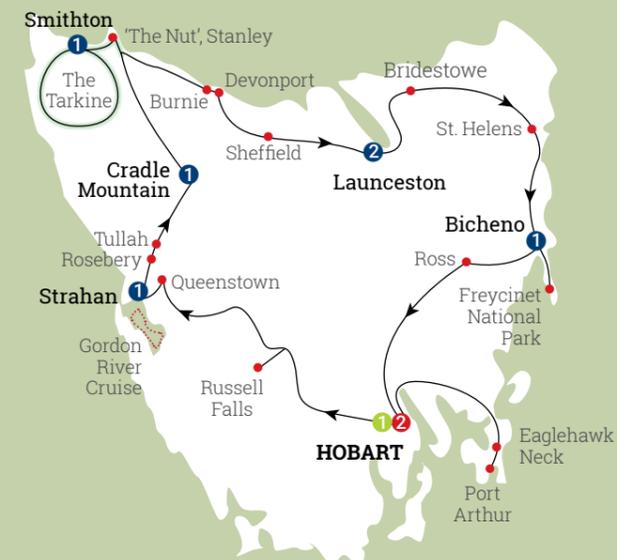
Day 6 Launceston

This morning travel through the rolling hills of the Tamar Valley to the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre. Your local expert will bring to life the mine's extraordinary past, including the dramatic events of the 2006 rock fall and mine rescue. After taking time to discover Cataract Gorge, this afternoon is at leisure for your own exploration of Tasmania's 'northern capital', Launceston. **B**

Day 7 Launceston – Bicheno

Bridestowe Lavender Estate, producer of high-quality lavender since 1922, is your

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- END
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops



first stop today. Later, visit the unique Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees site, then follow the picturesque east coast to Bicheno. This evening you might like to take an optional experience tour to see either Bicheno's wild penguins as they emerge from the ocean, or the iconic Tasmanian Devil. **Hotel: Best Western Western Beachfront at Bicheno. B D**

Day 8 Bicheno – Hobart

Today, experience the grandeur of Freycinet National Park, taking a guided walk to the lookout at Cape Tourville that affords astonishing views across brilliant blue water, verdant forest and golden beaches. Then travel through Swansea and Orford on your way to Hobart. **Hotel: Wrest Point, Hobart, 2 nights. B**

Day 9 Port Arthur

Explore the Port Arthur Historic Site, taking a cruise around the Isle of the Dead and a fascinating walk with a local expert through the remains of Port Arthur's infamous convict prison. On the drive back to Hobart, see the amazing natural rock formations of the Tasman Arch, the Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a Farewell Dinner in one of Hobart's popular restaurants. **B FD**

Day 10 Farewell from Hobart

Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end this morning after breakfast. **B**



Port Arthur Historic Site



Cradle Mountain



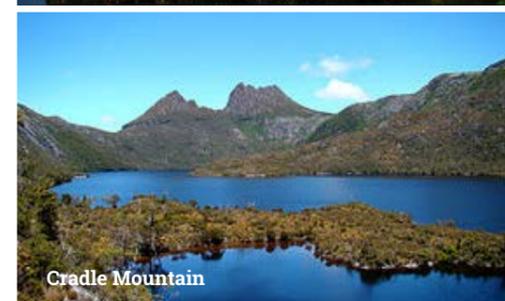
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