

*When is the best time to visit Tasmania?*

We are going on a Holiday Coach tour  
of **Tasmania** - 10 Days / 9 Nights  
*... with Mary and Brian*



**We pick you up and return you home**

**Tour Departs: Sunday 15th - Tues. 24 October 2017**  
**Spring is the best time to tour Tasmania**

*Tour the best of Tasmania, in spring when gardens are blooming providing a backdrop to the breathtaking scenery. Exploring in detail some of the most gorgeous gardens in Australia.*



Discover the many historic attractions including Port Arthur.

Cruise the magnificent Wineglass Bay, and delight in the local wildlife and discover.

On the way home we take the time to enjoy the leisurely ride through the beautiful forests and fern gullies of the Dandenong Ranges aboard Puffing Billy.

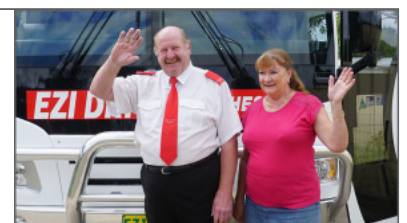


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## **Spring is the best time to tour Tasmania**

### **Tour Inclusions:**

- ✓ **Pick up from your home, transport and return**  
(Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- ✓ **Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts & Restroom**
- ✓ **10 Nights minimum three star quality accommodation, twin share**
- ✓ **All Fully cooked breakfasts**
- ✓ **Lunch day 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7**
- ✓ **10 Three Course Dinners with choices**
- ✓ **All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary**
- ✓ **Escorted tour**



## **Your Itinerary ... enjoy exploring Australia with friends**

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice

**B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner**

### **Day 1 Sunday 15th October 2017**

**Dinner**

Welcome to our 11 day tour of Tasmania! Today we travel south via the Hume Highway passing through Goulburn before stopping for a break at Yass. Tour past Gundagai, home to the famous 'Dog on the Tuckerbox' and on to our first night's accommodation at Albury.



The guide will take you around the gardens on the Garden Explorer buggy, a relaxing way to discover this 38 hectare property. Enjoy the live commentary, absorb the stunning views, and wind your way around the gardens. Later this afternoon board the Spirit of Tasmania and cruise down Port Phillip Bay.

### **Day 2 Monday 16th October 2017**

**BLD**

Today we travel to Melbourne passing through Seymour which is nestled in a picturesque valley at the base of the Tallarook Ranges. Arrive into Melbourne at lunch time, enjoy a light lunch before visiting the internationally renowned Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens.



### **Day 3 Tuesday 17th October 2017**

**BD**

After berthing travel west to visit the Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens, home to a magnificent display of over 20,000 rhododendrons and other plants set on 13 hectares. The garden will be in peak flowering season and sure to be a highlight of the tour. Tour to the hinterland town of Sheffield to admire the wonderful out-door art gallery of impressive murals. Visit Melita Honey Farm then journey east to Tasmania's second largest city, Launceston where we will visit the magnificent Cataract Gorge with its cliff-side gardens, peacocks, pools, suspension foot bridge and one of the longest single span chairlifts in the world.



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### **Day 4 Wednesday 18th October 2017**

**BLD**

Start the day with a visit to the Mine & Heritage Museum in the gold mining town of Beaconsfield, site

of the mine disaster and miraculous rescue. Take time to visit Seahorse World and Platypus House to gain a fascinating insight to these mysterious creatures. Cross the Batman Bridge which is dominated by a 100 metre high steel A-frame tower and travel to our lunch venue at one of Tamar Valley's finest wineries. Return to Launceston through scenic countryside before pausing to stroll in City Park and the John Hart Conservatory noted for displays of begonias, cyclamens and other hot house blooms.

**Day 5: Thursday 19th October 2017** **BLD**

This morning tour the north east and the rich agricultural region of Scottsdale. Detour to Legerwood to admire the tree carvings commemorating the war heroes of the region. Continue to the former tin mining town of Derby to visit the Mine Centre to gain an insight into the town's pioneering history. Tour the hinterland and myrtle rainforest of Welborough before descending to the East Coast at St. Helens. Travel next to the blue water and white sands of the East Coast. Meet a Tasmanian devil at the East Coast Nature World and learn about the threat to their survival during an informative ride on the 'Pelican Express'. View the 'Gulch' fishing harbour and the ocean blowhole at Bicheno before checking in to our accommodation overlooking the Tasman Ocean.



**Day 6: Friday 20th October 2017** **BLD**

Today we discover the picturesque Freycinet Peninsula. Embark on the Wineglass Bay lunch cruise to experience the tranquillity of this special place. Cruise beneath the ruggedly beautiful pink granite cliffs that rise from the Tasman Sea, skirt forested capes and discover one of the world's best beaches at Wineglass Bay. This afternoon pass through Swansea and pause at the convict built, enigmatic Spiky Bridge. Follow the Prosser River valley through Buckland and Cambridge to cross the picturesque Derwent River into the city of Hobart nestling at the foot of majestic Mt. Wellington.

