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5 DAY EXPEDITIONIST PACKAGE

Valid from
SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY
to
THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY

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WELCOME!

Dear Tina, Vincenzo, Adrian, Lola and Amalia

Thank you all so much for choosing Tassie4Kids to help plan your upcoming Tasmanian family holiday! We have a great itinerary planned out for you all with loads of fun activities, animal encounters, walks, beach fun and you'll be on the path to visit some of Tasmania's best wineries and local produce venues!

The main mobile network is Telstra. You'll find if you are remote and within wilderness areas or large mountain ranges you may have a weaker signal. Tip: To save your mobile battery turn off WiFi in your SETTINGS and any Apps you wont be using. Your mobile will automatically search for a network and try to update your apps when out of range. it will zap your battery life. Trust us - we learned this the hard way and would hate for you to miss out on capturing an amazing moment because of a flat battery. A good idea is to purchase a portable charger. You can pick one up from Officeworks from \$25.00 upwards.

There are strict quarantine rules in Tasmania. No produce can come into the State, nor can it go out. Honey is a big no no, so if you buy some local Leatherwood honey get a small jar and be sure to eat it before you leave.

One thing you are all bound to notice is the road kill. Whilst Tasmania is very proactive when it comes to conservation and protecting our wildlife, unfortunately some areas have higher densities of wallabies and it can be very hard to manage the populations. The majority of roadkill is made up of nocturnal marsupials and mammals with the time between dusk and dawn when you should be most cautious. Our wildlife often dart out in front of cars and birds of prey such as Wedge Tailed Eagles, Hawks and Falcons are often seen nearby roadkill. Please take extra care when driving through all bushland areas, farm land and National Parks. If you unfortunately hit an animal, please stop and check for a pouch. Eight times out of ten their will be a Joey. Should this happen call us and we will arrange for someone to meet you and take the orphan. We will also assist with your car.

If it is an emergency please call Triple Zero (000) at once. Then call me and I will assist where I can, including coming to meet you if required. Keep in mind even where there is no mobile reception you can still make an emergency call on a mobile as the network will use a satellite. If you have any questions, get stuck, lost or are uncertain of anything, please don't hesitate to call me on

0407 682 396

Finally, I really hope you all enjoy your time here in Tasmania. We love our little State and believe we have you traveling to the best places on your holiday based on the information you have provided. Don't forget to tag us in your adventures with #tassie4kids on Instagram and we would love to hear from you about how your trip went at the end!

All the best with your travels, stay safe and please call if you need anything!



Warm regards,
Amy and the Tassie4Kids Team

HOW TO USE YOUR ITINERARY

KEY POINTS TO ENSURE YOUR HOLIDAY IS A GREAT ONE

With so much to see and do in Tasmania, we recommend using this itinerary as a guide. You won't be able to do everything that is listed as an attraction, nor will you get to see all the highlights of a region or area.

DAYS 1 - 5

Each day of your holiday has been broken down into segments. You will find for each day:

- A short introduction
- History of the area
- Attractions, walks and highlights
- Local produce and where to eat
- Network reception and WiFi
- Day pack requirements - what to pack in your bag for the day of adventures
- Accommodation information (if applicable)
- Tour information (if applicable)
- Important information about an activity or location
- Any warnings
- Directions from A - B, including stops at local attractions
- Toilets, fuel, supermarket, baby change rooms and eateries locations (a summary)

PINK HIGHLIGHTED TEXT

Text that is highlighted pink throughout the itinerary is an attraction, business or place of interest. For example '...You'll find **Mures Seafood** and a number of floating **Fish and Chips** vans. Mures also has local Ice-cream...'

TRAVEL TIMES

We have included as much as we can with the time you have, but please be mindful that all travel times between destinations are estimations only and can change dependent on traffic and how fast or slow you drive within the speed limit.

PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC

We recommend if you are traveling around peak times of 8am to 9:30am, and 2:30pm to 4pm it pays to allow an extra half hour or so to your total travel time. January is a busy time of year so there will be more traffic than usual for commutes to and from work, visitors like yourselves and there are a number of events within Hobart at this time.

CHANGES TO YOUR ITINERARY

Should you need to make any major changes to your itinerary please let me know. You may or may not be able to change your bookings. It's around 72 hours to cancel most bookings but that is not a guarantee as each business cancellation policy varies. If this is something that needs to be done give me a call and I will see what I can do to assist.

BOOKING INFORMATION

KEY BOOKING DETAILS

CAR HIRE

AVIS	Hobart Airport (off Addison Drive)
RESERVATION NUMBER	43209062 AU1
PICK UP	Sunday 13th Jan 1pm
DROP OFF	Thursday 17th Jan between 9 - 9:30 pm
PAYMENT	With your Credit Card upon pick up
DETAILS	X Trail (or similar) + rear facing car seat Zero Excess Unlimited Kilometers

BICHENO ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION 1	The Rocks House, Sandpiper Cottages
ADDRESS	31 Weily Avenue, Bicheno

HOBART ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION 1	Sullivan's Cove Apartments
ADDRESS	Hunter Street, Hobart

Sunrise at Wineglass Bay, by Daniel Tran



HOBART TO BICHENO

DAY 1 - SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY 2019
Expeditionist Package – 4 nights in Tasmania 13th - 17th January 2019

Be prepared for lots of sand and sun, adventure, sunsets reflecting on pink granite mountains, white beaches and crystal clear sea. Five national parks spread along the coast including the stunning Freycinet National Park.

Whilst we love to relax, our kids have endless energy! There are loads of great and unique activities for kids of all ages and its the perfect destination for exploring on foot. We love the wildlife, too. Wallabies everywhere, Sea Eagles, Dolphins and Whales. You'll find loads of marine life and number of fantastic wildlife encounters. A short drive to any nearby bushland is bound to reveal a Bennett Wallaby!

The East features a number of decent size towns, two being Bicheno and St Helens. The Bay of Fires, one of Lonely Planets top 10 destinations in the world is just north of St Helens. The Surfs up at Scamander, with Coles Bay to the south next to Freycinet National Park, home to Wineglass Bay.

HISTORY OF THE EAST COAST

This leg of your journey will showcase how dynamic Tasmania's geology and flora is. The landscape will change dramatically the closer you get to the East Coast. The weather is also calmer than other parts of Tasmania and its such a relaxed culture.

European settlement occurred in the early 1820s, with whalers and sealers living all along the east coast. Shore parties were established in sheltered bays during the winter months when the Southern Right Whale *Balaena australis* was passing Tasmania's coastline on its annual migratory trek north from Antarctica. Fatal clashes between the whalers and local Aborigines were occasionally reported in the newspapers.

You'll get glimps of Maria Island out to your right as you travel. A rich and internationally significant, world heritage listed destination with historic ruins, sweeping bays, rugged cliffs and mountains, and remarkable wildlife. To get there, you need to access it by ferry out of Triabunna. Should you wish to visit, a day trip from Hobart is recommend. Maria Island has no vehicles or no shops. You have to walk around or ride a bike.

Lt. Governor Arthur established a penal settlement at Darlington on the Island in 1825. Many convicts escaped by swimming across to the mainland, with one unlucky group drifting across the channel on a raft only to walk ashore into the arms of two lost police constables! The island was soon infamous for the number of escapes and was known among convicts as a place of ease. By 1832 the convict settlement was abandoned in favour of Port Arthur. From 1842 it was used as a convict probation station, but by 1850 this mainly agricultural station was also abandoned. Darlington is the most representative and intact example of a probation station in Australia. Its 14 convict buildings and ruins are preserved in a layout that reflects the key features of the probation system in Van Diemen's Land. The site has remained relatively unchanged since the convict era and was recognised recently as part of the 11 Australian Convict Sites World Heritage Property.

