



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

25 November – 5 December 2021

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

*“We enjoyed exploring Tassie, it’s scenic beauty, its food
and wine, its wild places, the bus was very comfortable
and the company of our fellow travellers delightful.”*

Nina Burke, participant Tasmanian Heritage Tour, April 2021





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, Dr Philip Thomson, 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, chocolate, berries and wine, and seafood straight from the ocean.

*"An amazing holiday,
enjoyed all aspects."*

Gillian Bourne participant
Tasmanian Heritage Tour, April 2021

Tour Leader

Dr. Philip Thomson is a retired GP and the President of the Collection of Medical Artefacts (COMA) Tas. He has spent much of his life on the island State seeking GP training in WA before returning to have a fulfilling professional career. That included a stint in the Port Arthur area steeped in its convict heritage. He has been interested in medical history for many years and COMA has been the recipient of many donations of medical objects and equipment. The participants on the previous Jon Baines Tassie Tour had a wonderful visit to COMA. Philip has travelled to many destinations and received a Churchill Fellowship to study in the



US & UK. With his local knowledge and passion for Tasmania and its history, Philip will, ensure the group gets the best of this beautiful, original and fascinating island.



Hobart Speaker & Guide

Dr Peter Sullivan graduated from the University of Queensland and following a residency at Townsville General Hospital he joined the Royal Australian Navy where he specialised in Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine. After leaving the Navy, Peter served as Medical Officer on three year-long expeditions with the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE). He was then appointed as Medical Research Officer at the Antarctic Division in Hobart, where he also served every summer as the Doctor on Antarctic voyages or to remote field camps in inland Antarctica. As a result, Peter has been based out of Hobart for much of the last 40 years and takes a keen interest in Tasmanian history, geography and wildlife.

Sunrise over Hobart (credit Alastair Bett)



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Day 1: Hobart (Thur, 25 Nov) **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: Dinner at the Ball and Chain.

Day 2: Hobart (Fri, 26 Nov) **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 an historic Hobart sightseeing tour on foot and by bus with a specialist historical guide. See the Theatre Royal, the workers' cottages and grand homes of Battery Point.

Eve: Dinner at the Drunken Admiral.

Day 3: Hobart (Sat, 27 Nov) **B D**

Am: Visit Salamanca Market and browse the market stalls. Drive along Victoria Esplanade in the footsteps of Charles Darwin to the Tasman National Park.

Pm: Lunch at Port Arthur. Take a walking tour of the Port Arthur historic site, including the dockyard, the museum and the Convict Study Centre. Take a harbour cruise past the Isle of the Dead. Cross Eagle Hawk Neck returning to Hobart and see the Tessellated Pavement.

Day 4: Hobart (Sun, 28 Nov) **B L**

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 with a wonderful view 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.

Day 5: Hobart / Strahan (Mon 29 Nov) **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 and at Derwent Bridge, see the Wall in the Wilderness carved in rare Huon Pine. Arrive and check into in Strahan Village hotel.

Eve: Dinner at View 42.

Day 6: Strahan (Tues, 30 Nov) **B L**

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. Optional Dinner at Bushmans Thai.

Day 7: Strahan (Wed, 1 Dec) B L

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 (Thur, 2 Dec) 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 and Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm. Arrive and

check into Hotel Grand Chancellor and dinner.

Day 9: Launceston (Fri, 3 Dec) B L

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.

Day 10: Launceston / Hobart (Sat, 4 Dec) 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 the historic and attractive Ross (also known for its bakery and shops). 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 at Astor Grill.

Day 11: Hobart (Sun, 5 Dec) B

Am: Depart Hobart.

“All visits differed and offered a variety of interests for everyone.”

Isabel Sloman, participant Tasmanian Heritage Tour, April 2021

West Coast Wilderness Railway



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.

Strahan Village

The comfortable well-appointed hotel is located in the heart of the Strahan between the forest and Macquarie Harbour. Gordon River cruise, theatre and restaurants are all a short walk and the bay is a lovely place for a stroll.

Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston

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

“All meals very good. Bushmans Thai good, the platters at the pickled onion factory excellent and the Josef Chromy lunch fantastic.”

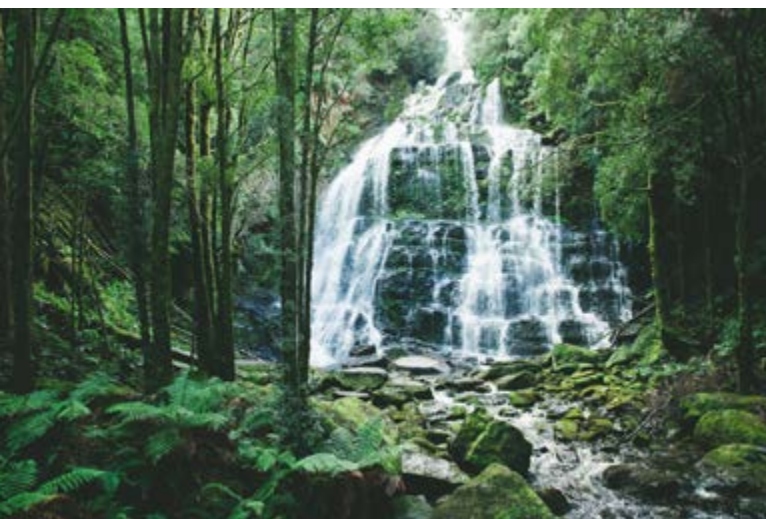
Marilyn Bittles participant Tasmanian Heritage Tour,
April 2021



The bar at Hadley's Orient Hotel (top);
Josef Chromy Vineyard (above)

Salamanca Market





Hobart Waterfront (top); Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens; The Bay at Strahan; Nelson Falls (credit Stu Gibson) (above)

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

The cost includes:

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

The single room supplement is \$890

- 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.

“Great trip, lovely people, thoroughly enjoyed it.”

Dianne Matthews, participant
Tasmanian Heritage Tour, April 2021



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

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.

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



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