

TASMANIA

- SCENERY, FOOD, WINE AND RAIL -

Devonport, Cradle Mountain, Stanley, Cape Grim, Strahan, Hobart, Bruny Island, Port Arthur, Maria Island, Coles Bay, Freycinet Peninsula, Pyengana, Tamar Valley and Launceston

MONA, the Derwent Valley, Tahune Airwalk, Gordon River Cruise, Abt Wilderness Railway, Wee Georgie Wood, Lake St Clair and Cradle Mountain, Redwater Creek Railway, Don River Railway, and Tasmania's great food and wine

Thursday 3 to Thursday 24 March 2022



Join SJR for a wonderful twenty-two day tour of Tasmania with fantastic scenery, good food and wine, great rail heritage experiences and pristine World Heritage National Parks and wilderness areas.

Highlights of the tour include:

- ❖ World Heritage Wilderness in the Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Parks
- ❖ the Cradle Mountain Hotel
- ❖ Seaside Stanley accommodation and local seafood
- ❖ Strahan Village and seafood buffet dinner at their harbour view restaurant
- ❖ Premium accommodation on the Gordon River Cruise
- ❖ Premium Abt Wilderness Railway trip with Tasmanian wine, cheeses and luncheon included
- ❖ Heritage railway experiences at Wee Georgie Wood and Redwater Creek Railway
- ❖ Drinks and nibbles on the Don River Railway, Devonport
- ❖ The Tasmanian Transport Museum and Roundhouse
- ❖ The much talked about Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) at Hobart
- ❖ Stunning Bruny Island
- ❖ Coles Bay and Freycinet National Park sightseeing
- ❖ Bay of Fires wine tastings and Tamar Valley vineyards
- ❖ Launceston on the edge of the Tamar River
- ❖ and more

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Thursday 3 March 2022 (D) – to Launceston

Fly to Launceston and transfer to our accommodation for two nights. Depending upon your arrival time, enjoy exploring the city centre, including the excellent Queen Victoria Museum, built on the Inveresk Tasmanian Government Railway Workshop site. Join us for a welcome dinner and overnight Launceston.

Friday 4 March 2022 (B/L) – Sheffield, Deloraine and Devonport

The area south-west of Launceston is home to many heritage offerings and fine scenery. Concealed in the foothills of majestic Mount Roland, the enterprising town of Sheffield has created a place where history and art merge to create an entire town of murals, telling the story of the north-west. You'll learn about the history of the Kentish district from the murals themselves, in local museums, or in the many galleries and studios in the town. Around lunchtime we'll visit the Redwater Creek Railway, and ride a steam hauled narrow gauge train along part of the original Railton-Roland Branch Line. We then head back towards Devonport and visit the Don River Railway – located on the edge of the Don River near Devonport. The historical society and their volunteers operate short rail journeys from their base to Coles Beach, a return journey of about thirty minutes. We'll inspect their workshops and carriage restoration, and then enjoy a train ride. We'll enjoy cheese, wine and nibbles on board the train as we trundle a couple of times along the line in one of their restored trains. Overnight Launceston.



Saturday 5 March 2022 (B/L/D) – to Cradle Mountain

After breakfast we head south-west to Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Cradle Mountain is at the northern end of the 161,000-hectare (397,840-acre) Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, and its sheer magnificence inspired Austrian-born Gustav Weindorfer to build a chalet of King Billy pine here in 1912 and work tirelessly for a decade to have the area declared a national park "for the people for all time". His dream was realised in 1922, and today a quarter of all visitors to the state travel here to share his vision. Our accommodation is placed carefully within this wilderness setting, amongst tree-lined ranges and overlooking grassy folds. Wallabies, pademelons and wombats pause between mouthfuls of buttongrass and possums pose gracefully. Dinner is included tonight. Overnight Cradle Mountain

Sunday 6 March 2022 (B/L/D) – Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake Walk



After breakfast we enter the park to view Dove Lake and the ever-changing vegetation of the shores and mountainside to gain a full appreciation of the magic of this area. We visit the Information Centre, and there is opportunity to take one of the many short walks to see vegetation as varied as pandanus and wildflowers to Tasmanian myrtle and King William pine trees. Walk around the Dove Lake Circuit for an appreciation of the landscape – you can enjoy as long or as short a walk as you wish – there are options to suit all abilities - we return to our accommodation at Cradle Mountain Hotel, and dinner is included. Overnight Cradle Mountain.

