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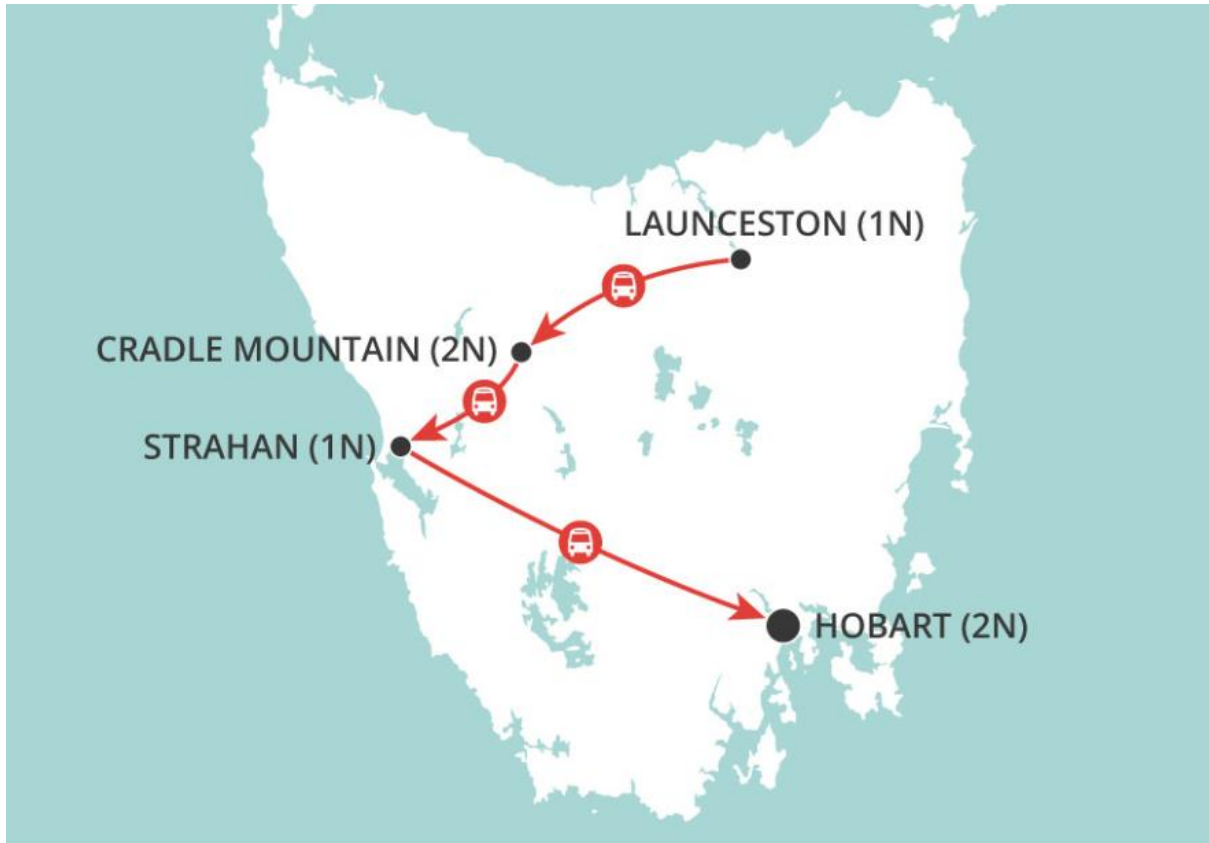
Explore the best of Tasmania – from stunning natural beauty to sampling some of the region’s freshest produce and the amazing wildlife, you’ll experience the finest Tasmania has to offer.

Tasmanian Trails

Domestic Tour | 7 Days

Launceston – Cradle Mountain – Strahan – Hobart

- Enjoy a food and wine tour to Tamar Valley
- Participate in a Tasmanian Devil’s nocturnal experience
- Cruise the Gordon River
- Gin tasting at Risby Cove Gallery
- Visit Mona Museum



Tasmanian Trails tour inclusions:

- All accommodation
- Most meals (6 breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinner)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- National Escort & English-Speaking Guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced Travel Consultants

The only thing you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping, early check in or late check out and other items not specified on the itinerary.

