

# Ultimate Tasmania

*With the Probus Club of Kellyville & Hills*

12 Days / 11 Nights - **Fully Escorted**

**Tour Departs: Wednesday 21 September - Sunday 2 October, 2022.**



**TRADE TRAVEL**  
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## **Day 1. Wed 21 Sept: Homeport - Hobart**

**Dinner**

After our flight to Tasmania we begin our 12 Day tour of the Apple Isle. On arrival we meet up with our experienced local coach captain before making our way into Hobart enjoying a highlights tour en-route via **Rose Bay** and **Bellerive** which is home to **Blundstone Arena**. We then cross the **Tasman Bridge** and head up around **Glenorchy** before checking out the **Queens Domain area, Battery Point and Constitution Dock**. Late afternoon we arrive at our hotel for check in, freshen up and dinner.

**Overnight Hobart: Best Western Hobart**

## **Day 2. Thurs 22 Sept: Bruny Island Experience**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Today after breakfast we make our way down to Kettering to board the ferry across to **Bruny Island** to explore the beautiful scenery and sample the delicious gourmet produce made on Bruny Island. We will be engaging with local artisan producers from the island such as an oyster farmer, cheese maker, fudge maker and a whisky distiller to hear the stories behind their harvests. **Our Bruny Island experience** will include visits to; **Get Shucked Oyster Farm** to savour the clean salty flavour of oysters straight from the shell. **Bruny Island Cheese Co** where we meet the cheese maker and share in a platter of their award-winning cheeses and hand crafted beer. **Bruny Island Chocolate Factory** which is home to handmade chocolate, fudge and truffles. We visit the **Seafood Restaurant in Adventure Bay for lunch** with amazing views. **Bruny Island Honey** is where we will sample the highly prized Manuka honey and shop for all things honey including personal care products, candles and more! During the day we also enjoy short walks along deserted beaches and see white wallabies, native wildlife and birds in their natural habitat. At The Neck, we'll stand at the top of Truganini's Steps and see the narrow isthmus stretch away south in graceful curves. At the end of our day on Bruny Island we board the ferry once more, returning to the mainland and our accommodation for a well-deserved rest before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

**Overnight Hobart: Best Western Hobart**

## **Day 3. Fri 23 Sept: Peppermint Bay Cruise**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning after breakfast we head to the top of **Mount Wellington/Nelson** (weather permitting) where we take in the full panorama of Hobart and across the Derwent River. We then step aboard our **Peppermint Bay Cruise** and enjoy a relaxing and rewarding day on-board the luxurious 23 metre catamaran, Peppermint Bay II, and experience the real Tasmania. Departing from the tourist hub of Sullivan's Cove in Hobart, our cruise takes in harbour and city views, the River Derwent and its magnificent estuary, slicing its way along the stunning d'Entrecasteaux Channel, arriving in the near-pristine waters of Peppermint Bay. The River Derwent and d'Entrecasteaux Channel teem with aquatic life, and it is not uncommon to spot a pod of dolphins, a sunbathing seal or even migrating whales on our cruise. We arrive at **picturesque Peppermint Bay for lunch** featuring the very best produce this region has to offer. After, enjoy 30 minutes of leisure time exploring the Bay and the **delightful village of Woodbridge**. Later in the day we arrive back at Sullivan's Cove and then transfer back to our accommodation to rest up before dinner.

**Overnight Hobart: Best Western Hobart**



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#### Day 4. Sat 24 Sept: Salamanca Markets - Tarraleah - The Wall - Queenstown

