



TASMANIA: WINE, WILDLIFE & WILDERNESS - A SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2022-23)

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Australia, Tasmania



11 days, from AU\$11,795pp



16 Guests

Journey Overview

Explore the very best of the Apple Isle on this captivating small group journey which combines culture, history, wilderness and a healthy dose of adventure. Marvel at the myriad spectacular landscapes and heritage listed natural wonders, from Lake St Clair and Cradle Mountain to Flinders Island and Freycinet National Park. Taste the cornucopia of epicurean delights from award-winning whisky to Bruny island's celebrated cheeses. Dive into Tassie's thriving creative scene, from lauded Mona to Risby Cove Gallery and the art town of Sheffield. And bed down in complete luxury, with stays at some iconic Tassie lodgings from MACq01 and Verge to Cradle Mountain Hotel and renowned Saffire Freycinet.

Journey Highlights

- Take a private charter flight to picturesque Flinders Island for a day of epicurean indulgence and untamed landscapes
- See inspirational conservation work up close on a privileged insider access visit to the AKP-supported Raptor Refuge
- Discover pristine wilderness and a rare convict heritage on a cruise of the Gordon River in the Premium Upper Deck
- Admire rare natural wonders at Lake St Clair and Cradle Mountain National Parks
- Join Risby Cove Gallery curator for a fascinating insight to the gallery's eclectic collection of work by local artists
- Typically features a small group size of 12-14 guests

Please [click here](#) for information on an alternative version of this itinerary running in October 2022.



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Hobart, Tasmania

Arrive into Tasmania's charming capital to a warm A&K welcome. Transfer privately to your accommodation at MACq 01 Hotel, located in the heart of the historic Hobart waterfront. This evening join your fellow travellers for a welcome briefing and dinner at Old Wharf Restaurant in your hotel, celebrating Tasmanian produce and locally caught seafood.

MACq 01 Hotel | Meals: D

Day 2: Hobart | Inspiring Art & Conservation Insights

Today head southwest towards the beautiful Huon Valley and the small town of Kettering, where you will be treated to A&K's exclusive insider access to the inspirational Raptor Refuge. Supported by Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy, the refuge rescues and rehabilitates injured birds of prey, and your private tour takes you up close to the aviaries to observe the work being done with recovering birds and those being prepared for release back into the wild. From wedge-tailed and sea eagles to goshawks, kestrels and falcons, there are many locally threatened species which pass through the refuge and which you will have the opportunity of seeing.

This afternoon, visit the breathtaking and utterly brilliant Museum of Old & New Art (Mona), with free rein to explore the permanent collection of contemporary art and antiquities and temporary exhibitions. Enjoy lunch at The Source Restaurant, perched atop the Mona site with sweeping views. Return to Hobart in style aboard Mona's fast ferry where you have seats in the Posh Pit, enjoying drinks and canapés on the private deck with breathtaking harbour views.

MACq 01 Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 3: Hobart | Bruny Island Epicurean Exploration

This morning take the ferry from Kettering over to Bruny Island where stunning views, epicurean delights and rare wilderness awaits. Taste your way across the island visiting some of the renowned artisan producers including award winning cheese from Bruny Island Cheese Company, Get Shucked's famous oysters, handcrafted chocolate and fudge and delicious honey. Balance your feasting with some active discovery, visiting The Neck lookout, and a short walk through the surrounding rainforest keeping an eye out for the rare white wallaby.

MACq 01 Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 4: Strahan | An Immersion into Local Art

Journey northwest to Strahan, stopping en route at Lake St Clair National Park to hike amid spectacular wilderness. Lunch is at leisure before wandering through the forest of towering gum trees and leatherwoods to Hogarth Falls. Keep an eye out for the elusive platypus.

Tonight, head down to Risby Cove on the Strahan waterfront for a personalised tour of Cove Gallery with the curator. Admire the eclectic collection of works by accomplished Tasmanian artists housed within the converted, century-old sawmill workshop. Savour dinner at Risby Cove Restaurant, with views of the marina through the floor to ceiling windows.

