





**TASMANIAN HIGHLIGHTS**  
**10 Days**  
**Fully Escorted From Launceston**  
**29 March – 07 April 2022**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Tamar Valley and Beaconsfield Mine
- East Coast Natureworld
- Port Arthur Historical Site
- Salamanca Markets
- Huon Valley
- Derwent Valley
- Wild Rivers National Park
- Gordon River Cruise to Hell's Gate
- Cradle Mountain
- Cataract Gorge
- Evandale

**INCLUDES:**

- **Private single rooms** in quality accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary 9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 8 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours and transfers as per itinerary
- **Tour Host** – travels with group from Launceston
- Local Driver Guide

**EXCLUDES:**

- Flights
- Any meals, tours, excursions or transfers other than mentioned above or in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc
- Travel Insurance

**From \$5,277\* per person**

Terms and Conditions apply. Flights not included. Tour Host departs from Brisbane. Solo Connections reserves the right to amend all hotels, airlines, restaurants and tours for an equal substitute at any time. Beverages, additional meals, hotel mini bars, laundry, phone calls, any items of personal nature not included. Tours subject to availability. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 996



Day 1: Tuesday, 29 March 2022  
Arrive Launceston

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Today we meet at Launceston Airport. **Please check with Reservations in regards to transfer time prior to booking flights.**

Upon arrival we will be greeted by our friendly coach captain, board our coach and travel to our hotel.

A **Welcome Dinner** will be take place this evening within the hotel.

**Accommodation: Best Western Plus Launceston or similar (1 night)**

Day 2: Wednesday, 30 March 2022  
Launceston – St Helens

B-D

This morning after breakfast we will check out and then tour the picturesque **Tamar Valley** to the **Mine & Heritage Museum** in the gold mining town of **Beaconsfield**, site of the 2006 mine disaster and miraculous rescue.

Cross the unique A-frame **Batman Bridge** and tour the north east through agricultural Scottsdale, Branxholm and former tin-mining centre of Derby. Visit **Legerwood** and view the **War Memorial Tree Carvings**, honouring the fallen soldiers of the region.

Tour the myrtle rain forest of **Weldborough Pass** before descending to the East Coast at **St. Helens** and our overnight stay overlooking **Georges Bay**.

**Accommodation: Panorama St Helens or similar (1 night)**

Day 3: Thursday, 31 March 2022  
St Helens – Hobart

B-D

After breakfast this morning we travel beside the Tasman Sea, stopping off at the **East Coast Natureworld** to meet a Tasmanian devil. Learn about the threat to their survival during an informative ride on the 'Pelican Express'.

Moving on to the east coast resort town of **Bicheno** we tour the **Gulch Fishing Harbour** and view the Blowhole (weather dependent) before taking in the stunning **Great Oyster Bay**, encompassing Maria Island and the rugged **Freycinet Peninsula**. Gain magnificent views of picturesque **Freycinet National Park** with its jagged pink granite peaks, crystal clear waters and white sandy beaches. Following the Tasman Highway we will pass through Swansea, pausing at the convict built **Spiky Bridge**.

From Orford follow the **Prosser River Valley** through historic **Buckland** before heading to the historic town of **Richmond**. Here you may view the spire of **Australia's oldest Catholic Church** from beneath the arch of Australia's oldest stone bridge still in use. Wander the streets of this delightful Georgian town and discover the arts and crafts, bakeries and tea rooms before heading to the city of Hobart.

**Accommodation: Old Woolstore Hobart or similar (4 nights)**



**Day 4: Friday, 01 April 2022**  
**Port Arthur**

**B-D**

This morning after breakfast we will travel via **Sorell Causeway** and **Midway Point** for our full day tour to Tasman Peninsula. Take in magnificent views from the look-out above picturesque **Eaglehawk Neck** and **Pirates Bay** before continuing to the **Port Arthur Convict Settlement**.

Within the 40 hectares of landscaped grounds lies a rich history of Australia's convict past. Included in the entry is a guided walking tour, a short harbour cruise, access to the Visitor Centre and Interpretation Gallery as well as more than 30 buildings, ruins, restored gardens and houses; explore as you wish before departing the historic site to tour beside **Norfolk** and **Frederick Henry Bays** back to Hobart.

**Day 5: Saturday, 02 April 2022**  
**Hobart – Free Time**

**B-D**

As it is Saturday morning, after breakfast we will take the opportunity to explore the famous **Salamanca open-air Market** with its bustle and buskers, colour and excitement.

