



TASMANIA

AUSTRALIA'S ISLAND GEM

September 30 - October 05, 2024
Led by Local Guides

Embark on an exhilarating journey through Tasmania, a land of diverse landscapes and rich history. From the bustling streets of Hobart to the haunting Port Arthur Historic Site, each stop offers a unique experience. Explore the lush Derwent Valley and Mount Field National Park's cascading waterfalls. Visit a sheep farm in Hamilton for a taste of rural life and wildlife at Bonorong Sanctuary. Drive along the Great Eastern route, reveling in coastal beauty, culminating in the iconic Wineglass Bay. Discover the majesty of Cradle Mountain and its premier trails. Admire Sheffield's vibrant murals and conclude the adventure in Launceston, where historic charm meets cultural vitality. This thoughtfully curated journey promises a tapestry of Tasmania's finest, blending nature's marvels with its storied past.

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Monday, September 30

Arrive in Hobart (**TASMANIA-AUSTRALIA**) 

Upon arrival in **Hobart**, the capital of **Tasmania**, meet our local guide and transfer to the *Hotel* for check-in, free rest of the day at leisure and later in the evening, savor an exceptional **culinary adventure** at Stockman's Restaurant, known for its extraordinary cuisine featuring the finest Tasmanian ingredients expertly prepared into delectable dishes. Following this experience, return to the *Hotel* for overnight. **(B,D)**

Tuesday, October 01

Hobart (Port Arthur) 

Embark on a captivating journey to the **historic Port Arthur** and the scenic **Tasman Peninsula**. The day unfolds with a unique opportunity to delve into the rich heritage of Port Arthur, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** celebrated for its compelling convict history. Wander

through the impeccably preserved ruins, amble through the picturesque gardens, and uncover narratives of Australia's colonial past. Following a 20-minute harbor cruise, revel in the breathtaking landscapes of the Tasman Peninsula—its rugged cliffs, unspoiled beaches, and dramatic rock formations. Then, venture to a **nearby cave** offering vibrant views of the ocean. As an exclusive highlight, visit a **mushroom farm** to explore the fascinating world of mushroom cultivation. The day concludes with a seafood dinner at Mures Upper Deck before returning to the *Hotel* for overnight. **(B,D)**

Wednesday, October 02

Hobart - Mount Field NP 

Begin the day with a drive to **Mount Field National Park**. As we ascend, the scenery transforms, offering glimpses of the distinctive flora and fauna indigenous to the area. Renowned as 'the park for all seasons,' Mount Field is a

component of the **Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area**, boasting some of the planet's tallest eucalypt forests and a distinctive assortment of alpine vegetation. With its rich history, Mount Field National Park stands as one of Tasmania's earliest national parks and among its most varied. Indulge in a BBQ lunch and a comprehensive **farm tour** at a sprawling 750-acre sheep cropping farm. Retreat for the overnight at **Curringa Farm** in **Hamilton**, immersing in an authentic view of Tasmania's expansive, verdant countryside. Savor a home-cooked dinner at the farm, featuring some of the crops encountered throughout the tour. **(B,L,D)**

Thursday, October 03

Mount Field NP - Coles Bay



Begin the day with a drive heading north, with a stop at the **Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary** along the way. What would a trip to Tasmania be without the opportunity to see the famed **Tasmania Devil**? A visit to Bonorong will showcase the Tasmania Devil, as well as other local endangered species like Kangaroos. Continue the drive to **Richmond**, a town that beckons with its rich historical architecture, delectable cuisine, and vineyards with scenic views. The main street offers a delightful array of galleries and antique shops, while a visit to Richmond Gaol offers a step back in time. Stand on the rise above the iconic **Richmond Bridge**, built in 1825 by convicts, and admire the country's oldest surviving Catholic church, **St. John the Evangelist**. Tasmania's **Great Eastern Drive** promises a spectacular coastal adventure. This iconic three-hour road trip guides you along the breathtaking eastern coastline, treating you to vistas of rugged cliffs, pristine beaches, and crystalline waters. The Great Eastern Drive is renowned for its scenic viewpoints, inviting you to bask in the awe-inspiring panoramas as you leisurely traverse this three-hour journey. After dinner (a la Carte), transfer to the *Hotel* in **Coles Bay** for check-in and overnight. **(B,D)**