Strahan Village | Meals: BD

Day 5: Franklin - Gordon Wild Rivers National Park | Heritage River Cruise

Board the award-winning Gordon River Cruise for a unique opportunity to experience this World Heritage Wilderness Area from the water. Your guided exploration, with Premium Upper Deck inclusions, starts at Macquarie Harbour and drifts up the Gordon River. Cruise across to notorious Hells Gates, named by convicts to signal the point of no return. Pass fish farms en route and learn about the local industry farming salmon and ocean trout.

Stop to wander amongst the largest swathe of temperate rainforest on earth, home to thousand-year-old trees, and explore the ruins of Sarah Island, once the largest boat building settlement in the British colonies. Cruise back to Strahan and transfer by road to Cradle Mountain National Park, enjoying a 3-course 'Mountain Rock' dining experience at Altitude Restaurant. Choose from a plate of Tasmanian meats or seafood, and then cook it to your liking on a 400°C volcanic stone grill.

Cradle Mountain Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Cradle Mountain | Ancient Wonders & Devil Encounters

This morning set out on one of Tasmania's most impressive walks to picturesque Dove Lake. Along the leisurely 6.2km trail, learn about Aboriginal history of Tasmania, and admire the fascinating geological features around the lake which sits beneath Cradle Mountain.

After lunch, explore the mysterious world of the Tasmanian devil at Devils@Cradle, Tasmania's premier devil sanctuary - located just 500 metres from the entrance to the Cradle Mountain National Park boasting stunning views of Cradle Mountain. A visit to the sanctuary will provide you with an unforgettable experience and an opportunity to observe these extraordinary animals up close.

Return to your hotel and visit the Cradle Mountain Wilderness Gallery, located right next door, for a remarkable journey through the wild places of Cradle Mountain, seen through the eyes of Tasmanian artists. This 12 room gallery is bursting with photographs, art installations and film showcasing the wilderness around Cradle Mountain and the stories of Tasmania.

Cradle Mountain Hotel | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Sheffield & Launceston | History & Art

Travel northeast to Launceston by road, stopping in the quirky rural art town of Sheffield en route. Wander through the village admiring outdoor installations, giant murals as well as galleries and studios. This evening dinner is at the award-winning Stillwater Restaurant on the shores of the Tamar River. Enjoy a four-course degustation menu with matched wines.

Hotel Verge | Meals: BD

Day 8: Flinders Island | Wild & Untamed

Transfer by private charter aircraft from Launceston to Flinders Island for a full day exploring. Taste local whisky and gin on a distillery tour before a coastal discovery of picturesque Trousers Point, the island's most celebrated and widely photographed beach. A gourmet seafood lunch showcases the local catch before continuing to Walkers Lookout for panoramic island views and a visit to the Furneaux Museum. Enjoy a beach walk and afternoon tea before your return charter flight to Launceston.

Hotel Verge | Meals: BL

Day 9: Freycinet National Park | Iconic East Coast Wilderness

Transfer southeast to Freycinet National Park and your luxurious lodge, Saffire. Spend the rest of the day soaking up the natural wonders which surround you relaxing at the lodge or embarking on one of the many activities on offer.

Saffire / Meals: BLD

Day 10: Freycinet National Park | Design Your Day

Your last day on the Apple Isle is yours to navigate. Choose your own adventure from the spectacular selection available to you at Saffire.

Beekeeping Experience

Tasmanian honey production is on the rise, with some local apiaries drawing international attention for their sweet, decadent, and golden produce. Don a full-body apiarist suit and venture into an onsite Saffire apiary with hives overlooking the Hazards Mountains for an unforgettable culinary encounter and learn some of the secrets of beekeeping. With the safety and guidance of Saffire Horticulturalist, Rob 'The Bee Man' Barker, guests will extract honeycomb to witness the breathtaking natural phenomenon of honey making by Tasmanian bees.

Freycinet Marine Oyster Farm

Don a pair of waders and visit a working oyster farm located in a beautiful setting with views of the Hazard Mountains. Develop an understanding for wetland and marine ecology, and learn why your local oysters and seafood are world renowned. Immerse yourself in this experience where you'll connect with nature, and taste the freshly shucked oysters straight from the lease. Raise a glass and toast to one of Tasmania's most iconic experiences.