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Maria Island was also chosen as a site for captive breeding and 15 Tasmanian Devils were introduced to the Island in 2012 (Maria Island had previously been devil-free).

Next up is Orford, a very pretty coastal town with views of Maria Island. It's a great place to stop for a break with a number of amazing cafes. The town was first established as a mainland port for the convict settlement on Maria Island. However, the marine infrastructure never consisted of more than a few short jetties in shallow waters just inside the mouth of the river which still remain today. The narrow channel at the river's mouth is flanked by a substantial sandbar, rendering the river unsuitable for larger vessels. Interestingly enough, the town was named by an Englishman, who was granted 1,000 acres (4 km²) in the area in 1831. He named his grant "Strawberry Hill"! Be sure to check out Old Convict Road, too!

Drive further and you'll pass through Rocky Hills. In the 1820s and 30s, there was a large convict station here that housed 406 prisoners. There was a small regiment of soldiers in barracks at Waterloo Point, too. Not much remains, other than the nearby Spikey Bridge. Read more about this under Attractions.

Continue on and you'll reach Swansea; a classified Historic Town and the only historic town in Tasmania situated by the sea. It was first settled in 1821 by Lieutenant George Meredith and two of his tenant farmers from Glamorgan in Wales, who sailed up from Hobart Town. Swansea was originally known as Great Swanport and grew during the 1820s and 1830s. George Meredith, one of the first settlers at Swansea, established a whale 'fishery' at Parsons Cove in 1824. It became known as 'The Fisheries'. The sparkling waters and white sands of nearby Wineglass Bay and Schouten Island soon became polluted with blood and putrid whale blubber as stations were established in those localities.

From here the East boomed. Coal and Tin mining was popular around the Hazard Mountains area, such as Sleepy Bay and Richardson's Beach and to north of Freycinet. In 1923 construction began on a railway to carry coal from Seymour to Coles Bay. Although never completed the bed of the line became the basis of the Coles Bay Road. In the 1930s a granite quarry operated at Parsons Cove. Some of the stone can be seen in the walls of the Commonwealth Bank Head Office in Hobart.

Farming of sheep and cattle, the stripping of Wattle bark for use in the leather industry and lime-burning were carried out on parts of the Freycinet Peninsula from the 1850s. Coles Bay is said to be named after Silas Cole, an early settler who burned shells from the large Aboriginal middens on Richardson's Beach to make lime.

The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club formed in 1904, took an early interest in the flora and fauna of the Freycinet Peninsula and became strong advocates of protecting the area further through the creation of a national park. Freycinet National Park was declared in August 1916.

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HISTORY OF BICHENO

Bicheno, like most east coast towns, shares a significant history with the Original Tasmanians. Originally known as Waubs Harbour, take a walk to the tennis courts where you will find a headstone dedicated to Wauba Debar.

Wauba was an aboriginal who was stolen from her tribe as a teenager to become a “sealer’s woman”, as was a common practice. What is interesting is that even though Wauba was treated as a slave, she rescued her husband from drowning. The man who she shared a bed with, and who she had been whom she had been married to against her will. Perhaps she did love him, or it was her ability to see the good in people, that saw her rescue the two men from a capsized sailing boat during a storm. Wauba could have let them drown and she would have been free. But, she did not. First, Wauba saved her husband, dragging him through the swell for over a kilometer to shore. Wauba then swam back out and rescued the other man.

Wauba died in 1932 near Flinders Island. In 1855 local Bicheno settlers raised funds to erect the headstone on her grave, immortalising her act of heroism. Sadly, she was not returned to her people, nor was she buried in Bicheno when she died almost 15 years earlier, rather her skeleton was taken for science and never seen again.

This is rather interesting as the first historical reference to the place that was to become Bicheno, was made by Brian May during his circumnavigation of Van Diemen’s Land. He landed here when it was known as Waubs Harbour sometime between the 1830’s and 40s when the area was used as a whaling station. Wauba was only 40 years old when she died. **So, when did she rescue them? When did Waubs Harbour become Bicheno?** See if you can find out while you’re here.

The Gulch, which you can walk to from town, was also significant in Bicheno’s development. When Coal was mined at Dennison River between 1854-55, it was pulled along a three-kilometer horse drawn tramway from the mines to the Gulch. Waubs Bay harbour was soon expanded to provide port facilities for the industry. The coal was short-lived, with fishing the main industry to survive to this present day, alongside tourism.

ATTRACTIONS - ON ROUTE TO BICHENO

With views of Maria Island, the cliff top walk from Orford’s **Spring Beach to East Shelly Beach** is an excellent opportunity to see the native coastline vegetation, which is particularly attractive in the spring. There is a short track off the main walk which takes you down to the disused quarry where the sandstone was obtained for the Melbourne GPO. The remains of the tramway which transported the stone before loading onto the ships can be found at the end of Shelly Beach. This walk is approx. 1.5 km one way.

Before you reach Swansea and just off the highway is **Spiky Bridge**. Built by convicts in 1843, they did not use mortar or cement and laid the field stones vertically, creating ‘spikes’; which is claimed were to keep cattle from falling over the side of the bridge as they crossed. There are also the remains of the Governor’s cottage on the hill overlooking the unusual bridge. We once tried to find the cottage but had no luck!

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Leave the car behind and take a **walk around Swansea** town to admire the fine examples of colonial architecture; pick up a copy of the Heritage Walk booklet available locally as a guide to the many Georgian buildings and fascinating history of our town. You may want to combine this with a visit to the Heritage centre to learn about the early east coasters, aboriginal inhabitants, French exploration and colonial settlement.

Make time to take the scenic walk around the **Loontitetermairrelehoiner track**, or to give it its English name, **Waterloo Point**. This was the site of the first settlement and military garrison in Swansea and offers spectacular views across the bay to The Hazards, Schouten Island and Freycinet Peninsula.

ATTRACTIONS IN AND AROUND BICHENO

You're in a perfect spot; literally over the back fence of the cabin park is the main street. Head here and take a **walk around the foreshore**. Start at the main shopping precinct and be sure to call into the local **Visitor Centre for a town map**. Its across the road almost from the cabin park. There are a number of lovely walks around the bay, including to Wauba's headstone, the Gulch and beaches.

Located on the waterfront and not far from your accommodation is the **Bicheno Blow Hole**. Water and air pressure build up under the giant rock pushing the water out through a tiny hole. The bigger the swell, the greater the blast! A great place to come and eat lunch, or visit before going on a Penguin tour.

Perfect for a warm summer day, a walk to the **Apsley River Waterhole and Gorge** is a must. This walk crosses the Apsley River at the waterhole and then takes you away from the river on a walk through dry, open forest before descending back to the river at the Apsley Gorge. Its a 2-3 hour return (only 2.8km one way). A lot of families swim here but be mindful of snakes and slippery rocks. To get to Aspley Gorge you will need to keep driving past Bicheno towards St Helens for around 10 minutes and you will see the sign to the Douglas Aspley National Park on your left. Whilst it is a very beautiful spot you will want at least a couple of hours, so if you are after a swim, a wine or two and some seafood maybe walk down to the beach front in Bicheno instead.

Swimming in Waubs Bay offers the safest swimming, while if swimming at Redbill stay at the lower energy southern end. The northern spit end can be dominated by strong rips. Diamond Beach is relatively safe particularly when connected to the island, however it is isolated.

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LOCAL PRODUCE

You could drive across to Midway Point, and call into Barilla Bay Oysters, or the Frogmore or Coal River Valley Vineyards. But we suggest you call in there on your way back from Bicheno as there is less travel time for fresh seafood.

Orford has a number of cafes along the waterfront - the **Gateway** is fantastic. Swansea being a bigger town has a lot more.

