

# Tasmanian Highlights



**Tour Date:**  
Departs 25 February 2012

For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 45 Years and Over**

Saturday 25 February - Saturday 3 March 2012 (8 days / 7 nights)

• Launceston • Cradle Mountain • Strahan • Hobart

## Tasmanian Highlights

This small group premium tour focuses on delighting your senses with the sights and scenery of Tasmania at a beautiful time of year. Travelling from Launceston to Hobart via Strahan on the west coast, there's a rich heritage to be discovered coupled with extreme natural beauty.

Your seven night stay is enjoyed at 4 and 4.5 star hotels with quality dining and superior sightseeing. A leisurely pace is offered including a 2 night stay at the iconic Cradle National Park and a 3 three night stay in Hobart. The itinerary offers the ideal balance between the towns and the wilderness plus a highlight cruise on the Captains Premier Upper Deck along the Gordon River of Tasmania's wild west.

## Tour Highlights

- Cataract Gorge visit
- Historic walk of Launceston
- The charming 'English' town of Westbury
- Ashgrove Farm Cheese Factory
- Stay in Tasmania's high country wilderness at Cradle Mountain
- Waldheim Chalet & Dove Lake
- Gordon River Cruise (premium)
- Spectacular Russell Falls
- A visit and guided tour of historic Port Arthur.

## Tour Pace

Enjoy a premium small group experience with quality hotels, dining and transportation.

### Fellow Passengers:

With no more than 26 places on this tour you will enjoy a more personal experience in the company of other single travellers.

Plus, we 'go the extra mile' and offer a pre-departure contact service for travellers in the group.

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Premium small group touring with a maximum of 26 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

- 7 nights at premium hotels (4 & 4.5 star)
- Air-conditioned coach travel
- Services of an expert coach captain
- Daily full breakfast
- 5 quality dinners & 3 lunches
- Gordon River cruise, Captain's Premier Upper Deck
- Port Arthur Historic Sites tour; silver pass including Isle of the Dead
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as per the itinerary
- A day at leisure in Hobart
- Small group tour (maximum size 26 travellers)
- Tour escort day 1 to 5 for group size 18 or more

### Tour Prices

Prices Per Person AUD	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour Price	\$2595	\$3285
Pre Tour Hotel with breakfast Launceston	\$95	\$185
Post Tour Hotel with breakfast Hobart	\$129	\$250

All tour places subject to availability at time of booking.

### Tour Hotels

#### City Park Grande, Launceston 4.5 star

Centrally located, luxury boutique styled accommodation with fabulously well appointed spacious deluxe rooms of style and sophistication.

#### Cradle Mountain Chateau 4 star

Situated in alpine wilderness.

#### Strahan Village 4 star

Our hilltop executive harbour view rooms are on the clifftop, overlooking Macquarie Harbour.

#### Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart 4.5 star

The hotel is overlooking one of the world's most picturesque and historic harbours. Hotel Grand Chancellor offers the best location for your stay in Hobart.

### About Us

At *arendezvous travel & leisure* we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips are age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like-minded travellers.

Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Full terms and conditions are available on the holiday website. Information was correct at the time of publishing however some details may change without notice.

# Itinerary for Tasmanian Highlights 25 February - 3 March 2012

## Day 01 (D): ARRIVE LAUNCESTON SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Arrival to Launceston is by your own arrangement. You should arrange a flight that arrives no later than midday to Launceston.

At 2pm, meet your coach captain and head out for a visit of Cataract Gorge, a natural wonder located close to the city centre. There are some pleasant walks you can enjoy or you can take a ride on the chairlift that crosses the gorge (at your own expense).

After the visit to Cataract Gorge you will meet up with a local guide for a one hour city walking tour of Launceston to hear the real story about the citizens, merchants, builders, rogues and rascals who left their mark on historic Launceston.

This evening, enjoy a 3 course dinner tonight at Larceny's, your hotel's in-house restaurant and one of Launceston's leading restaurants, that uses the finest Tasmanian produce. Enjoy fresh local produce in the stylish and elegant dining room.

