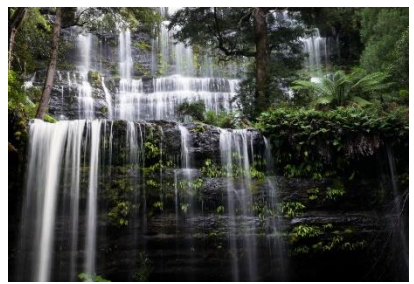


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**Tasmanian Christmas  
10 Days  
Fully Hosted  
20 – 29 December 2024**

**ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Derwent Valley
- Richmond
- Mt Nelson
- Salamanca Markets
- Peppermint Bay Cruise
- Port Arthur Historical Site
- **Christmas Day Lunch**
- Bruny Island
- Salmon Ponds
- Russell Falls
- Huon Valley

**INCLUDES:**

- **Private single rooms** in quality accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary 9 Breakfasts, 1 Morning Tea, 5 Lunches, 1 Supper, 6 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours and transfers as per itinerary
- **Tour Host** – departs from Brisbane
- Local Driver Guide

**EXCLUDES:**

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

**Priced from \$6,983\* per person**

Terms and Conditions apply. Flights are not included. **Tour Host departs from Brisbane.** Price is correct as at 17 June 2024. Tour needs a minimum number of passengers to run. Solo Connections reserves the right to amend all hotels, 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

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**Day 1 – Friday, 20 December 2024**  
**Arrive Hobart**

**D**

On arrival at the Hobart Airport, meet our tour host and be greeted by a local representative who will guide us to our coach. We start our Tasmanian Christmas tour with some sightseeing enroute to our hotel.

We have a short drive to the historic village 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.

Next we travel to nearby **Rosny Lookout** for panoramic views of Hobart set against the majestic backdrop of the Wellington Range. Then it's across the Tasman Bridge to Hobart City and a short tour of historic Battery Point, Salamanca Place and the vibrant waterfront before checking into our accommodation.

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

**Accommodation: Old Woolstore Hobart or similar (9 nights)**

*Please check with Reservations in regards to transfer time prior to booking flights.*

**Day 2 – Saturday, 21 December 2024**  
**Mt Nelson ~ Salamanca Market ~ Free Time**

**B-D**

Today, following breakfast, will be a relaxed day in the city of Hobart.

To begin, we will travel to **The Mount Nelson Signal Station**, which boasts panoramic views over Hobart city, the River Derwent and, on a clear day, down to Bruny Island and out to Storm Bay. Built in 1811, the Mount Nelson Signal Station was the first signal station constructed in Tasmania. Today, it offers a fascinating insight into semaphore signalling, station life and early shipping in the Hobart area.

Next we will spend time at the famous **Salamanca Market**, with over 200 stalls there is something for everyone, browse the stalls laden with fresh produce, handmade products and gift ideas.

Afterwards, feel free to wander **Constitution Dock** and other parts of Hobart's beautiful waterfront or visit the many shops in the CBD.

Upon returning to the hotel, freshen up and then meet for dinner.



**Day 3 – Sunday, 22 December 2024**  
**Peppermint Bay Cruise**

**B-L**

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we take a cruise down the Derwent River and across D'Entrecasteaux Channel, then entering the crystal clear waters of Peppermint Bay – it will be impossible to put down your cameras!

This **lunch cruise** is an excellent way to enjoy the harbour, beachside towns and coastal scenery from a unique perspective! Take in all the delightful sights – from **Sullivan's Cove**, along the channel and the ragged jagged coastline.

We cruise down to the bay on a luxury catamaran with spacious outer decks, and comfortable seating. And while you take a stroll around the vessel, keep your eyes on the water – you just might spot a seal, turtle, dolphin or even a whale.

After docking at the bay, we will be escorted to the Peppermint Bay Hotel, where the chefs will have lunch hot and ready! The multi-course lunch features a set menu inspired by seasonal produce from the in-house garden and local producers. To complement our dining experience, soak up the views overlooking Bruny Island and D'Entrecasteaux Channel!

We return to hotel this afternoon and have this evening at leisure. Some may prefer to have a quiet night in or if not, our tour host will be on hand for those wishing to have dinner together.

**Day 4 – Monday, 23 December 2024**  
**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 we depart the historic site.

Along the way back to Hobart we pass **Norfolk** and **Frederick Henry Bays**.

We arrive back at the hotel with time to freshen up before we meet for dinner this evening.



