



# West Coast Journeys

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

*Cradle Mountain Lake St Clair National Park*

## *Day 1 Launceston – Cradle Mountain (181 km - 2 hrs 30 mins)*

Take a short (25 km) drive southwest from Launceston to the historic town of Longford where you will find UNESCO World Heritage Listed Brickendon and Woolmers Estates. Discover the convict-built Gothic chapel, Dutch barns and blacksmith shop at Brickendon, then tour the National Rose Garden at Woolmers Estate where in late spring through to autumn you have the opportunity to walk through history surrounded by more than 5000 roses.

Continue west from Longford to embark on a tour of Tasmania's fine local produce. Visit 41 Degrees South Salmon and Ginseng Farm and browse at through the shop or taste the hot-smoked salmon; head to Ashgrove Cheese where you can view the cheese-making and maturing area and sample the end result; and chocolate lovers should not miss the House of Anvers Chocolate Factory north of Latrobe.

At nearby Chudleigh, you can taste up to 50 different varieties of honey at the Honey Farm including Tasmania's famous Leatherwood honey. Further on at Mole Creek you can discover Tasmania's wildlife at Trowunna Wildlife Park, and take a tour of Marakoopa Cave where you will see glow worms in the ancient caves. Travelling towards Cradle Mountain, stop at Sheffield - the town of murals – and also visit Tasmazia.

**Overnight:** Cradle Mountain

### **Extend your stay: Options for the North West Coast**

Take a tour to Cape Grim to breathe the cleanest air in the world and also walk or take the chairlift to the top of The Nut at Stanley. During spring (September and October), visit Table Cape Tulip Farm to see 15 hectares of fields striped with the colour of tulips. The farm also grows 10 hectares of irises, daffodils and lilies.

## *Day 2 Cradle Mountain*

At Cradle Mountain, icy streams cascade from rugged mountains to calm Dove Lake below and there is also a wealth of wildlife making this one of Tasmania's most popular and breathtaking wilderness areas. Spend the day discovering it at your leisure. Activities include a range of walks, horse-riding, fly-fishing, wilderness flights, animal spotlight tours and Devils@Cradle, a night feeding tour.

**Overnight:** Cradle Mountain



Strahan Village

### *Day 3 Cradle Mountain – Strahan (151 km – 2 hrs 30 mins)*

Visit Zeehan Mining Museum and learn about the life of a miner in one of the most remote towns in Australia. Follow the road to Strahan, a beautiful fishing village overlooking the vast Macquarie Harbour, once home to the colony's most infamous convicts. Today Strahan is the launching point for cruises on the magnificent Gordon River. Visit the wharf and watch fishermen unload the catch of the day and in the evening enjoy 'The Ship That Never Was' – a play about the dramatic and entertaining tale of the convicts great escape from Sarah Island.

**Overnight:** Strahan

### *Day 4 Strahan – Hobart (300 km – 4 hrs)*

Take a full day (six-hour) cruise on the Gordon River and learn about the region's fascinating convict history and ship-building heritage. Alternatively discover the West Coast Wilderness Railway, the world-renowned heritage rack and pinion rail journey between Queenstown and Strahan which travels through rainforest and over deep gorges. If you would like some adventure, don't miss a quad bike tour of the Henty Sand Dunes.

Depart Strahan for Queenstown where you can tour the Mt Lyell Copper Mine before continuing on to Hobart. Stretch your legs at Mount Field National Park and walk to Russell Falls. If you would like to experience a farm stay or tour, visit Curringa Farm at Hamilton on your way back to Hobart.

**Overnight:** Hobart

### *Day 5 Hobart and surrounds*

Discover the stunning harbour area with its art galleries, cafes and public gardens. Stroll around historic Battery Point and nearby Salamanca Place which is home to the vibrant Salamanca Market every Saturday. Admire superb views over Hobart from the top of Mount Wellington and visit Australia's oldest brewery - Cascade Brewery. Tours are available and there is also a restaurant on site.

Or take a tour of Barilla Bay Oyster Farm and Tas Live Abalone and sample these Tasmanian delicacies before heading to Hobart Airport for departure.