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KING ISLAND & NORTH WEST TASMANIA

at its finest



Cape Wickham, King Island



Westbury



Burnie



Dove Lake, Cradle Mountain



Stanley

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn the history of the quaint village of Westbury
- Walk or relax in the spectacular Cradle Mountain National Park
- Stay in Stanley for three nights
- Experience the Tarkine World Heritage region
- King Island known for its rugged landscape and delectable produce
- Visit Hellyer's Distillery and discover its origins
- Relax and unwind whilst supporting local businesses throughout our State

PREMIUM
ESCORTED
TOUR

WITH EXPERIENCED TOUR ESCORT

Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove

15 Days • Departing **20th October 2020**

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FOREWORD

Andrew Jones Travel has been synonymous with world travel and adventure for over 20 years. We're a business with deep Tasmanian roots, and it's a privilege to turn our global perspective inwards to focus on our own backyard.

We have collaborated with iconic Tasmanian brands to showcase the very best of what they have to offer. Despite the significant challenges that 2020 has thrown at all of us, I believe this is a genuine opportunity to again delve into the brilliance of Tasmania.

This tour has created its own set of challenges in its creation due to the remoteness of the areas we will be visiting.

Far from an average coach tour – **this journey is hallmarked by exclusive engagements at Tasmania's flagship businesses, all of whom are united in their desire to provide unforgettable experiences.**

Andrew Jones Travel would like to take this opportunity to thank the accommodations, the museums, restaurants and the attractions for joining with us to showcase the very best of what they do. It truly is a privilege to come together with such a diverse range of dedicated people from all across Tasmania.

Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove

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Travel Designer



OUR TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1

TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2020: HOBART – LAUNCESTON

We depart Hobart this morning en-route to Launceston the long way; via the Great Lakes. Our first stop will be the delightful colonial township of Bothwell, the gateway to the Highlands. Bothwell lays claim to Australia's oldest Golf Course. Its many stone buildings make Bothwell one of the best examples of a Georgian town in Tasmania.

From Bothwell we climb into the highlands to cross the vast button grass plains past many lakes and tarns. Liawenni, near Great Lake is Tasmania's coldest inhabited settlement. This cold, bleak and windy environment is a haven for wildlife and draws anglers from all corners of the globe. Further north we drop suddenly from the plateau down to the fertile Liffey Valley. Our next stop is Deloraine to learn of the history and charm of the township at the Great Western Tiers Visitor Museum. Then it's on to our accommodation near Launceston for the following two nights.

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Day 2

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER: WESTBURY

Only a short drive west is the pretty village of Westbury. We will spend time here exploring the village with a local guide and commentary. During our time here, we will visit Pearn's Steam World which showcases the biggest collection of steam engines in the Southern Hemisphere. **CB,L**

Day 3

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER: LAUNCESTON – CRADLE MOUNTAIN

Westward Ho! Travelling through Deloraine again we come to Mole Creek for a visit to the nearby labyrinth of caves before we stop to enjoy Sheffield with its many murals. Many have travelled this road previously but have you heard some of the local yarns? Entertaining and factual. Well we'll leave that up to you to decide! Onwards and upwards as we make our way to Cradle Mountain. Further west still with a steep climb then windy descent to cross Lake Barrington before climbing steeply again to the Moina Plateau. Such an exhilarating drive is rewarded

with our arrival at the Cradle Mountain Lodge. The Lodge will be our home for the following two nights. This World Heritage Wilderness Area is one of the jewels in the crown of Tasmania. **B,D**

Day 4

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER: CRADLE MOUNTAIN

A crisp morning will be assured at this altitude! Today is a day to either relax or choose one of the walking tours which cater to all levels of fitness. An alternative is to indulge in a Spa treatment and if this thought does appeal, it is important to make your reservation as soon as possible. There is also a Visitors Centre close by which is well worth a visit. Keep an eye out for the many wallabies and wombats. **B,D**

