



PLATINUM JOURNEYS

TASSIE HIGHLIGHTS

10 Days - Tuesday 5th October to Thursday 14th October 2021

Discover vast wilderness, sparkling waterways and meet ghosts of colonial past as we indulge in remarkable Tasmania!



Day 1: HOME TO SPIRIT OF TASMANIA Tue 5 Oct 21 (D)

Welcome to our wonderful Tasmanian Highlights adventure. We have a travel day ahead as we make our way to Melbourne to board the Spirit of Tasmania. Fall asleep to the light rock of the waves and sound of the soothing ocean as we make our way across the Bass Strait. Lunch at own expense | dinner onboard

Overnight: Spirit of Tasmania (PH: 1800 634 906)

Day 2: DEVONPORT TO LAUNCESTON Wed 6 Oct 21 (LD)

On arrival in Devonport, we travel to Sheffield, a delightful village at the foothills of majestic Mount Roland. It showcases the town's fascinating history with murals throughout the town. We continue onto one of Tasmania's most historic houses, Entally House. Set in the superb grounds and gardens, Entally has a green house, chapel, coach house and stables to wander. Here we enjoy a talk and light lunch before continuing to Launceston. Here we discover Cataract Gorge – a magnificent oasis in the city centre. There are some pleasant walks through the landscaped gardens, purchase a cuppa at the tea rooms or take a ride on the chairlift (own expense) which crosses the gorge. Breakfast at own expense | lunch included | dinner in hotel

Overnight: Best Western Plus Launceston (PH: 03 6333 9999)

Day 3: LAUNCESTON TO SCAMANDER Thu 7 Oct 21 (BLD)

We arrive at Bridestowe Estate, the largest lavender farm in the Southern Hemisphere. We are welcomed with morning tea and a tour of the farm that produces some of the finest quality lavender flowers, oils and gifts. Continuing our journey, we travel to Legerwood to see the incredible tree carvings. Nine trees were planted to honour soldiers killed in World War I, however, in 2001 a report on the condition of the trees showed they were no longer safe. The community was devastated that the memorials would be lost so it was suggested the stumps be carved into the likeness of each soldier the trees represented. Eddie Freeman, a chainsaw carver from Ross, was employed to sculpt these masterpieces. Lunch today is at the Pub in the Paddock. Our afternoon journey takes us through St Helens and onto the coastal town of Scamander. Breakfast & dinner at hotel | lunch included

Overnight: Scamander Beach Resort (PH: 03 6372 5255)

Day 4: SCAMANDER TO HOBART Fri 8 Oct 21 (BLD)

Today we follow the coast through Bicheno and Swansea, nestled on the magnificent blue waters of Great Oyster Bay, overlooking the Freycinet National Park. We stop here for our morning break and marvel at the Hazards, the mountain range located in the national park. We have time to explore Swansea before our lunch break at the Bark Mill Tavern and Bakery, Australia's only Back Wattle Bark Mill. After a fascinating stop, we continue to Richmond. Its streets are paved with history and many of the fine colonial buildings have been adapted to be used as art galleries, craft stops and restaurants. Marvel at the oldest bridge in Australia, convict-built Richmond Bridge which crosses over the Coal River before we head into Hobart. Breakfast & dinner in hotel | lunch included

Overnight: Best Western Hobart (PH: 03 6232 6255)

Day 5: HOBART Sat 9 Oct 21 (BD)

Meeting our local guide, we'll discover the hidden gems of the waterfront capital, Hobart. Offering a contrasting blend of heritage, scenery and culture, the city oozes charm. We visit the Salamanca Markets, one of the most vibrant and loved outdoor markets. Take some time exploring the stalls and discovering the entertaining buskers. This afternoon is at leisure. Some may like to take the optional Peppermint Bay Cruise, taking in the harbour and city views before cruising to the pristine waters of Peppermint Bay. Breakfast & dinner at hotel | lunch at own expense

Overnight: Best Western Hobart (PH: 03 6232 6255)

Day 6: PORT ARTHUR Sun 10 Oct 21 (BD)

