# Tasmania by coach

Depart Cairns 12th November at 5.55AM arrive Brisbane 8.15AM – Virgin Depart Brisbane 12th November at 9.50AM arrive Cairns 1.40PM – Virgin

Commence the following tour with AAT Kings in Hobart on the 12th November and ending in Hobart on the 24th November

## Day 1 Welcome to Hobart

Welcome to Hobart! Enjoy a leisurely start to your tour by having a wander around the picturesque Constitution Dock at your doorstep or take a stroll along the Derwent River before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers this afternoon for a Welcome Reception followed by delicious meal at Tasman Restaurant.

Hotel: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart, 2 nights

Included Meals: Welcome Dinner

# Day 2 Salamanca Market and Hobart Surrounds

Wake up today to the sights, sounds, flavours, colour and action of Salamanca Market. Explore the market stalls, wander through the historic sandstone warehouses discovering innovative Tasmanian arts and crafts as you delight in the taste and aroma of freshly baked goods and local produce, meeting the friendly people who make or grow what they sell. Take a moment to sit back and relax at one of Salamanca's cafes and watch the world pass you by with cooling ale or locally produced cider in hand. This afternoon it's all aboard for a city sights tour of Tassie's capital. Stroll through the Botanical Gardens, then visit historic Battery Point, and Cascade Brewery before driving up to Mt. Nelson Lookout for panoramic views over the city.

Included Meals: Breakfast

### Day 3 Hobart - Strahan

This morning journey west to Mt. Field National Park to see the magnificent tiered cascade of Russell Falls before taking the winding road to iconic Lake St. Clair. Continuing along the rainforest bordered road of World Heritage protected Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, you'll pass through the moonscape of the mining town of Queenstown before your final stop today at the seaside township of Strahan. Enjoy views of magnificent Macquarie Harbour, seven times the size of Sydney Harbour, from your hotel perched on the hillside.

Hotel: Strahan Village

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

#### Day 4 Strahan - Cradle Mountain

A highlight today is your cruise on the Gordon River. Be awestruck by the dark waters, stained amber by Button-grass tannins, which reflect the untouched wilderness. Stop at Sarah Island for an insight into a relic of Tasmania's convict history, and see Hells Gates, the notoriously treacherous entrance to the harbour. This afternoon pass through the mining towns of Rosebery and Tullah as you travel to your hotel on the boundary of sensational Cradle Mountain National Park.

Hotel: Cradle Mountain Hotel, 2 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with Wine

#### Day 5 Cradle Mountain

This morning you'll marvel at the inspiring beauty of Cradle Mountain National Park. Join your Travel Director for a visit to the Waldheim Chalet for insight into the early history of the Cradle Mountain area. Later, take a guided walk by Dove Lake. You may spot Bennett's wallabies, echidnas and pademelons grazing along the way.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

#### Day 6 Cradle Mountain - Launceston

After breakfast, take a walk with a local expert through the Hellyers Road Whisky Distillery in Burnie. You'll then make your way east to Mount Gnomon Farm hidden high in the hills overlooking the picturesque township of Penguin. Here you will enjoy a Be My Guest lunch by host and passionate farmer, Guy Robertson who will show you around his garden and property. Continue to quirky Sheffield, the 'Town of Murals', then call in at the award-winning Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm to try a selection of local cheeses before travelling through the Meander Valley to Launceston.

Hotel: Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston, 2 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest Lunch

#### Day 7 Launceston

Emerge yourself in Launceston's magnificent Cataract Gorge before taking a scenic drive through rolling hills for a delicious lunch and wine-tasting at Josef Chromy Wines. This afternoon you may like to take an optional experience cruise on the beautiful Tamar River or choose one of our other optional half day tours to further explore Launceston and its surrounds.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with Wine

# Day 8 Launceston - Freycinet

Visit the beautiful Bridestowe Lavender Estate this morning and treat yourself to its famous lavender ice cream. Later visit the unique Legerwood Carved Memorial Trees site. After your lunch at the seaside town of St Helens, follow the picturesque East Coast south to Freycinet National Park for your accommodation for the next two nights.

Hotel: Freycinet Lodge, 2 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

## Day 9 Freycinet National Park & Wineglass Bay

Start the day with a short drive through dry eucalypt forests to Cape Tourville for a walk that will allow you stunning views of brilliant blue water and golden beaches as far as the eye can see. Then, experience a four-hour lunch cruise along the coast of the stunning Freycinet Peninsula. This cruise will take you from the gentle shores of Coles Bay past towering pink granite cliffs to the famous Wineglass Bay, a flawless crescent of dazzling white sand.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with Wine

# Day 10 Freycinet - Hobart

This morning you'll journey west and down through the Midlands, stopping for morning tea in historic Ross, renowned for being both the finest nineteenth-century village in Australia, and for its Scallop Pies! Heading towards Hobart, you'll stop in picturesque Oatlands for a bite to eat before taking part in an AAT Kings Sustainability Programme that allows you to give back to the local community by helping volunteers pot native plants and count seeds at a local not-for-profit nursery that encourages locals to grow native plants in their gardens instead of imports. Later today check in to your hotel and enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure.

Hotel: Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart, 3 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast

#### Day 11 Port Arthur

Explore Port Arthur Historic Site today. Cross Eaglehawk Neck to the Tasman Peninsula and enjoy a cruise around the Isle of the Dead and a fascinating guided walk of Port Arthur's infamous convict prison. See rugged sea cliffs from Pirate's Bay Lookout and feast your eyes on the amazing vistas of Tasman's Arch, Devil's Kitchen and the Blowhole on the drive back to Hobart. Tonight is free for you to explore at leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast

# Day 12 Hobart

Today is your day so feel free to explore all that Australia's most southern capital has to offer. Why not try one of our many optional tours or speak to your Tour Director about recommendations. Most importantly, enjoy! This evening, celebrate your holiday with your fellow travellers at a Farewell Dinner in one of Hobart's popular restaurants

Included Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

## Day 13 Farewell from Hobart

This morning after breakfast, say farewell to your new friends when your indulgent holiday comes to an end.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Please note: This itinerary may be subject to change.

Depart Hobart 24th November at 4.30PM arrive Sydney 6.20PM - Virgin

Depart Sydney 24th November at 7.20PM arrive Cairns 9.25PM – Virgin

Cost per person \$6943.00 and includes the following:

**Airfares** 

Airport taxes

13 day tour including Quality accommodation, Travel by luxury coach, Experienced Travel Director and Driver Guide, Airport transfers, meals and sightseeing as per itinerary