

EXPERIENCE A 14-DAY TASMANIAN MOTORHOME JOURNEY



Highlights

- Port Arthur Historic Site
- Tasmanian Devils Unzoo
- Day trip to Maria Island
- Wineglass Bay Lookout
- Wildlife encounters
- Vibrant Bay Of Fire
- Fascinating murals at Sheffield
- Cradle Mountain
- West Coast Wilderness Railway
- New Norfolk

Day 1: Hobart

Distance: 15.5 Kms **Time:** 15 Minutes

- **Morning:** Pick up your motorhome and familiarise yourself with the vehicle. If you have any questions, our team is here to answer them. Stock up on supplies and groceries at a local supermarket.
- **Afternoon:** Drive from the branch to town and stroll around Battery Point to admire its historic charm and well-preserved colonial architecture.
- **Evening:** Try one of Hobart's renowned restaurants, such as Farzi Hobart. For fresh oysters and seafood, try Mures Upper Deck.
- **Where to stay:** Hobart Holiday Park, 34-36 Swan Street, Richmond, TAS 7025. Powered site.

Day 2: Hobart to Port Arthur

Distance: 90.7 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 20 Minutes

- **Morning:** Enjoy the scenic drive through lush landscapes to Port Arthur. If you drive early, you can start visiting the famous Port Arthur Historic Site.
- **Afternoon:** Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site with its well-preserved convict buildings and take a harbour cruise. You'll have access to **more than 30 historic buildings**, ruins, restored houses, heritage gardens and walking trails.
- **Evening:** For the most adventurous, enjoy a thrilling ghost tour at the Port Arthur Historic Site! Or, appreciate a meal at the **Port Arthur Lavender Farm Café**, known for its local produce and lavender-themed dishes.
- **Where to stay:** NRMA Port Arthur Holiday Park, LOT 1 Garden Point Rd, Port Arthur TAS 7182. Powered site.



Port Arthur Historic Site

Day 3: Port Arthur to Triabunna

Distance: 91.3 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** On your way up to Triabunna, stop at the **Tasmanian Devils Unzoo** to encounter the famous Tasmanian Devils in their natural habitat and other wildlife. Get ready for an extraordinary experience where the animals are free and curious.
- **Afternoon:** Continue your drive to Triabunna, a picturesque town on the east coast of Tasmania. Take an afternoon walk through the Pelican Reserve and spot many birds.
- **Evening:** Enjoy an early dinner at The Fish Van, where you can enjoy delicious fish and chips made from fish caught on the same day. Then, prepare for your day trip to Maria Island (book the ferry in advance and buy some snacks and water).
- **Where to stay:** Triabunna Cabin & Caravan Park, 4 Vicary St, Triabunna TAS 7190. Powered Site.

Day 4: Triabunna to Maria Island

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Take a ferry from Triabunna to Maria Island for a day trip. As there is no transport on the island, we recommend hiring bikes.
- **Afternoon:** Enjoy cycling, wildlife encounters, and exploring historic ruins on the island. Don't miss **Painted Cliff** at low tide, where wind and waves have carved the sandstone into a stunning natural masterpiece.
- **Evening:** Come back with the ferry from the island. Enjoy a homemade meal at your Cruisin' Motorhomes. Appreciate a quiet and early night after a full day of exploration.
- **Where to stay:** Triabunna Cabin & Caravan Park, 4 Vicary St, Triabunna TAS 7190. Powered Site.
- **Note:** Every person will need a valid Park Pass before embarking on the ferry. Maria Island is a remote island experience: there are no shops or cafes on the island.



Painted Cliffs, Maria Island, Charlene M

Day 5: Maria Island to Freycinet

Distance: 109 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 30 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your drive after a nice homemade breakfast in your motorhome. Admire the scenic routes to Coles Bay.
- **Afternoon:** Allow 3 hours return to hike **Mount Amos**, which offers a breathtaking view over Wineglass Bay. Mount Amos is part of the granite mountain range known as the Hazards, which dominates Coles Bay and Freycinet National Park. Alternatively, you can walk to the Wineglass Bay lookout, which is shorter and easier.
- **Evening:** Cook a meal in your motorhome or visit a local restaurant in Coles Bay, such as Iluka Tavern, for a traditional Australian meal.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Iluka on Freycinet Holiday Park, 15 Reserve Rd, Coles Bay TAS 7215. Powered site.