**Day 7: Saturday 21st October 2017** **BLD**

As it is Saturday morning, take the opportunity to explore the famous Salamanca open-air market with its bustle and buskers, colour and excitement. Tour through the apple orchards and fruit growing regions of the Huon Valley, pausing for lunch (included) before passing through Geeveston to Tasmania's southern eucalypt and Huon pine forests. A major attraction has been established in the Tahune State Forest at the junction of the Picton and Huon Rivers. Explore the Visitor Centre

and take a unique view of the environment during the 570 metre long walk between the magnificent canopies of the Tahune Forest high in the tree tops at Tahune Forest Airwalk. Return along the scenic Derwent River to Hobart.

**Day 8: Sunday 22nd October 2017** **BD**

This morning we head to the Port Arthur Convict Settlement where within its 40 hectares of landscaped grounds lies a rich history of Australia's past. Included in the entry is a guided walking tour, a short cruise across the harbour, access to the Visitor Centre and Interpretation Gallery as well as more than 30 buildings, ruins and restored gardens and houses; explore as you wish before departing the Historic Site to tour the geological sites of the Tasman Arch, Devils Kitchen and Eaglehawk Neck. Continue along the highway taking in the Norfolk and Frederick Henry Bays heading to the historic town of Richmond.

Here you may view the spire of Australia's oldest Catholic Church from beneath the arch of our oldest stone bridge still in use. Wander the streets of this delightful Georgian town and discover the arts and crafts, bakeries and tea rooms. This evening dine at Australia's oldest casino, Wrest Point, where there will be time for a flutter before returning to our accommodation taking time to enjoy the city lights.

**Day 9: Monday 23rd October 2017** **BD**

Say farewell to Hobart as we head north along the Heritage Highway to the historic township of Oatlands which boasts the largest collection of colonial sandstone buildings in Australia, many of them were built by convict labour. The impressive Callington Mill built in 1837 dominates the town with its huge sails being gently turned by the wind as the stones roll grinding grain into flour. A local guide will help us experience the history and heritage of the town before continuing to Ross with its Celtic carved bridge and famous 'four corners'. This afternoon we will return to Devonport,



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stopping at Ashgrove Farm Cheese for an informative visit and tasting. Board the Spirit of Tasmania for the return journey across Bass Strait.

**Day 10 Tuesday 24th October 2017** **BD**

Early risers can witness the entry through The Heads into Port Phillip Bay and watch the Melbourne city skyline come into view during the cruise up the bay to Station Pier. Disembark on arrival around 6.00am to enjoy breakfast at a local venue then travel east towards the Dandenong Ranges. Upon arriving in the town of Belgrave, enjoy a ride through the beautiful rain forest on the famous Puffing Billy steam train and spend some time in Olinda for a bit of retail therapy. This afternoon we travel north through the Yarra Valley and onto Albury.

**Day 11 Wednesday 25th October 2017** **B**

Leaving Albury tour north on the Hume Highway through Gundagai and Yass. You will be dropped home in the afternoon. Thank you for your company and we hope you have enjoyed our spring tour of Tasmania.



**Tour Highlights:**

- Guided Buggy Tour of Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens
- Spirit of Tasmania Bass Strait Cruises
- Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens
- Sheffield Murals & Melita Honey Farm
- Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Museum
- Seahorse World & Platypus House
- Legerwood Tree Carvings
- Blowhole at Bicheno
- Freycinet Peninsular Wineglass Bay
- Tamar Valley, Richmond & Ross
- Guided Tour of Oatlands
- Ashgrove Farm Cheese
- Dandenong Ranges
- Olinda, Yarra Valley
- Visit a Tasmanian Devil
- Puffing Billy Steam Train
- Luncheon Cruise
- Salamanca Market
- Tahune Forest Airwalk
- Historic Port Arthur
- Cataract Tours



**Tour Fee including GST:**

**Members** **\$3907.00**  
per person twin share  
**Non Members** **\$3997.00**  
per person twin share  
**Single Supplement** **\$831.00**

Minimum loading 15 passengers booked and paid  
**by Thursday 17th August 2017**  
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**Meet Mary and Brian ...** they are renown for their wonderful holiday coach tours. You will feel confident and secure when touring with them, and benefit from their vast experience and knowledge of Australia and its deep history.

Mary and Brian have arranged and escorted many group tours all over Australia, touring, Swan Hill, Hunter Valley, Tasmania, Murray River, Bateman's Bay, Ballina ...

More importantly, you will appreciate their caring nature and friendly characters, which will ensure you a most enjoyable time ... a tour you will remember and make friendships that you will always cherish.

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