

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday November 1 Launceston 1 night

This evening meet your escorts and your fellow travellers. **D**

Day 2: Monday November 2 The North-East 1 night
Forest Eco Centre / Weldborough Pass / St Columba Falls

We journey through the North-East Forests Park, visiting Lilydale Falls and the informative Forest Eco-Centre at Scottsdale. This afternoon we walk through the myrtle beeches in Weldborough Pass Scenic Reserve to see “Grandfather Beech” and, later, through a dense rainforest of blackwood and myrtle beech to the beautiful St Columba Falls, one of Tasmania’s highest waterfalls.

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Day 3: Tuesday November 3 The South Esk Valley 5 nights
Evercreech Forest Reserve / Ross / Richmond

This morning we follow the South Esk River up almost to its source where we walk in the Evercreech Forest Reserve among the world’s tallest White Gums. We lunch and wander in the heritage midland village of Ross and later explore the historic town of Richmond, which was once a key military post and convict settlement.

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Day 4: Wednesday November 4 Tasman Peninsula
Tesselated Pavement / Tasmanian Devil Park / Port Arthur Historic Site

Travelling south into the Tasman National Park, today we will see the amazing coastal scenery and marvel at the spectacular rock formations of the Tasman Peninsula; such as the Blowhole, the Tesselated Pavement, the Tasman Arch, the Devil’s Kitchen. On to the Tasmanian Devil Park where we will see the Devils being fed. Then we will visit the Port Arthur Historic Site and wander in its sad old buildings and interesting and diverse gardens, which are Australia’s oldest English-style gardens.

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Day 5: Thursday November 5 Huon Valley Day
Geeveston / Tahune Air Walk / Arve Falls Look Out

We visit the Forest and Heritage Centre at Geeveston, and travel to Hartz Mountains National Park where we walk through the forest and across an alpine herb field to Arve Falls, and overlook the Arve River Valley. On into the great Southern Forests to walk the amazing Tahune Forest AirWalk, which has been built twenty metres above the forest floor and the Huon River. While there, we do the Huon Pine Walk.

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Day 6: Friday November 6 Lake Peddar and Strathgordon
Russell Falls / Creepy Crawly Track / Salmon Ponds

In historic and beautiful Mount Field National Park we walk through towering Swamp Gums to lovely Russell Falls, one of Tasmania’s most treasured places. In South-West National Park World Heritage area we walk the Creepy Crawly rainforest track, one of the best short forest walks. We visit Lake Peddar Look-Out, then into Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, for an overview of Lake Gordon.

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Day 7: Saturday November 7 Hobart Day

Today is a leisure day to spend as you please in lovely Hobart Town. Perhaps you would like to experience the unique Salamanca Market, which is on today, visit the excellent Hobart Botanical Gardens, take a cruise on the Derwent River, wander on the waterfront ... **B**

Day 8: Sunday, November 8 Wilderness to the West 3 nights
Glen Clyde House / Lake St Clair / Franklin River / Nelson Falls

This morning we visit historic Glen Clyde House and its craft gallery and garden. Built by convicts in the 1840's, the house has been restored to reflect the charm and character of colonial days. Venturing into the southern tip of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, we lunch on the shore of Lake St Clair. Then we travel to Strahan via the scenic World Heritage Listed Lyell Highway and its spectacular National Park. A highlight of the afternoon will be walking along the Franklin and Surprise Rivers. Another will be the beautiful, tiered Nelson Falls, cascading over forty metres of rocks. **B D**

Day 9: Monday November 9 Gordon River Day
World Heritage Gordon River Cruise / Strahan

An amazing journey today as we cruise First Class aboard the Lady Jane Franklin across Macquarie Harbour (Australia's second-largest harbour after Sydney Harbour) to Hell's Gate. We walk among the ruins on Sarah Island and cruise along the World Heritage Gordon River, bordered by endless tracts of untouched rainforest. The Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park is World Heritage Listed, and is home to one of the last remaining pristine river systems on earth. Later we will have time to explore the quaint waterfront village of Strahan. **B L D**

