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Hobart

The Port of Hobart is Australia's second oldest port. This home port is a key gateway to the Antarctic, an active fishing port, and a popular cruise destination. The publicly accessible waterfront area is renowned for large-scale community events such as Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race and the Australian Wooden Boat Festival. www.tasports.com.au



Tasmanian Anchorages

LOCATION	POSITION	DEPTH	LANDING SITE	VESSEL LENGTH (LOA)	VESSEL OPERATIONAL DRAFT	PASSENGERS MAXIMUM	OPERATIONAL WEATHER PARAMETERS
KING ISLAND (PORT OF GRASSY)	Lat: 40° 04.400'S, Long: 144° 04.500'E.	23m (sand and shells)	Boat ramp Jetty or Beach	150m	5m	200	Yes – exposed to easterly and southerly winds
BEAUTY POINT	Lat: 41° 08.16'S Long: 146° 52.66'E	14m	Inspection Head Dive Centre Pontoon	240m	10m		
COLES BAY (OUTER ANCHORAGE)	Lat: 42° S; Long: 148° E. west of Fleurieu Point	12m	Coles Bay boat ramp Freemans Jetty approx 3.3 nm	105m	5m	300	
MARIA ISLAND (DARLINGTON ANCHORAGE)	Lat: 42° 34.600'S, Long: 148° 03.300'E. Darlington Jetty Light: 286T x 0.34' (622m)	20m (sand)	Darlington Jetty approx 650m	150m	5m	200	Yes – exposed to northerly and westerly winds

IMPORTANT NOTES FROM TASPOTS Please note that the Maria Island anchorage falls within unregulated waters and therefore is a non-pilotage zone. Other locations above fall within port pilotage zones and therefore TasPorts recommends seeking advice around pilot availability and itinerary structuring for remote locations in the itinerary planning stage. It is also recommended that advice is sought from the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service on accessing remote areas with significant lead times before publishing cruise itineraries.



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Australian Fur seal © Sean Scott



WHY TASMANIA



Wombat and Greg Irons,
Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary
© Rob Burnett

Tasmania is no ordinary place... and Tasmanians are no ordinary people.

Slow down. Unplug. Breathe deeply.

A journey to Tasmania is a rare chance to disconnect from stress and reconnect with the things that matter.

About 40 per cent of the island state is protected as national parks, reserves and the UNESCO Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area – and remarkably, most of these wild places are easily accessible.

Hike the tallest sea cliffs in the Southern Hemisphere and breathe some of the purest air in the world. Follow wild rivers into rare temperate rainforest where Huon pines grow for thousands of years. Cross buttongrass plains below snow-peaked mountains and meet wildlife that exists nowhere else on Earth.

Geographic isolation has nurtured Tasmania's unique environment, and has fostered a rare community of creative, down-to-earth, resourceful people with time to make you feel welcome. This is a place where biodiversity and hospitality go hand in hand.

One of the joys of travelling in Tasmania is not just the chance to taste produce straight from the farm, the ocean, the winery or the distillery...but also to meet the makers at cellar doors, farm gates and local markets. And with four distinct seasons, there's always something new to see, taste and feel here.

Tasmania is also a place for adventure, however you spin it. Test yourself on epic mountain-bike trails, tee off on top-ranked golf courses overlooking Bass Strait, cast for wild brown trout in glacial tarns, or raft along wild rivers.

Or, if you're feeling more sedate, experience Tasmania's unique convict-built architecture – stately homesteads, elegant bridges and haunting prison ruins offering a window into the hardships of the past.

Heritage, adventure, wildlife, wild places and fine food and drink: plan your next move from a hot tub in a forest, a kayak for two, or fireside with a local whisky and some good friends. The world looks very different from Tasmania.



Ocean Dunes Golf Course
© Tourism Australia



KING ISLAND



That heartbeat you hear is the surf.

Those lush pastures are the key ingredient in King Island's renowned produce. And those winds are just part of the challenge of one of the most memorable rounds of golf of your life.

Visit a wild and remote slice of island coast. Dine heartily in a restaurant with no food. Tee off across the ocean on two of Australia's greatest golf courses. Ponder the ocean's power above the site of a shipwreck. Paddle into one of Australia's great surf waves.

Favoured by nature and flavoured by some of the country's best farmland, this is truly the king of islands.

Where

North-west Tasmania | King Island is situated approximately 80km off the north-west tip of the Tasmanian mainland, nestled between the northern coast of Victoria and Tasmania.