Monday 7 March 2022 (B/L/D) – to Penguin, Burnie, Wynyard and Stanley

Enjoy breakfast, then mid-morning leave Cradle Mountain and head for Tasmania's wonderful north coast, through Penguin, Burnie and Wynyard towards Stanley. In the afternoon we ascend the Nut – a sheer-sided bluff and all that remains of an ancient volcanic plug. A walking track climbs to the summit of The Nut, or you can take the chairlift, with its spectacular views across Bass Strait beaches and over the town. Stanley was discovered by Bass and Flinders in 1798 and was named after the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Stanley. Our accommodation for two night's is in seaside accommodation in Stanley. Enjoy a later afternoon stroll before an included dinner.



Tuesday 8 March 2022 (B/L/D) – Stanley to Cape Grim, Smithton and 'Woolnorth'

After breakfast we head further west through Smithton to explore the north west cape of Tasmania. Breathe the cleanest air in the world at Cape Grim whilst you view spectacular coastlines. See Tasmania's largest wind farm and walk the coastal beaches where the Great Southern Ocean collides with Bass Strait. We'll tour the 'Woolnorth' property – 22,000 hectares of dairying, beef and sheep – and experience the state of modern agriculture in Tasmania. Dinner is included tonight and overnight Stanley.

Wednesday 9 March 2022 (B/L) – Stanley, Tullah and 'Wee Georgie Wood,' and to Strahan

After breakfast we head through lovely scenery to the small township of Tullah, home of the Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway - the only operating two foot gauge steam railway on the West Coast of Tasmania. The steam locomotive is a 1921 Fowler 0-4-0 tank engine that operates on the short Farrell Tramway, opened for operation between the then isolated mining township of Tullah and Farrell Siding, some 9.6 kilometres away on the Emu Bay Railway in 1909. Wee Georgie Wood was the prime source of motive power for the tramway between 1921 and 1962, when the new Murchison Highway reached Tullah and the original tramway ceased operations. Most of the original tramway route was inundated by the rising waters of Lake Rosebery, but in the 1980s Wee Georgie was rescued and restored to full running order by a group of local enthusiasts and volunteers. (We hope to have a special ride on Wee Georgie however it depends upon volunteer resources closer to the time.) We then head to Zeehan, with a stop to explore the mining heritage of the city. Zeehan was first sighted by Abel Tasman, in 1642, and was named after Tasman's brig. In 1871, tin was discovered at Mount Bischoff and a decade later Frank Long discovered silver and lead, sparking the largest mining boom on Tasmania's west coast. Ultimately, however, the reserves were depleted – and the town once known as Silver City ceased mining the precious metal in 1914. In the late afternoon we'll descend to Strahan – our base for the next four nights. Our accommodation is in Strahan Village, a range of cottage accommodations set on the edge of the harbour in the centre of town, and in the main building overlooking the harbour. Dinner is at leisure in one of the café's / restaurants in town. Overnight Strahan.



Thursday 10 March 2022 (B/L/D) – in and around Strahan

In 1815, Captain James Kelly navigated the 200-metre opening to Macquarie Harbour, which convicts later dubbed Hells Gates. Between 1822 and 1833, Sarah Island operated as a penal station with the dubious reputation of being the worst convict prison in Australia. The town of Strahan was founded in 1877, and today symbolises proud independence on the edge of the world. A place that tells the story of 19th-century piners and miners and 20th-century protesters who stopped the damming of the wild Franklin River. Sitting on the northern end of Macquarie Harbour on Long Bay, Macquarie Harbour is the terminus for the King River in the north and the Gordon River in the south. Today a relaxed day to explore in and around Strahan – from short walks to local waterfalls, a drive to Queenstown, and exploration of the village. This afternoon we visit the dramatic performance of the *The Ship That Never Was* - a live professional theatre production, performing in Strahan since January 1994, written by Richard Davey and produced by The Round Earth Company. The play tells the dramatic and hilarious true story of the Great Escape from Sarah Island! Dinner is included tonight – a seafood buffet in the View 42° Restaurant with views overlooking the harbour. Overnight Strahan.