Day 5

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER: CRADLE MOUNTAIN – STANLEY

An early start today. Coming down from the mountains we head toward the Bass Strait coast and Burnie. We will visit the beautiful Rhododendron Gardens and stop at the well known Hellyers Road Distillery. A taste of whisky is assured. We continue our travel further west with some interesting stops along the

way through the townships of Cooe, Somerset, Wynyard, and Rocky Cape before our arrival at the delightful township of Stanley. This is our home for the following three nights. **B,D**

Day 6

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER: STANLEY

Even further west today to visit the stunning Arthur River, Marawah, and the Tarkine Wilderness area. We will board the *MV George Robinson* as we ply the Arthur River. Sit back and enjoy the serenity and unhurried pace. We will stop at Turks Landing and it is suggested you wear your walking shoes to make the most of this spectacular area of the Tarkine. **B,L**

Day 7

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER: STANLEY

Can we travel any further west? We sure can as we make our way to the furthest points on the North West of Tasmania. The property known as Woolnorth, home of the famous Van Diemen's Land Company is our destination. We will learn of the history of this significant rural establishment and its role in the early riches of Tasmania. Dependent on weather and road conditions we hope stand on Cape Grim and look out to sea and dream of sailing even further into the distance. If this was possible, the first land we will see is would be the east coast of southern Argentina. Here the Roaring Forties really do roar so hold your hats! The air and the rainwater here has been measured and proven as the purest on the planet. **B,L**

Day 8

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER: STANLEY – BURNIE

This morning is free to potter around Stanley at your leisure. You may choose to walk or take the chairlift trip up The Nut. Visit too the local arts and craft shops, fishmongers, and antique stores. Early this afternoon we drive back to Burnie for an overnight stay stopping along the way to learn a little about paper making in the area. **B,D**

Days 9 – 13

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER – SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER: BURNIE – KING ISLAND

Through necessity our group divides today with some departing Burnie Airport this morning and the remainder on the afternoon flight. This means some will have the opportunity to sleep in whilst others will be well on their way to King Island. Those that travel over to King Island early will return to Launceston on the early flight so everyone will have the same time on the Island.

King Island is home to approximately 1600 residents and is famous for its produce. It's a quiet and unspoilt destination but don't be deceived as history, flora and fauna abounds.

We arrive at Currie which is the administrative centre and the location of the airport. We will be met and transferred to Grassy at the southern end of the Island and our home for the next five nights. Over the next few days, we will travel by 4WD vehicle to ensure we access all areas of this remote and rugged destination. We will learn of the

history, the people, the shipwrecks, and wildlife through the eyes of our local hosts.

Some of the highlights include a nocturnal tour where we hope to see Fairy Penguins. We will travel to Seal River, a photographer's delight. See the bull kelp and giant sponges on the beaches and admire the tallest lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere. Once again, we will be somewhat dependent on the weather being kind to us over the next few days to grant us permission to see the Blow Hole, Yellow Rock Beach, the oyster farm, and the wetlands. These are just some of the places that create the marvel and charm of King Island.

There is little doubt that we will leave this Island with a wealth of knowledge and insight into this rugged and remote island and quite possibly with a sense of yearning to return. **CB,D (DAY 9); CB,L,D (DAYS 10-13)**

Day 14

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER: KING ISLAND – LAUNCESTON

We say goodbye to King Island as we fly back into Launceston. Both groups will be collected from the Airport and we will reconnect to overnight near Launceston. **CB**

Day 15

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2020: LAUNCESTON – HOBART

This morning we transfer back to Hobart enriched by our experiences over the past two weeks. **B**

Included meals as shown in the itinerary:

B Breakfast (incl "CB" Continental); **L** Lunch; **D** Dinner



Currie Harbour, King Island



Tarkine rainforest

DISCOVER what others say about their experience on our recent “Tasmania at its finest” July 2020 tour with Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove...



I have **told quite a few people** about our adventures and they all thought it was a great idea; discovering our own backyard and enjoying the company of good friends, all while staying safe.

