

# Best of Tasmania



Distance: 90km Duration: 10 Days / 9 Nights

Find out why Tasmania is regarded as Australia's bush walking Mecca by so many who've visited. Over ten days, starting and finishing in Hobart, we'll drive around the island, stopping to walk Tasmania's best day walks. Staying in a range of comfortable accommodation, from motel-style rooms to chalets and cabins, this tour is a wonderful way to take in this tiny but mighty island.

## What our guests say:

*"We had so much fun together and brought away a terrific sense of achievement and wonder at the beauty of this country. Can't wait to grab the next opportunity to join Inspiration Outdoors again."*

*Mumnette, Sydney, Trip Advisor, Apr 17*

## 2019/20 DEPARTURES:

2 - 11. Nov 2019  
4 - 13. Nov 2019  
14 - 23. Nov 2019  
16 - 25 Jan 2020  
28 Jan - 6 Feb 2020  
8 - 17 Feb 2020  
21 Feb - 1 March 2020

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# Itinerary

## Day 1

Mt Field National Park  
8km

We leave early from Hobart and head west to Mt Field National Park. An easy introductory walk through a forest of towering tree ferns, moss and lichens leads us to the beautiful Russell Falls - one of the prettiest in Tasmania. We will then continue on this easy circuit back to the visitor's centre.

After a bite of lunch, we will choose our second walk for the day. We have quite a few options depending on the weather conditions and your guides will pick the best one. Most options are quite easy, so don't worry, we won't wear you out too much!

After all our first day explorings, we'll settle in for the next two nights at Giants Table Cottages in Maydena. Take a stroll down to the platypus ponds to see if you are lucky to spot one of these special creatures.

Meals: L, D.

## Day 2

The Tarn Shelf, Mt Field (16km)

Today its back to Mt Field to do the park's flagship walk. A steep drive up to Lake Dobson brings us to the start from where we will get up to and along the Tarn Shelf. A bit of a climb gets us up to the small mountain lakes, or tarns, of the Rodway Range, with magnificent views over the glacier-formed landscape.

You will think you are in the Lord of the Rings as we pass through this amazing country. Lunch will be in one of the high country huts, before we enter a more wooded part of the trail and back to the Lake Dobson. Todays walk is a challenging and quite long, but well worth the views and scenery of this absolutely stunning area.

We'll head back to our accommodation at the Giants Table Cottages in Maydena for a second night.

Meals: B,L,D.

## Day 3

Overland Track, Lake St Clair - Cynthia Bay to Echo Point (11.2km)

It's a couple of hours drive to Lake St Clair where we'll take a nice walk on the iconic Overland Track. We will take the ferry to Echo Point and walk back to the main settlement alongside the picturesque lake. We walk through an enchanting temperate rainforest. Sassafras, myrtle, celery-top pine and leatherwood provide a thick canopy for the mosses, lichens and fungi below.

Our accommodation for the next two nights is in the very nice cabins at Lake St Clair and we'll eat together at the Lake St Clair Lodge.

Meals: B,L,D.



## Day 4

Lake St Clair - Mt Rufus Circuit (19km) or Shadow Lake Circuit (12km)

A challenging but amazing day walking the Mt Rufus circuit awaits us! This 18.5km walk takes us through a wide variety of vegetation and landscapes as we make our way up to the summit of Mt Rufus. From the summit the views over the surrounding mountain ranges are sensational.

There is an option for those who want a shorter day to do the Shadow Lake Circuit. This reduces the walk by about 2 hours and cuts out most of the vertical ascent.

At the end of the day we can walk straight into our Lake St Clair cabins and enjoy a rejuvenating shower.

Meals: B,L,D

## Day 5

Travel day - we're off to Cradle Mountain

Today is a mainly driving day, good for recovering after yesterday's strenuous walk and before tomorrow's walk around Cradle Mountain.

First stop is The Wall\* – a work in progress by sculptor Greg Duncan, depicting the history of Tasmania's central highlands in a series of carved wood panels. It's an amazing feat of creativity and work that needs to be seen.

