

HIDDEN TREASURES OF TASMANIA 2024

"THE WILD WEST"

Making connections with Tasmania - Arranged with the Tasmania ABM Committee



2ND - 10TH MARCH 2024 9 days - 8 nights



from



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DAY 1 - ARRIVE LAUNCESTON (2 NIGHT STAY LAUNCESTON) (L,D)

Arrive at Launceston Airport - meet and greet.

Short orientation tour. Launceston is a gracious city and is the third-oldest established in Australia, sited where the north and south Esk rivers meet to form the Tamar. The city is renowned for its parks, gardens and fine Colonial, Victorian, and Federation buildings. Check into our overnight accommodation, before we head to Holy Trinity, Launceston, for welcome drinks and to meet fellow ABM supporters, before dinner..

DAY 2 - LAUNCESTON (B,L,D)

Morning church at Holy Trinity and after we are invited to a parish lunch.

Head to Cataract Gorge to enjoy the tranquil surroundings and an opportunity to ride the world's longest span chair lift. The lookout over Duck Reach hydroelectric power station, one of the earliest hydroelectric power stations in the world. For those who would like, there is an opportunity for a longer walk (60 minutes) from Cataract Gorge to Duck Reach Power station.

DAY 3 - LAUNCESTON TO STANLEY (2 NIGHT STAY STANLEY) (B,L,D)

Departing from Launceston we travel west, passing through the towns of Westbury and Deloraine and on to Devonport and Burnie where we will meet for lunch with the local ABM supporters.

But first stopping at Sheffield, the town of murals. With the town dying, artists painted murals depicting the life of the town and life in the countryside, on walls of the town's building.

The towns of Penguin, Ulverstone and Wynyard are connected by a very pretty coastal drive.

At Burnie Anglican Church we meet local ABM supporters and parishioners and enjoy lunch together.

View the rugged coastline from Table Cape and Table Cape Lighthouse.

The small holiday town of Boat Harbour with its beautiful white sandy beach is only a short detour off the main road.

The small coastal town of Stanley in situated at the base of the Nut, a core of an extinct volcano, which looms below. The Nut is one of the most photographed landmarks in Tasmania.

DAY 4 - STANLEY AND THE NORTH WEST COAST (B, L, D)

The Tallows Beach Loop approx. 4km (optional walk)

From Stanley we travel to the Wild West Coast passing the Tarkine and on to the small community of Marrawah. Then a short drive to the ocean beach. Look out over the ocean, there is no land till you arrive at South America. Now continue to the northwest tip of Tasmania, returning through Smithton to Stanley.

Smithton, on the Duck River is the administrative centre for the Northwest. Duck River Butter is iconic within Tasmania. Returning to Stanley tour through magnificent Highfields House. This grand house was built for the manager of the Van Diemen's Land Company and overlooks the township, the beach and on to the Nut. Now fully restored and furnished with gardens, reflecting the time it was built, the house has magnificent views, looking towards Stanley and the Nut.

Ride the Nut Chairlift to the top where there is a walking track around the perimeter with great views of Stanley, out to the ocean and over the countryside.

The circular walk on the top of the Nut offers views out to sea and over the countryside. The full 2km walk is optional.

A walk up the main street of Stanley is a walk back in time.

Tonight we will invite the local church community at Smithton to join with us for dinner and to share in fellowship with us.



DAY 5 - SOUTH TO QUEENSTOWN (2 NIGHT STAY QUEENSTOWN) (B,L,D)

Departing from Stanley and traveling south. Nature is at its most dramatic and inspiring in the rugged west of Tasmania. Detour to the little town of Waratah, Tasmania's oldest mining town, which is built around a waterfall.

The town of Tullah, in the 1970s, changed purpose from a mining town to one supporting the building a section of the Hydroelectric System.

Rosebery, surrounded by rainforest and mountain peaks, the town sits in the shadow of Mt Black.

Optional 11.5km (3 hr) return walk to Montezuma Falls, a moderate rated walk with great views.

Zeehan was once known as Silver City during the mining heyday and was then Tasmania's third largest settlement. The main street features several grand buildings.

Final destination is Queenstown, which at the turn of the century had a population of over 5,000 and was the third biggest town in Tasmania. In the 2021 census the population was 1,808.

