

6D5N HOBART & LAUNCESTON SEAT-IN-COACH TOUR

(Tour Code: AU6HL)

Day 1: SINGAPORE → HOBART (VIA MELBOURNE OR SYDNEY)

Upon arrival in Hobart Airport, free at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart or similar

DAY 2: HOBART – PORT ARTHUR, RICHMOND & TASMAN PENINSULA DAY TOUR

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Today is action packed and fast paced, so we make an early start from Hobart and drive directly to the stunning **Tasman Peninsula**. This area has amazing history, fascinating stories and amazing scenery. It is also home to Australia's highest sea cliffs. Enjoy the panoramic views of the area from Pirates Bay Lookout which provides a great vantage here of the surrounding area.

Passing through **Eaglehawk Neck** and **The Dogline**, our Tour Guides will share with you all the great stories of the area. Then we begin one of Tasmania's **Great Short Walks**. This is a short but spectacular track along the **Waterfall Bay Clifftop**. The walk is around 45 minutes, undulating and categorised as an easy walk. The track concludes at the remarkable rock formations of **Tasman Arch** and **Devil's Kitchen**.



Continuing our journey, we arrive at **Port Arthur Historic Site**. As we enter the Port Arthur Historic Site, there is a wealth of information and history to take in and you will have ample time to explore and discover the nooks and crannies with around 4 hours on site. Your entry includes a complimentary **Harbour Cruise** around the **Isle of the Dead** and a guided walking tour with one of the Site's expert guides. Discover the grim and violent history of the early **Australian Penal system** and get a sense of the isolation experienced by the convicts in this inescapable prison. With around 4 hours here, you have ample time to walk amongst the main penitentiary; see the solitary confinement cells and many more buildings in this World Heritage open air museum.



On our return to Hobart, we make a stop at **Federation Chocolate Factory**, a small family run boutique chocolate stop, with a variety of chocolate flavours to sample. Further along we arrive in the late afternoon into historic **Richmond Village**. Meander the streets, stop for a coffee, visit the Lolly Shop and walk across Australia's oldest bridge still in use, a convict built sand-stone bridge, reported to be haunted! Finally, before we re-enter Hobart we stop for a fabulous view across Hobart from a local lookout. A picturesque way to return to the city.

Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart or similar

DAY 3: HOBART – BRUNY ISLAND CRUISE

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Join our Full Day Tour from Hobart for the ultimate Bruny Island Cruises experience. Your day includes return guided bus tour, ferry crossing, 3 Hour Wilderness Cruise, morning tea, lunch and sightseeing.

Itinerary:

07:45am - Check in at the Pennicott Wilderness Journeys Booking Centre

09:00am - Ferry crossing, sightseeing on Bruny Island

10:30am - Morning Tea at Adventure Bay

11:00am - 3 Hour Wilderness Cruise

02:00pm - Cruise concludes, Lunch

03:15pm - Bus departs, sightseeing on Bruny Island

04:30pm - Ferry crossing

05:30pm - Arrive Hobart Important Information Make sure you dress

warmly for the cruise - warm jackets, scarves, beanies and gloves are recommended. And don't forget your camera!

Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart or similar

DAY 4: HOBART – WINEGLASS BAY – LAUNCESTON

(B/L)



An action-packed tour day travelling from Hobart to finish in Launceston via the world famous Wineglass Bay and Tasmania's stunning East Coast. We depart Hobart heading east then following the coastline north. We travel through the seaside towns of Orford and Swansea as we make our way to **Freycinet National Park**. Freycinet is one of Tasmania's first National Parks, famous for its rich and stunning coastal landscapes.

Pink Granite Mountains form the backdrop for secluded bays, pristine waters, white sandy beaches, local wildlife and amazing walking trails. As we enter the Freycinet area we have a brief stop at the **Freycinet Marine Farm** for anyone interested in the local oysters fresh from the surrounding pristine waters. We walk as a group to the Wineglass Bay Lookout, this is a moderate uphill walk of around 45 minutes.