Day 6: Freycinet to Bicheno

Distance: 50+12.5 Kms **Time:** 47+18 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start your day with breakfast at Granite Freycinet before heading to Bicheno. On the way, stop at **Douglas-Apsley National Park** for a scenic nature walk. The Apsley River Waterfall Walk (2.5 hours return) is especially beautiful in spring, with flowing waterfalls, lush greenery, and wildflowers in bloom.
- **Afternoon:** Drive back to Bicheno and visit the **Blowhole**, a natural rock formation where seawater shoots up through a hole in the rocks, creating a spectacular geyser-like effect. Wander around and admire the vibrant orange stones.
- **Evening:** Join a Bicheno Penguin Tour to watch Little Penguins waddle ashore in their natural habitat — a truly unforgettable experience. Afterwards, enjoy fresh seafood at **The Lobster Shack** or opt for a more casual meal at **Blue Edge Bakery**.
- **Where to stay:** Bicheno East Coast Holiday Park, 4 Champ St, Bicheno TAS 7215. Powered Site.

Day 7: Bicheno to Saint Helens

Distance: 76.1 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour

- **Morning:** Start your journey north to Saint Helens. Admire the scenic coastal drive and stop to enjoy the stunning, famous orange lichen-covered rocks at Four Mile Creek Lookout, Scamander or Binalong Bay.
- **Afternoon:** Stop for a hearty lunch and great coffee at local favourites like **Sco & Co. or The Lifebuoy Café**, then dive into the region's past at the St Helens History Room, where you'll uncover fascinating stories of local and maritime heritage.
- **Evening:** Unwind after a day of exploring with dinner at **The Wharf Bar & Restaurant**, where fresh seafood is paired with stunning marina views.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 St Helens Holiday Park, 2 Penelope St, Saint Helens TAS 7216. Powered Site.



Bay of Fire, Stu Gibson

Day 8: St Helens to Launceston

Distance: 151Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 24 Minutes

- **Morning:** Set off early to maximise your day, with a mid-morning stop at **Mount Paris Dam**. Pack a picnic and soak up the peaceful, scenic surroundings.
- **Afternoon:** After the dam, continue the 1.5-hour drive to Launceston. Don't miss **Cataract Gorge Reserve**, where you can take in the views, cross the suspension bridge, or ride the scenic chairlift.
- **Evening:** Try some of Launceston's top dining spots like **Stillwater**, a well-regarded restaurant offering fine dining focusing on local produce. Alternatively, **The James Boag Brewery** offers a casual experience with various meals and local beer.
- **Where to stay:** BIG4 Launceston Holiday Park, 86 Glen Dhu St, Launceston TAS 7250. Powered Site.



Mount Paris Dam, Charlene M

Day 9: Launceston to Cradle Mountain

Distance: 150 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 10 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start the day with a homemade breakfast in your Cruisin' Motorhome before heading toward Cradle Mountain. Pause in Deloraine, a quaint town of heritage buildings and local art, then stop in **Sheffield** — the "Town of Murals" — for a lunch made with fresh local produce at The Earth & Water Café.
- **Afternoon:** Before hitting the road again, take some time to explore Sheffield, famous for its murals depicting Tasmanian history and culture. The drive is scenic, so enjoy the views as you approach the mountain.
- **Evening:** Relax and prepare for the hike the next day.
- **Where to stay:** Discovery Parks – Cradle Mountain, Cradle Mountain Rd, Cradle Mountain TAS 7310. Powered site.



Sheffield Mural, Sean Scott Photography

Day 10: Cradle Mountain Hike

Distance: 0 Kms **Time:** 0 Hours

- **Morning:** Gear up with sturdy footwear, layered clothing, rain gear, water, snacks, and a map or GPS before tackling the **Dove Lake Circuit**.
- **Afternoon:** It's a 6-hour round trip, covering approximately 6 kilometres (3.7 miles) and offering stunning views of Cradle Mountain, Lake Dove, and the surrounding wilderness. Suitable for most fitness levels, the trail is well-marked but can be uneven in places.
- **Evening:** Return to your campsite to rest and freshen up. If time allows, consider visiting the **Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre** to learn more about the area and its natural history.
- **Where to stay:** Discovery Parks – Cradle Mountain, Cradle Mountain Rd, Cradle Mountain TAS 7310. Powered site.
- **Note:** Be prepared for changing weather conditions, which can be unpredictable in the highlands. Pack up extra clothes!

