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TASMANIAN EXPERIENCE

11 Day Conducted Tour
for **\$4,195** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes & levies

This great tour includes all of the following:

- Return air fares with Qantas from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra to Hobart.
- A wonderful 11 day tour around Tasmania in a modern coach visiting Hobart, Port Arthur, Strahan, Devonport, Launceston, Bicheno and more.
- Gordon River Cruise, live performance in Strahan, Tamar River Cruise, Penguin Tour, Josef Chromy Winery, Bruny Island cruise and a visit to Cradle Mountain.
- Accommodation in mainly 3 to 4 star hotels with private facilities.
- Many meals.
- Transport & transfers and entrance fees to many attractions.
- Services of an Australian tour escort and experienced and knowledgeable driver.



If you don't have anyone to share with but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1,275.

This tour is exclusive to Macleay Valley Travel, with passenger numbers limited to approximately 28.



Tour departs 17th February and returns 27th February 2023

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Tasmanian Experience Tour

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

17.02.23 Mainland Australia – Hobart, Tasmania

(D) Depart Canberra at 9.00am on QF 1561, arriving in Hobart at 10.35am.
Depart Brisbane at 10.00am on QF 1721, arriving in Hobart at 1.45pm.
Depart Melbourne at 10.40am on QF 1005, arriving in Hobart at 11.55am.
Depart Sydney at 1.25pm on QF 1535, arriving in Hobart at 3.25pm.
All passengers will be met and transferred to the hotel for an overnight stay.
Our city centre hotel first opened in July 2020 and it provides state of the art facilities, including restaurants, bars and terrace.
This evening we enjoy an included welcome dinner.
Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Hobart

18.02.23 Hobart – Queenstown

(B/D) After breakfast we check out of the hotel and meet our driver as we depart Hobart and head west enroute to Queenstown. At the half way mark, we stop at Derwent Bridge. Whilst here we will visit The Wall in the Wilderness, which is a wooden man carved sculpture telling stories about the area. We continue our drive to Queenstown, which is the largest town on the West Coast. Queenstown is surrounded by dramatic hills and mountains. We check into our accommodation for a two night stay. Dinner this evening is at the hotel.
Accommodation: Gold Rush Inn

19.02.23 Queenstown – Strahan - Queenstown

(B/L/D) We have an early breakfast this morning and depart Queenstown by 7.15am for Strahan, which was once a fishing village and is now a major tourism hub on the wild West Coast. Today's adventure is the Gordon River Cruise. We will witness the magical reflections of the Gordon River as we cruise through Hell's Gate, which is the harbour entrance to the Great Southern Ocean. The name relates to the original convict's claim that it was their 'entrance to Hell' being the Macquarie Harbour Penal Station on Sarah Island.
To finish, we explore the ruins of the penal colony on Sarah Island. Our cruise includes main deck central seating and a delicious chef prepared buffet lunch. We return to Strahan around 2.30pm and have some time at leisure. During this time we suggest a visit to the Huon Pine Sawmill located on the Strahan Esplanade or a walk to Hogarth Falls from People's Park in Strahan. This is a pretty waterfall through a tranquil mixed forest.
This evening we enjoy Australia's longest running play, 'The Ship That Never Was', telling the hilarious and dramatic true tale of the last Great Escape from Sarah Island, performed at the Richard Davey Amphitheatre at 5.30pm. Dinner is included in Strahan village before heading back to our accommodation in Queenstown.
Accommodation: Gold Rush Inn

20.02.23 Queenstown – Cradle Mountain - Devonport

(B/L) This morning we depart Queenstown and travel to the Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre. From here we have the opportunity to see Dove Lake and marvel at the exceptional beauty of the surrounds. We access the walking trail via shuttle buses

from the Visitor Centre (included with your National Parks Pass). We have a light buffet lunch at Cradle Mountain Hotel before departing for Devonport. Devonport is located on the North Coast, where the Mersey River meets Bass Strait. We check into our accommodation for an overnight stay.

Accommodation: Gateway Devonport by Nightcap Plus

21.02.23 Devonport – North West Coast – Launceston

(B)

We have an early start this morning, departing the hotel and travelling along the North West Coast. The drive offers spectacular views, from Mt Roland near Devonport, Table Cape and the famous Nut at Stanley. We travel through the gorgeous seaside towns of Penguin and Boat Harbour, arriving in Stanley by mid morning. Stanley is a perfectly preserved colonial village with genteel cafes and quality B&B's, all sheltering in the imposing shadow of the Nut, rising 150 metres straight up from the waters edge.

After some time exploring Stanley, we will travel back along the coastline, stopping at Burnie, a town with a large industrial past that has been reinvented to a vibrant and creative city on a beautiful stretch of the coastline.

We continue our drive along the 'Cradle to Coast Tasting Trail'. Indulge away with stops at Ashgrove Cheese, Anvers Chocolate and Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm whilst passing through the town of Sheffield, known as the 'Town of Murals'.

We arrive into Launceston and check into our hotel, which is centrally located within walking distance to shops, restaurants and the beautiful city park.

Accommodation: Best Western Plus Launceston

22.02.23 Launceston

(B/L)

After breakfast we take a 50 minute round trip cruise on the Tamar River into Cataract Gorge to see the old and new facets of Launceston's Seaport precinct. We will then travel to Josef Chromy Wines. This state of the art winery has a cellar door, upscale restaurant and beautiful grounds to admire. Enjoy an included wine tasting and two course lunch of superb Tasmanian produce as we relax at one of Tasmania's best wineries. The remainder of the day is at leisure in Launceston.

Accommodation: Best Western Plus Launceston

23.02.23 Launceston – St Helens - Bicheno

(B/D)

This morning we travel to the stunning East Coast of Tasmania, known for its beaches and seaside towns. We detour via the North East Coast and the town of St Helens, where we will explore the hidden beaches and view brilliant orange lichen boulders in the area known as the 'Bay of Fires'. After exploring the area we head south to the pretty seaside town of Bicheno. This evening we join a local penguin tour to learn about their daily life up close and undisturbed in their own environment. Dinner is included at the hotel.

Accommodation: Beachfront Bicheno

24.02.23 Bicheno – Freycinet National Park - Hobart

(B)

After breakfast we depart Bicheno and travel south to Hobart via the picture perfect Freycinet National Park. We will have the opportunity to walk to the top of the lookout to view Wineglass Bay. Please note this is a steep uphill walk. Alternatively, take the more relaxed option on a flat boarded walk at Cape Tourville to view The Hazards, a mountain range located in the national park.

We arrive in Hobart in the late afternoon and check into our accommodation for a three night stay.

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Hobart

25.02.23 Hobart – Salamanca Markets - Port Arthur - Hobart

(B/L)

This morning we explore the wonderful Salamanca Markets, which is an easy 15 minute walk or you can take the free city shuttle to Salamanca. This colourful market is full of art, craft, live music, fresh and handmade Tasmanian produce and delicious food and coffee. Salamanca is one of Australia's most vibrant and popular outdoor markets, held every Saturday morning until 2pm.

Later we travel to Port Arthur and visit the Port Arthur Historic Site. Hear the story of Tasmania's famous UNESCO world heritage listed convict settlement. Feel the sense of isolation experienced by the convicts and discover the history of the early Australian Penal system. Our entry includes an introductory walking tour and harbour cruise. We will then have some free time to walk around the site at our leisure. Lunch in the café at the Visitor Centre is included.

Departing Port Arthur, we will take in more sights of the Tasman Peninsula with stunning scenery such as Devil's Kitchen and Tasman Arch, before returning to Hobart.

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Hobart

26.02.23 Hobart – Bruny Island - Hobart

(B/L/D)

We spend a thrilling day today with an included Bruny Island cruise, exploring the spectacular coastline and wildlife of Bruny Island. We cruise alongside some of Australia's highest sea cliffs, beneath towering crags and drift up close to the awesome 'Breathing Rock'. The custom-built yellow boats are safe and comfortable with open-air seating to enjoy an excellent all-round view. The included lunch specialises in freshly caught local and Tasmanian fish dishes designed to satisfy the hunger that comes from cruising waters around Bruny Island. We return to Hobart around 5.30pm. This evening we have a farewell dinner to commemorate our Tasmanian Experience.

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Hobart

27.02.23 Hobart – Mainland Australia

(B)

We are transferred to Hobart airport for our flights home.

Canberra passengers depart Hobart at 11.15am on QF 1560, arriving in Canberra at 12.45pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Hobart at 2.30pm on QF 1720, arriving in Brisbane at 4.15pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Hobart at 2.35pm on QF 1554, arriving in Melbourne at 3.50pm.

Sydney passengers depart Hobart at 4.05pm on QF 1536, arriving in Sydney at 5.55pm.

Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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Tour Difficulty Level 3

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and some hotels, boarding boats and walking distances of 500-1000 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Some early departures and walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating, especially on the day at Cradle Mountain.



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Tasmanian Experience

Deposits and Payments: A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable 8 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund.

Refunds and Cancellations: Any cancellations made after the final payment date will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline. Any potential refund for a cancelled booking will not be paid until the airline provides the refund to Macleay Valley Travel.

Limitation of Liability concerning Covid-19: It is possible that there may be outbreak(s) of Covid-19 during this tour. Whilst we take necessary safety precautions, Macleay Valley Travel cannot be held responsible for any quarantines and any associated costs brought about by quarantines, local shutdowns and/or border closures. You are aware that Covid-19 is a highly contagious and potentially dangerous disease that may result in significant personal illness and even death. You acknowledge that you are voluntarily participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19, and you agree to assume all risks.

Airline Tickets: Changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees.

Insurance: Adequate travel insurance is essential. Please contact your preferred travel insurance provider.

Identification: A valid form of government issued photographic identification (such as a current drivers license or passport) is accepted in most circumstances.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes: Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost: All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance and optional tours. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa / MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1.2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Accreditation: Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Disclosure of fees or commissions received from third parties: Macleay Valley Travel Pty Ltd may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third parties under this contract.

Twin Share Bookings: If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with a twin share passenger, if one is available.

Health and Fitness: Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate on this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for medical advice. It is a requirement that you are fully vaccinated Covid-19. Depending on the conditions at the time of travel, you may also have to undertake pre-departure Covid PCR or Negative Antigen Tests. You acknowledge that Macleay Valley Travel is not liable for any associated costs brought about by these requirements or any future requirements of a similar nature.

Limitation of Liability: As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the airlines, hotels, coach companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, pandemics, endemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____ Preferred Name: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE / CANBERRA

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person and the health & fitness form.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details and severity: _____

2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided?

Yes / No

3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain?

Yes / No

If no, please provide details about these limitations: _____

4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details: _____

5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No

If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: _____

6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details: _____

7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details: _____

8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No

If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): _____

9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No

10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No

If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No

11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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