Once at the top you are rewarded with that world famous view of **Wineglass Bay** and the stunning Freycinet National Park. Enjoy the moment, take in the views and let our guides help you with those sought-after photographs. The walk to Wineglass Bay Lookout is one of the Great Short Walks of Tasmania and requires good mobility and adequate fitness. It is 1.3 km uphill, before returning downhill.

For the keen walkers, you can continue the walk down to **Wineglass beach** (2.5 hr return walking time). You have time on this famous beach

to take a swim, relax, eat your lunch or meander along the white sands. If you prefer to select the shorter walking option, then you can explore other areas of Freycinet with our tour guide. Visit **Honeymoon Bay, Sleepy Bay, Cape Tourville Lighthouse** & great short walk. We re-group ready for the onward journey to Launceston.

While still on the East Coast we make a final stop for the day, where you can refresh and refuel in a friendly and relaxed location. Try the local hand-crafted Ice creams or perhaps a famous Tasmanian Scallop Pie! Then it is onwards into Launceston arriving around 6.00 - 6.30pm.

Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston or similar

DAY 5: LAUNCESTON – CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK - LAUNCESTON

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Cradle Mountain National Park is an area of iconic scenery with a wide variety of walking trails to choose from in this stunning World Heritage listed area. With around 5 hours to spend in the National Park we leave our walking itinerary flexible to suit our guests and the weather conditions on the day.

After departing Launceston we enjoy a short stop in **Sheffield – The Town of Murals**. Sheffield is a small and quirky rural village, in the foothills of the mountains. Sheffield is Tasmania's own outdoor art gallery, featuring over 100 paintings on the walls of buildings across the town. The artwork depicts the history of the Cradle Mountain region, and is a great taster of what is to come, before we continue onwards into the mountains.



Arriving into the **Cradle Mountain National Park**, we prepare for the walking opportunities ahead of us. We aim for around 4 – 5 hours in the National Park, to really make the most of the trails. We begin with a series of short walks to Rainforest City and Pencil Pine Falls, 2 short and easy walks that introduce us to the area. Our main hike for today's tour, begins from Dove Lake with 2 walking options available. Here you can choose your preferred main walk. There is the iconic Dove Lake Circuit which is a 6 kilometer track, classified as easy and usually takes 2-3 hours.



This is one of the premier walks in Tasmania, the track undulates around **Dove Lake** and traverses beneath Cradle Mountain. All the magnificent flora can viewed on this walk, with buttongrass, myrtle, sassafras, fagus and King Billy Pine along the way, along with epic views of Cradle Mountain. For the more active and avid hiker, we offer the chance to climb to the loftier heights of Marion's Lookout. This is around 4 kilometers but is classified as a medium grade hike, with some steep sections. Marions Lookout sits at 1200m, and provides breathtaking 360 degree views of the surrounding World

Heritage wilderness area. We stop along the way for a lunch break, enjoy a rest by a quiet stream, watch the famous and friendly Cradle wombats in their natural habitat, or take the time to photograph the landscapes. Learn some of the local history as we visit Weindorfer's Chalet and see the ancient King Billy Pines on Weindorfer's Forest Walk.

On our return to Launceston, we stop and sample some local tasty products at the award-winning **Ashgrove Cheese Factory**. We return to Launceston around 6.00 - 6.30pm after a huge yet unforgettable Cradle Mountain day. Cradle Mountain is the backdrop for a truly memorable and not to be missed Tasmanian experience.

Overnight: Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston or similar

DAY 6: LAUNCESTON → SINGAPORE (VIA MELBOURNE OR SYDNEY)

Transfer to airport for your flight back home. We hope you have had an enjoyable and memorable vacation with CTC Travel.



Tour Fare is inclusive of:

- 3N Accommodation in Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart or similar (other hotel options available)
- 2N Accommodation in Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston or similar (other hotel options available)
- 1-way Airport transfer from Hobart International or Domestic Airport to Hobart city
- 1-way Airport transfer from Launceston city to Launceston Airport
- 1 day tour to Port Arthur, Richmond and Tasman Peninsula
- 1 day tour to Bruny Island Cruise
- 1 day tour to wineglass bay
- 1 day tour to Cradle Mountain

Tour Fare excludes:

- Return airfare (international and domestic)
- Tipping

We recognize everyone is different and have different needs and wants. Alternative tours or Add-on tours are available on the next page. You can choose to either add-on additional accommodation and add-on the tours, or replace the tours with above at a different charge. Please let us know your preference and we can re-quote accordingly.