Friday 11 March 2022 (B/L) – cruising the Gordon River

After breakfast we join the MV Harbour Master II and cruise on the Gordon River, making our way through Hell's Gates, where Macquarie Harbour meets the Southern Ocean. We'll then cruise back across the Harbour into the lower reaches of the Gordon River, where you can reach out and touch the temperate rainforests of the World Heritage Area. On our return to Strahan, we'll stop at Sarah Island, Tasmania's first penal colony and site of Australia's first ever ship-building industry. We've reserved the premium Upper Deck area for our journey – you'll enjoy luxurious seating and guaranteed seats of two adjacent to the windows, as well as morning tea and luncheon with Tasmanian wines. There's no more civilised way to appreciate the beauty of the Gordon River. Enjoy an afternoon walk along the waterfront, and explore the interesting shops and woodwork crafts that dot the harbour front. Dinner tonight is at leisure. Overnight Strahan.



Saturday 12 March 2022 (B/L) – Abt Wilderness Railway

After breakfast we walk to Regatta Point Station (there's a coach transfer for those who wish) and join the exquisitely restored Abt Wilderness Railway. Through the boom years of west coast mining, steam locomotives hauled a fortune in pure copper from Queenstown's Mt Lyell mine, through the rugged King River gorge and down to the Macquarie Harbour port of Strahan. From 1896 to 1963, steam billowed through the rainforest as the German designed Abt West Coast rack railway dragged the train, cog by cog, up the steep 1:16 slope to Rinadeena. We travel through one of the world's last pristine wilderness areas crossing 40 bridges, wild rivers, and climb over 200 metres on a fascinating 35 kilometre journey from Strahan to Queenstown. We've reserved the Wilderness Carriage for our group, where you'll enjoy premium service and refreshments. Enjoy a welcoming glass of sparkling wine on boarding, canapés, morning tea, lunch at Tracks Cafe in Queenstown, a selection of Tasmanian cheese and complimentary tea and coffee throughout, along with access to the open balcony to get up close to the rain forest and take those magic images. On arrival in Queenstown, there's a brief opportunity to explore this remnant mining community – we will also visit Queenstown by coach to give you more time to explore. The mine at Mt. Lyell has sustained Queenstown since the late 1800's when gold, silver and copper were discovered. Queenstown sprang up in no time as a typical "frontier town", but in recent years has been somewhat more subdued, with the future of the Mt. Lyell mine repeatedly being questioned. In 1995, it was decided to continue mining into the next century, relieving some economic pressures. The hills around Queenstown were stripped of timber to fuel copper smelters, and rain subsequently eroded the soil, leaving the purple and gold rock exposed. The strangely naked mountains are an eerie sight and in the evening provide for spectacular photographs. We return by train to Strahan, with refreshments enroute, and an opportunity to appreciate the journey from a different perspective. Dinner tonight is at leisure in one of the eateries in the village. Purchase some fish and chips and sit on the verandah of your cottage and watch the world go by, or reserve a table in the View 42° restaurant again tonight. Overnight Strahan.

Sunday 13 March 2022 (B/L/D) – via Lake St Clair and Derwent Bridge to Hobart

After breakfast a morning departure for Lake St Clair, on the southern edge of the World Heritage Listed wilderness area. Lake St Clair's scenic beauty is characterised by pretty coves and beaches interspersed among moraines formed by glaciers as they forced debris aside in the process of scooping out the lake bed. The vegetation mix of the area is a legacy of thousands of years of burning by Aboriginal people. Wildlife is prolific, and you are likely to see wallabies and a wide variety of birds. If you're lucky, you'll also catch sight of a platypus, echidna or wombat. Weather permitting we'll enjoy a picnic luncheon on the edge of Lake St Clair, and then make a short visit to the nearby Derwent Bridge to see the ambitious sculpture - the Wall in the Wilderness. Primarily made from rare Huon pine, creator/designer Greg Duncan is carving 100 metres of Central Highland history. You can walk along its length to learn of the hardship and pioneering nature of those who settled in the area, and inspect this extraordinary project. We'll then head to Hobart for our four night's accommodation at the newish Movenpick Hotel, Hobart. A simple dinner is included tonight and overnight Hobart.