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast and checkout, we enjoy a couple of hours at the iconic 50 year old **Salamanca Markets**, exploring some of the 230 plus stalls representing artisans, designers and producers - it's as Tasmanian as they can make it. Leaving Hobart we begin our drive across to the west coast wilderness region stopping at the beautiful **Tarraleah Estate**, a special place with stunning views of the Tasmanian highlands. Enjoy a light lunch before continuing west to Derwent Bridge home to the amazing **Wall in the Wilderness** - Greg Duncan's commemorative of those who helped shape the past and present of Tasmania's central highlands. A work in progress, The Wall is being carved from three-metre high wooden panels. The carved panels tell the history of the harsh central highlands region - beginning with the indigenous people, then the pioneering timber harvesters, pastoralists, miners and hydro workers. After leaving Derwent Bridge we travel across to **Queenstown**, driving through the **Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park**, which showcases some of the state's most spectacular lakes and mountain areas. Our steep descent into Queenstown is an eerie highlight in itself, surrounded by mountains which were once covered in vegetation but are now strangely bare and stained by the sulphur fumes from mining processes. Bushfires, logging and heavy rain have combined to wash the soil away and stripped many of the hills of vegetation, creating Queenstown's famous "moonscape". We check in to our accommodation, have a short rest and then head out for a unique evening at the restored **Paragon Theatre** where we enjoy dinner and "golden oldie" movie night at the beautifully restored art-deco theatre. Dinner will be served on arrival before we relax on the leather couches to watch one of the classics such as High Noon, Rio Bravo, Sunset Boulevard, North by Northwest, Oklahoma, or The Big Sleep. After the movie, try one of their delicious desserts, coffee, hot chocolates or a nightcap before returning to our accommodation.

**Overnight Queenstown: Comfort Inn Gold Rush**

#### Day 5. Sun 25 Sept: West Coast Wilderness Railway

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we take a spectacular half-day steam train journey, departing Queenstown Station and travelling to Dubbil Barril along the steep grades of the rack and pinion, for which the **West Coast Wilderness Railway** is renowned. Sit back in comfort as our guide brings stories of the railway and its resilient people to life and discover how the feud of the Irishmen helped shape the wild West Coast. Once on board enjoy a welcoming glass of sparkling wine, canapés, complimentary hot beverages, morning tea and a light lunch while we get up close to the rain forest with access to the open balcony. After our rail journey we head out to **Zeehan** and visit the **West Coast Heritage Centre**. The centre incorporates four historic buildings, the Zeehan School of Mines and Metallurgy, Zeehan Post Office, Police Station-Court House and the Gaiety Theatre-Grand Hotel, as well as 30 themed exhibition spaces. We then return to our accommodation and freshen up before dinner.

**Overnight Queenstown: Comfort Inn Gold Rush**

#### Day 6. Mon 26 Sept Wilderness Lunch Cruise

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we head down to the pretty village of Strahan and begin our delightful half day **lunch cruise** taking us out across **Macquarie Harbour** and up along the **Gordon River** on board the new **multi-million dollar state-of-the-art World Heritage Vessel**. We cruise to Hells Gate, the harbour entrance to the great southern ocean, before arriving at the dreaded **Sarah Island**. This infamous piece of land became the largest ship yard in British colonies, turning out 113 vessels in 12 years. We re-board our cruise vessel and enjoy a superb smorgasbord lunch. At the southeast corner of the harbour, we enter the majestic Gordon River, well known for its stunning mirror like reflections, Huon Pines and wilderness boardwalk, where we pass by a **2000-year-old Huon pine**. After our cruise we will have time to take a stroll within the Strahan Village and visit **Morrison's Huon Pine Sawmill**. A family sawmill in operation specialising in the unique Huon Pine timber, Morrison's also have a selection of other Tasmanian timbers available plus a well-stocked gift shop featuring handcrafted items that are made on site along with a selection of locally and Tasmanian made products. Walking into the sawmill is like going back in time. Late afternoon we head back to Queenstown to our motel to freshen up before dinner.

