

Tasmania is an island of great scenic beauty with a rugged coastline, sprawling mountains, beautiful beaches and cultural treasures. Overlooked by mighty Mount Wellington, Hobart is the delightful capital city, with historic buildings and a beautiful natural harbour. Touring by car or coach is the best way to experience Tasmania – travel to Port Arthur, Australia’s best known historic site, where convicts were housed in the mid-1800s. Visit the Freycinet Peninsula, an area with lush green mountains and stunning turquoise waters of Great Oyster Bay where you can explore spectacular beaches and enjoy bushwalks in tranquil surroundings. Tasmania’s second largest city, Launceston, is acclaimed for superb cuisine and is an ideal gateway for exploring breathtaking Cradle Mountain.



Cradle Mountain

Essential Tasmania

3 Nights from £250

Day 1: Arrive Hobart

If you arrive into Hobart Airport, you will be met and transferred to the Hotel Grand Chancellor by shuttle. If arriving by car, make your own way to the hotel for your three-night stay.
Standard: Hotel Grand Chancellor (Mountain View Room)
Superior: Hotel Grand Chancellor (Harbour View Room)

Day 2: Port Arthur Historic Site

This morning your coach heads to Bush Mill where there will be time to ride the Bush Mill Steam Railway. On to Port Arthur Historic Site to discover how convicts lived 200 years ago. Enjoy a fascinating guided walking tour of the ruins and restored buildings and take a harbour cruise to the Isle of the Dead. On your way back to Hobart admire the beautiful coastline, Tasman National Park, Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen.

Day 3: Bruny Island Wilderness Cruise

Cross by ferry to the untouched wilderness of Bruny Island. After a delicious morning tea, board the cruise boat to view The Monument, Nature’s Cathedral and Breathing Rock. See untouched rainforests, massive sandstone cliffs and sea caves and keep your eyes peeled for fur seals, dolphins and sea eagles. Enjoy a picnic lunch amid beautiful surrounds then a walk to a pristine sandy beach before heading back to Hobart.

Day 4: Depart Hobart

If you continue your onward journey by flight, a shuttle transfer will take you to Hobart Airport.

PRICES INCLUDE

- Three nights accommodation (room only)
- Return shuttle airport transfers (if required).
- Grand Port Arthur Tour
- Bruny Island Wilderness Cruise

Essential Tasmania Prices			
Price per person, in £		Share twin	Single
Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart			
Mountain View			
	01Jan06 - 31Mar06	250	382
	01Apr06 - 31Mar07	270	416
Harbour View			
	01Jan06 - 31Mar06	268	419
	01Apr06 - 31Mar07	287	451
The Henry Jones Art Hotel			
Atrium View			
	01Jan06 - 30Apr06	278	437
	01May06 - 31Mar07	305	487
Supplements and minimum night stays may apply over Christmas and New Year.			

Tasmania – Sightseeing

BRUNY ISLAND WILDERNESS COAST

Tour 786 – Duration 9hrs.

Departures : Daily except Sat, 01Oct–30Apr only

Untouched wilderness and ocean coast wildlife; the spectacle of massive stark cliffs shaped by forces of nature. Bruny Island has an abundance of indigenous wildlife. Seals, sea eagles, albatrosses, cormorants, shearwaters and gannets may be seen in their natural environments. Tasmanian wilderness at its best! Departing Hobart, skirt the D’Entrecasteaux channel, pass through the towns of Snug and Kettering, then on to the ferry for the crossing to Bruny Island. Touring around the island will include stunning Adventure Bay; Breathing Rock, an explosive blow hole; The Monument - stark 300-metre high Jurassic dolerite cliffs; Friars Rocks - home to over a thousand Australian Fur Seals and sea bird nesting areas along with pristine rainforests and beaches. Remember to pack plenty of film for this spectacular wilderness tour!

Price per person including morning tea and lunch:
01Jan06–31Mar06 £64, 01Apr06–31Nov07 £67.

GRAND PORT ARTHUR

Tour 784 – Duration 8hrs.

Departures : Daily except Sat (26Dec–30Apr);
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun (01May–24Dec)

As you leave Hobart, you’ll pass the Aquatic Centre, Royal Botanic Gardens and Government House before heading out past Pirates Bay, Eaglehawk Neck and Norfolk Bay on the Tasman Peninsula. Continue to Port Arthur Historic Site, a compelling reminder of the harrowing lives of convicts 200 years ago. Take a cruise on Carnarvon Bay around ‘Isle of the Dead’ and see Port Arthur from a different perspective on a walking tour (not available during August). Learn about the early settlement of Van Diemen’s Land (now Tasmania) and enjoy an intriguing guided walking tour of the now tranquil penal settlement. Set on 40 hectares, it has over 30 ruins and restored buildings. View superb, rugged coastline as you visit highlights of Tasman National Park and wonder at the spectacle of Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen.

Price per person:
01Jan06–31Mar06 £43, 01Apr06–31Mar07 £45.

HOBART TO HUON EXPLORER Small Group

Tour HHE – Duration 8.5hrs

Join your small group tour (max. eight passengers) to travel along the Huon River. Pause at the wooden boat centre to observe the manufacture of hand built wooden craft. Pass through the dry forest areas to the spectacular Tahune Forest Airwalk. Walk high above and through the tree tops some 20 metres above the forest floor. After your barbeque lunch, return along the forest roads on your way back to Hobart.

