





WEST TASMANIAN WONDERS

11 Days

Fully Hosted From Hobart

10 – 20 October 2025

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Salamanca Markets
- Port Arthur Historical Site
- Derwent Valley & Wall in the Wilderness
- Gordon River Cruise to Hell's Gate
- West Coast Wilderness Railway
- Cradle Mountain
- Sheffield
- Devonport
- Stanley
- Cradle Coast Tasting Trail
- Launceston
- Evandale and SO MUCH MORE!

INCLUDES:

- **Private single rooms** in quality accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary 10 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 9 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours and transfers as per itinerary
- **Tour Host** – departs from Brisbane
- 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 \$7,595* per person

Terms and Conditions apply. Flights are not included. **Tour Host departs from Brisbane.** Price is correct as at 09 September 2024. Tour needs a minimum number of passengers to run. 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: Friday, 10 October 2025
Arrive Hobart

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On arrival at the Hobart Airport be greeted by your Tasmanian Coach Captain and welcomed aboard our luxury 5 star touring coach.

Hobart is the second oldest capital in Australia. Nestled amongst the foothills of Mt Wellington, Hobart combines heritage charm with a modern lifestyle in a setting of exceptional beauty. In the early 1800's Hobart was settled as a penal colony with many convict-built sandstone buildings still being used today. The city has evolved to include beautiful gardens, art galleries and restaurants which showcase the best of Tasmanian produce.

Enroute to our hotel 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: Ibis Styles Hobart or similar (3 nights)

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

Day 2: Saturday, 11 October 2025
Hobart

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Following breakfast, today is a relaxed day around the city of Hobart.

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

Later we tour Kunanyi (Mt. Wellington - weather permitting) for panoramic views of the city and estuary before crossing the Derwent to the historic village of **Richmond**. Here we may view the spire of **Australia's oldest Catholic Church** from beneath the arch of Australia's oldest stone bridge still in use. We'll wander the streets of this delightful Georgian town and discover the arts and crafts, bakeries and tea rooms.

Before returning to our accommodation, we can enjoy some quiet moments in **Hobart's Royal Botanical Gardens**, vibrant with spring colours and blooms.

The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure. Your Tour Host will on hand for anyone that would like company.



Day 3: Sunday, 12 October 2025
Port Arthur

B-D

This morning after breakfast we 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 and restored gardens and houses. Explore as you wish before departing the historic site to tour beside Norfolk and Frederick Henry Bays back to Hobart.

We return to our accommodation with time to refresh before going out to a local restaurant for this evening's dinner.

Day 4: Monday, 13 October 2025
Hobart - Strahan

B-D

Departing Hobart this morning following breakfast, we tour the picturesque **Derwent Valley** through New Norfolk to climb the Central Plateau.

Follow the **Wild Way** passing trout lakes, mountains, gorges and the Wild Rivers National Park, passing through Tarraleah Gorge, the site of early hydro-electric installations.

We take a tour of "**The Wall in the Wilderness**", a fascinating masterpiece carved in Tasmanian Huon Pine which tells the story of the region's rich history.

Our lunch break (*own expense*) will be at Derwent Bridge and followed by a short walk into the delightful **Nelson Falls**.

We then cross Lake Burbury and descend through the ghost towns of Linda and Gormanston and on to the copper mining town of **Queenstown**. After a short tour, we continue our journey to **Strahan**, situated on the magnificent Macquarie Harbour. Discover the village and wharf area where one of the few remaining Huon pine sawmills still processes logs felled in the rainforests of western Tasmania and has its history with the 'piners' who gathered this beautiful timber, much prized for boat building.

We check into our accommodation and come together for dinner.

Accommodation: Strahan Village or similar (3 nights)



Day 5: Tuesday, 14 October 2025
Strahan

B-L-D

Enjoy an early breakfast today before we embark on a 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. Dinner this evening will be at our hotel.

Day 6: Wednesday, 15 October 2025
Strahan

B-L-D

This morning after breakfast, step onboard the **West Coast Wilderness Railway's** heritage diesel train at Regatta Point Station in Strahan and head deep into the rainforest, while onboard guides share stories of those that built the railway and called it their home.

We journey over the Iron Bridge at Teepookana, once a thriving port town, before disembarking at Lower Landing Station on the King River. Enjoy a short, guided nature walk and taste honey, with its origins from local endemic species, before heading back to Strahan.

