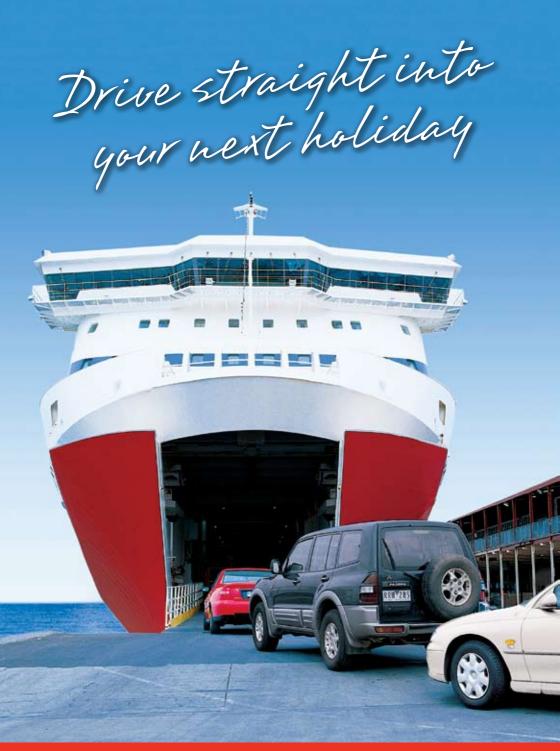




Touring and Selected Holiday Guide









We are a Tasmanian owned and operated company with over 30 years experience in providing quality accommodation and services. We specialise in touring and self-drive packages, and our staff can provide expert knowledge and planning advice.

TasVillas Group is a one-stop, free booking service for statewide accommodation options, car hire, tours, attractions, the Spirit of Tasmania ferry, flights and travel insurance.

The TasVillas Group Book Online service at *www.tasvillas.com* allows you the convenience of immediate online confirmation. Alternatively, talk to one of our friendly, local staff for enquiries and bookings on 1800 030 111.

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## Tas Villas Group Touring Packages

### For easy planning and affordable travel around Tasmania

TasVillas Group accommodation packages are available for a minimum 3, 7 and 12 nights, and we encourage you to mix and match between our four chains to create your ideal Tasmanian holiday. Nightly rates are also available for those requiring a shorter stay.

Our touring packages can include booking your travel to and from Tasmania, as well as a selection of car hire options for self-drive holidays.

To add fun and adventure to your holiday, choose from our wide range of holiday passes, tours and attractions around the state. For piece of mind, we recommend booking travel insurance, another service that we offer for your convenience.

Please contact us for a complete quote to begin planning your Tasmanian holiday today.

### Accommodation Chains

#### **Our Diamond Rating**

TasVillas Group has its own 'diamond' rating to offer a consistent standard of quality and amenities across all of our member properties. Each property has an average diamond rating to grade the overall measure of its rooms and facilities.

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### **TasVillas**



TasVillas provides self-contained accommodation in convenient city and regional locations around the state. From studio to multi-bedroom accommodation, all apartments are equipped with linen, towels, and self-contained facilities, allowing guests to prepare their own meals, which families in particular appreciate when on holiday.

All properties offer guest laundry facilities and may additionally include a pool, barbeque area and onsite dining. For the added relaxation and privacy of guests, rooms are not generally serviced during occupancy, however towel changes and rubbish removal will be provided upon request.

### Select Villas



For suburb comfort and service, Select Villas has that extra something that makes for a truly unforgettable experience.

### Motel Plus



Motel Plus provides well-appointed and affordable motel accommodation in selected locations around the state. Rooms include everything needed for a restful night, offering comfortable beds, linen, towels, tea and coffee making facilities, toaster, and en suite bathroom. Each Motel Plus property includes an onsite guest laundry and free off-street parking, and many offer additional facilities such as onsite dining, barbeque area, garden, and swimming pool.

### Select Hotels



Offering supreme quality in prime locations around Tasmania, Select Hotels is an ideal choice for indulgence during your holiday.



## Tasmania is a world on one island, a land of alluring contrasts.

From the rugged wilderness of the West Coast, to the cosmopolitan art scene of Hobart, from the architectural beauty and celebrated wines of Launceston and the Tamar Valley to the stunning pink granite cliffs, historic Port Arthur, and the glorious beaches of the East Coast, Tasmania is just waiting for you to discover.

With officially the cleanest air in the world, Tasmania offers visitors a step back in time to an untouched world of historic and natural beauty. You will find unspoilt coastal environments, friendly towns and villages, and more than a thousand mountain peaks.

Tasmania is renowned for our unique flora and fauna, showcased in our spectacular nature reserves, national parks and World Heritage sites, which make up almost 37% of Tasmania.

Be sure to sample the succulent seafood and

lamb, crisp white wines and robust reds, award winning beer, divine fresh fruit and vegetables, tasty cheeses, and mouth-watering chocolate and fudge. Sample these at the many cellar doors, farms and factories around Tasmania that readily invite guests in for viewings and tastings.

Tasmania is a compact island, with many popular destinations only a few hours driving time apart, making the state ideal for self-drive holidays. Whether you opt for renting a car or bring your own vehicle over on the Spirit of Tasmania, driving around the state is highly accessible.

With a population of just over 500,000, Tasmania prides itself on its friendly culture and the locals are more than happy to share their island paradise with you. Tasmania is just waiting for you to discover and TasVillas Group can't wait to share its secrets with you.

### PLANNING YOUR HOLIDAY

Looking for what to do and see when planning your holiday around Tasmania? This map will show you where the Top Spots are around Tasmania for the following specialised interests:



### Food and Wine

Known as the 'Apple Isle,' Tasmania is sure to please every palate with its fruitful orchards, delicious honey, pick-your-own berry farms, tantalising chocolate and cheese factories, delectable seafood and award-winning wines.

