

Circle Tour of Tasmania



Tour Date:
Departs 14 November 2010

For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 50 Years and Over** 9 days / 8 nights

Hobart • Omarama • Houn Valley • Port Arthur • Hobart • Launceston • Cradle Mountain • Queenstown • Hobart

Circle Tour of Tasmania

This circle tour encapsulates the beauty of Tasmania with spectacular sightseeing. Starting in Hobart, the tour visits near by regions and returns to your waterfront hotel location in Hobart where you will enjoy three relaxing evening stays before venturing to the West Coast and Hobart's wilderness in the North then returning to Hobart for the weekend.

This 9 day tour will provide you the time to experience the essence of Tasmania during a magnificent season; when the summer is approaching.

Tour Highlights

- A group welcome dinner with drinks on evening one in Hobart
- A visit and guided tour of historic Port Arthur.
- Experience the tahune Forest Airwalk
- Stunning Russells Fall in the Mt Field National Park
- Historic town of Richmond
- Multiple nights of stay in Hobart
- Visit a conservation sanctuary for Tasmanian Devils
- Stay in Tasmania's high country wilderness at Cradle Mountain
- Visit the renowned Salamanca Markets, Hobart

Tour Pace

Enjoy **premium small group touring** on a luxury 24-seater coach with quality hotels and dining.

Fellow Passengers: Share your journey with other like-minded single travellers. Plus, we *'go the extra mile'* and offer a pre-departure contact service to our group of guests (see *itinerary page for details*).

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Premium small group
touring with a maximum
of 24 travellers.



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Tour Inclusions

- 8 nights quality accommodation
- 8 full breakfasts
- 1 lunch & 7 dinners
- Drinks with dinner, day 1
- Group host day 1
- All touring & sightseeing as per the itinerary
- A professional coach captain
- Luxury 24-seater coach
- Goods & Services Tax
- Optional room mate matching service

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person AUD	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour Price Early Bird	\$2279	\$2829
Tour price Standard	\$2379	\$2929
Pre/Post Tour Hotel, Perth	\$	\$

Early Bird Price Offer ends 14 June 2010. Deposit required to secure offer.

Pre or post tour hotel is the Wrest Point Casino & the price includes a full

Tour Hotels

Wrest Point Casino Hobart 4 star

An absolute waterfront location on the River Derwent in Hobart.

Colonial on Elizabeth Launceston 4.5 star

Centrally located with great Launceston views.

Cradle Mountain Chateau Cradle Mountain 4 star

Situated in alpine wilderness.

Chancellor Inn Queenstown 3.5 star

In the heart of Tasmania's rugged West Coast.

Tour Date

Sunday 14 to Monday 22 November '10
(bookings close 15 September 2010*)

** Bookings will close before published date if places sell out.*

About Us

At A Rendezvous for Singles we offer holiday groups for single travellers, visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe. From short tropical escapes, adventure trips and leisurely touring, all trips are age-matched and enjoyed with a group of like-minded people.

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Itinerary for Circle Tour of Tasmania



Day 01 (D): TO HOBART Sunday

Arrive to Hobart at your leisure. Check-in at the hotel is 2pm. Founded in 1804, Hobart is Australia's second oldest capital and everywhere you go the past steps out to meet you. Sullivans Cove is lined with sandstone warehouses reflecting the area's rich maritime history and at Battery Point tiny cottages vie for space with grand mansions and Victorian terraces. Our coach leaves us at the Wrest Point Casino. This afternoon, meet with the group around 4pm for a brief introduction to Hobart. This evening at 7pm we will gather for pre dinner drinks with our fellow travellers before our Welcome dinner. (Dinner in the Hotel)

Wrest Point Casino, Water Edge Rooms

Day 02 (B): HUON VALLEY Monday

After a hearty breakfast and weather permitting, we will travel to Mt. Wellington for a magnificent view of Hobart and the Harbour. We then head south to the beautiful Huon Valley. Nearby is the Tahune Forest where we will be taking the Tahune Forest Airwalk, high in the tree top canopy. We continue our touring to Geeveston for our lunch break heading back to Hobart. Tonight dinner is at our own arrangement - our hotel has numerous restaurants to choose from and many bars where we can relax over a drink and get to know our new friends. (Breakfast in the hotel)

Wrest Point Casino, Water Edge Rooms

Day 03 (B,D): PORT ARTHUR Tuesday

This morning we head to the Port Arthur Historic Site. The penal settlement at Port Arthur is a stark reminder of the harsh conditions endured by the earliest European inhabitants of this one time island jail. On arrival we have time to purchase lunch before taking a fascinating journey, retracing the life of a convict from the time of his petty crime in England, to his transportation to Port Arthur and finally his life in the penal colony. We take a guided walking tour through the Penal Settlement and a cruise around the harbour and past the Isle of Dead. It was here that around 1000 convicts and ex convict paupers were buried, mostly in unmarked graves. Late afternoon we head to our accommodation, but not before stopping just south of Eaglehawk Neck to see two dramatic natural coastal attractions - the Tasman Arch and the Devils Kitchen. Even more dramatic when there is a rough sea running! After a great day, we head back to our hotel. (Breakfast & dinner in the hotel)

