

# TASTE OF TASMANIA

HOBART • BAY OF FIRES • CRADLE MOUNTAIN • BICHENO

## THE OFFER

The tastes of Tasmania are calling your name. With its diverse natural beauty, charming villages and intriguing history, it's easy to see how this melting pot of flavours has come together over the generations. From Hobart to the incredible Bay of Fires, Cradle Mountain and beyond, we'll help you discover the very best of the Apple Isle and the hidden secrets of its thriving gastronomic scene.

This 8 day tour takes in the must-see sites of Port Arthur, Wineglass Bay and Sheffield, the penguin playground of Bicheno, picturesque Orford at Prosser Bay and more! With quality accommodation, a feature lunch, tastings expert guide, spacious private vehicles, and all national park and entry fees included, all you need to do is relax, loosen the belt buckle slightly and enjoy the ride.

8 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrive Hobart, Tasmania - Salamanca Market

Make your own way to Hobart for an early afternoon check-in to the centrally located hotel. Enjoy the evening at leisure to experience some of the many highlights of Hobart.

We suggest you arrive into Hobart in the morning and visit the Salamanca Markets (only 500m walk away from your accommodation). This is only possible if your departure date falls on a Saturday. Salamanca Market is located on Hobart's waterfront and is one of Australia's largest and most vibrant outdoor markets. Each Saturday from 8.30 am to 3 pm more than 300 stalls pop-up along historic Salamanca Place to showcase arts, crafts, jewellery, fresh food and produce, collectables and homewares.

Check-in is available from 2:00pm. If you are intending to arrive earlier, please advise the hotel before your arrival date. Luggage storage is limited, so they will try their best to have a room ready for you as soon as possible (subject to availability).

Please note: Salamanca Markets will only be possible for departure dates that fall on a Saturday.

**Overnight: St Ives Apartments, Hobart**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 2 Hobart Free Day

Today is free at leisure to explore the beautiful city of Hobart.

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**Meals included: None**

#### Day 3 Hobart - Port Arthur - Orford area (approx. 200km day)

Meet in your hotel reception at 8am where you will meet your tour leader and depart Hobart. Head south east to the Tasman

Peninsula, home to the famed Port Arthur historic site, as well as a host of natural wonders. Port Arthur Historic Site is a special place of vivid history, cultural heritage and stories so compelling, you'll want to hear them again and again. It's a place of global significance – one of the 11 places that make up the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Australian Convict Sites. And it's one of Australia's favourite tourist destinations. Enjoy an easy walk around the grounds on a guided tour, followed by a 30 minute cruise out on the harbour. We will then have lunch in a café (at own expense) and then visit some of the stunning coastal sites. Once we have had our fill of the Tasman, it is just over an hour's ride to the accommodation for the night in the lovely Orford area.

Please note: The Port Arthur Historic Site is a fully vaccinated site, which means that all staff, contractors, volunteers and visitors must provide proof of vaccination and wear facemasks unless there is demonstrated medical exemption

**Overnight: The East Coaster, Orford**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 4 Orford - Wineglass Bay - Bicheno - St Helens (approx. 200km day)

From one famous Tasmanian national park to another! After breakfast, continue up the coast, to Freycinet National Park and its jewel, Wineglass bay. The 1-2hr return walk up to the look out is well worth the effort. There is a reason Wineglass bay is on just about every Tasmania postcard. After our visit to Freycinet National Park, we will enjoy a lunch break (own expense) at a local cafe and enjoy some leisure time exploring the town or coastline of Bicheno. From Bicheno, we drive up the scenic coastline (about an hour) to St Helen's, the resting point for the evening.

**Overnight: Panorama Hotel, St Helens**



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**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 5 St Helens - Bay of Fires - Sheffield (approx. 230km day)

The highlights keep coming today with a morning visit to the Bay of Fires. Enjoy a stroll around the aptly named Gardens close to Binalong Bay, checking out some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in Australia. Deep red rocks and aquamarine waters, this is a stunning place which we can leisurely explore for a few hours. After lunch (not included), it is a few hours drive through to Sheffield.

