

Tasmania

23 February - 9 March 2023

14 Nights

TOUR OVERVIEW

Tasmania has amazingly varied scenery, with more than a third of the island protected in a network of national parks, forest and marine reserves and a world heritage area. This tour will take you to spectacular coastlines, pristine beaches, ice-carved mountains, lush gardens and rainforests. The island has a fascinating, and often dark, history, which you can immerse yourself in at historic places and museums. Try delicious local food, including fresh seafood, and elegant wines. And you'll meet the locals — warm and welcoming people who enjoy showcasing their island to visitors.



TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Direct return flights Auckland to Hobart
- The services of an experienced New Zealand-based Calder & Lawson tour manager
- 14 nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Other meals as specified in the itinerary
- All group transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Admissions as detailed in the itinerary
- Sightseeing tours with local guides as detailed in the itinerary
- All tips for local guides and other service providers
- Pre-tour material

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise the spectacular coastline of Bruny Island
- Wander the famous Salamanca market, trying delectable local produce
- Marvel at the breathtaking Wineglass Bay
- Explore Tasmania's chilling convict past at Port Arthur and Sarah Island
- Marvel at the diversity of the unique plants and animals that make Tasmania their home: wombats, echidna, pademelon, platypus, Tasmanian Devils and more
- Take a cruise on Macquarie Harbour
- Admire the craggy peaks of Cradle Mountain and the serenity of Dove Lake
- Ride the rails of the fabulous steam trains of the West Coast Wilderness railway
- Appreciate the carved trees of Legerwood and the carvings of 'The Wall in the Wilderness'
- Spend a full day exploring the Huon river valley including the wooden boat building school

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Airline taxes
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Beverages during included meals, unless specified
- Hotel or airport portorage

IS THIS TOUR FOR ME?

This tour is a comprehensive exploration of Tasmania with several two or three night stays, which will make for a full itinerary but at a relaxed pace.

A good level of fitness and agility, and the ability to walk and stand for two to three hours at a time, is recommended to fully enjoy all the activities of the tour.

TOUR PRICE

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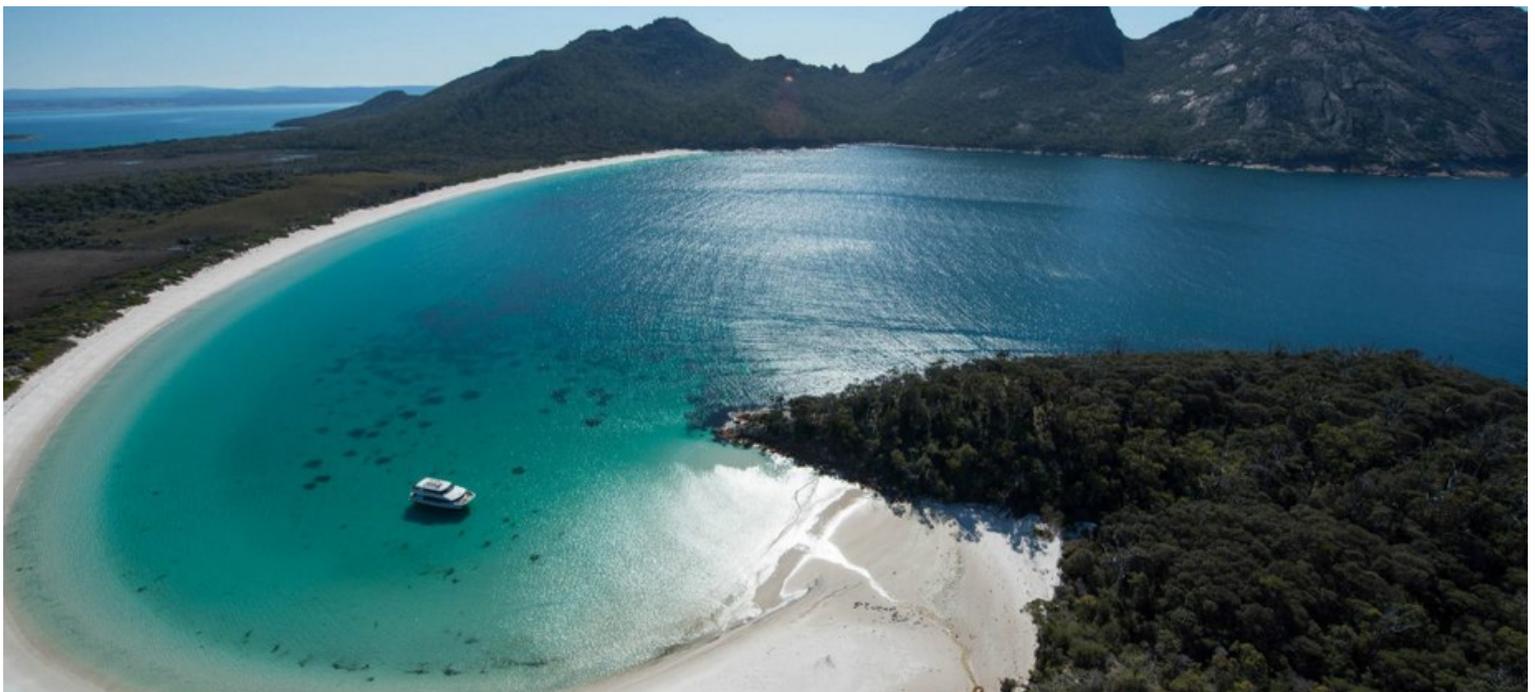
Share twin per person	NZD \$8,195
Single supplement (limited availability)	NZD \$2,395

