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## 11 Days /10 Nights with Brian and Mary

**Tour Departs Saturday 15 October - Tuesday 25 October 2022**

### Tour Inclusions:

- Pick up from your home, transport to Tasmania and return to your doorstep
- (Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- Luxury Coach Travel, Seatbelts and Restroom
- All fully cooked breakfasts
- Eight Three Course Dinners with Choices at the motel, two dinners on board the Spirit of Tasmania
- Eight nights quality Motel accommodation,
- Two nights accommodation on board the Spirit of Tasmania
- Lunches day 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 10.
- All entry fees and guides as per itinerary
- Escorted tour

### Tour Highlights:

Queen Victoria Markets, Spirit of Tasmania, Port Phillip Bay, Mersey River, Devonport, Sheffield, town of Murals, Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm, Yarns Artwork in Silk, Launceston, Cataract Gorge, Tamar River Kings Wharf, Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company, BBQ Lunch, Bateman Bridge, Legerwood Tree Carvings, East Coast, Bicheno, East Coast Natureworld, Great Oyster Bay, Spiky Bridge, Richmond, Derwent River, Peppermint Bay Cruise, Woodbridge, Salamanca Markets, Port Arthur Convict Settlement and Guided walking tour, Clyde River, Central Highlands, Bothwell, Miena, Great Lake Hotel, Village of Deloraine, Ashgrove Farm Cheese, House of Anvers, and more.

<b>Tour Fee including GST:</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>\$5,105 00 per person twin share</b>
<b><u>Non-Refundable deposit</u></b>	<b>Non Members</b>	<b>\$5,155 00 per person twin share</b>
<b><u>Of \$200,00 by</u></b>	<b>Single Supplement</b>	<b>\$ 850 00</b>
<b><u>Thursday 7 July 2022</u></b>		

**Book now Pay Balance by Thursday 11 August 2022**

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# The Itinerary

## Day 1 Saturday 15 October 2022 Home to Albury

Dinner

After home pickups, we start our journey to Tasmania, travelling south through the patchwork of rural New South Wales countryside. Pass through the regional city of **Goulburn** which proclaims to be Australia's first inland city. Further south is Gundagai which was first discovered by European explorers in the 1820s; this classic Australian country town has a proud history and it has proved an irresistible subject for poets and songwriters. The twin city of **Albury-Wodonga** straddles the **Murray River** and is home to many heritage buildings. Tonight's accommodation at Albury is at our favourite motel the **Quality Resort Siesta 6025 4555**

## Day 2 Sunday 16 October 2022 Victoria Markets Spirit of Tasmania Breakfast, & Dinner

Departing Albury, cross into **Victoria** and continue along the Hume Freeway past the town of Glenrowan, made famous by bushranger Ned Kelly, who was captured in 1880 after a siege and shootout with police. Continue through Wangaratta, birthplace of Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop, Seymour and into Melbourne. Enjoy the bustling **Queen Victoria Market**, set on seven hectares making it the largest market in the Southern Hemisphere, before boarding the **Spirit of Tasmania ferry** at Port Melbourne. Explore the many onboard facilities including bars, cinemas and lounges. Enjoy the cruise down **Port Phillip Bay** and settle into a comfortable cabin with private facilities. (Bring a small carry-on bag, leave your big luggage under the coach on the Ferry.)

## Day 3 Monday 17 October 2022 Sheffield, Deloraine ~ Launceston Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After an early morning call, glimpse out your porthole to watch the Spirit glide up the **Mersey River** into **Devonport**. Enjoy breakfast, at a nearby hotel, then journey inland to the town of **Sheffield**, nestled in the foothills of majestic **Mount Roland**. This town was once a centre of industry but has reinvented itself and today history and art merge to create an entire **town of murals**. The murals trace the history of the area and feature Cradle Mountain pioneer Gustav Weindorfer, Tasmanian Tigers, and pictorial representations of characters and stories of the past. Wind your way through the township of **Railton** where you can view the many displays of **topiary** throughout the town enroute to our sumptuous morning tea at **Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm**. Admire the fascinating history of the region woven into **silk quilts at Yarns Artwork in Silk** before travelling to **Launceston** along the Old Highway through Westbury, Carrick and Hadspen. Pause at magnificent **Cataract Gorge** with its cliff-side gardens, peacocks, pools, suspension foot bridge and one of the longest single span chair lifts in the world (ride is optional and own expense). After a big day, you will welcome an early check in at the centrally located **Best Western Plus (03 6333 9999)** where we will stay for 2 nights.

## Day 4 Tuesday 18 October 2022 Cruise Woolmers Estate Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Join a cruise on the beautiful **Tamar River** and travel through the riverfront precinct of **Kings Wharf**, the Seaport and the Cataract Gorge. Re-join the coach and travel past the historic village of Evandale on our way to the **Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company** to sample some of their products which appeal to a wide range of tastes from the chilli lover to the sweet tooth. Enjoy a gourmet **BBQ lunch** before returning to Launceston. A local guide will join us to share some tales about one of the oldest cities in Australia and show some historic buildings still being used today. Return to our accommodation to relax before dinner.

