



SPARK TRAVEL



| 8 Day

BEAUTIFUL TASMANIA

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| Fully Escorted From Adelaide
Return Home Transfers
Return Flights
7 Nights Accommodation

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Hughes Home Pick Up Service (zoned area only).
- Fly with Virgin Australia from Adelaide to Launceston and return.
- Escorted from Adelaide by an experienced Spark Travel Tour Escort.
- 2 nights Hobart, 2 nights Queenstown, 1 night Devonport, 2 nights Launceston.
- Tour the Heritage Highway to Hobart, en route visiting the historic villages of Campbell Town, Ross and Oatlands, tour historic Richmond Village and in Hobart, Salamanca Place and the vibrant waterfront.
- BBQ lunch at the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company.
- Full day tour to the rugged Tasman Peninsula and Port Arthur Convict Settlement.
- Picturesque Derwent Valley, spectacular mountain and gorge scenery through Wild Rivers National Park.
- Magnificent 'Wall in the Wilderness' in the Central Highlands, and tour through the ghost towns of Linda and Gormanston.
- Cruise the incomparable Gordon River, into the heart of the Tasmanian wilderness, see stands of ancient Huon pine, Sassafras and Myrtle.
- At Strahan explore the Village, Visitor Centre and Huon Pine Sawmill.
- Spectacular Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake, visit Waldheim, enjoy lunch at the Cradle Mountain Hotel and the visual delights of the Wilderness Gallery.
- Get close up to the endangered Tasmanian Devil at Devils@Cradle.
- Tour the delightful small town of Sheffield with its colourful murals.
- Magnificent Cataract Gorge and picturesque Tamar Valley.
- Gold and Heritage Mine Museum at Beaconsfield.
- Visit the World Heritage Woolmers Estate and the National Rose Garden.



NOTES:

Health and Fitness: To assist us when booking, please advise your Spark Travel consultant if you have any special needs such as mobility, dietary etc.

****A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate.** You will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided and you must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. If you are unable to manage on your own, it will be necessary to be accompanied by another person who is fit and able to assist you in day to day tasks and capable of providing the assistance required. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information.

****It should be noted that to be fair to all passengers, specific seats cannot be reserved on board our coach.**

****Please note that for your flights the seating within the confines of the group is computer allocated alphabetically by the airline concerned and is quite beyond the control of Spark Travel.**

****Tour extensions subject to availability and extension booking criteria.**

HUGHES TRANSFERS TO AND FROM YOUR HOME:

Hughes transfers apply in the zoned area. These transfers may be available at additional cost to passengers who live outside the zoned area - please ask your Spark Travel consultant.

'HUGHES HOME PICK UP SERVICE' will call you **two (2) days** before the commencement of the tour to confirm the time they will be arriving at your home. **If you have missed the call, please contact Spark Travel (08) 8876 5121 a day prior to departure. If you reside at a retirement village, please ensure Hughes have clear instructions from you as to means of entry and directions to find your home. Also, if you are out of zone you there will be an additional payment due and this should be made at the time of booking.** The Hughes home pick up service only applies to scheduled tour departure and return tour dates. Those passengers wishing to extend their tours will be responsible for their own transfers.

ITINERARY:

DAY 01 – THURSDAY: ADELAIDE/LAUNCESTON/HOBART – HERITAGE HIGHWAY, TOUR OF HOBART

This morning meet with your **Spark Travel Tour Manager at Adelaide Airport Main Terminal** for your **Virgin Australia** flight to **Launceston**. You will need to produce **photo ID** on check in and will be issued with your boarding pass.

On arrival at **Launceston**, be greeted by your **Tasmanian Coach Captain** and welcomed aboard your coach. Travel along the **Heritage Highway**, through historic villages such as **Campbell Town, Ross and Oatlands to Hobart**. Spend time in **Richmond Village**, and view Australia's oldest Catholic Church opened in 1837. The town is home reputedly the oldest stone bridge (still in use) in Australia. The bridge was built in 1823 using convict labour and is shrouded in tales of mystery, hardship and tragedy. Visit **Rosny Lookout** for panoramic views of Hobart against the backdrop of the Wellington Range. Cross the **Tasman Bridge** to **Hobart City** and tour historic **Battery Point, Salamanca Place** and the vibrant waterfront, then check into our accommodation for the next 2 nights.

OVERNIGHT: THE OLD WOOLSTORE, HOBART

October: Depart Adelaide on flight VA1544 at 06.20am, arriving Launceston at 8.40am. (L,D)

November: Depart Adelaide on flight VA1546 at 11.45am, arriving Launceston at 2.05pm. (D)
(November Tour - due to later arrival into Launceston, Day 1 lunch is on the final day of the tour).

