

Tasmania

17 Day
Tour

Depart: Saturday 8th March 2025
Return: Monday 24th March 2025

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“THE NATURAL STATE”

The island of Tasmania is the smallest state in Australia yet hosts some of the world's most stunning scenery. It is such a contrast to the states of mainland Australia. There is every kind of natural beauty; rugged mountains, picturesque lakes, scenic coastlines with sandy beaches and rocky cliffs, beautiful English style rural farmlands, World Heritage areas, superb rainforests, waterfalls and a variety of National Parks. The natural points of interest are complimented by a variety of cities and towns that host buildings with a style of architecture found nowhere else in Australia.

Tasmania is a favourite holiday tour!

Let us share our tour experience and knowledge of this beautiful Island with you on your Tasmanian holiday! Tasmania is not a place that you can see in a hurry, some of the most appealing parts to be found are hidden off the main highways and beyond the cities and towns. As a result of this, your King's tour itinerary has been well planned to show you the best of Tasmania. With thirteen full days on the island, an opportunity is available for extra sightseeing and quality leisure time.

Our arrival onto and departure from the Island will be at Devonport. While in Tasmania you will experience the main cities and towns of; Launceston (2 nights), Swansea on the East Cost (1 night), Hobart (5 nights), Queenstown (2 nights) and Burnie (2 nights) with two night in Albany. There will be time for sightseeing in Melbourne before joining the night-time Spirit of Tasmania sailing to Devonport.

On both Spirit of Tasmania sailings our accommodation is in well-appointed port hole cabins, all of which have a toilet/shower and twin beds (no bunks). During the overnight cruise to and from Tasmania relax in the ship's recreational areas; lounges, bars, restaurants, try your luck in the gaming room, check out the shop and travel information centre or pass time with a movie screening.

With multi night stays travelling will be easier without the continual packing and unpacking of your luggage. A small overnight bag only is required onboard the Spirit of Tasmania. No waiting around for hours at an airport, no extra luggage handling to change coaches.

Let the team from The Kings of Newcastle show you the diversity this picturesque Island State has to offer.

Tour Cost

\$5990.00 per person twin/double share accommodation

All cabins on the Spirit of Tasmania are twin berth porthole cabins and toilet/shower.

\$2000.00 single supplement additional charge

Non-Refundable Deposit \$990.00

Due within 14 days of making your booking.

Payment outline:

\$2500 per person payment required by Monday 9th September 2024

\$2500 per person final payment due by Monday 6th January 2025

Cost Includes

5-star coach travel with experienced coach driver.

All tour arrangements and confirmed bookings.

Quality accommodation.

Meals as listed

Meals that have been included are coded on the itinerary as below:

Breakfast	B	(16)
Morning Tea	MT	(12)
Lunch	L	(6)
Afternoon Tea	AT	(1)
Dinner	D	(11)

Tour Features

Cascade Brewery
Hobart Botanical Gardens
Bridestowe Estate
Beaconsfield Mine
Stanley
Low Head Pilot Station
Sea Horse World
Lake Pedder
Strahan
Burnie
Sheffield
Devonport
Historic Richmond
Tasman Peninsula
The Tamar Valley

Antarctic Headquarters
The Wall in the Wilderness
Apple Heritage Centre
Wynyard
Smithton
Yarns Artwork
Gordon River Cruises
Gordon Dam
Cradle Mountain
Grindelwald
St Helens
Georgetown
Beauty Point
Deloraine
Mount Nelson

Salamanca Markets
Port Arthur
Tasmanian Sauce Co
Table Cape
La Trobe
Cataract Gorge
New Norfolk
Queenstown
Dove Lake
Scottsdale
Bicheno
Swansea
Hobart
Launceston
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Welcome to **The Kings of Newcastle Tasmania** brochure; designed to fulfil your experience with memorable moments by viewing iconic locations that only the *Island State* has to offer.

We care about delivering amazing coach travel experiences! With **more than 45 years** in the industry, we have the knowledge to create an outstanding trip abroad, meeting your individual needs. This extended tour has been planned to **provide flexibility** for you as a client, to get the most out of your trip.

Relax and enjoy your hassle free 'Trip to Tasmania' leaving you with a lifetime of memories and stories you will be retelling for years. We would like to **welcome you onboard** as we travel from Newcastle across the waters to Tasmania's varying regions each with their **own unique appeal**. Happy and safe travels...

The Kings of Newcastle

Day 1 Saturday 8th March	NEWCASTLE to ALBURY	MT - D
Accommodation	Quality Resort, Albury	

7.00am Depart Kings Coach Depot (11 Concord Street, Boolaroo) Pick up points are available Charlestown, Belmont, Swansea, Doyalson and Ourimbah by arrangement at the time of your booking.

