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Cradle Mountain

# Perfect Tasmania

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Hobart • Strahan • Cradle Mountain • Launceston • Freycinet National Park

The island of Tasmania is renowned for its pristine wilderness, abundant wildlife, gourmet food and wine, and friendly locals. On this wide-ranging journey, you'll visit Hobart's bustling Salamanca Market. Witness the stunning natural beauty of Cradle Mountain and Freycinet National Park, and indulge your tastebuds with fresh Tasmanian artisan cheeses and other delicious treats.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Hobart's city sights
- Discover famous Salamanca Market
- Visit spectacular Russell Falls
- Lunch cruise on the Gordon River
- Hike by Dove Lake at Cradle Mountain
- Indulge in local cheese at Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm
- Savour Tassie's food and wine at Josef Chromy
- Explore Launceston and stunning Cataract Gorge
- Visit Bridestowe Lavender Estate
- Cruise on Wineglass Bay
- Be My Guest morning tea at Shene Estate
- Explore Port Arthur Historic Site
- Visit Hellyers Road Distillery
- Included Choice Experiences in Hobart

### Day 1 Welcome to Hobart

Begin your exploration of the beautiful island of Tasmania with a city sights tour of its capital. Visit the Botanic Gardens, historic Battery Point, and Constitution Dock, then drive to Mt. Nelson for panoramic views over the city. Join your Travel Director tonight for a Welcome Reception and dinner. **Hotel: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, 2 nights. DW**

### Day 2 Salamanca Market

A free day to enjoy the colour and action of Salamanca Market. Explore the market stalls, wander through the historic sandstone warehouses discovering innovative Tasmanian arts and crafts and delight in the taste and aroma of freshly baked goods and local produce. **B**

### Day 3 Hobart – Strahan

This morning see the tiered cascade of Russell Falls. Then take the winding road to iconic Lake St. Clair and The Wall in the Wilderness, a monumental sculpture hand-carved in rare Huon pine. Passing through the moonscape of the mining town of Queenstown, your final stop today is seaside Strahan. **Hotel: Strahan Village, Strahan. B DW**

### Day 4 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

A highlight today is your cruise on the Gordon River. Be awestruck by the dark waters, stained amber by buttongrass tannins, which reflect

the untouched wilderness. Stop at Sarah Island for an insight into a relic of Tasmania's convict history, and see Hells Gates, the notoriously treacherous entrance to the harbour. **Hotel: Cradle Mountain Hotel, 2 nights. B L DW**

### Day 5 Cradle Mountain

This morning you'll marvel at the inspiring beauty of Cradle Mountain National Park. Join your Travel Director for a guided walk by Dove Lake, then stroll back to your hotel along the boardwalk through the wild ancient forests and alpine heathlands. You may spot Bennetts wallabies, echidnas and pademelons grazing along the way. **B DW**

### Day 6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

After breakfast, take a walk with a local expert through the Hellyers Road Whisky Distillery in Burnie. Continue to quirky Sheffield, the 'Town of Murals', then call in at the award winning Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm to try a selection of local cheeses. Travel through the Meander Valley to Launceston. **Hotel: Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston, 2 nights. B DW**

### Day 7 Launceston

See Launceston's magnificent Cataract Gorge before taking a scenic drive through rolling hills for a private Be My Guest lunch and

wine-tasting at a Josef Chromy Wines. This afternoon you may like to take an optional experience cruise on the beautiful Tamar River or further explore Launceston and its surrounds. **B BG**

### Day 8 Launceston – Freycinet

Visit the beautiful Bridestowe Lavender Estate this morning and treat yourself to its famous lavender icecream. Later visit the unique Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees site. Then travel south along the picturesque coast to Freycinet National Park. **Hotel: Freycinet Lodge, Freycinet National Park, 2 nights. B DW**

### Day 9 Wineglass Bay

Experience a four-hour lunch cruise this morning along the coast of the stunning Freycinet Peninsula. The cruise will take you from the gentle shores of Coles Bay past towering pink granite cliffs to Wineglass Bay, a flawless crescent of dazzling white sand that is considered one of the world's best beaches. **B L DW**

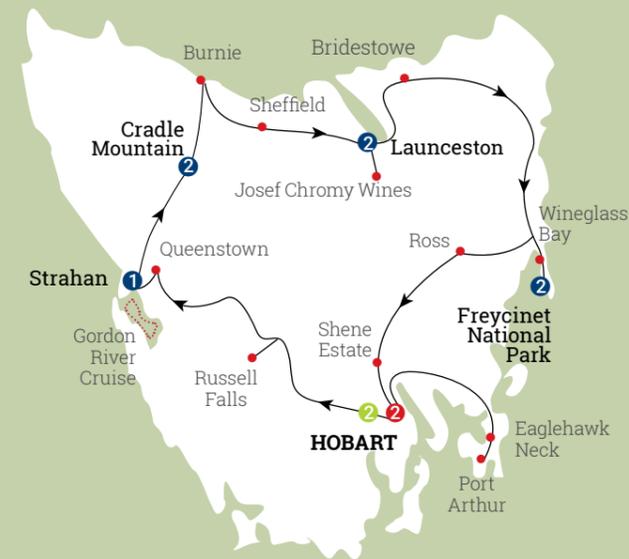
### Day 10 Freycinet – Hobart

Journey to historic Ross, renowned as the finest nineteenth-century village in Australia. As you travel on through rich pastoral land towards Hobart, spend time at Shene Estate with its stunning colonial-era buildings, and enjoy a Be My Guest morning tea. This afternoon, choose one from a selection of Included Choice sightseeing experiences. Visit the iconic Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) and return to Hobart on the MONA ferry, explore the Mawson's Huts Replica Museum or enjoy a walking tour of Hobart with a local guide. **Hotel: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart, 2 nights. B BG**

### Day 11 Port Arthur

Explore the Port Arthur Historic Site, taking a cruise around the Isle of the Dead and a walk through the 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

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- Sightseeing stops



Bridestowe Lavender Estate

Freycinet National Park

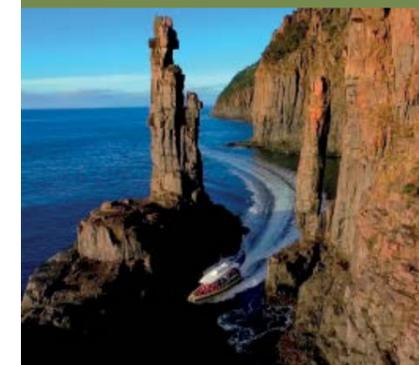
Josef Chromy Wines

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## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE



### Bruny Island Cruise\*

Cruise alongside some of Australia's highest sea cliffs, beneath towering crags and drift up close to listen to the awesome 'Breathing Rock'. Enter deep sea caves, pass through the narrow gap between the coast and 'The Monument' and feel the power of nature at the point where the Tasman Sea meets the might of the Southern Ocean. Join in the search for the abundant coastal wildlife such as seals, dolphins, migrating whales and sea birds. The highly trained interpretive guides love what they do.

\*Post tour bookings only. This tour returns to Hobart at approximately 5.30pm. In order to take it on the last day of your Perfect Tasmania holiday, you will need to pre-book accommodation for that night in Hobart or an outbound flight that departs after 8.00pm approximately.

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