

TASMANIA



Harrington Park Probuss Club

The Complete Tour

**Our 19 day tour will depart on —
Wednesday 7th November 2018**

Wed 7, To the Border, (L.D)

Our holiday starts, by heading south to the border city of Albury, pausing along the way, first for morning tea, then again in Junee to visit the Licorice Factory for a short tour and light lunch. During the afternoon we continue along the Olympic Way to Albury, for the first night of our tour.

[Accomm, Manor House, Albury](#)

Thur 8, Crossing Bass Strait. (B.D)

The first stop today at the Army Transport Museum in Bandiana. Leaving the museum we join the Hume Freeway, near Wodonga. Today we make a short stop along the freeway for lunch before continuing on to Port Melbourne where we board the Spirit of Tasmania. This evening, dinner is on the boat, after this we can retire to our cabins for a comfortable night crossing.

[Overnight Crossing Bass Strait](#)

Fri 9, The North East. (B.D)

After departing from the boat we are going for a Belgian breakfast at Anvers House of Chocolate in Latrobe. From here make our way through Launceston, and continue east to the Bridestowe Lavender Farm, one of the oldest in the world. From here, still traveling eastward, we pause for lunch in the town of Scottsdale then onto the village of Legerwood where we see some very unusual tree carvings. These trees were planted as memorials to townsfolk who lost their lives in the First World War. The aging trees were in danger of falling so the locals decided to keep the stumps as carved memorials. From here we return to the Tamar Valley and the city of Launceston.



[Accomm, Best Western, Launceston](#)

Sat 10, Tamar River. (B.L.D)

Today we relax as we cruise along the Tamar River, from the Cataract Gorge, then through Launceston's riverfront, cruising north we pass many historic buildings, including churches, country pubs and old homesteads to the unusual Batman Bridge, giving access to both sides of the river near its entrance into Bass Strait. Included on our cruise today is, morning tea, lunch and Tasmanian Cheese and Fruit tastings along with beer and wine sampling. Next we visit the Cataract Gorge for a ride across the gorge on the longest single span Chair lift in the world. This afternoon we will have some free time to explore Launceston.

[Accomm, Best Western, Launceston](#)

Sun 11, Tamar Valley (B.L.D)

An interesting day with a variety of things to see and do. Leaving our motel we travel on the East Tamar Highway, then cross the Batman Bridge before arriving at the Mine & Heritage Centre with over 30 fascinating displays. The mine here was brought to international attention after the miraculous survival of Todd Russell and Brant Webb on Anzac Day 2006. Next we visit Seahorse World, a unique seahorse farm and aquarium and learn more about this fascinating "fish". On the way back to Launceston we travel along the West Tamar Highway for an alternate view of the river. Then continue on our way to the town of Bicheno, on Tasmania's East Coast.

[Accomm, Beachfront at Bicheno](#)

Mon 12, Freycinet National Park. (B.L.D)

We start off this morning at Freycinet National Park. Here we meet a park ranger who will join our coach for an explorative tour including the Cape Tourville Lighthouse. Returning to Bicheno, lunch today will be at the East Coast Nature-world. This park is claimed to be Australia's premier "Nature Park". The special attraction here is the Tasmanian Devil display, but wait, there's more, so much more to see and do. After another day exploring Tasmania we return to our motel.



[Accomm, Beachfront at Bicheno](#)

Tues 13, Port Arthur. (B.D)

This morning we will make our way down the east coast of Tasmania, through Triabunna and then Swansea, to Port Arthur. Once in Port Arthur we have a guided tour which includes a short boat cruise around the "Isle of the Dead". We learn how the convicts lived, worked and died under the threat of the lash and the experimental system which often drove them mad. Leaving Port Arthur we make our way to Hobart. We have a detour into "Doo Town" with its clever wit and along the beautiful coastline to view the Tasman Arch, the Devil's Kitchen and see where the dogs were chained to keep the "guests" secure in Port Arthur.