Travel via the Pacific and Hume Highway with a morning tea stop in Castle Hill and lunch stop in Goulburn. There is no easier travel than the Hume Highway. A chance to sit back, relax and unwind, ready to begin a great holiday! An afternoon stop to see the Dog on the Tuckerbox, Gundagai with an estimated time of arrival in Wangaratta at 5.30pm. Dinner in the Hotel dining room.



Day 2 Sunday 9th March	ALBURY to GEELONG	B - MT
Accommodation	Spirit of Tasmania	

7.30am Breakfast in the Hotel dining room.

8.30am Depart Hotel for travel to Melbourne. A morning tea stop at the beautiful Benalla Rose Gardens. The day will be a relaxing one allowing us time to take in some of the many interesting features and sights along the way and into the city of Melbourne. We may even find time for you to have a quick visit to the famous Queen Victoria Markets. With a sailing time of 6.45pm Dinner can be purchased onboard the ship. Sailing out of Geelong gives us an early arrival into Devonport at 6.30am and allows more time for sightseeing throughout the day. We trust you will enjoy the hospitality of the crew and take advantage of the modern facilities the Spirit of Tasmania has to offer.



Day 3 Monday 10th March	DEVONPORT to LAUNCESTON	B - D
Accommodation	The Colonial, Launceston	

Upon arrival into Devonport terminal Kings have arranged for breakfast in the city of Devonport.

After a short time in the city of Devonport we head off towards Launceston for a full day of sightseeing. The scenery will be mostly rural with the mountains of The Great Western Tiers making a delightful distant backdrop. We will take time in the town of Deloraine for a look at the Yarns Artwork in Silk, a magnificent four-panel depiction of the surrounding region in silk and visit the local tourist Information Centre.

Travelling towards Launceston, we will pass through many small townships; most of these like so many on the island have interesting English style architecture.

One of the well-known attractions in Launceston is The Cataract Gorge you may care to take a walk around the area or ride the chairlift across the Gorge (optional). This is a great way to enjoy the scenic views. An afternoon visit to the Swiss Village complex at Grindelwald and Brady's Lookout with magnificent views up the Tamar Valley and surrounding river country side will finish our sightseeing for the day.



Day 4 Tuesday 11th March	LAUNCESTON	B - MT - D
Accommodation	The Colonial, Launceston	

7.00am Breakfast in the Motel dining room.

8.00am Depart the Hotel for a full day of sightseeing in the picturesque Tamar Valley.

Our first attraction will be a guided tour and inspection at the Beaconsfield Gold Mine Memorial Museum, following on from this will be the interesting Seahorse World at Beauty Point. After morning tea, it will be time to cross the river at Bateman's Ridge – an unusual 'A Frame' structure, viewing Bell Bay Port en route to Georgetown. Georgetown is a large river port town of over 7000 people on the eastern bank mouth to the Tamar River. It is Australia's third oldest settlement after Sydney and Hobart. Today during our visit, we will explore the historic maritime past and the current industrial presence of this area including a tour of the Low Head Pilot Station built by convicts in 1805 and together with the lighthouse is still in operation today. There will be time before dinner to explore the nearby City park, check out the monkeys, appreciate the beautiful gardens and fernery or you may choose to do some quick shopping.

Day 5 Wednesday 12th March	LAUNCESTON to SWANSEA	B - L - D
Accommodation	Swansea Motor Inn, Swansea	

7.30am Breakfast in the Motel dining room.

Today we head across to the East Coast through Scottsdale – Derby – St Helens. A stop will be made to visit the Bridestowe Estate Lavender Farm.

The scenery today varies from well-prepared timber plantations, National Parks with protected rainforests and rural farmlands, to holiday villages with white sandy beaches and the crystal blue waters of the Tasman Sea.

Today's lunch stop will be at St Helens, then we will travel on to the beautiful town of Scamander. Scamander is a small north east coast town on the Scamander River, a popular holiday spot with the locals between St Helens and St Marys.

4.30pm Estimated time of arrival, after checking in there is time for you to enjoy a relaxing couple of hours exploring the waterways and scenery before dinner in the motel dining room.



Day 6 Thursday 13th March	SWANSEA to HOBART	B - MT - D
Accommodation	Ibis Styles, Hobart	



7.30am Breakfast in the Hotel dining room.

8.30am Depart the Motel and visit the Freycinet Visitor Centre before travelling to Cape Tourville lookout. Stroll to the Lighthouse for marvellous views of the Freycinet Peninsula, the edges of Wineglass Bay and the imposing Hazard Mountains. Lunch will be at the historic town of Richmond and then onto the capital city of Hobart. Before we settle into our Hotel for the next 5 nights, we'll have a sightseeing tour of the city.