Price per person including morning tea & lunch:
01Jan06–31Mar06 £111, 01Apr06–31Mar07 £116.

PORT ARTHUR DISCOVERY Small Group

Tour PAD – Duration 8.5hrs

Join your small group tour (max. eight passengers) to travel around the historic birthplace of Hobart, then on to Forestier and Tasmanian Peninsulas. Visit the Tasman Arch, The Blowhole and Devil’s Kitchen. Visit the ruins of Port Arthur whilst hearing the tales of the hardships suffered by the convicts. Take a short cruise around the harbour, and enjoy a light lunch before returning to Hobart.

Price per person including morning tea & lunch:
01Jan06–31Mar07 £111.

Hobart – Hotels



Moorilla Vineyard



Lake St Claire



Tasmanian Devil

Hobart Hotels Prices

Price per person, per night, room only (unless otherwise stated), in £	Share twin	Single
Rydgcs Hobart		
<i>Manor Room</i>		
01Jan06 - 30Apr06	31	62
01May06 - 31Mar07	33	67
<i>Antique Suite</i>		
01Jan06 - 30Apr06	36	71
01May06 - 31Mar07	40	80
Grand Chancellor		
<i>Mountain View</i>		
01Jan06 - 30Apr06	44	88
01May06 - 31Mar07	49	97
<i>Harbour View</i>		
01Jan06 - 30Apr06	50	100
01May06 - 31Mar07	54	109
The Henry Jones Art Hotel		
<i>Atrium View</i>		
01Jan06 - 30Apr06	53	106
01May06 - 31Mar07	61	121
<i>Deluxe Spa Harbour View</i>		
01Jan06 - 30Apr06	75	150
01May06 - 31Mar07	85	171
Moorilla Vineyard Chalets		
<i>(Breakfast Incl.)</i>		
<i>One bedroom chalet</i>		
01Jan06 - 30Apr06	69	137
01May06 - 30Sep06	64	128
01Oct06 - 31Mar07	73	146
<i>Two bedroom chalet (Sleeps up to 4)</i>		
01Jan06 - 30Apr06	◇	172
01May06 - 30Sep06	◇	164
01Oct06 - 31Mar07	◇	181

Supplements and minimum night stays may apply over Christmas, New Year and Special Events
◇ Price is per chalet

RYDGES HOBART

★★★



Antique Suite

Location: Rydgcs Hobart is located just 2km from the historic waterfront of Hobart. A heritage listed building the hotel combines the charm and grace of the old with the polish of the new and is a relaxing base from which to explore Australia's second oldest capital. Rydgcs offers a warm welcome and a comfortable stay that only a small property can.

Accommodation: 64 luxury guestrooms and suites with décor that blends the old and new. All guestrooms and suites have full kitchen facilities, complimentary in-house movies, minibar, iron and ironing board and tea and coffee making facilities.

Facilities: Brickfields Restaurant offers a wide selection of traditional Australian cuisine and uses local Tasmanian produce wherever possible. The décor reflects the historic ambiance of the hotel. Manor Cocktail Bar and Café offers a large selection of Tasmanian wines as well as local and international beers. Guests also enjoy the hotel's heated swimming pool, spa and sauna.

★ Stay 3 nights and receive complimentary breakfast daily – valid 01Apr06-31Aug06.

THE HENRY JONES ART HOTEL

★★★★☆



Location: Experience Hobart in style at the acclaimed Henry Jones Art Hotel. This stunning property is Australia's first dedicated Art Hotel and showcases original works from both new and established Tasmanian artists, musicians and poets. Perfectly situated in a prime location on Hobart's thriving waterfront.

Accommodation: 50 sumptuously designed guestrooms and suites are fitted to the highest standards. With natural timber furnishings and finest quality fabrics, the ambiance is exotic and luxurious. Each guestroom and suite has a high quality flat-screen TV, DVD, high-speed internet access, air-conditioning and mini-bar. Bathrooms feature separate showers, elliptical spas or free-standing baths. 24-hour room service is provided.

Facilities: The IXL Long Bar is the place to be in Hobart. The splendid setting and sophisticated design offer an exceptional evening venue. Alternatively, The Steam Packet Restaurant offers an outstanding menu of both historical-inspired delicacies and contemporary Australian cuisine. Dining takes place in a stunning all-glass Atrium courtyard.

HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR, HOBART

★★★★☆



Location: Located right on the historic waterfront in central Hobart, overlooking Constitution Dock, the final haven for yachts competing in the world famous Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

Accommodation: 240 deluxe, air-conditioned guestrooms with either harbour or mountain view, TV, in-house movies, minibar, telephone, hairdryer, iron & ironing board and tea/coffee making facilities. 24-hour room service is available.

Facilities: The Hotel Grand Chancellor offers guests dining in either the Cove Restaurant or the Atrium Lobby Lounge. There is also a small fully equipped gymnasium, heated indoor swimming pool, sauna and massage room.

EXPLORE FURTHER

Tasmania is ideally suited to a self-drive holiday. Please see pages 114-115 for our pre-planned self-drives. If you do not wish to drive we also have an extensive touring option available, please see page 113.

