

Amazing Australia 8N 9D

Day 01 Launceston



Cataract Gorge Reserve

Arrive Launceston, you will be escorted to your hotel to check-in and relax. Afterwards you will be driven to visit **Cataract Gorge Reserve** where you can enjoy a chairlift ride around 6:00 PM. Embark on your **Penguin Tour** in the evening.

Hotel transfer, overnight Peppers Seaport, Launceston.

Day 02 Launceston – Cradle Mountain

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, you will be driven to **Platypus House**, nestled on the water in the beautiful Tamar Valley, experience this once in a lifetime opportunity to watch live Tasmanian Platypuses and Echidnas in daylight conditions and undercover. These animals should be on everybody's bucket list, photography is most welcome.



Platypus House

Your private tour continues with Tamar and **Ashgrove Cheese Farm** where you can taste their award winning cheese. Head to **Marakoopa Cave** to witness the incredible glowworms. The name '*Marakoopa*' comes from an aboriginal word meaning '*handsome*' and the name lives up to this title. Filled with delicate stalactites and stalagmites, sparkling crystals, reflective pools, glowworms and more.



Sheffield

The final point of interest will be **Sheffield**, known as the '*Town of Murals*', appropriately named due to the wonderful murals delightfully painted on the side walls of most buildings around town. Discover the history of this amazing place told through art, the first mural was commissioned in 1986 and depicts Gustav Weindorfer. Hotel transfer, overnight Peppers Cradle Mountain.

Day 03 Cradle Mountain

Hotel breakfast followed by your tour guide taking you on your **Cradle Mountain Walk** where you will visit **National Park**. The mountain forms the northern end of the wild Cradle Mt – Lake St Clair National Park, itself being a part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Icy streams cascading out of rugged mountains, stands of ancient pines mirrored in the still waters of glacial lakes and a wealth of wildlife ensure there is always something to captivate you. The area is one of the most popular natural areas in Tasmania.



Cradle Mountain



Dove Lake

You will be escorted to **Dove Lake** located at the foot of Cradle Mountain, circled by a 6km track offering one of Tasmania's best walks. See views of Cradle Mountain, unexpected beaches on the side of the lake and the occasional echidna or platypus. Afterwards you will embark on your **Cradle Mountain Wilderness Night Tour** (optional). Hotel transfer, overnight Peppers Cradle Mountain.

Day 04 Cradle Mountain – Bicheno

Breakfast at hotel, discover **Tasmanian Honey** with a visit to the East Coast followed by a private tour of the historical **Campbell Town** which houses an impressive collection of colonial buildings that have been well preserved. Points of interest include the Red Bridge, Lake Leake and the Convict Brick Trail.

Afterwards head to the heritage village of **Ross** which contains a fine collection of Georgian Buildings. Your journey continues to **Swansea**, a pretty seaside village overlooking the Great Oyster Bay, enjoy spectacular views of Freycinet National Park's granite peaks which have a rich colonial history.



Campbell Town

Your final stop will be **Bicheno**; a beautiful Marine Reserve Island which has some of the best diving spots with an amazing sponge gardens. Hotel transfer, overnight Beachfront Bicheno.

Day 05 Bicheno – Hobart



Freycinet National Park

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, rest of day is free for you to discover the area as you please, visit **Freycinet National Park** which is filled with natural assets including the granite peaks of the Hazards Range that dominate the Peninsula.

Within the entrance of the park you can find the **Visitor Centre**, which introduces the natural and cultural heritage of the region with creative displays,

staff will be there to assist with any enquiries you may have, open daily from 0800-1700hrs (NOV-APR). You will also find the **Park Shop** inside here, offering park passes and other products.

Day visitor facilities include electric barbecues, picnic tables, water and toilets located at Honeymoon Bay and Ranger Creek. There is an **Outdoor Theatre** located behind the Visitors Reception Centre, used for film and slide shows.

We recommend getting a map and planning your day and what to visit by speaking with the Visitor Centre staff, they can advise on **birdwatching, short / long walks** and other points of interest (further information can be found at <http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/index.aspx?base=3363>).

Head to **Wineglass Bay**, a short trek from the park, for some of Tasmania's most photographed views. You will be driven to **Coles Bay**, lunch will be served at **Freycinet Marine Farm** where fresh oysters and lobsters are available.



Wineglass Bay

Hotel transfer, overnight Henry Jones, Hobart.

Day 06 Hobart

Hotel breakfast, your private tour covers **Mount Wellington**, **Museum of Old and New Art (MONA)** and **Tas Live Abalone**.