Upon returning to Strahan this afternoon we have time at leisure before coming together for dinner.

Day 7: Thursday, 16 October 2025
Strahan - Devonport

B-L-D

Departing from Strahan after breakfast, our journey takes us through the rugged west coast, steeped in mining history. As we travel past **Tullah**, nestled by the serene Lake Rosebery, we continue northward. The route leads through lush rainforests, mineral-rich mountains, and the picturesque Vale of Belvoir.

Crossing alpine cattle country, we arrive at the iconic **Cradle Mountain National Park**. Explore the park with a **guided bus tour to Dove Lake**, nestled at the foot of the majestic Cradle Mountain. We'll also visit **Waldheim**, the forest home of pioneer Gustav Weindorfer. Afterwards, recharge with a delightful meal at the charming Cradle Mountain Hotel. There will also be time to immerse yourself in Tasmania's culture at the **Wilderness Gallery**. Learn about the first nation's people, geography, flora, fauna, and early explorers. With eight exhibition spaces and a fantastic gift shop, there's something for everyone.

We will now wind our way to the town of Sheffield to admire the evocative out-door art gallery of impressive murals. Continue on through fertile agricultural land to **Devonport** and our hotel beside the Mersey River. Arriving at our accommodation we'll check in and then come together for dinner.

Accommodation: Novotel Devonport or similar (2 nights)



Day 8: Friday, 17 October 2025
Devonport

B-D

Following breakfast today we will travel across the fertile farmland of the North West Coast to visit the historic village of **Stanley**, nestling at the foot of an ancient volcanic core known as 'the Nut'. We tour past Highfield, historical headquarters of the early Van Diemen's Land Co. and explore the quaint town with its terraces and chairlift access to the top of The Nut (*ride is optional and own expense*).

On return from Stanley, marvel at the breathtaking views from **Table Cape** with its amazing diversity of crops and farms including the famous tulips. Travelling through the coastal town of Wynyard and we'll have an afternoon stop at **Penguin** to wander the shops, bakeries and cafes and have a photo with the famous giant penguin.

Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant.

Day 9: Saturday, 18 October 2025
Devonport - Launceston

B-L-D

Enjoy breakfast before checking out and board the coach for today's **Cradle Coast Tasting Trail** to Launceston.

Anvers Chocolate, Ashgrove Cheese, lunch at Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm and a visit to Western Tiers Distillery are all on the list for visits today and are sure to delight the taste buds.

This afternoon, upon arrival in Launceston, we'll have some time to relax with some retail therapy or a walk to the nearby city park complete with John Hart Conservatory, duck pond and Macaque monkey enclosure.

We'll come together again for dinner in the hotel.

Accommodation: Hotel Grand Chancellor or similar (2 nights)

Day 10: Sunday, 19 October 2025
Launceston

B-L-D

Today following breakfast we visit the **Cataract Gorge** with its cliff-side gardens, peacocks, pool, suspension foot bridge and one of the longest single span chairlifts in the world (*ride is optional and own expense*).

Afterwards we will travel the **Tamar Valley**. Pass through the Swiss style Grindelwald village with its alpine style houses and unusual wood carvings then take in magnificent views from bush-ranger Brady's Lookout.

Next, we'll enjoy a delicious gourmet lunch platter at a local vineyard.

Afterwards, explore the **Beaconsfield Heritage Mine** and learn about the history of the Tamar Valley and this famous mine site.

Later we travel back along the Tamar to Launceston for some free time before tonight's **farewell dinner**.



Day 11: Monday, 20 October 2025
Depart Launceston

B-L

This morning after breakfast visit the World Heritage **Woolmers Estate**, wander around and soak up the essence of 19th century Tasmanian life on a once working farm estate and admire their outstanding **Rose Garden** which represents one of the finest collections of historic roses in the Southern Hemisphere.

The nearby village of **Evandale**, a hidden gem of beautifully preserved historic buildings and streets that are lined with late-Georgian and early Victorian architecture, holds its weekly markets today. We will have time for a walk through before travelling to the **Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company**. Enjoy the gardens before sampling their gourmet BBQ lunch together with the range of sauces and preserves.

Late afternoon* we will be transferred Launceston Airport where we say goodbye and board our flights home.

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