Domestic Tours:

See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so you can really understand the culture of the destination. On our classic domestic tours we take care of just about everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full.

Physical Level 1:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights.

This tour is rated as a **physical level 1** tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps. There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time

Of course, our guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

Joining Your Tour

The tour is 7 days in duration and does not include flights to Launceston & from Hobart. Tour price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour. Please advise your flight times to reservations.

Join the tour on Day 1 in Launceston and end the tour on Day 7 in Hobart. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

Itinerary Changes:

It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate. In these circumstances, we will make the best possible arrangements maintaining the integrity of your trip.

Itinerary – Tasmanian Trails

Day 1: Arrive Launceston

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Arrive Launceston Airport, transfer to hotel. This afternoon, depart on an Afternoon Discovery Cruise down the River Tamar. Enjoy a 40km round trip down the river, see Tamar Island, various wildlife sanctuaries, historical properties, notable vineyards, St. Matthias Church and of course the spectacular Cataract Gorge. During the 2.5-hour experience enjoy live historical commentary, afternoon tea, freshly brewed tea and coffee, local beer and wine tasting complimented with a delicious fresh fruit basket selection. Tonight, enjoy a 3 course Welcome Dinner with your group at Cataract on Paterson which includes 1 glass of sparkling wine on arrival.

Important Note: recommended time of arrival is 1pm. Arriving later than the suggested time may result in missed touring.

Hotel: Peppers Silo (Gorge River Room)

Destination Information

Launceston – Is the second major city in Tasmania and is known as a Mecca for food and wine. One of the highlights is the Tamar wine valley region

Day 2: Tamar Valley

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Enjoy award winning cool climate wines at 2-3 picturesque cellar doors and chat with the owners. Relax as you indulge in a smorgasbord lunch of Tasmania's finest local produce with a glass of wine before transferring to Cradle Mountain Lodge in the heart of Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park. On arrival at your accommodation for the next 2 nights, you'll be met by lodge staff and taken for a private wine and cheese tasting. You will taste six lovingly handcrafted wines accompanied by three boutique cheeses which showcase Tasmania's reputation for gourmet produce. Your host will guide you through the history and individuality of Tasmania's wine and cheese industry.

Hotel: Peppers Cradle Mt Lodge (Pencil Pine Cabin)

Destination Information

Tamar Valley – Is a valley in Tasmania that runs north west from Launceston. The valley is trickled with wineries along both side of the river

Cradle Mountain – Situated in the Cradle Mountain - Lake St Clair National Park at 1,545 metres above sea level it is the 6th highest mountain in Tasmania and one of the main highlights of this region offering beautiful mystical landscapes.

Day 3: Cradle Mountain

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This morning, meet one of the Lodge Rangers for a guided walk to Dove Lake. On this leisurely 6.2km walk (3hrs) you will learn about the Aboriginal history of Tasmania and bush tucker plants, European settlement of the island, and the geological features around the lake. Those that do not wish to walk the full circuit can return part way.

This evening, you'll enjoy a special Tasmanian Devils Nocturnal Experience. They are primarily a nocturnal species therefore far more active at night. Your ranger will use environmentally sensitive lighting and focus on the social interactions and feeding habits of these unique carnivores, allowing visitors a rare up-close opportunity of seeing Tasmanian devils in a group feeding situation - quite a spectacular sight. Later, enjoy a 3 course dinner with paired wines back at the lodge.

Hotel: Peppers Cradle Mt Lodge (Pencil Pine Cabin)

Day 4: Strahan

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Enjoy a leisurely morning and breakfast before leaving Cradle Valley for your journey to the quaint fishing village Strahan (approx. 2 hours drive).

