

TASMANIA

Australia's only island state, Tasmania, has always been slightly cut off from the mainland, which means that its natural wilderness and colonial legacy have been superbly preserved. There is an astonishingly diverse geography, from the alpine waterfalls and dense rainforests of Cradle Mountain, to the white sand beaches, and gigantic granite peaks of the Freycinet Peninsula. A fifth of the island is designated as World Heritage Sites, protecting the native habitats of the echidnas, kangaroos – and, of course – the Tasmanian Devils.

TOP EXPERIENCES

Visit Salamanca Place market every Saturday in Hobart.
 Walk or Kayak around Freycinet National Park to discover beautiful white sandy beaches and world famous Wineglass Bay.
 Explore Cradle Mountain National Park and stay at Cradle Mountain Lodge with its wonderful alpine spa.

FACT FILE

Climate: Tasmania enjoys a temperate climate with seasons opposite to those of the UK. Spring starts in September, Summer in December, Autumn in March and Winter in June.

Driving Times:
 Hobart to Freycinet - 2 hours 30 minutes.
 Hobart to Cradle Mountain - 4 hours 30 minutes.
 Hobart to Launceston - 3 hours
GMT: + 10 hours



> HOBART ESSENTIALS

- 3 Day Package from £232 per adult
- Day 1: Arrive in Hobart and transfer to your hotel
- Day 2: Discover Hobart and Bonorong Wildlife Park day tour
- Day 3: Depart Hobart for your onward journey – see our self drives on page 88 for inspiration

Please note: Prices are per person based on twin share and include two nights accommodation, return airport transfers and one day tour. Supplements apply over special events and prices may vary with availability.

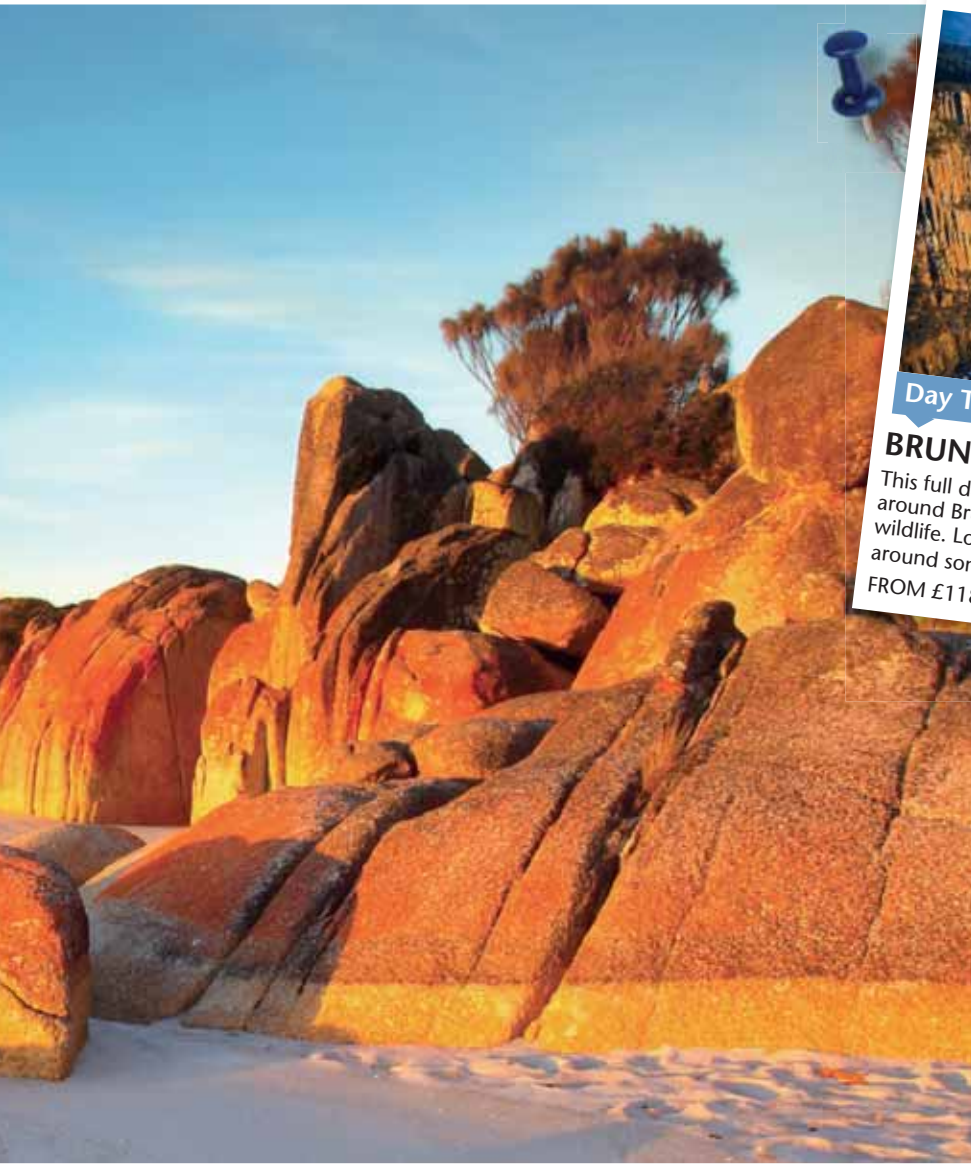
> BONORONG WILDLIFE - FEEDING FRENZY!

