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AUSTRALIA

2023-2024 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



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Tassie's East Coast Highlights



Highlights

✂ Flexible Holidays

You won't be the only one yelping with excitement when you spot Bicheno's little penguins march up the sand from the ocean. We recommend you sign up to see them – the choice is yours.


📍 Iconic Sites

From untamed wilderness areas like Cradle Mountain and Freycinet National Park to the World Heritage listed Port Arthur, Tassie is not short on attractions.

📷 Time For You

Get an early flight into Launceston to explore Cataract Gorge at your own pace. How many cities in the world have this natural wonderment on their doorstep?

🌱 Sustainable Travel

 Your entry fees into the state's national parks assist with the conservation of these pristine natural environments.

🏞 Natural Wonders

Cruising around the Southern Ocean off the coast of Port Arthur gives you a front-row seat to dramatic geological sites including the Isle of the Dead, Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole.



1 Welcome to Launceston

You don't have to arrive early into Launceston, but we highly recommend you do. Time on your side? Walk the short distance to Cataract Gorge, home to the longest single-span chairlift in the world. It's quite the ride, taking you up high into this intensely beautiful, and spiritual, place. Otherwise, meet your Travel Director and fellow Tassie companions for a drink in the evening. **Hotel: Best Western Plus.**

2 Launceston – Bicheno

Bridestowe is an assault on all your senses – in the best possible way. There's the piercing purple of the lavender grown here, backdropped by horizon-wide blue sky. Then the musky aroma of the flowers, which has an instant calming effect. And the taste, beyond anything you ever imagined – try lavender in ice-cream, jams and teas, and thank us later. It's a tasty entrée to the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, sculpted into World War One soldiers. Come dusk in Bicheno, sign up to spot tuxedoed little penguins waddle to shore from the water. **Hotel: Beachfront Bicheno. B D**

3 Bicheno – Hobart

Nothing quite prepares you for the drama of Freycinet National Park – the colours here seem more vivid, the air crisper, the water cleaner, the skies wider. A patchwork of ocean blues lap Coles and Wineglass bays, framed by powdery white sand and silvery eucalypts. There's a reason why this place stars on postcards. The other destination that deserves notoriety is Richmond, its grand 1820s Georgian buildings today home to bijou boutiques, galleries and cafés that appear to be lost in time. **Hotel: Best Western, 2 nights. B**

4 Port Arthur Historic Site

Port Arthur's rather grim convict past is reflected in the names of attractions around it: Isle of the Dead, Devil's Kitchen, the Blowhole... But believe us, they're all spectacularly pretty. As is the Port Arthur Historic Site, its immaculately maintained buildings scattered over green pastures that fade into the Southern Ocean. This is the best-preserved convict site in Australia, and among the most significant convict-era destinations worldwide. The stories these walls could tell. **B FD**

5 Farewell from Hobart

Short and sweet and packed with highlights – this Tasmanian tour is sure to inspire future travels. **B**



Bridestowe Lavender Estate

8 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022	2023 continued	2024
Oct 13, 24, 31	Apr 06, 17, 27	Jan 08, 15, 18, 29
Nov 07, 10, 21	May 08, 18	Feb 05, 08, 19, 26
Dec 01, 05, 12, 22	Jul 03, 31	Mar 04, 14, 18, 25
	Aug 28	
	Sep 11	
2023		
Jan 02, 09, 20, 27, 30	Oct 02, 12, 23, 30	
Feb 06, 09, 20, 27	Nov 06, 09, 20, 30	
Mar 06, 09, 20, 27	Dec 04, 11, 21, 28	

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at aatkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

- 4 Full breakfasts B
- 1 Lunch L
- 1 Farewell Dinner FD

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Launceston Airport
 Day 5 – flights to depart anytime from Hobart Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Start & end your tour in Hobart. See *Tasmanian Wonders* page 74.



Port Arthur Historic Site



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

