

AN ADVENTURE ON THE WING



Head down south for the footy and stay on for some epic eating, drinking and adventuring. Our off-the-field tips are here to be sliced and diced to create your own bounce up the wing – the East Coast of Tassie. Go the full four quarters and team your stay up with one of our awesome events.



Tasmanian Seafood Seduction

DAY ONE: HOBART

Get your bearings this morning with a trip up kunanyi / Mount Wellington – sunrise is a cracking time to be there. Or join a Mount Wellington Descent, you'll enjoy the bus up, and then hurtle down the 21 kilometre trail, stopping to learn more about the contrasting landscapes along the way.

Alternatively, it's all aboard for a day-long cruise with Pennicott Wilderness Journeys, on their Tasmanian Seafood Seduction. Pull into seafood hotspots, where your guide will dive for abalone, shuck oysters straight from the stack and gather wild sea urchin and rock lobster. All prepared and served fresh on board and washed down with a local wine or beer.

Check in to your Hobart accommodation.

Tonight join the Old Hobart Pub Tour to soak yourself in 200 years of alcohol-fuelled shenanigans. Listen to tales of whalers, brothels, smugglers and convicts, all while exploring some of our best pubs. Roll into T-Bone Brewing Co for a cheeky ale afterwards.

EVENTFUL EXTRAS

Supercars Tyrepower Tasmania Supersprint, Symmons Plains 7-9 April

Take the fast track around Tassie with adventure at every turn – Supercars, super football, and super fun.

Shimano Enduro World Series, Derby 8-9 April

Cheer on the AFL boys, then hoot and holler for the world's best MTB riders as they take on the epic trails of Blue Derby in the Shimano Enduro World Series.

Great Chef Series, Hobart 5 May, 28 July

Watch famous celebrity chefs like Mark Best and Jacques Reymond work alongside our rising stars in the Great Chef Series then devour the ultimate food and adventure getaway.

Tasmanian Whisky Week, state-wide 4 -13 August

AFL, Adventure, Food and Tasmanian Whisky Week – what more do you need for the ultimate sporting getaway?



DAY TWO: TASMAN PENINSULA AND PORT ARTHUR

Today, head to Port Arthur. Call into Dunalley to the award-winning Bangor Wine & Oyster Shed for seafood harvested from the ocean you can see in front of you, alongside wine from the vines on the property. Heaven. At Eaglehawk Neck stop to follow the walking track to the Tessellated Pavement – rock ‘tiles’ neatly installed by Mother Nature.

Drive the coastal loop to White Beach and Nubeena then turn off for Roaring Beach. You’ll be able to stand at this outcrop and just make out Antarctica 3000km in the distance. If you’re lucky, residing artist Peter Adams might take you around his property Windgrove, where he fuses nature and art to spectacular effect.

Check into your Port Arthur accommodation.

Tonight you’re going to meet the true locals. The spirits roam Port Arthur, where guides will lead you through the ruins after dark, sharing stories of the absurd, the sad and the downright scary. Dinner and a good swig of local red at Gabriel’s on the Bay should calm your jangling nerves afterwards.

DAY THREE: PORT ARTHUR TO COLES BAY

Tasmania’s East Coast is remote and uncompromisingly beautiful. Some of the beaches here don’t see footprints for days, so enjoy the solitude. Stop in at Triabunna to see the busy marina and enjoy the freshest of fish and chips at The Fish Van. It’s also the launch pad to visit incredible Maria Island, and boasts a rich convict and colonial history itself.

Head north along the Great Eastern Drive towards Coles Bay, where you’ll lay your head tonight. Along these windy roads you’ll find Spring Vale Wines and Freycinet Vineyard, and a few other small hidden gem vineyards.

Check into your Coles Bay accommodation.

As the sun begins to sink, join Freycinet Adventures for a twilight paddle. The guided kayak tour offers unique views of the bay and the pink granite Hazards beyond. Then hit dry land for dinner at Richardson’s Bistro in Freycinet Lodge. The relaxed atmosphere and hearty bistro menu is the ultimate wind-down after a big day.



Spring Beach, Orford (Maria Island in distance)



Freycinet Paddle Experience



Port Arthur Historic Site: Paranormal Investigation Experience

DAY FOUR: COLES BAY TO BICHENO

On top of your to do list this morning is a 45 minute hike, to drink in the view that is Wineglass Bay. Then grab your four-wheel all terrain buggy and head out on a bush track with All4Adventure tours through the forests to the sea.

This area is known for seafood, and Freycinet Marine Farm is the place to feast on a fresh seafood lunch. If you have time, jump on a tour and discover the secret to farming oysters, rock lobster, scallops, abalone and mussels.

Check in to your Bicheno accommodation.

Little locals come out to play tonight and you’ll have a front row seat with Bicheno Penguin Tours. Each night, up to 600 little penguins emerge from the ocean on their way to the beachside rookery. Afterwards, enjoy pizza at Pasini’s Café.



Freycinet Marine Farm



Cataract Gorge



Josef Chromy Tasmania



Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails



Penny farthing rider



St Columba Falls

DAY FIVE: BICHENO TO LAUNCESTON

Wave goodbye to the beautiful beaches today, we're heading inland to Launceston. Love craft beer? Visit Ironhouse Brewery to try their range of local brews. Check out the nearby St Columba Falls, one of Tasmania's highest waterfalls, then head toward St Mary's, a pretty town surrounded by lush rainforest, rivers and farmland.

You can take the longer track back and call in to Ben Lomond National Park to see the epic Jacobs Ladder hairpin road (although heed the warnings if it's been snowing) or the shorter road through Perth.

Check into your Launceston accommodation for two nights.

Take in the beautiful views at Cataract Gorge and enjoy a sunset drink at the Launceston Seaport before hitting Black Cow Bistro, a steakhouse in an old butcher shop.

DAY SIX: LAUNCESTON AND TAMAR RIVER

Today we ride! Hire a bike from Vertigo MTB (they can also help you out with a shuttle bus) at Blue Derby, about an hour or so north of Launnie – to ride some of Australia's best mountain bike trails, attracting mountain bike enthusiasts from far and wide.

PLEASE NOTE: Availability of experiences in this itinerary may be subject to opening times, seasonal operation or booking requirements, please call ahead to plan each day.

If you're not so keen on two wheels, try Hollybank Treetops Adventure, to experience life up in the tree canopy flying along ziplines of up to 400 metres. It's a more tranquil version of adrenalin sport, where nature and adventure intersect for the three-hour tour.

You'll have worked up a decent appetite today so try Geronimo Aperitivo Bar and Restaurant, with pretty park views and Tassie produce done right. Then check out a few local haunts like Saint John Craft Beer, Cock and Bull and Red Brick Road Cider.

DAY SEVEN: LAUNCESTON AND SURROUNDS

On your way to the airport, there's still a few little gems for you to discover. First up is Josef Chromy Wines, set on a stunning property in Relbia. Enjoy wine tastings, pick up a bottle of light-bodied Pinot Noir for your suitcase, or send a case home.

Nearby Evandale is a National Trust classified village and home to the exhilarating (and downright crazy) National Penny Farthing Championships. Historic Clarendon House, one of Australia's best examples of Georgian architecture is nearby.

Take a few deep breaths of our fresh, fresh air and step on to the plane in Launceston. Let's call this see you later, not goodbye!

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