We'll stretch our legs with a walk to Donaghys Lookout before heading to Queenstown for lunch and then on to Cradle Mountain for the evening.

\* Depending on the ferry timetable, The Wall visit may be on Day 3.



## Day 6

Cradle Mountain (approx. 15km)

Depending on the weather and the energy levels of the group, there are a number of options for today's walk. We'll enjoy imposing mountain vistas, pristine glacial lakes, vast buttongrass plains, and an all round fantastic day of walking. This is a fairly popular park – and we'll see why!

Meals: B,L,D

## Day 7

To the East Coast we go

Today we say goodbye to the wild mountain country and hello to the beautiful east coast of Tasmania.

We'll stop in at some lovely small towns along the way where you might pick up a souvenir or two, or enjoy the local coffee shops and bakeries. Some of Tasmania's best wineries can be found near the east coast and, time permitting, we'll drop into one or two and you can choose to sample a drop.

Our accommodation for the next two nights is at the lovely seaside town of Swansea at the Swansea Motor Inn.

Meals: B,L,D



## Day 8

### Cape Freycinet, Wineglass Bay Circuit (11km)

The view over Coles Bay towards the Hazards Range and Freycinet Peninsula draws us in to this iconic national park.

Enjoy a gorgeous 11km circuit walk which takes in the white sand beach of Wineglass Bay and the equally beautiful Hazards Beach on the other side of the isthmus.

After the largest part of the walk, and perhaps an icy but refreshing swim at Wineglass Bay, we head back to Swansea.

Meals: B,L,D

## Day 9

### Maria Island (12km)

There are few options today but the most scenic is a challenging but rewarding climb up Mt Bishop and Clerk. The walk is steep but the views from the dolerite columns at the summit of the mountain are sensational. The forested section of path offers delightful walking, with glimpses of ocean beyond the sheer cliffs.

For those wanting an easy day, there's plenty to explore including the Painted Cliffs, the Fossil Cliffs and the old Darlington settlement, which has seen many transformations over the years.

After our ferry trip back to the mainland we'll head south to the historic town of Port Arthur for our final night together.

Meals: B,L,D

## Day 10

### Tasman Peninsular, Cape Hauy (8.8km)

Our last walk, on the Tasman Peninsular, is nothing short of spectacular. As we've come to expect from Tasmania, there are up's and there are downs and there are absolutely incredible views to marvel at.

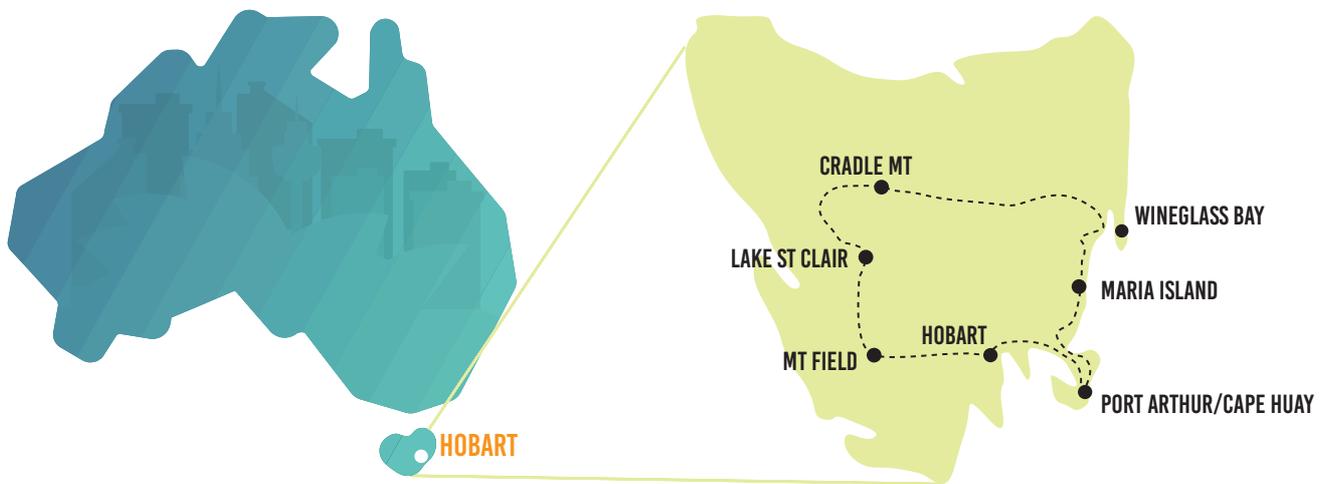
As we walk along Cape Hauy the promontory narrows and the views get better and better. Massive dolerite cliffs descend vertically into the ocean on either side, making this an exciting walk to finish on.

