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7 Day Tasmania

Day 1: Fly to Tasmania – Launceston – Sheffield – Strahan

This morning you will be transferred by coach from your clubroom to Melbourne Airport fly to Launceston cataAirport. You will then be greeted in Launceston by your coach captain. Board the luxury 5-star touring coach and travel into the city of Launceston, Tasmania's second largest city. Enjoy a short city orientation tour and visit the beautiful Cataract Gorge with its cliff-side gardens, peacocks, pools, suspension foot bridge and one of the longest single span chairlift in the world (ride is optional and own expense).

Travel to the town of Sheffield to admire the wonderful out-door art gallery of impressive murals before continuing through mountain ranges, past swift-flowing rivers, steep gorges to port of Strahan situated on beautiful Macquarie Harbour. The town has its history with 'piners' who gathered the beautiful Huon pine timber, much prized for boat building. Accommodation tonight is at the Strahan Village.



Day 2: Gordon River Cruise – Strahan – The Ship that Never Was

This morning cruise the incomparable Gordon River into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and the edge of World Heritage. Cross vast Macquarie Harbour, past Sarah Island, worst convict settlement of all and follow the Gordon through stands of ancient Huon pine, sassafras and myrtle rainforest to step ashore for a wilderness board-walk at Heritage Landing.

Voyage to Hell's Gates, the aptly named harbour entrance where many early ships were destroyed by ferocious ocean swells. On return to Strahan. You will have free time to relax or explore the village including the Visitor Centre and Huon Pine saw mill.

This evening enjoy the play "The Ship that Never was" which tells the dramatic and hilarious true story of The Great Escape from Sarah Island.



Day 3: West Coast Wilderness Railway

This morning we are in for a treat as we ride the West Coast Wilderness Railway steam train through old growth rainforest. The railway uses fully 100-year-old steam locos that ran on the original rail line built for the Mt Lyell Mining & Railway Company. The copper mine at Queenstown started operation in 1893 and for over 100 years was the largest copper mine on Tasmania's west coast.

Returning to Strahan we travel to Ocean Beach and view one of Tasmania's longest beaches shaped by the roaring 40's. Return to Strahan with free time before dinner.



Day 4: Central Highlands – “The Wall” – Port Arthur

Depart Strahan via Queenstown, the spectacular Mt Owen, the winding Gormanston Hill and ghost towns of the Chamonoi Valley. Cross Lake Burbury to enter the Wild Rivers National Park. At Derwent Bridge visit “The Wall in The Wilderness”, an extraordinary work of the art being crafted telling a story of Tasmania’s Central Highlands.

In Tarraleah Gorge view the penstocks and workings of an early Hydro-electric installation before crossing the Central Plateau. Descend through hills and hop fields to historic New Norfolk.

Follow the picturesque Derwent Valley to the city of Hobart and continue to Port Arthur for your overnight accommodation.



Day 5: Port Arthur – MONA

This morning visit the Port Arthur Convict Settlement. Within 40 hectares of landscape grounds lies a rich history of Australia’s convict past.

Included in the entry is a guided walking tour, a short Harbour Cruise, access to the Visitor Centre and Interpretation Gallery as well as more than 30 buildings, ruins and restored gardens and houses.

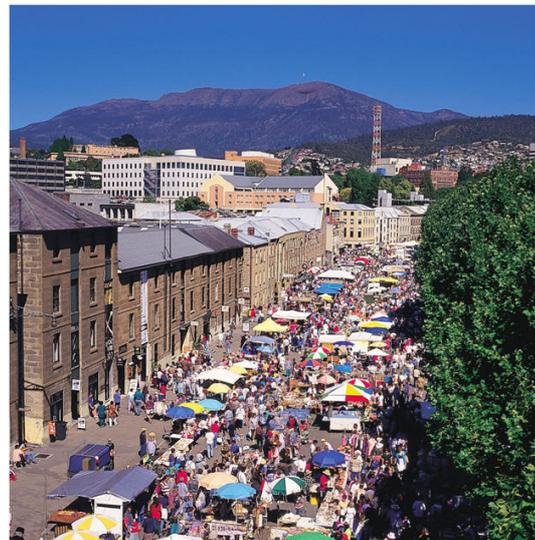
Returning to Hobart, visiting the Museum of Old and New Art-MONA. This unusual museum is gaining an international reputation for its quirky art and amazing architecture. Explore as you wish before settling into our overnight accommodation in Hobart.



Day 6: Salamanca – Free Time

As it is Saturday morning, take the opportunity to explore the famous Salamanca open-air market with its bustle and buskers, colour and excitement.

The remainder of the day is free to explore Hobart at your own pace.

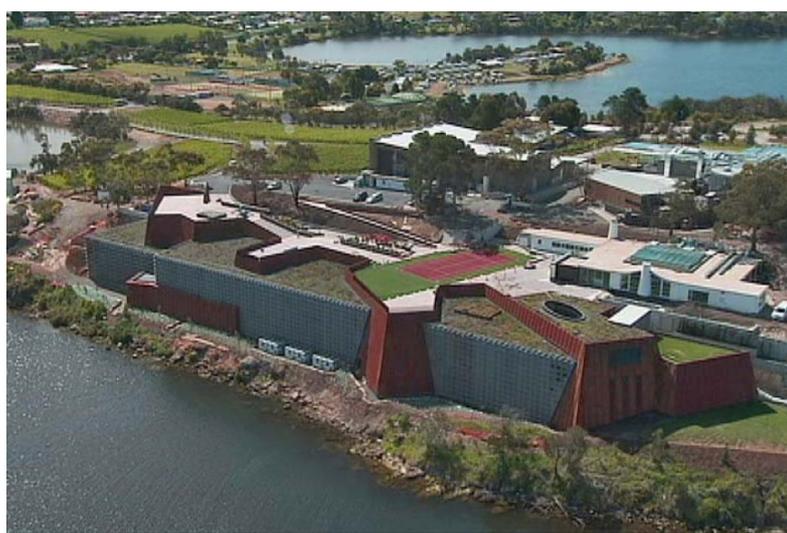


Day 7: Home

Travel to the Hobart Airport for your flight back to Melbourne. There will be a coach to meet you there and to return you back to your clubrooms with some magical memories of Tasmania.



Sarah Island



Museum of Old and New Art-MONA