Please contact Calder & Lawson Tours if you are interested in a single occupancy place.

GROUP SIZE Minimum 10, maximum 18

VARIATIONS IN TRAVEL We can make arrangements for any travel you would like to do before or after this tour, or book business class flights. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

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DAILY ITINERARY

Thursday 23 February 2023
New Zealand - Hobart
(Australia)

Meals: In-Flight/D
Flight: 4 Hours
Overnight: Hobart

Meet your tour manager and group in Auckland, and fly direct to Hobart on Air New Zealand. You will be transferred to your hotel, perfectly located on the waterfront in the heart of the city. Take a walk through the historic precinct of Battery Point then relax or stretch your legs on the waterfront, before enjoying a welcome dinner with the group.

Friday 24 February
Bruny Island

Meals: B/L
Overnight: Hobart

Take a ferry ride to stunning Bruny Island, before boarding a custom-built boat to explore the spectacular coastline and wildlife of the island. Cruise beneath the towering crags of some of Australia's highest sea cliffs, and enter deep sea caves. Search for wildlife such as seals, dolphins, migrating whales and sea birds. Enjoy a late lunch and then some free time to explore, before catching a ferry back to Hobart.

Saturday 25 February
Hobart

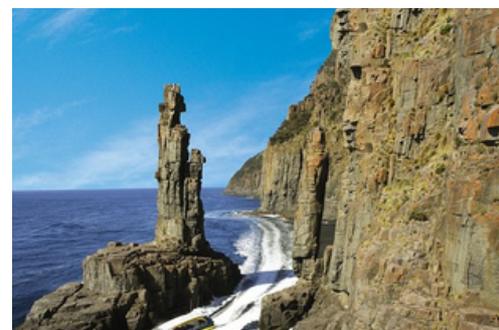
Meals: B/D
Overnight: Hobart

You can spend the whole morning at the world-famous Salamanca Market. Among the many outdoor stalls you can meet local food producers, taste samples and enjoy the atmosphere of this very popular market. In the after-noon visit the fabulous Museum of Old and New Art, or MONA. Its buildings would be worth visiting even if they were empty. But they're not, and MONA houses a collection of unusual, striking, and in some cases challenging art objects. You will have a guided introductory tour of the key exhibits and time to explore on your own, before returning to Hobart by ferry and dinner with the group this evening

Sunday 26 February
Huon River Valley

Meals: B/D
Overnight: Hobart

Explore the rich agricultural land of Huon Valley, and drive beside forest clad rivers and through fishing villages set by picturesque inlets. Pass through the town of Huonville on the way to Franklin. This is the home of wooden boat building, where you will visit the fascinating wooden boat centre and boat-building school where shipwrights impart traditional skills to students from around the world. After calling into the country town of Geeveston, visit a family-owned business where four generations of orchardists have grown apples and turned some into delicious cider.



