



Discover Tasmania

Overview & Itinerary

Start	Hobart, Australia
Finish	Hobart, Australia
Destination	Australia
Style	Comfort
Theme	Explorer
Code	PUCTD
Trip rating	5
Validity	17 Jun 2020 to 31 Mar 2022



Is this trip right for you?

- Please ensure you consult your local government's advice regarding domestic travel prior to booking this trip.
- When travelling in Tasmania, temperatures can get quite cold and windy, even in summer months. Have a think about what time of year suits you best to travel.
- Accommodation on this trip includes twin-share wilderness lodges and hotels.
- This trip involves plenty of walking over varied terrain and is best suited to travellers with a reasonable level of mobility. Details on physical activities can be found in the itinerary.

Physical rating

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Joining point

Lenna of Hobart
20 Runnymede Street
Hobart
Hobart
7004
AUSTRALIA

Problems and emergency contact information

'In the case of a genuine emergency, or concerns about a missed pick-up on the day of departure please contact your local ground operator on 0428 622 232. For all other enquiries please contact our reservations team on 1300 654 604.'

Hobart Operations Manager: 0428622232

Itinerary

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Day 1: Hobart

Welcome to Hobart – the capital of Tasmania. This charming city offers a distinct blend of heritage, scenery and culture nestled between its charming sandstone buildings and calm waterfront. A walk along the waterfront also yields a great view of the mountains clasping the River Derwent, and the nearby MONA is a must see for any art aficionados. At 4 pm this afternoon, meet with your guide and fellow travellers for a brief run-down of the adventure ahead, then perhaps opt to spend the evening sampling some of Hobart's fresh seafood at dinner with your group.

Accommodation

- Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included

There are no meals included on this day.

Special Information

It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be collecting insurance and emergency contact details at this time. If you are going to be late please let your travel agent or hotel reception know. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place.

Day 2: Cradle Mountain

Depart from Hobart this morning and take a leisurely drive north, passing through film set-like Oatlands, where the history-filled streets are lined with Georgian buildings. Continue on to the historic small village of Ross, which looks like it's been picked up and transported here directly from the British Isles. It's a leisurely place so take your time to explore this beautifully preserved town, its bridge, former female prison, and pop into one of the local bakeries to find the best scallop pie. Skirt the northeast corner of Cradle Mountain National Park as you stop for lunch in a small statue-filled town. Continue to the Meander Valley where local apiaries produce clover honey with light citrus and vanilla flavours, so take a sample of this sweet treat at a farm, before a hike to the Tulampanga/Alum Cliffs lookout for views over the Great Western Tiers. Get some Tassie tiger history at Mole Creek's quirky bar, then continue on to your accommodation in the heart of Cradle Valley.

Accommodation

- Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included

There are no meals included on this day.

Day 3: Launceston

Spend the morning exploring Cradle Mountain National Park along a number of different walking tracks. Consider hiking to Waldheim Chalet or along the Dove Lake Circuit, or for something more energetic, the hike to Marion's Lookout is ideal. This afternoon, head out of the national park and continue to Sheffield – known for its town mural – before continuing your journey to the historic city of Launceston. In Tasmania's second city you'll enjoy afternoon tea at the Elder's Centre, where you'll have the chance to chat with Aboriginal elders and learn how, despite everything their people have suffered on this island, Tasmania's Aboriginal culture remains. After an illuminating afternoon, head to your accommodation and a free evening in Launceston. Your leader will have all the best tips on hand.

Accommodation

- Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included

- Breakfast

Day 4: St Helens

After breakfast, experience the rugged beauty of Cataract Gorge, located on the edge of the city. From here you will experience the smells and tastes of Tasmania as you drop into the haze of lavender farm and try farmhouse cheese overlooking the picturesque Pyengana valley. Afterwards, drive towards to the north-eastern coast of Tasmania and the stunning Bay of Fires. Spanning over 50 kilometres, this stretch of coastline is well-known for its fiery orange boulder-clad landscape. This evening, spend the night in the town of St Helens. Oysters are a caught locally, so they're definitely recommended for dinner tonight.