#### Top Spots:

- Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm, Ashgrove Cheesefarm, Chudleigh Honey Farm, House of Anvers fudge.
- Tamar Valley wine region, Tamar Valley Dairy, James Boags Brewery.
- East coast seafood, Eureka Berry Farm, Kate's Berry Farm, Bay of Fires Winery.
- Huon Valley Apples, Huon Valley and Derwent Valley wine regions, Cadbury Chocolate Factory, Moorilla Estate winery, Cascade Brewery.



### History and the Arts

Tasmania is brimming with examples of Australia's history, from the indigenous landowners, to the convicts and white settlers, to the mining era and the multiculturalism of more recent times. Many sites around the state offer wonderful buildings and artifacts of our past, and there are several museums located in every region providing fascinating information of the area's history. Tasmania also boasts a wonderful array of arts, sculptures and crafts – most especially our Huon pine crafts and the spectacular photography, which can be found all over the state at various galleries and art studios.

#### Top Spots:

- Sarah Island convict settlement, Wall in the Wilderness Derwent Bridge.
- Beaconsfield Mining and Heritage Centre, Royal Automobile Museum.
- Port Arthur Historic Site and Coal Mines, Historical towns of the Heritage Highway.
- Hobart MONA, Cascade Female Factory, Battery Point, Salamanca Place.



### Nature, Wildlife and Walks

Tasmania is a nature hub for those looking to experience the great outdoors. There is a wide variety of walks ranging from peaceful, scenic strolls through to the rugged 6 Day Overland Track. You are sure to spot an animal or two on your journey through our pristine wilderness, or visit one of the many wildlife parks around the state that allow you to get up close to our distinctive wildlife; including the Tasmanian Devil, Eastern Quoll, Spotted-tail Quoll and the White-bellied Sea Eagle.

#### Top Spots:

- Devils@Cradle, Trowunna Wildlife Park, Overland Track, Cradle Mountain National Park, Stanley Seal Cruises. Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens, Table Cape Tulip Farm.
- Tasmania Zoo, Wings Wildlife Park, Cataract Gorge Reserve, Ben Lomond, Tamar Wetlands, The National Rose Gardens of Australia (Woolmers Estate), Bridestowe Estate, Low Head Penguin Tours, City Park and the Japanese Macague Monkeys.
- Bay of Fires, Douglas Apsley, Freycinet and Maria Island National Parks, Bicheno Penguin Tours, East Coast
- Tahune Forest AirWalk, South Coast Track, Cockle Creek, South Cape Bay Walk.





Launceston and the Tamar Valley

ast Coast.

Hobart and

the South

Midlands and

Tasman Peninsula

### **Travel with Children**

Whether travelling with children, or young at heart yourself, Tasmania offers plenty to do to liven up your holiday. Keep the family entertained right around the state with activities filled with adventure, excitement and fun.

#### Top Spots:

- Devonport Pandemonium Complex, Tasmazia, Don River Railway, Westbury Maze.
- Seahorse World, Platypus House, Grindalwald Swiss Village, Brickendon Estate, Old Mac's Farm.
- Old Hobart Town Model Village, Richmond Maze.
- Alpine Rail, Cadbury Chocolate Factory.



### The Adventure Seeker

If you are looking for a thrill on your holiday, try one of Tasmania's adventure sports. With a rugged and wild natural backdrop, Tasmania is an epicentre for extreme nature sports, such as hang-gliding, white water rafting, rock-climbing and sea kayaking.

#### Top Spots:

- White-water rafting, Strahan Seaplanes and Helicopter ride.
- Cable Hang-gliding, Hollybank Treetops Adventure.
- All4Adventure 4WD tours, Quad bike tours, Deep-sea diving, Freycinet Paddle.
- White-water rafting, Mt Wellington Descent bike tour, Huon River Jet Boats ride.



### Icons Of Tasmania

There are some treasures of Tasmania that you cannot find anywhere else in the world. Whether it be a wonder of nature or a man-made creation, each of these aspects is uniquely Tasmanian and an idyllic setting for a perfect holiday photo.

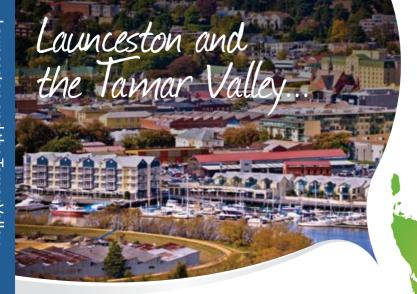
#### Top Spots:

- The 'Nut' at Stanley, Table Cape Tulip Farm, Mole Creek Caves, Cradle Mountain, Tasmanian Devil, West Coast Wilderness Railway
- Cataract Gorge Reserve, Bridestowe Lavender Farm
- Bay of Fires, Wineglass Bay, The Hazards at Freycinet, Maria Island, Richmond Bridge, Port Arthur Historic Site
- Russell Falls, Hastings Caves and Thermal Springs

Try one of TasVillas Group's sample itineraries to plan your holiday around Tasmania. Our itineraries include:

→ 7 Night Express Tour → 10 Night Circle Tour → 14 Night Grand Explorer Tour You can find these itineraries, as well as general region guides, on our Itineraries page at www.tasvillas.com

For a copy of these itineraries, please contact our friendly reservation staff and we will be happy to post a copy out to you today.



Launceston is a delightful city situated on the banks of the Tamar River in the state's north. A wide array of dining options can be found at the Seaport precinct and in the city. The city boasts wonderful examples of Victorian and Georgian architecture, and has many wonderful parks, including Princes Park and City Park, with the Japanese Macaque Monkey enclosure.

Launceston centres on the stunning Cataract Gorge Reserve. Beautifully set in native bushlands, it has the longest single-span chairlift in the world, and peacocks and wildlife can be sighted around the reserve.