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Monday 27 February
Richmond, Port Arthur

Meals: B/D

Overnight: Port Arthur

Head to the village of Richmond to experience Tasmanian colonial heritage, with heritage-listed buildings found on almost every street. Then tour the re-mains of Port Arthur convict site, and hear stories about the unlucky inhabit-ants of this large, infamous and almost escape-proof facility. Later, on a guided tour of the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Park, you will come face to face with the endangered devils, and see endemic quolls and pademelons. Travel on to Triabunna for an overnight stop.

Tuesday 28 February
Maria Island

Meals: B/L

Overnight: Freycinet Lodge

Hop on a ferry to exquisite Maria Island. Described as a zoo without the fences, the national park that forms the island contains a host of animals that you will be introduced to on your guided tour. Enjoy lunch on the Island, then return to the mainland in mid-afternoon. Stops at Kates Berry Farm and Devils Corner cellar door will give you the opportunity to try local produce and some of the state's excellent pinot noir. Your home for the night is Freycinet Lodge, a stunning secluded property in a coastal bush setting.

Wednesday 1 March
Freycinet National Park

Meals: B/L

Overnight: Scamander

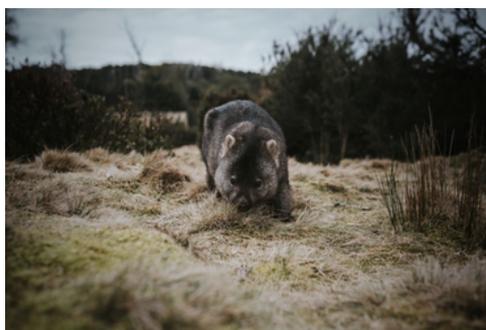
Take a cruise to experience the exquisite beauty of Wineglass Bay. Often voted in the top 10 beaches of the world, this is a perfect arc of talcum white sand and clear water. Back on land you will travel out to visit the Cape Tourville lighthouse, set in the pink granite rocks of The Hazards. At Bicheno blowhole you can experience the power of the ocean concentrating waves into jets of water exploding from a hole in the granite rocks.

Thursday 2 March
North East Tasmania

Meals: B/D

Overnight: Scamander

Explore the North East today. Drive out to the Bay of Fires, one of the most scenic sections of coastline in Tasmania, where the ocean meets eucalypt forests and granite headlands. Have time to explore St Helens, situated on Georges Bay and home to the state's largest fishing fleet. Take an optional hour-long walk at St Columba Falls. Then visit the emerald-green valley of Pyengana, where for more than 130 years cheesemakers have been creat-ing some of Australia's finest artisan farmhouse cheese from rich creamy milk. There is a tasting session, of course.



DAILY ITINERARY

Friday 3 March

Launceston

Meals: B/L/D

Overnight: Launceston

Drive from Scamander to Launceston with several stops along the way. At Legerwood, see 25 carved memorial trees, where statues have been carved from trees to represent fallen World War 1 soldiers. Then it's on to Sideling Lookout for views of the surrounding area. Lunch today is at Bridestowe lavender farm. You stay overnight in Tasmania's second-biggest city, Launceston.

Saturday 4 March

Cataract Gorge and Devonport

Meals: B/D

Overnight: Cradle Mountain

A free morning to explore Launceston before heading out to Cataract Gorge where you will have the opportunity to travel across the gorge in the world's longest single span chairlift. In the afternoon, drive into the interior of the island and spend time in Cradle Mountain.

Sunday 5 March

Cradle Mountain

Meals: B/D

Overnight: Strahan

Spend the morning in Lake St Clair National Park, with options of a guided sightseeing drive or a 6-km walk around Dove Lake. This is one of Australia's best short walks, with views of Cradle Mountain. While walking through Tasmania's unique vegetation, including the ancient Ballroom Forest, with luck you might spot an echidna or platypus. Leave the national park and head to Zeehan to visit the excellent West Coast Heritage Centre to gain an insight into the history and heritage of the region. Your base for the next two nights is the port town of Strahan.

