

Tasmania 10 Day Escorted Tour



SEPT 2024
10 DAY PACKAGE
\$5,400
PP TWIN SHARE*

INCLUDES
RETURN AIRPORT
TRANSFERS
FROM YOUR
HOMETOWN*
*CONDITIONS APPLY

FITNESS LEVEL 2 TOUR

Experience Tasmania

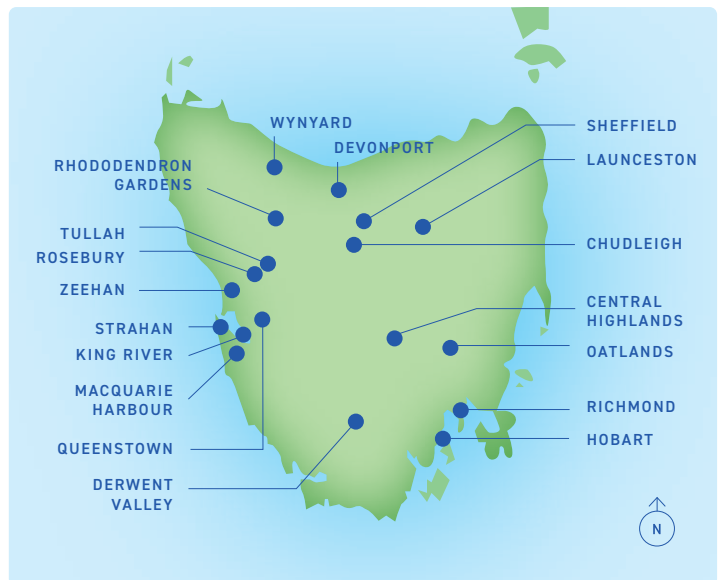
Experience Tassie on this fully escorted tour by Liz Webster starting on the 7th September 2024. Spend 10 days touring the island to see all the beauty that is on offer.

FREE HOME PICKUP & RETURN: Geelong, Torquay, Bellarine Peninsula, Warrnambool, Terang, Camperdown, Colac, Ararat, Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh & Bendigo. Additional locations may be an option, please enquire directly with us.

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$810 PP

DEPARTING:
SATURDAY
7 SEPT 2024



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DAY ONE SATURDAY 07 SEPT 2024

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Home / Launceston

Home pick up, if applicable, is provided by Christians Travel to Melbourne Tullamarine Airport. Your Qantas flight will depart from Melbourne Airport at 12:10 PM, and it includes a 20kg luggage allowance. Upon arrival at Launceston Airport at 1:35 PM, you will be transferred by coach to your accommodation in central Launceston. While en route to the hotel, you can enjoy the beautiful sights of Tasmania's second major city, which is also one of Australia's oldest cities. Launceston boasts a well-preserved early cityscape, featuring elegant Colonial and Victorian architecture, as well as century-old parks.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Restaurant

OVERNIGHT Hotel Grand Chancellor Restaurant – Superior Room

DAY TWO SUNDAY 08 SEPT 2024

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Launceston / Beaconsfield / Beauty Point / Seahorse World

This morning, enjoy a buffet breakfast before embarking on a 50-minute Cataract Gorge Cruise, which explores the old and new facets of Launceston's Seaport precinct. Departing from Home Point, you will learn about the history of Launceston's Seaport, Kings Wharf, heritage properties, and, of course, the spectacular Cataract Gorge.

Experience the gorge from the water's perspective and enjoy a unique journey aboard the multi-award-winning replica vessel, Lady Launceston. Built in the 1890s, this purpose-built vessel offers unobstructed views from your comfortable seat, allowing you to admire the sheer cliffs, cascades, and the beautiful Kings Bridge over the Gorge. Learn about the area's history through the captivating commentary provided by the skipper.

From Launceston, we will travel on the western side of the Tamar River, passing through the scenic Tamar Valley and numerous premium vineyards, until we reach Beaconsfield. Once Tasmania's richest gold town, Beaconsfield is a place steeped in stories of gold, wealth, and survival.

Continuing on, we will visit Seahorse World at Beauty Point, where we will enjoy a 1-hour fully guided tour. Seahorse World is dedicated to the conservation of these mystical creatures, whose numbers have dwindled globally due to fishing and habitat destruction. This award-winning facility offers a unique opportunity to discover the secret life of seahorses while providing an excellent tourism and educational experience.