Sorell Fruit Farm has a variety of products available, from liqueurs, vinegar to fruit. A lot of varieties are available to pick yourself, such as apples, apricots, berries, cherries and peaches. There is also an on-site cafe.

Kate's Berry Farm is proving increasingly popular with visitors and locals alike. Centered on a strawberry farm with magnificent views of Great Oyster Bay to Freycinet, it sells outstanding berries, jams, and Devonshire teas, home made cakes, great coffee and ice cream.

Oyster bay seafoods at Swansea have great fish and chips plus a full range of fresh local Oysters and seafoods including Crayfish. Eat in or take away, outdoor seating. This popular fresh seafood outlet is a favourite for locals and visitors alike and is open 7 days for lunch and dinner.

The Bark Mill Tavern offers bistro meals and a bottle shop. The bakery cafe opens at 6 am. Serving wood fired pizza seven days a week 12.00 – 2.00pm and 5.00pm-8.00pm. Eat in or take away. The best on the East Coast. A museum and safely enclosed children's playground complete the Bark Mill complex.

In Bicheno - you will be in heaven - the freshest oysters, scallops, crayfish and deep sea fish are at your fingertips.

Bicheno also has a great seafood place down by the water called **The Lobster Shack** where you can purchase a platter (the photo I sent) for \$150. Eat in or take away.

Your accommodation has a BBQ and full kitchen and is set up for you to cook tea, including local seafood!

Also, we highly recommend **Pasini's Café, Wine Bar & Deli**, on Burgess Street. Great wine, beer and amazing food.

The **Blue Edge Bakery** is just up the road from you. **The Gulch** does fish and chips, and there is the **Beachfront Bicheno** which does reasonable meals (pub style). Has a great view overlooking the water.

There is another restaurant called **Sealife Bicheno** also highly recommended. Its just up the road from Beachfront. The locals recommend it be the go to place is Beachfront is booked out.

There is an IGA supermarket in the main street, you have the local hotel with view overlooking the ocean, and a number of great little cafes including a lovely bakery.

Darlington Bay, Maria Island, by Flow Mountain Bike



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VINEYARDS

Did you know? Tasmania has over 200 wineries - some of the best are in the South and East Coast. Also, Moët et Chandon and Louis Roederer use Tassie grapes for their sparkling Australian wines!

All along the coast you'll find local produce and seafood to compliment our spectacular wines, ales and spirits. The Great Eastern Drive where you're headed, takes you along the path of the East Coast Wine Trail and straight to the coast's outstanding cellar doors. Cellar doors along the coast offer tastings and wine sales, and east coast restaurants showcase the finest vintages.

Our favorite vineyards of the East Coast are **Devils Corner** and **Freycinet Vineyard**. Check it out Devils Corner on Instagram. If you stop anywhere; that place is amazing for the kids/tween. Its between Swansea and the turn off to Coles Bay. We recommend everything at Devils Corner and at Freycinet the Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are soooo good. Miltons reds are very smooth. Freycinet Lodge have a wonderful wine and produce experience, if that of any interest.

Darlington Vineyard

Holkham Court Orford, open 10am - 5pm Daily

This small vineyard is located in the sea-side town of Orford and overlooks the historic settlement of Darlington on Maria Island. The hand-tended vines produce award winning, cool climate Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc. Vineyard of the Year 2017.

Milton Vineyard

Tasman Highway, Cranbrook, open 10am - 5pm Daily

The Dunbabin family produce premium quality award winning cool climate wines. The aromatic whites and Pinot Noir are our specialty. In the warmer months enjoy lunch overlooking the lake and vineyard (available October - April).

Devils Corner Vineyard

Sherbourne Avenue, Asplawn open 10am - 5pm Daily

Visit the award winning architecturally designed Cellar Door to experience the cool climate difference with a lively white wine or taste the perfection that is our range of Pinot Noirs. Grab yourself a picnic rug and a pizza from the onsite Tombolo Café or some fresh seafood from The Fishers and relax in this natural haven. Then make your way to the Lookout for scenic views of The Hazards Vineyard sweeping down to Moulting Lagoon with the Hazards mountain range in the distance.

Freycinet Vineyard

Tasman Highway, Asplawn open 10am - 5pm Daily

Original viticultural pioneers of our region, the 15 Ha family owned vineyard is recognised for its 5-star award winning wines. 100% grown, produced and bottled on the Estate with uncompromising dedication and passion since 1979. Relax and enjoy great wines, Tasmanian cheeses, home grown extra virgin olive oil and great coffee!

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ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

ACCOMMODATION	The Rocks House, Sandpiper Cottages
ADDRESS	29 Weily Avenue, Bicheno
PHONE	Annette and John 6375 1122 / 0412 791 084
ROOM TYPE	3 bedroom house
PROVISIONS	Porta Cot, breakfast
KEY COLLECTION	Access to the property is via a lock-box which holds the keys. It is at the front door. Code is 31769
CHECK IN/CHECK OUT	Anytime after 2PM. Check out is 10 am.
RESERVATION NUMBER	-

PENGUIN TOUR

TIME	9. 25pm. Arrive 10 minutes early.
ADDRESS	Bicheno Penguin Tours on Esplanade. Oppisit the supermarket.
PHONE	6375 1588
WHAT TO BRING	Bring warm clothes. No cameras.
RESERVATION NUMBER	106667

DIRECTIONS - HOBART TO BICHENO

50m / 64Km

AIRPORT to ORFORD

1. From the airport, follow the road signs and make your way to the tasman Highway roundabout. Exit to the RIGHT towards Coles Bay.
2. Follow this Highway until you reach Sorell. At the intersection you will need to turn LEFT. This T Junction intersection has Chemist Warehouse and Domino's on the right, and Banjos on the left. By turning left you will continue along the Tasman highway.
3. Continue along until you reach orford. You will turn LEFT with the highway, cross the Prosser River and enter into the quaint township. Have a break here if you need, as there are wonderful cafes and the Darlington Vineyard.

55m / 69Km

ORFORD TO MILTON VINEYARD

1. From Orford, continue along the Tasman Highway towards Bicheno. Travel along the coast past Triabunna, Rocky Hills and you will see a small sign on the Left for Spikey Bridge. Call into this for a look.
2. Continue on until you reach Kates Berry Farm turn off on the Left. Great coffee and yummy jams and berries for breakfast. Keep in mind your next stops are vineyards...
3. Continue on the Tasman Highway into Swansea and onwards until you meet Milton Vineyard on your Left. Springvale follows on your Right, then Devils Corner and Freycinet Vineyards. All are AMAZING and award winning wines. Devils Corner is great for kids.

25m / 30Km

MILTON VINEYARD TO BICHENO

1. Depending on which Vineyard you choose, or all, the longest it will take is 25 minutes to your accommodation. Follow the Tasman Highway into Bicheno.
2. Before you reach the main town centre, turn RIGHT onto Weily Avenue. The Rocks House is your accommodation - number 29.

TOILETS, FUEL AND FOOD STOPS



Sorell, Orford, Kates Berry Farm, Swansea, all Vineyards.



Sorrell, Orford Swansea, Devils Corner



Orford, Kates Berry Farm, Swansea, Devils Corner, Bicheno



Hobart, Swansea, Bicheno



Swansea, Bicheno

Sunrise at Wineglass Bay, by Daniel Tran



BICHENO TO BAY OF FIRES

DAY 2 - MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2019
Expeditionist Package – 4 nights in Tasmania 13th - 17th January 2019

The biggest town on the North East Coast, St Helens is also the gateway to Bay of Fires!

Less than 15 minutes from St Helens is the town of Binalong Bay. Situated at the southern end of the beautiful Bay of Fires, is home to approximately 200 shacks and some 100 permanent residents.

