

Tasmania's Food, Whiskey & Wine – 6 Days

TFWW

Departure Dates:

2020- 5 Oct, 2 Nov, 30 Nov

2021- 4 Jan, 1 Feb, 1 Mar

Trip Overview:

Tasmania is a place that is best explored like a local. Wine and dine your way through Tassie, sampling the finest local produce, home grown wine, whiskey and gin, all of which is brought to life by the charismatic locals. Explore the pristine natural wilderness, uncover the unique history and immerse yourself in the must-see highlights.

DAY 1 WELCOME TO HOBART

Your Insight Vacations Travel Director meets you at Hobart airport and transfers you to your hotel. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers at 11:00 and start your seven-course gourmet day tour of Bruny Island. In the morning, stroll along the waterfront or visit nearby Salamanca Place with its shops, cafes and art galleries. Later, travel to New Norfolk following the River Derwent to the Agrarian Kitchen Eatery for your tasty three-course lunch. The restaurant is housed in the town's historic, former mental asylum offering vast spaces, large windows and high ceilings and it has become a celebration of local, seasonal produce. Farmers and fishermen provide the high-quality ingredients, the kitchen works its magic, and these, combined with friendly local service create a beautiful and unique dining experience. Explore the Hobart area with Insight Choice. Visit the Derwent Estate and sample their signature wines at the historic Limestone cottage cellar door. Alternatively, visit the iconic Museum of New and Old Art, a privately funded collection by David Walsh. Take your time wandering among the unusual exhibits, hear an overview of the various artworks and catch a ferry back to Hobart at your leisure. Tonight, you are free to further explore Hobart.

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Hotel: Grand Chancellor

DAY 2 AROUND HOBART *Relaxed Start*

Admire the spectacular scenery, spot wildlife and discover deserted beaches. Indulge in artisan cheeses, fresh oysters, handmade morning tea, homemade fudge, locally harvested honey and Tasmanian whiskey or gin. Enjoy a wine tasting and lunch at Australia's southernmost vineyard. Return to Hobart after your adventurous day and enjoy a delicious three-course dinner in one of the city's favourite restaurants. **(B, L, DW)**

Hotel: Grand Chancellor

DAY 3 WINERIES AND FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy an orientation tour of Hobart and see the historic Cascade Brewery, admire the city panorama from Mt Nelson and stroll around the quaint streets of Battery Point. Cross the River Derwent and travel through valleys and past the Rocky Hills to Craigie Knowe Winery, the East Coast's oldest winery. This family run enterprise continues the vision of founder John Austwick, who planted the first vines in 1979. Sample their wines and enjoy lunch before moving on to nearby Spring Vale Vineyard. Run by the 5th generation of the Lyne family, the vineyard is primarily known for their Pinot Noir, however you'll get to taste a variety of drops at their historic cellar door. Settle into your hotel in the heart of Freycinet National Park, enjoy your hotel's facilities or walk to nearby Honeymoon Beach. Join your fellow travellers for a BBQ dinner as you take in the views over the magnificent Coles Bay.

(B, LW, DW)

Hotel: Freycinet Lodge

DAY 4 INLAND ADVENTURES

Your first stop this morning is Cape Tourville Lighthouse and lookout, offering remarkable coastal views. Visit quaint Bicheno, a popular holiday destination among locals. Choose between a wine or gin tasting at the Farm Shed East Coast Wine Centre showcasing wines from all 25 East Coast vineyards, as well as Tasmanian whiskey and gin. Interestingly, they also operate as a post office and a retail gallery. Head inland past forest reserves and farmlands to

riverside Launceston, one of Australia's oldest cities with many Victorian and Georgian buildings. Stay at the unique Peppers Silo Hotel, a heritage former grain silo converted into sophisticated accommodation. Tonight, dine at the Homestead at Quamby Estate in the heart of the stunning Meander Valley, also the ancestral home of Tasmania's first-born Premier, Sir Richard Dry. Meet your local hosts Emma and Chef Sarah and indulge in a three-course homecooked dinner. **(B, DW)**

Hotel: Peppers Silo

DAY 5 RETURN TO HOBART

This morning, Make Travel Matter as you visit the Lilydale Falls and join a *Local Expert* for a walk through native bushland and hear about plant regeneration, growing native trees and riverbank restoration. Journey through the Midlands and visit tranquil Ross, an idyllic village rich in colonial history. Walk amongst its buildings from Australia's earliest years and cross its 19th century sandstone carved bridge. Continue to historic Shene Estate Distillery, home to Tasmania's only triple distilled whiskey and embark on a tasting journey of whiskey and gin. Spending time at this property is truly a treat, as you'll soak in the rich history and beauty while sipping on some of the highest quality whiskey produced. Return to Hobart and come together for a Celebration Dinner. **(B, DW)**

Hotel: Grand Chancellor

DAY 6 FAREWELL HOBART

This morning, your trip concludes after breakfast. Take your complimentary transfer to Hobart Airport for your onward journey. **(B)**

Highlights

Day:

1

Type:

Authentic Dining

Title:

New Norfolk

Description:

Enjoy a seasonal three-course lunch at one of Tasmania's hidden gems. This former mental asylum has now been transformed into the beautiful Agrarian Kitchen Eatery, Owner's Rodney & Steven dreamed to create a unique space to celebrate locally grown, seasonal produce.