As we cross the Batman Bridge, you will have the chance to view vineyards, fruit farms, forested hills, farmland, and picturesque riverside towns as we make our way along the eastern side of the Tamar River back to Launceston.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Restaurant

OVERNIGHT Hotel Grand Chancellor Restaurant – Superior Room

DAY THREE MONDAY 09 SEPT 2024

B D

Christmas Hills / Cudleigh / Sheffield / Ashgrove Cheese / Anvers Chocolates / Devonport

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the Grand Chancellor Hotel before we bid farewell to Launceston. Today, you will sample the produce of Tasmania beginning at Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm. Enjoy free tastings of fresh raspberries during the season and frozen raspberries in winter. You are welcome to stroll around the lakeside information walk overlooking birdlife and the commercial raspberry farm.

From here, we visit the small village of Chudleigh known as The Honey Town. Inside, you will be taken on a journey of discovery into the amazing world of the honeybee. There are over 50 different honeys to taste, from single origin honeys, such as Tasmanian Leatherwood, to indulgent gourmet delights like the rich Honey Chocolate Paste. After tasting the honeys, explore the secrets of the hive with audio-visual and interactive displays. A highlight is the glass beehive, where you can watch the bees busily producing honey, try to spot the queen bee, and maybe even witness a newly born bee hatching from its cell - all from behind the safety of glass.

The day continues with a visit to the historic town of Sheffield. Once a centre for industry, the town has reinvented itself and is now famous with over 140 striking murals that adorn the towns buildings.

With more to see and sample we visit Ashgrove Cheeses, Tasmania's award-winning cheese producer. Cheeses are produced from the milk of the cows that graze nearby. Sneak a peek through the viewing window for a behind the scenes look at how the cheese is made using traditional techniques with modern methods.

Our last stop is House of Anvers Chocolates for a special chocolate tour and opportunity to sample Tasmania's famous confectioners. Then, we will head to Devonport, a busy coastal city located on the Mersey River and the Bass Strait coast for your overnight stay.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at the Novotel Devonport Hotel

OVERNIGHT Novotel Devonport Hotel – Standard King or Twin Queen Room



Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens

DAY FIVE WEDNESDAY 11 SEPT 2024



**Strahan / World Heritage Wilderness
Cruise / Macquarie Harbour /
Former Penal Colony Sarah Island**

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at View 42 Restaurant Strahan Village.

This morning, from the comfort of our Premium Main Deck Window on the World Heritage Cruises vessel, we enjoy the natural and historic features of Macquarie Harbour. This includes sights such as Hells Gates, various aquaculture farms, and a stopover and guided tour of Sarah Island, one of Australia's oldest and most notorious penal colonies. Afterward, we will enter Tasmania's World Heritage Wilderness to cruise the famous Gordon River to Heritage Landing, where we can take a walk through a cool temperate rainforest. The journey will be accompanied by informative and interesting narrative. During the cruise, a superb buffet luncheon featuring locally raised smoked salmon will be prepared fresh daily and included. Upon disembarking the vessel at Strahan, we will visit the Huon Pine Sawmill.

This evening at 5.00pm, you will enjoy the dramatic and hilarious true story of the Great Escape from Sarah Island! The Ship That Never Was is delightful entertainment not to be missed and is Australia's Longest Running Play first performed in Strahan January 1994.

