



TASMANIA'S WORLD HERITAGE LISTED CONVICT SITES 5 DAY/4 NIGHT TOUR

Day 1 **CASCADES FEMALE FACTORY – PENITENTIARY CHAPEL – RUNNYMEDE HOUSE**

Your personal tour guide will meet you at your hotel for the start of your tour. Your first visit will be to the Cascades Female Factory Historic Site where, from 1828-56 approx, over 5,000 female convicts spent time either serving a sentence or awaiting an assignment or confinement. Learn some of the stories of these convict women. The Factory was recently declared a World Heritage Site.

Continue to the Penitentiary Chapel in downtown Hobart, which was built for the growing convict population but included punishment cells and later became the Hobart Gaol. Join a tour for insights into the many facets of this forgotten part of Tasmania's penal system. Lunch will be enjoyed at Mt. Nelson which offers beautiful views over Hobart. In colonial times, the Mt. Nelson Signal Station was part of the chain of signal stations linking Hobart to Port Arthur. After lunch, travel to Newtown - one of Hobart's oldest suburbs, for a visit of Runnymede House and its gardens which were owned by a 19th century whaling family. The contents, furniture, collectibles and artworks which belonged to the whaling family but also the two previous owners - a prominent lawyer and the first Anglican Bishop of Tasmania - give an insight to life as it was in Hobart at the time. Enjoy dinner at one of Hobart's charming waterfront restaurants.

Overnight *The Lenna of Hobart, Hobart (or similar)* *B/L/D*

Day 2 **PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE – COAL MINES - TASMAN PENINSULA**

Leave Hobart after breakfast for the Tasman Peninsula and Port Arthur, recently added to the UNESCO World Heritage list. The Historic Site was originally a penal site for secondary offenders with the aim to produce useful goods and reform the men so they could be integrated into the society. As you tour the site, you will understand how life was in the settlement for both the convicts and the officers who guarded them. Tour Point Puer where 3,500 convict boys were sent to be rehabilitated over a 15 year period, and Isle of the Dead where you will hear stories about some of the people who were buried there. Later in the afternoon, drive to north western tip of the Tasman Peninsula for a walk through the Coal Mines Historic Site, also recently declared a World Heritage Site, which will give you another perspective on Tasmania's convict history. The site was developed to limit the colony's dependence upon imported coal from New South Wales, and also served as a place of punishment for the "worst" convicts from Port Arthur.



Check into your accommodation at an idyllic waterfront location at the end of the day. *An optional Ghost Tour at Port Arthur is on offer at extra cost.*

Overnight Cascades Colonial Accommodation, Tasman Peninsula (or similar) B/L/D

Day 3 MARIA ISLAND – DARLINGTON PROBATION STATION - RICHMOND

Leave the Tasman Peninsula early in the morning, heading up the east coast to the small town of Orford, where you will take a ferry to Maria Island National Park and the World Heritage Site of Darlington Probation Station. This was considered an ideal location as it was away from free settlers, had natural resources that could be exploited by the convicts and was thought to be a difficult place from which to escape. Under the probation system, convicts progressed through separate classes which determined both their living and working conditions. Darlington is an intact example of a probation station and you will spend the day exploring it as well as the natural beauty of Maria Island. Return to the mainland in the late afternoon and your accommodation in Richmond, a village with immaculate sandstone architecture.

Overnight Prospect House, Richmond (or similar) B/L/D

Day 4 HISTORIC MIDLANDS: RICHMOND - OATLANDS - ROSS

Start your day with a walking tour of Richmond with its interesting colonial and convict history, taking in the convict gaol and Australia's oldest bridge and Catholic Church. Leave Richmond, travelling along the Heritage Highway which follows the same route as horse-drawn coaches did in the colonial days. Towns along the way, such as Oatlands, Ross and Campbell Town reflect the rich history of the pioneers, convicts and graziers who forged this land. Stop in Oatlands, a historic town with the finest collection of Georgian buildings in Australia. Admire the 1837 Callington Mill which now grinds flour as it did nearly 200 years ago and which the local bakery turns into superb organic sourdough bread. Continue to Ross, for a walk back in time. Ross sits on the banks of the Macquarie River and is a picture perfect town with its cobble-style paths, tall trees lining the main road and beautiful bridge. Visit the ruins of the Ross Female Factory which served as a hiring depot and overnight station for female convicts travelling between the settlements. Continue your journey north to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Brickendon Estate. Enjoy a farewell dinner in Tasmania's northern city of Launceston.

Overnight Brickendon & Woolmers Cottages, Longford B/L/D

Day 5 BRICKENDON & WOOLMERS ESTATES – LAUNCESTON AIRPORT

This morning you will tour both the Brickendon & Woolmers Estates, where convicts were assigned to work the land of free settlers in exchange of food and clothing. The estates were owned by the Archer brothers and Brickendon is still owned by the descendants of the original family. Although a working farm, Brickendon offers a view into the life in colonial and pioneering Tasmania. Woolmers was owned by the same family until the 1990's and is now owned by a private trust. It gives an accurate depiction of colonial life and Tasmanian heritage in an authentic setting. Enjoy lunch at Woolmers before departing for Launceston airport in time to



connect to your flight to the mainland. Your tour manager will assist you with checking in and bid you farewell.

The Tour includes:

4 nights accommodation, 4 x breakfast, 5 x lunch, 4 x 2-course dinner, transport in comfortable vehicle, history specialist tour manager, entries to Female Factory, Penitentiary Chapel, Runnymede House, Port Arthur Historic Site, Richmond Gaol, Maria Island Ferry, Tours of Brickendon & Woolmers Estates and Tasmanian National Parks passes, Airport transfer in Launceston

(small program changes possible without notice)