For more information

www.discovertasmania.com.au_King_Island



DON'T MISS EXPERIENCES

- Tee up a round of golf at Cape Wickham Golf Links or Ocean Dunes Golf Course.
- Watch the surf pound ashore at Martha Lavinia Beach.
- Witness the destructive fury of the ocean on a shipwreck trail.
- Tuck into island produce metres from the source.
- Explore historic Currie Lighthouse
- Tour the Dairy Factory Cheesemaker
- Unleash your inner artist at a renowned local artist studio



01 - Currie @ Tourism Australia
 02 - Island Larder @ Dearna Bond
 03 - The Boathouse, The Restaurant With No Food @ Jasper Da Seymour



Josef Chromy Tasmania
© Rob Burnett



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BEAUTY POINT



01 - Launceston Gorge Scenic Chairlift © Tourism Australia
 02 - L'Austral alongside at Beauty Point © iSky Aerial Photography
 03 - Weedy Seadragon © Sarajayne Lada

Here be dragons. There are guaranteed sightings of seadragons and seahorses, platypuses and echidnas at Beauty Point.

Set on the wharf on Kanamaluka / Tamar River, Seahorse World is the world's first seahorse aquarium, with a star cast of delicate seahorses and seadragons. The centre is dedicated to breeding and protecting these tiny creatures. The neighbouring Platypus House is home to Australia's intriguing egg-laying mammals, the shy platypus and echidna.

Fancy a little human interaction? Choose from more than 20 wineries and cellar doors around Beauty Point, including many small, family-owned vineyards where growers will happily chat over a tasting.

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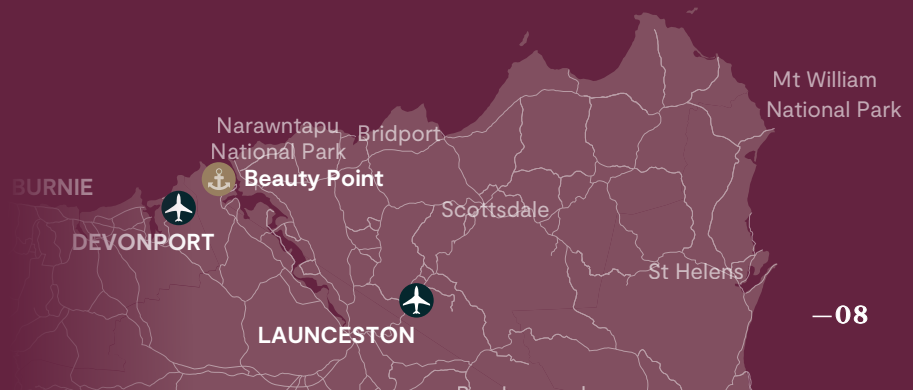
North Tasmania | Beauty Point is 48km north-west of Launceston.

For more information

www.cityoflaunceston_map

DON'T MISS EXPERIENCES

- Hop between cellar doors on the Tamar Valley Wine Trail.
- Watch the evening penguin parade at Low Head.
- See the interactive Mine Rescue exhibition at the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre.
- Swing through the trees on a zipline or tree ropes course at Treetops Adventure Hollybank.
- Tee off at Barnbogle Dunes, one of Australia's top four golf courses.
- Venture to Launceston – Tasmania's UNESCO City of Gastronomy – mixing urban and country charms with heritage streetscapes and a scenic natural gorge, a stone's throw from the city centre.
- Walk with endearing wallabies and soak up the calm at Narawntapu National Park.





Honeymoon Bay,
Freycinet National Park
© Krista Eppelstun



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COLES BAY



Two of Tasmania's most popular destinations – Freycinet National Park and picture-perfect Wineglass Bay – lie within the orbit of this relaxed seaside village.

White-sand beaches, photogenic coastline... Tasmania's east coast has the classic features of the best beach holidays – plus wombats and wallabies, seafood shacks and boutique wineries, strung between sandy holiday towns and epic national parks.

Freycinet National Park is home to the craggy pink granite peaks of the Hazards, secluded bays, wallabies, native birds and sandy Wineglass Bay, Tasmania's most photographed location. Head for holiday hub Coles Bay then explore by boat, sea kayak or on foot.

Where

Tasmania's east coast | Coles Bay is 194km north-east from Hobart and 175km south-east from Launceston.

