

Tasmania's Crafts, Villages and Gardens

8 days, departs Nov 4



Salamanca Market

Day 1 (L,D) HOME, LAUNCESTON

Today we arrive into the attractive city of Launceston. We visit the beautiful Cataract Gorge with its unique cliffside formations. There is time to wander the gardens or ride the longest single span chairlift, spectacular views! Later we arrive at our home for four nights, Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston.

Day 2 (B,L,D) TASMANIAN CRAFT FAIR

Today visit the 37th annual Tasmanian Craft Fair in picturesque Deloraine. Explore the exhibits at your own pace, lunch from your choice of vendors. Transportation is by shuttle coaches or you may choose to walk between the venues. The quality crafts include woodcarvings, hand blown glassware, leather and metal work, pottery and oil paintings. A must-see is the amazing 'Yarns Artwork in Silk' a beautiful example of quilted soft sculpture silk panels, one for each season.

Day 3 (B,L,D) CITY PARK, TAMAR VALLEY

It is a short walk this morning from our hotel to the beautiful City Park, featuring mature trees and shrubs, a display of annual flowers, a Japanese Macaque monkey enclosure and the John Hart Conservatory. Also here is The Albert Hall, a significant Victorian building, where we enjoy morning tea. Leaving Launceston we follow the picturesque Tamar River to Beauty Point, our lunch stop. During the afternoon we visit two unique attractions here. At Platypus House see platypuses and echidnas in daylight conditions, actively feeding during our guided tour. Then at Seahorse World, view this fascinating aquarium dedicated to conservation of the seahorse and other amazing sea creatures. A delightful day out!

Tour Highlights

- 37th Annual Tasmanian Craft Fair
- Georgian Villages of Ross and Richmond
- Picturesque Tamar Valley
- Spectacular Tahune Valley
- Woolmers Estate and Rose Garden
- Port Arthur UNESCO site
- Entally Historic Site
- Eclectic Salamanca Market



Tasmania is a delightful island steeped in history and featuring a unique charm not found on the mainland. The isle is well known for its abundant gardens and many natural and iconic attractions. An additional highlight of our tour is a visit to the Tasmanian Craft Fair in Deloraine which has grown into Australia's largest working craft fair over the past 37 years.



Day 4 (B,L,D) TASMANIAN GARDENS

This morning we tour the World Heritage Woolmer's Estate and National Rose Garden. A fascinating reflection of colonial life in Tasmania with the Rose Garden displaying one of the finest collections of historic roses in the southern hemisphere. We have a guided tour prior to a light lunch in the servant's quarters. Later we visit the beautifully preserved Entally Historic site, surrounded by magnificent gardens and a vineyard. Afternoon tea here before returning to our hotel.



Richmond village



Port Arthur UNESCO Site

All meals / most morning and afternoon teas

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Entally House

Day 5 (B,L,D) ROSS, RICHMOND, HOBART

Today we travel south to Ross, a beautifully preserved Georgian village with many ornate convict built stone buildings. Enjoy a town tour before visiting the interesting Tasmanian Wool Centre, which offers fine wool products, a wool exhibition and history museum. Lunch here today. During the afternoon we explore historic village Richmond, home to many examples of colonial architecture. Our home for three nights is the RACT Apartment Hotel, Hobart.

Day 6 (B,L,D) HUON VALLEY, TAHUNE FOREST AIRWALK

Today we explore the Huon Valley as we follow the Huon Trail to Franklin and Geeveston. Enjoy lunch prior to walking amongst the treetops at the Tahune Forest Air Walk, an easily accessed raised walkway set above the canopy of the Tasmanian wet forest. Before leaving the area, visit the "Big Tree" a giant eucalyptus, hundreds of years old. We return to Hobart with some free time prior to dinner.



Ross Bridge-photo courtesy of Tourism Tasmania

Day 7 (B,L,D) PORT ARTHUR

This morning we journey to the quaint seaside township of Eaglehawk Neck, home to the famous "Doo Town" with its eccentric house names. We continue on to UNESCO World Heritage listed Port Arthur with lunch on arrival. Time to explore the ruins and enjoy the picturesque garden setting, maybe visit the Penitentiary or Church ruins, and take a short cruise around the Isle of the Dead. We return to Hobart later in the afternoon.

Day 8 (B,L) SALAMANCA MARKET, HOBART, HOME

This morning, a highlight for the "market lovers" as we visit Hobart's famous Salamanca outdoor market with more than 300 stalls selling fresh and gourmet produce, arts and crafts.. Following lunch we transfer to Hobart Airport to join flights to home ports, completing our delightful holiday in Tasmania.



Woolmers Rose Garden
photo courtesy of Tourism Tasmania



Huon Valley-photo courtesy of Tourism Tasmania



Tasmanian Craft Fair-photo courtesy of TCF

All prices are per person twin share

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| Tour Price* | \$4,460 |
| Adelaide | \$5,060 |
| Brisbane | \$4,960 |
| Canberra | \$5,060 |
| Hobart/Launceston | \$4,460 |
| Melbourne | \$4,760 |
| Perth** | \$5,535 |
| Sydney | \$4,860 |
| Single supplement | \$ 725 |

*Tour commences in Launceston and ends in Hobart.

**Pre-tour overnight Melbourne, includes airport transfers, dinner & breakfast.

Deposit of \$450 due within 7 days of booking, plus any additional deposit needed for non-refundable airfares.

Balance due 60 days prior to departure.

Prices from other cities available on application.