Friday, October 04

Coles Bay - Cradle Mountain



This morning, set out on a leisurely stroll to admire the world-famous **Wineglass Bay**, where the azure waters meet immaculate white sands. Take the scenic drive toward **Cradle Mountain** via the renowned **Cradle to Coast tasting trail**. Walk to one of Tasmania's most renowned viewpoints—the pristine waters and sinuous white shoreline of Wineglass Bay. A meticulously crafted trail guides us through coastal woodland, past impressive granite boulders, up to the lookout. This involves a moderately steep ascent of approx. 1 mile each way, with resting spots conveniently placed along the route. Upon reaching the saddle, the lookout platforms await, revealing

a view that is a fitting reward for your efforts. If we are fortunate, we may even catch a glimpse of whales or dolphins in the bay. At **Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm**, pause for a well-timed lunch on the renowned Cradle to Coast tasting trail. Nestled in the picturesque countryside, this enchanting farm stands as a culinary haven for raspberry enthusiasts. Head to **Ashgrove Cheese**, in a small, fertile enclave of Northern Tasmania. It is here that their dairy herds have grazed since 1908. After a bistro dinner, Transfer to the *Hotel* in Cradle Mountain and there may be a chance to join an optional Cradle Mountain night spotting tour to see some of the many nocturnal creatures that inhabit Tasmania. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday, October 05

Cradle Mountain - Sheffield - Dili (TIMOR-LESTE)



Begin the day with a 3.7 miles track, undoubtedly one of Tasmania's premier walks. Originating from **Dove Lake**, a glacially sculpted expanse directly beneath Cradle Mountain, this trail affords both intimate and sweeping views of the renowned peak. The path meanders around Dove Lake, passes beneath the mountain, and then winds through magnificent rainforest back to the starting point. Along the way, we will encounter some of Tasmania's unique vegetation. Traverse the town of **Sheffield**, once a bustling hub during the Hydroelectric scheme era. Today, it's a haven for the arts, earning the moniker "**The Town of Murals**." Sheffield hosts an annual week-long international Muralfest, transforming the town into a living art gallery. Enjoy a light lunch (on own) then transfer to Launceston Airport for your flight to **Timor-Leste** arriving the following day. **(B)**

"We reserve the right to change the order of activities/visits or sites due to unexpected events such as flight cancellations or changes of schedule, or any other reasons beyond our control. We will do our best to ensure that any necessary changes when/if needed to meet the needs of our clients".

Special Notes on Travel:

Active Touring - You will be covering a lot during this journey. The roads are good, and the bus is very comfortable. Some driving days are long, but there will be several restrooms stops along the way. It is important to recognize the exhausting nature of some of the long sightseeing days, as well as some of the site visits where you may have to climb over uneven terrain, steps, rocks, and sand, as well as up inclines and stairs. Be prepared to travel with comfortable shoes. You do have the option of staying in the vehicle if some sites seem difficult to you.

Tour Cost (Land Only):

2-3 travelers \$5,450.00

Single Supplement: \$1,450.00

4 travelers \$3,250.00

Single Supplement: \$750.00

Per person sharing in double occupancy

Single Supplement: \$1,450.00

Price based on group size of minimum 2 participants

Trip Grade: II Lodging Level: ****



Tour Includes:

- Airport/Hotel/airport transfers.
- Accommodation at mentioned Hotel or similar.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch and D: Dinner).
- Sightseeing in each city as per the itinerary.
- Services of English-speaking guides.
- Entrance fees to all mentioned sites and visits.

Trip Grade:

II Active – Some hikes, slightly more demanding walks at or to sites, few elevations, comfortable but busy schedule and some long rides.

Lodging Level:

****** Luxury** - Regular style- usually large- hotels, typical western standard with ample venues, and full amenities. (4 or 5 stars)

Tour does not include:

- International air in and out of Tasmania.
- Beverages with or without meals.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees at sites, laundry, emails, excess luggage, etc.).
- Gratuities to guide, drivers, and porters.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules or early arrival.
- Travel protection insurance. (Highly Recommended)