Today we discover the unimaginable story of the Port Arthur Historic Site. The penal settlement has 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 where up to 12,000 prisoners were kept in an atmosphere of hopelessness and misery. Even though the Tasman Peninsula is spectacular, you can imagine the conditions, especially on a cold winter's day, endured by the prisoners 150 years ago. We take a fascination journey, retracing the life of convicts in the Visitor Interpretation Centre before a walking tour through the settlement and a harbour cruise. Breakfast & dinner at hotel | lunch at own expense

Overnight: Best Western Hobart (PH: 03 6232 6255)

Day 7: HOBART TO STRAHAN Mon 11 Oct 21 (BLD)

We farewell Hobart and begin our journey to the West Coast. We visit Russell Falls, arguably Tasmania's prettiest waterfall and one of the easiest to get to. Located in Mt Field National Park, Russell Falls forms as one of three falls that share the same watercourse. Wander through the mossy, deep green forest and watch the water cascading gently over multiple levels creating a unique and beautiful waterfall. We continue onto the geographical centre of Tasmania, Derwent Bridge. Here we view the Wall in the Wilderness. The beautifully carved works set out in relief sculpture depict the history, hardship and pay homage to the individuals who settled and protected the area. After lunch at the Wilderness Hotel, we drive through the pristine wilderness of the Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park before arriving in the pretty village of Strahan. Breakfast & dinner in hotel | lunch included.

Overnight: Strahan Village (PH: 03 6471 4200)

Day 8: GORDON RIVER Tue 12 Oct 21 (BLD)

Cruising down the iconic Gordon River is a must do when visiting Tasmania. Our cruise will bring the river and its rich history to life for an unforgettable experience. Cruising the scenic waterways, we'll listen to the intriguing stories of the region, passage through Hells Gates and step ashore Sarah Island to see some of Australia's oldest convict ruins. This afternoon, we head to Burnie for our overnight accommodation. Breakfast & dinner in hotel | lunch included

Overnight: Beachfront Voyager Motor Inn, Burnie (PH: 03 6431 4866)

Day 9: STANLEY & BURNIE Wed 13 Oct 21 (BLD)

This morning we make our way to the Makers Workshop. This interesting facility celebrates the regions makers, innovators and artists. Here we'll experience an amazing paper making tour where we can learn how we use materials such as recycled denim jeans, natural plant fibres, apples and even kangaroo poo to make paper. We'll also have the opportunity to make our own sheet of paper before travelling to the historic town of Stanley. With its village atmosphere, small craft shops and historical houses, Stanley is the ideal spot from some free time. You may also like to take the chairlift to the summit of the Nut (own expense). We continue onto Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens, where we have time to wander the gardens and enjoy the tranquillity of this lush environment. This evening we board our flight back to Melbourne for our final night together on tour. Breakfast & dinner at hotel | lunch included

Overnight: Canterbury International Hotel (PH: 03 9878 4111)

Day 10: MELBOURNE TO HOME Thu 14 Oct 21 (B)

We have a travel day ahead as we arrive home from our fantastic tour to Tasmania. Breakfast in hotel | lunch at own expense

Tour cost Twin Share/Double per person \$4695.00
Solo Traveller \$5595.00

Tour cost based on a minimum of 14 passengers.



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(B) Breakfast. (L) Lunch. (D) Dinner. Alterations to the itinerary may occur – a final confirmed itinerary will be provided with your travel documentation approximately 3 weeks prior to departure.

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

Air conditioned, restroom equipped vehicle travel with experienced crew
One way travel aboard Spirit of Tasmania
Twin share accommodation with ensuite facilities
Meals as per the itinerary
All entry fees to sightseeing activities as listed in the itinerary

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Airfare from Burnie to Melbourne at the end of the tour
Travel insurance – please enquire for a quote or to purchase a policy
Items of a personal nature eg laundry/phone and any optional extras/trips
Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages plus meals not listed in the itinerary

CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

All bookings must be accompanied by a deposit of \$600.00 per person
The balance and final payment must be received 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATION POLICY

More than 90 days notice : full refund less \$600.00 deposit
90 - 60 days before tour : 50% refund
Less than 60 days: no refund

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT OPTION

For cancellations with more than 30 days notice
75% credit towards a future tour

Platinum Journeys strongly recommend all passengers take out travel insurance at the time of booking, in case of unexpected illness or accident