



## Tasmania – SmallGroup Travel, 2021

### Day 1 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Arrival in Hobart

Welcome to Tasmania! On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of your day is at leisure. This evening we have a welcome dinner organised at Old Wharf. Through its design, Old Wharf Restaurant tells the story of industry in Tasmania, capturing the tough life of the early industrial pioneers in mining, whaling, fishing, boat building and farming. The hardy environment of those early days is reflected in the restaurant's raw and robust design elements, incorporating anodised steel and recycled wharf timbers. Led by Saffire Freycinet's former Head Chef Simon

Pockran, locally sourced ingredients are delivered in a menu that hinges on Tasmania's pure produce and latest catch. (D)

*Overnight Old Woolstoore – Hotel Room or similar*

### **Day 2 - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Hobart to Bruny Island**

Depart your hotel for your 10am ferry straight out to Bruny Island. The ferry ride is only 10 minutes – you can choose to stay on board your bus, or you can hop out, take in the wild landscape and breathe in the fresh ocean air. Bruny Island delivers the ultimate Tasmanian wilderness experience.

Lunch is organised for you on arrival at Bruny Hotel which is a set menu. Serving up amazing seafood meals and of course your pub favourites, they have a great focus on local premium products to go with the sensational views of the channel and satellite island. You can also taste the locally brewed Bruny Cider here too.

The rest of your day is yours to explore with your driver – you will visit some of the island's most spectacular lookout points and enjoy the pristine wilderness so close to the mainland.

Take the ferry back to Hobart. (B,L)

*Overnight Old Woolstoore – Hotel Room or similar*

### **Day 3 – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Port Arthur**

Depart at 0745 this morning towards Port Arthur. Board your cruise (shared) for an unforgettable three-hour wilderness cruise along the spectacular coastline between Port Arthur and Eaglehawk Neck in southern Tasmania.

The cruise travels beneath the highest vertical sea cliffs in the Southern Hemisphere at Cape Pillar. Guests explore waterfalls, rock formations, archways and deep-sea caves. The coastline is part of the Tasman National Park. It is home to a variety of wildlife including hundreds of seals, migrating whales and abundant sea birds in their thousands.

At any time of year, you're likely to see the feeding frenzy of diving gannets, albatross and sea eagles wheeling on the wind, cliff-nesting cormorants and peregrine falcons, or a pod of playful dolphins surfing the bow wave of the boat. Covered open-air tiered seating means an excellent all-round view and connection with the environment. The boats are safe, comfortable and gentle on the environment due to their fuel efficiency and low emission operation.

You will arrive at Port Arthurs' Historic Site where the café is available for you to purchase something for lunch before exploring this incredibly fascinating site with a local expert guide. Port Arthur Historic Site is a special place of vivid history, cultural heritage and stories so compelling, you'll want to hear them again and again. It's a place of global significance – one of the 11 places that make up the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Australian Convict Sites. And it's one of Australia's favourite tourist destinations. Come and discover the real people and living history of Port Arthur Historic Site.

After you have absorbed some convict history, head down the road to the Coal Mines. The Coal Mines Historic Site is an outstanding example of the 19th-century European global strategy of using the forced labour of convicts. Illustrating the importance of labour and production, classification, punishment and surveillance in the penal system and the role of the convict in the establishment of colonial economies, the Coal Mines Historic Site is listed as one of the 11 sites that together form the Australian Convict Sites World Heritage Property, inscribed on the World Heritage list in 2010.

At around 4.30pm, you will take in some of the incredible natural sites such as Remarkable Caves and Crescent Bay. You can drive to Remarkable Caves and then it's a relatively flat 45 minute walk to Crescent Bay which will greet you with dramatic sand dunes running down to the water's edge. Visit the tessellated pavement and lastly, Federation Artisan Chocolate who are committed to ensuring their products use ingredients that have been grown and made in a sustainable and ethical manner AND their chocolate is delicious.

