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# Tassie's Parks &

## Highlights

## (1) Local Connection

Cheese, wine, whisky and cider all await in Tassie. Go behind the scenes with the makers, including farmer Guy Robertson for a Be My Guest lunch.

#### Cultural Immersion

Listen to local street performers as you taste delicious homegrown produce at Tassie's iconic Salamanca Market.

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Your visit contributes to National Parks and Wildlife, protecting Tasmania's wilderness including the Franklin-Gordon Rivers.

### Wildlife & Nature

Carved by ice during glaciations over the last two million years, Lake St.
Clair is the deepest of its kind in Australia. Added bonus – it's surrounded by World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park.



7 DAY 11 Included Experiences

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## **Departure Dates**

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For prices, additional departure dates, flight information, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, grooup booking discounts for 9+ guests and multi-trip savings, visit **aatkings.com/THHL** or contact your local travel agent.

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A limited number of single rooms are also available.

## Dining

6 Full Breakfasts **B** 2 Lunches **L**  4 Dinners with Wine **DW** 1 Be My Guest Lunch **BGL** 

## 1 Welcome to Hobart

The Tasmanian capital packs a lot of punch into such a small perimeter, from restaurants that garner global praise to moody wine bars, eye-opening galleries, waterside walks and character-filled historic precincts. Explore at your leisure before meeting the adventurous souls over a Welcome Dinner. Hotel: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart. DW

#### 2 City Sights and Salamanca Market

This morning you'll see what makes Hobart tick, from the leafy Botanical Gardens, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, to historic Battery Point and Cascade Brewery. It all fits neatly together when you get some perspective from the lofty Mt. Nelson Lookout, gazing over the River Derwent, all the way to Bruny Island in the south. Three hundred – that's the number of stalls you'll navigate this afternoon at Hobart's mighty Salamanca Market. Get you heart started sampling gin and whisky, or order a coffee and pick up made-in-Tasmania arts and crafts. The precinct, amid historic sandstone buildings, is almost as pretty as the produce. Hotel: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart. B

#### 3 Hobart - Strahan

The West Coast of Tassie is wild – in the best possible way. The air seems cleaner, the lakes cooler, the colours brighter, the waterfalls larger... as you'll discover when the mist envelops you at tiered Russell Falls. This is part of Mt. Field National Park, the state's most diverse nature reserve. Speaking of breaking records, Lake St. Clair is the deepest of its kind in Australia, carved by ice during glaciations over the last two million years. Pausing here puts life into perspective. Skirt the World Heritage listed Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, characterised by soaring Huon pines, before arriving in Strahan. Small in population but big in personality, the town overlooks the immense Macquarie Harbour. Did you know it's seven times the size of Sydney Harbour? Hotel: Strahan Village. B DW

#### 4 Strahan - Cradle Mountain

Today's watery welcome is the deep, dark Gordon River, its expanse coloured by tannins from button grass. Soak up the silence of this untouched wildemess area on a cruise out to Sarah Island, a former penal settlement – Tassie's oldest – where convicts laboured under harsh conditions felling pines for boat-building. The haunting ruins that remain have been reclaimed by the rainforest, telling a chilling story of life on the land. As do mining towns Rosebery and Tullah, enveloped by dense forest and volcanic mountains. This is your backdrop en route to immense Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park, a mecca for some of

Australia's most elusive wildlife: keep watch for Tasmanian devils and platypuses. Hotel: Cradle Mountain Hotel. B L DW

#### 5 Cradle Mountain

Cradle Mountain has not always been pristine — it owes much of its protected status to early settliers Gustav and Kate Weindorfer, who were pivotal in championing the conservation of the area. Their efforts are remembered at Waldheim Chalet, their former home, set among myrtles and King Billy pines that gradually give way to moss covered ancient rainforests and deep river gorges, snow-tipped peaks and wild alpine moorlands. This is the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, carved by glacial waterways like Dove Lake. You can see why Bennetts wallabies, echidnas, wombats and pademelons live here you, too, will find it hard to tear yourself away. If you're a night person, consider enlisting to spot Tassies nocturnal animals, whether at a devil sanctuary or in the wild. Hotel: Cradle Mountain Hotel. B DW

### 6 Cradle Mountain - Launceston

Tasmania has its fair share of award-winning gin and whisky distilleries, as well as small boutique breweries. Among them is a seaside tap house found in the petite town of Penguin. If there's a place with a cuter name, we're yet to locate it on a map. Sit back and enjoy a tasting paddle of local brew whilst taking in the views overlooking glorious Bass Strait. Steel yourself for the ciders fermented at Mount Gnomon Farm. Here, passionate farmer Guy Robertson will pour brews made from apples grown in his orchard, before you sit down to a farm-to-table Be My Guest lunch. Then you're on your way to quirky Sheffield, the Town of Murals', before travelling through the Meander Valley to Launceston.

Hotel: Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston. B BGL.

## 7 Farewell from Launceston

Your final day ends on a high in Cataract Gorge, a rare natural phenomenon on the outskirts of Launceston. There's bushland on one side, and a Victorian garden replete with ferns and exotic plants on the other. Get a different perspective of the green cavern on the scenic charifft, zipping you over the water to a lofty lookout. You can't leave Tassie without sipping a few of its cool-climate wines, perhaps a pinot noir or flute of sparkling enjoyed overlooking the manicured grounds of the Josef Chromy Estate. Sample the range, then settle in with your favourite drop enjoyed over lunch. This afternoon is yours: if you're not heading home yet, we recommend extending your adventure with an optional cruise along the Tamar River. A fitting end to a week of wonderment. B L