The climate and the gently sloping hills of the surrounding area have proved to be ideal for grape growing, and as a result, Launceston is the gateway to the celebrated wineries of Tasmania's north. Selected tours will take you to sample the delicious white, red and sparkling wines.

On the outskirts of Launceston along the Tamar Valley, are the towns of Beaconsfield, known for the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre, and Beauty Point, with Seahorse World and Platypus House. On the eastern side of the river are the historic towns of Georgetown and Low Head. Low Head is home to the Pilot Station and the Low Head Penguin Tour. North east of Launceston is the notable Lilydale Falls and the

Bridestowe Lavender Farm, the largest lavender farm in the Southern Hemisphere. This area is also home to the world-acclaimed Barnbougle Dunes Golf Course at Bridport, a must for the golf enthusiast.

#### WE RECOMMEND:

- Cataract Gorge Reserve
- Launceston and the Tamar Valley wine regions
- City Park and the Japanese Macaque Monkey enclosure
- The Victorian and Georgian architecture
- Bridestowe Lavender Farm
- Grindlewald Swiss Village
- Historical buildings: The Old Umbrella, Franklin House, Woolmers Estate, Brickendon Estate, Clarendon House, Entally House, Fitzpatrick's Inn, White House
- Ben Lomond National Park for great skiing during the cooler months







### Penny Royal Hotel and Apartments



Shrouded in history, Penny Royal is a beautiful place to stay.

This unique heritage property offers tastefully refurbished hotel rooms and apartments suited for families, couples and groups.

Within walking distance from the stunning Cataract Gorge Reserve, Seaport Precinct and city centre, and a short drive to the Tamar Valley and Launceston Airport, Penny Royal is an ideal base to explore northern Tasmania. Hotels: 33 Apartments: 41

**Property Features:** 

- Free car parking
- Wireless internet connection available
- Watermill Tavern open 7 days a week for breakfast and dinner
- Gourlays Sweet Factory (est 1896) open Mon-Fri, free entry
- Tour desk available at reception

147 PATERSON STREET, LAUNCESTON 7250

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### Adina Place Motel Apartments



Conveniently located within the Launceston city centre, Adina Place Motel Apartments offers contemporary accommodation within a short walking distance to all that Launceston city has to offer.

Modern décor and self-contained amenities make these apartments ideal for both short and long stays. Guests can indulge in a motel spa room for added relaxation during their holiday. Onsite amenities include free AUSTAR, off-street parking, lift access and a garden barbeque area for quests.

Motels: 8 Apartments: 22

### **Property Features:**

- Located in Launceston city and close to City Park
- Ideal for corporate stays, couples and families
- Modern décor with airconditioning
- Individual balconies with great views
- Motel spa rooms

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### Alanvale Apartments and Motor Inn



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This charming Old Tudor style property is located at Archer's Manor, on the outskirts of Launceston city in a peaceful suburban area. Alanvale Apartments and Motor Inn offers plenty of accessible parking and an onsite bar and bistro.

The apartments are spacious and offer multibedroom self-contained accommodation, most with private laundry facilities. The motel rooms are open and inviting with individual patios or balconies for guests.

Motels: 12 Apartments: 36

### Property Features:

- Ample parking in a quiet location
- Spacious gardens
- Flat screen HD television, most with DVD players
- · Ideal for groups
- All self-contained apartments have private laundry facilities

### **Aberdeen Court**



Aberdeen Court is an ideal choice for a quiet and comfortable stay in Launceston.

An easy 15 minute's drive from the airport, with no need to battle the city traffic, Aberdeen Court is also a few minutes drive from the beautiful Punchbowl Reserve and the Kings Meadows shopping district.

The well-appointed studio and two bedroom apartments offer clean and comfortable amenities for singles to groups of five or more. Apartments: 26

#### **Property Features:**

- Easy drive from Launceston Airport and city centre
- Onsite play area for children
- Spacious apartments
- Quiet location
- Disabled assist facilities

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### Tamar River Villas



Situated on the gateway to the Tamar Valley wine region, Tamar River Villas offers guests a convenient location with all the comforts of home.

A leisurely five minute drive from Launceston city centre, Tamar River Villas offers fully self-contained apartments, with ground floor and disabled assist rooms available.

The property overlooks the striking Tamar River and is directly opposite the Tailrace Function Centre and Kids Paradise.

Rooms: 31

#### Property Features:

- Located opposite the Tailrace
   Centre great for families
- Onsite restaurant
- Spacious apartments with full ovens
- · Ideal for longer stays
- Disabled assist facilities











### The Old Bakery Inn



This delightful heritage property is only a few minute's walking distance to the popular Cataract Gorge Reserve and the Launceston city centre.

Each room is individually decorated in accordance with the heritage style of the property, converted into accommodation from its origins as the 'Cataract Bakery', built in 1870.

This unique property is ideally suited to honeymooners and couples looking for an intimate stay when visiting Launceston.

Motels: 23 Apartments: 1

#### **Property Features:**

- · Ideal for honeymooners
- Self-catering facilities available
- Easy walk from city centre and Cataract Gorge Reserve
- Boutique heritage property with secluded courtyard
- Onsite breakfast room











### Launceston City Ghost Tours

Launceston has a deep and dark convict past...

Listen to the true stories of murder and intrigue as you allow yourself to be guided through the back lanes and alleyways of Launceston at night.

Visit the haunts of the basement at the Royal Oak Hotel, the mysterious Coffin Room, hear the disturbing stories surrounding Princes Square, and finish with the terrifying conclusion at The Stables.

The tour runs for 90 minutes and departs outside the Royal Oak Hotel at nightfall. Be sure to bring your camera along for a chance to capture a ghostly apparition!