Monday 14 March 2022 (B/refreshments) – Hobart - MONA

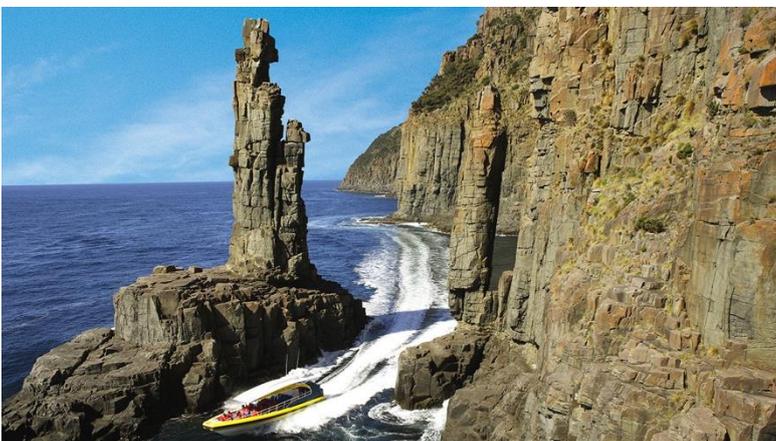
After breakfast we visit MONA – the Museum of Old and New Art. Chiselled into an escarpment on the banks of the Derwent River in the northern suburbs of Hobart is a subterranean fortress housing one of the most confronting and controversial collections of art in the world. The crowning achievement of Tasmanian David Walsh, a mathematician and art collector who made millions perfecting algorithms that led him to beat casinos and bookies at their own game, MONA has made a name for itself by breaking every rule in the book since opening its doors in January 2011. The entrance, for example, casts aside the grand porticos and columns commonly seen at museums in favour of a synthetic tennis court and unmarked doorway. From the lobby, a spiral staircase descends 17 metres underground, ending in a cathedral-like basement cordoned by a 250-million-year-old Triassic sandstone wall that Walsh, who once described himself as a “rabid atheist,” left exposed to challenge creationists on their beliefs. What follows are three levels of steel and stone festooned with art and objects based around sex, death and evolution that are concurrently shocking, educational and entertaining. The Museum has certainly created extreme views of like and dislike. We'll travel to and from MONA by ferry in the private deck of the vessel, with complimentary drinks and canapes - in the afternoon there is free time to explore the city and Salamanca Place. Enjoy fresh seafood at the harbour in the evening, or explore one of Hobart's many fine restaurants. Overnight Hobart.



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Tuesday 15 March 2022 (B/L) – Bruny Island

After breakfast we head south through Kingston and Margate to Kettering, to cross to Bruny Island. Enjoy a full day exploring the many delights of the island - Bruny Island is a nature lover, foodie and photographers' dreamscape. North Bruny features rolling hills, bays and sheltered beaches. The iconic “Neck” isthmus, lookout and penguin rookery is the gateway to South Bruny and its rugged, mountainous scenery, beaches, cliffs, the famous South Bruny National Park and historic Cape Bruny Lighthouse. We'll enjoy local produce, photograph the islands' extraordinary beauty, have a great luncheon as well as a thrilling boat cruise. We return to Hobart for dinner at leisure and overnight.