DAY 02 - FRIDAY: IN HOBART – FULL DAY TO TASMAN PENINSULA, PORT ARTHUR

Travel via Sorrel and Midway Point to **Tasman Peninsula** with its rugged coastline and historical significance. Take in majestic views from the lookout above picturesque **Eaglehawk Neck** and **Pirates Bay** before continuing to the ruins of the **Port Arthur Convict Settlement**. Within the 40 hectares of landscaped grounds lies a rich history of Australia's past. Included activities available are a guided walking tour, a short **cruise across the harbour**, access to the Visitor Centre and Interpretation Gallery as well as more than 30 buildings, ruins and restored gardens and houses. Later in the afternoon depart the Historic Site to tour beside **Norfolk** and **Frederick Henry Bays**. Return to the hotel with time to relax before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: THE OLD WOOLSTORE, HOBART. (B,D)

DAY 03 – SATURDAY: HOBART/QUEENSTOWN – SALAMANCA MARKET, DERWENT VALLEY, 'WALL IN THE WILDERNESS,' WEST COAST

Saturday morning in Hobart means the famous **Salamanca open-air Market** with its bustle and buskers, colour and excitement. Be swept up in a sea of colour, creativity and culinary delights where more than 300 stalls fill the street selling art, craft and other hand-made goodies.

Departing Hobart mid-morning, tour the picturesque **Derwent Valley** through **New Norfolk** to climb the Central Plateau, past trout lakes, though mountains and gorges and the **Wild Rivers National Park**. At **Derwent Bridge** we visit the simply stunning sculpture **'Wall in the Wilderness,'** three metre high wooden panels, carved by wood sculptor Greg Duncan to tell the history of the harsh Central Highlands region. Cross Lake Burbury descending through the ghost towns of **Linda** and **Gormanston** to the copper mining town of **Queenstown**, our home for the next two nights.

OVERNIGHT: THE GOLD RUSH INN, QUEENSTOWN. (B,D)

DAY 04 – SUNDAY: IN QUEENSTOWN - MACQUARIE HARBOUR, GORDON RIVER CRUISE

This morning we **cruise the incomparable Gordon River** into the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and the edge of World Heritage. Cross vast Macquarie Harbour, past **Sarah Island**, the worst convict settlement of all – and follow the Gordon through stands of ancient Huon pine, **Sassafras** and **Myrtle** rainforest to step ashore for a boardwalk at **Heritage Landing**. Voyage to **Hell's Gates**, the aptly named harbour entrance where many early ships were destroyed by ferocious ocean swells. At **Strahan** there will be an opportunity to explore the village including the **Visitor Centre** and **Huon Pine Sawmill**. A **light lunch** provided today.

OVERNIGHT: THE GOLD RUSH INN, QUEENSTOWN. (B,L,D)

DAY 05 – MONDAY: QUEENSTOWN/DEVONPORT - CRADLE VALLEY, DOVE LAKE, DEVILS@CRADLE, NORTH WEST, MURALS OF SHEFFIELD

This morning, travel onto **Tullah** where we will take a short break, then continue north through rainforest and mineral rich mountains, crossing the **Vale of Belvoir** and alpine cattle country to reach **Cradle Mountain National Park**. Board the shuttle bus to **Dove Lake** at the foot of the crags of **Cradle Mountain** and visit **Waldheim**, forest home of pioneer Gustav Weindorfer. Enjoy **lunch** and the visual delights of the **Wilderness Gallery** at the **Cradle Mountain Hotel** before getting up close and personal with the endangered **Tasmanian Devil** at **Devils@Cradle**. Later continue on through mountains and button grass plains to the North West coast. Visit the scenic **North West** murals town of **Sheffield**, where a tiny community has recorded their history and honoured their pioneers in huge paintings on the town walls.

OVERNIGHT: NOVOTEL HOTEL, DEVONPORT. (B,L,D)

DAY 06 – TUESDAY: DEVONPORT/LAUNCESTON – ASH GROVE FARM CHEESE CENTRE, CATARACT GORGE, BEACONSFIELD

This morning travel along the Bass Highway and visit the **Ashgrove Farm Cheese Centre**, then continue through rural countryside to the northern city of **Launceston**. Highlights include a visit to magnificent **Cataract Gorge** with its rhododendron gardens, peacocks, pools, suspension foot-bridge and one of the longest single-span chair lifts in the world (*ride is optional at own cost*). Afternoon activities include viewing the picturesque **Tamar Valley** during travel to **Beaconsfield** – site of the mine disaster and miraculous rescue. Visit the **Beaconsfield Gold Mine and Heritage Museum** and stand on the platform to view the site where the rescued miners emerged.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL GRAND CHANCELOR, LAUNCESTON. (B,D)

DAY 07 – WEDNESDAY: IN LAUNCESTON - WOOLMERS ESTATE – GOURMET SAUCE

This morning, visit the **World Heritage Woolmers Estate** and the **National Rose Garden**. This property shows a fascinating reflection of colonial life in Tasmania with the National Rose Garden displaying one of the finest collections of historic roses in the Southern Hemisphere. After an informative guided tour we travel to the **Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company** and enjoy a **BBQ lunch** featuring their jams and preserves. Enjoy some quiet time in the garden and nursery before travelling back to your accommodation with some time to relax before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR, LAUNCESTON. (B,L,D)

DAY 08 – THURSDAY: LAUNCESTON/ADELAIDE

This morning, transfer to nearby **Launceston Airport** to begin the journey home.