### Overnight: City Park Grande Hotel, Launceston (4.5 star)

City Park Grand Hotel, Launceston has recently completed a major refurbishment of all rooms and offers luxury boutique styled accommodation with fabulously well appointed spacious deluxe rooms and spa suites to a level of style, sophistication and elegance that you would expect in a luxury boutique hotel.

Room facilities: reverse cycle air-conditioning/heating, LCD televisions, CD and DVD players with free movies, Austar satellite, high-speed cable broadband connections, iron and board, dressing gowns, slippers, comprehensive minibar and fridge, tea and coffee making facilities, in-room safe, I.S.D. telephone, clock, hairdryers, as well as luxurious ensuite bathrooms, some featuring a large corner double spa bath in the bathroom.

## DAY 02 (B,L,D): LAUNCESTON – CRADLE MOUNTAIN SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Our group meets the coach captain in the morning in the hotel lobby and heads out to discover the Tamar winery region which has established an excellent reputation for its sparkling wines and pinots. Today, we enjoy a wine tour of one of the renowned wineries of the region.

From Tamar we travel to Westbury. Westbury is a classic Georgian village surrounded by hedgerows and lanes reminiscent of

England. The town has beautifully preserved heritage buildings and antique shops as well as craft galleries and we will enjoy a tour of the stunning Culzean Gardens\*.

Your visit to Westbury is followed by lunch at a delightful Raspberry Farm.

After lunch, we visit the Ashgrove Cheese Factory for a tour and tasting. Ashgrove Cheese is Australia's premier producer of award winning Cheddar style cheeses, crafting authentic cheeses by hand on the farm in Tasmania. In the afternoon we drive to Sheffield, a charming township which sits in the shadows of Mt Roland. The town centre features many murals depicting the history of the area.

At the end of the day we arrive to Cradle Mountain for our two night stay.

\*note: Culzean Gardens is on the market for sale and should the property sell prior to our group arrival we may not be able to include this visit (it would be at the discretion of the new owners) and an alternative would be included.

### Overnight: Cradle Mountain Chateau (2 nights), Wilderness Spa rooms (4 star)

Cradle Mountain Chateau – Australia's Photography Hotel, is a 4 star hotel situated on the edge of the World Heritage-listed Cradle Mountain - Lake St Clair National Park. The Chateau is set in alpine woodland at the northern end of Cradle Mountain, a comfortable two hour drive from Launceston or one hour and fifteen minutes from Devonport. It is located on Cradle Mountain Road, at the gateway to the West Coast and Strahan Village.

Room facilities: all rooms provide tea & coffee making facilities, heating, electric blankets, hairdryers, television, refrigerator, telephone. Guest laundry is also available.

## DAY 03 (B,D): CRADLE MOUNTAIN MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Today we travel into the Cradle Mountain National Park for a guided tour of the National Park including Waldheim and Dove Lake.

The afternoon is at leisure. We suggest a visit to the Wilderness Gallery which includes the Tasmanian Tiger Exhibition. The Wilderness Gallery is one of the largest privately owned photographic galleries in Australia, showcasing ten rooms of works from internationally renowned nature photographers. Entry is free if you stay at the Chateau. The Gallery has a retail shop that also offers free honey tasting. Housed within The Wilderness Gallery is the fascinating Tasmanian Tiger Exhibition which brings

together a remarkable collection of artefacts, photographs and film about the extinct Tasmanian Tiger. Otherwise, you may like to indulge in a spa treatment at Calm at Cradle Mountain Chateau.

After dinner, our group visits the Devils@Cradle, the conservation sanctuary for the Tasmanian Devil (bring some warm clothes). Following our evening adventure, we return to the Chateau, where a nightcap in the lounge bar may be in order!

### Overnight: Cradle Mountain Chateau (2 nights), Wilderness Spa rooms (4 star)

## DAY 04 (B, D): DRIVE TO STRAHAN TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

This morning we travel south to the historic town of Zeehan before heading to Strahan for our overnight stay for the evening.

At the edge of an area that formed when time began, a land of ancient trees that rise above the Earth like the ancestors of times past, sits a small fishing village. Strahan, on Tasmania's West Coast, forms a small but significant part of this great land's history – where man conquered the rainforest, mined its underground treasures and lived from its waters, then learned to embrace the wondrous secrets it holds. Strahan enjoys a true rainforest climate with many sunny days. You will also experience the most beautiful sunsets in Tasmania. Because this is a vast wilderness area it is important to note that the weather patterns can change without notice. For this reason, visitors should come prepared with appropriate clothing.