I stay tuned for plans of your next adventure for us!”

– Genevieve Tanner

“Tasmania at its Finest Tour reminded this group of seasoned travellers what we value as Tasmanians... a unique opportunity to reconnect with the things we love – beauty, quality and connectedness. **Organised by the best** in the business, **it was an outstanding experience.**”

– Barbara Lypka

“The Planning. The Places. The People. **Pure Perfection.**”

– Glenn and Wendy Long
“P.S.: And the Pub!”

“So many thanks for a wonderfully crafted tour through Tasmania’s midlands and east coast regions. What a magnificent mix of history and scenery plus stunning food and wine stops. **So many memorable experiences** and you even managed the weather gods for our surprise helicopter ride over the NE vineyards, what a day that was. **Cathi, you are such a fabulous facilitator**, leaving us with amazing memories and fantastic friendships, thank you!”

– Rob Pryce-Jones

“I am unable to **truly express my enjoyment and excitement** about the planned itinerary for “Tasmania at its Finest” and **so many surprises on our trip.**

Given the expectation our local operators would be “hungry” for tourers, we were given so many special surprises to make this comparable on “our backyard” to OS tours we are currently unable to make.

Thank you so much, Cathi, for giving me the option to **see things I would not otherwise see**, such as the fabulous glass blowers, but several places we would not have been able to access without your dedicated enquiry and motivated planning and accessing. The accommodation was great and all the cuisine was exceptional! **When can we travel WITH YOU again, please?”**

– Rosemary Young

Participants in this tour are granted complimentary

Lifetime Membership of The Compass Society

Membership is exclusive to travellers who have travelled as guests on premium tours escorted by Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove to amazing destinations around the world. Members enjoy special events and tour briefings, advance tour notifications and more.



THE COMPASS SOCIETY

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“This week long tour **certainly lived up to its name.**

Our group was so fortunate to visit scenic sensations. Places we saw in a new light due to our assiduous, inventive leader, Cathi. We shared gastronomic delights, often in totally unique venues... gourmet heaven!

Each day brought **super, superior surprises** yet we always had our restful, contemplatory times. It was a wonderful experience. **We were SO lucky.**

Add to that we had the amazing Stacey our fabulous coach captain. We were safe & spoilt. Next trip..... hopefully soon!!!”

– Gae Williams

“Tasmania at its Finest, was typical of a tour organised by Cathi – **a thoughtful and well-planned itinerary which goes beyond the superficial**, but still leaves room for spontaneity, like finding a good cup of coffee, having a drink with the locals at a country pub or checking out the Little Blue Lake!

As is always the case with Cathi’s tours, the emphasis was on enjoying local produce and the quality of the included meals was exceptional.

The tour included a number of unique offerings **which could not otherwise be experienced.**”