Day 7 Friday 14th March	TASMAN PENINSULA & PORT ARTHUR	B - AT
Accommodation	Ibis Styles, Hobart	

7.00am Breakfast in the Hotel dining room.

9.00am Depart the Hotel for Port Arthur – Tasmania's most visited tourist attraction. It is hard to believe that a place with such a disturbing past would be on everyone's 'must see' list. The historic buildings and ruins have a beautiful and tranquil setting on the shores of a lovely harbour.

During the morning, a guide will take you for a tour of the site concluding at the Information Centre. Time will be allowed for you to explore Port Arthur further at your own pace.

Enjoy a one hour cruise across the Harbour with an authorised landing on The Isle of the Dead, another fascinating part of the convict era.

Rejoin the coach for return travel to Hobart, stopping off at the interesting land features of the Tasman Arch, Devils Kitchen and Tessellated Pavement.



Day 8 Saturday 15th March	HOBART	B
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Accommodation	Ibis Styles, Hobart	
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7.30am Breakfast in the Hotel dining room.
 This morning you will have free time for shopping in the city or a visit to the Salamanca Markets.
 Hobart's Salamanca Markets is the ideal place to purchase Tasmanian craft and souvenirs at very good prices.
 Join the coach after lunch for a general city tour including Battery Point, Mount Nelson, Hobart's Royal Botanical Gardens and Constitutional Dock. Dinner tonight is not included in your tour cost. You may like to take in the entertainment that Hobart offers on a Saturday night or just enjoy a relaxed evening with time to yourself.

Day 9 Sunday 16th March	LAKE PEDDER TO STRATHGORDON	B - MT - L - D
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Accommodation	Ibis Styles, Hobart	
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7.00am Breakfast in the Hotel dining room.
 8.00am Depart the Hotel. We leave all the city attractions behind us and venture into the edge of the wilderness and the southern forests area for the day. You will see some of Tasmania's most spectacular scenery. This area is a photographer's delight, so make sure you bring your camera. On previous Kings Tasmania tour surveys this area has always rated very highly as one of our client's favourites.
 Lake Pedder – Lake Gordon – The Gordon River Sam – The Hydro town of Strathgordon – Mount Field National Park – The Russell Falls – The Forestry Headquarters town of Maydena – Historic New Norfolk – The Hope Fields at Bushy Park (one of the oldest farming areas in our state).
 Dinner tonight will be enjoyed sailing on the Derwent River.

Day 10 Monday 17th March	HUON VALLEY	B
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Accommodation	Ibis Styles, Hobart	
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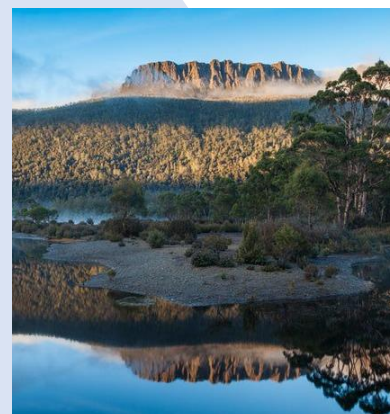
7.30am Breakfast in the Hotel dining room.
 9.30am Coach will depart for travel south, down the Channel Highway into the Huon Valley. Along the way are exquisite water and mountain views. While today the apple industry does not make up a large part of the Tasmanian economy, it was this area that apples were grown and helped Tasmania become known as the 'Apple Isle'. You will have some time to purchase lunch and explore the small town of Huonville before travelling to the suburb of Kingston past the Antarctic Supply Base Headquarters. Return travel to Hobart will be via the bay side suburbs of Taroona and Sandy Bay, with time allowed for last minute shopping.



Day 11 Tuesday 18th March	HOBART to STRAHAN	B - MT - L - D
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Accommodation	Strahan Village, Strahan	
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7.30am Breakfast in the Hotel dining room.
 8.30am Depart the Hotel and Hobart as we head for 'The Rugged West Coast'. Today we will travel the Lyell Highway to Queenstown. A lunch time stop at Lake St Clair with the opportunity to explore this popular tourist area. The variety of scenery today will vary greatly. A visit will be made to the Wall in the Wilderness. The West Coast region has always been referred to as the wild side of Tasmania. The Hydro Electric developments that have taken place over recent years have made much more of the area accessible for tourists and residents. Of great interest today will be our visit to the mining town of Queenstown, a place with unbelievable landscape. There are many historic buildings and wonderful stories associated with the early mining days in this town.