MOORILLA VINEYARD ESTATE, NEAR HOBART

★★★★★



Location: These light and airy chalet-style rooms are perched on the edge of a cliff, high above the coastline offering sensational views. With a spectacular mix of city comfort and countryside tranquillity, Moorilla is 12 kilometres from Hobart - close enough for easy access yet far enough for total relaxation.

Accommodation: Two spacious, luxurious one bedroom chalets and two two-bedroom chalets, all with spa, are elegantly furnished with genuine ancient artefacts. Each has air conditioning, bathroom, kitchen, CD player and radio, flat screen TV's with movie channels, telephone, safe, hairdryer, bathrobes and private balcony. Each chalet has a private wine cellar with over 60 wines from Moorilla and St Matthias (not included in price).

Facilities: Founded as a winery in the 1950s, Moorilla has since evolved into a cultural haven with award-winning Moorilla wines at the Winery & Cellar Door, and fine Tasmanian produce at the on-site award-winning 'The Source' restaurant, open for lunch daily and dinner from Wednesday to Saturday. Moorilla's new micro brewery produces finest quality Tasmanian Premium beer.



Relax and rejuvenate in Tasmania

Launceston & Strahan – Hotels & Sightseeing

STRAHAN VILLAGE, STRAHAN ★★★☆



Location: The award-winning Strahan Village has become very much the focal point of the picturesque town of Strahan. It offers a range of different types of accommodation, all served by a main reception.

Accommodation: A collection of unique cottages and terraces, built to reflect the workers' houses of the last century. All rooms are furnished with integrity and attention to detail. Motel-style units (some with self-catering facilities) are available on request.

Facilities: A variety of colourful eateries line The Esplanade, many of which form part of the Strahan Village. Share a traditional bistro meal with the locals in Hamer's Hotel, tuck into fish and chips or a pizza by the waterfront or climb the stairway to the hilltop Macquarie Restaurant for excellent local dishes, seafood and views over Macquarie Harbour.

TWO NIGHT PACKAGE including accommodation, daily breakfast, Gordon River Cruise with lunch and West Coast Wilderness Railway from £163 per person, sharing twin. Full details on request.

PEPPERS SEAPORT HOTEL, LAUNCESTON ★★★★★



Location: Opened in March 2004, this new hotel is superbly located right on the Tamar riverfront, just five minutes from the centre of Launceston. The hotel is part of a new social hub being developed at the Seaport dock area, along with restaurants, entertainment and shopping facilities.

Accommodation: Just 60 delightful guestrooms and suites are superbly appointed in distinct Peppers style. All rooms enjoy expansive views across the marina and river, the city and mountains or the attractive Tamar Valley.

Facilities: The Peppers Seaport Hotel has an on-site restaurant and bar overlooking the marina. There is plenty to do nearby – check out the action among the yachts and fishing boats, take a cruise on the river or dine in one of the waterfront restaurants and cafés. Launceston has many historic attractions including the J Boag & Son Brewery.

★ *Stay 2 nights and receive a complimentary bottle of sparkling wine and a complimentary room upgrade - valid 01Apr06-31Mar07.*

COLONIAL ON ELIZABETH, LAUNCESTON ★★★☆



Location: Set in the heart of Launceston and built in 1847, this Tudor, Elizabethan-style building originally housed Australia's oldest Public School, the Launceston Church Grammar School.

Accommodation: 64 well-appointed guestrooms with private bathroom, hairdryer, TV, in-house movies, telephone and minibar. Limited room service is available.

Facilities: The hotel blends old fashioned hospitality with modern facilities. A must for visitors is dining in the Quill & Cane Restaurant with leadlight windows and elegant decor creating a romantic ambience. In addition there is also the popular café/bar 'Three Steps on George' and Colony 47 Cocktail Bar.

Strahan – Sightseeing



Gordon River Cruise

GORDON RIVER CRUISE

Tour GRC - Duration 6 hrs.

After cruising across Macquarie Harbour you'll glide past waterfalls and the magnificent mirrored reflections of the Gordon River before stepping ashore at Heritage Landing. Here you can walk into the silence of the green rainforest to see 2000 year-old trees. However, there's a lot more on your cruise route than World Heritage wilderness. You'll see Hell's Gate, where the harbour opens to the ocean, Tasmania's world-renowned salmon farms, and you'll visit notorious Sarah Island. Walk among ruins and hear your guide bring the past alive with astonishing stories of when convicts built amazing ships from precious Huon pine.

Price per person:

Bow Atrium Deck:

01Jan06-31Mar06 £34, 01Apr06-31Mar07 £39.

Captain's Premier Upper Deck, including buffet lunch:

01Jan06-31Mar06 £83, 01Apr06-31Mar07 £86.



West Coast Wilderness Railway

WEST COAST WILDERNESS RAILWAY

Tour WCR - Duration 4.5hrs.

From 1896 to 1963, steam locomotives hauled copper from Queenstown, through the rugged King River gorge and down to Strahan. Join the restored West Coast Wilderness Railway to travel through one of the world's last pristine wilderness areas, crossing 40 bridges, wild rivers, and climb over 200 metres on a fascinating 35km journey from Queenstown to Strahan. You'll also have the opportunity to visit an old gold mining settlement, explore the mine by candlelight and pan for gold in the river.

