

Tasmania

11 Day Tour

Sunday 07 November – Wednesday 17 November 2010

Highlights

- Spirit of Tasmania
- Launceston & the Tamar Valley
 - Historic Ross
- Historic Richmond
 - Hobart
 - Port Arthur
 - Huon Valley
 - Russell Falls
 - Queenstown
- Gordon River Cruise
- Franklin–Gordon Wild River National Parks
 - Cradle Mountain National Park

Day 1: OVERNIGHT CRUISE – SPIRIT OF TASMANIA SUN 7th NOV 2010 **D**
After pick up from your home town, join our luxury Kingstons Coach enroute to Melbourne. We make our way to Port Melbourne to connect with our departure on the *Spirit of Tasmania*.

Day 2: DEVONPORT TO LAUNCESTON MON 8th NOV 2010 **B.L.D**
On arrival in *Devonport*, we are ready to commence our tour of Tasmania. Our destination today is Launceston, but this morning, we visit *Sheffield, Elizabeth Town* and *Christmas Hill Raspberry Farm*.

Day 3: THE TAMAR VALLEY TUE 9th NOV 2010 **B.D**
Today we discover the *Tamar Valley* as we drive along the west side of The Tamar River to *Grindelwald*. We visit the *Grubb Shaft Gold Mine and Heritage Museum*. We drive through the wine growing area of Pipers Brook to Nabowla for our final stop for the day.

Day 4: LAUNCESTON TO HOBART WED 10th NOV 2010 **B.D**
Today we travel through *Campbell Town* which began as a staging town on the Elizabeth River. Then it's onto *Ross*, We have plenty of time to explore this charming village before continuing south to the historic town of *Richmond*, Mid afternoon we depart Richmond and drive into Hobart.

Day 5: HOBART THUR 11th NOV 2010 **B.L.D**
This morning we are joined by a local guide who will show us the sights of this historic city, then we head to Claremont, the home of the *Cadbury Chocolate Factory*. This afternoon head to nearby *Hamilton* and *Curringa Farm*.

Day 6: PORT ARTHUR FRI 12th NOV 2010 **B.D**
We have a relaxed breakfast this morning before heading to *Port Arthur Historic Site*. We take a guided walking tour through the *Penal Settlement*. We leave the Tasman Peninsula later this

afternoon but not before a brief stop just south of Eaglehawk Neck to see two dramatic natural coastal attractions - the *Tasman Arch* and the *Devils Kitchen*.

Day 7: HUON VALLEY SAT 13th NOV 2010

B.L.D

This morning we head to the famous Salamanca markets which are held every Saturday. We have some free time here to wander and perhaps buy a souvenir of our holiday. Mid morning we rejoin the coach and spend the rest of the day in the *Huon Valley*. After a fascinating day we return to Hobart.

Day 8: HOBART TO THE WEST COAST SUN 14th NOV 2010

B.L.D

We say farewell to our hosts early this morning and begin our journey to the *West Coast*. Travelling through some of the state's most spectacular lakes and mountain areas before the steep drive into *Queenstown*.

Day 9: THE GORDON RIVER AND STRAHAN MON 15th NOV 2010

B.L.D

We have a fascinating day today travelling across to *Strahan*, to board our cruise on the *Macquarie Harbour*, taking us through *Hells Gates* and a dramatic cruise on the *Gordon River*. We then have the opportunity at *Heritage Walk* to see the dense forest of *Huon Pine* close up. Return to *Strahan* before transferring back to Queenstown.

Day 10: CRADLE MOUNTAIN TUE 16th NOV 2010

B.L.D

Departing Queenstown, we make our way through Rosebery and Tullah and into the *Cradle Mountain National Park*. This afternoon, we make our way up to Burnie to visit the *Lactos Cheese Factory*. We then follow the coast road back to Devonport, and then this evening, we connect with the "*Spirit of Tasmania*"

Day 11: MELBOURNE TO HOME PORT WED 17TH 2010

The "*Spirit of Tasmania*" sails through the Port Phillip Heads and into *Melbourne* for an arrival at around 7.00am. We then begin our journey, arriving home late afternoon after a fantastic holiday.