

Tasmanian Crafts

6 days, departs Nov 1

Highlights

- 32nd Tasmanian Craft Fair
- Yarns Artwork in Silk
- Guided tour of Entally House
- Three private gardens
- Pipers Brook Winery
- Tamar Valley
- Woolmers Estate
- Cataract Gorge Cruise

Tasmanian Craft Fair: From a small beginning over 30 years ago Deloraine Rotary Club's craft fair has grown into one of Australia's leading craft shows with over 200 exhibitors. Now held in fourteen venues, visitors are transported by shuttle coaches or may choose to walk between venues. Wood carvings, hand blown glassware, lead lighting, oil and water colour paintings, pottery, candle making, leather work and embroidery are just a few of the crafts you will enjoy at this fair.

Deloraine: On the banks of the Meander River, the town has many colonial buildings and is set against the backdrop of the Great Western Tiers. A local treasure is the Yarns Artwork in Silk, created by over 300 people, taking over 10,000 hours to complete.

Sebel Launceston: On this holiday we stay at the 4.5 star Sebel Launceston in stylish boutique one bedroom suites with walk-in shower. Comfort plus accommodation, excellent food and great location.

Entally House: One of the finest historic homes in Tasmania built in 1819. As well as a magnificent homestead, the property includes a Conservatory, Chapel, Stables, Carriage House and farmyard.

Woolmer Estate: This estate also dates from 1819. Most of the original buildings are still standing. The property was largely built and operated using convict labour. Of special significance is the National Rose Garden of Australia, established in the 1990's with a total of over 4,000 roses growing in the garden.

Northern Tasmanian Gardens:
Dorset Gardens and Museum: A purpose built museum housing a large display of vintage fashions and accessories, surrounded by established gardens featuring camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas.

Hillside Cottage: A 5 year old garden in Jetsonville with rock edges, flowers, vegetable garden and fish pond.

Waihemo Garden: Featuring rockeries planted with azaleas, rhododendrons, flowering cherries & magnolias.

Day 1 (L,D) HOME, LAUNCESTON

Following metropolitan home/hotel pick up we transfer to Melbourne Airport for the short flight to Launceston. Passengers from other states may fly direct to Launceston or via Melbourne. Lunch on arrival. Visit Entally House, enjoy afternoon tea and a guided tour prior to arriving at our home for four nights, the Sebel, Launceston.

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

Today we visit the 32nd Tasmanian Craft Fair. A leisurely day visit with time to explore many of the displays and stalls. Lunch at the fair. Later visit Yarns Artwork in Silk.

Day 3 (B,L,D) TASMANIAN OPEN GARDENS

A garden lover's delight as we visit three private gardens. Enjoy the garden and morning tea at the Dorset Museum and Gardens, followed by a visit to Waihemo Gardens. Lunch today at Scottsdale Art Gallery Café before visiting Hillside Cottage. We return to Launceston via Pipers Brook Winery.

Day 4 (B,L,D) TAMAR VALLEY

Today we enjoy a tour of the Tamar Valley. We call at the Swiss village of Grindelwald on route to Beaconsfield where we visit Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Museum. We continue to Beauty Point for lunch then visit Platypus House.

Day 5 (B,L,D) LAUNCESTON

A morning visit to the beautiful Woolmers Estate. Take a guided tour and stroll in the National Rose Garden prior to a light lunch in the servant's quarters. This afternoon we return to Launceston for a scenic chairlift ride at Cataract Gorge, followed by a leisurely cruise into the gorge. Afternoon tea in the parkland of People's Park.

Day 6 (B,L) LAUNCESTON, HOME

This morning we visit the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company, where we can sample delightful local sauces, preserves and condiments. We enjoy morning tea in the Ericvale Open garden and Topiary nursery prior to transferring to Launceston Airport for our flight home. Our flight arrives in Melbourne mid-afternoon. Interstate passengers may fly direct to their home state, or via Melbourne. Metropolitan home/hotel transfers complete a most enjoyable short holiday in Northern Tasmania.



Fares: (p.p.t.s)	
ex Melbourne	\$2,395
ex Sydney	\$2,495
ex Brisbane	\$2,695
ex Adelaide	\$2,695
ex Perth*	\$3,095
single supplement	\$ 395
Deposit of \$250 within 7 days of booking.	
Balance due 45 days prior to departure.	
* Overnight Melbourne	