Price per person:

01Jan06-31Mar07 £48.



Launceston Park

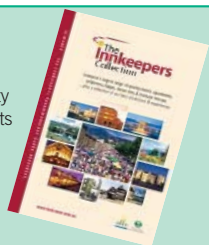
TASMANIA HOTEL PASSES – THE INNKEEPERS COLLECTION

With over 40 properties in key locations throughout Tasmania, Discovery Inns, Hotels and Apartments provide quality accommodation ranging from colonial mansions and wilderness lodges to city hotels and apartments. Innkeepers Apartments offer discerning travellers quality self-catering apartments in wilderness and heritage-style locations. A minimum of three nights must be purchased with the first night pre-booked; the remaining nights may be left open dated (May-September).

Ask your travel agent to call us for prices and a copy of the Innkeepers Collection brochure.

Price per person, per voucher from: Discovery Inns - Share twin £27, Single £53.

Hotels & Apartments - Share twin £35, Single £71.



Launceston and Strahan Hotel Prices

Price per person, per night, room only in £	Share twin	Single
LAUNCESTON		
Colonial on Elizabeth		
01Jan06 - 30Sep06	34	68
01Oct06 - 31Mar07	35	70
Peppers Seaport Hotel		
<i>City View Room</i>		
01Jan06 - 31Mar06	47	93
01Apr06 - 31Mar07	50	100
<i>City View Suite</i>		
01Jan06 - 31Mar06	58	116
01Apr06 - 31Mar07	61	122
STRAHAN		
Strahan Village		
<i>Hilltop Garden View</i>		
01Jan06 - 31Mar06	35	70
01Apr06 - 30Sep06	22	45
01Oct06 - 31Mar07	30	60
<i>Village Water Terraces</i>		
01Jan06 - 31Mar06	49	97
01Apr06 - 30Sep06	33	67
01Oct06 - 31Mar07	45	90

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Tasmania – National Park Lodges & Touring



Cradle Mountain National Park

CRADLE MOUNTAIN LODGE, CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK Unique



Location: Cradle Mountain Lodge is a wilderness retreat adjoining the World Heritage-listed Cradle Mountain – Lake St. Clair National Park, itself a part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The jagged contours of Cradle Mountain epitomise the feel of a wild landscape, while ancient rainforest and alpine heathlands, buttongrass and stands of colourful deciduous beech provide a range of environments to explore.

Accommodation: 58 standard Pencil Pine Cabins, 18 Spa Cabins, eight Deluxe Spa Suites and four King Billy Suites. All cabins have an en-suite shower room, radio, wood fire and heater. Spa Cabins, King Billy Suites and deluxe Spa Suites also have a minibar, CD player and spa bath and are particularly recommended.

Facilities: The Highland Restaurant is recognised as one of Tasmania's premier dining experiences, featuring the freshest local foods and wines. Visit the Tavern Bar and Bistro for bistro-style meals in a rustic tavern atmosphere, unwind around the crackling fire in the Weindorfer Lounge or enjoy pre-dinner drinks in the guest lounge bar. Leisure facilities include a sauna, massage facilities, a games room with TV and video, pool table and complimentary board games. Depending on the weather and season there is a varied activities programme offering guided walks, 4WD eco-tour, horse riding and abseiling.

Prices for King Billy Suites and two and three night packages are available on request.

THREE NIGHT SPA PACKAGE including accommodation in a spa suite, daily breakfast, spa orientation, 90 minute hot stone therapy and 60 minute foot therapy from £321 per person, sharing twin.

FREYCINET LODGE, FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK Unique



Location: Jutting out from the sea on Tasmania's mild east coast is the rugged and beautiful Freycinet Peninsula. From Hobart, it is a superb two-and-a-half hour drive along the spectacular east coast. Freycinet National Park consists of knuckles of granite mountains all but surrounded by azure bays and white sand beaches. The dramatic peaks of the Hazards welcome you as you enter the park. Freycinet Lodge overlooks the clear waters of Great Oyster Bay.

Accommodation: This stunning wilderness resort offers 60 tastefully appointed cabins, with a range of accommodation from Freycinet Cabins to Wineglass Deluxe and Premier Cabins and Oyster Bay Cabins for families. All rooms have private bathrooms, hairdryer, heating, fans, radio, balcony and tea/coffee making facilities. In keeping with the ethos of the property, there are no in-room telephones or TVs.

Facilities: A choice of two delightful restaurants with fabulous views of the bay. The lodge has a tennis court and offers a variety of walks for all levels of fitness, plus 4WD trips, dinghy hire, fishing and boating trips, horse riding, scuba diving and golf at a nearby course. The Lodge's Activity Guides provide interpretative guided walks, including bird watching, bush tucker, stargazing, nature spotlighting and much more.

Prices for Oyster Bay Cabins and Oyster Bay Cabins are available on request.

TWO NIGHT PACKAGE including accommodation, daily breakfast, Sunrise Wetland Tour, Taste of Tasmania Food & Wine, Bluestone 4WD Tour and guided Wineglass Bay Walk from £190 per person, sharing twin.

