

## Gold Coast 2018: Extended stay options

### 10 DAY TASMANIAN WONDERS

Hobart – Queenstown – Gordon River – Smithton – Launceston – Bicheno

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Hobart's iconic sights
- Visit spectacular Russell Falls
- Cruise on the Gordon River with a delicious lunch (included)
- Discover Cradle Mountain National Park on a guided tour
- See 'The Nut' at Stanley
- Experience Burnie's Makers' Workshop
- Glimpses of Wineglass Bay in Freycinet National Park
- Step back in time at historic Port Arthur

#### Day 1: Arrive Hobart

You will be transferred from the airport to your hotel, before embarking upon a tour of Hobart. You will visit Battery Point, Salamanca Place and Constitution Dock. After, you will return to the hotel for a welcome reception and dinner (D) *Wrest Point*

#### Day 2: Hobart – Queenstown

The day will begin heading to New Norfolk and the magnificent Mount Field National Park. Mount Field is home to Russell Falls, a 3-tiered waterfall which is surrounded by swamp gums. After, you will then visit Lake St Claire where you will see some wonderful vistas. You will spend the evening in Queenstown. (BD) *West Coaster Motel*

#### Day 3: Gordon River Cruise – Cradle Mountain

On to Strahan; a fishing village on the Macquarie Harbour where you will cruise down the Gordon River whilst enjoying a spot of lunch. The dark waters of the Gordon River reflect the true beauty of this natural area. After the cruise, you will have free time to relax and enjoy the surrounding area. (BLD) *Cradle Mountain Hotel*

#### **Day 4: Queenstown – Smithton**

Travel past Lake Plimsoll through Tullah to sensational Cradle Mountain National Park. Once there the tour will take you up to Waldheim and gorgeous Dove Lake for spectacular views of Cradle Mountain before driving for an overnight stay in Smithton. (BD) *Tall Timbers*

#### **Day 5: Smithton – Launceston**

In the morning you will visit picturesque Stanley where you will see 'the Nut' before heading onto Burnie for a guided tour of the Makers Workshop. You will then travel through Penguin, Ulverston and then south to Sheffield which is home to murals with colourful wall paintings that embellish the town's buildings. On the way to Launceston you will visit Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm (B). *Best Western Plus, Launceston (2 nights)*

#### **Day 6: Launceston**

In the morning travel to Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre. Beaconsfield Mine has a long gold mining history and your expert guide will bring to life the mine's extraordinary past, incredible engineering feats, the town's heritage and the dramatic events of the 2006 rock fall and mine rescue. The afternoon is free to explore 'Lonny'. Perhaps visit Cataract Gorge of the Boags Brewery. (B)

#### **Day 7: Launceston – Bicheno**

Bridestowe Lavender Estate will be your first stop today. Bridestowe has been growing lavender since 1922 when a London perfumer planted lavender seeds from the French Alps on his family estate which he named after his wife's birthplace in England. Try some of Bridestowe's lavender products and treat yourself to their famous lavender ice-cream! Later make a stop at the Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees, planted in honour of fallen WWI soldiers, then visit Pyengana Dairy Company. (B) *Beachfront at Bicheno*

#### **Day 8: Bicheno – Hobart**

Get your camera ready for the spectacular and breath-taking Freycinet National Park. You'll take a walk that will unveil astonishing views across brilliant blue water, forest and golden beach. Cape Tourville Lookout is magic! Travel though Swansea and Orford, then chart a course for Hobart. (B) *Wrest Point (2 nights)*

#### **Day 9: Port Arthur**

Explore Port Arthur Historic Site. Enjoy a cruise around the Isle of the Dead and a fascinating guided walk of Port Arthur's infamous convict prison. You'll have time to wander the site at your leisure before you leave. See rugged sea cliffs from Pirate's Bay Lookout, and feast your

eyes on the amazing vistas of Tasman's Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole on the drive back to Hobart. (BD)

#### Day 10: Depart Hobart

In the morning, you will be transferred to Hobart Airport for your onward flight. (B)

#### PRICES INCLUDE

- 9 nights' accommodation in comfortable mid-range hotels
- Meals as specified (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Transfers and sightseeing as specified (excludes 'optional' items)

If you would like to include this tour as part of your travel over to the Gold Coast for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, please contact us at [games18@travelplaces.co.uk](mailto:games18@travelplaces.co.uk) or call 01903 259 133.