Monday 6 March

Strahan

Meals: B/L/D

Overnight: Strahan

Take a cruise on beautiful Macquarie Harbour, rich with history and home to a fish farming industry. Reach the harbour heads and Sarah Island, where a guided tour will illuminate the troubled past of this former penal settlement. Visit Gordon River, now a world heritage site but saved from destruction when protests stopped a dam being built. Lunch is on board. After some free time back in Strahan to rest or explore, take a rollicking look at the convict days through the dramatic and funny true story of the great escape from Sarah Island, in the play 'The ship that never was'.



DAILY ITINERARY

Tuesday 7 March
Strahan - Queenstown
Meals: B/L/D
Overnight: Queenstown

Take a steam train ride on the spectacular vintage West Coast Wilderness Railway to Queenstown. You'll travel along the edge of the beautiful King River, then deep into the cool temperate rainforest at Dubbil Barril. To cross a mountain range, special rack-and-pinion engines are used.

Following your rail journey, have lunch at the train station and then a free afternoon and evening in Queenstown. This was once the world's richest mining town, and its industrial past has left it surrounded by a surreal and rocky moonscape of bare coloured rocks. There's plenty to explore, and one option is a movie at the restored Paragon Theatre, an art deco gem that is the centre of the town's social and cultural scene.

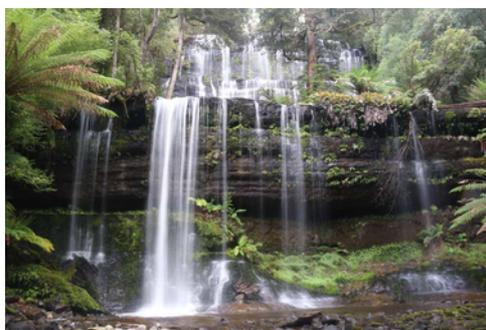
Wednesday 8 March
Queenstown - Hobart
Meals: B/D
Overnight: Hobart

On leaving Queenstown you will first be treated to a spectacular lookout over the geological wound of Iron Blow, a decommissioned open-cast mine. Then it's on to 'The Wall in the Wilderness', a dramatic art installation made up of a 100-metre long wall of scented and rare Huon pine. In it the artist's carvings portray and pay homage to the history of the Central Highlands and the grit and determination of the people who make up its history.

After time for a lunch stop at Derwent, travel on to Hobart. On the way you'll stop at the Railtrack Riders, where you can travel along a section of railway on a bicycle fitted on rail wheels (optional), and at the tiered-cascade of Russell Falls. Check in to your hotel in Hobart and have a farewell dinner with the group this evening.

Thursday 9 March
Hobart - New Zealand
Meals: B/In-Flight

Transfer to Hobart Airport for your direct flight back to Auckland on Air New Zealand. The Calder & Lawson Tours team is happy to make any post-tour arrangements for you, including stopovers or extensions.



HOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR

A deposit of \$1,000 is required to secure your place on the tour. When minimum numbers are reached, the tour will become a 'confirmed departure' and your deposit will be non-refundable. At that point we will advise when the tour payment is due.

Click below to complete the online registration form, pay the \$1,000 deposit and your place in this tour is secured. Or you can complete a paper registration form. You can download one from our website www.calderandlawsonstours.co.nz/forms/ or give us a call and we will email or post one to you.

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Can be found on our website www.calderandlawsonstours.co.nz/forms/, on the back of the paper registration form or on the summary page when you complete an online registration. There is a 2.5% surcharge if you wish to pay by credit card.

Flights

The planned flights for this tour are as follows:

Auckland to Hobart - Air New Zealand
Departs Auckland 23 February 2023 @ 09:00 AM

Hobart to Auckland - Air New Zealand
Departs Hobart 9 March 2023 @ 12:30 PM
Arrive into Auckland 9 March 2023 @ 18:00 PM

If you have credits with Air NZ, we can work with you to use these and give you a credit on your tour price.

If you would like to extend your stay in Australia please let us know.

This information is accurate as of 1 July 2022 and is subject to change based on airline schedules and availability.