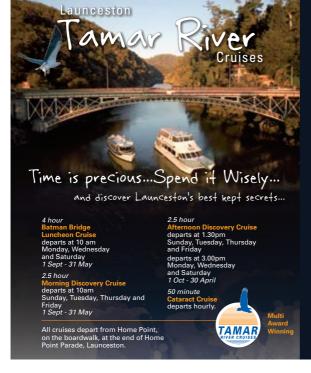


### Valleybrook Wine Tours

Indulge your senses on an amazing wine journey and experience some of the best red, white and sparkling wines the celebrated Tamar Valley wine region has to offer. The owner and knowledgeable tour leader will ensure that your day is full of fun and delicious indulgence, as you sample cellar door wines and learn about wine making in the picturesque Tamar Valley, Pipers Brook and Relbia regions.

Tours begin at 10am and 1pm, door to door pick up and drop off in the Launceston area is included. Out of town pick up is also available.





Explore Launceston and the Tamar Valley with Tamar River Cruises. Visit the spectacular Cataract Gorge and discover the history behind Launceston's greatest hidden treasure. Stand alongside our skippers as they entertain you with their lively commentary about the characters and tales that have shaped the region, while enjoying a wide selection of Tamar Valley wines and local cheeses on our licensed vessel, *Tamar Odyssey*.

Cruise options are available to suit everyone's holiday requirements, with cruises ranging from 50 minutes to 4 hours.



- Tamar Valley Wine Tours
- Personalised and Tailored Tours
- Launceston Day Tours
- Corporate Tours



Prestige Leisure Tours is based in Launceston and offers unique, personalised tours, sharing with you the natural beauty of our scenic state and showcasing its delicious gourmet food, wines and fresh produce.

Tour the award winning Tamar Valley Wine Route and indulge in our cool climate wines and delicious

gourmet food, all the while taking in the natural beauty, heritage and culture that Tasmania has to offer. We offer personalised full day tours to popular tourism destinations throughout Tasmania. Day tours can be customised to your needs.



# East Coast, Midlands and Tasman Peninsula...

Sparkling beaches dominate the coastline of Tasmania's East Coast and include the world famous Bay of Fires and Wineglass Bay beaches. The scenery is a photographer's dream, with the pink granite 'Hazards' at Freycinet being especially noteworthy. Bushwalkers will find great walking trails at Douglas Apsley, Mt William, and Freycinet National Parks. Sample the delicious produce that the vineyards, and berry farms have to offer. The crayfish, scallops and oysters from the East Coast are some of the best seafood produce you will find in the world.

South of the Freycinet Peninsula is Maria Island National Park, which is rich in aboriginal and convict history, and features incredible scenery, including native fern gullies and fossil studded sandstone and limestone cliffs.

Evandale, Ross, Oatlands, Bothwell and Richmond are charming historical towns along the Midlands Highway, each notable for their wonderful architecture, historical significance, and picturesque cottage gardens. Campbell Town has the convict brick trail and Ross houses the Female Convict Station. Richmond is the epicentre of Tasmania's history, with Australia's oldest bridge, convict gaol and practising catholic church.

In the far south east is the Tasman Peninsula, best

known for the Port Arthur Historic Site and convict coal mines, which offer an intrinsic display of our past.

The natural beauty of the Tasman National Park contains deep sea caves and some of the highest and most spectacular sea cliffs in Australia.

The Devil's Kitchen, Blowhole, Remarkable Cave and the Tessellated Pavement are intriguing natural formations that show just how unique Tasmania is.

#### WE RECOMMEND:

- · Bay of Fires
- Freycinet National Park and Wineglass Bay
- · Maria Island National Park
- The Heritage Highway including Campbell Town, Ross, Oatlands, Bothwell and Richmond
- Sample world-renowned seafood of the East Coast
- · Port Arthur Historic Site
- Tasman Peninsula: the Devil's Kitchen, Blowhole, Remarkable Cave and Tessellated Pavement







### Swansea Motor Inn



This beachside property overlooks the breathtaking Great Oyster Bay in the charming town of Swansea and is an easy drive to all the major attractions of the East Coast.

These bright and well-appointed rooms offer all the modern comforts for a restful night, with the added benefits of twin share, disabled or mobility assist rooms. Additionally, the property offers spa rooms and spectacular beach view rooms.

Motels: 33

#### **Property Features:**

- · Ideally located for visits to Bicheno and the Freycinet Peninsula
- · Walking distance to the beach
- Spa rooms
- · Ground floor and disabled assist rooms
- Spacious garden and barbeque facilities

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### Hatcher's Manor



Just twenty minutes from Hobart and the Hobart Airport, Hatcher's Manor is situated on a peaceful one hundred acre working farm and orchard, on the banks of the beautiful Coal River in historic Richmond.

Each room is individually designed with many rooms offering the added convenience of self-contained facilities or spa baths.

A licensed café and function hall are on site with horse and carriage rides into town are available. Apartments: 4 Hotels: 10

#### **Property Features:**

- · Located on a working farm and orchard
- Horse and carriage rides
- Spa rooms
- · Onsite café and function hall
- Ideal for couples and families sleeping up to 9 people in one apartment











### Parsons Bay Retreat



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Parsons Bay Retreat is a 10 minute drive from Port Arthur and offers comfortable and affordable accommodation in a picturesque rural setting. Choose from renovated motel rooms, self-catering studios, or 2 bedroom family apartments. Enjoy our indoor heated pool, spa and sauna, tennis, barbeque area, free wi-fi, basketball, and our inviting licensed HJIB café

Parsons Bay Retreat is centrally located to all local tourist attractions.

Motels: 4 Apartments: 11

#### **Property Features:**

- 10 minutes drive from Port Arthur Historic Site
- · Free wi-fi
- Indoor heated pool, spa and sauna
- Onsite licensed café and undercover barbeque facilities
- Ground floor accommodation

### THE PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITES

Australia's essential convict history experiences



The Port Arthur, Coal Mines and Cascades Female Factory Historic Sites are all World Heritage listed and offer essential, must see experiences for any visitor to Tasmania. The Port Arthur Historic Site, located 95 kilometres south east of Hobart, offers fascinating guided tours, interactive displays, historic buildings, ruins and museums, a cruise on the harbour and tours of the Isle of the Dead and Point Puer. The nightly Ghost Tour offers an atmospheric insight into Port Arthur's past.