HISTORY OF ST HELENS

The Kunnarra Kuna tribe of Tasmanian Aborigines were the main users of the land between the Georges River and the Golden Fleece River that is now the township of St Helens. It was open level forested land with plenty of game and a good supply of fresh water. Georges Bay supplied the Aborigines with plenty of shell fish and ample scale fish for their needs. St Helens was cold and frosty in the winter but it was only five miles to the coast where the ambient temperature was much warmer because of the East Australian current moving south which warms the coastline. The tribe preferred to move to the coast in winter hence the large number of midden remains in the sand dunes.

In 1772, Captain Tobias Furneaux, of the HMS Adventure was separated from Captain James Cook on his second voyage to the South Seas. As a result he explored much of the eastern coast of Van Diemen's Land and sighted the southern point of Georges Bay naming it St Helens Point, after St Helens on the Isle of Wight.

By the 1830s the district around St Helens, at the time known as Georges Bay, was being used by whalers and sealers. In 1833 a whale fishery was established at Binalong Bay, and is believed to have lasted about two years. That same year St Helens received its name, when a military station was established at Akaroa to intercept escaped convicts who found their way to St Helens Point from Port Arthur.

Once Tin was discovered at the Blue Tier in 1874 by George Renison Bell, St Helens grew rapidly. Miners arrived and the tin was soon shipped out. By the beginning of the twentieth century the mines were exhausted with many miners settling in St Helens. The town changed from mining to fishing, with boat building and maintenance a main industry.

Today, St Helens is the largest town on Tasmania's north-east coast and just a few kilometers away from Binalong Bay and the southern end of the beautiful beaches of the Bay of Fires, one of Lonely Planet's top 10 regions in the world. Boasting a unique micro-climate produced by surrounding hills and warm ocean currents, St Helens is consistently warmer than Melbourne in winter.

HISTORY OF THE EASTERN MOUNTAINS

It can be hard to picture that the mountainous and isolated areas of St Marys, Fingal and Avoca were there before the port of St Helens. Even the tiny port of Falmouth was fundamental to the provision of supplies to the area. Whilst the seas provided plenty, it was the lush and very fertile land within the mountains that settlers sought in the early 1800s.

BICHENO TO BAY OF FIRES

There was great need to provide better access to these isolated towns and their farms, for exporting and bringing in supplies. Coal was discovered near Cornwall in 1843 when a hunter's dog scratched the black fossil from a badger hole, also highlighting the need for access. By 1840 the Government had approved the construction of a road from ST Patrick's head (St Marys) to the port of Falmouth, just south from Scammander.

The work force was convicts, and a probation station was set up at Grassy Bottom, at the foothills of St Patrick's Head. Here, 300 convicts were housed with another barracks at Falmouth housing 150 more. Construction was a hard slog of moving dirt and breaking rock and it took a total of 532 convicts, working long tiresome hours six days a week, almost four years to carve the road through the pass. Not many know about these probation stations as once St Marys Pass was opened in 1846 the convicts were relocated.

I recall traveling through the Pass from St Helens as a child. The road went so close to the edge. I was petrified. It is very narrow and rather scary in places. I have since driven it a number of times as an adult, and whilst I was not scared, I did drive very, very slow! I can only imagine what the view would have been like with a horse and coach, which soon provided a regular service from Falmouth via the Pass through to The Corners (Conara). This added to the bullock teams that were being used for heavy haulage throughout the area. The service was later extended to Yarmouth (Scamander) following a route, known as the "Horror Stretch", a narrow dangerous track that had frequent, heavy, easterly rains, resulting in bogging many a horse and carriage leaving passengers stranded for days.

The roads were terrible, and with no railways coach services were forced to offer more services. When the Scamander River Bridge was built, the coaches extend their services to Georges Bay (St Helens). This route pretty much followed the current road, but it was dangerous, rough, narrow and susceptible to flooding in many places. The bridge was also just wide enough for a coach, and poorly made. It was not long until a mob of cattle caused it to collapse.

From Georges Bay (St Helens) to The Corners (Conara) the Page coaches would change horses six times, compared to the Launceston/Hobart service of the time which had eight changes. This is rather impressive, especially when you consider the triumph over adversity, and how they managed to still supply all goods, mail and passengers despite the weather. At Avoca in times of severe floods coaches would meet on either side of the river and the mail and goods would be hauled across the river via a cable.

For the inns and changeover stations along the way it was the highlight of their day when the team of fine horses came galloping up to their premises. Locals would wait anxiously for a letter from home or the goods they had ordered. While the horses were being changed acquaintances would be made with the passengers and the inn keepers would serve them hot tea and perhaps a scone with jam and cream.

It wasn't until the Fingal Line Railway from Conara in the Midlands to St Marys was opened in June 1886, and the Elephant Pass route was completed in 1888 from the Chain of Lagoons on the coast, that goods and people could be transported across the mountains to the east coast settlements of Bicheno, and through to Hobart. In turn this resulted in a small increase in population.

BICHENO TO BAY OF FIRES

Coal mining near St Marys began heavily, with boys as young as 10 years old employed in the industry. It then became a major contributor to the economy of the Fingal Valley and still is today. St Marys became a service centre for the surrounding dairy farms.

HISTORY OF BAY OF FIRES

The area is noted for its coastal landscape featuring rocky gullies, small secluded beaches, shore-hugging forests and the orange lichen-colored boulders. The beaches have exquisite white sands, clear water, beautiful rocks with their bright orange lichen, and its a very popular area for rock and surf fishing. Lonely Planet named the Bay of Fires one of the world's top 10 travel destinations, and Binalong Bay was voted Lonely Planet's number one global holiday destination in 2008, so be prepared to be amazed. Binalong Bay is also the beginning of the The Bay of Fires Conservation Area, which stretches over 50 kilometers along the coast to Eddystone Point in the far north east. The conservation area is divided into three sections, with Anson's Bay dividing the north and south.

The Bay of Fires Name refers to the Aboriginal fires seen along the coastline by Captain Tobias Furneaux when he sailed past in 1773. A scenic view of the bay can be glimpsed by driving along the coast to The Gardens. Binalong Bay is the only permanent settlement in Irapuna/Bay of Fires. Culturally significant to the Aboriginal Community for thousands of years, the area was first used by European fishermen and farmers around 1900, with no permanent settlers until the 1940s.

ATTRACTIONS

Iron House Brewery is located at White Sands Estate on Ironhouse Point near Four Mile Creek. The tasting Room at White Sands Estate offers a range of wines, brews and spirits. Tastings are available every day or relax and enjoy a glass on the deck. With 30 hectares of vines located on rolling hills overlooking the Tasman Sea, why not stop for a sparkling, sauvignon blanc, chardonnay or pinot noir.

Not far past Scammander is the turn off towards St Marys. Here, you can detour and travel along **St Marys Pass** into the mountains. A short visit to St Marys and then return via **Elephant Pass** to the Chain of Lagoons near Bicheno. Just out of St Marys heading to Bicheno you can stop at **Mt Elephant Pancakes**. ***If you do venture through to St Marys, you wont have time to continue onto Fingal. It will be a big drive for the kids with windy roads, so be prepared with a sick bag, just in case!***

While the kids are fresh, start the day at the **St Helens History Room**. With over 1000 artefact's on display you'll get a glimpse of the area in its pioneering days.

The **St Helens Point Conservation Area** features a delicate and complex reserve of low sand dunes. The area contains native spinifex grass and the introduced marram grass, both playing an important role in stabilising the sensitive Peron Dunes. They also allow complex coastal plant communities to create a habitat for nesting sea birds. The beaches here, including Beer Barrel Beach, offer excellent surfing and ocean swimming. The extensive dunes south of Maurourand Beach are particularly eye-catching. The area is also a very popular fishing spot and a number of great short walks can be found. Worth the drive.