Accommodation

- Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included

- Breakfast

Day 5: Hobart

This morning, drive south to Freycinet National Park. For those up for the challenge, try the climb to the summit of Mt Amos or join the walk to unforgettable Wineglass Bay – voted one of the world's top 10 beaches. If time permits, stop by Devils Corner winery for a tasting of the local drop. Continue south, passing through the coastal towns of Swansea and Orford before arriving back in Hobart. This evening, perhaps join your travel crew for group dinner to toast to your Tasmanian travels.

Accommodation

- Hotel (1 night)

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

Day 6: Hobart

With no activities planned for today, your Tasmanian adventure comes to an end after breakfast.

Meals Included

There are no meals included on this day.

Finishing point

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Itinerary disclaimer

ITINERARY CHANGES

Our itineraries are updated regularly throughout the year based on customer feedback and to reflect the current situation in each destination. The information included in this Essential Trip Information may therefore differ from when you first booked your trip. It is important that you review this information prior to travel so that you have the latest updates. Due to weather, local conditions, transport schedules, public holidays, or other factors, further changes may be necessary to your itinerary once in-country. The order and timing of included activities in each location may also vary seasonally to ensure our travellers have the best experience. Your tour leader will keep you up to date with any such changes once on tour.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

A selection of optional activities that have been popular with past travellers are listed in the day-to-day itinerary. This isn't an exhaustive list and should be used as a guide only for some of what might be available. Prices are approximate, are for entrance only, and don't include transport to and from the sites or local guides unless indicated.

All activities are subject to availability, and maybe on a join-in basis. It may not be possible to do all the activities listed in the time available at each destination, so some pre-planning for what you are most interested in is advised. When it's recommended that travellers pre-book these activities, look for a note in the Special Information section of the day-to-day itinerary. For most, they can either be organised independently on the day, or let your leader know you are interested in the Group Meeting and they can assist.

Where activities are considered medium or high risk, we work with operators whose safety and credentials we have sighted and assessed. Although it is possible that you may find the same activity cheaper with another operator on the ground, we cannot vouch for the safety or quality of that operator. Medium and high-risk activities not listed above have not been assessed by us and as such our staff and leaders are unable to assist you with organising these activities. Activities that contravene our Responsible Travel policies are also not listed. Please remember that the decision to partake in any activity not listed is at your own discretion and risk.

Feedback

Can't stop thinking about your adventure? Tell us all about it! We read each piece of feedback carefully and use it to make improvements for travellers like you. Share your experience with us at:

<http://www.intrepidtravel.com/feedback/>

Essential Trip Information

Important notes

Minimum numbers: this trip requires a minimum of 4 clients booked and confirmed in order to depart

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For more details on specific logistical information for this trip, see the Important Notes and Essential Trip Information sections located below the trip itinerary.

Passport and visas

All travellers, except New Zealand citizens, must obtain a visa or travel authority before travelling to Australia. Failure to do so means you may not be allowed to board your flight to Australia. Most nationalities can obtain an Electronic Travel Authority via the internet before arrival. Please check the following website or with your relevant Australian visa issuing office for your nationalities requirements. <http://www.eta.immi.gov.au/>

Medical and health information

MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

Please note this tour operates in remote regions and as such medical facilities may be difficult to access. If you have any medical conditions or take any form of medication please provide full details & nature of condition. Please provide details of medication taken.

Food and dietary requirements

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

Passengers with special dietary requirements or food allergies **MUST** ensure they or their travel agent inform Intrepid/ATA at the time of booking. Food for the trip is purchased prior to the start of the trip and special requirements cannot be catered for after departing Darwin. If you have not notified us prior to departure, you may be asked to pay for any additional food yourself. Due to the nature of our trips, food is basic but plentiful. We provide the below substitutes, please bring your own staples if you require specific foods not listed below:

No Pork (Ham alternative provided)

No Dairy (soy milk provided)

Vegetarian (additional veg and veg burgers provided)

Vegan (supply of additional fruit and veg provided)

Gluten Free (cereal, bread, wraps, pasta, snack bars, sweet and savoury biscuits provided)

*Unfortunately religious dietary requirements and specifically prepared/sourced produce are generally unable to be catered for on these remote trips.

