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# **Tasmania Tour** 7 Nights \* \$2760 ppts

\* This tour requires a minimum of 26 passengers!

*This is a fully escorted tour using the services of premier Tasmania Coach Charter Company – Redline Coaches.* 

This Tasmania Discovery Tour visits both the East Coast and West Coast as well as Hobart and Launceston. Highlights include: Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park – Dove Lake – breathtaking Gordon River luncheon cruise into Tasmania's Wilderness World Heritage Area inc. Macquarie Harbour – Queenstown – Port Arthur (inc. harbour cruise around the infamous "Isle of Dead") - Tasman Peninsula – Mt Wellington – historic Richmond – Swansea – Bicheno – Scamander – Sheffield – Mt Field National Park inc. Russell Falls – Special Dinner Cruise on the Derwent River – see the night lights of Hobart City.

Overnight East Coast (Scamander) – 3 nights @ Hobart – 2 nights West Coast (Queenstown) and overnight Launceston – 7 nights

### <u> Melbourne to Launceston – Tasmania North East – Scottsdale – St Helens - Scamander</u>

We travel Melbourne to Launceston via Virgin Airlines departing Melbourne 9.30am approximately (flight times to be confirmed) arrive Launceston 10.35am – includes one 23kg checked in bag per person (and one carry-on bag 7kg – 56cm L – 36cmW – 23 cm D – to fit in the overhead locker). Our Tasmanian Coach Charter – Redline Coaches will meet and greet us on arrival at Launceston Airport to begin our adventure journey around the "Apple Isle". This morning we travel along the Tasman Highway into the North East Region. We travel via Scottsdale and St Helens -lunch stop enroute to the East Coast to the coastal town of Scamander for our overnight stopover. Our accommodation is at the Scamander Beach Resort Hotel situated on the beachfront with spectacular ocean views. Tonight we enjoy a delicious 2-Course dinner served in the motel restaurant.

### <u>East Coast – Tasman Highway – Bicheno – Swansea – Historic Richmond – Hobart – 3 nights</u>

This morning we travel south along the East Coast via Bicheno to Swansea for morning tea. We then continue south along the Tasman Highway to the historic Georgian Village of Richmond – this unique town is classified by the National Trust. Here we see the two prominent and iconic

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landmarks of St John's Church and the Richmond Bridge – Australia's oldest Catholic Church and oldest bridge still in use today (lunch in Richmond and time to explore this historic town). We then travel onto Hobart – our destination for the next three nights. Our accommodation is at the Ibis Styles Hotel situated in the centre of Hobart. Tonight dinner at own expense. Many restaurants located walking distance from hotel.

### Salamanca Street Market – Waterfront Precinct – Battery Point – Mt Wellington – Night Cruise

This morning we visit Hobart's iconic Salamanca Street Market – located in historic Salamanca Place, next to the Hobart waterfront, the market has over 300 stallholders and operates every Saturday – free time to explore the market and waterfront precinct. This afternoon we enjoy a coach tour of historic Battery Point and also visit Mt Wellington ( subject to weather conditions ) for spectacular views overlooking Hobart, the Derwent River and surrounding district ( Mt Wellington rises 1270metres above Hobart's Harbour ). Tonight we enjoy a Hobart Dinner Cruise along the Derwent River – *see the night lights of Hobart!* Our cruise departs Hobart Wharf 6.00pm and returns 8.00pm – includes 3-Course dinner & glass of wine.

### Tasman Peninsula – Eaglehawk Neck – Port Arthur Historic Site - "Isle of Dead" Cruise

Today we travel south of Hobart along the Arthur Highway into the Tasman Peninsula – a place of breathtaking scenery, spectacular sea cliffs and wild ocean views. We visit the breathtaking lookout at Eaglehawk Neck. We then travel to the World Heritage Listed Port Arthur Historic Site – see the most famous of Australia's convict settlements. Our visit includes a self guided tour through the historic sites and a twenty minute harbour cruise around the infamous "Isle of Dead" (lunch cafe facilities at Port Arthur ). This afternoon we leisurely return to Hobart. Tonight dinner at own expense. Many restaurants located walking distance from hotel.

