

AUSTRALIA

2021-2022 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



 **FIRST CHOICE** 5-21 day Fully Curated Experiences

 **BEST BUYS** 3-15 day Flexible Guided Holidays

Perfect Tasmania

13 DAYS HOBART RETURN 17 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

HIGHLIGHTS

- LOCAL CONNECTION**
Meet a 5th generation farmer who'll show you around his sustainable farm whilst tasting his homemade cider and delicious farm to fork lunch.
- INSIDER KNOWLEDGE**
Enjoy free time exploring Hobart and Launceston with plenty of insider knowledge and help from your Travel Director.
- CULTURAL IMMERSION**
Delve deep into historic Port Arthur with your private interpretive tour, guided by a local historian.
- SUSTAINABLE FOOTPRINTS**
Your holiday will contribute directly to the local community by assisting volunteers pot native plants at a not-for-profit nursery.



WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS TRIP:

- Cruise Wineglass Bay for unforgettable views
- Walk idyllic Dove Lake with its Cradle Mountain backdrop
- Two-night stays allow free time to explore your top picks
- Embrace your inner foodie - meet local producers and winemakers

1 Welcome to Hobart

Enjoy a leisurely start to your trip with a stroll around Constitution Dock before joining your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and dinner. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. DW**

2 Salamanca Market and City Sights

Wake up today to the sights, sounds, flavours, colour and action of Salamanca Market. Explore the market stalls, wander through the historic sandstone warehouses discovering innovative Tasmanian arts and crafts as you delight in the taste and aroma of freshly baked goods and local produce. This afternoon it's all aboard for a city tour of Tassie's capital. Stroll through the Botanical Gardens, visit historic Battery Point, and see the Cascade Brewery before driving up to Mt. Nelson Lookout for panoramic views. **B**

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 destination is seaside Strahan. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B DW**

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, 2 nights. B L DW**

5 Cradle Mountain

This morning you'll marvel at the inspiring beauty of Cradle Mountain National Park. Join your Travel Director for a visit to the Waldheim Chalet for insight into the early history of the Cradle Mountain area. Later, take a guided walk by Dove Lake. You may spot Bennetts wallabies, echidnas and pademelons grazing along the way. **B DW**

6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

Take a walk with a local expert through the Hellyers Road Whisky Distillery in Burnie. Make your way east to Mount Gnomon Farm, hidden high in the hills overlooking the picturesque seaside village of Penguin. Enjoy an exhilarating Be My Guest experience with fifth-generation Tasmanian farmer, Guy Robertson, as he shows you around his free-range farm, cider orchard and gardens, before sitting down to a farm-to-fork lunch in his beautiful barn. Continue to

quirky Sheffield, the 'Town of Murals', then call in at Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm to try a selection of local cheeses. Travel through the Meander Valley to the historic city of Launceston.

Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. B BG

7 Launceston

See Launceston's magnificent Cataract Gorge before taking a scenic drive through rolling hills for lunch and wine-tasting at Josef Chromy Wines. **B L DW**

8 Launceston – Freycinet

Visit Bridestowe Lavender Estate and treat yourself to its famous lavender ice cream. Later visit the unique Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees site. After lunch in St. Helens, travel south along the picturesque coast to Freycinet National Park. **Hotel: Freycinet Lodge, 2 nights. B DW**

9 Wineglass Bay Cruise

Experience a four-hour lunch cruise 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. **B L DW**

10 Freycinet – Hobart

Travel through the Midlands, stopping for morning tea in historic Ross, renowned for its scallop pies!

After a break in Oatlands, where you can grab some lunch, join in our Sustainability Programme that allows you to give back to the local community by helping volunteers pot native plants and count seeds at a local not-for-profit nursery. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, (Harbour View Room), 3 nights. B**

11 Port Arthur

Today, explore the Port Arthur Historic Site, taking a cruise around the Isle of the Dead and a fascinating guided walk of the remains of Port Arthur's infamous convict prison. There will also be time for you to wander the site at your leisure. On the drive back to Hobart, see the amazing natural rock formations of the craggy Tasman Arch, the Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole. **B**

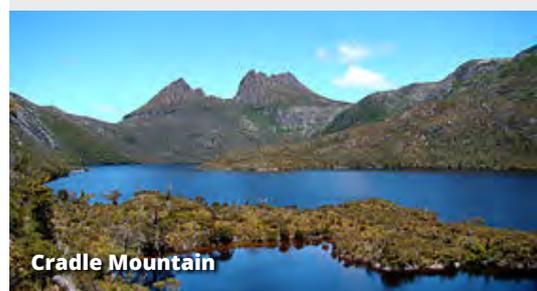
12 Hobart Free Time

Today is yours, so why not try one of our optional experiences? Perhaps the Bruny Island Cruise - take in Australia's highest sea cliffs, listen to the awesome 'Breathing Rock', enter deep sea caves and feel the power of nature at the very point where the Tasman Sea meets the mighty Southern Ocean. Alternatively, take a scenic flight down to the great South West, take a tour to historic Richmond, or get your cultural fix with a visit to MONA. This evening, mingle with your fellow travellers at a Farewell Dinner at one of Hobart's popular restaurants. **B FD**

13 Farewell from Hobart

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

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