– Wendy Sawford



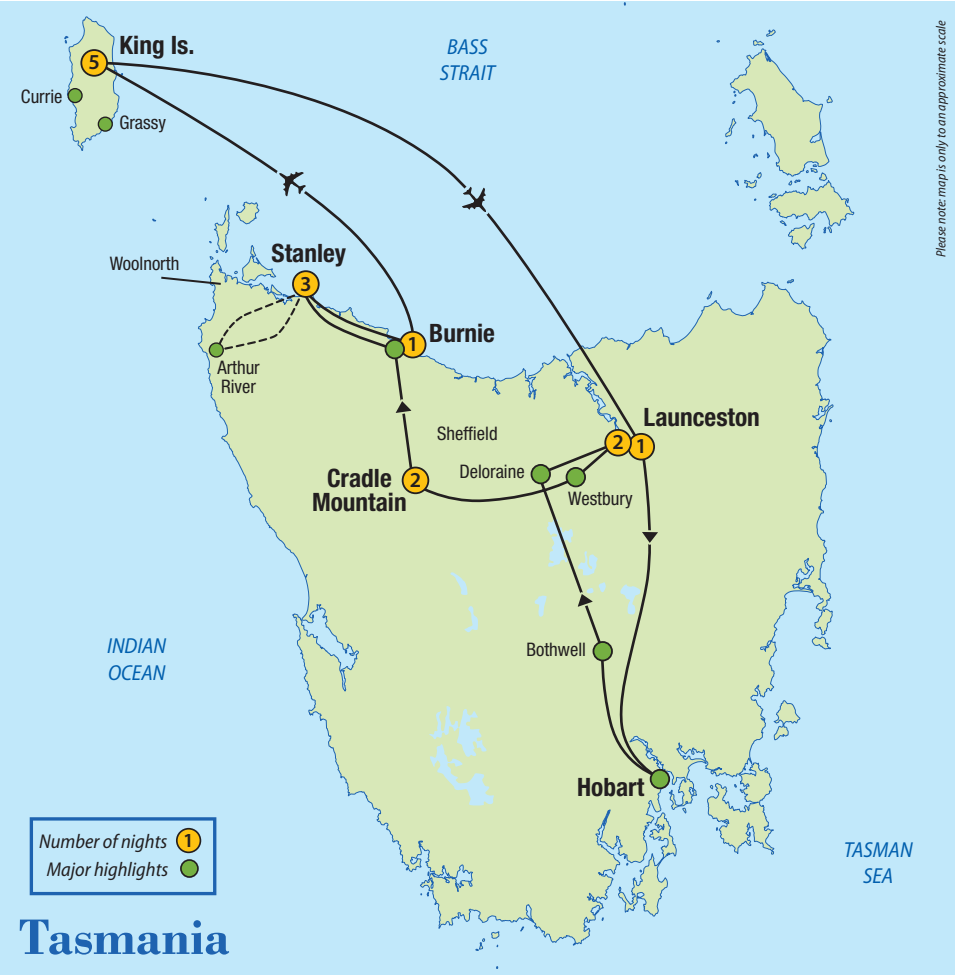
Enjoying our recent “Tasmania At Its Finest Tour”, July 2020





Dove Lake, Cradle Mountain

OUR TOUR MAP



Above: Cradle Mountain Lodge.
Below: Pearn's Steam World, Westbury.



TOUR INFORMATION

TOUR PRICE

TWIN SHARE

\$6,395* per person

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$990* per person (very limited availability). Please note: Some accommodation will be in two-bedroom cottages with a share bathroom.

INCLUSIONS

- Premium coach charter for our group throughout the tour;
- Flights and transfers to/from King Island on days 9 and 14;
- Meals and accommodation as specified;
- All excursions as stated in the itinerary;
- Local tour escort;

- Lifetime membership of The Compass Society[®]

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Drinks with meals other than breakfast;
- Tour Director (we will meet with local guides wherever possible);
- National Park Passes;
- All items of a personal nature.

Your Tour Escort: **Cathi Burnett-Cosgrove** at Andrew Jones Travel in Hobart

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BOOKINGS

For bookings, contact **Cathi** (details above) or your favourite consultant at **Andrew Jones Travel in Hobart or Launceston**:

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While this pricing is current as of September 2020, fluctuating fuel surcharges, fees and/or taxes may result in an increased cost.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

TOUR PAYMENTS Deposit of \$1,500 per person is required within 7 days of your booking. Final payment by Tuesday 15th September 2020.

All monies are non-refundable, however we are committed to securing a credit for future travel should operators not offer any rebates due to changes in travel restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 and Operators' COVID-19 policies.

CANCELLATIONS Tour payments are strictly non-refundable. Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the tour. Notice of all cancellations must be made in writing to Andrew Jones Travel on or before final payment due date. Loss of payment. After final payment due date: 100% of total price. Cancellation fees also apply to any additional services, reserved prior to, during and after the vacation.

