



Cruise the magnificent Gordon River

A Heritage Tour of Tasmania

An exploration of the culture and cuisine of Tasmania
and its botanical, medical and engineering history

14 – 24 April 2021

4 nights Hobart – 3 nights Strahan – 2 nights Launceston – 1 night Hobart





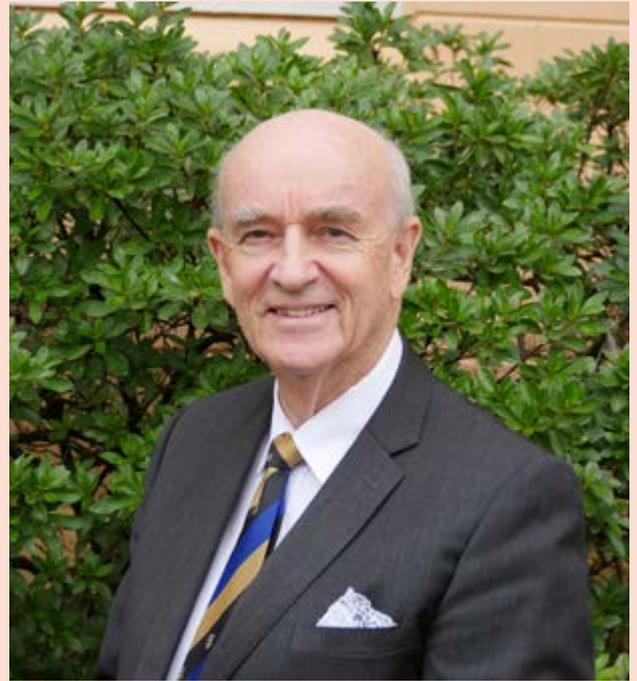
The Neck and Adventure Bay

Australia's only island state is small, but its riches encompass botany, history, natural beauty and cuisine. With a character all its own, Tasmania is the place to reconnect with nature and wildlife, as well as treat your taste buds and hear stories about past and present. Its pristine natural beauty and outstanding local food and wine form an ever-present backdrop to its fascinating culture and history.

In the company of tour leader, John Pearn, explore a history that encompasses humanity, brutality and wonder. Learn about maritime and medical history and Antarctic exploration and hear from a wide range of local experts and guides, who reveal fascinating insights into Tasmania's history, its local characters and their achievements and struggles. Along the way, enjoy fresh local apple cider, gin, whisky, cheese, berries and wine, and seafood straight from the ocean.

Tour Leader

Professor John Pearn is a clinician and medical historian based in Brisbane, Australia. He has been an academic and clinical teacher for 50 years in Medicine and Health Sciences, based at the University of Queensland. He is the author of some thirty books and more than 200 published papers on the history of medicine and health. As Major General John Pearn, he served in the Defence Reserves for 35 years, ultimately in the appointment of Surgeon General of the Australian Defence Force. He commanded the 2 Field Hospital, formerly No. 1 Casualty Clearing Station which was the pivot medical unit on the beach at Gallipoli, 25 April 1915. Professor John Pearn was a founder, later president and then honorary life member of the Australian and New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine. He is an historian of the Order of St John. He has been a Member of the Council for the International Society of the History of Medicine for many years; and its Vice President for the last four



years. His books include the history of one of the Greek Islands and research publications on Simpson (of Gallipoli fame) and on ancient Greek medicine. John has led many successful tours around the world.

West Coast Wilderness Railway



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Day 1: Hobart (Wed, 14 Apr) **D**

Pm: Arrive Hobart and check into to the historic Hadley's Orient Hotel, where the Antarctic explorers Douglas Mawson and Roald Amundsen stayed. In the late afternoon meet with Dr Peter Sullivan and hear of his experiences in the Antarctic and the Antarctic explorers.

Eve: Enjoy a private welcome dinner at the hotel.

Day 2: Hobart (Thurs, 15 Apr) **B D**

Am: Explore with a botanical guide the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens on a specialist private tour. The gardens were a food bowl for First Nations people, a produce garden for struggling pioneers, and a passion project for ambitious colonialists aspiring to showcase botanic collections. Today it is home to a collection of plants and tall trees from around the world.

Pm: Take part in a historic Hobart sightseeing tour on foot and by bus with a specialist historical guide. See the Theatre Royal with its acclaimed acoustics, the workers' cottages and grand homes of Battery Point, the first cool store and shot tower and the docks of Salamanca. Return via

the medical museum COMA and meet the curator.

Eve: Dinner at the Drunken Admiral.

Day 3: Hobart (Fri, 16 Apr) **B D**

Am: Drive to Kettering and take the ferry to north Bruny Island and drive across the neck to South Bruny Island and Adventure Bay. This sheltered bay was visited and used as a re-watering site by Captains Cook, Bligh, Furneaux and D'Entrecasteaux amongst others. Visit the Captain Bligh Museum.

Pm: After a lunch stop visit the Inala Jurassic Garden and see examples of the flora of Gondwana. Time at leisure with opportunity to see the plant fossils in the Inala Nature Museum.

Eve: Dinner at the Ball and Chain.

Day 4: Hobart (Sat, 17 Apr) **B L**

Am: Visit Salamanca Market and browse the market stalls. Drive along Alexandra Esplanade in the footsteps of Charles Darwin to the Tasman National Park. Take a walking tour of the Port Arthur historic site, including the dockyard, the museum and the Convict Study Centre.