Accommodation

Hotel (5 nights)

Transport

Minibus

Money matters

BUDGET FOR MEALS NOT INCLUDED:

Please budget for additional meals and expenses while on your trip. Our suggestion is based on past traveller feedback but you may choose to spend more or less.

The Australian Dollar (A\$) is the currency of Australia.

Credit and debit cards are readily accepted just about everywhere in Australia. Occasionally there may be a minimum spend for both in smaller shops. You can usually withdraw money from shops where EFTPOS is available. Automatic teller machines (ATMs) are common across Australia. ATM's may be limited in remote areas and your leader will advise you when to withdraw extra cash.

Credit cards in Australia require a pin number rather than a signature and may have a small surcharge for purchases.

Tipping is not expected but appreciated.

Packing

ESSENTIALS:

A variety of clothing, especially layers. You will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing, warm layers and water proof outer wear. Clothes should be easy to wash and dry. Australia has relaxed attitudes to standards of dress. It's a good idea to bring a change of nice clothes when planning on eating out in Hobart.

Even in Tasmania, sun exposure can cause sunburn. Especially so on overcast days.

Tasmania's weather can change throughout the day. Check weather reports a few days before you travel to ensure you have packed suitably warm clothing – It snows on Mt Wellington, even in the middle of summer.

Closed-in shoes will help to protect your feet from cuts and scratches when walking through bush, and will also act as a barrier protection in rare cases against bites or stings.

Sun protection - hat, sunscreen, sunglasses

Water bottle. We recommend at least a 1.5 litre capacity bottle. The sale of bottled water contributes to an enormous environmental problem around the world. In addition to the water in bottles, the production of a 1 litre plastic bottle

takes 2 litres of water and 200ml of oil. A large proportion end up in limited landfill or discarded in waterways and natural environments. Tap water in Tasmania is clean and delicious.

RECOMMENDED:

Personal medical kit. A larger kit will be on hand with your leader, but we recommend you carry items such as mild pain killers, electrolytes, Band-Aids and insect repellent.

Camera with spare batteries.

Rain jacket. For those wet days

OPTIONAL:

Ear plugs in case of snorers.

A good book, journal and music player for longer drives.

LUGGAGE LIMIT:

Luggage space is limited so please restrict your luggage to one smaller soft travel bag per person and a small daypack (cabin baggage). Any excess luggage can usually be stored at your hotel until you return.

VALUABLES:

Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables. It's also a good idea to purchase a money belt or pouch that is easily hidden. We strongly recommend that you scan/photocopy all important documents e.g. air tickets, passport, vaccination certificate, etc. and keep the copies separate from the originals. While not valid, a photocopy makes it very much easier to obtain replacements if necessary.

BATTERIES/POWER:

A spare power bank is a good idea to charge your phone or camera en route.

Batteries can be recharged from accommodation room wall sockets.

MORE!

If you need some further tips for packing, you can always check out our ultimate packing list.

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/packing-list>

Climate and seasonal information

Tasmania has four distinct seasons with the warmest months being December to March. The average maximum daily summer temperatures are between 17 and 23 degrees Celsius and winter daily temperatures sit between 3 and 11 degrees Celsius.

Even in the peak of Australia summer, Tasmania, being the most southerly point of the country is subject to cold and wet weather from Antarctica. It can get very cold, particularly at higher elevations such as Cradle Mountain. Tasmania sits on a latitude of approximately 40 degrees south, which sometimes means the wind chill from the 'roaring 40's' can make the days very cold!

Daily weather conditions in Tasmania can change very quickly from sunshine to rain. We suggest that you come prepared for all extremes, some light clothing for the sunshine and something a little more protective for the colder and possibly wet days.

Group Leader

All group trips are accompanied by a group leader. In Australia your group leader is also your driver, taking you from start to finish. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. Your leader will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, as well as recommend great local eating venues. They will also introduce you to our local friends along the way. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the areas visited on the trip, including historical, environmental, cultural and social aspects.