A half hour drive from Port Arthur on the Tasman Peninsula, the Coal Mines Historic Site today is a peaceful bushland area where visitors can explore the ruins of houses, barracks, offices and cells of those who were once incarcerated there.

The Cascade Female Factory is Australia's most significant site associated with female convicts, located a short distance from Hobart's city centre. 'Her Story' is a 45 minute dramatised guided tour that operates daily.

## JOIN THE 1% CLUB

Only 1% of visitors to the Freycinet National Park have the rare opportunity to see the stunning Freycinet coastline, which includes the world famous Wineglass Bay.

To become one of the privileged few, book your cruise today.

Local pods of dolphins, albatross, sea eagles, shearwaters and whales on their annual migration are regular visitors to the cruise.

Enjoy a glass of local sparkling wine or premium beer, and experience the sensational taste of Tasmanian cheeses and freshly shucked oysters.



This is an opportunity to see Wineglass Bay and Freycinet as few people have.

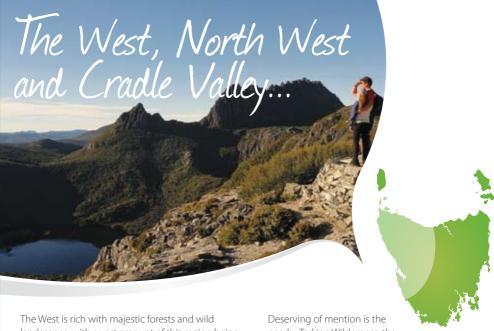
Cruises depart daily from Coles Bay on Tasmania's East Coast.





SOUTHERN

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The West is rich with majestic forests and wild landscapes, with a vast amount of this region being World Heritage protected area. The long-term effects of mining in this region are most evident in Queenstown, with its distinctive landscape. On the banks of the Macquarie Harbour is the town of Strahan, the gateway to the majestic Gordon River, ancient rainforests and the Sarah Island convict settlement.

Devonport is the departure point of the Spirit of Tasmania ferry, and has the Tiagarra Centre – a great source of information on Tasmanian indigenous history. Cape Grim in the far north west is known as the edge of the world and has officially the cleanest air in the world.

The Great Western Tiers is abundant with local produce centres, which are open to the public. Enjoy spectacular scenery and learn about the glowworms at the unique Mole Creek Caves. Latrobe is the platypus capital of the world, with the Platypus Interpretation Centre at the Axeman's Hall of Fame.

Between the two large geological features of the Nut at Stanley and Table Cape in Wynyard is Rocky Cape National Park, rich in aboriginal history, wildflowers and popular for bushwalking, diving and snorkelling.

Deserving of mention is the nearby Tarkine Wilderness, the largest temperate rainforest in Australia.

The iconic mountainscape of Cradle Mountain is one of the Tasmania's most visited attractions, and is popular for bushwalks and kayaking.

#### WE RECOMMEND:

- · Sarah Island convict settlement
- The Tarkine Wilderness
- The 'Nut' at Stanley
- Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake
- Mole Creek Caves
- The West Coast Wilderness Railway and a river cruise of Arthur River or Gordon River
- The Wall in the Wilderness at Derwent Bridge
- Produce sampling along the Great Western Tiers







### Sharonlee Strahan Villas



Sharonlee Strahan Villas is set in spacious native gardens and offers one and two bedroom fully self-contained villas

Just minutes from the attractions of Strahan, Sharonlee is an ideal base to explore the west coast region. Experience the World Heritage area by cruise or journey by rail through the Western Wilderness. For the more adventurous, enjoy a seaplane, helicopter or jet boat ride, along with sailing, fishing, bushwalking and beachcombing. Apartments: 11

#### **Property Features:**

- Onsite management: local family, local knowledge
- · Tour desk and internet kiosk
- · Can accommodate larger families
- Ground floor accommodation with ample parking
- · Green accredited



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### Marsden Court



Marsden Court offers contemporary and self-catering studio and two bedroom apartments, set in landscaped gardens in a secure, gated community.

The individual two bedroom apartments can accommodate families and larger groups, while the studio apartments have private balconies and are ideal for couples. Marsden Court is close to Strahan's attractions and is a fitting base to explore the West Coast, whether you are taking a cruise through the World Heritage area or a rail journey through the rugged Western Wilderness. Apartments: 12

### **Property Features:**

- Onsite management: local family, local knowledge
- Spacious air-conditioned apartments
- Disabled assist apartment
- Tour desk and internet kiosk
- Green accredited

ANDREW STREET, STRAHAN 7468









### On The Terrace



Nestled at the base of the 'Nut', On The Terrace offers peaceful and luxurious apartments, superbly situated in the beautiful seaside town of Stanley.

Each apartment is designed for guest comfort, providing tranquil and inviting rooms, tastefully decorated with modern furnishings.

The attentive staff will guide you to the best sights in the region, including the many peaceful walks and remote beaches that make the North West particularly spectacular.