Bay of Fires, by Rob Burnett





BICHENO TO BAY OF FIRES

St Helens the **fishing capital of Tasmania**, and you don't need a license for rod and line fishing in marine waters in Tasmania. There are five boat ramps in the area with three in Georges Bay (town foreshore, O'Connor's Beach, Stieglitz) and two boat ramps with direct ocean access at Burns Bay and Binalong Bay. You can fish here, off jetties or from the beach. Georges Bay is a recreational only scale-fishing area where you might expect to catch sand flathead, garfish, trevally, King George whiting and bream. It is also a shark refuge area!

Explore the area's main beach a beautiful stretch of white sand and clear water, perfect for swimming or simply relaxing with your kids. Visit **Humbug Point Nature Recreation Area** not far out of **Binalong Bay**. The heath attracts a large number of birds, including yellow-tailed black cockatoos, wattle-birds and honey-eaters. Sea birds include the spectacular white-breasted sea eagle, gannets, petrels and even the occasional albatross.

These most popular beaches can be very busy in summer; **The Gardens, Swimcart Beach** and **Cosy Corner**. The main areas along the coast, each one has toilets, all of which are pit. Other top beaches include **Skeleton Bay, Grants Point, Elephant Head, Jeanneret Beach, Taylors Beach**. The **Binalong Gulch** is great for snorkeling with visibility of up to 20 meters.

LOCAL PRODUCE

White Sands Estate and the Iron House Brewery offer lunch, Camander has the big hotel near the bridge, that offer counter meals. St Helens is a fishing town, so you'll find a huge range of fish on the menus and there is also a great spot by the water that sells direct to the public if your kids are the restaurant kind!

Oyster farms near Binalong Bay grow plump, delicious mollusc's, which are highly sought-after, the oysters farmed in our pristine waters are the freshest you'll find anywhere. If oysters aren't to your taste, you can feast on fresh-cooked fish & chips from the wharf area or purchase just-caught seafood from the town's local fishmongers.

Call into Binalong Bay Cafe, on the main road opposite the beach. You won't find BBQ either, so pack a cold lunch and snacks.

Priory Ridge Wines is the only vineyard and cellar door operation in the iconic Bay of Fires/ Binalong Bay/ St Helens area. Nestled in the tranquil valley of Priory and bordering the George River, we are easily accessible from C843 and C849. A truly unique experience awaits you: an ancestral property with panoramic views, a rustic Cellar door, historical records of early settlers to the area; premium cool climate wines for tastings/sales: Pinot Noir, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Gris.

You will need to take ALL FOOD and drink with you into Bay of Fires. Pack extra in-case you get stuck (highly unlikely) but in remote areas pays to be prepared. Be mindful of the hot weather, so pack a couple of cooler blocks to pack with lunches and ice in your drink bottles.

BICHENO TO BAY OF FIRES

MOBILE RECEPTION

Mobile coverage is really good, however the more into remote areas such as Bay of Fires and Peron Dunes the weaker your network signal.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be aware that Aboriginal middens (shell and bone deposits) are found in the sand dunes. Please do not disturb these protected sites.

Make sure you have a couple of plastic bags in the car - one for rubbish, the other for wet clothes/bathers. Pack a toilet kit - small zip lock bags, toilet paper, wipes and hand sanitiser. If you can get a toy beach spade or troul, pack that too. There are limited toilet stops, and what is there are pit toilets. The purpose of the zip lock bag is to take ALL paper and waste with you, (excluding poop!) Animals will eat the used paper which contains chemicals, and can make them ill, if it does kill them. We also don't like litter!

Please do not to feed ANY animals. They develop Lumpy Jaw; ulcers form in their mouth from processed foods causing them to starve from being unable to chew and swallow. Bread is the worst.

WARNING:

The summer sun can burn very quickly, even when it is overcast. Re-apply sunscreen often and wear a hat and rash top (long sleeve swim top) where possible. The heat is also very intense with little or no humidity.

Occasionally, Blue Bottle Jellyfish wash up on the beach and can also be found in rock pools. They are venomous and can cause serious illness, and whilst rare, death. They are very small clear like blob, with almost invisible tentacles.

A lot of rock pools also have Blue Ring Octopus. They can be very small and hard to see. Don't let your kids play in ones that you cannot see the bottom of, or that have lots of rocks and shells.

DAY PACK REQUIREMENTS

Water Bottles	Snacks, Morning/arvo tea	Reusable Coffee Cup
Sun Hats/ Sunscreen	Baby Carrier	Camera and spare card
Warm Coat	Pram	Walking Shoes
Raincoat	Mozzie Repellent	Change of clothes
First Aid Kit	Tassie4Kids Road Trip Printouts	Thongs or Sandals
Bathers / Towel	Car Phone Charger	Toilet Kit
Toilet Pack (Paper, sanitiser)		

DIRECTIONS - ST HELENS TO BICHENO

1hr / 75Km BICHENO TO ST HELENS

1. Return to the Tasman Highway from your accommodation (main road) and turn right to drive through Bicheno.
2. Follow this highway until you get to a junction. One way is St Marys the other is St Helens. Stay on the A3 and turn right here.

15min / 13Km ST HELENS TO BINALONG BAY

1. From your accommodation, turn left onto the highway and head into St Helens.
2. Once in-town, drive up the main street until you find Quail Street /C850. Turn right onto it. The pharmacy is on the corner.
3. Follow the road as it sweeps to the north becoming Binalong Bay Rd, at which follow it right into Binalong Bay. This road is Main Rd, once you are close to the town.
4. From here, you can drive through to Humbug Point, which will loop you back around into Binalong Bay.
5. Be mindful of some roads as they will have gravel or dirt.

20min / 18Km BINALONG BAY TO BAY OF FIRES

1. Return to the junction of Main Rd and Gardens Rd /C848, and turn right onto Gardens Rd to drive into the Bay of Fires.
2. The Gardens Rd is the only access to the main beaches. Be sure to call into the main stops - Swimcart, Cosy Corner, Sloop Reef and there is a walking track at the far end of the road.
3. You can drive all the way to the big houses at the end and then will need to return the way you came to Binalong Bay.
4. To return to St Helens, head back from the junction for Binalong Bay into town.
5. It will be busy so take it easy on the road as there will be kids everywhere, and lots of vehicles.

TOILETS, FUEL AND FOOD STOPS



Scammander, St Helens, Binalong Bay, Swimcart, Cosy Corner



St Helens, Binalong Bay



Scammander, St Helens, Binalong Bay,



Scammander, St Helens



St Helens

Coles Bay Aerial, by Luke Tscharke





BICHENO TO HOBART

DAY 3 TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY
Expeditionist Package – 4nights in Tasmania 13th - 17th January 2019

Today is the day you can see what everyone is talking about when they mention Freycinet National Park and Wineglass Bay!

One of the most amazing locations on the planet, this magical place will not disappoint, so get up early and make a day of it. Be sure to have breakfast for the energy to explore the area, and fuel up if you need to in Bicheno as Coles Bay (the town in Freycinet National Park) is more expensive.

We won't go into the history of Coles Bay as you will hear about it on your cruise!

ATTRACTIONS

So much to see and do! As you won't be walking over the **Hazards** to Wineglass Bay with the kids, you will be cruising in style!

LOCAL PRODUCE

Coles Bay has some wonderful restaurants; two being at **Freycinet Lodge** right under the Hazards Mountains. You can have a meal there and look out into Great Oyster Bay; it's stunning and suitable for kids.

Why not stop at the **Freycinet Marine Farm**, 10 minutes out of Coles Bay and enjoy a casual seafood afternoon with shellfish, including abalone, straight from the water before you head onto Hobart?