Visit Strahan's Hogarth Falls for an easy stroll through an example of mixed forest to a picturesque waterfall. Among the towering gum trees, you will also find species typical of cool temperate rainforest, such as leatherwood, sassafras and myrtle. Be sure to look out for platypus, the falls are famous for them! After, transfer to Strahan for a mid-afternoon arrival where your rooms will be available for immediate check-in.

Tonight, gather with your group and walk to Risby Cove Gallery. Housed within a converted, century-old sawmill workshop with the exposed-beam framework, this local gem boasts an eclectic collection of work by Tasmanian artists. Paintings, photography, jewellery, ceramics, glass and textile art are featured in the collection. Work by Tasmanian furniture designers and sculptors using rare Tasmanian timbers, such as Huon and King Billy pine, sassafras and myrtle, form a significant part of the collection also. Artists whose work has been exhibited at Risby Cove include Tasmanian Aboriginal painter Mick Quilliam, local photographer Rick Eaves and sculptural furniture designer James Vaughn. Enjoy a guided Tasmanian Gin Tasting on arrival and a private tour by the curator, Ella.

You'll then be escorted to Risby Cove Restaurant for a 3 course dinner. Immerse yourselves in the food and wine as you take in the incredible views over the Marina and Harbour through the floor to ceiling windows.

Hotel: Strahan Village (Harbourview Hilltop Executive Room)

Destination Information

Strahan – Is a harbourside village with a dark and fascinating convict past set on the edge of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area

Hogarth Falls – A 15-metre-high waterfall picturesquely situated a short walk from Strahan village

Day 5: Gordon River Cruise**B, L, D**

This morning following an early breakfast, board the award-winning Gordon River Cruise for a guided wilderness journey across Macquarie Harbour and up the Gordon River. Macquarie Harbour is a vast body of water that measures six times the size of Sydney Harbour and the Gordon River Cruise gives you a unique perspective on our natural Tasmanian wilderness and the amazing west coast. During your wilderness cruise, wander amongst the largest tract of temperate rainforest surviving on earth, home to trees thousands of years old. After a chef-prepared lunch showcasing Tasmanian produce, explore the ruins of Sarah Island, once a dreaded penal colony and the largest boat building settlement in the British colonies.

Your guide will recount astonishing stories of the convicts, soldiers, settlers and shipwrights who lived and worked there.

At 12:30pm a delicious lunch will be served. Enjoy your upgraded Premier Upper Deck seats with free-flowing Tasmanian wine, leather recliners and a private viewing deck. Upon conclusion of your cruise, meet your coach and transfer south to Hobart (approx. 4 hours' drive) arriving in the early evening. Tonight, gather in the lobby and transfer by coach to Shene Estate in Pontville. This stunning historic property is now an award-winning distillery. Once an ostentatious country residence of early colonialist Gamaliel Butler, Shene's rich history has direct links with King George III, Governor Lachlan Macquarie and World Heritage Sites. Today it's a spirited place producing Tasmania's only triple distilled whisky. You'll be met by the owner and Head Distiller David Kerne, his family and his loveable dog "Rudd", who will take you on a fascinating tour followed by dinner at the Estate.

Hotel: Henry Jones Art Hotel (Standard Room)

Day 6: Bruny Island Foodie Experience**B, L**

Depart on your Full Day Bruny Island Foodie Experience! Be prepared for a delicious day out where you will enjoy award winning cheeses, premium wines and beer, freshly shucked oysters, handcrafted whisky and fudge, local honey and a delicious lunch at Pennicott's beachside restaurant with sweeping views of Adventure Bay.

Meet and hear the stories of island producers including an exclusive cheese and beer experience at Bruny Island Cheese company and sweet taste sensations from Bruny Island Chocolate Company and Bruny Island Honey.

Get Shucked's famous Bruny oysters will be served alongside lunch. We recommend the premium Tasmanian fish, chips and salad to keep you fuelled as you continue exploring. Lunch is accompanied by two glasses of quality Tasmanian wine, beer, cider or juices.