**Overnight Queenstown: Comfort Inn Gold Rush**

#### Day 7. Tue 27 Sept: Cradle Mountain - Grindelwald

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we depart Queenstown and travel through the old mining towns of **Rosebery** and **Tullah** to **Cradle Mountain**. Our **Park Explorer Tour** departs the **Cradle Mountain Visitors Centre** and makes its way into the world class national park. We arrive at **Dove Lake** and develop a new understanding of glacial lakes and deep rugged gorges. See the alpine flora and fauna which flourishes in this unique environment. See Buttongrass plains to temperate rainforest and King Billy Pines thousands of years old. Dove Lake offers the most beautiful views and our '**personally guided tour**' will prove to be one of the highlights of our time in Tasmania. After our tour we enjoy a **light lunch at the Cradle Mountain Hotel** followed by the **Devils at Cradle "Daykeepers Tour"**. The sanctuary houses a large number of adult, sub-adult and baby devils within a range of naturally landscaped viewing enclosures. We see the animal's daylight habits, sleeping in their dens, sunbathing, play fighting or fossicking for food. This afternoon we depart Cradle Mountain National Park and begin our drive across towards Launceston before arriving in the village of Grindelwald where we check in to the Aspect Tamar Valley Resort enjoying a rest before dinner in the lakeside restaurant.

**Overnight Grindelwald: Aspect Tamar Valley Resort**

#### Day 8. Wed 28 Sept: Tamar Valley

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we experience **Tamar Valley and Beauty Point**, at the **Platypus House** which offers a rare chance to see the unique Tasmanian platypus and echidna in an indoor setting. We learn about these beautiful egg-laying mammals. Watch platypuses feeding and playing, see echidnas foraging in a bushland setting and visit the Interpretation Centre explaining the biology of both platypuses and echidnas and view a 15 minute film on platypuses. Next stop is **Seahorse World** offering a rare chance to see seahorses, the working farm and aquarium gives an insight into the mystical and elegant seahorse at various stages of development, along with the leafy sea dragon and the pipefish.

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After our tour we enjoy lunch in the upstairs dining room before travelling to **Beaconsfield** and the famous site of the great escape by Todd and Brant. We stop at the mine site and also visit the **Mine and Heritage Centre**, which occupies the site of Tasmania's largest gold mine, which between 1877 and 1914 produced \$450 million worth of gold - at present values. After a guided tour we take in the panoramic views of the Tamar River and valley from **Bushranger Brady's Lookout** then enjoy some wine tastings while visiting the beautiful **Tamar Ridge Cellar Door**. Dinner tonight is back at the resort in the lakeside Alpenrose Bistro.

**Overnight Grindelwald: Aspect Tamar Valley Resort**

## Day 9. Thu 29 Sept: The Art, Craft, Antique & Gourmet Food Trail

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Our drive today takes us through the countryside and small townships of **Carrick, Westbury, Deloraine, Elizabeth Town, Sassafras and Longford**. Our first stop is in Longford at the World Heritage listed **Brickendon Estate**, our guided tour of the property conducted by either Richard or Louise Archer provides rare insight into the early colonial and convict history of Australia. Being one of the earliest farming areas in Van Diemen's Land, Brickendon was developed by William Archer as a mixed enterprise with sheep, cattle and cropping. Explore the convict buildings of the Farm Village and the recently installed **Convict Interpretation Centre** which showcases the development of the assignment system. From early spring through to late Autumn the gardens at Brickendon offer an amazing array of plants. From some of the oldest trees in Australia to the most scented old fashioned roses, the shrubberies, walks and planted beds are a delight. Following our tour and morning tea at Brickendon, our next stop is in Carrick at the **Tasmanian Copper and Metal Art Gallery**, which has been making and supplying unique metal art worldwide, for over 40 years. In Deloraine we come across **Yarns Artwork in Silk**, a large scale community art project of quilted, soft sculpture silk panels, one for each season, drawing us into the landscapes and lifestyles of the Meander Valley people. Yarns was created by more than 300 community members using numerous hand working techniques. We then make our way to **lunch** at the delightful **Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm** followed by a visit to the family owned **Ashgrove Cheese Farm and Factory**, here we have the opportunity to stock up on provisions, including gourmet Tasmanian produce and all things cheese. While here sneak a peek through the viewing window, where we will get a behind the scenes look at how they make their cheese using traditional techniques with modern methods. Our day now complete we travel back down to our resort before dinner in the restaurant.