Once in Hobart you'll find an array of delicious family friendly places to eat out and to purchase Tassie goodies. Within the CBD head down to the waterfront and take a stroll along the wharf area. You'll find a number of floating fish and chip venues, as well as **Mures**; home to some of Tasmania's and Australia's most loved and freshly caught seafood.

Nearby at **Salamanca** every second building offers a different menu with a number of great cafes open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We usually visit Jack Greens for their mini gourmet burgers, and the inside is amazing!

The wharf precinct literally outside your accommodation has **Saffron, Mures Sea food, T41** and a number of floating **Fish and Chips** vans. Mures also has local Ice-cream!

BICHENO TO HOBART

VINEYARDS

Frogmore Creek Vineyard

Richmond Road, Cambridge, open 10am - 5pm Daily

The home of Frogmore Creek and Forty-Two Degrees South wines offers stunning architecture overlooking the Coal River Valley with an extensive list of premium wines on tasting. Lunch bookings are recommended.

Riversdale Estate Vineyard

Denholms Road, Cambridge open 10am - 5pm Daily

Located 18 minutes from Hobart, indulge in Riversdale Estate and Roaring 40's wines, with sweeping water views; taste our award winning wines at the Cellar Door; lunch in The French Bistro or walk through our Peter Rabbit Garden.

MOBILE COVERAGE

Within the National Parks there are dead zones, and when traveling along the coast there are spots where service is limited. Telstra is the strongest network provider, however most major networks work along the coast. If you have to make calls, do it in Bicheno or Coles Bay. Outside of those areas it can be great, or terrible!

Hobart has great coverage. With the NBN roll out in most Tasmanian areas there should be no issue with reception unless there is a major event in which everyone is on their phones! All of the major network providers are available.

IMPORTANT TASKS TO DO BEFORE LEAVING FOR FREYCINET N.P

- Check your oil, water and tyre pressure. There are a number of gravel roads.
- Grab some plastic wine glasses from the supermarket - you never know you may find an amazing spot to stop at! Just don't drink over the legal driving limit.

BICHENO TO HOBART

WINEGLASS BAY CRUISES - 10 am - 2:30 pm

Tickets	2 x Adults / 2 x Children, 1 x infant
Check in	9.30 am for check in and receive your boarding passes.
Seating	Vista Lounge x 4 seats (no seat provided for Amalia)
Inclusions	4 x Ploughmans Lunches.
Address	The Jetty - 61 Jetty Rd - Coles Bay by 9.20 am for check in
Contact	0362570355
Reservation Number	#RV1JNDB

MOTION SICKNESS is important to consider as you will travel out into the Tasman Sea to reach Wineglass Bay. If you are prone to motion sickness please don't risk it! You won't stop feeling sick if you have the tablets or bands when you are feeling sick. Have them at least half hour before. There are several brands of tablets available from the local pharmacy at Bicheno.

Complimentary ginger tablets are offered at check-in and reception sell sea bands for \$10.

TOILETS are located at Muirs Beach, Garnet Avenue, the Community Centre on Harold Street and on board the Schouten Passage II.

PARKING is located across the road from the office, along the Esplanade. Please double park bumper to bumper.

WHAT TO BRING: hat, warm jacket, sunglasses, sunscreen and camera. PRAMS & WALKERS are not allowed on board for the safety of all passengers. PRAMS & WALKERS are not allowed on board for the safety of all passengers.

DAY PACK REQUIREMENTS

Water Bottles	Snacks, Morning/arvo tea	Reusable Coffee Cup
Sun Hats/ Sunscreen	Baby Carrier (no pram)	Camera and spare card
Toilet Pack	Bathers / Towel	Car Phone Charger
Hand Sanitiser	Mozzie Repellent	Change of warm clothes
Cooler Bag	Tassie4Kids Road Trip Printouts	Sea Sickness Tablets

BICHENO TO HOBART

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

ACCOMMODATION	Sullivan's Cove Apartments
ADDRESS	3 Evans Street, Hobart
PHONE	(03) 6376 1290
ROOM TYPE	IXL Apartments 2 Bedroom Executive
PROVISIONS	Fully Self Contained, Porta Cot
KEY COLLECTION	21 Hunter Street, Hobart. The office is open between 8:30am - 5:30pm, 7 days a week (beside the Drunken Admiral Restaurant). For afterhours see below.
CHECK IN/CHECK OUT	2 pm 10 am
RESERVATION NUMBER	83886

Sullivans Cove Apartments are located in the vibrant hub of Hobart's waterfront area and - which is home to a working port and are close to bars, restaurants, the ferry to Mona and other major attractions.

For check-in, public parking is available on Hunter Street in the vicinity of the Drunken Admiral Restaurant and Henry Jones Art Hotel. Please note that Hunter street is a voucher-parking zone, subject to parking fines from 8am - 8pm daily. The 'pay and display' ticket vending machines are located on Hunter Street.

Sullivans Cove Apartments does not take any responsibility for any parking tickets incurred while checking into our central check in office. At check in you will be provided with directions to your apartment location and reserved parking, so we suggest you leave other guests and luggage in your vehicle while you check in.

Arrival outside office hours - After Hours check-in (for all apartments)

If your arrival time is expected to be after 5pm please contact our office by phone (03 6234 5063) or email to arrange an after-hours check-in. This is a simple process, involving collecting your keys and directions to your apartment from a locked mailbox located in foyer of the The IXL Apartments. All after-hours check ins will be required to provide a mobile contact number and credit card details prior to arrival. The access pincode for the after-hours mailbox will be sent via SMS text on the day of arrival.

Sullivans Cove Apartments takes no responsibility for, and will not offer discounts for noise from restaurants, bars, the port, general traffic noise or city activities etc which is beyond our control.

DIRECTIONS - BICHENO TO HOBART

30 min /
40 Km

BICHENO TO WINEGLASS BAY CRUISES

1. From your accommodation in Fraser St, Bicheno, turn left on Foster Street.
2. Follow Foster Street, and turn Left onto Burgess St. Follow this until you are on the highway again, the same one you came into Bicheno on.
3. Once traveling along the Tasman Highway (A3), drive for around 20 minutes until you reach the turn off to the Left, into Coles Bay. Turn into Coles Bay Rd.
4. Follow this road right into Coles Bay until you reach an intersection with All4Adventures on the corner of The Esplanade. This is the main area of Coles Bay.
5. Drive down the Esplanade and follow the road around to Jetty Road where you catch Wineglass Bay Cruises.

15m / 9km

CRUISES TO MARINE FARM

1. After the Cruise, Return to Freycinet Dr, and continue back into Coles Bay.
2. Follow Coles Bay Rd until you reach the Freycinet Marine Farm on the Left. YUM!!

20m / 17km

MARINE FARM TO HOBART

1. Return to Coles Bay Rd and continue until you reach the Tasman Hwy/A3. Turn Left onto the Hwy. Follow the Hwy the same way you came throughm so via Orford and past Cambridge where the airport is.
2. Once you enter the outskirts of Hobart you will come to the Tasman Bridge. Cross the bridge and you will want to be in the LEFT LANE.
3. This will take you onto DAVEY Street. Still in the left land continue past the lights, and Hunter street is on your right.

TOILETS, FUEL AND FOOD STOPS



Coles Bay (The Esplanade), Freycinet Marine Farm



Freycinet NP Visitor Centre



Coles Bay (Esplanade), Freycinet Lodge, Freycinet Marine Farm



Bicheno or Coles Bay



Bicheno

Swinging Bridges Walk - Tahune Adventures, by Alastair Bett



TAHUNE AND FAR SOUTH

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY
Expeditionist Package – 4nights in Tasmania 13th - 17th January 2019

Welcome to Hobart! I hope you all enjoyed your first night here last night, and you're ready for some fun! You'll be heading to the Huonvalley today to experience amazing rainforest, coastlines and superb produce! But in the mean time, here is some local info on Australia's second oldest city.