DAY 6 - QUEENSTOWN & THE WILDERNESS RAILWAY (B,L,D)

Queenstown is one of the most remote towns in Tasmania and sits in the valley of the Queen River. Today it feels like a mystical hidden town, wedged between the surrounding hills. When passing down the main street it can feel as if you are on the film set of an old western.

At the Queenstown Railway Station, board the Wilderness Railway and travel in the Wilderness carriage. The trip passes through remote rainforest to the incredible King River Gorge. Stop at Lynchford to gold pan and at Dubbil Barril watch the locomotive being turned around in preparation for the return trip to Queenstown.

In the afternoon travel to Strahan, situated on the Macquarie Harbour, Australia's second largest natural harbour. At the peak of the mining boom it was the second busiest port in Tasmania.

The Unconformity Walk, where two rivers meet, is optional.

Tonight we join with the local church community and enjoy a time of fellowship and dinner together.

DAY 7 - QUEENSTOWN TO HOBART (2 NIGHT STAY HOBART) (B,L,D)

Departing Queenstown, heading east and past the once-prosperous towns of Gornmanston and Linda.

Take in the landscape of the mountains which were once bare but re-growth is now underway.

Russell Falls.

Pass Lake St Clair which is Australia's deepest freshwater lake and it is from here that the Derwent River rises and eventually enters the ocean south of Hobart.

The Wall in the Wilderness is a 100m carving which depicts the life of the Tasmanian Highlands and pays homage to those who settled in this remote and rugged area. Each metre of the depiction represents one months' work.

The old Hydro town of Tarraleah is in the heart of the Tasmanian Highlands. Today the 1930s workers cottages have been turned into holiday accommodation and the lodge has been restored and features Art Deco styling.

Tarraleah Falls is a modest walk 25 minutes each way.

The Derwent River as it continues its trip to the ocean, passing through the Derwent Valley. We follow it to Hobart and pass through the peaceful town of Hamilton.

New Norfolk is the third oldest settlement in Tasmania, established to re-site those who were imprisoned on Norfolk Island when the penal settlement was closed.

Arriving into Hobart, Australia's most southern capital city, we join together at All Saints', South Hobart, for a reception prior to dinner and along with fellowship we reflect on our trip through the wilderness of Tasmania.



DAY 8 - DAY TRIP TO BRUNY ISLAND

Departing from Hobart we travel 33km, via Kingston, to Kettering, a quiet town on the shores of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and the departure point for the 20-minute ferry trip to Bruny Island. The island is 75km long and is divided in the middle into North and South by a narrow strip of land called the Neck.

At the Neck, climb to the staircase to the Truganini lookout for a 360° view looking out over the ocean and back to the mainland and see the optical illusion that makes the sea level appear higher on one side than the other.

The main settlement is Alonnah which is the main location for government facilities. On the way pass the Bruny Baker (not quite what you are expecting).

Explore the island, including Adventure Bay.

Bruny Island Cheese.

Get Shucked oysters.

Meet the local church community for lunch.

Return to Hobart, Dinner with some of our Hobart friends.

DAY 9 - HOBART (B,L,D)

Worship at the Cathedral.

After lunch we head down to Hobart's waterfront.

No trip to Hobart is complete without a trip up Kunanyi / Mount Wellington. Few cities can equal Hobart for its natural backdrop, towering 1271m above the city and almost 200m taller than the famed Table Mountain at Cape Town. Take in the spectacular view over Hobart and its surrounds from the lookouts at the top of the mount. Travel to Hobart airport for return flights.

TOUR PRICESPER PERSON (TWIN SHARE)\$2360SINGLE SUPPLEMENT\$655





TOUR DETAILS

Tour price is all inclusive land based touring within Tasmania.
B, L, D = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.
Deposit (per person) \$400.00 at time of booking.
Final Payment due by 1st February 2024.
Maximum Tour Group Size: 25 people.
Tour price is all inclusive of morning tea, lunch, breakfast and dinner, entrance fees and events as detailed.
Accommodation is of 3 to 4+ star rating or best available.
Travel in luxury touring coach.
Exclusions / Terms & Conditions as listed on our website including cancellation schedule.
This tour is a major fund raising event to benefit ABM AID's Sustainable Communities Program.

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