You will head to the brand new Van Bone restaurant located in the tiny yet stunning coastal town of Marion Bay. Van Bone is where sustainability and locality are the key focus and ethos, within a beautiful and intimate setting. Timothy Harding, the head chef, brings his experience in European starred restaurants and at Victorian regional favourite Brae to deliver a feast of local shellfish and sumptuous bush foods. After dinner, continue on to Orford Blue Waters where you will spend the next two nights. (B,D)

*Overnight Orford Blue Waters or similar*

#### **Day 4 – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Maria Island**

Depart your hotel this morning to Triabunna where you take the ferry over to Maria Island. Step back in time, slow down and enjoy a big day out on this island National Park. Maria Island has a diverse range of highlights including convict history, spectacular coastal cliffs and deserted beaches.

Drive to the ferry and 30 minutes across the water, brings you to Maria Island – a stunning island National Park. It is rich in local wildlife, amazing scenery and world heritage convict history. There are no vehicles here and the nature is simply outstanding. The day is yours at leisure to explore the island on foot. A picnic lunch will be packed for you.

For those feeling active, there are many walks exploring the beautiful Painted Cliffs, the dramatic Fossil Cliffs and the remarkable Darlington World Heritage convict site. With no cars on the island the area is peaceful, beautiful, the pace is slow and relaxed, and the beaches are perfect for swimming.

You have an opportunity to swim, photograph and soak up the island life as Maria works its magic on you. Maria Island is a National Park so we are exposed to all that nature will offer on the day, so please come prepared.

The island is a haven for abundant wildlife, it is one of Tasmania's bird watching hot spots. Wombats can also be seen around the island, as well as Pademelons, Forester Kangaroos, Bennetts wallabies and Tasmanian Devils.



Even the ferry ride is part of the highlights of the day, the waters we cross are also abundant in sea life, keep your eyes peeled for dolphins, seals and penguins along the way. Return to the mainland and transfer to your accommodation. (B,L,D)

*Overnight Orford Blue Waters or similar*

#### **Day 5 – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Freycinet Coast Wineries**

Explore the west coast and its region known for its wine. Your first stop this morning is at Craigie Knowe Vineyard located within the oldest vineyard on the east coast, you will experience the passion behind these quality handcrafted wines.

You will meet the family responsible for producing the exceptional fruit that creates these wines and hear how this is achieved.

Your tasting will be from high quality glassware and you will learn about each wine and how it is crafted. It will also be paired with a cheese board for lunch. You will be taken on a relaxed, guided and seated tasting as you are presented with each of their wines; pinot noir, riesling, cabernet, pinot gris and chardonnay. You will hear how the vineyard management practices at Craigie Knowe help nurture each vine and therefore enable their winemaker to make the exceptional wines presented. Intertwined in this interactive experience, are snippets of the history of the vineyard and property and how we came to be the current custodians.

From here, you will continue to your accommodation. (B,L)

*Overnight Freycinet Lodge – Cabin Room or similar*

#### **Day 6 – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Freycinet**

This morning, set off for two different walks. The first is at Cape Tourville, the old lighthouse – there is a boardwalk to follow and this is a flat and easy path. This walk takes approx. 30 mins to complete and takes in incredible coastal views.

For those feeling active, there is also the Wineglass Bay lookout walk which is approx. 1000 steps. There are chairs to rest every couple of hundred metres and several lookout points along the way for those who do not wish to do the full walk. The view from the top overlooking the contrasting colours of Wineglass Bay, is well worth the effort!

Return to Freycinet Lodge for a deluxe BBQ experience taking in the best of the regions local produce. This lunch is sure to be a memorable one – not only for the incredible views, but the food is to die for!

The remainder of the afternoon is yours at leisure. (B,L)

*Overnight Freycinet Lodge – Cabin Room or similar*

**Day 7 – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Oyster Farm to Launceston**

Head to an oyster farm this morning where you will don a pair of waders and wade out into the waters and shuck delicious oysters fresh out of the water. Learn about the humble oyster, the process of shucking them and taste the freshest oysters you have ever eaten. You will also learn about mussels which started growing on the chains of the oyster leases. There will be plenty of time to also enjoy some freshly BBQ'd mussels.

Continuing north, you will drive to Launceston where the afternoon is yours at leisure. This evening, dinner is included and is a set two-course menu.