In the 1980s Sheffield was a typical small Tasmanian country town in the doldrums of rural decline. But then some astute townfolk came up with an idea that had been applied to the small town of Chemainus in Canada, with some surprising and wonderful results. The plan was to paint large murals on walls around town, depicting scenes from the district's pioneer days. Sheffield is now a veritable outdoor art gallery, with more than 80 large-scale murals, a number that grows each year through the town's annual mural-painting festival.

**Overnight: Sheffield Motor Inn, Sheffield**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 6 Cradle Mountain National Park (approx. 100km day)

Today, we will pack ourselves some lunch, and then head off for a full day exploring one of the most impressive National Parks in Australia. About 1 hours drive from Sheffield, with its jagged peaks, lush greenery and abundant wildlife, Cradle Mountain has attracted tourists for all of Tasmania's history. The walk around Dove Lake is 6km long or takes 3-4 hours, undulating through alpine button-grass moorland, magnificent rainforest and alpine heathland. There are some short,

steep sections with uneven steps to get the blood moving, so be sure to pack some sturdy walking shoes and clothes appropriate for walking, and a backpack to carry lunch and a water bottle. There are a number of short, easy walks in the area too, should you prefer a more casual walking day.

After exploring as much of the park as we can, there will be the opportunity to visit Devils@Cradle (entrance fee not included) - A world class wildlife conservation facility, where you can see Tasmanian Devils and the closely related Spotted-tail and Eastern Quolls. These critters are almost impossible to spot in the wild so it is a great opportunity to see them up close. Return to Sheffield in the evening.

For those not interested in seeing the Tassie Devils up close, the alternative is to grab yourself a wine and sit by the fire at the iconic Cradle Mountain Lodge or take a stroll through the Enchanted Forest.

*Please note, the itinerary may vary considerably depending on driving and weather conditions around Cradle Mountain, especially in winter.*

**Overnight: Sheffield Motor Inn, Sheffield**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 7 Tamar Valley Food & Wine Tour (approx. 180km day)

The fun is not over! Yesterday was all about nature, and today is all about indulgence. We will make our way to Launceston through the Tamar Valley to check out the region's famous wineries (1 tasting included) and local producers along with some general sightseeing along the way. Roll into Launceston in the afternoon and check in for our final night in Tasmania.

**Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston**

**Meals included: Breakfast**



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#### Day 8 Harvest Launceston Community Farmer Market - Depart Launceston

This morning take the opportunity to explore the Harvest Launceston Community Market at leisure which is conveniently located across the road from the hotel accommodation.

Each Saturday an asphalt city car park is transformed into a vibrant award winning community farmers' market that brings locals into town to shop for fresh produce, catch up with friends and neighbours and support the local economy. Harvest Launceston is also often featured on the "must do" list for visitors to the State. The Harvest Launceston Community Farmers' Market was established to bring the world's best produce from the producer to the people. In essence, Harvest Launceston creates a sense of place from a barren car park to a hub of social exchange that has become a vital asset to local communities.

After exploring the market in your own time, return to the hotel for check out and make your own onwards travel plans.

*Please note: Extra night accommodation in Launceston is available for customers who wish to extend their stay. Please see the important information section for further details.*

**Meals included: Breakfast**



**DAYS & TOUR TYPE** | DEAL NAME

## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

Small group touring with a max of 18 pax per vehicle

Experience the famous Salamanca Markets at leisure (subject to your arrival time in Hobart & departure date)

Explore the Harvest Launceston Community Farmers Markets at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in the beautiful city of Hobart

Visit the Port Arthur Historic Site on a guided tour

Enjoy a cruise around Port Arthur and the Tasman Peninsula

Visit the charming little town of Sheffield, famous for the murals scattered all over the town

Witness stunning coastal sites on the Tasman Peninsula such as Eaglehawk Neck, The Tasman Arch and The Devils Kitchen

Walk to Wineglass Bay lookout, the jewel of Freycinet National Park

Explore the beautiful town of Bicheno, famous for its seafood and little penguin colony

Overnight in the resort town of St Helens - famous for its oysters and the gateway to the Bay of Fires