**Overnight Grindelwald: Aspect Tamar Valley Resort**

## Day 10. Fri 30 Sept: Longford - Bicheno

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After breakfast we make our way down into Launceston for a highlights drive through the city taking in its parks, gardens, seaport precinct and of course the Cataract Gorge Reserve. We then begin our drive across to the east coast travelling via **Scottsdale** viewing the **Legerwood Memorial Tree Carvings**. Next stop is for lunch at the **Pub in the Paddock** which is one of Tasmania's oldest country pubs, literally sitting in the middle of a paddock in the verdant Pyengana Valley. We even get to **have a drink with "Priscilla" the beer guzzling pig**. On reaching the east coast we venture up to the **Bay of Fires** famous for its crystal-clear waters, white sandy beaches and orange lichen-covered granite boulders. The Bay of Fires is one of Tasmania's most popular conservation reserves. Binalong Bay is the area's main beach - a beautiful stretch of white sand and clear water for swimming, snorkelling and surfing. From Binalong Bay our beautiful scenic drive takes us down through Scamander, White Sands and Chain of Lagoons before reaching the fishing village of Bicheno to check in to our accommodation.

**Overnight: Beachfront at Bicheno - Optional: Bicheno Penguin Tour**

## Day 11. Sat 1 Oct: East Coast - Port Arthur

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Today after breakfast and check out we head down through Coles Bay to the magnificent **Freycinet Peninsula**, home to **Cape Tourville** where we take in the spectacular and rugged coastal views from the easily accessible boardwalk. The elevated track loops around the **automated lighthouse at Cape Tourville**. Much of the walk is on a raised boardwalk which at times takes us right to the cliff edge, offering amazing views of the **Hazards, Wineglass Bay** and nearby offshore rocks known as **The Nuggets**. We then travel down through Swansea before enjoying **lunch at The Fish Van at Triabunna**. After arriving at the Port Arthur historic site we experience a **short guided walk and talk on the history of this penal colony and a short harbour cruise past the Isle of the Dead**. Later this afternoon we check in to our Port Arthur accommodation and enjoy a farewell dinner in the motel restaurant.

**Overnight: Port Arthur Motor Inn**

## Day 12. Sun 2 Oct: Port Arthur - Hobart - Homeport

**Breakfast**

After breakfast and a late morning checkout we transfer to the Hobart Airport for check in and our return flight back home, concluding our **"Ultimate Tasmania Tour" with Trade Travel and the Probus Club of Kellyville and Hills**.





**Tour Highlights:** Hobart Highlights Tour; Bruny Island Full Day Tour; Peppermint Bay Lunch Cruise; Salamanca Markets; Tarraleah Estate Luncheon; Wall in the Wilderness; Queenstown Paragon Theatre Dinner & Classic Movie Night; West Coast Wilderness Railway; West Coast Heritage Centre; Gordon River Wilderness Lunch Cruise; Cradle Mountain & Dove Lake Park Explorer Tour; Devils at Cradle “Daykeepers Tour”; Tamar Valley Day - Platypus House, Seahorse World, Grubb Shaft Gold & Heritage Museum, Bushranger Brady’s Lookout, Tamar Ridge Estate Cellar Door; World Heritage Brickendon Estate & Gardens; Tasmania Copper & Metal Art Gallery; Yarns Artwork in Silk; Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm; Ashgrove Cheese Farm & Factory; Legerwood Memorial Tree Carvings; Lunch Pub in the Paddock; Bay of Fires; Freycinet Peninsula & Cape Tourville Lighthouse; Notorious Convict Settlement of Port Arthur & so much more!

**Tour Price Includes:**

- Trade Travel Tour Escort
- Return airfares from Sydney to Hobart
- Quality accommodation as per itinerary
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (32 meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

**Tour Price Excludes:**

- Travel Insurance
- Personal Expenses

**Tour price: \$4798.00 per person Twin Share**

**(Single Supplement \$795.00)**

**Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax**

The tour prices valid for travel in 2022. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice

**Deposit \$200 per person** due at time of booking with completed booking form.

**Final payment due:** Friday 22 July, 2022.

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