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AUSTRALIA

2022-2023 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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Tassie's Parks & Nature

Highlights

📍 Local Connection

Discover why Tassie's whiskies take home awards at Hellyers Road Distillery; a local aficionado sipping you through the range.

👤 Insider Knowledge

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Your exclusive lunch and cider tasting amid the apple and pear orchards at Mount Gnomon are hosted by farmer, Guy Robertson.

🏠 Cultural Immersion

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Enjoy your Welcome to Country and Aboriginal guided walk by a palawa Elder at Cataract Gorge.

🌿 Sustainable Footprints

Your visit contributes to National Parks and Wildlife, protecting Tasmania's wilderness including the Franklin-Gordon Rivers.

1 Welcome to Hobart

Enjoy a leisurely start to your trip with a stroll around Constitution Dock at your doorstep or take a stroll along the Derwent River. Join 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, and delight in the taste and aroma of freshly baked goods and local produce, meeting the friendly people who make or grow what they sell. Take a moment to sit back and relax at one of Salamanca's cafés with a cooling ale or locally produced cider and watch the world pass you by. This afternoon, it's all aboard for a city sights tour of Tassie's capital. Stroll through the Botanical Gardens, visit historic Battery Point, and see Cascade Brewery before driving up to Mt. Nelson for panoramic views over the city. **B**

3 Hobart – Strahan

This morning head west to New Norfolk and the magnificent Mt. Field National Park, Tasmania's oldest, and join your Travel Director for a stroll through the lush rainforest to the spectacular three-tiered Russell Falls. Later take the winding journey to picturesque Lake St. Clair, Australia's deepest lake. Continuing along the rainforest bordered road of World Heritage protected Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park and through the moonscape of the mining town of Queenstown, your destination is seaside Strahan. Enjoy views of magnificent Macquarie Harbour, seven times the size of Sydney Harbour, from your hotel perched on the hillside. **Hotel: Strahan Village. B DW**

4 Strahan – Cradle Mountain

A highlight today is your cruise on the spectacular Gordon River, where the wilderness comes to the water's edge. Stop at Sarah Island for an insight into a relic of Tasmania's convict history. See Hells Gates, the treacherous entrance to the Macquarie Harbour, and Heritage Landing, the site of a 2,000 year old Huon pine.

Travel through the mining towns of Rosebery and Tullah as you make your way to your hotel set on the edge of sensational Cradle Mountain National Park. **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. This evening you may like to choose to go Night Spotting or visit Devils@Cradle for an After Dark Feeding tour. **B DW**

6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

After breakfast, 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 the award-winning Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm to try a selection of local cheeses. Travel through the Meander Valley to Tassie's 'northern capital' Launceston. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor. B BG**

7 Farewell from Launceston

Immerse yourself in Launceston's magnificent Cataract Gorge on a guided walk with an Aboriginal Elder, and hear about the history of the area through their eyes. Take a scenic drive through the Tamar Valley's rolling hills for lunch and wine-tasting at Josef Chromy Wines. The views from the surrounding vineyards and lakes provide an idyllic location to enjoy tasting some of the estate-grown cool climate wines and tucking into some fresh local Tasmanian produce. After lunch, say farewell to your new-found friends as your holiday comes to an end this afternoon. **B L**

Combine this itinerary with Tassie Getaway (page 50) for the complete Tasmanian experience. See Perfect Tasmania (page 46).



Josef Chromy Wines



Mount Gnomon Farm



Wombat at Cradle Mountain



- **START**
- **END**
- ① Number of night stays
- Sightseeing stops