Wednesday 16 March 2022 (B/L) – Geeveston and the Tahune “Air Walk”

After breakfast we head south through Huonville to Geeveston for a visit to the Tahune “Air Walk.” The attraction is one of only a few fixed structure canopy walkways internationally and provides a birds-eye view of the southern forests, the local mountain range and the Tasmanian World Heritage Area. You’ll “walk the high wire”, suspended up to 45 metres in the air on steel towers barely visible from the ground. The walk meanders through the treetops in rainforest at the confluence of two mighty rivers – the Huon and the Picton – and one section extends over the meeting of the rivers to create a sense of being suspended above it. The AirWalk also overlooks the Hartz Mountains and surrounding old growth forests and takes you through the changing forest and its life cycle. The visitor centre demonstrates the use of Tasmanian timber from its historic purposes to modern practices, and the nearby Huon Pine walk provides easy access to trees thousands of years old and renowned for sweet-smelling timber that has traditionally be used in boat-building and these days features in high quality timber crafts. In Geeveston we visit the Forest and Heritage Centre, and in the Information Centre inside the old Town Hall, there are a range of local high quality woodwork items amongst other craft. We return to Hobart for dinner at leisure and overnight.



Thursday 17 March 2022 (B/L/D) – Port Arthur and to Triabunna

We join our coach for the journey to Port Arthur. We cross the Tasman Bridge, and stop at Eaglehawk Neck for morning tea, on a narrow isthmus at the top of the Tasman Peninsula. In convict times, it was manned by guards who ran a chain from one side of the neck to the other, and tethered savage dogs to it to stop prisoners escaping. Four spectacular natural formations, all in close proximity, are a short drive from the neck. Tasman Arch - a natural arch between two cliffs cut by wave action. At the Devil's Kitchen, hear the waves roar onto the rocks hundreds of feet below. The sea rushes in under the rock and shoots into the air at the Blowhole. But possibly most spectacular is the Tessellated Pavement, which visitors could almost swear was laid by a bricklayer but is again due entirely to the sea. We travel south to Port Arthur - established as a convict settlement it soon became Australia's largest. Port Arthur began operating in 1830 as a timber station. In 1833 it became a prison settlement for male convicts and quickly established a reputation as being 'a hell-on-earth'. During the 1840s, with its captive resource of convict labour, Port Arthur became a near self-sufficient secondary punishment prison settlement, producing ships, sawn timber, clothing, boots and shoes, bricks, furniture, vegetables and other goods. This productivity waned in the 1850s and 60s following the cessation of Britain's convict transportation system and the subsequent lack of newly arrived young transportees. The prison closed in 1877 and many of the settlement's main features, including the Penitentiary and the Church, were gutted by fire during the next two decades. Today, the Port Arthur Historic Site encompasses over 40 hectares (100 acres) and features a large number of stabilised ruins and restored buildings from the convict era. We have a few hours to explore, returning to Triabunna late afternoon, with dinner included. Overnight Triabunna.



Friday 18 March 2022 (B/L/D) – Maria Island and to Coles Bay and Freycinet Peninsula

After breakfast we join our chartered ferry from Triabunna across to Maria Island. From Aboriginal contact to whaling and sealing post, from penal settlement to Italianate rural utopia and health resort, Maria Island inspired both intense sorrow and huge dreams in its long history of human habitation. Today it is a wildlife refuge - home to the threatened Cape Barren goose, Forester kangaroo and Flinders Island wombat, which never lived here naturally but have been introduced from mainland Tasmania and thrive amongst the few remaining buildings.

Maria Island is also one of the best places in Tasmania for bird-watching, and although you won't be able to miss the geese, there are many Tasmanian endemics, including the rare forty-spotted pardalote and the Tasmanian native hen. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the heritage precinct, and there is time to walk at leisure, as well as to enjoy a picnic luncheon. For the more active, even if you keep to the shore and cliff tops, you may catch sight of dolphins, whales, seals and sea eagles. The spectacular Fossil Cliffs walk reveals shellfish fossils so prolific that they were once mined for their lime deposits. Or let your imagination conjure up the reality of the once-thriving settlement at Darlington from its many remnants. When it was known as San Diego, after the entrepreneur Diego Bernacchi, it included a vineyard, a coffee palace and a grand hotel, all of which contributed to the promotion of the island as a pleasure resort. We return to the mainland and then travel to Coles Bay and the Freycinet Peninsula. With a great location at the foot of the Hazards, our accommodation for three nights is in self-contained ensuite cabins at the Freycinet Holiday Park - a great (and affordable) base for exploring the Freycinet peninsula. Dinner tonight is included. Overnight Coles Bay.

