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Taste of TASMANIA 2011

Start Tues 8 Feb to Thurs 24th Feb 2011

Suitable also for Camper Trailers

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience Tasmania with one of the most experienced tour guides in the business. John Craig, previously from Buffalo Tours will lead the trip into areas unknown to the average tourist. The trip will include all the usual tourist sites on the apple isle but will have minimal time in the cities, and will visit the rugged West Coast area where only 4WDs can go.



There will be a minimum of 6 vehicles and maximum of 10 (plus Leader and tail end Charlie)

Cost per Person

\$1085.00

Prices are based on two people per vehicle.

Additional people in each vehicle will incur extra costs (enquire).

What do we include in the cost? (per 2 person vehicle)

- 3 nights accommodation in Queenstown
- Gordon River Cruise
- Wilderness Railway Experience
- Tasman Island Cruise
- Woolmers Estate Tour
- Port Arthur entry fee

The Trip

The Wilderness world Heritage and National Parks are the most beautiful parts of Tasmania. This tour has been designed to experience as many of these places as possible in the time allowed. That is the reason why not a lot of time has been allocated to the "Touristy" places at the major cities.

We have spent over 30 years taking tours to Tasmania, so we are not strangers to these places.

By using camping facilities as our major accommodation, we can keep the cost down to a minimum. We have allowed the option to stay in cabins if desired or if the weather turns bad. There is also the option to cook for yourself or eat out as you desire.

However, as 4WD drivers, we assume that you will be set up for camping and be able to provide your own meals. Most places we stay will have a camp kitchen which can help if the weather is not kind.

Our experience is that the weather is usually stable in February and March in Tasmania. However, being so far south, you need to **be prepared for cold weather at any time** especially while in the mountain regions.

We have not been able to put all the places you will visit into this itinerary. There will be much more you will see and experience as time allows. Bear in mind that it does not get dark in Tassie at this time of year till about 9.00 pm.

Most commercial tours of Tasmania spend from 7 to 12 days on the island. We are planning a **full 16 days** on the island.

The tour includes the following in the price:

Professional experienced tour guides.	Gordon River Cruise.
West Coast Wilderness Railway trip.	Tasman Island Cruise.
Woolmers Estate Tour.	Entry to historic Port Arthur.
Three Nights Accommodation in Queenstown.	

It **does not include** camp fees or meals, Bass Strait crossing fees or camping equipment.

Vehicles will need to be conventional 4WD with low range and A/T tyres.

An in-vehicle UHF radio will be necessary for communication. Small hand held units are not suitable.

We have put together a guide of the additional costs you will incur over and above our tour cost.

What extra expenses can you expect to spend?

- Boat day trip across Bass Strait (per person \$100 each way). \$400.00
Night trip dearer (\$224 each way)
- Vehicle Ferry per car (\$80.00 each way) \$160.00
(Camper trailers will be extra cost)
- National Park Entry Permit \$70.00
- Camp Fees (approx) \$260.00
- Food for two people (approx) \$1500.00
- Additional optional entry fees \$200.00
- Fuel cost (allow 5000 km) \$1200.00
- **Total additional per couple \$3790.00**



We suggest you arrive in Tasmania at least one day before the tour starts, to allow time to stock up on supplies.

Note: No fruit or vegetables are allowed to be brought into Tasmania.

Time will be allowed during the trip to replenish supplies as necessary. Most parks and cabins will have cooking facilities.

We plan to have an information night mid year with a short video and question time for anyone contemplating the trip. We would love to see you there to join us for a cuppa and chat and answer your questions. Time and venue will be advised to those expressing interest.

Shipping Schedule:

You will need to make your own arrangements to get both to and from Devonport and organise your own Bass Strait crossings.

The ship across Bass Strait leaves Melbourne and arrives at Devonport.

Daylight trips: Depart Melbourne Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday.

Night Trips: Daily

Ship booking information: Phone 132010



Itinerary



Day 1: Devonport - Stanley

Meet at Bass Strait Ferry Terminal car park at 9.00 am. Travel along the scenic north coast through Ulverstone, Burnie, Table Cape, Boat Harbour Beach to historic Stanley with time to explore the area's many attractions. Stanley was once the headquarters of the Van Dieman Land Company. Camp the night at Crayfish Creek.

Day 2: Stanley – West Coast

Through Arthur River and the “Edge of the world” to Couta Rocks and the old tin mining ghost town of Balfour, then on to the western explorer road through the TARKAINE WILDERNESS crossing both the Donaldson and Savage Rivers to Corinna, situated on the Pieman River. Some lovely rainforest walks are available here. Camp overnight at Corinna. (cabins available)

Day 3: Corinna – Queenstown.

We take the punt (individual vehicle's expense) across the Pieman River to join the Heemskirk Highway towards Zeehan with a short visit to the magnificent West Coast Mining Museum. Then we head off for a visit to Trial Harbour before visiting the spectacular Montezuma Falls. We now head to Queenstown for the next three nights. Accommodation here is included.



Day4: West Coast Railway & Gordon River Cruise.