DINNER Buffet Dinner at View 42 Restaurant Strahan Village

OVERNIGHT Strahan Village – Hilltop Standard View Room

DAY FOUR TUESDAY 10 SEPT 2024



**Burnie / Emu Valley Rhododendron
Gardens / Tullah / Rosebery /
Zeehan / Strahan**

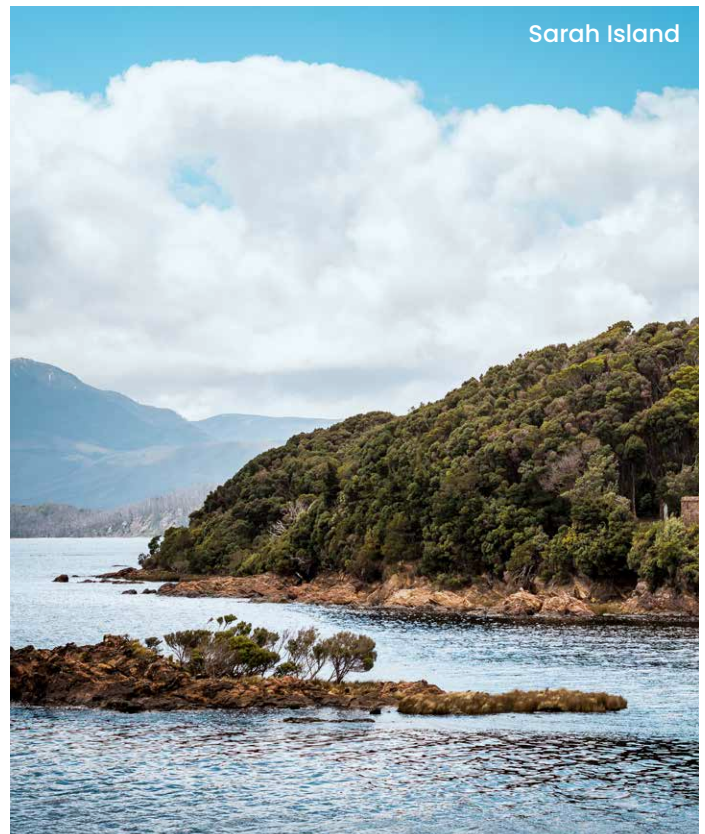
Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at the Novotel Devonport Hotel. Today, the tour travels along rich red soil paddocks that are ideal for producing vegetable crops, cereals, oil poppies, pyrethrum and the wonderful produce of Tasmania. As we travel via the towns of Wynyard and Burnie, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the sights of Northern Tasmania.

Continuing to Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens enjoy Devonshire Morning Tea (included) amidst the award-winning rhododendron garden. This garden is widely known internationally for its unique design, making it one of Australia's major rhododendron gardens.

Our journey will then take us through Tullah, a peaceful former mining town surrounded by beautiful landscapes on the edge of Lake Rosebery. We will continue through dense rainforests over Mt Black to Rosebery, where the mines produce zinc, lead, copper, silver and gold. Finally, we will travel through the once booming town of Zeehan before arriving at the pretty harbour side village of Strahan.

DINNER Buffet Dinner at View 42 Restaurant Strahan Village

OVERNIGHT Strahan Village – Hilltop Standard View Room



Sarah Island

Queenstown / Wilderness Train Journey / King River Gorge

Enjoy a full buffet breakfast at View 42 Restaurant Strahan Village.

We bid farewell to the beautiful harbour side village of Strahan and travel to Queenstown, once the world's richest copper mining town. At 10.00am, we will board the Wilderness Westcoast Railway train and enjoy a four hour Rack and Gorge train journey deep into the remote cool temperate rainforest of Western Tasmania.

During the journey, the train will stop at remote train stations where you will see the incredible King River Gorge and take in stunning views as you traverse the spectacular Gorge. You will also have the opportunity to experience the climb up Rinadeena Saddle, one of the Southern Hemisphere's steepest tracks. This unique ascent is made possible by the Abt rack and pinion system, which was designed in the seventeenth century and remains the only operating Abt rack and pinion railway in the Southern Hemisphere.

Take a short walk in the rainforest or see the turning of the train at Dubbil Barril before returning to Queenstown. A picnic box lunch is included during the tour.

DINNER Buffet Dinner at Gold Rush Inn Queenstown

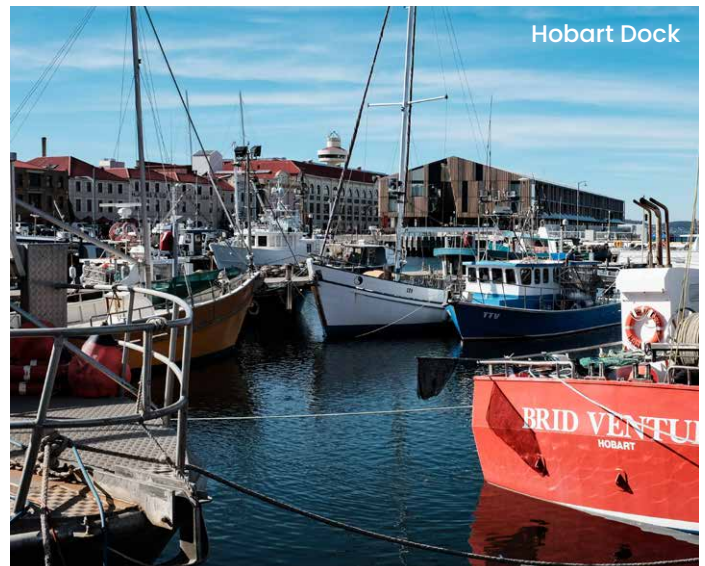
OVERNIGHT Gold Rush Inn Queenstown

See the Tarraleah hydroelectric power station, and Tarreleah, once a working town for Hydroelectric pioneers in the 1930s. Due to the population decreasing, the town was sold off in 2006 to private investors. Hydro Tasmania bought Tarraleah in 2023 to again provide accommodation for Hydro workers.