Guided Walks

Take a coastal stroll along the beach with our indigenous guide Mick Quilliam, and discover the history of the Oyster Bay people. Or, join a knowledgeable guide for a relaxed two-hour tour which combines two of the popular shorter walks of the Freycinet Peninsula – Cape Tourville and Sleepy Bay. Cape Tourville Lighthouse affords stunning views of the Tasman Sea as well as glimpses of Wineglass Bay.

This evening, a farewell dinner at the lodge is arranged, toasting your unforgettable journey and new friends made along the way.

Saffire / Meals: BLD

Day 11: Freycinet National Park - Depart Hobart

Enjoy a leisurely morning before departing Freycinet National Park for the return shared transfer to Hobart Airport and your onward flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Note: The Risby Cove Gallery tour and dinner is not included in the March departure. Instead, the group will enjoy a seafood dinner at View 42 Restaurant.

Internal air included: Return private charter flight to Flinders Island.

Inclusions

All accommodation as detailed on a double/ twin share basis with private facilities; Travel in a private aircraft from as specified in the itinerary; Meals as specified; Bottled water during transfers and touring; Wine and beer with all included dinners; Airport welcome; Assistance with luggage and group transportation by private air-conditioned vehicle; Services of Local Guide(s) in select locations.

Note: Proof of COVID-19 full vaccination is required for this program.

Accommodation

MACq 01 Hotel, Hobart



A unique hotel of unlimited intrigue, MACq 01 is inspired by the stories of Tasmania and its most colourful characters. Located in the heart of the historic Hobart waterfront, this storytelling hotel offers an informal luxury setting. From the rooms and decor to the service, the food, the entertainment, the views and even the people you meet within its walls, MACq 01 has been designed to offer a quintessentially Tasmanian experience like no other. Inside the hotel, you'll encounter the essence of Tasmania amidst a cornucopia of delights: fresh Tassie produce, a roaring open fire, trinkets and curiosities of the distant past, touches of live entertainment, all surrounded by the stories and characters that have made Tasmania the unforgettable place it is today.

Why we like it

- Each room is unique with a design inspired by a different Tasmanian character
- Amazing views of Hobart harbour and surrounds
- Gourmet restaurant serving the finest local ingredients
- Suites offer butler service

Saffire, Freycinet



Magnificent in every detail, Saffire is defined by its subtle but chic interiors, and a fluid architectural design. Water is a strong theme here with reflective ponds, calming spas and the sanctuary's pool. Glass has been cleverly used throughout, creating a sense that the sanctuary and the environment are the same space.

All the suites are luxuriously appointed, featuring the best in design and furnishings. The furnishings are an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary, with locally made timber pieces alongside mid-century classics such as chairs designed by Charles and Ray Eames and Herman Miller.

Beautiful though Saffire is, however, it plays second fiddle to the surrounding landscapes. The powder-white sandy beaches are as undisturbed and uncrowded as they were in the early 1800s, when French explorer Nicholas Baudin stepped ashore. Southern Right Whales continue on their annual migration in intensely turquoise waters, and wildlife roams the heath and forests in abundance.

Why we like it

- All suites have private courtyards and decks with views of the Hazards Mountains, crystal-clear blue waters and white sandy beaches
- Saffire is a luxury sanctuary on Tasmania's east coast
- The restaurant, Palate, showcases the best Tasmania has to offer
- Spa Saffire is wonderful - highly trained therapists offer an array of innovative treatments

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- Other facilities include a 'classic cool' lounge with panoramic views, a courtyard, a gym, a magnificent collection of artwork, mountain bikes, kayaks, cookery classes and a wide range of excursions and experiences

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Nov 24, 2022 - Dec 4, 2022

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
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| AU\$11,795 pp | AU\$4,995 | Included | Available |

Feb 7, 2023 - Feb 17, 2023

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
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| AU\$11,995 pp | AU\$4,995 | Included | Available |

Mar 25, 2023 - Apr 4, 2023

| Price | Single Supplement | Internal Air (From) | Availability |
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| AU\$11,995 pp | AU\$4,995 | Included | Available |