Day 12 Wednesday 19th March	GORDON RIVER CRUISE - STRAHAN	B - L - D
Accommodation	Strahan Village, Strahan	

Our day will begin very early this morning, after breakfast we travel down to Strahan for an 8:30am departure on the Gordon River Cruise. The cruise will include Macquarie Harbour, Hells Gate, The Gordon River, Sarah Island, The Atlantic Salmon and Ocean Trout Fish Farms. (A buffet lunch is included in your fare.) Onshore landings will be made at Heritage Landing on the Gordon River and Sarah Island.

3.00pm Return to the wharf at Strahan.

You will have time to further explore the town of Strahan.

6.30pm Dinner in the Motel dining room.



Day 13 Thursday 20th March	QUEENSTOWN to BURNIE	B - MT - L - D
Accommodation	Beachfront Voyager, Burnie	

6.00am Breakfast in the Motel dining room.

The time has come for us to leave the remote West Coast. We still have a lot more of Tasmania to fit into our holiday tour and the days are just going by so quickly!

This morning we travel through some magnificent scenery on our way to Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake. The Cradle Mountain and Lake St Clair National Park will be the last of Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage areas that we visit on the tour. There are very few travel brochures or books printed on Tasmania that do not include photographs of Dove Lake and Cradle Mountain. If you are lucky enough to be there on a clear sunny day you will realise why it really is a very special place. The varied landscapes include; rugged mountains, tall forests, windswept moors and glacial lakes. Following time at the Cradle Mountain Visitors Centre to see the interesting displays about flora/fauna and history of the park, you will be transferred to smaller buses for your tour down to Dove Lake. (NB Entry into this area can be restricted if dangerous weather conditions occur.) When you return, it will be time to make our way towards the North West Coast. The beautiful lush green countryside stretching almost into the blue water of Bass Strait will be a very noticeable contrast to the surrounds of the past few days.

Day 14 Friday 21st March	NORTH WEST COAST	B - L - D
Accommodation	Beachfront Voyager, Burnie	

7.30am Breakfast in the Motel dining room.

8.30am Depart the Motel for a day on the North West Coast.

As we travel up the coastline this morning the scenery is impressive. The patchwork coloured fields of the farmlands and unusual landforms of The Table Cape with its magnificent fields of tulips ablaze with colour, The Stanley Nut, Rocky Point and Circular Head will add even more pleasure to your time in Tasmania. There are special interest and attractions in each of the main towns we will see today, Boat Harbour, Sisters Beach, Historic Stanley and Smithton. We will take a break for lunch in Smithton one of the larger towns on the North West Coast. Following lunch there will be time to take in further sightseeing as we make a visit to historic Stanley.



Day 15 Saturday 22nd March	DEVONPORT to GEELONG	B – MT
Accommodation	Spirit of Tasmania	

7.30am Breakfast in the Motel dining room.

8.30am Depart the Motel. A quick visit to the local Burnie markets. We will then travel on the Scenic Coast Road most of the way down to Devonport, passing the small towns of Penguin and Ulverstone. The main attraction on our agenda this morning is the Kentish District town of Sheffield, noted for the collection of murals painted on the buildings. The artwork depicts the regions history and other aspects of local interest. Sheffield is set amidst farmlands, at the foothills of The Great Western Tiers and Mount Roland. You may choose to have an early lunch during your time in Sheffield or wait until we arrive back into Devonport. Our sightseeing will take us through the Portland Cement Company town of Railton and then on through historic Latrobe to re-join the Bass Highway. This will join the gap on your map as a full circle tour of Tasmania.

We will board the Spirit of Tasmania for the overnight crossing.



Day 16 Sunday 23rd March	GEELONG to ALBURY	B – D
Accommodation	Quality Resort, Albury	

6.00am Estimated time of the Spirit's arrival at Geelong Pier. Disembarking at 7am to re-join the coach. You may purchase an early breakfast on board before disembarking. Alternatively, we will be making our way through to Euroa where you will be provided with a Kings brunch style breakfast/morning tea. Another special feature of the day will be some time in the historic town of Beechworth. It will then be an easy afternoon run through to Albury for the last overnight stay of our tour. During dinner tonight there will be a chance to 'party' a little, while you relive some of the experiences of your Tasmanian holiday tour.



Day 17 Monday 24th March	ALBURY to NEWCASTLE	B – MT
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7.00am Breakfast in the Motel dining room.

8.00am Depart the Motel for our return travel to Newcastle.

Travel today will be via the Hume Highway, M7 through the western suburbs of Sydney and the M1 Freeway. A morning tea stop will be made in Gundagai and the coach will stop for lunch (at own expense) at Goulburn Bakehouse.

5.30pm Estimated time of arrival at King's Coach Depot.



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