Descending from the Central Highlands, we travel through the colonial townships of Ouse and Hamilton, and the picturesque Derwent Valley known for the production of hops, beef and sheep farming. The town of New Norfolk was first settled as early as 1807 by Norfolk Islanders. In the late afternoon we arrive into Hobart, Australia's second oldest city founded in 1804. Hobart is built beside the Derwent River with the magnificent Mount Wellington as a backdrop.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at RACV Hobart Hotel Restaurant

OVERNIGHT RACV Hobart Hotel – King Room



Derwent Bridge / Wall In The Wilderness Central Highlands / Hobart

Enjoy a full breakfast at the Gold Rush Inn Queenstown.

Departing from Queenstown we will embark on a winding road through what seems like a lunar landscape that has been scarred by the toxic fumes of the copper mining industry. If time permits there will be a stop at Nelson Falls, a short walk into the wilderness a chance to stretch your legs.

We make a stop at Derwent Bridge for a visit to The Wall In The Wilderness. The beautifully carved works in Huon Pine depict the history, hardship and perseverance of the people in the Central Highlands and pay homage to the individuals who settled and protected the area. There is nothing like this anywhere else in Australia. The Wall is a world-class experience.

Enjoy lunch (included) at the Derwent Bridge Wilderness Hotel, before continuing to the World Heritage-listed Cradle Mountain–Lake St Clair National Park. As we travel along the Central Highlands, we will pass by numerous lakes that supply the water for the hydroelectric power stations.

Hobart

Enjoy your full breakfast this morning at the RACV Hobart Hotel Restaurant.

Today is a free day to explore Hobart at your leisure. We strongly recommend taking the opportunity to visit the famous Salamanca Market open between 8.30am – 3pm. An array of Tasmania's fine handmade crafts and local produce with more than 300 stalls, offers a variety of merchandise for locals and visitors. Salamanca Markets are set between graceful plane trees and the mellow sandstone facades of historic warehouses.

This afternoon you may wish to visit MONA, the Museum of Old and New Art (own expense) or simply explore the historic waterfront and the sights of Hobart.

DINNER Own Arrangements

OVERNIGHT RACV Hobart Hotel – King Room



Hobart

DAY TEN MONDAY 16 SEPT 2024

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Hobart / Homeward Bound

Enjoy a full breakfast at the RACV Hobart.

This morning check out of the hotel and be transferred to Hobart Airport for your flight to Melbourne. Your Qantas flight departs Hobart Airport at 12:40pm and arrives into Melbourne Tullamarine Airport at 2:00pm. The Qantas flight includes a 20kg luggage allowance. On arrival into Melbourne Airport you will be transfer via Christians Travel, if applicable to your home.

DAY NINE SUNDAY 15 SEPT 2024

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Hobart / Richmond / Oatlands / Ross

Enjoy a full breakfast at the RACV Hobart Hotel Restaurant.

Today, we visit the historical town of Richmond, steeped in history with more than 50 Georgian buildings, many beautifully restored. The historic landmarks of Richmond were all built by convict and the town houses the oldest bridge and buildings in Australia. Richmond Bridge was built 1823, the Richmond Gaol built 1825 and St John's Catholic Church built 1836.

Our next stop will be the Hobart Town Historical Model Village in Richmond. This unique attraction is Australia's only and Tasmania's original historical model village, offering an accurate miniature replica of life and history in Hobart during the 1820s. The village has been meticulously created based on original plans and features informative signage that adds to the immersive experience.

