

Tassie's Parks & Nature

Highlights

Local Connection

Bring your elastic-waisted pants: cheese, wine, whisky and cider all await. The best bit? You get to go behind the scenes with the makers.

Insider Knowledge

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER EXPERIENCE Farmer Guy Robertson knows a thing or two about growing heritage apples. Taste the fruit of his labour in lip-smacking ciders, enjoyed over a Be My Guest lunch.

Cultural Immersion

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

Sustainable Footprints

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.



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 who will keep you company over the next week. **Hotel: Grand Chancellor, 2 nights. DW**

2 Salamanca Market and City Sights

Three hundred – that's the number of stalls you'll navigate this morning at Hobart's mighty Salamanca Market. Get your heart started sampling gin and whisky, or order a coffee and bulging burger and pick up made-in-Tasmania arts and crafts. The precinct, amid historic sandstone buildings, is almost as pretty as the produce. This afternoon you'll see what makes Hobart tick, from the leafy Botanical Gardens 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. **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 wilderness 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, 2 nights. B L DW**

5 Cradle Mountain

Cradle Mountain has not always been pristine – it owes much of its protected status to early settlers 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 Tassie's nocturnal animals, whether at a devil sanctuary or in the wild. **B DW**

6 Cradle Mountain – Launceston

Bring your appetite – today you'll try some of the state's standout produce. First stop is Hellyers Road Whisky Distillery. Tasmanian tipples – whether whisky or gin – take home global awards for good reason. Steel yourself for the ciders fermented at Mount Gnomon Farm, in the hills overlooking the petite town of Penguin. If there's an Australian destination with a cuter name, we're yet to find it. 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: Grand Chancellor. B BG**

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



Josef Chromy Wines

11 Included Experiences

Departure Dates

2022	2023	2024
Oct 14	Jan 20	Jan 19
Nov 11	Feb 10	Feb 09
Dec 09	Mar 03, 24	Mar 01, 22
	Apr 14	
	Sep 15	
	Oct 13	
	Nov 10	
	Dec 08	

A limited number of single rooms are available. Ask your travel agent at time of booking.

See available prices and departure dates from 01 Apr 2024 at atkings.com. Or contact your local travel agent.

Dining

6 Full breakfasts B 2 Lunches L
 1 Be My Guest lunch BG 4 Dinners with wine DW

Flight Information

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Hobart Airport
 Day 7 – flights to depart after 5.00pm from Launceston Airport
Flights are not included in the holiday price

Upgrade

Start & end your tour in Hobart. See Perfect Tasmania page 44.

other. Get a different perspective of the green cavern on the scenic chairlift, 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**



Mount Gnomon Farm