On arrival at Launceston Airport we check in for your **return Virgin Australia flight to Adelaide**. Please have your **photo ID** ready for presentation after which you will receive your boarding pass.

October: Depart Launceston on flight VA1544 at 09.20am, arriving Adelaide at 10.40am. (B)

November: Depart Launceston on flight VA1546 at 2.45pm, arriving Adelaide at 4.05pm. (B,L)

(There will be some local Launceston sights in the morning for this departure.)

AFTER YOUR TOUR A CHAUFFEUR CAR WILL DRIVE YOU BACK HOME

TOUR COST:

Sharing twin/double: **\$3996.00 per person**

Single supplement: **\$725.00 per person**

MEAL CODINGS:

(B) - Breakfast

(L) – Lunch

(D) – Dinner

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Hughes transfers from/to your home (zoned area only).
- Fly Virgin Australia Adelaide to Launceston and return
- Escorted from Adelaide by an experienced Spark Travel Tour Manager.
- Luxury air-conditioned coach. (Note: Coach may not have a restroom).
- All motel/hotel accommodation with private facilities.
- Cooked breakfast each morning and dinner each evening, 4 light lunches.
- Entries as per itinerary.
- Touring as detailed in the itinerary.
- Goods and Services Tax.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals, morning and afternoon teas, drinks other than indicated in the itinerary.
- Portage. A suitcase with wheels is recommended maximum weight 20kgs plus 1 small overnight bag maximum weight 7kgs
- Items of a personal nature.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

As the weather can be changeable, particularly around Cradle Mountain, dress in layers. You will need closed toe walking shoes, umbrella, as well as a warm waterproof jacket, hat and gloves. Don't forget your camera and spare camera cards – the scenery is truly magnificent!

COVID-19:

No responsibility is taken by Spark Travel or the Event Organisers in regard to Covid-19. It is highly recommended that visitors wear a mask on board flights and whilst in enclosed spaces and we also recommend full vaccination against Covid-19.

****Conditions Apply****

DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please ask your consultant for details. Please note that the majority of insurance policies do not cover Pandemics such as Covid-19.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF SPARK TRAVEL:

Should an event occur which is beyond the control of Spark Travel, ie: delays to ship, aircraft, train, coach thereby incurring extra expenses, these additional costs are borne by the passenger at the time of the event. A travel insurance claim for reimbursement should be submitted to the insurance company upon return home. Please keep any receipts. It should be understood that neither Spark Travel nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage arising from our services.

ITINERARIES:

Itineraries are subject to change and no responsibility can be accepted. Coach operator and size of coach may be changed at the discretion of Spark Travel without notice. Where a tour does not meet minimum numbers travelling together on the outward journey a cost surcharge will apply. If group numbers fall below 15 adult paying passengers no tour leader will be provided. No itemisation of tour arrangements can be given and no refund for any portion of a tour not taken. Flora and fauna as described in an itinerary is nature and as such cannot be guaranteed.

ACCOMMODATION:

Spark Travel reserves the right to alter hotel/motel accommodation and to substitute a suitable alternative. Where accommodation is booked on a 'will share basis,' at the time of finalisation if there is nobody suitable to share with, it may be necessary to pay the appropriate single supplement. Spark Travel does not accept any responsibility for the non-compatibility of 'sharing' clients. If by choice a single room is requested and booked a single room surcharge will apply.

HEALTH AND FITNESS:

A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided. You must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information. To protect yourself and fellow travellers, vaccination against Covid-19 is recommended.

FUEL SURCHARGES AND TAXES:

All bookings may attract additional fuel surcharges and taxes which can be levied up to and including the date of departure even if final payment has been made. Booking is subject to final audit.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable security deposit of **\$675.00 per person (inc GST)** is required within five (5 days) of booking.

FINAL PAYMENTS:

The security deposit forms part of the total price, the balance of which is due 60 days prior to departure, or in the case of bookings made within that 60 day period, the final payment is due as soon as the booking is confirmed.

LATE BOOKINGS AND AMENDMENTS:

Bookings made within 7 days inclusive of departure will incur a **late booking fee of \$75.00 per person**. Late bookings subject to availability. Once a booking has been made a **\$75.00 per person amendment fee** will apply for any alterations on selected departures only, and if applicable, one (1) change only to that booking. Transfers to other tours not permitted.

CREDIT CARDS:

If paying by credit card, a surcharge applies of 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3.5% for Amex and Diners cards.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

- i) We act as an Agent; and
- ii) That our Terms and Conditions are in addition to the Terms and Conditions of each Travel supplier listed on the quote itinerary; and
- iii) That it is the Terms and Conditions of the Travel supplier that determine the terms of cancellation and refunds, if any.

BOOKINGS CANCELLED AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE:

- (a) Bookings cancelled 61 days or earlier, full refund less deposit and booking fee and any other non-refundable services or products.
- (b) Bookings cancelled 60 days or less prior to departure will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost.
- (c) No refund can be given for any portion of the tour not taken and no refund after the tour has commenced.

| Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all travel including domestic.

Travel insurance is available to cover you for cancellation including COVID-19.

Please ask your consultant for a quote.

| Accreditation