Continuing our journey, we will arrive in the town of Oatlands, an important historical village known for having the most colonial sandstone buildings in any town in Australia. Many of these structures were constructed by convict labor. Notably, the Callington Flour Mill, built in 1837, is the only working mill of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

Our final destination is the tranquil village of Ross, known for its well-preserved sandstone buildings and its English settlement charm. The highlight of Ross is the Ross Bridge, a magnificent sandstone bridge adorned with 186 carvings. This convict-built masterpiece dates back to 1836. As we leave Ross, we will pass through picturesque farming areas of the Southern Midlands on our way back to Hobart.

DINNER 2 Course Dinner at RACV Hobart Hotel Restaurant

OVERNIGHT RACV Hobart Hotel – King Room

EXCLUSIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Drinks, Telephone Calls, Laundry and items of a personal nature. Includes hotel and apartment accommodation with private facilities on a twin share basis. Meals and entry fees as per the itinerary. Tour Conditions: Payment A deposit of \$600.00 per person is required within 7 days of booking. Balance is due 65 days prior to departure. Cancellation fees will be levied as follows: - The deposit is non refundable. 65 days or less prior to departure 100% airfare and tour is non refundable. Christians Travel has arranged this tour upon the express condition that it will not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may occur either by reason of defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft of another company engaged to provide transportation on behalf of Christians Travel. Whilst the company will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, it accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. Information as stated is correct at time of publication but is subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to change or alter the itinerary should circumstances beyond our control make it necessary. If the tour has insufficient bookings, it may be cancelled with full refund paid. Luggage – suitcase 20 kg plus one carry bag 7 kg per passenger. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

*Prices are based on twin share.

Conditions apply. Insurance is strongly recommended.

KEY

B = Breakfast **MT** = Morning Tea

L = Lunch **D** = Dinner



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Additional information



Can I take a walking frame on a tour?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walkers on some of our tours. Our transportation typically does not have the space to store a walker and all physical ratings require that guests must be able to get on and off transportation unaided. If you wish to travel with a walker please contact us in advance of making a booking.

Can I take a walking stick on a tour?

Yes, taking a walking stick on tour is perfectly fine as long as you are able to meet the fitness rating for your chosen tour.

What happens if I book a tour with the wrong fitness level?

We discuss fitness ratings with all our guests as part of the booking process to ensure you book a tour that's right for you. If a guest has misrepresented their fitness level and cannot keep up with the tour activities, they be asked to return home.

What are the fitness levels?

Fitness levels are important when selecting a tour. Every tour has a Physical Rating of 1–2:

1. Easy
2. Active/Moderate

Relaxed pace tours – Level 1 fitness – Easy

These tours are at a more relaxed pace and generally we unpack once. You don't have to worry about doing anything physically demanding unless you want to. The tour is primarily coach travel but the day tours may have content that requires disembarking vessels/vehicles with stairs to which you have to do unaided.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in guided or unguided small walking tours at a relaxed pace
- Walk on mostly level ground
- Tackle an occasional flight of stairs or incline
- Occasionally need to stand for up to 10 minutes
- Get on and off transportation unaided
- Manage your own luggage.

Tours with some mild physical activities – Level 2 fitness – Active/Moderate

There are some easy physical activities included in these tours and an average level of fitness is required to gain maximum enjoyment.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in walking tours with time to rest at least every 10 minutes
- Walk confidently on bush tracks and soft sand – mostly level ground
- Stand for 15 minutes without needing to sit down
- Tackle a flight of stairs or incline
- Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided
- Manage your own luggage

Travelling with a carer

If you are unable to travel alone and feel that the fitness levels required are not obtainable, you can travel with a carer or chaperone. Coach drivers and staff are only permitted to provide basic assistance. Drivers and staff are unable to assist with access to facilities, lift or carry passengers, administer medicines or perform any medical procedures.

Travelling with a medical condition

If you have a medical condition, it is recommended that a carer/chaperone accompany you on your journey. In the event that you become ill during the journey, the appropriate emergency services will be contacted and the continuation of travel will be determined by the emergency services personnel. Our coach drivers and staff are not trained or permitted to administer any medicines or perform medical tasks.

Special needs

Should you have any special needs, you are required to inform us at the time of your booking. Special needs include (without limitation) if you have any disability, illness, disease or other condition, you have limited mobility, you have a service animal, you are pregnant, you need special help or any other circumstances exist which may make it difficult for you to use travel services. If you fail to advise us of your special needs, we may not be able to book suitable travel services for you. To the extent permitted by law, you are responsible for ensuring that the travel services are suitable for your special needs.