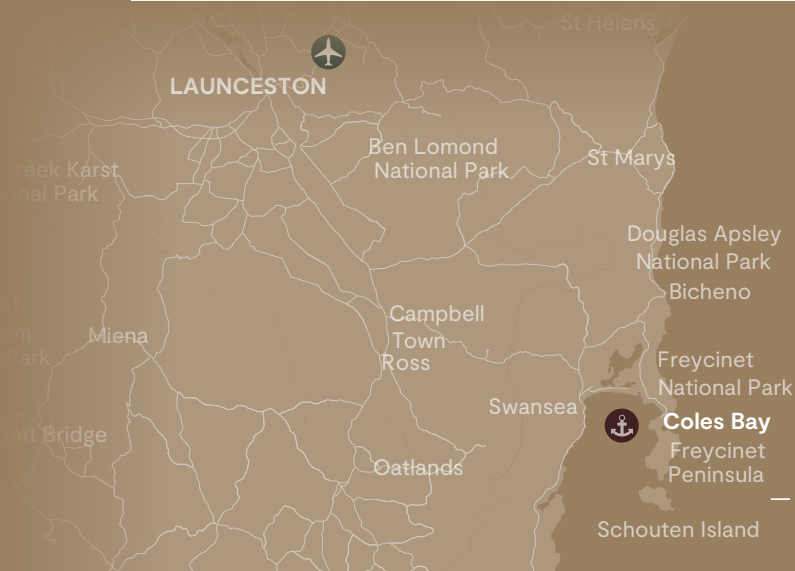
For more information

www.eastcoasttasmania_touring_map

01 - Devil's Corner and the Freycinet Peninsula © Graham Freeman
 02 - Oyster Bay Tours © Tourism Australia
 03 - Geographe Restaurant and Espresso Bar © Stu Gibson

DON'T MISS EXPERIENCES

- Sailing, eco-cruising and kayaking offer remarkable views of otherwise hard-to-access beaches and the Hazards mountains
- Explore the well-maintained walking trails for all levels of interest and fitness, from 10min beach walks to multi-day hikes around the peninsula.
- Pop on a pair of waders and harvest oysters straight from the ocean with Oyster Bay Tours.
- Take the path less travelled to Honeymoon Bay, a dreamy alternative to super-popular Wineglass Bay.
- For brews with views, try Geographe Restaurant and Espresso Bar.





Riedle Bay, Maria Island
© Stu Gibson



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MARIA ISLAND



01 - Painted Cliffs © Stu Gibson
 02 - Darlington Probation Station © Stu Gibson
 03 - Wombat © Robert King Visuals

Blending extraordinary landscapes with teeming wildlife, this island national park also happens to have one of Tasmania's most fascinating histories.

A wildlife haven, starring wombats, wallabies, echidnas and 11 of the state's 12 endemic bird species, including the endangered Forty-spotted pardalote. The traditional lands of the Tyreddeme people, Maria Island has been a whaling post, a penal settlement and, since 1972, a national park. Explore peaks and cliffs by mountain bike or on foot.

Where

Tasmania's east coast | 70km north-east of Hobart. The island can only be accessed by boat it is a 30-minute foot passenger ferry ride from Triabunna.

For more information

www.eastcoasttasmania_touring_map

DON'T MISS EXPERIENCES

- World Heritage-listed convict probation site of Darlington
- Look at any of the many grassy clearings around Darlington and they're likely to be home to at least several wombats, wallabies and Forester kangaroos
- Painted Cliffs, nature gets artistic on these beautifully patterned sandstone cliffs
- Mcraes Isthmus, this narrow neck of sand effectively holds Maria Island together





Port Arthur Historic Site
© Dearnna Bond

ONSHORE EXPEDITIONS

With ancient trees, jagged peaks, mottled boulders and a city resting beneath a peaceful giant, there are ample natural attractions in Tasmania to fill you with awe. Whether you're seeking moments of calm or the thrill of adventure in Tasmania's natural places, you're sure to find both in abundance here.

Tasmanian Great Walks

The 60 Great Short Walks offer the best of Tasmania's day walking opportunities. Whether you want a gentle stroll or a physical challenge; a seaside ramble or a mountain vista; a long day's outing or a short wander, Great Short Walks has plenty for you. The walks are located throughout Tasmania and can generally be accessed from major roads and include a range of environments.

For more information, visit parks.tas.gov.au/things-to-do/60-great-short-walks

Unordinary stories: Tales from the island

Tasmania is full to the brim with remarkable people and places. Discover conversations with creatives, chefs, scientists, distillers, athletes and eco-innovators revealing the island's hidden gems. From glow-in-the-dark creatures to unexpected road trip stops, sift through these local guides for tips and insider inspiration.

To meet our locals, visit discovertasmania.com.au/experiences/stories

Tasmanian coastal regions

SOUTHERN EDGE

For every epic landscape in southern Tasmania, there's a seascape to match – or a deep, wide river running through it. Cruise past the hidden coves of the broad D'Entrecasteaux Channel; swing by the farm gates and cider houses of the Huon Valley; and detour by ferry for just-shucked oysters and farmhouse cheeses on Bruny Island.



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NORTHERN FORAGE

Framed by wild Bass Strait coastlines, threaded by rivers and thatched by some of the most fertile farmland in Australia, a Northern Forage cruise is a chance to slow down and follow your foodie instincts from paddock to plate. Stop at farm gates, distilleries and cellar doors along the way for tastings and to meet the makers. Linger in rural villages and quirky coastal towns. Marvel at the monumental landmarks of The Nut and Table Cape.

