



# East Coast Journeys

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Freycinet Lodge Jetty, Coles Bay

## Day 1 Hobart and surrounds

Arrive in Hobart and explore its architectural heritage. Discover historic Battery Point and Salamanca Place – and don't miss the Salamanca Market held every Saturday from 8.00am until 3.00pm. For a spectacular view of the city and surrounding countryside, head to the summit of Mt Wellington. Back at sea level, taste fresh seafood at Fish Frenzy, Mures Upper Deck or Barilla Bay Restaurant.

You can also catch a ferry from the Hobart waterfront to the newly opened MONA (Museum of Old and New Art). Open 10am – 6pm daily and free to the public, MONA houses the largest private museum in Australia. Spend the afternoon browsing the \$100 million avant-garde collection which tunnels 17 meters underground and then relax at the on site Source Restaurant, micro-brewery and winery.

**Overnight:** Hobart

### Extend your stay: options for Hobart and surrounds

**Tour the Tasman Peninsula:** visit the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Park, UNESCO World Heritage Listed Port Arthur Historic Site or enjoy a Tasman Island eco-cruise.

**Or explore the Huon Valley:** visit the Tahune AirWalk to see the Leatherwood trees, sample local apples and various other fresh produce and wine. If you are feeling adventurous, try cable hang-gliding or a thrilling jetboat on the Huon River; or head to Bruny Island and experience an eco-cruise to join in the search for migrating whales, seals, dolphins and birdlife.

## Day 2 Hobart / Richmond / Freycinet National Park (194 km - 3 hrs)

Visit historic Richmond and wander its quaint streets and explore the galleries and shops before heading to Sorell Fruit Farm to pick your own fresh fruit (in season).

Travel north-east towards Swansea, stopping at Kate's Berry Farm before discovering Freycinet National Park. Explore Wineglass Bay, voted one of the top 10 beaches in the world by US magazine Outside. Hike to the Wineglass Bay lookout and gaze down to the scenic beach and bay. Visit Cape Tourville Lighthouse and photograph the pink granite rocks of The Hazards mountains or explore the coast in a sea kayak or sea cruise.

**Overnight:** Freycinet Peninsula



*Freycinet Marine Farm*

### *Day 3 Freycinet Peninsula – Bicheno (38 km – 30 mins)*

Take a four-hour cruise to Wineglass Bay past granite cliffs and sea caves or discover Freycinet’s magical beaches on a quad bike. If you are searching for more oysters and other fresh seafood, visit Freycinet Marine Farm where you can eat on site or take away. Then join Bicheno Penguin Tours in a private rookery to watch the little penguins emerge from the ocean and waddle up the beach to their nests.

**Overnight:** East Coast

### *Day 4 Bicheno – St Helens / Tamar Valley / Launceston (239 km – 4 hrs)*

Discover Tasmania’s native wildlife at East Coast Natureworld before heading to Scottsdale and stopping at the Forest EcoCentre. During summer (January and February), visit Bridestowe Lavender Farm at Nabowla to walk through fields of lavender and browse an array of lavender products.

If you’re looking for stunning coastal views, discover the shores east from Scottsdale (95 km – 1hr) at the town of St Helens. From here you can explore the Bay of Fires, stretching from Binalong Bay to Eddystone Point in the north. The brilliant white beaches, emerald coloured waters, lagoons, wildflowers and lichen-covered granite rocks will amaze you and soothe your soul. Lonely Planet also named Tasmania’s Bay of Fires the number one of ten must see regions in 2009.

Alternatively, discover the hinterland with a drive along the historic Midland Highway via Lake Leake (175 km – 2 hour 30 mins). This allows you to detour to the picturesque town of Ross and stop at the famous Ross Bakery Inn with its traditional wood-fired oven dating back to the 19th century. The bakery supplies a wide range of breads, cakes and pastries all baked the old fashioned way.

Head north from Launceston to the Tamar Valley to smell the flowers at Lavender House and don’t miss Seahorse World and Platypus House at Beauty Point. Visit some of Tasmania’s acclaimed cool-climate wineries in the Tamar Valley such as Ninth Island, Moores Hill Estate and many more.

**Overnight:** Launceston

### *Day 5 Launceston*

Take the chairlift across Cataract Gorge, a natural amphitheatre in the heart of Launceston, or if you are seeking some adventure, join Hollybank Treetops Adventure to zip through the forest canopy. For beer lovers, visit the J Boag and Son Brewery to learn how this famous Tasmanian beer is made and sample some local ales. South of Launceston, visit the Tasmanian Honey Company and the Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company.

Head to Launceston Airport for departure.