Safety

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/safety-guidelines>

A couple of rules

Everyone has the right to feel safe when they travel. We don't tolerate any form of violence (verbal or physical) or sexual harassment, either between customers or involving our leaders, partners or local people. Sexual relationships between a tour leader and a customer are strictly forbidden.

Use or possession of illegal drugs will not be tolerated on our trips. If you choose to consume alcohol while travelling, we encourage responsible drinking and expect that you'll abide by the local laws regarding alcohol consumption.

The sex tourism industry is known to exploit vulnerable people and have negative consequences on communities, including undermining the development of sustainable tourism. For this reason, patronising sex workers will not be tolerated on our trips.

By travelling with us you are agreeing to adhere to these rules. You must at all times comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of all countries visited, and you also agree to travel in accordance with our Responsible Travel Guidelines.

The decision of the group leader is final on all matters likely to affect the safety or well-being of any traveller or staff member participating in the trip. If you fail to comply with a decision made by a group leader, or interfere with the well-being or mobility of the group, the group leader may direct you to leave the trip immediately, with no right of refund. We may also elect not to carry you on any future trips booked.

If you feel that someone is behaving inappropriately while travelling with us, please inform your tour leader or local guide immediately. Alternatively, contact us on the emergency contact number detailed in the Problems and Emergency Contact section of this Essential Trip Information.

Travelling on a group trip

As you travel on a group trip you will be exposed to all the pleasures and maybe some of the frustrations of travelling in a group. Your fellow travellers will probably come from all corners of the world and likely a range of age groups too. We ask you to be understanding of the various needs and preferences of your group - patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required for the benefit of everyone's travel experience. Remember too that you have responsibilities to the group. If you are requested to be at a place at a certain time, ensure that you don't keep the rest of the group waiting. We have found time and time again that the very best trips we operate are those where the dynamics within the group work well - this takes just a little effort on your part. Due to privacy reasons, we are unable to provide you with contact details and any personal information about your fellow travellers booked on your trip prior to departure.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on all our trips for those travelling internationally. We require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency repatriation. If you are travelling within your home country or region please confirm before travel that you are entitled to access the public medical system easily should an accident occur. We strongly recommend all travellers have a policy that also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage or personal effects. For international trips, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance and the insurance company's 24-hour emergency contact number has been sighted by your leader.

If you have credit card insurance your group leader will require details of the participating insurer/underwriter, the level of coverage, policy number, and emergency contact number rather than the bank's name and your credit card details. Please contact your bank for these details prior to arriving in-country.

Travellers who reside within the European Union or Switzerland receive basic international health insurance, so travel insurance is not mandatory under European Union Law. However, as this does not cover situations such as emergency rescues, private health care, or repatriation to their home country, comprehensive travel insurance is

strongly recommended. European Union or Swiss travellers who decline travel insurance when travelling outside of their home region must sign a Travel Insurance Waiver Form at the Group Meeting.

For assistance with travel insurance or other services, please visit the link below:

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/booking-resources/our-services>

Responsible Travel

Our Responsible Travel Policy outlines our commitment to preserving the environment, supporting local communities, protecting the vulnerable, and giving back to the places we travel. All our trip leaders, suppliers, and staff are trained on these principles and are core to us delivering sustainable, experience-rich travel.

Explore the different parts of our Responsible Travel Policy by visiting:

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/responsible-travel>

The Intrepid Foundation

Help us change thousands of lives by creating meaningful work and supporting skills training in communities around the world.

The Intrepid Foundation is the not-for-profit for Intrepid Group. We work with local organisations around the world to improve the livelihoods of vulnerable individuals and communities through sustainable travel experiences. With our travellers' help, we've contributed more than AU \$6 million to over 100 community organisations since 2002.

Did you know that tourism is one of the biggest contributors to the global economy, making up 1 out of every 10 jobs? That's why we support local projects that create meaningful jobs and give people the skills they need to work in the destinations we take you to. And it's why we exist – to make it easy for travellers to give back to the communities and places they've been in an effective and meaningful way.

Intrepid Group covers all administration costs, every cent goes directly to the projects. Donating is simple and secure. Please ask your leader for information about the projects we support through The Intrepid Foundation or visit our website:

<http://www.theintrepidfoundation.org/>