Apartments: 3

### Property Features:

- Quaint, quiet and private apartments
- Double-glazed windows
- · Delightful views of the area
- Modern décor
- Perfect for couples and honeymooners

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### Silver Ridge Retreat



Silver Ridge Retreat is a charming farmland property, superbly set at the base of the magnificent Mt Roland. Guests are invited to stay and enjoy the peace and secluded natural beauty of the Cradle Valley. Within a tranquil setting, each cottage stands alone, offering generous rooms with full self-catering facilities. Enjoy the free onsite animal night-spotting tour or explore the old silver mine. You can also go trout fishing, take a serene bushwalk, or swim in the indoor heated pool. Apartments: 12

#### **Property Features:**

- Approximately 45 minutes drive to Devonport and Cradle Mountain
- Free animal night-spotting tour
- · Indoor heated swimming pool
- Great for larger families and children
- Spa apartments











### **Penguin Holiday Apartments**



Situated in the beachside town of Penguin, this property is an ideal base for exploring the beaches, nature reserves, produce tasting centres, and the penguins that frequently visit the coastline of the North West. Penguin Holiday Apartments is also a conveniently short drive to the Spirit of Tasmania ferry terminal

Each apartment is open and bright, and fully selfcontained for your convenience. Apartments can accommodate larger families, making this property highly affordable for budget-conscious travellers. Apartments: 6

at Devonport.

· Light and open apartments

**Property Features:** 

- Walking distance to the town centre and beach
- Disabled assist facilities
- Self-contained apartments
- Can accommodate larger families











### **Arthur River Holiday Units**



Peacefully set on the banks of the Arthur River on the edge of the Tarkine Wilderness, a warm welcome awaits you at the Arthur River Holiday Units.

Relax in spacious and self-contained apartments that feature a full kitchen and enclosed barbeque area. Visit the onsite shop for any necessities during your stay.

The owners also welcome you aboard the AR Reflections River Cruise for a truly unforgettable Tarkine Wilderness experience.

Units: 5

#### **Property Features:**

- Located at the edge of the Tarkine Wilderness
- 50 minute drive from town of Smithton
- Spacious apartments with secure parking
- Onsite shop
- Home of the AR Reflections River Cruises

2 GARDINER STREET, ARTHUR RIVER 7330 GPS -41.052, 144.666









### **AR Reflections Cruise**

See the lush greenery of Tasmania reflected in the still teacoloured water of Arthur River as you cruise upstream on board the MV Reflections.

Find the White-bellied Sea Eagle perched in the trees high above the riverbank, looking over the Tarkine Wilderness. An abundance of bird life can be seen and heard in this part of Tasmania. Catch a glimpse of Azure Kingfishers with comfortable cruise. The vessel also has a full deck, their distinct brilliant blue and orange colours. Platypus can also be sighted in their own habitat.

On arrival at Warra Landing, enjoy a gourmet lunch with Tasmanian cheeses, cake, complimentary wines, coffee or tea, while taking in the peaceful surrounds of the

Tasmanian rainforest. After lunch, take an informative guided walk on the elevated walkways and enjoy the intimate rainforest experience that this tranquil area has to offer.

The vessel MV Reflections is a 35ft tri-hull flybridge cruiser. It is guiet and has coach seating designed for a providing 360 degree views for taking great photos of the North West Tasmanian Wilderness. Most days are cool up river and in the rainforest, so warm attire should be worn, and suitable footwear is also a must. All food and beverages are provided on this Tasmania river cruise.





### West Coast Wilderness Railway

Take a step back in time to when the west was wild, with an unforgettable journey on board the West Coast Wilderness Railway, which traverses the majestic forest between Strahan and Oueenstown.

Hear fascinating stories of our pioneer railwaymen and follow in their tracks on a steam train through steep gorges and dense forests. Stop at stations along the railway and enjoy lunch under the forest canopy. Indulge in the Premier Carriage, with attendants catering to your every need.



### Strahan Seaplanes and Helicopters

"One of the Best"

Where else in the world can you land deep in the heart of ancient rainforests and wild majestic rivers? This spectacular flight allows you to experience Hell's Gates, Ocean Beach and Sarah Island, as well as the renowned Franklin and Gordon Rivers, where you will be thrilled as we land in the gorge of this remote and beautiful river. Alternatively, join the helicopter as we fly high to the peaks of the West Coast ranges. Enjoy breathtaking 360 degree views from the mountains to the ocean, over 20 kilometres away!



### Devils@Cradle

Explore the mysterious world of the Tasmanian Devil at Devils@Cradle, located just 500m from the Cradle Mountain National Park entrance.

Visit the sanctuary and observe the extraordinary Spottedtail Quoll, Eastern Quoll and the Tasmanian Devil, as one of our keepers gives you an understanding of their lifecycle and the threats that endanger them.

Open from 10am daily. Keeper's Tours run on the hour for 45 minutes. After Dark Feeding Tours are available every night and are 1.5 hours.

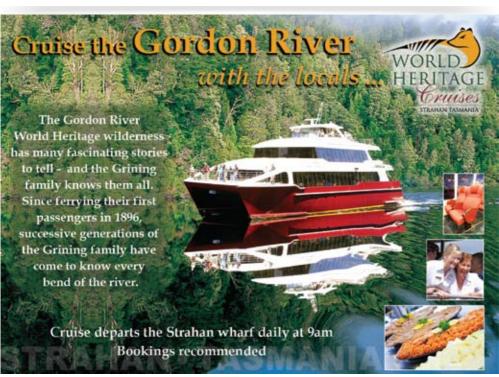


### **Tasmazia**

"One of the Top Ten Family Attractions in the World" by GoTravel24.

The world of Tasmazia is a crazy complex located in the wonderfully named town of Promised Land, in the heart of Tasmania's beautiful Cradle Mountain and Lakes District. Tasmazia has eight mazes, including The Great Maze, which is reputedly the world's largest. The complex also features The Village of Lower Crackpot, a whimsical model village built to 1/5 scale, The Pancake Parlour, gift shop and lavender farm, as well as the ever present views of majestic Mt Roland.





## Hobart and the South West...



Founded in 1804, Hobart is Australia's oldest capital city. Nestled under Mt Wellington, you can enjoy magnificent panoramic views of the city from the summit. Hobart boasts many impressive parks and gardens, including St David's Park and the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. It is also renowned for its fine restaurants, most notably in Salamanca Place, Sullivans Cove, Sandy Bay and North Hobart. Wrest Point Casino in Sandy Bay is the South Pacific's oldest casino.