## Day 5 Wednesday 19 October 2022 East Coast Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning we tour through the picturesque **Tamar Valley** and visit **Seahorse World** to see these mystical creatures. Cross the unique **Batman Bridge** and travel through the agriculturally rich **northeast**. Pass through **Scottdale**, whose main industries include timber and dairy; and **Legerwood** where we will view the **War Memorial Tree Carvings**, honouring the fallen soldiers of the region. Tour past the myrtle rain forest of Weldborough Pass before descending to the **East Coast** at St. Helens. Following the coast, pass through

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Scamander, to our overnight accommodation at **Beachfront Bicheno (03 6375 1111)** which overlooks the blue waters of the **Tasman Sea**.

#### **Day 6 Thursday 20 October 2022 Richmond, Hobart**

**Breakfast, & Dinner**

Visit **East Coast Natureworld** to meet some Tasmanian locals such as wombats, quolls and the threatened Tasmanian devils. Continue south to gain magnificent views of **Great Oyster Bay**, encompassing **Maria Island** and the rugged **Freycinet Peninsula**. Following the Tasman Highway, pass through **Swansea** and pause at the convict built, enigmatic **Spiky Bridge**. Follow the **Prosser River** valley through Buckland, stopping at the historic town of **Richmond**. Here you may view the spire of Australia's oldest Catholic Church from beneath the arch of Australia's oldest stone bridge still in use. Wander the streets of this delightful **Georgian town** and discover the arts and crafts, bakeries and tea rooms before crossing the picturesque **Derwent River** into the city of **Hobart**. Check into **The Old Woolstore (03 6235 5355)** for our 3-night stay.

#### **Day 7 Friday 21 October 2022 Peppermint Bay Cruise Sightseeing**

**Breakfast, lunch & Dinner**

After a late start we join the **Peppermint Bay Cruise** for a scenic journey. Cruise along the **River Derwent** stopping along the way at various points of interest while keeping your eyes open for sea eagles, dolphins and seals. The Peppermint Bay Hotel overlooks picturesque Bruny Island and is the perfect spot to enjoy lunch inspired by the produce from their own **gardens** and local growers. After lunch, wander the grounds of Peppermint Bay and the **Village of Woodbridge**, before the leisurely cruise back to Hobart. After the cruise a **local guide** will share the sights and stories about the City of Hobart, bringing Australia's second oldest capital to life.

#### **Day 8 Saturday 22 October 2022 Port Arthur**

**Breakfast, & Dinner**

**Salamanca Market** is one of Australia's most vibrant and loved outdoor markets. Soak up the atmosphere and hunt for a bargain before 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. After lunch (own expense) you have an opportunity to explore as you wish before departing the historic site to tour beside **Norfolk and Frederick Henry Bays** on our return to Hobart.

#### **Day 9 Saturday 22 October 2022 Bothwell, Miena, Deloraine**

**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Say farewell to Hobart as we return to Devonport through the **Central Highlands**. Pause at historic **Bothwell**, situated on the **Clyde River**, which retains a strong Scottish connection in its richly layered history dating back to 1824. It is the site of the oldest golf course in the Southern Hemisphere, known as '**Ratho**'; the course has changed little from over a hundred years ago and the fairways are still kept short by grazing sheep! Travel across the Steppes to **Miena** for a lunch break at the **Great Lake Hotel**. View the Great Lake, one of the highest fresh water lakes in Australia, as we tour beside this mecca for trout fishermen past fishing shacks scattered along the shoreline and **Liawenee** where they release the fingerling trout each year into the lake. Descend from the Central Plateau beside **Quamby Bluff** and travel west through picturesque farmlands to the **Village of Deloraine**. Stop at nearby **Ashgrove Farm Cheese** for a tasting and stock up on provisions, including cheeses and gourmet Tasmanian produce. Sneak a peek through the viewing window, where you will get a behind the scenes look at how they make cheese using traditional techniques with modern methods. Visit the **House of Anvers** where they will explain how fresh Tasmanian cream, pure butter, exquisite liquors and the world's finest **Chocolate** is used to produce delicious truffles and fudge which will melt in your mouth. Continue to **Devonport** to board the **Spirit of Tasmania** for our journey across **Bass Strait** back to mainland Australia.

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**Day 10 Monday 24 October 2022 Melbourne, Shepparton, Albury Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After disembarkation and breakfast, we will leave Melbourne behind and head north to **Shepparton**. The town is located on the floodplain and is the centre of the **Goulburn Valley irrigation scheme**. The region has gained an international reputation for quality fruit and dairy products. After visiting the **SPC factory** outlet and stocking up on some goodies; a **local guide** will show us around the town before we continue to **Albury**, stopping for the night at Quality Resort Siesta.

**Day 11 Tuesday 25 October 2022 Gundagai, Yass & Home Breakfast**

Leaving Albury, we tour north on the Hume Highway through **Gundagai** and **Yass**. After Lunch today at your own cost we continue northbound towards Home. Recounting all our wonderful memories with our new friends before being dropped home to your door in the afternoon. Thank you for your company and we hope you have enjoyed your Tasmanian tour with Brian and Mary from Ezi Drive Coaches & HolidayCoachTours.com.au.



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