Saturday 19 March 2022 (B/L/D) – Wineglass Bay Lookout, Oysters and Cape Tourville

Today there is the opportunity to walk to one of Tasmania's most celebrated views — the crystal-clear waters and curvaceous white beach of Wineglass Bay. A beautifully constructed track takes you up through coastal woodland, past striking granite boulders, to the lookout. This is a steep uphill walk—around 1.3km each way—with resting seats located along the way. Once you're at the saddle, it's not far to the lookout platforms and a view that will reward your effort. We return to the village for luncheon, and visit an oyster farm to taste fresh oysters. In the afternoon we head to Cape Tourville for a 30 minute easy walk, with fine views over the coast. The east coast village of Coles Bay sits beneath pink granite mountains at the entrance to Freycinet National Park, and we enjoy dinner tonight and overnight Coles Bay.



Sunday 20 March 2022 (B/L) – Cruising around the Freycinet Peninsula

Today we cruise the spectacular coastline of Freycinet National Park from Coles Bay to Wineglass Bay. Be enthralled by the stunning granite coastline, including the dramatic pink peaks of the Hazards range. Discover a coast dotted with sparkling white sand beaches, including Cooks and Bryans beaches, only accessible by water or a full day bushwalk. Explore the inner passage of remote Schouten Island, home to little penguins and short tailed shearwaters, before heading into the Tasman Sea towards Wineglass Bay. Look out for various hidden sea caves, blowholes and waterfalls amongst the sheer granite cliffs. Take in the sheer beauty of Wineglass Bay from the rarely seen perspective of the water, a shimmering crescent of white sand fringes spilling into glass turquoise waters. Our passage is on the upper deck of Schouten Passage II, an adults only lounge with banquette style seating with direct access to the Captains bridge and private viewing deck. Morning tea, lunch and beverages are included - enjoy plump local oysters, alongside salmon and smoked meats, breads, cheeses and salad served with the East Coast's renowned wines and artisan brews. We return to Coles Bay for overnight accommodation.

Monday 21 March 2022 (B/L) – to Swansea, Pyengana and Launceston

After breakfast we head north to Bicheno, Scamander and along the coast to St Helens – with beautiful views and the stunning Binalong Bay – you'll enjoy the coastal scenery. We then head inland to Pyengana - licensed since 1880, the Pub in the Paddock is one of Tasmania's oldest country pubs. Literally sitting in the middle of a paddock in the verdant Pyengana Valley. We visit the famed cheese factory and taste some of their aged cheddar – in high demand in city markets. Then through Scottsdale towards the Tamar Valley where the majestic Tamar River meanders for 58 kilometres through the heart of high-yielding vineyard country, orchards, scenic pastures and forests from Launceston city to the shores of Bass Strait. We'll discover many quaint riverside villages that feature arts and crafts from the local area, the elegant Batman Bridge - the world's first cable-stayed truss bridge – as well as some great restaurants and a cool-climate wine. In the late afternoon we'll head into Launceston for our last three night's in Tasmania. Overnight Launceston.

Tuesday 22 March 2022 (B/L) – the Tamar Valley, Bay of Fires Winery, Low Head

After breakfast we explore the Tamar Valley, heading north along the eastbank of the river. We head almost to Bass Strait to visit the Low Head Pilot Station Maritime Museum. Low Head Pilot Station, situated at the mouth of the Tamar River, is the oldest group of pilot buildings in Australia. While it was the first station to operate it is the third oldest pilot service after the private operations of Sydney and Hobart. The pilot service dates from 1805 and the first building on the site was probably in 1806. The pilot service still operates from this site today. We then visit the Bay of Fires Winery for a wine tasting and to learn about the unique cool-climate qualities that have led to Tasmania wines being show cased around the world. We'll enjoy a winetasting and light luncheon fare at the Tamar Ridge Vineyards, overlooking the river, then a late afternoon return to Launceston. Overnight Launceston.