GREAT EASTERN

Tasmania's east coast laidback hinterland villages and classic beach-holiday towns, strung together by uncrowded shores and photo-worthy national parks. The perfect arc of Wineglass Bay is an east-coast essential – as is the magical combo of white sand, turquoise ocean and orange boulders in the Irapuna / Bay of Fires area.

Tasmanian Trails

Tasmania is criss-crossed by a network of 'experience' trails that showcase historical themes and food and wine regions, plus routes for lovers of whisky, gin, cider and beer.

Convict Trail From historic Richmond to Teralina / Eaglehawk Neck and Port Arthur Historic Site, this fascinating trail is rich in convict history and natural

beauty. Turrakana / Tasman Peninsula is a place of towering sea cliffs, surging surf and wild ocean views.

Tasting Trail Stretching across northern Tasmania from Launceston to Smithton, the Tasting Trail is dotted with almost 40 stops at artisanal producers.

Beer Trail Tasmania's beer credentials are robust: pure mountain water, locally grown hops, and a brewing history that goes back to convict times.

Wine trails Plot a course between cellar doors on the island's four cool-climate wine trails: the Tamar Valley Wine Trail, the North West Wine Trail, the East Coast Wine Trail, and the Southern Wine Trail.

Cider Trail Sample hand-crafted ciders from the orchards of the Huon Valley and farms of the north west. They don't call Tasmania the Apple Isle for nothing...

Whisky and Spirits Trail Meet the makers, hear the stories and sip the product at the island's renowned distilleries.

Seafood Trail Set your fish-finder to the Seafood Trails for salty breezes and the day's catch – oysters, crayfish, abalone, scallops and fish straight off the boat.

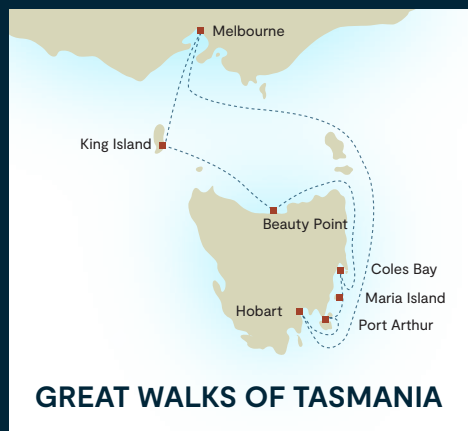
EXPEDITION CRUISE ITINERARIES

Oceania Cruises



Australian Expeditions

Alternate The Kimberley's in winter and South Seas in summer.



CRUISING DISTANCES

	KING ISLAND (PORT OF GRASSY)		TAMAR VALLEY (BEAUTY POINT)		COLES BAY (OUTER ANCHORAGE)		MARIA ISLAND (DARLINGTON ANCHORAGE)	
	NAUTICAL MILES	SAILING TIME (@19 KNOTS)	NAUTICAL MILES	SAILING TIME (@19 KNOTS)	NAUTICAL MILES	SAILING TIME (@19 KNOTS)	NAUTICAL MILES	SAILING TIME (@19 KNOTS)
HOBART	454	24 hours	324	17 hours	125	12 hours	88	4.5 hours
PORT ARTHUR	418	22 hours	288	15 hours	89	5 hours	52	3 hours
BURNIE	254	13 hours	47	2.5 hours	254	13 hours	246	13 hours
BRISBANE	1076	56 hours	1022	53 hours	1033	54 hours	1028	54 hours
ADELAIDE	613	32 hours	740	38 hours	942	49 hours	936	49 hours

ESSENTIAL CONTACTS

PORT OPERATIONS

Tasmanian Port Corporation (TasPorts)
Tasmania Parks & Wildlife (PWS)
Port Arthur Historic Site
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Biosecurity requirements

Biosecurity Tasmania is the lead agency in protecting the Tasmanian environment, agriculture, and economy from biosecurity risks associated with cruise ship arrivals. Biosecurity Tasmania ensures that passengers, crew and vessels arriving comply with strict regulations to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases. Biosecurity Tasmania undertakes inspections (fees may apply), surveillance, and public awareness activities associated with cruise vessel arrivals to help safeguard Tasmania's unique biodiversity and primary industries.

Cruise operators and vessel agents can contact Biosecurity Tasmania at biosecurity.tasmania@nre.tas.gov.au

Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Services licence

In Tasmania, several wilderness sites require approval for onshore visits. Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) is responsible for the assessment of licence applications and approval of any land and sea it manages, including controlling access to and impact upon Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Areas, national parks and reserves.

For more information please contact PropertyServices@parks.tas.gov.au