Discover The Gardens in Bay Of Fires on a guided walk

Enjoy a full day in the iconic Cradle Mountain National Park

Indulge with a day of food and wine, touring through the Tamar Valley region

### ACCOMMODATION

4 nights in 4-star hotel accommodation in Hobart, Launceston and St Helens

3 nights quality 3.5 star accommodation in Orford & Sheffield

### DINING

6 meals included

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

Professional English Speaking Tour Leader from Days 3 to 7

### TRANSPORT

Transportation by A/C private vehicles

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\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note: this tour requires a minimum of 10 passengers to operate and departures are not guaranteed until this minimum number is met. Please refrain from booking travel arrangements such as flights prior to receiving a confirmation email that your departure date has hit minimum numbers and is now guaranteed. This confirmation email will be sent at least 60 days prior to the departure date, and if minimum numbers are not met a date change or refund will be offered.*

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### Covid-19 Booking Policy

• TripADeal Tour packages are non-refundable. If your Tour package is affected by Covid-19 related travel restrictions and you are unable to travel, you will receive either a free date change (credit that is specific to your original package and purchase value) or an open credit less any non-recoverable supplier fees to the value of your original purchase for use on any other package available via the TripADeal website.

*Please note: Date change credits are subject to availability and not guaranteed until confirmed*

*by TripADeal, not the tour operator you are due to stay with.*

• It is strongly advised that you purchase travel insurance with Covid-19 protection after purchase. If you are unable to travel because you have tested positive for Covid-19, the standard cancellation policy will apply.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in NZD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 10th of December 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$600 applies.

### Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

### Surcharges

*Please note: dates/months with a \* incur a high season surcharge of \$60 per person.*

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

- 3 - 4 Star (self-rated)
- Hobart: St Ives Apartments
- Orford: The East Coaster
- St Helens: Panorama Hotel
- Sheffield: Sheffield Motor Inn
- Launceston: Hotel Grand Chancellor

*Please note: rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

### Extra Nights

Not available

*Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights accommodation pre or post tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation*

*directly with the hotel please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.*

### Maximum Room Capacity

2 People.

### Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children 12 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

### Triple Share

Not Available

### Bedding Configuration

2 x Single or 1 x Queen/King (subject to availability).

### Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 18 per vehicle.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A visa is not required if travelling on a New Zealand Passport)
- International / Domestic flights or transfers
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who

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supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

## Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Hobart:

- The climate of Hobart, the capital of Tasmania, is oceanic, with mild, rainy winters and cool, quite rainy summers. At these latitudes (the island is located between 40 and 43 degrees south latitude), the western currents prevail throughout the year, with a series of disturbances that bring rainfall especially on the west side of the island. The wind blows frequently as well.

- Hobart is located in the southeast, and receives 570 millimeters of rain per year, which is not much, but the rains are well distributed over the seasons (although summer is the least rainy season), and often occur in the form of frequent drizzle and brief showers. Here is the average precipitation.

- The average temperature in Hobart ranges from 8.5 °C in July to 17.5 °C in January and February. So, summer is cool, but winter is mild, although the wind can exacerbate the sensation of cold. Sometimes, especially in June and July, a cold air mass can reach the

island, and in the hills and mountains of the interior, snow and frost can occur. In Hobart, in the coldest nights, the temperature can drop to around freezing (0 °C) or slightly below.

- Tasmania is not completely sheltered from the hot wind that can blow in summer from the Australian deserts, although this wind arrives here more rarely and with less evident effects. However, the temperature can sometimes approach or reach 38/40 °C, although heat waves do not last long, and at night, the temperature becomes almost always acceptable again.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

Some meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## TO PACK LIST

- Water bottles or bladder (2L)
- Hat/Sun Protection
- Suitable clothing for Walking
- A backpack
- Rain jacket/ Raincoat

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note: This tour includes some walks on uneven surfaces, in natural areas. You will need*

*to be capable of sustaining walks of up to 2 hours which include some elevation.*

## Gratuities / Tipping:

- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. Tipping is optional and at the customer's discretion.

- Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

## Sightseeing:

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).*

## VISAS

A tourist visa is not required for Australia if travelling on a New Zealand passport.

*Please note: Passengers who are not New Zealand citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket, date/accommodation changes or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

· Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances

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(Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

## **Name Changes Due To Passenger Error**

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider