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TASMANIAN HIGHLIGHTS

12 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 Virgin Australia from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra into Launceston.
- A wonderful 12 day tour around Tasmania in a modern coach, visiting Launceston, Hobart, Port Arthur, Strahan and more, with a Gordon River cruise and a visit to Cradle Mountain.
- Accommodation in 3½ to 4 star hotels with private facilities.
- Nearly all meals.
- All transfers and transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- Modern two door, toilet equipped coaches with spacious leg room, reclining seats and footrests.
- Services of an experienced coach captain and tour host.



With this tour we guarantee twin share accommodation for anyone who wants this. For persons requiring a single room, there is an extra charge of \$795.



Tour departs on the 13th February and returns 24th February 2018

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Tasmanian Highlights Tour

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

- 13.02.18 (D) Sydney/Brisbane/Adelaide/Canberra – Melbourne - Launceston**
Depart Brisbane at 7.55am on Virgin Australia flight VA 314, arriving in Melbourne at 11.15am.
Depart Adelaide at 9.35am on Virgin Australia flight VA 214, arriving in Melbourne at 11.25am.
Depart Sydney at 11.00am on Virgin Australia flight VA 834, arriving in Melbourne at 12.35pm.
Depart Canberra at 11.05am on Virgin Australia flight VA 264, arriving in Melbourne at 12.15pm.
All passengers then depart Melbourne at 1.10pm on flight VA 1368, arriving in Launceston at 2.15pm.
Upon arrival into Launceston, we have a short tour of the town before travelling to the famous Cataract Gorge. There is time to enjoy the rugged cliffs of the gorge with amazing views from the Gorge Scenic Chairlift. This evening enjoy an included welcome drink prior to dinner at the hotel.
Accommodation: Best Western Plus, Launceston
- 14.02.18 (B/D) Launceston - Tamar Valley – Beaconsfield - Launceston**
Follow the picturesque Tamar River to the gold-mining town of Beaconsfield. A tour of the heritage buildings and mine explores the past and present of gold mining. A display depicts the events of the 2006 ANZAC Day rock fall. There is some free time to purchase lunch before continuing to Beauty Point. At Platypus House, watch Tasmanian platypuses and echidnas in an outdoor setting. Then onto Seahorse World, a fascinating aquarium dedicated to the breeding, education and conservation of the seahorse. This evening enjoy an included dinner.
Accommodation: Best Western Plus, Launceston
- 15.02.18 (B/L/D) Launceston - Ross - Bicheno**
Travel south to Ross, a beautiful Georgian village with many ornate, convict-built buildings. We visit the Tasmanian Wool Centre. After an included lunch we continue to the seaside town of Bicheno. We visit East Coast Natureworld, set amongst 150 acres of natural parklands and lagoons and featuring much of Tasmania's unique wildlife. Tonight enjoy an included dinner.
Accommodation: Beachfront Bicheno
- 16.02.18 (B/L/D) Bicheno - Freycinet National Park – Swansea - Hobart**
We make the short journey south to Coles Bay, gateway to the magnificent Freycinet Peninsula. Visit the Freycinet Visitor Centre before Cape Tourville lookout. We stroll to the lighthouse for marvellous views of the Freycinet Peninsula, Wineglass Bay and the Hazard Mountains. Lunch is at the Bark Mill Tavern and Museum in Swansea. Explore the historic village of Richmond prior to arriving in Hobart, our home for the next three nights. Tonight enjoy an included dinner.
Accommodation: Balmoral Motor Inn

17.02.18 Hobart – Huon Valley - Hobart

(B/L/D)

Today we explore Hobart's famous Salamanca outdoor market with more than 300 stalls selling fresh and gourmet produce, arts and crafts. We then follow the Huon Trail to the quaint Huon Valley Visitor Centre, followed by the Tahune Forest AirWalk. Experience this spectacular treetop walk with breathtaking views of the forest canopy. Lunch and dinner today are included.

Accommodation: Balmoral Motor Inn

18.02.18 Hobart – Tasman Peninsula – Hobart

(B/D)

Travel the Tasman Peninsula, stopping to view the striking rock formations of the Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen at Eaglehawk Neck, before arriving at the historic site of Port Arthur. Explore the ruins of this infamous convict prison with time to purchase lunch and to enjoy a short cruise to Mason Cove.

Dinner tonight is at Hadley's Orient Hotel.

Accommodation: Balmoral Motor Inn

19.02.18 Hobart - Strahan

(B/D)

Today we travel west from Hobart through the picturesque Derwent Valley. We visit the Wall in the Wilderness at Derwent Bridge, an intriguing story told in wooden sculpture. We visit Lake St Clair, the deepest natural glacial lake in the southern hemisphere. Then onto Strahan for a two night stay. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

Accommodation: Strahan Village Motel

20.02.18 Strahan

(B/L/D)

This morning we proceed to Queenstown to board the West Coast Wilderness Railway for an amazing journey through the wilderness. Enjoy a picnic lunch on board before returning to Strahan for some free time. Afterwards we board the Lady Jane Franklin II for a spectacular Gordon River cruise. We cross Macquarie Harbour, viewing the Hell's Gate harbour entrance. Sense the past with a walk through ancient forests and visit Sarah Island, a notorious convict settlement. We return to Strahan for an included dinner after a memorable day.

Accommodation: Strahan Village Motel

21.02.18 Strahan – Cradle Mountain - Smithton

(B/L/D)

An early start for a day of spectacular scenery. We travel via Tullah to the picturesque Cradle Mountain National Park. Visit the Information Centre, then Dove Lake. Cloud's permitting, view the famous cradle from which the mountain gained its name. We have an included lunch at the Cradle Mountain Hotel, before continuing to Smithton for a two night stay. This evening enjoy an included dinner.

Accommodation: Tall Timbers Hotel

22.02.18 Smithton – Stanley - Smithton

(B/L/D)

Journey into the magnificent heritage listed Tarkine Forest to visit Dismal Swamp, believed to be the only Blackwood sinkhole in the world and formed over thousands of years. Take the slide to the bottom (if you dare!) or walk the pathway. We have lunch at the historic Stanley Hotel. Ride the chairlift to the top of The Nut, a huge volcanic plug perched on a headland, with incredible views.

Accommodation: Tall Timbers Hotel

23.02.18 Smithton – Sheffield – Launceston

(B/D) Enjoy spectacular views from Table Cape. Visit the House of Anvers for a chocolate experience tour. Continue to Sheffield, the town of murals, with time to explore and purchase lunch. Sample some of Tasmania's finest cheeses at Ashgrove Cheese Factory. Our farewell dinner this evening is at one of Launceston's popular restaurants.

Accommodation: Best Western Plus, Launceston

24.02.18 Launceston – Melbourne - Sydney/Adelaide/Brisbane/Canberra

(B/L) Our final day together begins with a short Tamar River cruise to enjoy the splendour of the majestic Cataract Gorge. Spend time at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company, home to some of Tasmania's finest sauces and preserves. Enjoy a tour of the enchanting topiary nursery and Ericvale Gardens before a gourmet BBQ lunch in this delightful setting, a fitting way to end the tour.

All passengers depart Launceston at 2.50pm on flight VA 1371, arriving in Melbourne at 3.55pm.

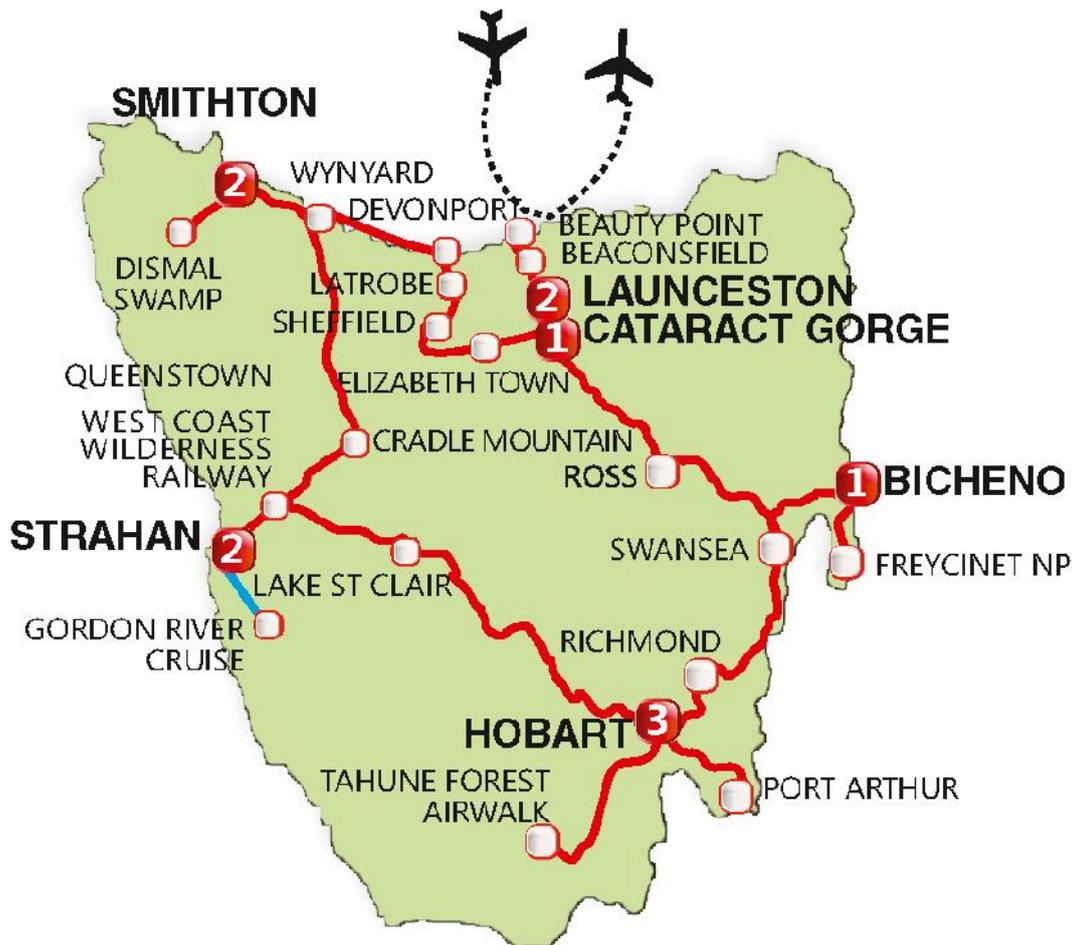
Sydney passengers depart Melbourne at 4.30pm on flight VA 863, arriving in Sydney at 5.55pm.

Adelaide passengers depart Melbourne at 4.40pm on flight VA 233, arriving in Adelaide at 5.30pm.

Brisbane passengers depart Melbourne at 5.00pm on flight VA 341, arriving in Brisbane at 6.10pm.

Canberra passengers depart Melbourne at 6.45pm on flight VA 279, arriving in Canberra at 7.50pm.

Note: The ground operator for this tour is Reed Holidays / Seniors Coach Tours



Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear 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 2

This tour rating typically involves moderate physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, walking distances of up to 200 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Tasmanian Highlights Tour

Deposits and Payments: A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable 10 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations: Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund of between 25 – 50% of monies paid dependant upon how many days prior to travel the cancellation was made. For cancellations 14 days prior to the tour commencing or less there will be no refund.

Insurance: Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bare no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports: Australian citizens do not require a passport or visa for this tour. Suitable photograph identification is required (for example your drivers license or proof of age card).

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. Similarly, credit card payments can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for Diners Club.

Booking Amendments: Any amendments made by you, apart from changes to minor personal information will be subject to a \$100 administration fee per change, plus any increase in cost. Please note that even minor name change alternations may incur additional costs.

Dietary Requirements: Special dietary requirements are requested from accommodation and meal providers, however we cannot guarantee that requests will always be met.

Airline Rescheduling: Airline schedules are subject to change which may affect joining/departing arrangements & consequently that day's itinerary. Any additional costs incurred, including overnight accommodation & transfers are at the passenger's expense.

Booking through other Agents: As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

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.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. Please contact our office for prices.

Twin Share Bookings – If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try assign you with another traveller. 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 etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel and its providers accept no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate.

Health and Fitness: Macleay Valley Travel requires that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. No passengers will be permitted to commence or continue the tour if, in the opinion of Macleay Valley Travel and/or its agents, their physical or mental condition makes them unable to care for themselves or their behaviour becomes objectionable to other passengers. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives reserve the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances and will not be responsible for any additional expense incurred should any passenger be required to leave the tour due to the above mentioned provisions.

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, 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. The passenger agrees to indemnify Macleay Valley Travel, its servants or agents against any claim, demand or judgement or damage made or awarded for all actions arising from the foregoing causes. 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 and their representatives accept no responsibility for delays or financial losses caused by the inability or any other operator used in this tour to due to the cessation of business, bankruptcy or any other reason. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives reserve the right to substitute vehicles of a lesser standard should this be unavoidable due to mechanical failure, delay or any other genuine reason. For tours with less than 20 passengers a small vehicle with varying features & one person crew may be used.

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 SUITABLE PHOTO ID MUST BE SENT WITH THE BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as per photographic ID): _____

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

Preferred Name: _____ Frequent Flyer Number: _____

Passenger 2 (as per photographic ID): _____

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

Preferred Name: _____ Frequent Flyer Number: _____

Postal Address: _____

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

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

Nationality (Passenger 1): _____

Nationality (Passenger 2): _____

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

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

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person.

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of suitable photographic identification 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.