HISTORY OF THE FAR SOUTH

A region with a deep history, almost every part has served a purpose to colonial expansion. The Far South was first inhabited by the Lyluequonny Aboriginal people, who were studied in detail by the French naturalists on the d'Entrecasteaux expedition in 1793. The French also mapped the area, studied the flora, held the first masses on Australian soil and planted gardens. Whalers, sealers and convict bolters were the first white settlers, with sixteen whaling stations at Recherche Bay. You can head to Cackle Creek on Day 4 and explore the ruins. Land grants were issued from 1822 and a police station was established at Hythe. Blue Gum was highly sought after with everywhere south of Dover reserved for its Blue Gum value at one point. In the late 1820s Tasmania's earliest overseas timber export left Southport for Europe. Mill towns emerged at Lune River, Ramsgate (later Cackle Creek) and Leprena and in the 1840s probation stations at Dover and Hythe were built for convict labor.

Timber milling, boat building, fishing and small-scale farming were the main occupations, and Catamaran; the site of a large colliery was called 'poor man's Venice' because the only way to communicate was by boat. Cabbages grew at Recherche Bay and at Southport an ex-convict named Dickenson wrote Australia's first local gardening manual. In the 1890s depression, unemployed people were resettled near Southport in a commune, eventually unsuccessful.

It was not until the First World War that the region slowed and the population dwindled. Residents left for better jobs, towns were ravaged by bushfires and the closure of the Ida Bay limestone mine almost brought the Far South to a standstill.

Today the area is popular for farming and fishing families; those seeking to escape city life and campers who head to the furthest tip accessible by car in Australia - Cackle Creek. As you travel you'll see why the Far South is so popular - its home to some of Tasmania's most beautiful wilderness areas, remote beaches, national parks and rainforest's.

ATTRACTIONS

On the way to Tahune Forest Adventures, we suggest going via **Snug Falls**, an impressive 25-30m waterfall near the township of Snug. The track is signed as a 2.1km walk to the falls and steadily descends to the base of the waterfall. It takes roughly an hour return. The track itself is easy going but there are some uneven parts underfoot so take it slowly.

At Franklin you can call into the **Wooden Boat Centre**, if carpentry and boat building is of interest. Here they make a number of traditional ketches mostly out of endemic timbers. It's a steady uphill walk on the way back, but of an easy grade. Like Huon and Celery Top Pine.

TAHUNE AND FAR SOUTH

At Geeveston, drive into see the **Geeves Monument and Swamp Gum**. Its a small bit of history on the region and will help to paint a picture of how the area was fundamental to Tasmania in the early years.

The drive to the **Tahune Airwalk** is through forest which you will be able to climb to the top of once you arrive. This road leads you all the way there. At Tahune, your pram can go most places however there are some tracks narrower than others. Check with the office guides for which ones to avoid.

All three walks on site at your accommodation: **Tahune AirWalk, Swinging Bridges Walk, and Huon Pine Walk**, are included in your accommodation package. Feel free to wander through the site at your own leisure, during your stay. A **night walk of the Tahune AirWalk (ONLY)** is available and you will need to bring a torch for this. Please ensure that you only walk the Tahune AirWalk at night with torches as this walk is the only one which has reflective path strips along the route.

LOCAL PRODUCE

If you choose to go to Snug Falls nearby in Margate is the **Pancake Train**. Great food and coffee, this cafe is inside an old passenger carriage. There is no train to ride as such, simply the experience to eat inside a carriage. Keep an eye out for great little cafe's along the way or road side stalls. The Huon Valley is famous for its delicious and juicy apples and you will find a lot for sale throughout the area. You can purchase any groceries at Huonville.

Not far out of Huonville is the award winning **Willie Smiths Apple Shed**, which is worth the stop to taste some delicious treats and beverages. Be sure to ask at the counter for the kids menu. They have a great outdoor space and the Tasmanian Alcoholic Cider is amazing! It is here where you can do the distillery tasting.

During the day, you are more than welcome to purchase food and drinks at the onsite Tahune AirwalkCafé/Visitor Centre. The trading hours are: 9am-5pm.

MOBILE COVERAGE

There is very limited GPS/Mobile coverage in the Tahune area, so please follow sign posts from Geeveston. DO NOT RELY ON GPS. There are also places where there is no reception at all. Telstra is the only reliable network provider.

DAY PACK REQUIREMENTS

Water Bottles	Snacks/Morning Tea	Reusable Coffee Cup
Sun Hats	Sunscreen	Camera
Warm Coat (early morning)	Tassie4Kids Road Trip Printouts	Walking Shoes
Change for parking	Car Phone Charger	Rain Coat

Styx River, Styx Big Tree Reserve, by Lynette Graham





DIRECTIONS - HOBART to TAHUNE

30 min / 29Km HOBART to SNUG FALLS

1. From accommodation, turn Left onto Davey Street and drive up the hill in the LEFT lane to the intersection of Sandy Bay Road.
2. Turn Left onto Sandy Bay Road, follow until you reach Byron St. Turn Right up the hill.
3. Once at the top of Byron St, turn left onto Davey Street (lights at BWS Bottle-shop) and onto the Southern Outlet (A6)
4. From here, YOU MUST STAY IN THE TWO LEFT LANES to get onto the Southern Outlet. If you are unable to get-over, you can go straight ahead and continue along Huon Road/B64 until you get to the Huon Hwy.
5. Follow the Southern Outlet into Kingston. Take the right hand lane at the Kingston Bypass and continue on for 2km before taking the 4th exit to Channel Highway (B68) at the roundabout. Continue on towards Margate. The highway (A6) heads west towards Lesley Vale. You will come back that way.
6. Continue into Margate and straight through to Electrona and into Snug.
7. Once in town and on Hwy still, Snug Primary School will be on your right. Turn here onto Snug Tiers Rd.
8. Follow the road until you see a small gravel parking bay on the Left. This is the start of the Snug Falls Track.

1 hr 30 min / 85Km SNUG FALLS to TAHUNE AIRWALK

1. Return to Snug via the gravel road. Turn Left back onto the Channel Hwy and return to Margate
2. Just after Margate you'll see Sand fly Rd. Turn Left on Sandfly Rd.
3. Follow this road until you reach the Huon Hwy. Turn Left onto the Huon Hwy.
4. Travel via the Huon Hwy through Huonville and onto Geeveston where you turn onto Arve Rd/C652. Follow this right up to the Tahune Airwalk.

30 min / 29Km TAHUNE to HOBART via WILLIESMITH

1. From Tahune, turn Left onto Arve Rd. Continue along until you reach Geeveston. Turn left onto the Huon Hwy (A6).
2. Nearing Kingston, stay in the left lane to remain on the A6 which goes to the left and around onto the Southern Outlet. Continue along the outlet until you reach the city.
3. Follow the road sign to get back down to Salamanca. I wont give directions here as it

Salamanca Market, by Alastair Bett



HOBART AND MONA

DAY 5 17TH JANUARY 2019

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HISTORY OF HOBART

The South has also been home to Indigenous Tasmanians for over 40,000 years, with many of the areas in and around Hobart culturally significant. A walk along the summit of **Mt Nelson** from the Signal Station offers a glimpse into Aboriginal history in and around Hobart. You can also find information in the **Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery**.

Hobart has a rich colonial history and is the second oldest city in Australia after Sydney. Once called Hobart Town, many of the large sandstone buildings along the waterfront and throughout the city were built in the early 1800s by convict labor after it was occupied by the British Colony in 1804. Buildings such as a Presbyterian church (1824), Salamanca Place warehouses (1830s), the Theatre Royal (1837) are still intact today. Lt-Governor Collins moved the main southern settlement from Risdon to Sullivan's Cove. This was an excellent site, with a good port, good fresh water, and the shelter of Mount Wellington. From that date Hobart has been the capital and administrative centre of first southern Tasmania, then from 1812 all Tasmania.