Historic Battery Point is a great example of convict-era architecture, and guided walking tours of the area are available. The trendy Salamanca Place houses a variety of niche art studios and boutique shops, and the extremely popular Salamanca Market, held every Saturday.

Overlooking the Derwent River is the Moorilla Estate winery and the world class, MONA (Museum of Old and New Art), which has gained worldwide recognition for its contemporary and historic artworks. In the outer suburbs of Hobart, you will also find the Cadbury Chocolate Factory and Cascade Brewery.

South west of Hobart is a world of extensive and serene waterways, wild coastlines and boutique vineyards. There is a wonderful array of orchards

growing great quality cherries, plums, apricots, pears and Tasmania's famous apples.

South of Hobart, via the ferry from Kettering, is the wondrous Bruny Island, filled with stunning beaches, towering sea cliffs and picturesque countryside.

The pristine and rugged wilderness of the Mt Field and Hartz Mountains National Parks are majestically scenic and great for bushwalking or taking a forest drive.

#### WE RECOMMEND:

- MONA (Museum of Old and New Art)
- · Salamanca Place and market
- The wineries and fresh produce of the Huon Valley Trail
- · Bruny Island
- Hastings Caves and Thermal Springs
- Mt Field National Park
- Mt Wellington summit
- · Florentine Valley and Styxz Valley tall tree reserves







### **Woolmers Inn**



Woolmers Inn is conveniently located in stylish Sandy Bay, only minutes from the city, the lively waterfront and famous Salamanca Place.

The property offers spacious studio and two bedroom apartments, complete with kitchen facilities, heating, wireless internet (charges apply) and off-street parking.

Woolmers Inn is the ideal choice for a convenient and comfortable stay in Hobart.
Apartments: 36

### Property Features:

- Conveniently located close to shopping district and Wrest Point Casino
- Self-contained apartments
- Great for families
- Courtyard setting with free off-street parking
- · Disabled assist facilities

123-127 SANDY BAY ROAD, SANDY BAY 7005 **GPS** -42.892, 147.325









### St Ives Apartments



St Ives Apartments is centrally located in historic Battery Point, only a few minutes stroll from Hobart's delightful waterfront, Salamanca Place and the city centre

waterfront, Salamanca Place and the city centre. These spacious studio and two bedroom apartments are self-contained and luxuriously furnished with all the amenities you expect from a city apartment, including AUSTAR, internet access and some with private balconies. Free off-street parking, guest laundry and dry cleaning service are available to guests.

Apartments: 43

#### **Property Features:**

- Location in historic Battery Point
- Walking distance to city centre and Salamanca Place
- · Modern décor and amenities
- · Self-contained facilities
- Reverse cycle air-conditioning

67 ST GEORGES TERRACE, BATTERY POINT 7004 GPS -42.891, 147.329









### Waterfront Lodge



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Within an easy drive to Hobart's city centre, Mt Wellington, Derwent Entertainment Centre, Cadbury Chocolate Factory and Moorilla Estate (with the popular MONA), Waterfront Lodge is ideally situated for your Hobart stay.

Each room is well-equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, private en suite bathroom and wi-fi access. Ground floor and disabled assist units are also available. Onsite amenities include a guest kitchen, laundry, lounge area, outdoor swimming pool and barbeque area.

Motels: 30

#### Property Features:

- Peaceful location
- Short drive to city centre, Domain and Royal Botanical Gardens
- · Onsite pool and barbeque area
- Ideal for budget-conscious travellers
- Spa and disabled assist rooms available

### Fountainside Hotel



For modern, deluxe accommodation right in the heart of Hobart's city centre, look no further than the Fountainside Hotel.

Each hotel room is spacious, with double-glazed windows, air-conditioning, AUSTAR and queen or king size beds. The self-contained suites offer city views and are ideal for those wanting to self-cater. Guests will be delighted with lift access to all rooms, the onsite restaurant and free off-street parking.

Hotels: 35 Apartments: 7

#### Property Features:

- Located in the heart of Hobart city with free parking
- · Reverse cycle air-conditioning
- · King size beds available
- Onsite restaurant for breakfast and dinner
- 24 hour reception

40 BROOKER AVENUE, HOBART 7000 **GPS** -42.876, 147.328







### Hobart Macquarie



Hobart Macquarie is centrally located in Hobart's city centre and is a leisurely walk from the lively waterfront and famous Salamanca Place. The property offers modern, comfortable rooms with stylish décor and quality furnishings. Fantastic features include 32" LCD televisions, AUSTAR, microwave, free broadband internet and limited free onsite parking. Hobart Macquarie offers contemporary accommodation at its best and is the perfect choice for value conscious travellers through to executives, families and groups.

Hotels: 121

#### **Property Features:**

- Function and conference facilities, ideal for corporate travellers
- · 24 hour reception
- Great for large groups
- Disabled access
- · Room service

167 MACQUARIE STREET HOBART 7000

**GPS** -42.885, 147.326









### **Port Huon Cottages**



Located in the picturesque Huon Valley, Port Huon Cottages is an idyllic choice for a stay in this region. From Port

Huon, explore Hastings Caves, the Huon Valley wine region, Bruny Island, and the wild South West, before returning for a relaxing night.
Each apartment stands alone and overlooks the beautiful Port Huon Bay and Hartz Mountains.
Apartments are well-appointed, with modern décor and self-contained facilities.

Apartments: 9

#### **Property Features:**

- Spectacular views of Port Huon Bay and the Hartz Mountains
- Stand alone cottages with private verandah
- Fully self-contained cottages
- · Spa rooms
- Central to all major locations in the Huon Valley

4396 HUON HIGHWAY, PORT HUON 7116 **GPS** -43.155.146.972









### **Huon River Jet Boats**

Huon River Jet Boats operate from the Esplanade in Huonville, offering a thrilling 35 minute jet boat ride on the picturesque Huon River. The dark tannin stained waters give off magnificent reflections in the still deep basins, and small Huon pines can be seen growing on the riverbanks. Bird life on the river is abundant, and are a particular highlight during their nesting season.