After our walk we'll head back into Hobart, arriving late afternoon.

Meals: B,L



## BEST OF TASMANIA TOUR. NEAREST AIRPORT: HOBART



## The Fine Details

Cost: \$3,690 per person

(\$4,090 single supplement)

### What's included:

- All transport in a private mini bus, including a hotel pickup up from any accommodation in central Hobart.
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- Ferry tickets and National Park entrance fees
- 9 night's comfortable accommodation
- 9 healthy breakfasts – cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- 10 morning teas, carried by your guide
- 10 lunches
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 9 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 19 yrs experience

### Where do we start from?

We will pick you up from your accommodation in central Hobart on the day of departure between 7.15 and 8.00am. If you are staying outside of the CBD, we can pick you up from the Hobart Travel Centre (corner of Davey and Elizabeth Street).

With an early departure, we recommend a night in Hobart for those coming from interstate or overseas. We recommend to our guests the following hotels.

- **Mantra Collins Hotel** <http://www.mantra.com.au/tasmania/south/hobart/accommodation/mantra-collins-hotel/> - a lovely hotel, offering hotel rooms and 1 bedroom apartments. It's fairly expensive though (about \$350 per night).
- **RACV/RAC T Hobart Apartments** <https://www.racv.com.au/travel-leisure/racv-resorts/our-destinations/hobart-apartment-hotel.html> - clean, well positioned, and more affordable than the Mantra.

### Average Temperature (degrees):

**November:** 9 min - 19 max    **February:** 12 min - 22 max

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***Our itinerary covers mountainous areas, as well as coastal walks and with that comes a variety of climates. Tasmanian weather is typically hard to predict. In fact the only thing we can say for certain is that the weather will be unpredictable. Despite the fact we are going in summer, you need to be equipped for everything from snow to 30 degree.



Above Image: Lake St Clair Lodge



Above Image: Fox & Hounds Inn

## Where do we stay?

This tour is accommodated in comfortable cabins, motels and chalets. Admittedly there is a bit of a range in the accommodation during the tour as we are in some remote places with very few options. Consequently we will be staying in luxury whilst at Lake Sinclair, but much more modest lodgings in Maydena. The accommodation though is all clean and comfortable and perfect for our needs.

- Giants Table Cottages in Maydena
- Lake St Clair Lodge
- Cradle Mountain Discovery Holiday Park

- Swansea Motor Inn
- Fox & Hounds Inn

At all of the locations we will come together in one of the houses for breakfast and to make our packed lunches for the days walk. Dinner will be cooked by your amazing guides on the first two nights, then we will be enjoying local restaurants for the remainder of the tour.

Accommodation is allocated on a double or twin share basis. A limited number of single supplements are available for an additional \$400. Single supplements are not mandatory for solo travellers, we will room solo travellers with a fellow solo traveller of the same gender.

## Dietary requirements?

From vegetarians to pescatarians to meat loving carnivores with an aversion to cucumbers we cater for all dietary requirements and will make sure you are well fed and looked after on tour.

## What's the average age of walkers?

The average age of our guests are between 55-75 years young but we welcome any adult on our tours.

## Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

- Jump onto our website [www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au](http://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au), find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/Book Now' alternatively call us on **08 6219 5164** (international calls dial +618 62195164) or email us at [walk@InspirationOutdoors.com.au](mailto:walk@InspirationOutdoors.com.au).

- Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

Just in case...

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee

- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

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