In 1831 the need for better facilities to contain the convicts within Hobart Town was answered by the opening of the Campbell Street Gaol, Penitentiary Chapel, and open execution yard. The building, in the shape of a cruciform, was designed by John Lee Archer to make additional space for the growing number of convicts arriving in the colony. The design included thirty-six solitary confinement cells beneath the chapel floor, which were later declared inhuman. Law Courts were soon added, and remained in use until 1983. Over 40,000 convicts went through this place yet only 6% of convicts in Hobart were kept confined in gaols. Convict transportation to Van Diemen's Land was abolished in 1853 but many of the convicts already there still had lengthy sentences to complete. Access to the site is by Guided Experience only.

Despite the growth, developments and contribution to the colonies, Hobart had a dark side. Lewd women, grisly murders, sailors drinking themselves to death and typhoid. Early Hobart's Wapping district was known as a sewage-ridden slum*. The settlement sprang up around Hobart's early wharf at Hunter Street and endured until it was almost obliterated by industrial and commercial pressures of the mid-20th century.

While it saw many phases, the profile remained one of poverty and prostitutes, housing Hobart's poorest of the poor. The nearby rivulet was used upstream to dump household waste, and it regularly flooded. The smell was unbearable and things were so bad that an Elephant was used to pull carts around the area, as the waters were too much for horses. The name originated from the Wapping area in London which had a similar profile. At one time, both were the site of executions. It was even recorded that there was 15 prostitutes on one corner alone.

HOBART AND MONA

The town had a bad reputation for being full of rowdy, drunk people, full of popular drinking holes for seafarers, British troops and the navy, with 13 pubs in just a few blocks.

Wadding was dangerous; a place you didn't go. The wild nature of Hobart Town's seedier side almost had a disastrous effect. The town was in danger of losing trade from Royal Navy vessels due to the large number of sailors contracting venereal diseases whilst on shore leave in the port. The local authorities clamped down on the behavior in the area, and the visits were allowed to continue. However, like most places with lower classes, the community of Wapping saw their home as a close-knit community, where everyone look out for each other. It is said that Ikey Solomon (the character Charles Dickens based his story off), lived in the area, going to school when he was a child.

The streetscapes are gone or bear little resemblance to the former layout, except for the back alleys around the **Theatre Royal**. Amongst the pubs and workers' cottages, the Theatre Royal opened in 1837 and remains Australia's oldest working theatre. The original building had a tavern beneath the auditorium which hosted cockfights among the mayhem of drunken revelry and prostitutes plying their trade.

By the late 19th century, the central waterfront area of Wapping, had declined dramatically as a result of government attempts to control prostitution, gambling and excessive drinking. Many of the shanties and brothels were destroyed to make way for new developments, such as the wool store, that survives to this day as the **Old Woolstore Hotel**. Most of the buildings around the Old Woolstore are where Wapping was. See if you can find **Ragged Lane**!

Part of the area had already been reclaimed in the early 1850s for the construction of the Hobart Gas Works, which was opened amidst much fanfare on 9 March 1857, bringing gas lighting to the streets of Hobart Town for the first time. The Hobart Electric Tramway Company commenced operation in 1893, providing Hobart with the first complete electric tramway in the Southern Hemisphere. In 1891 Henry Jones established a jam factory exporting jam throughout the British Empire. You can see and visit, the **Henry Jones XL** building down on the main wharf area.

The Cadbury Chocolate Factory opened in 1920 and the Cadbury Estate alongside the factory, provided workers with comfortable housing, shops, entertainment and sporting facilities, all designed to engender a sense of community and personal well-being amongst its workers. You can drive out there and purchase a box of 'offcuts' chocolate - so all the bits that never made it to the shops... DELISH!!

The local economy of Hobart has continued to survive on primary industries such as agriculture and fishing, and smaller scale industries such as canneries, fruit processing works, furniture manufacture, silk and textile printing, soft drink and confectionery production. Cottage industries such as pottery, woodwork, crafts and textiles also persist. Tourism, however is now a major economic driver for the City.

HOBART AND MONA

ATTRACTIONS

Main attractions for Hobart and the surrounds include the [Salamanca Market](#), [Mt Wellington](#), [Cascades Female Factory](#), [Royal Botanical Gardens](#), [Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery](#), [Zoo Doo](#), [Tasmanian Transport Museum](#), [The Shot Tower](#), [Waterworks Reserve](#) and much more!

It's not been long since Tasmania held it's last hanging, but a lot has changed around the docks since the early days in the grimy, dangerous area of Wapping. Why not 'take a walk in convict shoes' from Wapping to the gallows with the [Hobart Gallows Walk](#). Hangings were public until 1856 when they were moved out of sight – to the Hobart Convict Penitentiary. This walking tour starts at the Hobart waterfront and winds its way through the backstreet's and lane ways to the Hobart Convict Penitentiary site on the corner of Brisbane and Campbell Streets. The tour includes access to the Hobart Convict Penitentiary, and viewing of the gallows. Tour length is approximately 1.5-2hours, and runs Thursday 9:30am and Saturday at 2:00pm, both of which you could do as you will be at Dodges Ferry.

A drive up [kunanyi / Mt Wellington](#) is worth it just for the view particularly if its a beautiful day. Hobart's iconic mountain is easily accessible from the CBD. The views on the drive up are spectacular with many walks surrounding the foothills that are suitable for the whole family. The Pinnacle lookout is enclosed and warm with panoramic views of Hobart and the Derwent River. A great cafe and park can be found at the base near Cascades. We have included directions to kunanyi on the next page.

[Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens](#) are a great way to kill some time or let the kids make the most of the 14 hectares of open spaces. The gardens are great for having a run, picnic and some quiet time. There is a range of tours available to suit the whole family, including a walk through a grove of Wollemi Pines!

MONA

FERRY	Seating: Posh Pit - drinks, food and seats.	Midday	4pm
	Departure from: Brooke St Pier, Franklin Wharf		
	Tickets Provided to you via email		
MUSEUM	Tickets provided to you by email.		
MORRILLA	Winery Tour at 12:45. Morrilla is at the top of MONA		
BOOKING	Reservation ID: 1553264, TASSIEKIDS		

DIRECTIONS - HOBART & SURROUNDS

30 min /
17 Km

SALAMANCA to MT WELLINGTON

1. From Salamanca Place, Continue until you reach Davey St. Turn Left onto Davey St.
2. Drive straight ahead along Davey Street, through a roundabout and onto Huon Rd (Davey St becomes Huon Rd).
3. Follow Huon Rd all the way until you reach a sharp right hand corner, turn right here onto Pillinger Dr . If you reach Saint Raphael's Church you have gone to far.
4. Follow Pillinger Dr up the mountain. This turns into Pinnical Rd and will take you to the summit.
5. On the return, follow the road back down the mountain, turning Left onto Huon Rd.
6. Follow Huon until you reach Strickland Avenue. Turn Left here and follow the road onto Cascade Rd and past the Cascade Brewery and head downhill towards Hobart.
7. Cascade Rd will become Macquarie Street. Follow this until you reach a Caltex Service Station on your Right. Turn RIGHT at these lights onto Anthill Street.
8. Follow then turn Left onto Fitzroy PL, then right onto Byron St. This will take you to Sandy Bay Road.
9. Turn Left at the lights, and BE IN THE FAR RIGHT LANE when on Sandy Bay Rd to turn Right onto Gladstone Street. Drive down and you will be in Salamanca again.

TOILETS, FUEL AND FOOD STOPS



Cambridge, Salamanca, Mures, Mt Wellington Summit



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Morrilla Vineyard, MONA Salamanca



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