National Park Lodge Prices

Price per person, per night, in £ including breakfast	Share twin	Single
Cradle Mountain Lodge		
Pencil Pine Cabin 01Jan06 - 31Mar06	51	102
01Apr06 - 31Mar07	57	113
Spa Cabin 01Jan06 - 31Mar06	67	135
01Apr06 - 31Mar07	71	142
Spa Suite 01Jan06 - 31Mar06	85	170
01Apr06 - 31Mar07	86	172
Freycinet Lodge†		
Freycinet Cabin 01Jan06 - 31Mar06	65	130
01Apr06 - 23Dec06	48	97
24Dec06 - 31Mar07	61	122
Wineglass Deluxe Cabin 01Jan06 - 31Mar06	72	144
01Apr06 - 23Dec06	56	112
24Dec06 - 31Mar07	71	142
Wineglass Premier Cabin 01Jan06 - 31Mar06	100	200
01Apr06 - 23Dec06	68	136
24Dec06 - 31Mar07	87	174

† Two night minimum stay applies 01Jan06-31May06 and 24Dec06-31Mar07.

Tasmania - Walking Tours

4 Day Bay of Fires Walk

Tour: CRA01

View spectacular scenery and wildlife on this four day walk through the Mt William National Park to the Bay of Fires with knowledgeable and enthusiastic guides. Experience the environmentally friendly Forester Beach Camp and the architecturally designed and award winning Bay of Fires Lodge, as well as enjoying fresh Tasmanian food and wine.

Departures: Daily from Nov - May

Day 1: Launceston – Mt. William National Park

(walk 9km, approx. 4hrs)

Depart early morning from Launceston through rich pastoral landscapes and the tin mining town of Derby to Mt William National Park and the beginning of the walk at Boulder Point. View the magnificent coastline colours, native seabirds and marine artefacts as you walk along secluded beaches and rocky headlands. Enjoy lunch at one of these pristine beaches. Continue walking before arriving at your camp for the night. **(LD)**

Overnight: Forester Beach Camp

Day 2: Forrester Beach Camp – Bay of Fires Lodge

(walk 14km, approx. 7hrs)

After a relaxed breakfast walk south along the ridges of sand dunes and enjoy views across heathlands and the ocean to the east, as well as the stillness and solitude. Lunch in one of the many sheltered coves before continuing along more secluded beaches. Arrive in time for tea at the fabulous Bay of Fires Lodge, where you will stay for two nights. **(BLD)**

Overnight: Bay of Fires Lodge

Day 3: Bay of Fires Lodge

Today is at leisure so you can decide what to do – rise early and go kayaking, fishing or bird watching or sleep in and awake to the smell of brewing coffee and a hot breakfast. In the early evening depending on the weather

you may encounter wombats, wallabies, forester kangaroos or even a Tasmanian devil. **(BLD)**

Day 4: Bay of Fires Lodge – Launceston

(walk 5km, approx. 2hrs)

Time for a swim before beginning your final walk through eucalypt forests and coastal heathland. After lunch, enjoy a scenic drive through the Fingal Valley arriving back in Launceston at approximately 6.30pm. **(BL)**

Price per person, including transfers, accommodation, guided walks and all meals as stated. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner), valid 01Jan06-31Mar07 £750.

MARIA ISLAND WALK

Is another fantastic walk that can be experienced in Tasmania. Full details and prices available on request.



Bay of Fires



Bay of Fires



Bay of Fires Lodge

Royal Tasman

12 Days Launceston to Launceston from £1655

9 Days Hobart to Launceston from £1195

Tour RT12 & RT09



HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- Tour World Heritage Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park
- Discover the fascinating Port Arthur Ruins
- Explore Freycinet National Park
- Cruise the Gordon River and tour Sarah Island

Departures: 2006: Jan 10, 17, 24, 31. Feb 7, 14, 21, 25*, 28. Mar 7, 14, 18*, 28. Apr 4, 11, 18, 25. May 2, Sep 19, 26*. Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Nov 7, 14, 21, 28. Dec 5, 12, 16*, 26. 2007: Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Feb 6, 10*, 13, 20, 24*, 27. Mar 3*, 6, 13, 17*, 20, 27.

*9 Day Tour departures.

Please note tours departing 01Jan06-31Mar06 follow a slightly different itinerary. Details on request.

Day 1: Launceston

On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. Later enjoy a visit to Cataract Gorge followed by a visit to Seahorse World or Platypus House to see a variety of fascinating creatures. Tonight join your fellow travellers and crew for welcome drinks and dinner. **(D)**

Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston

Day 2: Launceston – Freycinet National Park

During lavender flowering season (Dec–Jan), enjoy a tour of Bridestowe Lavender Farm. Follow the coast to Bicheno and visit East Coast Natureworld where you will get the chance to see a Tasmanian Devil. Travel to beautiful Freycinet National Park, one of Tasmania's treasures. On arrival you are joined by a local guide for a tour along the dramatic coastline. This evening savour a Tasmanian speciality, a seasonal crayfish dinner. **(BD)**