Wrest Point Casino, Water Edge Rooms

Day 04 (B,D): HOBART - LAUNCESTON Wednesday

Today we are going to the historic town of Richmond. Richmond was proclaimed a township in 1824. Its streets are paved with history and many of the fine colonial buildings have been adapted for use as art galleries, craft shops and restaurants and a gaol that predates Port Arthur by five years and is one of the best preserved of Australia's colonial prisons. The

convict built Richmond Bridge over the Coal River is the oldest bridge in Australia. We have time to explore the township. Then it's onto Ross, a garrison town with a Government Stock Run, a race course and the four corners: - Temptation, Salvation, Damnation and Recreation and the most beautiful of the remaining old bridges in Australia. We have plenty of time to stretch our legs and explore this gorgeous village and purchase lunch - the aroma emanating from the local bakery is very tempting! Our last stop today is Longford - an historic property called Woolmers Estate which was settled by Thomas Archer in 1816 and is the oldest property in Australia to have been owned by the one family. We enjoy a tour and afternoon tea before arriving at our accommodation. (Breakfast & Dinner in hotel)

Colonial on Elizabeth, Launceston

Day 05 (B,D): LAUNCESTON - CRADLE MOUNTAIN Thursday

This morning we take a sightseeing tour of Launceston. The city nestles in the wide valleys formed by the river systems and is surrounded by mountains. After a sightseeing tour of town, we spend some time in Cataract Gorge - a magnificent Reserve in the city centre. There are some pleasant walks through the landscaped gardens to the tea rooms, or those who are interested can take a ride on the chairlift (own expense) which crosses the gorge. Of the overall length of 457 metres, the 308 metre central span is claimed to be the longest single span in the world. Early afternoon we drive to Sheffield, a delightful township which sits in the shadows of Mt Roland and the Western Tiers. The town centre features many murals depicting the history of the area. We have some free time to discover the murals and purchase lunch before heading to Cradle Mountain. We arrive in at the Cradle Mountain Chateau with some time to wander through the adjacent Wilderness Gallery before dinner. After dinner, rug up, as we are visiting Devils Cradle - a conservation sanctuary for the Tasmanian Devil. Following our evening adventure, we return to the Chateau - where a night cap in the lounge bar may be in order! (Breakfast & Dinner in the hotel)

Cradle Mountain Chateau, Cradle Mountain

Day 06 (B,D): CRADLE MOUNTAIN - QUEENSTOWN Friday

Today we travel into the Cradle Mountain National Park for a guided tour of the National Park. Late morning we join the Murchinson Highway and drive south to the fascinating historic town of Zeehan, once a booming silver-mining town known as 'silver city'. It also had a lot of bars, a thriving theatre and a rollicking social life. Rich in mining history, its economy is now focused around tourism and the nearby Renison Bell tin mine. We can purchase lunch in a local cafe before a visit to the West Coast Pioneer Museum. Our base for tonight is Queenstown, a town which was established as a result of the discovery of gold and other minerals at Mount Lyell last century. Queenstown is surrounded by mountains, which were once covered in vegetation but which are now strangely bare and stained purple, grey and

pink by sulphur fumes from mining processes. (Breakfast & Dinner in the hotel)

Chancellor Inn Queenstown

Day 07 (B,L,D): QUEENSTOWN - HOBART Saturday

We farewell our hosts early as we prepare for a spectacular drive past lakes and rivers, through the Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Our early lunch stop is at Derwent Bridge (the geographical centre of Tasmania) to view a brand new attraction - The Wall in the Wilderness. The "wall" is a work in progress which will take another 5-7 years to complete. The area to our immediate right is part of the huge South West National Park, which, combined with the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National makes up almost one third of the land mass of Tasmania. Of course much of this area is now World Heritage Listed. For our afternoon visit we stop at the beautiful Russell Falls in the Mt Field National Park. We arrive back in Hobart after a day of picturesque touring. (Breakfast & Dinner in the hotel and Lunch at Derwent Bridge)

Wrest Point Casino, Water Edge Rooms

Day 08 (B,D): SALAMANCA MARKETS Sunday

This morning our transfer coach takes us to the Salamanca Markets. We have free time to enjoy the sights, sounds, flavours, action and colour of what is known as Australia's best outdoor market. The afternoon is at our leisure for any last minute shopping or sightseeing. Tonight we enjoy a special farewell dinner. (Breakfast & Dinner in the hotel)

Wrest Point Casino, Water Edge Rooms

Day 09 (B): HOBART - HOME Monday

This morning we say our final farewells over breakfast before making our own arrangements to go to Hobart Airport and connect with our flights home. Hotel check-out time is 11am. (Breakfast in the hotel)

B - Full Breakfast L - Lunch D - Dinner

Note: The tour operator reserves the right to alter the itinerary should circumstances dictate.

PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE. With your permission, we share your first name, state and email (or other preferred contact method) to the rest of the travellers on your tour from **A Rendezvous for Singles**, prior to departure. It's a popular choice, especially as most guests usually book solo. It provides the opportunity to get in touch with others in the group prior to travel. This contact list is provided after bookings close.

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