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Travel Highlights

Tasmania

all corners, approx. 2000 km

November to April

14 days minimum

Distance
Best Time to Travel
Suggest Time Frame
for Travel

Highlights

- After visiting **Hobart City**, take a drive up scenic **Mount Wellington**. Rising 1270 metres, experience amazing changes in scenery from temperate rainforest at the bottom to glacial rock formations at the top.
- Drive along the **Channel Highway** which hugs the coast and provides stunning views of **Bruny Island**.
- Visit the **Tahune Air Walk**, west of **Geeveston** spend some time in the forest and enjoy the tree top walk.
- Enjoy exploring the **Huon Valley**, before you make your way up the **Lyell Highway** to your next major destination **Strahan**.
 - Enroute, enjoy the Salmon Ponds near Plenty and Russell Falls. The Falls are a worthy detour to stretch the legs. You can camp at the Falls, or you'll find freedom camps further up the Lyell Highway if you prefer.
 - 'The Wall in the Wilderness' is a worthy stop
 - Head into Lake St Clair a perfect location for a picnic lunch on the lake edge. There's also a good information/interpretive centre worth having a look at.
 - Travel across the highlands towards Queenstown stop to enjoy walks to rivers/falls and stunning viewpoints. You'll find a few freedom camps as you make your way into Queenstown on the banks of the river – perhaps you might even try your hand at trout fishing?
 - **Queenstown** is a mining town with quite a dramatic entry as you wind your way down from the highlands.

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- Strahan is a lovely place to explore and where you can head out on a popular boat cruise to explore the stunning ancient rainforest in Gordon Valley and Sarah
 Island. Sarah Island is where you can see the ruins of an old convict settlement.
- Although a small detour, head to **Cradle Mountain**. Take the free shuttle to Dove Lake to enjoy many short and longer walks in the area
- Heading further north west, you could visit Stanley, where you can enjoy the Nut Chairlift which offers excellent views over Stanley and the surrounding area. Travelling east towards Launceston, you can get 'lost' for days exploring the waterfalls, canyons, caves and numerous wineries and cheese farms. The Tamar River, which forms a valley up to Launceston from the coast, is full of wineries and fresh produce. Near Launceston, Cataract Gorge is a popular area for walking and swimming.
- Along the north coast in locations such as **Low Head**, it is possible to see the Little Penguins coming ashore in the evening.
- Making your way to the East Coast, enjoy the beautiful Bay of Fires. If you have a love of oysters, you'll definitely want to make it to St Helens where they have the near perfect Georges Bay oysters available.
- Freycinet National Park is another of those simply beautiful areas. Wineglass
 Bay is a great walk if you have time and the weather is kind to you. There's also a variety of short walks with stunning views.
- On your way to Port Arthur, you will see plenty of natural attraction. You can see blowholes, lookouts and beautiful beaches. You could also pop into the Tasmania Devil Conservation Park at Taranna.
 - Spend some time in **Port Arthur**, on the southern coast. Previously a convict settlement, it is where you can visit an old prison which gives a wonderful insight into what life was like in those days.
- Before heading back to Hobart, pop into **Richmond** which has several 19th century Georgian buildings. It is also home to Australia's oldest bridge which was built by convict labour in the 1820's.

What Else?

- See plenty of wildlife when travelling in this area like Kangaroos, Wallabies, Wombats, Echidnas, Platypus or the elusive Tasmania Devil
- Get a National Park Pass to save money if you are interested in visiting Tasmania's natural attractions
- The typical landscape is made up of lakes, mountains and beaches interspersed with charming little villages
- Enjoy a thousand star accommodation you'll see a number of commercial camps, low cost camps and free rest areas that allow overnight camping
- Best travelled over the summer months as can be cold in winter (November to April)
- Minimum time frame of 14 days; many of our retired clients take 28 days or longer if you wish to do a lap of the island