*Overnight Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston in Superior Rooms or similar*

**Day 8 – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 Barnbougle or Cataracts Gorge**

For those keen to play golf, depart this morning along the rugged north east coast of Australia's island state to one of the most ideal places in the world for a links golf course. It is on this coastal strip, where stark beaches fold into undulating farmlands, that Barnbougle Golf Links has been crafted out of an extraordinary landscape.

Barnbougle is now a name that represents two iconic golf courses, true golfing treasures for both the enthusiast, and social golfer. This is a destination that resonates of the game's connection to ancient Scotland and Ireland. Ruthless Marram Grass, wide open fairways and exquisite hole layouts make for an unforgettable challenge. With fresh Tasmanian air and the omnipresent echo of crashing waves, Barnbougle is the perfect golfing getaway.

For those not golfing, enjoy the day at leisure. The Cataract Gorge is an easy 15 min walk from town and is well worth taking the time to explore at your own pace. Here you'll find walking and hiking trails, the world's longest single span chairlift, swimming pool, restaurant, kiosk, cafe peacocks and wildlife, beautiful gardens, suspension bridge, inclinor for easy access, Interpretation Centre and panoramic lookouts with spectacular views. (B)

*Overnight Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston in Superior Rooms or similar*

**Day 9 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 Cradle Mountain**

Today is a long drive day as you head inland towards Cradle Mountain. A stop for lunch (own expense) will be made along the way. Arriving around 3pm, you will have some time at leisure. At 5.30pm, visit Devils @ Cradle, a world class wildlife conservation facility at Tasmania's premier wilderness destination. The spectacular and pristine wilderness of Cradle Mountain is home to the mysterious and secretive Tasmanian Devil.

Devils @ Cradle is a unique Tasmanian conservation sanctuary located at the entrance to the spectacular World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park. Whilst concentrating primarily on the Tasmanian devil, the sanctuary is also home to the closely related Spotted-tail and Eastern quolls. Tasmania's three largest carnivorous marsupials are all now threatened in one way or another in the wild.

You can view these animals from the comfort of the visitor centre, wander through the sanctuary at their leisure, or join a personalised guided tour which ensures a close-up encounter with our animals. Your visit will provide an insight into the daily operation of a working conservation facility for one of the world's iconic animals, knowing your ticket fee is contributing to our conservation of these species.

Dinner this evening is a two course set menu at your hotel. (B,D)

*Overnight Cradle Mountain Hotel – Standard Room or similar*

#### **Day 10 – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 Cradle Mountain Explorer**

The Park Explorer Tour is a fully guided interpretive tour whereby you discover the unique flora, fauna and geographical features of the World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park.

Enjoy a 2-hour guided tour amongst the wilderness and experience the awesome views across Dove Lake to the jagged dolerite peaks of Cradle Mt, wander through the ancient King Billy Pine Forest at Waldheim Chalet and enjoy a short rainforest walk to Pencil Falls.

The remainder of the day is yours at leisure. Dinner this evening is included at your hotel and is a set two-course menu. (B,D)

*Overnight Cradle Mountain Hotel – Standard Room or similar*

#### **Day 11 – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Cradle Mountain to Strachan**

This morning you will depart for Strachan. Enroute, stop for morning tea at Rosebery Bakehouse for a tasty treat (payable locally). Arrive into Strachan around midday. There are plenty of things to keep you occupied this afternoon. For those looking to experience more, we can organise optional tours Morrisons Huon Pine Sawmill, Hogfirth Falls (2.5km walk), the ship that never was. This evening, a two-course dinner is included. (B,D)

*Overnight Strachan Village – Hilltop Standard Room or similar*

#### **Day 12 - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Wilderness Railway**

Set off for a four-hour Rack and Gorge tour and take a heritage steam train journey through remote rainforest to the incredible King River Gorge.

As you travel through the west coast's cool temperate rainforest, you will climb one of the Southern Hemisphere's steepest tracks under the unique power of the Abt Rack and Pinion system. This system was designed in the seventeenth century and transformed the fortunes of the west coast during the late nineteenth century, and the only operating Abt rack and pinion railway in the Southern Hemisphere.

Stop at historic stations, traverse the deep chasm of the King River Gorge, and see the places where early west coast pioneers lived and worked to create this extraordinary railway.