Day 10 : Tuesday November 10 West Coast Wilderness Railway

We take a trip back in time to where men laboured through mud, rain and treacherous landscapes to forge a link between the mining town of Queenstown and the port of Strahan. Along the 35km journey we will stop at stations of the past where our trained guides will bring to life the stories of the historic points on the railway. We will take in the journey from the Premier Carriage – where our every desire, from sparkling at breakfast to pastries for morning tea and local cheeses in the afternoon, is cared for by our carriage attendant. The view will be spectacular as we pass over bridges towering above the rivers below, through massive hand-hewed rock cuttings, under the protective canopies of ancient rainforests and along the edge of plunging gorges. **B L D**

Day 11: Wednesday November 11 To the North West 3 nights

This morning we visit the Pioneers Museum in the tiny, historic mining town of Zeehan, which was founded in 1882 with the discovery of silver and lead. It quickly grew to be the third largest settlement in Tasmania, boasting a population of 10,000. This afternoon, we pause along the impressive Waratah Highway, mountainous and heavily-forested, to walk in the scenic reserve of beautiful Hellyer Gorge. **B D**

Day 12: Thursday November 12 Arthur River Day
Arthur River Cruise / Edge of The World / Highfield House

Today we journey into the wild and remote corner of Tasmania that seems suspended in time. On the edge of the Arthur-Pieman Protected Area we reach the tiny settlement of Arthur River. From here our traditional river cruise takes us fourteen kilometres upstream on the Arthur River to where we walk and picnic in the rainforest before our lovely trip back. Later we return to Stanley to spend time exploring the lovely old village and its interesting surroundings. **B L D**

**Day 13 : Friday November 13 North-West Corner
Rocky Cape National Park / Allendale Gardens**

This morning we will explore Rocky Cape National Park on the rugged north-west coast, where we will walk among the wildflowers of the coastal heathland, an area first occupied by aborigines about 5,500 years ago. Later visit lovely Allendale Gardens, six acres of well-planted gardens, and stroll in the adjacent rainforest there. **B D**

**Day 14 : Saturday November 14 The North West Coast 1 night
Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden / Annsleigh Gardens / Tiagara**

We will visit the Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden, where over 15,000 rhododendrons, and companion plants, are arranged in geographical sequence over 13 hectares of natural amphitheatre. Then to the 5 acre Annsleigh Gardens, filled with surprises around every corner and delightful landscaped features. Our final stop is the internationally-recognised National Heritage Wetland garden at Hawley House. **B D**

**Day 15 : Sunday November 15 Cradle Mountain 1 night
Sheffield / Tazmazia / Dove Lake**

After a drive through the beautiful Kentish district, we will wander in Sheffield, the town of 35 larger-than-life fascinating murals which depict the character and history of the district. We then move on to visit a most interesting garden. This afternoon you can see for yourself the well-known mountain vista over Dove Lake, and walk in Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, along some of the special tracks (weather permitting!). **B D**

**Day 16 : Monday November 16 Mersey Valley 1 night
King Billy Walk / Maracoopa Cave / Wychwood**

Leaving Cradle Mountain, we enter the Mole Creek Karst National Park where we will tour the King Solomon's Caves, a spectacular cave system lavishly decorated with shawls, stalactites and stalagmites of rich colours, lavish formations and sparkling crystals. Later we will visit the charming garden and nursery of Wychwood, an imaginative and inspiring 2.5 acre garden of huge flower-filled borders. **B D**

**Day 17 : Tuesday November 17 Liffey Valley
Liffey Falls / Woolmers Estate**

Today we walk in the World Heritage Area where the Liffey River plunges through dense rainforest and over spectacular Liffey Falls. We will visit the Woolmers Estate, a genuine reflection of Colonial Tasmania, and home of the National Rose Collection, which takes you on an 'historical journey' through the evolution of the rose.

Later there will be a transfer to Launceston airport. **B**