Overnight: Waterloo Inn, Swansea

Day 3: Freycinet National Park - Port Arthur

Today journey to Eaglehawk Neck to discover the Tasman Peninsula. Continue on to Port Arthur Historic Site, site of Tasmania's penal settlement and cruise the beautiful Mason Cove. Tonight, enjoy a delicious Dine Around Dinner at Port Arthur, before retiring to the only hotel at the site. **(BD)**

Overnight: Comfort Inn, Port Arthur

Day 4: Port Arthur - Hobart

After breakfast head out to explore the Tasman Peninsular and historic Richmond. Later discover the delights of Hobart with Freedom of Choice Touring – you have the option to visit Cadbury's Chocolate Factory, enjoy a historical guided walking tour of Hobart or have a pint or two at the Cascade Brewery. (Seasonal closures may limit your choice). Later visit the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. Tonight enjoy your Dine Around Dinner. 9 Day passengers join the tour at the hotel tonight. **(BD)**

Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart for two nights



Port Arthur Penitentiary

Day 5: Hobart

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast then stroll through the bustling Salamanca Markets. Travel through the Huon Valley and walk among the tree tops on the Tahune AirWalk. Alternatively, you may choose to join the Peppermint Bay Cruise (additional expense), details on request. **(B)**

Day 6: Hobart – Strahan Village

Travel to Mt Field National Park, where a short walk leads to the beautiful Russell Falls. Continue deep into the World Heritage-listed area of Lake St Clair-Cradle Mountain National Park and later in Queenstown, join the wonderfully restored West Coast Wilderness Railway. Enjoy a buffet dinner, followed by a liqueur and chocolates, in a lovely setting overlooking the Strahan harbour. **(BD)**

Overnight: Strahan Village, Strahan

Day 7: Strahan Village – Cradle Mountain

Join a cruise across Macquarie Harbour to the pristine wilderness of the Gordon River. Stop at Heritage Landing and walk through unspoiled rainforest. With a local guide, visit Sarah Island's infamous penal colony. Later, drive to the wild slopes of World Heritage Cradle Mountain where you can enjoy the Freedom of Choice Touring. Choose from a premium wine and cheese tasting, a guided alpine flora and fauna walk, a night spotlight wildlife tour or an hour at the Sanctuary Spa and Sauna. **(BLD)**

Overnight: Cradle Mountain Lodge

Day 8: Cradle Mountain - Smithton

This morning join a local guide to explore Cradle Mountain and discover Leven Canyon. Then continue to Stanley and see 'The Nut', an unusual rock formation before heading to Smithton for the next two nights. **(BD)**

Overnight: Tall Timbers Hotel/Motel, Smithton for two nights

Day 9: Smithton

Join a local guide for a visit to the Woolnorth Wind farm. At nearby Cape Grim, breathe in the cleanest air in the world. Enjoy morning tea then visit the maze at Dismal Swamp. This evening take pleasure in our exclusive gourmet dinner of local Tasmanian fare at Smithton. **(BD)**

Freycinet National Park



Day 10: Smithton – Launceston

Continue on to Sheffield to explore this quaint town where over 30 murals have been painted. This afternoon enjoy a tour and tasting at Ashgrove Cheese Factory, and then join a fully guided tour of historic Woolmers Estate, before heading back to Launceston. **(B)**

Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston for two nights

Day 11: Launceston

Travel through the Great Western Tiers before exploring historic Ross. View the famous bridge and the heritage township. Return to Launceston and enjoy a farewell dinner that includes a private wine tasting and a specially selected menu. **(BD)**

Day 12: Depart Launceston

This morning is at your leisure to enjoy the city before your airport transfer. **(B)**

PRICES INCLUDE

- Accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Meals (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Sightseeing as specified in the itinerary

AUSTRALIAN PACIFIC TOURING

For further details regarding coach tours, please see pages 18-19, or ask your travel agent for a copy of our APT brochure.

Tour Prices

Price per person, in £	9 Day Tour RT09 (Hobart to Launceston)		12 Day Tour RT12 (Launceston to Launceston)	
	Share Twin	Single	Share Twin	Single
01Jan06 - 31Mar06	1195	1445	1655	1980
01Apr06 - 31Mar07	1345	1685	1855	2295

Cradle Mountain



Coastal Explorer Self-Drive

6 Days Hobart to Launceston from £360



Freycinet National Park

Day 1: Hobart

After collecting your car you have a full day to explore the beautiful city of Hobart. The city has retained a vast number of 19th Century buildings, both public and private, which you can see at every turn. Visit Constitution Dock where the famous Sydney to Hobart yacht race finishes each year, Salamanca Markets and Mt. Wellington.

Standard: Rydges Hobart

Superior: Hotel Grand Chancellor

Day 2: Hobart – Richmond & Port Arthur

(120km/75miles)

Cross the Derwent River and head for Richmond, a historic village with many treasures of Tasmania's colonial past. Travel onwards, via Sorrell, to Port Arthur where you can spend a few hours exploring the historical sites; a

guided tour will provide an enthralling insight into the hardships endured by convicts. Don't miss a visit to Bush Mill, a superb recreated pioneer settlement, complete with its own steam railway.

