



Australian Wilderness Tours 2017/18

TAS11 – COMPLETE Tasmanian Wilderness Tour

Duration: 11 days, 10 Nights

Travel in the comfort of a luxurious fully equipped
Air-conditioned 4WD vehicle with a maximum of 6 passengers

Day 1

On your arrival at Launceston your Australian Wilderness Tours host will meet you and we then travel to Cataract Gorge and enjoy the cable car and spectacular surroundings as well as a City Sights Tour before traveling via Bracknell to Liffey Falls and after a short walk we head off to the Great Western Tiers and return to our overnight stay at Westbury Cottages.

Overnight: Westbury Gingerbread Cottages, WESTBURY (DBB)

Day 2

Departing Westbury Cottages after breakfast we travel up to the high country to visit Devils Gullet in the Great Western Tiers National Park where we enjoy grand views over the rugged west coast wilderness. Leaving this area we descend to Lake Barrington. Continuing on to the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park where weather permitting, we can see across to Mount Ossa (Tasmania's highest mountain) and other mountains in the National Park. After lunch, we have the opportunity to take a short walk or simply admire the view across the famous Lake Dove to the majestic Cradle Mountain, a magnificent backdrop, where we see historic Waldheim Chalet before traversing some old logging trails to the headwaters of the Wilmot River before traveling to our overnight mountain valley cabins and viewing the platypus in the Levon River.

Overnight: Mountain Valley Cabins, LOONGANA (DBB)

Day 3

We leave the peaceful setting of our overnight accommodation with great views of Black Bluff, traveling a short distance to the spectacular views of Levon Canyon, a wild area of rapids pounding through the gorge. Traveling to the north coast, we pass through some of Tasmania's richest farming country of Gunns Plain, Table Cape and Boat Harbour and after lunch on the beach we travel into the forests of giant trees and Dip Falls before heading for Stanley. This afternoon we enjoy a walk around town and drive to nearby historical locations.

Overnight: Dove Cote Motel, STANLEY (DBB)

Day 4

From Stanley, we head off to Smithton and on to some excellent 4WD trails past Mount Cameron to Merrawah, before driving out to West Point, the most westerly point of Tasmania and traveling along the rugged west coast, beaches and coastline to the Arthur River Heads. We traverse into the great north western wilderness of mountains, plateaus and rainforests as we travel to the small historical township of Corinna located on the Pieman River where, along this deep, rainforest clad river you will experience many excellent views.

Overnight: Pieman River Cabins, CORINNA (DBB)

Day 5

Returning and barging across the river to continue our journey south of this wild land, you will have the option of experiencing some of its history at the West Coast Pioneer's Memorial Museum at Zeehan. We cross the Henty River and pass huge dunes slowly marching inland, engulfing the coastal forests a few kilometers north of Strahan. Our next accommodation destination overlooks Strahan on the shores of the Macquarie Harbour and this afternoon we will have time to enjoy a cruise on the Gordon River.

Overnight: Gordon Gateway, STRAHAN (DBB)

Day 6

The morning is a contrast as we travel onto Queenstown, with its colourful bare hills, a reminder of the mining in this area in the past, but as each year passes now, more vegetation grows. On to the Franklin Lower Gordon Rivers National Park for a short forest walk to the Franklin River. Lake St Clair is our next beautiful destination where we enjoy the wildlife and views of Mount Gould and Mount Olympus, later, traveling past Bronte Lagoon to the central highlands and Tarraleah Cottages and Guesthouse. This historic site and accommodation is built by the hydro power companies, from an establishment from the main power supply in Tasmania "the Hydro power systems".

Overnight: Tarraleah Guest Cottages, TARRALEAH (DBB)

Day 7

This morning we depart down along the Derwent River, then through the private forests of the Florentine Valley to enjoy spectacular scenery and grand timbers, towards Mount Field National Park and then onwards to beautiful Russell Falls. After enjoying morning tea at this site, we head towards Plenty viewing the many hop farms towards New Norfolk along the lower Derwent Valley. Onwards to historic Richmond to enjoy the many historic sites of this location and then a lunch break. During the afternoon we travel to Hobart to enjoy the sites of the Mount Nelson and Sandy Bay. We continue onto the historic Shot Tower and to Kingston. Onwards along the southern coastline to Margate and a ferry crossing to famous Bruny Island and south to Adventure Bay. At Adventure Bay we have time to explore the tranquil beaches and headlands before returning to Morella Island Retreat for our overnight stay, known for its breathtaking views over Bruny Island and the coastline and a special home cooked dinner in the Hot House Restaurant.

Overnight: Morella Island Retreat, BRUNY ISLAND (DBB)

Day 8

Today we have an early start returning to the ferry and departing Bruny Island, headed towards Kettering and the Peninsula of Cygnet along the Huon Valley to Huonville. This area is renowned for its vineyards, orchards and berry growing. After a morning tea break, we head through Geeveston and Dover and then on to the most southern point in Australia that can be driven, Tasmania's Cockle Creek in South West National Park. Enjoy walks and explore, viewing historical remnants of the area before returning on sections of the Huon Valley and through Wellington National Park to arrive late afternoon in Hobart. A seafood dinner will be enjoyed at the Victoria Wharf.

Overnight: Mid City Motor Inn, HOBART (DBB)

Day 9

We start our day with a tour and drive up to Mount Wellington, which towers over the many islands and valleys surrounding Hobart. After visiting Battery Point, we then leave Hobart and head across to Eagle Hawk Neck to view the Blow Hole, Tasman Arch, and the Devils Kitchen, on the way to Port Arthur. After lunch, we enjoy the surrounds of Port Arthur and relive some of the history and experiences of our ancestors.

Overnight: Fox & Hounds Motor Inn, PORT ARTHUR (DBB)

Day 10

After breakfast we head back to Dunalley, traveling through private forest lands and reserves, with spectacular views from the Three Thumbs lookout across to Maria Island. Our lunch stop today is at Orford set, on Prosser Bay and in the afternoon, we travel via Swansea to Freycinet National Park and enjoy magnificent views into Wineglass Bay from Cape Tourville Lighthouse.

Overnight: Beachfront, BICHENO (DBB)

Day 11

Enjoying spectacular views of the east coast we head to Gray and St Mary's and over Mount Nicholas through forest trails to Evercreach Falls and forest reserve. We travel through wilderness areas to Saint Columbia Falls, where we can enjoy the walks and a picnic lunch. Later in the afternoon, we travel over the Saddleback Range to picturesque Ringarooma, Scottsdale and on to Lilydale. During the afternoon we visit the sites of Launceston then onwards to Liffey Falls before your return journey to the airport at Launceston.

Departs Launceston every 1st and 3rd Saturday January to April, September to December

INCLUSIONS

- 4WD air-conditioned deluxe transport
- All accommodation twin share private facilities
- Please note, cabins in Corinna may be shared facilities
- All breakfasts, dinners & morning/afternoon teas
- All entries to National Parks
- Pineman River Cruise
- Experienced driver guide

TOUR COST: AUD

\$4,750.00 Adult (twin share)

\$925.00 Single Supplement

\$3,900.00 Child (5-12 years – share with adult)

Minimum 4

TOUR CODE: TAS11

Note: Accommodations are subject to availability and may be changed without notice.