Day 11: Cradle Mountain to Queenstown

Distance: 110 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 26 Minutes

- **Morning:** Drive from Cradle Mountain to **Tullah** for a lakeside break, then continue on through rugged highlands and dramatic West Coast scenery to Queenstown.
- **Afternoon:** Hop aboard the **West Coast Wilderness Railway** from Queenstown Station for a historic journey through Tasmania's wild landscapes — a truly memorable ride.
- **Evening:** **The Empire Hotel** offers a range of hearty meals in a historic setting. Alternatively, cook in the fully equipped kitchen of your Cruisin' Motorhome.
- **Where to stay:** Queenstown Cabin & Tourist Park, 17 Grafton St, Queenstown TAS 7467. Powered site.
- **Note:** Ensure sufficient fuel and supplies, as services can be sparse in remote areas.



Day 12: Queenstown to Lake St Clair

Distance: 41.5+131 Kms **Time:** 45 Minutes + 2 Hours

- **Morning:** Start your day early and begin your journey with a scenic drive (45 minutes) from Queenstown to **Strahan**. This part of the drive offers beautiful views of Tasmania's West Coast. If time allows and you're interested, consider taking a short morning cruise on the **Gordon River**.
- **Afternoon:** Cruise along through some beautiful landscapes, including rainforests and mountain scenery, to Lake Saint Clair. Take the **Platypus Bay Walk**, which offers sightings of platypuses in the wild, especially in the early morning or late afternoon.
- **Evening:** Enjoy a relaxing dinner and evening in your Cruisin' Motorhome.
- **Where to stay:** Derwent Bridge Chalets & Studios, 15478 Lyell Hwy, Derwent Bridge TAS 7140. Studio accommodation.

Day 13: Lake St Clair to New Norfolk

Distance: 145 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 53 Minutes

- **Morning:** On your return to Hobart, stop in **Tarraleah**, a quaint village rich in history and scenery. Visit the Power Station Lookout for sweeping views or take the one-hour walk to **Tarraleah Falls**, a striking 40-metre single-drop waterfall.
- **Afternoon:** Continue through the highlands to The Wall in the Wilderness, an extraordinary wood-carved mural that vividly tells the story of Tasmania's wilderness and its people.
- **Evening:** Explore New Norfolk's historic sites and riverside gardens, stopping by the **Willow Court Asylum Museum** or strolling the Derwent River. Wrap up the day with dinner in your Cruisin' Motorhome and start packing for the journey's end.
- **Where to stay:** New Norfolk Caravan Park, 1 Esplanade, New Norfolk TAS 7140. Powered site.



River Derwent, New Norfolk, Stu Gibson

Day 14: New Norfolk to Hobart

Distance: 45.8 Kms **Time:** 45 Minutes

- **Morning:** Eat a delicious breakfast at **The Quilted Teapot** before returning to Hobart. Enjoy the scenic drive as you head towards the city. If you have extra time and want to make a brief stop, consider visiting **Richmond**, a historic town about halfway between New Norfolk and Hobart.
- **Afternoon:** Make sure you arrive at the branch by 3pm to drop off the vehicle.



Richmond Bridge, Tourism Tasmania & Brian Dullaghan

Packing Tips For Your Road Trip

Discover the best of **Tasmania** with our carefully designed motorhome 14-Day itinerary. From epic hikes and national parks to charming historic towns, each day is filled with unforgettable moments — all at a pace that lets you relax and truly explore.

Packing Tips For Your Tasmanian Road Trip:

- **Weather-appropriate clothing:** Waterproof jacket, warm layers, comfortable shirts and pants, hat
- **Footwear:** Hiking boots, casual shoes
- **Sunscreen** and insect repellent
- First Aid Kit
- **Electronics:** Phone and chargers, camera
- **Entertainment:** books, cards, board game

Have a great trip!

