

THE HALF TIME ADVENTURE



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 across the top half of Tassie. Go the full four quarters and team your stay up with one of our awesome events.



J Boag & Son Brewery

DAY ONE: LAUNCESTON AND SURROUNDS

There's no better way to start your northern adventure than with a glass of our finest. Take a gourmet walking tour with Brock of Taste Walk Talk. Meet the local producers and taste delicious Tasmanian food and drink, including none other than our famed James Boag's Brewery Experience.

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.

Check into your Launceston accommodation for three nights.

Tonight we feast! Pre-book a coveted table at the fancy pants Stillwater Restaurant, in the historic Ritchie's Mill on the Tamar River. Local produce shines in the degustation menu with matching wines and is the perfect way to toast the start of your holiday.

EVENTFUL EXTRAS

*Great Chef Series, Launceston
7 July, 11 August*

Watch famous celebrity chefs like Guillaume Brahimi and David Moyle work alongside our rising stars in the Great Chef Series then devour the ultimate food and adventure getaway.

*Festival of Voices, East Coast and Hobart
30 June - 16 July*

Sing the team song at the AFL, then explore the Festival of Voices program around the island from small, intimate performances and international musicians to full on "belt it out" group sings.

*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?

Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe 13 August

Want a sugar and AFL fix? Join us for Chocolate Winterfest in Latrobe for one delicious getaway, with a side serve of sport and adventure.

Hollybank Treetops Adventure



Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre



DAY TWO: LAUNCESTON

Head straight to Blue Derby to experience some of the best mountain bike trails you're likely to criss cross. 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.

Back in town, 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.

Call into Saint John Craft Beer or the Cock and Bull Pub for a pre-dinner tippie, then to Black Cow Bistro, a steakhouse in an old butcher shop, run by the team from Stillwater.

DAY THREE: LAUNCESTON AND BEACONSFIELD

Today explores our quirkier side. Starting northeast of Launnie, Seahorse World is a one of a kind – it's a research and breeding centre where you'll learn all about these surprising fascinating and graceful creatures. Get back on the road to nearby Beaconsfield, made famous by the remarkable rescue of two miners, Todd Russell and Brant Webb in 2006. Pit stop at The River Café or for something heartier, fish and chips at Chef's Catch on the waterfront at Beauty Point.

Travel all the way to Green's Beach, a gorgeous swimming spot in summer, and explore coastal Narawntapu National Park.

Naughty bushranger, Matthew Brady roamed these parts in the early 19th century. Check out his namesake, beautiful Bradys Lookout, and nearby Batman Bridge, named after his eventual captor. Head down the country roads of the Tamar Valley Wine Route enjoying cellar door tastings from Kreglinger, Pipers Brook and Ninth Island.



Bass Fine Wines



Spreyton Cider Co



Mersey Bluff Lighthouse

Back in Launceston, dine at Geronimo Aperitivo Bar and Restaurant with a euro-inspired menu, followed by a craft beer or cider at Tandy's Alehouse.

DAY FOUR: DEVONPORT AND SURROUNDS

Take the road to Devonport and discover fine cheese, chocolate and berries along the way. Take a morning tea break at the serene Tasmanian Food and Wine Conservatory with its gorgeous grand piano often played by staff. The scenery in these parts is reminiscent of the English countryside and Devonport is the pretty jewel in the crown.

Stretch your legs along the waterfront and up to the Mersey Bluff lighthouse, dating back to 1889. If the sea is roaring, it's spectacular and worth the five-minute walk to the blowhole. Keep your eye out for Aboriginal rock carvings, dotted throughout this area.

Need some refreshment? Fourth generation apple growers at Spreyton Fresh have turned their hands (and presses) to apple cider. Taste at their cidery – the start of the Cradle Country Touring Route. While you're here, take a turn to Eugenana and witness the towering trunks of the Tasmanian Arboretum – 163 stunning acres dotted with beech, birch, fern and conifer plantings.

Check into your Devonport accommodation.

Mrs Jones awaits you for dinner, complete with Bass Strait views, local produce and regional wines.



Mount Gnomon Farm



The Nut and Highfield House

DAY FIVE: BURNIE TO SMITHTON

Discover something new around every bend of the road today – cafes, whisky, walks and farm gates – let's get road trippin'!

Near Burnie call into Mt Gnomon Farm for their fresh hand-crafted smallgoods and lunch (if they're open, check ahead). Their ethically produced meat is on the menu at top restaurants around Australia. Like the idea of a single-malt distilled from some of the world's purest water? Then Burnie's Hellyers Road Distillery is your next stop. Pour and wax-seal your own bottle on the Whisky Walk. Along the way call into the pretty seaside town of Boat Harbour and explore Table Cape.

Check into your Smithton or Stanley accommodation for two nights.

Kauri Bistro in the Tall Timbers Hotel in Smithton has your dinner tonight, courtesy of Bass Strait, the farmlands of the North West and the bistro's own veggie patch.

DAY SIX: STANLEY AND SURROUNDS

Today is nuts! As in, The Nut at Stanley. Start the day with an invigorating hike up the massive volcanic plug that punctuates this seaside town. After refuelling, join Stanley Seal Cruises for an eco-cruise to Bull Rock – a fur seal outpost off the coast of Stanley. Their cute blue and yellow cafe serve delicious homemade slices and coffee too.

Pay an afternoon visit to Highfield House. Built around 1830, it's been restored to its Regency grandeur and offers a glimpse into the well-to-do colonial life on the coast.

Come dinner, pull up a chair at local favourite, The Stanley Hotel Bistro. Offering some of the North West's freshest seafood and Cape Grim beef, as well as great views over Stanley as the sun goes down.



Hellyers Road Distillery

DAY SEVEN: SMITHTON TO LATROBE

Take a scenic flight this morning with Osborne Heli Tours, like the 45 minute Woolnorth Coastal loop over the Cape Grim Monitoring Station, Woolnorth Dairy Farm, The Wind Farm, and Cape Grim Beef. You might even catch a glimpse of Three Hummock Island and the luxuriating wagyu cows of Robbins Island.

On the way back through Wynyard make a pit stop at local favourite Bruce's Café for lunch.

What a delicious send-off we have for you, the sweetest spot is saved for last. House of Anvers, at Latrobe, make fine chocolate in the Belgian style, with deliciously decadent truffles, pralines and fudges on offer. Watch the chocolatiers in action or let yourself loose in the tasting centre.

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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