Wednesday 23 March 2022 (B/L/D) – Evandale, Clarendon House, Cataract Gorge and Farewell Dinner



After breakfast we inspect the historic village of Evandale - a Georgian village best known for its 19th-century buildings and relatively untouched streetscape. There are antique galleries, craft shops and even a stained-glass workshop to visit. Look out for the statue of renowned 19th century artist John Glover, who lived and died in nearby Deddington. We'll visit Clarendon House, a Georgian mansion owned by the National Trust - set in seven hectares on the banks of the South Esk River, Clarendon was the centre of a large pastoral enterprise developed by James Cox. Complete with servants wing and many farm buildings the House is surrounded by extensive gardens and parklands which you've time to explore. The grand colonial house, built in 1838, is beautifully designed with grand hallways and grand Roman columns at the entrance. After luncheon we head to Launceston's Cataract Gorge - a spectacular geological site close to the city centre. The chairlift crossing the Gorge is the longest single span in the world at 308m (924 ft) – but if chairlifts aren't your style, you can opt for the suspension bridge, pausing in the middle to watch the rapids below. On the shady northern side of the gorge, named the Cliff Grounds, is a Victorian garden where wilderness is created with ferns and exotic plants. There's a kiosk, restaurant and swimming pool, rolling lawns and a rotunda, a footbridge and chairlift across the river, peacocks in the trees, wallabies at dusk. This may be the nation's most alluring urban reserve. Further upstream is the historic Duck Reach Power Station, now an Interpretation Centre.



The Launceston City Council originally commissioned the Power Station in 1893, making it the largest hydro-electric scheme of its day. By 1895 it was lighting the city. We enjoy a quality meal together and overnight Launceston.

Thursday 24 March 2022 (B) – to the mainland

After breakfast the tour ends, and we transfer to Launceston Airport for flights to the mainland.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND COACH TRAVEL

Accommodation is generally in 4 to 4.5 star hotels. In some locations we have selected superior hotels, and in others the best available. Many meals are included as shown. Meals included are indicated as (B) Breakfast, (L) Luncheon and (D) Dinner. Travel is by private chartered coach.

PERSONAL SERVICE AND MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

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FARES AND BOOKING PROCEDURES

Bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt of a deposit of \$2,000 per person. The tour fare is \$13,980 per person (twin share) plus airfares to and from Launceston. There is a \$2,850 single supplement for hotels. The tour fare includes all coach travel; all transfers when part of the group; all accommodation on a twin share basis (single accommodation is available on payment of the single supplement); sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated, and meals as shown in the itinerary for each day. The fare does not include meals not identified, drinks, excess baggage charges, gratuities, telephone calls, laundry, any items of a personal nature, travel outside the organised group. Due to the variety of interests of individuals, and the range places available for inspection on some days, we have included key features in the tour cost. Inspection and entry fees when not part of the planned group activity are not included in the tour cost. Additional or optional activities such as some cable car journeys, boat cruises are not included in the tour cost. Bookings should be made on the attached form.

The deposit of \$2,000 per person should be forwarded by cheque, payable to St James Rail, along with the booking form, to:

SJR, PO Box N400, GROSVENOR PLACE, 1220

You can also pay the deposit by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

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BSB:	033 364
Account:	612826
Bank:	Westpac
Reference:	TAS and your surname

If paying by EFT, please ensure you include the Reference above and your surname, and email to sjr@digitor.com.au to advise that you have done so. Please forward the booking form to the postal address above. If you wish to pay by credit card, please call - a merchant fee of 1% for Visa/Mastercard applies.

AIR TRAVEL TO/FROM TASMANIA

Depending upon your city of departure, there may be direct flight options with Virgin Australia and Jetstar, or via Melbourne with Qantas. We'll advise and can assist with flights if necessary.

