



# Tasmania's suggested self-drive itineraries

## 5 Days / 4 Nights Launceston – Cradle Mountain - Hobart

(Wilderness and Wildlife Trail)

### Day 1 Launceston – Farmstay (93 km - 1 hr 30 mins)

Depart Launceston early to drive west towards Deloraine. Visit 41 Degrees South Salmon and Ginseng Farm to browse at the shop or taste the hot-smoked salmon and the famous Sauvignon Blanc 2004 with 2 year old ginseng root. Continue onto Elizabeth Town to visit Ashgrove Cheese where you can view the cheese making and maturing area. From the shop you can taste and buy a range of cheese from traditional English country such as Cheddar and Lancashire to exotic flavours of wild wasabi, lavender and red chilli cheese.

Drive back to Deloraine and continue onto Mole Creek stopping at The Honey Farm at Chudleigh to taste up to 50 different varieties of honey including Tasmania's famous Leatherwood honey. Visit Trowunna Wildlife Park to get close to Tasmania's wildlife, and take a tour of Marakoopa Cave where you can see glow worms in the dark. Stop at Sheffield, the town of murals before heading to Cradle Mountain.

**Overnight: Cradle Mountain**

### Just another day...

Head north to Devonport, Tasmania's third largest city. Visit Tiagarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Museum, an interpretation centre for the history and present-day cultures and art of Tasmania Aboriginal people. Next, visit Home Hill, home of former Australian Prime Minister Joseph Lyons (1932 to 1939). Next, onboard the The Don River Train on a fun ride on the only passenger train on the island. Continue onto Burnie to visit Creative Paper Tasmania where you can take a papermaking tour including a hands-on papermaking session or just wander through the gallery to view some of the best craft and art works in Tasmania.

In the months of September & October, visit Table Cape Van Dieman's Quality Bulb Farm to see 15 hectares fields of striped colour of tulips. The farm also grows close to 10 hectares of iris, daffodils and lilies. Head west on A2 to Stanley, a must visit is the icon 'Nut' – a volcanic plug rising 150 metres. You can climb a winding path to the Nut's plateau or take a chairlift to appreciate the uninterrupted views of Bass Strait.

Make time to visit Cape Grim, breathe the cleanest air in the world recorded by the Baseline Air Pollution Station that is situated on the cliffs of the Cape Grim coastline. Take a tour of the Wind Farm, Highfield Historic Site or Dismal Swamp, an eco-tourism and forest interpretation centre, follow the walkway or take an electric buggy to the floor of the sinkhole or take the exhilarating 110 metre slide from the viewing platform to the swamp floor.

**Overnight: Stanley or Smithton**



## **Day 2 Farmstay – Cradle Mountain (63 km – 1 hr 30 mins)**

In the morning take an optional farm horse ride before heading to Cradle Mountain. Make sure you arrive at Cradle Mountain for a visit to Dove Lake. The awesome beauty of this region is truly inspiring. Stay overnight in a wilderness lodge, some with private cabins. Activities in the region include a range of walks, horse riding, fly fishing, wilderness flights and evening animal spot light tours or Devils @ Cradle for the Tasmania night feeding tour.

**Overnight: Cradle Mountain**

## **Day 3 Cradle Mountain – Strahan (151 km – 2 hrs)**

Spend the morning at Cradle Mountain before driving to Zeehan. Visit the Zeehan Mining Museum to learn of a miners' life in one of the most remote towns in Australia. Follow the road to Strahan, a beautiful fishing village overlooking the second biggest harbour in Australia, and the launching point for cruises on the magnificent Gordon River. Visit the wharf and watch fishermen unload the catch of the day and in the evening enjoy the play 'The Ship That Never Was' – a play telling the dramatic and hilarious tale of the great escape from Sarah Island.

**Overnight: Strahan**

## **Day 4 Strahan – Hobart (300 km – 4 hrs)**

Take a 6-hour cruise on the Gordon River to learn of the history of ship building in the region or tour the West Coast Wilderness Railway - the world-renowned heritage rack and pinion rail journey between Queenstown and Strahan through rainforest and over deep gorges. If you would like some adventure don't miss a four-wheel motor bike tour with Henty Sand Dunes. Depart Strahan for Queenstown where you can tour the Mt Lyell Copper Mine and then drive on to Hobart. Stretch your legs at Lake St Clair and walk to Russell Falls in Mt Field National Park. If you would like a farmstay experience stop at Hamilton and stay at Curringa Farm or journey onto Hobart.

**Overnight: Hobart or Farm Stay**

## **Day 5 Hobart**

Spend the day with Bruny Island Charters and enjoy an amazing cruise from Adventure Bay along the spectacular coastline of South Bruny. See sheer-faced sea cliffs, seals, dolphins and sea eagles.