This afternoon we take a Gordon River cruise aboard the Lady Jane Franklin II to the magnificent Gordon River across Macquarie Harbour, the second-largest harbour in Australia, guarded by the notorious Hell's Gate, where many have died trying to pass through this stretch of water. This is home to trout and salmon fish farms that export to restaurants all over the world; and the site of Sarah Island, one of the oldest convict settlements in Tasmania.

### Overnight: Strahan Hilltop Executive Harbour View rooms (4 star)

Strahan Village 4 star hilltop executive harbour view rooms are on the clifftop, overlooking Macquarie Harbour. These rooms have the convenience of a lift from the ground floor to the first floor.

Room facilities: All rooms provide tea & coffee making facilities, heating, electric blankets, television, refrigerator, telephone & hairdryer. Guest laundry is also available.

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## Day 05 (B, PL): STRAHAN TO HOBART – WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY

We travel today between Strahan to Hobart along the way making some stops.

From Strahan via Queenstown, we enjoy spectacular scenery through the Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park to arrive at our first stop at Derwent Bridge where we 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. It currently comprises 23 panels but when complete it will measure 100 metres in length. Much of this area is now World Heritage Listed.

Before arriving in Hobart we visit the beautiful Russell Falls in the Mt Field National Park. It's a great photo opportunity and these impressive falls are very picturesque. There is time at the falls to enjoy the forest with an easy walk.

This evening dinner is at your leisure. Why not pick a spot on the waterfront for dinner tonight?

**Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart mountain view (4.5 star)**

The 4.5 star Hotel Grand Chancellor is well positioned overlooking one of the world's most picturesque and historic harbours. Capturing unspoiled panoramic views of Derwent River or Mount Wellington and the city; the extraordinary charm of this magnificent city; the central business district; shopping and all of Hobart's many tourist attractions, Hotel Grand Chancellor offers the best location for your stay in Hobart. There are all the facilities you would expect of a 4.5 star superior hotel at your disposal plus hair salon and an art gallery in the lobby.

Room facilities: king bedded rooms are furnished with a work desk with high-speed broadband Internet access (fees apply), a couch and a tub chair. Twin rooms are furnished with two tub chairs, coffee table and dresser / desk. Extras include Fox Sports, daily local newspaper and complimentary tea and coffee making facilities.

## DAY 06 (B): HOBART / PORT ARTHUR – THURSDAY 1 MARCH

This morning we travel from Hobart to the historic Port Arthur via Richmond.

We visit Richmond with time to explore the township before your tour of 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, where up to 12000

prisoners were kept in an atmosphere of hopelessness and misery. 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. Our tour also includes a tour of the Isle of Dead.

Later today, we return to Hobart with a stop just south of Eaglehawk Neck to see two dramatic natural coastal attractions - the Tasman Arch and the Devils Kitchen.

Tonight is at your leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart, mountain view room (4.5 star)**

## Day 07 (B, D): HOBART FRIDAY 2 MARCH

Enjoy breakfast at leisure at the hotel.

Today is a day at your leisure to discover Hobart city.

This evening, join your group at 7pm for a farewell 3 course dinner in the hotel at 'Restaurant Tasman'.

**Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart mountain view room (4.5 star)**

## Day 08 (B): HOBART - HOME SATURDAY 3 MARCH

This morning our wonderful tour comes to an end. There's still some time to enjoy Hobart and today it's the famous weekly Salamanca Market which is a 'must do'. Why not make your travel plans for the afternoon and enjoy the markets in the morning.

On Saturdays, Salamanca comes alive with the famous Salamanca Market. Over 300 stallholders sell fresh and gourmet produce, arts, crafts and handiwork crafts from all over Tasmania, interstate and overseas, considered to be one of the top attractions in Tasmania.

B - Full Breakfast  
L - Lunch  
PL - Picnic Lunch  
D - Dinner

## PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE

With your permission, we share your first name, state and email address (or other preferred contact method) with the rest of the travellers on your tour prior to departure. This provides the opportunity to get in touch with others in the group prior to travel.