Hotel: Henry Jones Art Hotel (Standard Room)

Day 7: Hobart – Depart Hobart**B, L**

This morning, meet your vehicle and transfer out to Barilla Oyster Farm for a 1 hour tour which includes; an informative overview of oyster farming, processing and grading, a live oyster display and interaction, Beach tour to see the oyster lease, Access to seeing dried abalone in a processing environment, a taste of o Gillespie's Ginger Beer- Tasmania's traditional ginger beer and six freshly shucked oysters!

After, you'll be transferred to Brooke Street Pier to board your luxury catamaran to MONA (Museum of Old and New Art). Ride in style down the Derwent River in the Posh Pit, with canapes, wine and private access to the bow of the ship. Mona, the Museum of Old and New Art, is Australia's largest privately-owned gallery and museum. Showcasing the diverse collection of its owner, Tasmanian gambler and maths nerd David Walsh, Mona exhibits everything from ancient Egyptian funerary objects and modernist masterpieces to a word waterfall and a machine that mimics the human digestive system. The Mona site - perched on the banks of the River Derwent, not far from Hobart - is also home to the Moorilla vineyard, the oldest in Tasmania. Upon arrival at MONA, enjoy some time at leisure to roam the stunning subterranean architecture which showcases the highlights of David Walsh's \$110m private collection.

Later, depart on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Moorilla winery and vineyard. You'll taste the wine as it's being made and delve into the backstory of Moorilla, David Walsh and Claudio Alcorso, who planted Moorilla's first vines. The tour includes an exclusive tasting of the best wines from Moorilla. Lastly, indulge in a 1 course lunch with matched wine at Mona's flagship restaurant, Source, before catching your ferry back to Hobart.

Important Note: Recommended time of departure is after 4pm. Departing earlier may result in missed touring

Tasmanian Trails - Travel Information

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from four star to superior hotel standard. All group tour hotels have private bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and telephone. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort/Local Guide. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

Porterage

Please be aware that porterage is included on our tours in Australia.

Transport

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary.

Group Size

Most of our groups consist of 15 travellers or more and will be accompanied by both a National Escort and local guides. On this Classic Australian Tour there will be no more than 20 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling. For some specialty experiences (cruising, flights, or specialty vehicles) and meals you will join in on a larger group.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 15 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so.

Tipping Policy

Although tipping in Australia is not customary, if you feel you have received an excellent service, please feel free to tip your guide at your discretion.

Packing List and Climate

You will find a complete packing list and a helpful climate chart in the 'Suggested Packing List', which will be included in the pre-departure information link sent within your deposit documentation. Seasonal weather patterns can be quite unpredictable. Up to the minute information on worldwide weather can be found on www.weather.com

Luggage

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 23kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 10 kilograms. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. Please note that authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage confiscated.

Personal Expenses & Optional Tours

Personal Expense - You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of AU\$250 per person, per week should be sufficient; however, for those that cannot resist a bargain or may wish to participate in all of the optional excursions, consider allocating a higher amount.

Optional Tours - May be offered in each city you visit during your tour. These are not included in the standard itinerary and will only be available if time permits and if seats are available. In your Final Documentation an Optional Excursion Sheet will be included outlining the activities available in each city and local cost associated.

Please ensure you have additional funds available if you feel you may wish to participate in any extra activities. Each option will be arranged locally by your National Escort/Local Guide, participation and tipping for optional excursions is completely at your discretion.

Vaccinations and Your Health

We recommend that you contact either your GP or Travelvax (1300 360 164) for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Travelvax has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.travelvax.com.au

Before You Leave

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with www.smartraveller.gov.au as in the event of an emergency, Australian Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the Australian Government's travel advisory service for up to date information about your destination on the same website.

After Your Booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, which includes a visa application form (if applicable), and a help sheet. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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