Day:

1

Type:

Insight Choice

Title:

Hobart

Description:

Choose between a visit the Derwent Estate and sample their signature wines at the historic Limestone cottage cellar door. Alternatively, visit the iconic Museum of New and Old Art (MONA), a privately funded collection by David Walsh.

Day:

3

Type:

Top Rated Highlights

Location:

Hobart

Country:

Australia

Title:

Hobart

Description:

During your orientation see the historic Cascade Brewery, admire the city panorama from Mt Nelson and stroll around the quaint streets of Battery Point.

Day:

3

Type:

Tasting

Location:

Cranbrook

Country:

Australia

Title:

Cranbrook

Description:

Vist Craigie Knowe Winery, the East Coast's oldest winery and enjoy a tasting.

Day:

3

Type:

Tasting

Location:

Cranbrook

Country:

Australia

Title:

Cranbrook

Description:

Visit the Spring Vale Vineyard, run by the 5th generation of the Lyne family, and taste a variety of drops at their historic cellar door.

Day:

4

Type:

Top Rated Highlights

Title:

Cape Tourville

Description:

Visit the Cape Tourville Lighthouse and lookout, offering remarkable coastal views.

Day:

4

Type:

Tasting

Location:

Bicheno

Country:

Australia

Title:

Bicheno

Description:

Choose between a wine or gin tasting at the Farm Shed East Coast Wine Centre, showcasing wines from all 25 East Coast vineyards, as well as Tasmanian whiskey and gin.

Day:

4

Type:

Authentic Dining

Location:

Hagley

Country:

Australia

Title:

Meander Valley

Description:

Enjoy your evening with a homely menu with a three-course homecooked dinner featuring Tasmanian produce and created by Chef Sarah in the grand, yet relaxed, Quamby estate, previously home to Sir Richard Dry.

Day:

5

Type:

Make Travel Matter

Location:

Lilydale Falls

Country:

Australia

Title:

Lilydale Falls

Description:

Make Travel Matter as you visit the Lilydale Falls, spending some time learning about the importance of bush regeneration and planting native trees from a Local Expert.

Day:

5

Type:

Insight Experiences

Location:

Pontville

Country:

Australia

Title:

Pontville

Description:

Why not raise a dram with your fellow travellers during your visit to Shene Estate, home to several world renowned and awarded whiskeys. Be amazed by the history and beauty of the property which dates to convict days.

Day:

5

Type:

Authentic Dining

Location:

Hobart

Country:

Australia

Title:

Hobart

Description:

Come together with your fellow travellers and indulge in a Celebration Dinner in one of the local restaurants, toasting your adventures taken and memories made.

Notes

Title:

What's Included

Description:

- Our highly-skilled Travel Director will ensure your journey is seamless, serving as your expert guide, consummate organiser, and friend overseas. Our Travel Directors have been newly trained in new and enhanced hygiene and physical distancing procedures. During your trip, they will operate with a duty of care and monitor the hygiene etiquette of our guests, reacting and advising as needed, to ensure high standards are maintained.
- Enjoy the comfort of Insight's luxury, air-conditioned coach and onboard washroom. Our customized luxury coaches are sanitized before the start of your trip and have always been kept to very high standards. Following the outbreak of COVID-19, we have taken additional measures to elevate our hygiene and sanitary practices in accordance with guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO) and as required, applicable government regulations.
- We carry your bags for you and promptly deliver them to your hotel door.
- Hotel and restaurant tips are included - you'll never have to worry about how much to give, nor search for foreign currency. We also include all taxes and portage charges at hotels.
- Stay connected with friends and family with our complimentary coach and hotel Wi-Fi (where available).
- From time to time, your Travel Director will enchant you with an Insight Flourish, which is a local specialty representing the destination

Hotels:

Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart- The Hotel Grand Chancellor is conveniently located amongst all the action of the Hobart waterfront. Sit back and enjoy harbour views from one of the best places to stay in Hobart. A short walk away from popular attractions such as Salamanca Markets, Battery Point, the MONA Ferry and the CBD.

Freycinet Lodge- Uniquely located inside Freycinet National Park with a spectacular waterfront location at the foot of The Hazards mountains. The Freycinet Lodge is an environmentally friendly property sensitively sited in coastal bushland on the shores of Great Oyster Bay. It is a place to relax and re-connect, while experiencing nature's wild harmony without sacrificing comfort.

