

6 DAY TOUR

DEVILISH TASMANIA

ITINERARY SUGGESTION

INCLUSIONS:-

- ◆ Coach Transport with a Friendly & Professional Driver(s)
- ◆ Accommodation & Meals (as indicated)
- ◆ Attractions / Entries (as selected)
- ◆ Airfares
- ◆ Spirit of Tasmania (inside cabins—shared)
- ◆ Melbourne Airport Transfer(s)

12,000 years ago, sea levels rose and the land mass now known as Tasmania (once Van Diemens Land), was cut off from mainland Australia. Tasmania has a rich history of convict settlements and today, Port Arthur, once a convict settlement, is one of Australia's most significant heritage areas and Tasmania's top tourist attraction.

DAY 1:-

Your coach will arrive mid-afternoon (depending on location of school) to take you to the **Spirit of Tasmania**, and begin your **6 Day Devilish Tasmania Tour**.

Group check-in commences 2.5 hours prior to departure and once onboard, settle into your inside cabin before exploring the 'Spirit' and having dinner in the **TMK Kitchen** (dinner vouchers provided). The facilities onboard are extensive with lounges, cafes, shops and viewing areas.

Travelling overnight, we arrive in Devonport early morning.

Overnight:- Spirit of Tasmania—Inside Cabin



DAY 2:-

B/PL/D

After disembarking the ship, we make our way to Latrobe and **Anvers Chocolate Factory** and believe it or not, this is our breakfast venue!

The "House of Anvers" is located in the property formerly known as "Wyndarra Lodge" – a stylish 1931 Californian Bungalow which is set on 1.12 hectares of gardens with mature trees and plants from all over the world. Before departing we enjoy a tour of the venue.

We now travel to **Sheffield** - a delightful village near Lake Barrington. Sheffield (named after the famous town in Yorkshire) has put itself on the "Tourist Map" through murals – huge and fascinating ones, most of which depict the early history of the area. They are on every available blank wall in town! We have time to explore the town with a visit to the **World of Marbles**. It's here we find specialized hand-made art glass marbles and other contemporary art glass, as well as oil paintings in the super realism style, featuring the work of Jan Rigden-Clay.

DAY 2:- continued**B/PL/D**

We board our coach once again, this time for the **Melita Honey Farm**, in Chudleigh, where you will have a chance to taste their delicious produce.

Later today we enjoy our picnic lunches (supplied by the Anvers Chocolate Factory), before spending the afternoon exploring **Mole Creek**. We enjoy a **guided tour** of the **Great Cathedral including Glow-worms**. The magnificent cavern known as the 'Great Cathedral' is a highlight not to be missed. The 'Gardens' feature delicate formations and beautiful colours.



Just a short drive away we hike the enchanting short walk (about 40 minutes return) to **Alum Cliffs**, taking us to a forest lookout perched high above the Mersey River, as it flows along the valley through the Alum Cliffs Gorge. The all-weather path continues on through forest, along a high, tapering ridge, until we reach the breath-taking lookout platform.

After an enjoyable day we head to **Launceston** where we settle in for the next 2 nights.

Dinner tonight will be at a local family restaurant.

Overnight:- Big4 Launceston Holiday Park—Cabins

DAY 3:-**B/PL**

Following breakfast today we meet up with our guide for our morning **bike ride**. The majority of the circuit follows the meandering banks of Launceston's rivers and with no major hill climbs we can take it pretty easy. Tracing the curves of the river it's sometimes easy to forget that we are still in the heart of the Launceston city.

After a circuit of Heritage Forest we leave the banks of the North Esk to follow the Tamar River which we cross on the Kings Bridge, catching a glimpse the spectacular Cataract Gorge as we pass.

DAY 3:- continued**B/PL**

We farewell our guide and spend the rest of the afternoon at **Cataract Gorge** - a magnificent Reserve in the city centre. There are some pleasant walks through the landscaped gardens as well as the chairlift which crosses the gorge. With the overall length of 457 metres, the 308 metre central span is claimed to be the longest single span in the world!

We return to our accommodation to freshen up as tonight we are heading out for dinner and a game of good ole' fashioned **Ten Pin Bowling**. (Dinner own expense at Morty's Food Hall),

Overnight:- Big4 Launceston Holiday Park—Cabins

DAY 4:-**B/PL/D**

We farewell our hosts today and head for **Zoodoo Wildlife Park**, stopping for a short break in **Campbelltown** along the way. On arrival we join a **unique safari bus tour** which takes us to hand-feed large animals including Ostriches, Camels, Zebras and more. We have time here to explore the zoo and enjoy our picnic lunches.

