



THE ULTIMATE SPORTING GETAWAY

If you're going to follow the footy down south, you'd be mad not to make an epic weekend of it. No need to pull a hammy reaching for that heavy guidebook, here are a few off-the-field tips for you to slice and dice to create your ultimate Tassie sporting getaway. How's this for a Tassie game plan?

DAY ONE: TAMAR VALLEY

We're going to start this ultimate sporting getaway in the saddle. Head straight to Blue Derby to experience some of the best mountain bike trails you're ever likely to. From easy to bloody hard, these tracks have something for everyone. Or make a few days of it and join the Blue Derby Pods Ride, staying in your own little pod each night, immersed in the awesome landscape. Hire a bike from Vertigo MTB, or join one of their shuttle services to maximise your day.

Want to keep in motion? This afternoon head to Hollybank Treetops Adventure and fly along the ziplines, some up to 400 metres long. Think of it as a tranquil version of adrenaline sports – where nature and adventure intersect.

On the way back to Launceston, pop into one of the excellent wineries of the Tamar Valley, like Velo Wines, run by a former Olympic cyclist.

Check in to your Launceston accommodation for two nights

Talk about the day's adventures over a glass of local wine, share plates and Italian style wood fired pizzas at Geronimo Aperitivo Bar and Restaurant, then get a taste for Tassie craft beer and cider at Tandy's Alehouse.



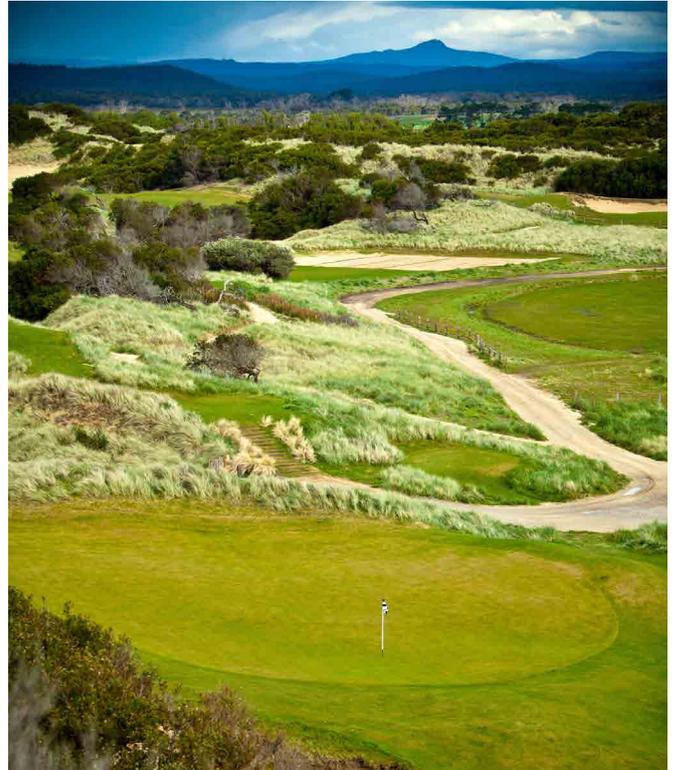
Hollybank Treetops Adventure



J Boag & Son Brewery



Josef Chromy Tasmania



Barnboughe Lost Farm

DAY TWO: BARNBOUGHE AND BACK

Start your day with an epic round of golf at Barnboughe, home to two of Australia's top ten golf courses, an hour outside Launceston or take the leisurely road with a caffeine hit at Amelia Espresso and a wander through the historic streets of Launceston, taking in the 1800's architecture.

A trip to Launceston isn't complete without paying homage to the amber drop. Join the best kind of history lesson – a tour through the working Boag's Brewery, dating back to 1883 followed by a beer tasting. Round out the craft beer afternoon with an ale at Saint John Craft Beer Bar, keep your eye out for local brews, Morrison and Kick Snare, or call in to the Red Brick Road Ciderhouse to try apple cider made from our Tasmanian apples.

Tonight, relax at Launceston's answer to the food truck trend, Eat Street. On High Street near St Georges Square, take a punt on the ever changing vibrant food vans serving everything from awesome Burger Junkie burgers to crepes and vegan deliciousness. Back it up with a drink or two in one of Launceston's pubs or bars like the Cock and Bull or The Irish.

DAY THREE: EVANDALE

Fresh air and fresh produce awaits you today. Start the day with a rewarding walk through Cataract Gorge only five minutes from the city centre, or take the high road with a trip from the chairlift across the Gorge. Each Saturday morning the Harvest Market comes to life on Cimitiere Street, serving up fantastic bacon and egg rolls, coffee, plenty of farmers and the best local produce to try.

Motoring enthusiasts will enjoy a quick side trip to the National Automobile Museum of Australia and design buffs will enjoy a browse at the Design Tasmania Centre, particularly the outstanding wood collection. You might find a new kind of bench to support. Or visit the Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery (plus awesome planetarium) set over two locations – the Royal Park site and the Inveresk Railyards. For more touring, head to nearby Evandale, a National Trust village dotted with Georgian cottages and pubs, beer gardens and artisans. It's also home of the most competitive Penny Farthing race in the world. Or take the hairy drive up Jacobs Ladder in Ben Lomond National Park. Wind your way back past Josef Chromy Wines for award winning cool climate wine, and linger over lunch with a view of the lake and vineyard.

Celebrate your last night in Launceston with the best local dry aged, free range, grass fed Tasmanian beef at Black Cow Bistro, accompanied by a wine list heavy on the local Pinot Noir. Casual and relaxed, this is a fantastic way to cap off a few sporting days in Tasmania. Cheers to that!

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.

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