The remainder of the day is free to relax and visit some of Hobart's wonderful attractions at your own pace. Your tour host will give the group some ideas of what options are available.

Dinner this evening will be at one of the many nearby local restaurants.

**Day 6: Sunday, 03 April 2022**  
**Huon Valley Gardens**

**B-L**

Today we take in the panoramic views of the city and estuary from **Mt Nelson** before travelling along **D'Entrecasteaux Channel**, once a haven for sealers and whalers, now one of Hobart's aquatic playgrounds.

We will stop at **Crawleigh Wood Garden**, a wonderful 2 hectare garden nestled in the picturesque hills of Cygnet. The garden features lush woodland and rainforest with an eclectic variety of plants.

Enjoy **lunch at a local restaurant** before returning to Hobart through the southern suburbs passing the iconic shot tower, which is one of Tasmania's most historical industrial buildings.

Finish the day in the sheltered, landscaped grounds of the **Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens** which holds historic plant collections and a large number of significant trees, many dating from the nineteenth century.

Dinner tonight is free choice at one of the many nearby restaurants (own expense).



Day 7: Monday, 04 April 2022  
Hobart - Strahan

B-D

After breakfast we will be departing Hobart to follow the **Derwent Valley** through hop fields and hills to historic **New Norfolk**. Climb the Central Plateau through highland trout-lakes country to **Tarraleah Gorge** site of an early Hydro-electric Power Station. We visit "**The Wall in The Wilderness**", an extraordinary work of art telling the story of Tasmania's Central Highlands which has been carved out of Tasmania's famous Huon pine.

Then we enter the **Wild Rivers National Park** and experience the wonders of **Gondwanaland** during a short rainforest walk to **Nelson Waterfalls**. Observe the altered landscape of bare, colourful hills as we cross Lake Burbury and descend through the ghost towns of the **Chamouni Valley** to the copper mining town of **Queenstown**.

After a short town tour we continue to Strahan. After checking in, freshen up before we meet for dinner.

**Accommodation: Strahan Village or similar (2 nights)**

Day 8: Tuesday, 05 April 2022  
Gordon River Cruise

B-L-D

Today we embark on a full day cruise of the incomparable **Gordon River** into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and the edge of **World Heritage**. Cross vast **Macquarie Harbour** past **Sarah Island**, the worst convict settlement of all, to follow the Gordon through stands of ancient Huon pine, sassafras and myrtle rainforest to step ashore for a wilderness board-walk at Heritage Landing.

We voyage to **Hell's Gates**, the aptly named harbour entrance where many early ships were destroyed by ferocious ocean swells.

On return to **Strahan** there will be time to explore the village including the visitor centre and Huon pine saw mill before we return to our accommodation.

Day 9: Wednesday, 06 April 2022  
Strahan - Launceston

B-L-D

After breakfast this morning we begin to traverse the **Reid Volcanics** for views of the **Tyndal** range and **Lake Plimsoll** in the Henty Anthony Valley en route to **Tullah**.

We continue north through rainforest and mineral rich mountains, crossing the **Vale of Belvoir** and alpine cattle country to reach **Cradle Mountain National Park**. Enjoy lunch at Cradle Mountain Hotel then board the shuttle bus to **Dove Lake** at the foot of the crags of Cradle Mountain and visit **Waldheim**, forest home of pioneer **Gustav Weindorfer**. We will visit the **Wilderness Gallery** before continuing along the highway through mountains and button grass plains to the north west coast.

Stopping to spend time in the town of **Sheffield**, we can admire the wonderful out-door art gallery of impressive murals before we continue to **Launceston**. This evening we will enjoy **Farewell Dinner** in the hotel.

**Accommodation: Best Western Plus Launceston or similar (1 Night)**



Day 10: Thursday, 07 April 2022  
Launceston - Home

B-L

This morning we will explore Launceston's city centre and the magnificent **Cataract Gorge** with its cliff-side gardens, peacocks, pools, suspension foot bridge and one of the longest single span chairlifts in the world (ride is optional and own expense).

We will visit the historic village of **Evandale**, home of the **National Penny-farthing Championships** and visit the **Gourmet Sauce Company**. Maddie the Labrador, their 'Meet and Greet Lady' provides the welcome before we have an amazing BBQ lunch and garden visit.

Mid to late afternoon\* we will travel the short distance to the Launceston Airport where we say goodbye and board our flights home.

***\*Please check with reservations for transfer time prior to booking flights***