



8 DAYS TASMANIAN WILDLIFE TOUR

Day 1 LAUNCESTON – CRADLE MOUNTAIN

Your personal tour guide will meet you at Launceston Airport (flight arrival should be during the morning if possible). Start your Tasmanian adventure with a visit to the picturesque Cataract Gorge where the Tamar River forces its way through sheer rocky cliffs. Leave Launceston for the World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park. The scenic drive will meander through lush farmland before climbing into our alpine regions with fine views along the way. Continue to Cradle Mt. Chateau where you will spend the evening. After dinner, there will be a spotlighting expedition to view Tasmania's nocturnal wildlife.

Cradle Mountain Chateau (or similar)

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Day 2 CRADLE MOUNTAIN

Spend the day exploring the Cradle Mountain area. Options include a walk around Dove Lake - a glacial lake - to see some ancient rainforest species and Gondwana relics such as Pencil and King Billy pines, and a visit to the information centre. Also the chance to visit the replica of "Waldheim", the home of the Austrian Gustav Weindorfer whose love of the area inspired the establishment of the national Park. Along the way you will observe the birdlife typically involving species such as Forest Ravens, Currawongs and Wedge-tailed Eagles. In the late afternoon visit Devils@Cradle wildlife Sanctuary to gain insights about Tasmania's number one carnivorous marsupial. The species has been afflicted with a unique cancer, the Tasmanian Devil Facial Tumour Disease, which has reduced numbers across many parts of Tasmania and you will hear about research to protect the species. This is followed by a relaxed dinner and evening in the hotel.

Cradle Mountain Chateau (or similar)

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Day 3 TABLE CAPE – ROCKY CAPE – STANLEY

Depart Cradle Mountain and head northwest to Wynyard via the Murchinson Highway with its magnificent scenery, along gentle plateaux and through the spectacular Hellyer Gorge Reserve. Enjoy morning tea and a short walk in the forest. Arrive at the coastal town of Wynyard for an early lunch and continue to Rocky Cape National Park for an interpreted walk focusing on the ancient Aboriginal sites and cave of this area. Your guide will explore the connection that Tasmania's traditional owners had with the local wildlife of this coastline. You will arrive at Stanley in the late afternoon and check into your accommodation. Stanley is a charming fishing village which has been classified as



a Historic Town and has changed little since the early days. There may be an opportunity this evening to see penguins in the wild.

Seaview Inn, Stanley

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Day 4 SEAL CRUISE – THE NUT – ARTHUR RIVER - MARRAWAH

After breakfast, weather permitting, you will embark on a one hour seal cruise to see Australian fur seals in their rugged coastal habitat. Alternatively, enjoy a walk on the top of 'The Nut', which is the plug of an extinct volcano, which stands approximately 150 metres high. The views are breathtaking and the Nut is an important breeding site for short tailed shearwaters. Leave Stanley for the North West coast of our island where some of the world's cleanest air provides a zero pollution benchmark for measuring. Check into Arthur River Units and enjoy some leisure time soaking in the atmosphere of this remote area. This evening the activities on offer are a 'Devil Restaurant' at King's Run, a magical experience viewing devils in the wild from a hut surrounded by bush and the Southern Ocean, and complete with a spotlighting tour on the journey back to your simple lodgings.

Arthur River Units

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Day 5 WARRAWEH - NARAWNTAPU NATIONAL PARK

Travel along the north coast to Narawntapu National Park. Drive to Warraweh Forest Reserve in Latrobe to look for Platypus. Continue along the Bass Strait coast and check into Hawley House, an idyllic guesthouse surrounded by beautiful ecosystems and teeming with native and domesticated animals, peacocks, ferrets, Native Hens and plovers among them. After a break, and armed with a picnic dinner, drive in the late afternoon to the Narawntapu National Park which is known for the abundance of wild animals wandering across the Park's coastal plains at dusk. Tonight's activities will consist of a spotlighting expedition to see a variety of marsupials including wombats, Forester kangaroos, Bennett wallabies along with other small marsupials. Afterwards return to Hawley House, for some well deserved sleep.

Hawley House, Hawley Beach

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Day 6 HAWLEY BEACH – FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

Spend the morning enjoying Hawley House with its beach surrounds and diverse landscape. Depart for the east coast through Elephant Pass and the Fingal Valley. Travel south along the stunning coast, with an optional stops at Douglas Apsley National Park for a walk in the eucalypt forest or in Bicheno to experience marine life in a small shore facility. Otherwise continue to the Freycinet Peninsula and your accommodation at the award-winning Freycinet Lodge. Optional late afternoon activities can include a walk on Friendly Beaches or bird watching in Moulting Lagoon before enjoying a hearty bistro dinner.

Freycinet Lodge, Coles Bay

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Day 7 WINEGLASS BAY – FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast cruise aboard a fast new catamaran to Wineglass Bay along the outside of Freycinet Peninsula. Opportunity exists for seeing marine mammals such as dolphins and (only seasonally possible) whales. A truly unique setting, where nothing stands between you and the endless ocean. In the afternoon, your guide will give you a tour of the Freycinet National Park and Coles Bay with its exceptionally beautiful coastline. Visit Cape Tourville Lighthouse and take a stroll along boardwalks high above the ocean and cliffs. In the evening enjoy a farewell dinner overlooking Great Oyster Bay.

Overnight: Freycinet Lodge, Coles Bay

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Day 8 HOBART

After breakfast there should be time for a walk in this magnificent location before heading back to civilisation and Hobart. Your guide will drop you off at your hotel or the airport (departure flight should be in the late afternoon).

Species likely to be seen on Safari:

Wombat, Bennett's Wallaby, Pademelon, Forrester Kangaroo, Bandicoot, Tasmanian Devil, Eastern or Spotted Quoll, Duck-billed Platypus, Bottlenose Dolphin, whales, Tiger Snake, Copperhead snake, lizards, Black Swan, plover, sooty oyster catcher, hooded plover, Australian fur seal, Angasi oyster, blue mussel, green lipped or black lipped abalone, Wedge-tailed Eagle, Forest raven, currawong, various ducks,

The tour includes:

7 nights accommodation, 7 x full breakfast, 7 x dinners, 7 x lunches, tour manager, transport in comfortable vehicle, entry to National Parks, all featured activities and wildlife safari program, professional equipment such as night vision equipment & high quality binoculars are provided.

*Group Size: min 2 max 8 persons
(small program changes possible without notice)*