[Accomm, Best Western, Hobart](#)

Wed 14, Huon Trail. (B.L.D)

We head south this morning to the Apple and Heritage Museum, here there are in excess of 400 different apple varieties on display. Our next stop will be at the Geeveston's Forest & Heritage complex. This facility will give us a valuable insight into the forested regions of Tasmania. At the Tahune Tree Top Airwalk we can stroll through the spectacular forest canopy of the Southern Forest. This walk amongst the trees is almost 600m long and at least 20m above the ground as it follows the contours of the forest. One of the highlights is the cantilever lookout, at 48m above the river, it provides us with fantastic views of the forests and the junction of the Picton & Huon Rivers.

[Accomm, Best Western, Hobart](#)

Thur 15, Heritage Highway. (B.D)

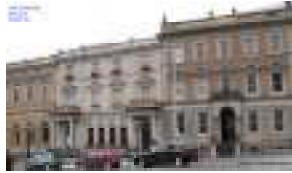
Today we venture into the centre of the island, travelling along the Midland Highway, we pass through Kempton and Oatlands (two villages with a plethora of history) on our way to the township of Ross, here we see the astonishing convict carvings on the "Ross Bridge", said to be the oldest and most beautiful bridge in Australia. Returning back along the Midland Highway we detour into the Georgian era village of Richmond to see the country's oldest Catholic Church and its famous and much photographed, scenic bridge.



[Accomm, Best Western, Hobart](#)

Fri 16, Hobart Sightseeing. (B.L.D)

Today we begin exploring the Hobart environs. Our first stop this morning will be at the Female Factory. Next we visit the Cascade Brewery where we have two tours to choose from, a guided tour of the brewery (*Ladies unfortunately today you will have to wear slacks, Fully enclosed shoes, no earrings, necklaces or bangles, their rules not mine*), or the Cascade Story followed by lunch. This afternoon is your "time" to explore Hobart, maybe include a trip up Mt Wellington, weather permitting or a visit to MONA.



[Accomm, Best Western, Hobart](#)

Sat 17, Salamanca & City Sights. (B.D)

A very casual and laid-back today, do your own thing. Browsing and maybe some shopping when we visit the famous Salamanca Markets set in the historic waterfront area of Battery Hill. This afternoon will be free time in Hobart, maybe for some, Retail Therapy or a chance to see and photograph some of the beautiful and historic sandstone buildings that Hobart is known for. Also included is a ticket for "RED BUS" sightseeing tour.

[Accomm, Best Western, Hobart](#)

Sun 18, Along the Derwent. (B.L.D)

Today we make our way across the island, through the Central Highlands. A short stop in the town of New Norfolk, one of the oldest settlements in Tasmania.



In Derwent Bridge we pause to view the "Wall in the Wilderness" this display is the handiwork of one man, displaying a "time-line" of life in Tasmania. Another stop, this time at Lake St Clair for lunch,

then the chance to stroll the "Lake Walk". Continuing our westward journey through the moonscape around Queenstown we finally arrive in Strahan, for a 3 night stopover.

[Accomm, Strahan Village Resort](#)

Mon 19, West Coast Wilderness Rail (B.D)

After a free morning to explore the historic village of Strahan we travel the short distance to the join the ABT West Coast Wilderness Railway. Leaving Strahan at 2.00pm we travel through absolute wilderness areas, deep gullies, along river banks to the station, Dubbil Barril. Once at the peak we return to Strahan and our motel.

[Accomm, Strahan Village Resort](#)

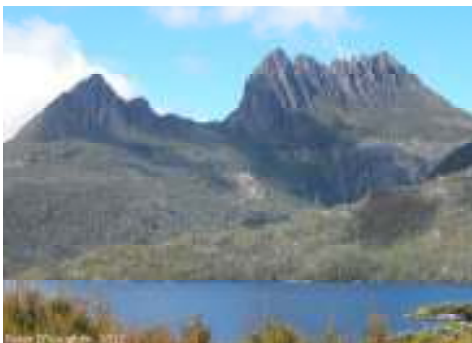
Tues 20, Gordon River Cruise. (B.L.D)

This morning we continue exploring the Tasmanian West Coast. At Strahan Wharf we board our cruise vessel for an morning on Macquarie Harbour. The cruise takes us out through Hell's Gate, at the entrance to the harbour, turning about we return into the harbour, passing commercial salmon farms and then into the Gordon River.