Get up close with native wombats, tasmanian devils and koalas and join one of the unique guided tours at Bonorong, watch them being fed and learn about the work of the sanctuary to help the native animals survive.

FROM £98 PER ADULT

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Day Tour

BRUNY ISLAND CRUISE

This full day tour from Hobart includes a three hour cruise around Bruny Island's rugged coast to see wilderness and wildlife. Look out for seals, dolphins and birds of prey around some of Australia's highest sea cliffs and caves.

FROM £118 PER ADULT

Mercure Hobart

★★★★☆

Rooms have a modern fresh feel and offer either city or mountain views. Close by is Salamanca Place, well known for the many restaurants, cafés and bars.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £53 PER ADULT



Freycinet Lodge

★★★★☆

Just two and a half hours drive from Launceston or Hobart. Cabins nestle in a 14 acre secluded bush setting, just minutes away from sandy beaches and local wineries.

FROM £91 PER ADULT



Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge

★★★★☆

With log fires in the cabins, wildlife all around and some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, this hotel provides a great feel of the outdoors.

FROM £88 PER ADULT



Strahan Village

★★★★☆

Strahan Village offers a choice of accommodation from Waterfront Cottages which reflect the history of the region, to Hilltop Harbour View Rooms overlooking the magnificent harbour.

FROM £42 PER ADULT

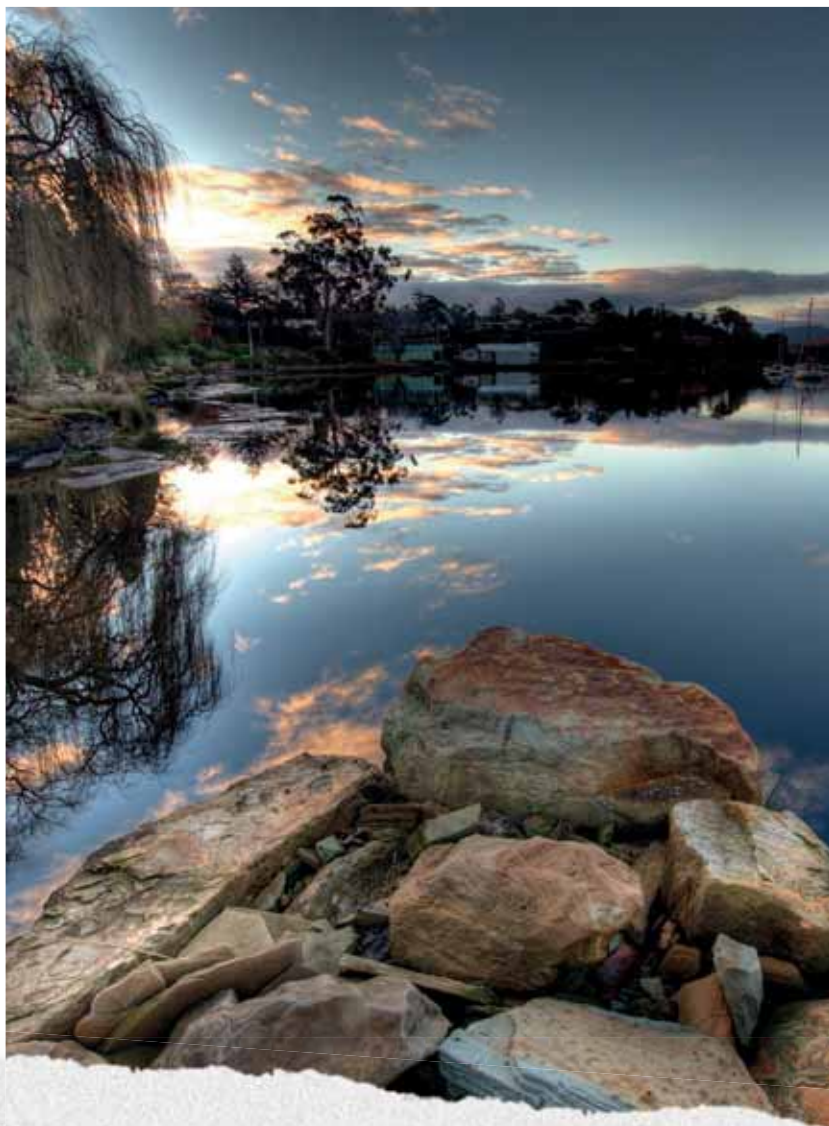


Bay of Fires

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DISCOVER TASMANIA

One of the best ways to explore Tasmania is at your own pace – as Australia’s only island state, Tasmania has a natural wilderness and colonial legacy that has been superbly preserved. See our suggested itinerary, offered as either a self drive with 3, 4 or 5 star accommodation, or with your very own motor home for the ultimate adventure!