Alternative tours / Add-on Tours (From Hobart):

HB2: Port Arthur & Tassie Devils



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The walk is around 45 minutes, undulating and categorized as an easy walk. The track concludes at the remarkable rock formations of **Tasman Arch** and **Devil's Kitchen**. Next stop is the **Tasmanian Devil Unzoo**. We arrive here for all the action of a **Tasmanian Devil Feeding**. Watch the snarling, fighting and bone crushing in a spectacle of devilish behaviour during the feeding. Hand feed the wallabies and walk amongst the local fauna and flora in the charming "Unzoo" setting.



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chocolate flavours to sample. Further along we arrive in the late afternoon into historic Richmond Village. Meander the streets, stop for a coffee, visit the Lolly Shop and walk across Australia's oldest bridge still in use a convict built sandstone bridge, reported to be haunted! Finally, before we re-enter Hobart we stop for a fabulous view across Hobart from a local lookout.

HB3: Maria Island National Park



Just one hour's drive from Hobart to the ferry and 30 minutes across the water, brings us to Maria Island - a stunning island National Park. It is rich in local wildlife, amazing scenery and world heritage convict history. We enjoy a series of moderate walks exploring the beautiful Painted Cliffs, the dramatic Fossil Cliffs and the remarkable Darlington World Heritage convict site. With no cars on the island the area is peaceful, beautiful, the pace is slow and relaxed, and the beaches are perfect for summer swimming. This is a tour for active travellers who are keen to walk and enjoy this unique island.



Setting out on foot we have 2 main walking trails for the day, covering a total distance of almost 10 kilometers. Both of our walks are categorized as Great Short Walks of Tasmania. The **Painted Cliffs Walk** at **Hopground Beach** feature the beautifully patterned sandstone cliffs. The **Fossil Cliffs walk**, takes us along to amazing cliffs that drop sheer into the ocean. It offers a fascinating insight into the past environments of Maria Island along with expansive views of the Freycinet Peninsula.



You have an opportunity to swim, photograph and soak up the island life as Maria works its magic on you. **Maria Island** is a National Park so we are exposed to all that nature will offer on the day, so please come prepared. The island is a haven for abundant wildlife, it is one of Tasmania's bird watching hot spots. Wombats can also be seen around the island, as well as Pademelons, Forester Kangaroos, Bennetts wallabies and Tasmanian Devils.

Even the ferry ride is part of the highlights of the day, the waters we cross are also abundant in sea life, we keep our eyes peeled for dolphins, seals and penguins along the way. Join us on this day of discovery rich in environmental and cultural history.

Important Note: Maria Island is a special, beautiful and wild island National Park accessible by boat. There are no cars, shops, charging stations for devices etc. on the island. Facilities are limited. Please ensure you are able to carry everything you will need for the day. You will need a day pack to carry warm clothing as necessary. A jacket suitable for walking in light rain conditions. Equally, you will need adequate sun protection should it be a warm sunny day. Please

ensure you have a large water bottle. You will have an opportunity to purchase lunch/sandwiches in the morning but we recommend you buy your snacks prior to the day if you prefer a wider choice or have special dietary requirements to consider. Please ensure you wear comfortable footwear for walking. The walking on Maria Island is graded as easy walking. However, we are on the island for around 6 hours, with around 10 kms of walking trails to explore. Please ensure your clothing and footwear is adequate for this type of activity in the great outdoors. There is time to swim and relax should you choose to. Highlights Explore Maria Island National Park (6hrs) Watch for Dolphins & Whales on the ferry journey (30 mins each way)

HB4: Tahune Airwalk & Hastings Caves



Our first major adventure for today is to explore the **Tahune Forest Airwalk**. We head up the short hill to begin our walk along the Cantilever. It stretches for 597 m through the treetops. Enjoy the sensation of being suspended above the Huon River with breathtaking views across the treetops and surrounding mountains. We have time to explore and enjoy more walking here at Tahune.