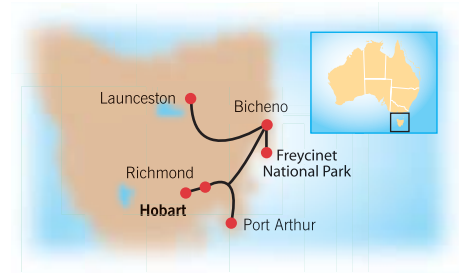
Standard: Comfort Inn Port Arthur

Superior: Chancellor Inn Port Arthur

Day 3: Port Arthur – Freycinet Peninsula

(262km/164miles)

Travel along the east coast, via Orford, where the Church of St John has a beautiful 14th Century stained-glass window. Continue on to Triabunna, a former whaling base and today a fishing village, before arriving at Swansea, a charming seaside town and a great stop for lunch. Travel onwards to the Freycinet Peninsula. Check in at the Freycinet Lodge where breakfast and dinner is included for your two-night stay. Spend the afternoon enjoying the breathtaking surroundings.



Standard: Freycinet Lodge (Freycinet Cabin)

Superior: Freycinet Lodge (Wineglass Deluxe Cabin)

Day 4: Freycinet Peninsula

A day at leisure to explore Freycinet.

Day 5: Freycinet Peninsula – Launceston

(295km/184miles)

Enjoy a morning walk to the brilliant white sands of Wineglass Bay before continuing your drive on to St. Helens, a fishing port on the Georges Bay – if you like crayfish then this is the place for lunch! From St. Helens turn west and travel via Scottsdale to Launceston, Tasmania's second largest city.

Standard: Colonial on Elizabeth

Superior: Peppers Seaport

Day 6: Launceston

This city boasts extensive parks and gardens and sightseeing opportunities, which include the Albert Hall and the Planetarium in the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery. Alternatively, you can cruise on the Tamar River in a paddle steamer. Your hire car must be returned today prior to the time it was picked up on Day 1 to avoid any additional charges.

Wild Tasmania Self-Drive

6 Days Hobart to Launceston from £290



Cape Pillar

Day 1: Hobart

After collecting your car, take time to explore. Enjoy the view of Mt Wellington, rising 1270 metres above sea level, forming the dominant backdrop to Hobart. Travel through Battery Point with its rows of historic cottages before reaching Salamanca Place, which boasts magnificent old sandstone warehouses.

Standard: Rydges Hobart

Superior: Hotel Grand Chancellor

Day 2: Hobart – Strahan (290km/181miles)

Travel from Hobart along the Lyell Highway across the centre of Tasmania to Strahan. The scenery on this drive is quite spectacular as you pass through the World Heritage Franklin Lower Gordon Wild Rivers National Park. Stop at Queenstown, surrounded by the stark mountains of Mt. Lyell where the local mines produced



Gordon River

copper, silver and gold until 1995. A visitor "must" is a cruise into the rugged South West Wilderness on one of the Gordon River Cruise vessels (own expense).

Standard: Strahan Village

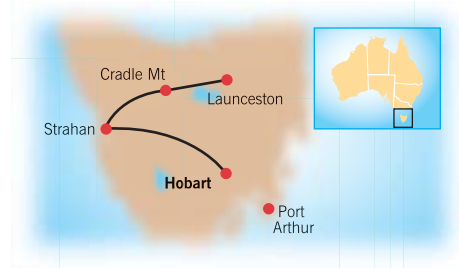
Superior: Franklin Manor

Day 3: Strahan – Cradle Mountain (158km/99miles)

Travel north to the small town of Zeehan, named after Abel Tasman's ship and now a classified historic town. From Zeehan continue to Rosebery and then to Cradle Mountain National Park, which encloses more than 13,000 hectares of wild alpine and mountain scenery in the heart of Tasmania's Central Highlands. Check in at the Cradle Mountain Lodge for two nights – a wilderness retreat with comfortable cabins, cosy log fires, companionable bars and fine food and wines.

Standard: Cradle Mountain Lodge (Pencil Pine Cabin)

Superior: Cradle Mountain Lodge (Spa Cabin)



Day 4: Cradle Mountain

Enjoy the tranquillity and remoteness of this unique area, renowned for its walking tracks for which people come here especially; make sure you make time to walk round the spectacular Dove Lake. There is abundant wildlife around the lodge, including Tasmanian devils, possums and platypuses.

Day 5: Cradle Mountain – Launceston

(142km/89miles)

The most direct and scenic route to Launceston is through the small town of Sheffield. Sheffield sits in the foothills of Mount Roland in one of the most attractive areas on the island. Continue on to Deloraine and finally to Launceston.

Standard: Colonial on Elizabeth

Superior: Peppers Seaport

Day 6: Launceston

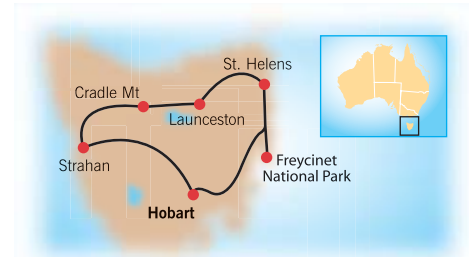
Drop your hire car off today at either the city or airport depots. The car must be returned by the same time as it was picked up on Day 1 to avoid additional charges.