Spread over 90 hectares. Zoodoo Zoo is a hands-on safari and native animal park. Visitors are able to feed lions, meet reptiles, and see Tasmanian devils and other native animals up close every day during keeper presentations.

Back onboard sit back and relax as we make our way south travelling through **Eaglehawk Neck**. Next stop is the **Port Arthur Historic Site**.

The penal settlement is a stark reminder of the harsh conditions endured by the earliest European inhabitants of this one time island jail. The ruins are the greatest single tourist attraction in Tasmania and the place where up to 12,000 prisoners were kept in an atmosphere of hopelessness and misery. Even though the Tasman Peninsula is spectacular, you can imagine the conditions, especially on a cold winter's day, endured by the prisoners 150 years ago.



DAY 4:- continued

B/PL/D

We spend some time at the **Visitor Interpretative Centre** where we take a fascinating journey, retracing the life of a convict from the time of his petty crime in England, to his transportation to **Port Arthur** and finally his life in the penal colony.

We also take a cruise on the harbor around **Isle of the Dead**. It was here that around 1000 convicts and ex-convict paupers were buried, mostly in unmarked graves.

After a great day, we make our way to our overnight accommodation where we have time to settle into our

Tonight we return to the **Port Arthur Historic Site** for dinner and a **lantern lit Ghost tour!** Are there ghosts? Truth or myth? Either way, the silence and soft glow of the lantern light can sometimes make those long gone seem very close at hand. This is truly a different experience from the one we had earlier in the day!

Overnight:- Port Aurthur Holiday Park—Dormitory Rooms

DAY 5:-

B/PL/D

We have a leisurely start to the day, however once we set out be prepared for a day full of adventure. Our first stop is at Tasmania's premier outdoor laser tag venue – **Tas Laser Skirmish**. Players are provided with army camouflage clothing and have a choice of Laser Skirmish guns from the expansive armoury. The playing field or battlefields are huge. Playing in outdoor natural bush terrain with log barriers, forts and army pill box's which provide cover for players to hide behind.

After the morning of running, hiding and tagging we will be ready for our picnic lunches and a rest.



DAY 5:- continued

B/PL/D

Next we are in for a treat with the afternoon spent **sea kayaking**. Nestled between river and mountain, **Hobart** has one of the most picturesque harbours in the world. We join a 2.5 hour city paddle taking us behind the scenes of this vibrant, working waterfront to discover the true heart of Hobart. We will glide past prestigious homes perched along the edge of Hobart's oldest suburb, hear stories of the historic Battery Point, marvel at Hobart's wooden tall sailing ships, keep an eye out for Sammy the resident seal, hope for a pod of dolphins, peer through crystal-clear water at native sea stars and take photos of Hobart from a rarely seen perspective.

After a fun filled day we farewell our guides and check-in to our accommodation for the evening, before sitting down for dinner at the Park.

Overnight:- Port Aurthur Holiday Park—Dormitory Rooms



DAY 6:-

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We have a slightly earlier start to the day to reach our breakfast venue at **The Pancake Train** before we head to the **Salamanca** Markets.

The market has a diverse range of over 300 stallholders, showcasing the best that Tasmania has to offer. We will find delicious food, artisan jewellery, fine Tasmanian handcrafted timbers, handmade clothing, as well as vintage collectables and pottery.

After time to wander and purchase lunch, we head to the **Tasmania Museum & Art Gallery (TMAG)**. TMAG is a combined museum, art gallery and state herbarium. TMAG has the broadest collection mandate of any single similar institution in Australia. It promotes interaction with, and understanding of, the cultural and natural world for present and future generations.

Sadly, your trip has come to an end. After being dropped at the Airport, you will have time to check in and purchase some Dinner (at own expense) before boarding your flight back to Melbourne. On arrival, a coach will be waiting to transport you back to school, after a wonderful **6 Day Devilish Tasmania Tour..** (Lunch & Dinner at own expense and arrangements).

Other Activities to choose from or Add on an Extra Night (or maybe two):-

- ◆ In Launceston:-
 - Hollybank Treetops Adventure, Underwood
 - Cradle Mountain Hike
 - Freycinet National Park
- ◆ In Port Arthur:-
 - Tasmanian Devil Unzoo, Taranna
- ◆ In Hobart:-
 - Tahune Airwalk
 - Kunanyi/Mt Wellington Lookout
 - Museum of Old & New Art (MONA), Berriedale
 - Hastings Caves & Thermal Springs



LEGEND:-

B	Breakfast
PL	Packed Lunch (provided by accommodation)
D	Dinner (will be at accommodation unless otherwise specified)

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