Pm: Lunch at the 1830 Restaurant with wonderful views. Take a harbour cruise past the Isle of the Dead. Return to Hobart via the Tessellated Pavement and cross Eagle Hawk Neck. Visit the Bangor Vineyard for a glass of local wine on the site where Abel Tasman raised the Dutch Flag back in 1642.

Day 5: Hobart / Strahan (Sun, 18 Apr) **B D**

Am: Drive via Tarraleah and learn of this Art Deco resort and early hydro power station.

Pm: Drive to Strahan along the scenic drive via Lake St Clair in Cradle Mountain National Park, Nelson Falls and at Derwent Bridge, see the Wall of Wilderness carved in rare Huon Pine. Arrive and check into Franklin Manor in Strahan.

Day 6: Strahan (Mon, 19 Apr)

B I

Am: Take a cruise on the Harbour Master II on the upper deck. Cruise through Macquarie Harbour to Hell's Gates and continue to Sarah Island. Disembark and take a guided tour.

Pm: Following lunch on board continue up the Gordon River with a stop to walk through the rainforest and another to visit a Huon Pine sawmill. Arrive back in Strahan mid-afternoon and at leisure.

Eve: Option to see the play "*The Ship that Never Was*" about the true story of convicts stealing a ship from Sarah Island.

Day 7: Strahan (Tues, 20 Apr)

B I

Am: Drive to Queenstown and take the historic West Coast Wilderness Railway through rainforest gorges and climb one of the Southern Hemisphere's steepest tracks under the unique power of the Abt Rack and Pinion system.

Pm: Lunch at The Queenstown Station Café. Return to Strahan and at leisure.

Day 8: Strahan / Launceston (Wed, 21 Apr)

B D

Am: Drive to Zeehan and visit the West Coast Heritage Centre, including the School of Mines and the ornate Gaiety Theatre.

Pm: Take part in a gourmet food tour as part

of the Tarkine Cradle to Coast with tastings including produce from Pickled Onions Tasmania, Latrobe Anvers Chocolate, Ashgrove Cheese, Cherry Shed, and Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm. Arrive and check into Hotel Grand Chancellor and dinner.

Day 9: Launceston (Thurs, 22 Apr)

B I

Am: Walking tour of Launceston and learn about Dr Pugh, who conducted the first operation under anaesthetic in Australia. Walk along the Tamar and take the chair lift along Cataract Gorge.

Pm: Drive out to Josef Chromy winery for lunch and tastings. Return via Brady's Lookout and the Grindelwald Swiss Village.

Day 10: Launceston / Hobart (Fri, 23 Apr)

B D

Am: Visit Woolmers, a stately home with its rose garden and Museum of Social History.

Pm: Drive south down the heritage highway to Ross (site of the female factory and an attractive bridge). Continue to Pontville and the Shene Estate and the historic whisky and gin distillery for a tour and tastings of both spirits. Arrive Hobart.

Eve: Farewell dinner.

Day 11: Hobart (Sat, 24 Apr)

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Am: Depart Hobart.

Sunrise over Hobart (credit Alastair Bett)



Hotels

Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart

Hadley's Orient Hotel Hobart is one of the oldest boutique hotels in Australia. Originally constructed by convict labour in 1834, it has been expertly restored and offers heritage elegance and modern comfort. It has an excellent location in the heart of the city, directly opposite St David's Cathedral.

Franklin Manor in Strahan

This beautiful property sits at the edge of south-west Tasmania's World Heritage Wilderness Area. Originally a grand old 1896 home, it has been tastefully restored with large rooms and several public areas in which to relax. The hotel is a short and pleasant walk from Strahan.

Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston

Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston offers quality accommodation within easy walking distance of the CBD. The rooms are spacious and comfortable, the food is excellent and the location is very peaceful.



The bar at Hadley's Orient Hotel (top); Franklin Manor;
Salamanca Market (below)





The cost of the tour is \$4,540 per person sharing

The cost includes:

- The services of tour leader, Professor John Pearn
- 10 nights' accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities in medium grade hotels and Franklin Manor

The single room supplement is \$866

- Breakfast and lunch or dinner daily (except the last day)
- All transport services
- Culinary, wine and whisky tastings on days 8, 9 and 10
- All specialist talks and visits and admission fees

The cost excludes:

- Meals not mentioned and drinks with meals
- All optional excursions, tours and visits
- Arrival and departure transfers.



The bridge at Ross (credit Tourism Tasmania & Rob Burnett)

Gaiety Theatre, Zeelan (credit Ollie Khedun) (top); Tarraleah Power Station (credit Stu Gibson); Nelson Falls (credit Stu Gibson); Ashgrove Cheese (Tourism Tasmania and Rob Burnett) (above)

About Us

To travel with us is to dig below the surface, revealing the deeper destination. Of course, you will visit the great historical sites; marvel at the wonders of architecture and engineering; be moved by the riches of culture and art; and experience the most spectacular landscapes in the world. What we also do is make sure that you see the country as it is today, giving you privileged access that independent travel and other tour companies rarely get close to. We give you a variety of experiences, from the sublime to the humble, in the company of intelligent, curious, like-minded people. And while we can be worthy, we also make sure that you have a lot of fun.



Sunset on Bruny Island (top); Launceston; Cataract Gorge (credit Tourism Tasmania and Rob Burnett); Shene Distillery (above)

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