We start with a morning cruise on the beautiful Gordon River and Macquarie Harbour, with a stopover at the infamous convict prison on Sarah Island. Lunch is provided on board the cruise. We return to Strahan and board the Western Wilderness train for an unforgettable journey through the King River Gorge, back to Queenstown. Over night accommodation in Queenstown.

Day 5: South West Wilderness.

Today we have a unique experience as we venture along the Mt McCall 4WD track with magnificent views of the surrounding country including Lake Burbury and the famous Frenchman's Cap. The track finishes high above the Franklin River Gorge with great views of this famous rafting river. On the way back we will visit the beautiful Bird River and if time permits a walk to where the old settlement of Pillenger was on the Macquarie Harbour. We will learn about the fascinating mining history of the west coast from our guides. Overnight again at Queenstown

Day 6: West Coast – Derwent Valley.

Today we leave Queenstown, following the Lyell Highway, climbing out of Queenstown and stopping off at many scenic areas along the way. These include Old Iron Blow, Nelson Falls, Franklin River, Donaghy's Hill Lookout, Lake St Clair and on to Mt Field National Park to set up camp in time for a walk to Russell Falls, The Big Trees and Lady Barron Falls. Stay 2 nights at Mt Field (cabins available).



Day 7: Lake Pedder – Strathgordon

Today is a full day visiting Lake Pedder, Gordon Dam, deep in the South West Wilderness. We also visit the giant trees and Junee Cave near Maydena. This is the area where the last Tasmanian tigers were seen. Lake Pedder was the first of the controversial Hydro electric schemes in Tasmania. Overnight again at Mt Field.

Day 8: Mt Field to Dover.

From Mt Field, we make our way across to Huonville via the Huon Trail, then onto Geeveston and into the Hartz Mountains National Park to the Tahune Forest Air Walk and then on to Dover (2 nights cabins avail).

Day 9: Southern Wilderness.

Today we travel to the small settlement of Cockle Creek. This is as far south as you can drive in Tasmania. We have some walks along the pristine coastal shores of Recherche Bay, returning to Dover via the Hastings thermal springs with time for a dip in the refreshing pools. Then off through the Hasting forest Drive and back to Dover.

Day 10: Dover to Port Arthur.

After a drive to the top of Mt Wellington for some fabulous views across Hobart and surrounds, we take a short look around Hobart City before heading out of town to historic Richmond. From there we head to Tasmania's most visited attraction, the old convict built penal settlement of Port Arthur.

We camp here for 2 nights (cabins and dormitory accommodation available).



Day 11: Port Arthur & surrounds.

We have a full morning to explore the historic site including a guided tour and cruise to the "Isle of the Dead". In the afternoon we visit Palmers Lookout, Remarkable Cave and Saltwater River convict coal mines. Overnight again at Port Arthur.

Day 12: Port Arthur to East Coast.

We begin today with a 3 hour cruise around Tasman Island starting from Port Arthur. This is an unforgettable experience with wildlife and spectacular coastal scenery. After lunch, we make our way up the east coast along the Welangta Forest Drive to Triabunna and Swansea to stay at Freycinet National Park. Camp over night (cabins available).

Day 13: Freycinet NP to Mt William NP

We begin today with a morning walk to Wineglass Bay lookout and Cape Tourville Lighthouse, then on to the seaside towns of Bicheno and St Helens, before heading to Binalong Bay and the Bay of Fires. This is followed by setting up camp at Mt William National Park.

Camping only – no accommodation available – limited facilities.



Day 14: Mt William NP to Launceston.

From Mt William National Park, we make our way back to Launceston with a visit to Cataract gorge along the way, then on to Longford for our overnight camp. Cabins available.

Day 15: Great Lakes.

Early morning we take a tour of "Woolmers Estate", the best preserved historic homes, and then over the "Great Western Tiers" to the Great Lakes. We then descend through Deloraine and Mole Creek before arriving at Gowrie Park for our over night camp. (two nights – cabins and dormitory available).

Day 16: Cradle Mountain World Heritage Area.

Cradle Mountain is perhaps Tasmania's best known destination. Today we can walk around Lake Dove and Glacier Lake and even the more energetic among us can climb up to Marion's lookout. Here we can simply enjoy the pristine environment and atmosphere of this historic World Heritage area. Late afternoon we travel back to Gowrie Park for our last night together after what we hope has been an unforgettable 16 day experience in the beautiful island state of Tassie.



We will guide you back to Devonport where you will have made your own arrangements for your return journey to the mainland. On the way we will visit the mural town of Sheffield before parting ways.

If you have the time, you may wish to keep a few days spare after the tour ends to visit other places we may have missed or you especially wanted to visit.

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How do I Book a place on this trip?

Bearing in mind that we have set a maximum number of vehicles for this trip, bookings will be taken on a first pay first acceptance basis.

- To secure your place, pay a \$250 (per vehicle) non-refundable holding deposit to either Out of Town 4WD or ARB Newcastle and we will book your place and send you additional information.
- Final payment must to be paid one month before the commencement of the trip (before 10 January 2011)

Don't forget also that we will be holding an information evening later in the year where we will answer all the questions.