Andrew Jones Travel Pty. Ltd. and the carriers, accommodations, and other suppliers providing tour services shall all be known as the 'Operators' and reserve the right to cancel or re-schedule any vacation departure. If cancellation is made prior to departure of the tour, the only responsibility of the Operators will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the reservation. We will try to re-book the same vacation with a different departure date, or a similar tour. Where the Operators have confirmed flights, we will try to confirm air seats for the selected new dates, subject to availability. The Operators cannot assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements.

REVISION FEES A fee of \$150 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation, plus any additional costs from Operators. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveller name, vacation date or tour itinerary at any time will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation; standard cancellation fees apply.

PARTICIPATION For the benefit of everyone on your holiday, the Operators reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a holiday participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

TRAVELLERS WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE You must report any disability requiring special attention to Andrew Jones Travel at the time the reservation is made. All travellers must be able to handle their own suitcase. The Operators will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so, nor is it responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coach, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. We regret that we cannot provide

individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance, and must assume total responsibility for the handicapped participants well-being. Motorised scooters are unsuitable for touring vacations in this brochure.

SMOKING Smoking is not allowed on transportation or accommodations.

PRICE GUARANTEE Air tickets booked via Andrew Jones Travel are guaranteed when we receive full payment. This does not include any Government/airport tax increases and currency fluctuations. Vacation prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a room. Single room supplements are listed where applicable.

ACCOMMODATIONS The accommodations listed in this brochure are intended to be used on this departure; however, if a change becomes necessary for any reason, the accommodations substituted will be equivalent in standard to those shown. Every effort is made to reserve your preferred room request. It may occasionally happen that an accommodation provides some double-bedded or twin-bedded rooms, as room configuration is at the discretion of individual hotels. Please note that accommodation check-in times vary worldwide. Paying for a single supplement ensures own room, not necessarily a twin bedded room.

Accommodation throughout this tour will be variable in style and standards, however we have secured the best options available in the areas we will visit.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE IMPORTANT NOTE: Luggage allowance on flights to/from King Island is restricted to 20kg, including hand luggage.

Porterage for one suitcase on vacation is included in the tour price. Due to limited coach capacity, this single bag should have dimensions not exceeding 76x53x28cm (30x21x11"). We regret we are unable to accept a second suitcase, or any luggage exceeding these limits. Please talk to your agent for baggage weight restrictions. We recommend you consult your air carrier as size and weight limitations vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. The Operators are not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers. Regulations within most airports require that travellers handle their own luggage through customs.

Your carry-on bag should not exceed the dimensions of 30x28x14cm (12x11x6"). For safety reasons wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motor coaches and mini-buses.

No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to

baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. Baggage insurance is recommended.

DINING A restaurant or date of a dinner may be substituted at any time due to reasons beyond the Operators' control.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE Drinks with meals other than breakfast; National Park Passes; All items of a personal nature.

This tour is not guided by a Tour Director. We will meet with local guides wherever possible.

HOLIDAYS AND RESTRICTIONS During local or national holidays, or due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, certain itinerary features and facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered whenever possible.

SAFETY Please be aware that during your participation in vacations operated by the Operators, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. The Operators will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that the Operators will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

TRAVEL INSURANCE is compulsory and passengers must take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms). We recommend passengers investigate all Department of Foreign Affairs and any other relevant government warnings regarding the safety of travelling to certain destinations. The Operators will not be held liable for any act of government, terrorism, revolution or other act. The Operators reserve the right to cancel the tour at any stage due to an act of government or terrorism.

* Conditions apply. Price is per person, twin share or as stated. Price is correct at time of publication (September 2020) but may fluctuate due to changes in taxes, charges, airfare, surcharges and currency. Price is land only ex Hobart and does not include airfares. Price does not include taxes imposed directly by third parties. Tour is subject to availability and terms and conditions as listed. Minimum tour numbers apply, see booking conditions for more details. A service fee and credit card surcharge will apply. Images used throughout this brochure are representative of the destinations only, and may not depict your precise tour itinerary. Base map artwork: vemap.com.