Covering a 12 kilometre stretch of river, Huon Jets traverses a number of rapids and shingle beds – at times only 4 inches deep. To add to the excitement, the driver executes a number of 360 degree spins, all in complete safety.



### Tahune AirWalk

The Tahune AirWalk is Tasmania's ultimate forest tourism experience. With breathtaking views of the forest canopy, spine-tingling swinging bridges across the Huon and Picton Rivers, and a licensed café, it offers a full day of fun for the family.

Thrill seekers can test their skills on the mountain bike track, and feel the wind beneath their wings on the Eagle Hang Gliding adventure. A leisurely stroll along the riverbank leads visitors to the most accessible stand of Huon pines in Tasmania. Guests are also offered exclusive after-dark access to walking trails and the Tahune AirWalk.







blends the exhilaration of coastal exploration with the indulgence of luxury cruising.

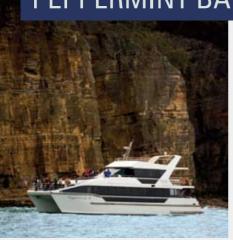
While cruising alongside towering cliffs and caves, you will experience an abundance of local wildlife, including sea eagles, dolphins, penguins, albatross and even migrating whales. Journey into a remote fur seal colony for an up-close encounter.

You are rewarded for your expedition with samples of Bruny Island's delights at your own private Expedition Retreat, while indulging in a delicious banquet lunch of fresh regional produce.



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#### **3 HOUR WILDERNESS CRUISE**

Departs daily all year from our Booking Centre, 6961 Arthur Highway, Port Arthur.

#### **FULL DAY TOUR FROM HOBART**

Includes scenic guided bus tour, morning tea, 3 hour wilderness cruise, lunch plus local sightseeing.

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### Helpful Hints

#### Getting to Tasmania:

The Spirit of Tasmania sails between Melbourne and Devonport nightly, with day sailings available during the peak periods. Qantas, Virgin Australia, Jetstar, Tiger Airways, Qantaslink and Regional Express offer daily flights to Tasmania. Major airport terminals can be found at Hobart and Launceston and additional services available at Devonport and Wynyard.

#### Daylight Saving:

Clocks go forward one hour on the first Sunday in October, and back one hour on the first Sunday in April.

#### **Average Temperatures:**

Summer (Dec, Jan, Feb) 17-23° Celsius Autumn (Mar, Apr, May) 9-19° Celsius Winter (Jun, Jul, Aug) 3-13° Celsius Spring (Sep, Oct, Nov) 7-17° Celsius

#### Emergency:

Police, Fire and Ambulance Emergencies number is 000, 112 from mobiles.

Non-urgent police calls can be made to 131 444.

### Local Knowledge- Information Centre:

For access to travel and touring information in each region, look for the Yellow i Information Centres around Tasmania.

#### **Shopping Hours:**

General opening hours of retail outlets are: Mon-Fri 9am – 5:30pm, Sat 9am – 5pm and Sun 10am – 4pm. Opening hours can vary across regions and businesses.

#### Driving:

The statewide speed limit is generally 50km/h in cities and towns. In regional areas the limit is 100 km/h, unless otherwise signposted.

### Key Events

#### Statewide:

- Ten Days on the Island (Mar 2013) Targa Tasmania (Apr)
- Tasmanian Heritage Festival (May)

#### Launceston and the Tamar Valley:

- AFL (Winter) Festivale (Feb)
- AAMI Launceston Cup (Feb) V8 Supercars (Mar)

#### East Coast, Midlands and Tasman Peninsula:

■ Port Arthur History Plays (Summer) ■ Suncoast Jazz Festival (Jun) ■ Oatlands Spring Festival (Oct)

#### Hobart and the South West:

- Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race (Dec-Jan) The Taste Festival Hobart (Dec-Jan) The Falls Festival Marion Bay (Dec-Jan) Moorilla Hobart International Tennis (Jan)
- Australian Wooden Boat Festival (Feb 2013) AAMI Hobart Cup (Feb) ■ Taste of the Huon (Mar) ■ AFL (Winter)

#### The West, North West and Cradle Valley:

■ Sheffield Mural Fest (Mar-Apr) ■ Agfest (May) ■ Chocolate Winterfest – Latrobe (Jul) ■ Tasmanian Craft Fair (Nov)

Visit the Events page at www.tasvillas.com for a full list of events for the year.

### Travelling Times

#### LAUNCESTON TO:

POINT	(KMS)	TIME
St Helens	164	2 hours 5 min
Swansea	135	1 hour 48 min
Richmond	172	2 hours 3 min
Port Arthur	253	3 hours 9 min
Hobart	199	2 hours 29 min
Strahan	278	3 hours 49 min
Arthur River	292	3 hours 35 min
Stanley	224	2 hours 41 min
Penguin	131	1 hour 30 min
Sheffield	92	1 hour 7 min
Cradle Mountain	155	2 hours 10 min
Devonport	100	1 hour 12 min

#### **HOBART TO:**

DESTINATION POINT	DISTANCE (KMS)	APPROXIMATE TIME
Launceston	199	2 hours 29 min
St Helens	251	3 hours 11 min
Swansea	135	1 hour 47 min
Port Arthur	93	1 hour 20 min
Richmond	27	26 min
Port Huon	56	48 min
Strathgordon	156	2 hours 13 min
Strahan	300	4 hours 10 min
Penguin	309	3 hours 42 min
Sheffield	270	3 hours 18 min
Cradle Mountain	333	4 hours 26 min
Devonport	278	3 hours 23 min



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