BOOKING, CANCELLATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Bookings will be accepted on the attached form. Cancellation fees apply as follows: the initial deposit is non-refundable. After payment of further payments towards the final tour cost, costs for tickets, accommodation, sightseeing etc made on your behalf will incur cancellation charges equal to the cancellation charges incurred to us, imposed by suppliers/operators, plus a fee to cover administrative costs – more than three months prior to departure, \$1,000 per person; within three months, \$2,000 per person. No refund will be made one month prior to departure. All cancellation or administration charges imposed by the suppliers/operators of components of this tour must be borne by you, the passenger. Responsibility - St James' Rail acts only as the organiser of the tour. Transportation, accommodation and other tour arrangements are made by our licensed travel agent, Jones and Turner Travel Associates, Paddington. On acceptance of tickets and travel documents for this tour, which may be evidenced in writing by a ticket, voucher, letter, or other document, you accept that neither St James' Rail nor representatives from any other firm supplying services in conjunction with this tour programme, shall be liable in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, loss, damage, accident, sickness, delay or additional expense to you or your possessions arising directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part, including, but not limited to, civil disturbance, fire, floods, acts of God, acts of Governments or other authorities, changes in itinerary, weather, strikes, war, transportation disruption, failure of machinery or equipment, industrial action, quarantine or any other cause. Where travel is by scheduled carrier, or charter service, that carrier's responsibility is limited in accordance with their conditions of carriage. Similarly all luggage is your responsibility, and we cannot be held liable for any loss or delay however caused. The care of your travel documents are your own responsibility. All expenses incurred by loss must be borne by you. Airline regulations and conditions are written on the airline tickets and are issued to passengers subject to their acceptance of these conditions. Changes in exchange rates, taxes and any land arrangements costs may alter the price of the tour, and St James' Rail reserves the right to change, amend or cancel this tour and/or itinerary if necessary. We reserve the right to amend the itinerary en route to account for unforeseen changes or conditions, or to improve the tour experience for the majority, as determined by the tour leader. St James' Rail cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred as a result of a passenger not holding valid and necessary passport or visa documents. Cancellation conditions apply as follows: before 3 February 2022, loss of deposit; in the event you withdraw from the tour after 3 February 2022, there is no refund. Note other conditions above. In the event the tour cannot proceed due to COVID, payments made to St James Rail will be returned in accordance with the policies of the various providers of services to the tour, and only when the providers of the services have refunded monies to St James Rail. A minimum number of guests is required for the tour to operate. If the tour cannot operate due to insufficient numbers, all payments will be refunded.

INSURANCE

A comprehensive travel insurance policy is available and recommended to protect yourself against cancellation fees, health and other travel risks. An insurance policy can be sent to you from our travel agent, Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington, for your consideration. Obtaining insurance cover for the tour is, however, your responsibility.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please call us on (02) 9326 9660, 0418 585 838, email at sjr@digitor.com.au, or visit our website at www.stjamesrail.org for further details or information.

- TASMANIA -
Thursday 3 to Thursday 24 March 2022
Booking Form

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name:

Address: Suburb: Postcode:

Home tel: Work tel: Mobile:

Email:

PLEASE MAKE A BOOKING AS FOLLOWS:

BOOKING DETAILS (Name as shown on your photo identification eg drivers licence, passport)

Passenger 1 Name:

Passenger 2 Name:

Passenger 3 Name:

Passenger 4 Name:

PAYMENT

..... I have enclosed \$ as deposit (\$2,000 per person) for the above booking. Please make cheques payable to St James Rail.

..... I have paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as described previously. Please email SJR to advise and send this form.

Account name: Scenic Journeys by Rail
BSB: 033 364
Account: 612826
Bank: Westpac
Reference: TAS and your surname

..... I wish to pay by credit card. We will call you to get card details.
(A merchant fee of 1% for Visa/Mastercard will apply.)

An email will be sent acknowledging receipt of your deposit and providing further details.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Single rooms: Double rooms: Twin (two bedded) rooms:

A single supplement of \$2,850 is payable for sole use of rooms in hotels.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please indicate any dietary or any other sort of special request :

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INSURANCE

..... Please send an insurance policy from Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington, 2021.

YOUR SIGNATURE

I have read the reservation conditions outlined above and accept them on behalf of myself and my party by whom I am authorised to make this agreement.

Signature of person making reservation: Date:

Cancellation charges will apply as advised in this itinerary. An insurance policy can be forwarded from our travel agents at Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington, 2021.

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