[Accomm, Strahan Village Resort](#)

Wed 21, Cradle Mountain. (B.L.D)

Another spectacular day in Tasmania, from Strahan we make our way through Zeehan to the picturesque Cradle Mountain. Here we explore the pristine environment of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, a part of Tasmania's World Heritage area. Transferring to smaller coaches we are driven firstly to Waldheim, the rustic retreat which was built 1912 by Gustav and Kate Weindorfer. The name Waldheim means "forest home".



Next we visit Dove Lake for the spectacular view of Cradle Mountain. During the afternoon we travel to Somerset (on the Bass Strait shore line), for our last two nights in Tasmania.

[Overnight, Murchison Lodge, Somerset](#)

Thur 22, Arthur River Cruise. (B.L.D)

Today we travel along what many regard as the most attractive rural and coastal areas of Tasmania, the North West Coast. In the little village of Arthur River we board the MV George Robinson for a cruise on the Arthur River. The heritage styled vessel meanders through some of the most rugged country in Tasmania. We take a short bushwalk along the edge of our picnic area whilst the cooks prepare our BBQ lunch. Back into the coach, we pause in Stanley and the spectacular "Nut", an ancient volcanic core. A ride to the top in the "chairlift" will give us the opportunity to have our breath taken away.



[Overnight, Murchison Lodge, Somerset](#)

Fri 23, North West Coast. (B.D)

Our final day, but still some much we have yet to see. The village of Latrobe, is an historic town with streetscapes from the 1880's through to early 1900's. Many of the buildings are National Trust registered. The town has 76 such heritage listed buildings that can be seen as we stroll along Gilbert Street. Still in Latrobe we visit the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame where there is a tribute to the history of this unusual sport. The town is also known as the platypus capital of the world, and hopefully we may be lucky enough to spot one (or more) of the flat-billed creatures in the Warrawee Reserve. From here we make our way to the town of Sheffield which has become famous for the Murals which adorn so many of the buildings in the town. After lunch we make our way to Devonport and the waiting Spirit of Tasmania, but one more stop, back to Anvers House of Chocolate, for the final chance to collect those edible souvenirs. Dinner tonight is on the Spirit of Tasmania. Again we can retire to our cabins for a comfortable night crossing.



[Overnight Crossing Bass Strait](#)

Sat 24, North to the Border. (D)

An early rise this morning as we prepare to disembark. Spend the morning at the markets, not just any old market but the famous Victoria markets. During the afternoon we stop to view the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in the town of Seymour. Only a short sprint up the highway to Albury for the final night of our holiday

[Accomm, Manor House, Albury](#)

Sun 25, Home. (B)

Leaving Albury, we travel along the Hume Highway to visit the National Museum of Australian Pottery in Holbrook. From here we continue along the Highway to the historic township of Yass where we take a break for lunch. Fully replenished we retire to our coach for the final leg of our holiday in the Apple Isle.

This tour includes, All entries, guides, cruises, and meals as listed (18 x Dinners, 17 x Breakfasts, 10 x Lunches) and travel by Air-conditioned Coach. Breakfast on Saturday 24th is not included in the fare.

We will all need to have a small bag for the Bass Strait crossings as all luggage will remain on the coach over night. An option is available to fly to Tasmania for those who may not wish to travel on the "Spirit of Tasmania".

The cost of this tour for 30 passengers is \$3900.00 less our Tasmanian Government refund after the completion of the tour. A single supplement will be advised.

A mini-bus between home and our departure - arrival location will be arranged at an additional cost yet to be calculated, for members and friends who require this service.