2021/2022



# 6 DAY ICONS OF TASMANIA SMALL GROUP TOUR





EXPERIENCE PRISTINE WILDERNESS, UNIQUE WILDLIFE, BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, A SENSE OF HISTORY AND THE BEST OF CONTEMPORARY TASMANIAN HOSPITALITY. THIS SIX DAY TOUR ALLOWS YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF AUSTRALIA'S ISLAND STATE. DESIGNED BY PEOPLE WHO KNOW AND LOVE TASMANIA, THIS SMALL GROUP TOUR INCORPORATES TASMANIAN ICONS SUCH AS THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE LISTED CRADLE MOUNTAIN AND THE MAGNIFICIENT SOUTHWEST NATIONAL PARK, THE INCOMPORABLE WINEGLASS BAY, THE TASMANIAN DEVIL, THE CONVICT RUINS OF PORT ARTHUR AND SALAMANCA MARKET IN HOBART.

#### Day 1/FRIDAY ARRIVAL HOBART – AIRPORT TRANSFER

Arrive in Tasmania's capital city Hobart and transfer to your accommodation. Enjoy a day at leisure. Hobart is a quaint city which features many preserved colonial sandstone buildings. The vibrant waterfront and Salamanca Place have a variety of shops and restaurants which showcase local products and was once the hub of a thriving whaling industry. In the afternoon you may choose to board the ferry to MONA. The Museum of Old & New Art is one of the world's most unique and controversial museums. View the largest private art collection in Australia with its fascinating blend of ancient and modern art.

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Hobart, Double room (or similar) Meals: ----

#### Day 2/SATURDAY SOUTH WEST NATIONAL PARK - SCENIC FLIGHT EXPERIENCE

This morning's journey will give you a feel of the extensive wilderness Tasmania has to offer. Board a scenic flight to Tasmania's spectacular and pristine South West Wilderness. Experience the peace and tranquillity of this majestic setting where mountain peaks give way to button grass plains that meet the wild Southern Ocean (weather dependent). For those visiting between October and March there is an opportunity to spot the endangered Orange-bellied Parrot, ranked one of the world's rarest and most endangered species. This tour concludes in Hobart between 1:30pm and 3pm weather depending\*.

\* If weather conditions do not allow the Southwest flight to go ahead, a poor weather option is available. This includes the Pennicott Wilderness Journeys Tasman Island Cruise. Enjoy the stunning 3-hour Tasman Island Cruise. This adventure cruise manoeuvres around small islands, into sea caves, and undersea cliffs soaring 300m above the Tasman Sea. You may have the opportunity to see albatross, dolphins and whales which frequent this pristine coastline. In the afternoon, return to Hobart.

Accommodation:Crowne Plaza Hobart, Double room (or similar)Meals:Breakfast and Lunch

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## Day 3/SUNDAY HISTORY AND GEOLOGY

The Tasman Peninsula and Port Arthur Historic Site are some of Tasmania's most visited destinations. Set in tranquil gardens, Tasmania's famous convict settlement site harbours a dark history which our experienced guide will bring to life. As you stroll amongst the now peaceful buildings, envisage the harsh life that was endured by the hapless convicts. View the famous geological features of the peninsula as you explore the rugged coastline. In the afternoon, travel to the historic village of Richmond, nestled in the Coal River Valley. Experience the nostalgia of colonial times as you stroll and admire the well-preserved colonial architecture before returning to Hobart.

Accommodation:Crowne Plaza Hobart, Double room (or similar)Meals:Breakfast and Lunch

#### Day 4/MONDAY FREYCINET – WINEGLASS BAY

Enjoy a drive along Tasmania's East Coast to the Freycinet Peninsula, with its exceptional beauty, pristine white sandy beaches and granite coastline. Explore the scenic grandeur of the Freycinet National Park. Walk the track up to the world-famous Wineglass Bay lookout for some stunning photo opportunities, with views across the Freycinet Peninsula. A shorter cliff top walk around the lighthouse at Cape Tourville is also on offer.

Accommodation:Freycinet Lodge, one-bedroom Cabin (or similar)Meals:Breakfast and Lunch

#### Day 5/TUESDAY FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK – CRADLE MOUNTAIN

Continue your journey to Launceston for an introductory tour to Tasmania's largest northern city. Explore the scenic Cataract Gorge where the South Esk River forces its way through sheer rocky cliffs. Evoke memories of the genteel Victorian era as you stroll in the landscaped gardens. After lunch travel through lush rolling farm pastures before reaching alpine bush and the UNESCO World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park. At night, meet our iconic mascot, the Tasmanian Devil with the possibility to get close and observe these quirky animals in a natural like habitat.

Accommodation:Cradle Mountain Hotel, standard room (or similar)Meals:Breakfast and Lunch

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## Day 6/WEDNESDAY CRADLE MOUNTAIN – DOVE LAKE – LAUNCESTON DEPARTURE

On a clear day the rugged grandeur of Cradle Mountain is reflected in the tranquil waters of Dove Lake, or you may experience the drama of its craggy peaks through swirling mist. Your guide will share with you an insight into the history, flora and fauna of the region. Walks are available to suit the group and weather.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

NOTE: This tour concludes in Launceston at approximately 5:30pm. (There are flights available in the evening to continue to the mainland or alternatively accommodation for the night can be arranged.)

# The Tour includes:

Small group touring with local guide, transport in a well-appointed vehicle, 5 nights' accommodation, 5 x breakfast, 5 x lunch, full day South West National Park flightexperience, entry to Port Arthur Historic Site, entry to Devils@Cradle, National Parks Passes and Hobart airport transfer

(small program changes may be possible without notice due to unforeseen circumstances outside of our control)