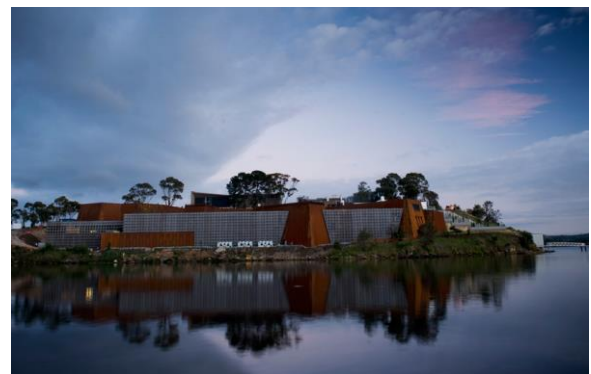
Head to **Mount Wellington** which towers over Wellington Park Reserve at 1,270 meters above sea level. This amazing mountain is frequently covered by snow, sometimes even in summer, an enclosed lookout near the summit offers incredible views of the city below. From Hobart, the most interesting feature of Mount Wellington is the cliff of dolerite columns known as the Organ Pipes.



Cascade Brewery

Continue to **Cascade Brewery**, established in 1824 located at the foot of Mount Wellington, welcome to Australia's oldest operating brewery. They craft a wide range of delicious beers for Tasmania and beyond, step inside and learn how they have been crafting beer for almost two centuries.

Your private tour takes you to the **Museum of Old and New Art (MONA)** located within the Moorilla winery on the Berriedale Peninsula. Step into the largest privately funded museum in Australia, housing antiquities, modern and contemporary art and more. MONA was officially opened in January 2011 and regularly updates their indoor collection.



MONA

Your day ends with **Tasmania Live Abalone** located on the southernmost tip of Australia's Tasmania Island. Famous for being the only Australian abalone sales company comparable to Japan in the manufacture of high quality dry abalone technology. Learn all about the incredible process from start to finish of fresh wild abalone, independent frozen abalone and more.

Hotel transfer, overnight Henry Jones, Hobart.

Day 07 Hobart

Breakfast at hotel, enjoy a relaxing **Tasman Island Cruise** and visit the **Port Arthur Historic Site**, one of Australia's most important heritage sites and tourist destinations. Located on the scenic Tasman Peninsula in the south east of Tasmania, it offers a unique and essential experience for all visitors to the area.



Devils Kitchen

Continue to **Devils Kitchen**, this very aptly named feature gets its name from the cauldron of foaming fury, normally seen at water level from the viewing platform several hundred feet above, where the swells of the Great Southern Ocean crash into the base of the tall cliffs. An incredible sight to behold even when waters are calm.

Less than 100 meters from the lookout to Devil's Kitchen is the massive **Tasman Arch** which would resemble the Devil's Kitchen were it not for the huge bridge of solid rock that spans the gap across the chasm created by the wind and waves over millions of years. It would be another Blowhole if the water was not so far below the viewing platform.

Hotel transfer, overnight Henry Jones, Hobart.

Day 08 Hobart

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your final full day private tour begins with one of Australia's most loved outdoor markets found every Saturday morning; **Salamanca Market**. Tucked away next to the Hobart waterfront, this market offers an eclectic mix of over 300 stallholders with all the best Tasmania has to offer. Delicious food, beautiful artisan jewelry, Tasmanian handcrafted timbers and more are all offered by friendly locals. This market is proudly owned and operated by the City of Hobart.



Salamanca Market

Visit the **Lark Distillery** and learn the fascinating history of this place that began with Bill Lark asking “*I wonder why there isn't anyone making Malt Whisky in Tasmania?*” World class whisky is produced in this area due to the rich fields of barley, an abundance of wonderfully pure soft water, highland peat bogs and the perfect climate to bring all the ingredients together in a mix of science, art and passion.



Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary

Your tour continues with the town of **Richmond**, about 25km North East of Hobart, this quaint town is best known as being preserved as it was at the time it was constructed in the early 19th century, many of the sandstone structures are still standing. Explore **Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary**, a social enterprise with a big heart. Observe something wild and fragile in this safe environment as you come face to face with animals that went extinct long ago in other parts of Australia.

Stop by a **Cherry Farm** prior to your hotel transfer, overnight Henry Jones, Hobart.

Day 09 Hobart – Melbourne

Hotel breakfast, airport transfer, depart Hobart, 1030hrs.