**Day 5 – Tuesday, 24 December 2024**  
**Hobart – Day at Leisure**

**B-D**

This morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast and then a day that is free to relax and/or visit some of Hobart's wonderful attractions at your own pace. Your tour host will give the group some ideas of what options (*at own expense*) are available these may include suggestions such as:

*Catch the ferry to MONA (Museum of Old and New Art)*  
*Tasmanian Maritime Museum*  
*Mawson's Hut replica Museum*  
*Retail therapy.*

This evening we will come together for dinner and share our day's adventures.

**Day 6 – Wednesday, 25 December 2024**  
**Hobart – MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**B-L-S**

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas!**

We start the day with a leisurely breakfast before your tour host will take everyone out for the morning. Later we enjoy a special **Christmas lunch** at an iconic waterfront property complete with all the festive trimmings.

There will be time to relax for the afternoon before we have a light supper in the evening.

**Day 7 – Thursday, 26 December 2024**  
**Bruny Island**

**B-L-D**

This morning after breakfast we travel south to Kettering, board the ferry and cross the beautiful D'Entrecasteaux Channel to **Bruny Island**. Not only can Bruny Island boast some of Tasmania's most superb scenery of sweeping beaches, mountains and spectacular capes and bays, it also has a fascinating history. Notable early visitors include Captain Furneaux (1773) Captain Cook (1777) and Bligh (1788 & 1792) in the 'Bounty' who planted the Tasmania's first apple tree.

We arrive at **Roberts Point** on North Bruny and tour south past **The Neck** which is a game reserve of penguin and mutton bird rookeries and site of the memorial to famous Tasmanian aboriginal Truganini. Visit **Inala Jurassic Garden**, who specialise in plants whose ancient ancestors thrived in the Jurassic period when the Gondwanan Supercontinent started splitting apart (about 185 million years ago).

**Hotel Bruny** which prides itself in offering the freshest local produce, is our lunch stop for today. Continue to scenic **Adventure Bay** and explore the foreshore before returning to the ferry, detouring to **Bruny Island Chocolate Co** which offers a superb quality range of fudge, truffles and chocolate sauces.

We reboard the ferry at Kettering and return to Hobart, travelling beside the Derwent River.

Freshen up at the hotel before we come together for this evening's dinner in the hotel.

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**Day 8 – Friday, 27 December 2024**  
**New Norfolk ~ Plenty Salmon Ponds ~ Russell Falls**

**B-L**

Enjoy the breakfast this morning before we depart Hobart, following the **Derwent Valley** through hop fields and hills to historic **New Norfolk**. We visit the amazing **Willow Court Antique Centre**. Here you will find a huge array of antiques and a nice coffee shop for morning tea (*own expense*).

Lunch today will be at the **Plenty Salmon Ponds**. Circa 1861, this is the oldest trout hatchery in the Southern Hemisphere. It was the birthplace of trout in Australia and the origin of Tasmania's legendary trout fishery. Enjoy the original 19th century English style public open space of superb trees, hedges and lawns.

Continuing on we arrive at **Mt Field National Park** which is one of Tasmania's most loved national parks. An easy 10 minute stroll will take us to the iconic **Russell Falls**, the track is edged with graceful ferns and giant eucalypts tower overhead.

Returning to Hobart, following the Derwent River, we have the evening at leisure. Our tour host will be on hand for anyone that would like company.

**Day 9 – Saturday, 28 December 2024**  
**Huon Valley**

**B-L-D**

Following this morning's breakfast we board the coach to tour the beautiful **'Huon Trail'** which takes us through the **Huon Valley** and **D'Entrecasteaux Channel**, a region of waterways & wilderness, art, craft & heritage, apple blossom and vineyards.

We will enjoy exploring the quaint town of **Cygnets** and afterwards a **picnic lunch** on the banks of the scenic **Huon River**.

On the way back to Hobart a visit to a well-known **winery** and an iconic **apple shed** will entice your palate some more.

This evening we will have our **farewell dinner** on the Hobart waterfront.

**Day 10 – Sunday, 29 December 2024**  
**Depart Hobart**

**B-MT**

This morning, enjoy breakfast before we check out and board the coach for a visit to the sheltered, landscaped grounds of the **Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens** which holds historic plant collections and a large number of significant trees, any dating from the nineteenth century.

Enjoy morning tea at the local cafe before mid to late afternoon\* we will travel the short distance to the Hobart Airport where we say goodbye and board our flights home.

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