### <u>New Norfolk – Mt Field National Park – Russell Falls – Derwent Valley – Lake St Clair</u> <u>National Park – Queenstown – 2 nights</u>

This morning we farewell Hobart and travel to New Norfolk – many of the town's early pioneers resettled from Norfolk Island during the early 1800's. We then travel to Mount Field National Park and visit Russell Falls ( short walk from carpark to the falls ) - cafe facilities available for morning tea. We then travel along the Lyell Highway to Derwent Bridge for lunch. This afternoon we visit Lake St Clair National Park, which is part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. We then travel onto Queenstown – our destination for the next two nights. Our accommodation is at the Westcoaster Motel situated close to the centre of town. Tonight we enjoy a delicious 2-Course dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

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### <u>Strahan – Gordon River Wilderness Cruise – Macquarie Harbour – Sarah Island</u>

This morning we travel to the coastal town of Strahan on the Tasmania West Coast for our Gordon River Wilderness Cruise – *one of the special highlights of the tour!* Our cruise aboard "World Heritage Cruises" departs at 8.30am and returns approximately 2.30pm. From Strahan we take an unforgettable journey across Macquarie Harbour to deep within the rainforest of the Gordon River. We disembark at Heritage Landing and see a 2000-year-old Huon Pine, and explore the crumbling ruins of the Sarah Island convict settlement through the extraordinary interpretation of a local guide. We also see Atlantic Salmon Fish Farms and the notorious Hells Gates ( our cruise includes tea/coffee and a delicious on-board lunch ). We then return to Queenstown. Tonight we enjoy a delicious 2-Course dinner served in the motel restaurant.

### <u>World Heritage Area of Cradle Mountain – Dove Lake – Sheffield " town of murals – Tamar</u> <u>Valley Resort</u>

This morning we farewell Queenstown and travel to the World Heritage Area of Cradle Mountain Lake St Clair National Park – Tasmania's accessible wilderness. Here we board a local shuttle bus that will take us into Cradle Mountain to Dove Lake. The view of Cradle Mountain on a clear day is just breathtaking! After our return from the National Park we enjoy lunch at the "Wilderness Cafe" ( the cafe is situated at the entrance to the National Park ). This afternoon we travel to Sheffield – the town of murals. We then travel through Deloraine District to Launceston. Our accommodation is at the Tamar Valley Resort situated at the Swiss Village of Grindelward on the outskirts of Launceston. Tonight we enjoy 2-Course dinner served at the Tamar Valley Resort Hotel.

### Launceston Sightseeing – Cataract Gorge – Launceston to Melbourne – Home

This morning we enjoy some Launceston sightseeing including a visit to Cataract Gorge. The Cataract Gorge Reserve on the South Esk River is a unique natural formation just minutes from central Launceston. The Gorge has walking tracks, swimming pool, the world's longest single-span chairlift, a restaurant, café, suspension bridge and panoramic lookouts with spectacular views. Peacocks and native wildlife add to the experience. We then travel to Launceston Airport for our homeward journey. We travel Launceston to Melbourne Virgin Airlines depart approx. 11.00am flight times to be confirmed.

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### Tasmania Tour Includes:

- ✓ Seat -belt equipped coach travel throughout Tasmania with premier coach company Redline Coaches. Coach greet and meet at Launceston Airport
- ✓ Return airfares with Virgin Airlines Melbourne to Launceston and Return
- ✓ Coach transfer to and from Melbourne Airport
- ✓ 7 nights quality hotel/motel accommodation in Tasmania including: 3 nights @ The Ibis Styles - Hobart – lift access to all rooms 2 nights @ Westcoaster Motel – Queenstown 1 night @ Scamander Beach Resort Hotel – Scamander 1 night @ Tamar Valley Resort - Launceston
- ✓ Delicious 2-Course dinners served motel restaurants at Scamander Queenstown and Launceston
- ✓ Hobart Dinner Cruise on the Derwent River Saturday night October 25
- ✓ Cooked buffet style breakfasts served each morning Hobart Queenstown & Launceston
- ✓ Continental breakfast served at Scamander Beach Resort
- ✓ Lunch aboard "World Heritage Cruises" on Gordon River Cruise
- ✓ All admissions, cruises & sightseeing as per itinerary
- The tour price quoted requires a minimum of 26 passengers. Should passengers number fall below 25 passengers the tour price will need to increase according to the number of passengers.
- > The single supplement is an additional \$70 per night (Total \$490)
- The tour price quoted does not include travel insurance, lunches (exc. lunch on Gordon River Cruise) or morning teas
- Please note that should unsuitable or unsafe conditions not allow the tour to visit a particular attraction or place of interest or an attraction on the itinerary has now closed or is closed on the day then a suitable alternative will be substituted. Designer Tours and/or Redline Coaches reserves the right to make a decision on unsuitable or unsafe conditions.
- Designer Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary should changes to air travel schedules occur before our tour departs as planned
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