Grand Circle Self-Drive

10 Days Hobart to Hobart from £502



Wineglass Bay



Port Arthur

Day 1: Hobart

Collect your car and take time to explore Hobart, Australia's second oldest city. Life in the city has revolved around the waterfront, from the days of whaling to the present. Take a wander round the Sullivans Cove area, including St David's Park, Parliament House, Salamanca Place and the former mariner's village of Battery Point.

Standard: Rydges Hobart

Superior: Hotel Grand Chancellor

Day 2: Hobart – Port Arthur & Freycinet National Park (308km/193miles)

Today, depart Hobart and head for the Tasman Peninsula. Visit the Blowhole, Devil's Kitchen and the Tasman Arch – all natural features of the peninsula's rocky coastline. Continue on to Port Arthur, one of Australia's most significant historic sites, where you can spend a few hours exploring. Head north along the east coast of the island to Freycinet Peninsula, an area of great scenic beauty with rolling mountains and sparkling blue waters. Check in to Freycinet Lodge for the next two nights.

Standard: Freycinet Lodge (Freycinet Cabin)

Superior: Freycinet Lodge (Wineglass Deluxe Cabin)

Day 3: Freycinet National Park

Spend the day exploring this beautiful national park.

Day 4: Freycinet National Park – St. Helens (106km/66miles)

Set off along the eastern coast and en route stop at Bicheno, a delightful coastal resort with superb scenery. Travel on to St. Helens, one of the busiest fishing ports in Tasmania, well known for crayfish, flounder and scallops.

Standard & Superior: Anchor Wheel Motel

Day 5: St. Helens – Launceston (169km/106miles)

Depart St. Helens and pass through Scottsdale – named after James Scott whose journey in 1852 led to the opening up of the area – on the way to Launceston, Tasmania's second largest city. Graced with magnificent Victorian streetscapes and lovingly maintained historic architecture; it is worth spending time here and visiting the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, regarded as the best non-capital city museum in Australia.

Standard: Colonial on Elizabeth

Superior: Peppers Seaport

Day 6: Launceston – Cradle Mountain (142km/89miles)

Depart Launceston and travel via Deloraine, an attractive town with charming colonial buildings and numerous attractions such as the Folk Museum and the Tasmanian Wildlife Park, to Cradle Mountain National Park. Check in at Cradle Mountain Lodge for the next two nights.

Standard: Cradle Mountain Lodge (Pencil Pine Cabin)

Superior: Cradle Mountain Lodge (Spa Cabin)

Day 7: Cradle Mountain

Today you will have more time to explore the area or simply take time to relax. Guided walks and horse riding are just some of the activities available if you so choose.

Day 8: Cradle Mountain – Strahan (159km/99miles)

Leave Cradle Mountain and head through the townships of Rosebery and Zeehan on the way to Strahan, situated on the Macquarie Harbour. This quiet, sleepy town is touched by history, like no other in the nation. Take a wilderness cruise on the Gordon River or enjoy a seaplane tour over this beautiful region (both own expense).

Standard: Strahan Village

Superior: Franklin Manor

Day 9: Strahan – Hobart (286km/179miles)

Travel from Strahan, via Queenstown, to Hobart. Queenstown, the 'capital' of the west, has a very distinctive character. Mining has been the mainstay for more than a century, with displays of the past and tours of the present mine operations being essential for visitors wanting to gain an appreciation of this colourful historic town. Continue on to Hobart and your overnight accommodation.

Standard: Rydges Hobart

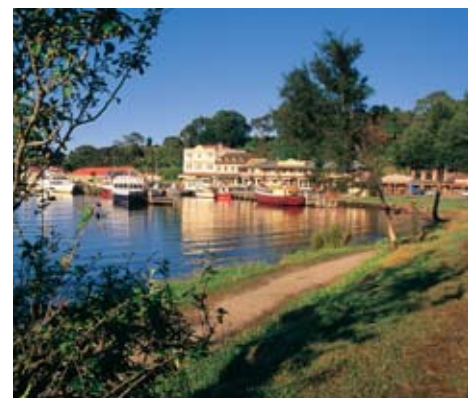
Superior: Hotel Grand Chancellor

Day 10: Hobart

Today drop your vehicle at the airport or the city depot by the same time as it was picked up on Day 1 to avoid additional charges.



Freycinet National Park



Strahan

SELF-DRIVE TOUR INCLUSIONS

For full details of your self-drive tour inclusions/exclusions, please see page 11. For general information and conditions of hire for your Avis car rental, please see page 12.

Self-Drive Tour Prices

Price per person, twin share, in £	Coastal Explorer		Wild Tasmania		Grand Circle	
	H02ABS	H02AET	H03ABS	H03AET	H01ABS	H01AET
Tour Code	Standard	Superior	Standard	Superior	Standard	Superior
Accommodation Grade	B - Compact	E - Full Size	B - Compact	E - Full Size	B - Compact	E - Full Size
01Jan06 - 31Mar06	360	395	290	380	574	679
01Apr06 - 31Mar07	290	362	292	402	502	663

Supplements apply: Coastal Explorer 27Sep06-31Mar07, Wild Tasmania 27Sep06-31Mar07, Grand Circle 24Sep06-31Mar07. Details on request.

Prices for single rooms and three or four passengers sharing a car are available on request.