Grand Circle

10 Day Self Drive
from £795 per adult



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DAY 1: HOBART

Spend the day exploring the Royal Botanical Gardens, Constitution Dock, Sandy Bay, Salamanca Place and Battery Point.

DAY 2: HOBART – STRAHAN

Head out of Hobart and travel through the heart of Tasmania towards Strahan, on the West Coast. En-route stop off and enjoy one of the short walks that lead off from the highway.

DAY 3: STRAHAN – CRADLE MOUNTAIN

This morning you may want to take an optional cruise along the Gordon River before heading north to Zeehan, previously a booming mining town in the early 1900's.

DAY 4: CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

A day at leisure to explore the Cradle Mountain National Park, including the many walks.

DAY 5: CRADLE MOUNTAIN – LAUNCESTON

Set off eastwards from Cradle Mountain to Launceston, nestled in the hills. Just 10 minutes from the city centre is the magnificent Cataract Gorge.

DAY 6: LAUNCESTON – ST HELENS

Depart Launceston and travel northeast, to the small bayside town of St Helens, well known for its seafood.

DAY 7: ST HELENS – FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

Head south from St Helens, through the towns of Scamander and St Mary's, before stopping for pancakes at Elephant Pass. The small resort town of Bicheno is also worth a visit.

DAY 8: FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

Explore all that the Freycinet National Park has to offer, including spectacular beaches.

DAY 9: FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK – HOBART

Make an early start to enable you to spend some time at Port Arthur, one of Australia's best known historic sites, complete with the well-preserved convict settlement. Travel back to Hobart via the historic village of Richmond.

DAY 10: HOBART

Return your vehicle and depart Hobart.

Please Note: Itinerary valid from 1st April 2013 and may alter prior to this. Prices are per person and include nine nights twin share accommodation, an information pack and are based on a group B car hire. Accommodation, board basis and prices are subject to change with availability. Minimum nights and surcharges apply on some properties on certain dates. Driving times and distances are approximate. (H01)

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Discover Tasmania By Motorhome



10 Day Motorhome Hire
from £185 per adult

Follow the above itinerary for Grand Circle under your own steam in an Apollo motorhome.

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Gordon River

Classic Tasmania

5 Day Escorted Tour from £1,145 per adult



DAY 1: HOBART - STRAHAN

Travel to the stunning Russell Falls in the heart of Mount Field National Park, before journeying through Tasmania's wilderness to the shores of Lake St Clair in the Cradle Mountain National Park. Tonight stay at the seaside town of Strahan.

DAY 2: STRAHAN - CRADLE MOUNTAIN

Cruise the Gordon River to the former penal colony of Sarah Island, before returning back to shore at Strahan and travelling on to Cradle Mountain.

DAY 3: CRADLE MOUNTAIN - SMITHTON

Travel out to the tranquil shores of Dove Lake for magnificent scenery, then travel to the fishing village of Stanley set on a striking rocky outcrop.

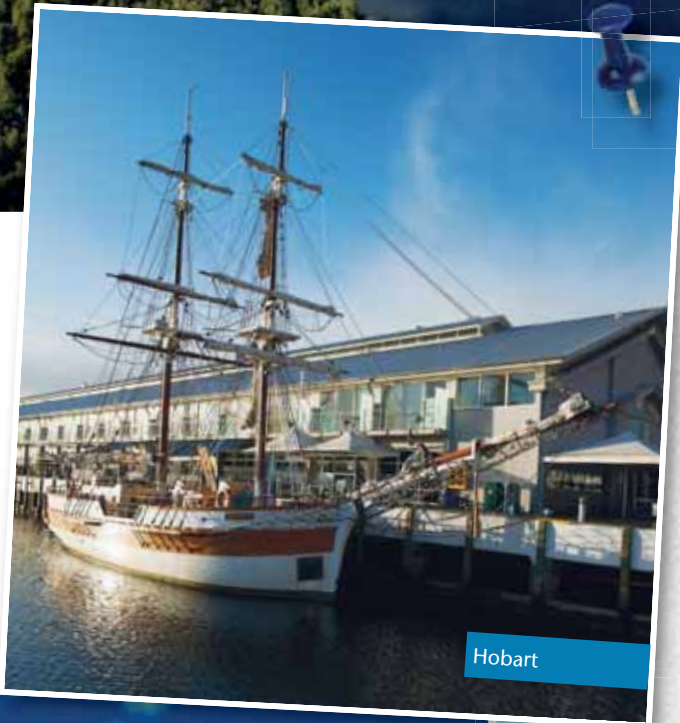
DAY 4: SMITHTON - LAUNCESTON

Tantalise your tastebuds with a tour of a local cheese factory, then take in the vistas from the shores of the Great Lake, before a farewell dinner in Launceston.

DAY 5: LAUNCESTON

Explore Cataract Gorge for your final day, then take a cruise on the Tamar River and admire the National Rose Garden before your onward journey. (TX5AA)

Please see austravel.com for full details and accommodation options



Hobart



Freycinet Bay



Hobart

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