During your experience, your guide will share stories of the determined and visionary people who carved out their fortunes in one of the most difficult and remote landscapes imaginable. Hear tales of the rogues and rivalry that led to the creation of the richest copper mining company in the world and marvel at how nature has prevailed through it all. Return to Strachan where the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. (B)

*Overnight Strachan Village – Hilltop Standard Room or similar*

### **Day 13 – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Gordon River Cruise**

This morning you will set off on your Gordon River Cruise, seated on the main deck with lunch included. Venture deep into the UNESCO Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area to share with you, the ancient rainforest, mysterious history and colourful characters of Tasmania's west coast. Onboard dedicated guides and character-based interpretation, will take you through the history of this remarkable place as you cruise across Macquarie Harbour to Hells Gates and then on to the Gordon River. Returning at 2pm, the remainder of the day is yours at leisure. (B,L)

*Overnight Strachan Village – Hilltop Standard Room or similar*

### **Day 14 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Strachan to Hobart**

This morning you will farewell Strachan as you make your way back towards Hobart. You will stop via Queenstown and also visit Nelson Falls. Lunch today is at the Derwent Bridge Hotel (payable locally). Continue on to the Wall In the Wilderness. The Wall In The Wilderness is situated at Derwent Bridge in Tasmania's Central Highlands. It is Australia's most ambitious art project undertaken in recent years. By 2015 creator/designer, Greg Duncan plans to carve the history of the highlands in 100 metres of timber, most of which will be in our rare Huon Pine.

The beautifully carved works set out in relief sculpture depict the history, hardship and perseverance of the people in the Central Highlands and pay homage to the individuals who settled and protected the area.

Duncan is already known for the uncanny realism he brings to his work and his pieces are sought after by collectors around the world. Each metre of the panels, including horses, thylacines and foresters represents a month's work. There is nothing like this anywhere else in Australia. The Wall is a world-class experience.

Arrive back into Hobart in the evening. (B)

*Overnight The Woolstore – Hotel Room or similar*

### **Day 15 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Hobart – Departure**

Your morning is free to explore before you are transferred to the airport. Being a Saturday, why not Salamanca market, one of Australia's most vibrant and loved outdoor markets. It starts at 08:30 every

Saturday. Enjoy the food, the art galleries, the locally made artisan goods and admire the historic warehouses on Hobart's picturesque waterfront.

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

You may want to arrive earlier in Hobart or extend your stay. MONA is a must do if you haven't been to Hobart before or even if you want to revisit!

Please contact me for more information.

*I look forward to exploring this wonderful Island with you. No passports and just a short flight!*

### **End of Services**

*An itinerary may at times be altered by our guides due to local conditions, the skill of participants and other unexpected circumstances such as indigenous community requirements, practices and customs and weather. Our priority is always the experience and safety of our clients.*

### **Cost per person based on twin share accommodation based on a group of 16**

\$5875 AUD per person – Non golfers

Day of golf at Barnbougle \$ 255 per person (The golf pricing also includes use of an executive golf set, pull cart and golf range balls)

Single supplement: \$1090 per person

#### **Inclusions:**

- 14 nights accommodation
- 14 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- Private transportation including driver for 15 days
- Entrance fees for national parks, Port Arthur Historic Site, Tasman Island Cruise, Bruny Island Ferry, Maria Island ferry, Marine Farm Tour, 1 x round of golf at Barnbougle (golfer supplement), Wilderness Gallery – Cradle Mountain, Gordon River Cruise, Wilderness Railway, The Wall in the Wilderness, winery tour and cheese platter, Van Bone dinner, Cradle Mountain Explorer

#### **Exclusions:**

- International and domestic flights
- Services of a guide
- Visas
- Travel and medical insurance
- All services, meals other than those indicated above
- Any changes to the proposed and confirmed program.
- All items of a personal nature e.g. drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips etc



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A non –refundable deposit of \$1175 per person is required to secure your reservation.

Full payment is required no later than 8 January, 2021

**Travel Insurance**

Travel Insurance is recommended.

**FLIGHTS**

I would be happy to help you with booking appropriate flights.

I look forward to exploring more of Australia with you!

Best wishes

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