We can take on a longer walk (45mins) to experience the “**Swinging Bridges**”. With a 50m span across the river this is another thrilling experience and makes for fabulous photos! For a more “tame” experience there is the easy 20 minute Huon Pine Walk where these famous and unique local trees grow alongside the river with some as old as 2000 years, a delightful and enchanting short walk.



We continue our journey south to the **Hastings Cave Reserve**. This is a quiet, remote and spectacular area where we enjoy a variety of activities and soak up the unique atmosphere. Bring your swim gear and jump into the **Thermal Springs swimming pool** where the water is always 28 degrees (celsius). Or just relax in the beautiful forest surrounds, wander along the Hot Springs Nature Trail where the warm water meets the cool water, and also home to the unique & playful Platypus, keep your eye out for this elusive local.



We begin our **Cave Tour** conducted by the National Parks expert guides. Cave temperature is always 9 degrees so bring your jumper along for this one. We head underground to explore this spectacular cave which is Australia’s largest tourist Dolomite Cave. On our return to Hobart there is opportunity to stop at the many roadside stalls and collect some delicious local produce such as Cherries, Berries, Apples, Ice-creams and also a stop for a honey tasting along the way. (fruit & produce stops are seasonal and may also vary due to changeable operating hours of the various operators.) We return to Hobart City

accommodation around 5.30-6.00pm.

HB5: Mt. Field, Mt. Wellington & Wildlife (Include Lunch)



Wilderness, Waterfalls & Wildlife! Walk among the giants on the Tall Trees track, see spectacular Russell Falls, visit the local Tassie Devils at feeding time & finish the day with expansive views of Hobart & beyond from Mt. Wellington/kunanyi summit.

Mt. Field offers a variety of walks in one of Tasmania's oldest National Parks. Most famous for **Russell Falls & the Tall Trees track** we explore a variety of great short walks in this diverse Park which is a short 1.5 hr drive from Hobart. Russell Falls is easily Tasmania's most recognizable waterfall with its 3-tiered drop. It is an easy and enjoyable walk along a beautiful forest track among mixed forest and temperate rainforest species. This is Tassie's most photographed waterfall and we soak up the awesome view before continuing our walk.



Just beyond Russell Falls we climb the stairs to **Horseshoe Falls**, a majestic waterfall nestled in the forest, which some regard as even more impressive than Russell Falls! A short 30 minute circuit trail (1 km) takes us around the **Tall Trees Track**. High above us stand the giant Swamp Gums (Eucalyptus regnans). At around 80 metres tall you will feel rather small standing below these giants, which are the tallest flowering plants on Earth.



We drive higher into the National Park entering the alpine zone, although the weather here can be a little wild & woolly, the walk is certainly worth it. We walk around **Lake Dobson** on the **Pandani Grove Trail** (1.5km/40mins). Along this trail we see some remarkable plant life as we walk among Pandani, alpine gums and tree ferns. There is also a stand of Pencil Pines, which are an ancient conifer that is endemic to Tasmania. Soak up the wilderness and surrounding mountain air in this lesser visited region of the park. Lake Dobson is 1000m above sea level, it is often covered in a layer of ice and surrounded with snow in the winter months. Snow flurries can also occur during summer! Bring a warm jacket for this walk.



We enjoy a lunch break in one of the numerous beautiful settings at Mt. Field before continuing onwards for the day. We visit **Bonorong Wildlife Park** which is home to many of our rescued and well-loved wildlife. Tassie Devils are close up; wallabies are freely hopping around the park and many more of our local favourites are easily discovered here. We time our visit here for a Tasmanian Devil feeding,

a fun and interactive experience with our special endangered Devils.

To top off this very Tasmanian day we head to the summit of kunanyi /Mt. Wellington. Standing high above Hobart at 1271m on a clear day is nothing short of spectacular. The views from the top are expansive. This is a fantastic way to wrap up a day exploring many of Tassie's most unique and noteworthy experiences, rainforests, waterfalls, wildlife and fabulous scenery.