Peppers Silo- Dating back to the 1960's, this heritage building which stands 35 metres high once contained grain in four large silos. Peppers Silo Hotel was forged from this iconic landmark and converted into a sophisticated hotel providing a unique place to stay in Launceston. Designed within the original silos and offering beautifully appointed hotel rooms all with modern amenities located on the meandering river where you can soak in Launceston's natural ambience.

Pricing:

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Code	TFWW
Days	6 days

<i>Prices are Gross PP</i>

Tour TWN	\$3,675
Tour SG	\$4,625
Pre Accom - TWN - 1 nt	\$211
Pre Accom - SG - 1 nt	\$369
Post Accom - TW - 1 nt	\$211
Post Accom - SG - 1 nt	\$369

Bruny Island Notes:

You'll visit providores and cellar doors to taste local artisan produce. Your seven course gourmet experience includes:

- Bruny Island Cheese Co - exclusive cheese experience designed by Nick Haddow owner of Bruny Island Cheese and Beer Co. You'll meet the makers and learn how they crafted their artisan produce. Relax and enjoy generous platters of Bruny Island Cheeses and hand crafted ale.
- Get Shucked Oysters - savour the clean salty flavour of oysters straight from the shell.
- Bruny Island Cruises Cafe - delicious handmade morning tea at our beachfront cafe whilst discovering stories of our early explorers and whaling heritage.
- Bruny Island Premium Wines - enjoy a wine tasting Australia's southern-most vineyard before savouring a cellar door lunch of locally sourced produce coupled with a glass of your favourite wine.
- Bruny Island Chocolate Company - indulge in sweet treats at the Bruny Island Chocolate Company, home to handmade fudge.
- Bruny Island Honey - satisfy your sweet tooth sampling a variety of locally harvested honey.
- Bruny Island House of Whisky - taste a Tasmanian Single Malt Whisky or handcrafted Gin from the most extensive known collection of Tasmanian spirits.

07:45am - Depart Hobart

08:45am - Arrive Kettering, ferry crossing

10:00am - **Bruny Island Cheese**

10:45am - **Get Shucked Oysters**

11:20am - **Morning Tea at Adventure Bay**

12:00pm - White Wallabies on our private reserve

01:00pm - **Lunch at Bruny Island Premium Wines**

02:20pm - **Bruny Island Chocolate Company**

02:40pm - **Bruny Island Honey**

03:00pm - The Neck

03:40pm - **Bruny Island House of Whisky**

04:30pm - Ferry crossing

04:50pm - Arrive Kettering

05:30pm - Arrive Hobart

My family and I are genuinely dedicated to operating in harmony with the environment and local communities. We employ and train local staff, and purchase goods and services from local suppliers wherever possible. Pennicott Wilderness Journeys is 100% Carbon Offset and an Advanced Ecotourism Certified operator. We are regularly assessed by EarthCheck and have always exceeded world's best practice standards for efficient fuel, energy and water use.

Driven by a desire to share our success and give back to the environment and community that has always supported us, we established the Pennicott Foundation as a flagship for important philanthropic activities. A portion of your cruise ticket goes towards the Foundation.

In 2011 I circumnavigated Australia in a 5.4 metre inflatable dinghy, raising \$300,000 for conservation and to assist Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio. Other projects the Foundation has contributed to include eradicating feral cats from Tasman Island and rats from Big Green Island. Since the successful eradications, over 100,000 breeding seabirds are saved each year. Last year we supported 460 organisations or community projects.

Shene Estate Distillery:

Welcome to our home. Shene Estate was once the ostentatious country residence of early colonialist Gamaliel Butler. Shene's rich history has direct links with King George III, Governor Lachlan Macquarie and World Heritage Sites.

Today it's a spirited place producing Tasmania's only triple distilled whisky.

In many ways the story of Shene distillery is a simple story of a man and his dog. Meet Head Distiller David Kernke.

David is an old soul at heart and his family nickname him Rudd after Steel Rudd's "On Our Selection". Where there's David, there's Gillie (a Gaelic term for an attendant) the West Highland terrier.

Each morning, before the sun rises, this duo clicks shut the door of Shene's Georgian farmhouse as they head for the old hayshed in the quest for making the finest Tasmanian Single Malt Whisky.

David spent his teenage years in country Queensland unearthing old bottles and artefacts from gullies and creeks. He has always had an appreciation for the past.

In the 1960's David's father built a bondwood caravan and drove their family of seven in their FX Holden from Queensland to Adelaide and back. It was this family road trip that began a lifelong affinity with the Australian landscape, a great love and admiration of Australian history and early Australian architecture. His first spirited adventure.

In 2006 David, wife Anne and daughter Myfanwy began the challenge of conserving the historic Shene Estate. Embarking on the challenge to produce the spirit of Shene.

Today our family distillery proudly produces whisky that has been mashed, fermented, triple distilled and matured at Shene Estate.

To this day, David still unearths broken bottles and artefacts found around the historic estate. Only now he spends his days distilling, creating and bottling Mackey Tasmanian Single Malt Whisky and Poltergeist Gin, naturally Gillie in tow.