

7 Day Wildlife and Wilderness of Tasmania

Tasmania, Australia's island state, provides a rare opportunity to encounter unique and endemic wildlife in a geographically concentrated area. The Tasmanian Devil heads the extensive list of animals that will be observed on this small group tour. Your local expert guide will provide you with the opportunity to closely experience this iconic species.

DAY 1: LAUNCESTON – CRADLE MOUNTAIN

Be met today by our local guide at midday at the Launceston Transit Centre, and start your journey to UNESCO World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park. Visit the fascinating Marakooa Caves before continuing to Cradle Mountain. Enjoy an introduction to this fascinating alpine environment before settling in at your accommodation for the night.

Accommodation: Cradle Mountain Hotel (King Spa Room or similar)

Meals: Lunch

DAY 2: CRADLE MOUNTAIN AND DOVE LAKE

Today you will be mesmerised by the beautiful alpine landscapes of Cradle Mountain, where in many places, dolerite cracked into vertical columns has resulted in spectacular sculpted mountains and cliffs. Your guide will introduce you to the many endemic fauna and flora species of the region whilst enjoying picturesque views on your walk beneath the spectacular craggy peaks of Cradle Mountain. Magical forests of Pandani (the tallest heath plant in the world), Sassafras, King Billy Pines and the deciduous Beech can be seen adjacent to spectacular glacial lakes. Birds such as Forest Ravens, Black Currawongs and Wedge-tailed Eagles are seen in this area, whilst Echidnas, Platypus, Spotted-tailed Quoll and the Eastern Quoll may also be seen. In the evening, you have the option to join your guide on a night spotlighting tour or simply relax at your accommodation.

Accommodation: Cradle Mountain Hotel (King Spa Room or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3: CRADLE MOUNTAIN – CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

Depart the Cradle Valley and travel to Tasmania's Central Highlands, also known as "The Heart of Tasmania". Here in this alpine environment the air is noticeably clear and the silence inspiring. In the afternoon, there is an opportunity to explore Lake Ada, discover its history and immerse yourself in this barren but beautiful and unique landscape. On dusk you will have the chance to observe Wombats, Wallabies and Possums as they turn the area into a hub of activity. With a bit of luck you may also see Quolls and Tasmanian Devils in their natural habitat.

Accommodation: Thousand lakes lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4: EASTCOAST – BICHENO

This morning takes you from the Tasmanian highlands and into the quaint midlands town of Campbell Town for lunch. Continue to Tasmania's East Coast, with its exceptional beauty, pristine white sandy beaches and granite coastline. This evening destination is the seaside village of Bicheno. After dusk, enjoy a Tasmanian Devils after dark experience.

Accommodation: Beachfront at Bicheno, Standard (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5: FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK – WINEGLASS BAY

Today, take a journey into the exquisite beauty of the Freycinet Peninsula on The Wineglass Bay Cruise. See this stunning and remote coast line with sheer granite cliffs, sea caves & hidden coves. With its abundance of wildlife have the opportunity to see sea birds, penguins, dolphins, seals and whales. You will have the rare opportunity to experience Wineglass bay from the water with its shimmering crescent of white sand fringing the edge of a perfect turquoise sea. In the afternoon there will be time do a short cliff top walk around the lighthouse at Cape Tourville. In the evening, a night tour offers you the rare chance to observe fairy penguins, also known as little penguins, tumble from the ocean and waddle up the sand to their nesting burrows.

Accommodation: Beachfront at Bicheno (Standard or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 6: MARIA ISLAND – HOBART

This morning, travel to the seaside village of Triabunna and board a ferry to cross the Mercury Passage to Maria Island. This unique island national park sits just off Tasmania's east coast. Enjoy a day of peaceful walking along historic ruins, sweeping bays, rugged fossil cliffs and imposing mountains. This island sanctuary provides an opportunity to view its resident wildlife including bare nosed wombats, Cape Barren geese, Tasmanian pademelons, kangaroo, wallabies and even the Tasmanian Devil in their natural environment. In the afternoon, make your way down the east coast into Tasmania's capital city, Hobart.

Accommodation: Hotel Grand Chancellor (Mountain View or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 7: MT FIELD NATIONAL PARK – BONORONG

You will be met by your guide this morning before venturing into Mount Field National Park, the oldest National Park in the state. Be mesmerised by the lush forest landscapes from eucalyptus temperate rainforest to alpine moorland. Your guide will provide interpretation along the rainforest walk to Russell Falls. This cool temperate rainforest allows you the opportunity to search for some of Tasmania's 12 endemic bird species

including Scrubtit, Black currawong and Tasmanian thornbill. After lunch, you will have an opportunity to observe the unique duck bill and webbed feet Platypus in the wild. This semiaquatic, egg-laying mammal is endemic to eastern Australia, including Tasmania, and is a recognizable and iconic symbol of Australia.

(NOTE: Tour concludes in Hobart at approx. 330pm to allow evening flights out of Hobart)

Tour includes:

7 days of small group touring with local guide, transport in a well-appointed vehicle, 6 nights' accommodation, 6 x breakfast (B), 7 x lunch (L), 1 x dinner (D), tour of Marakooa Caves, Thousand Lakes Lodge Wildlife tour, Devils in the Dark tour, Wineglass Bay Cruise – Vista Lounge, Beachfront at Bichenno Penguin tour, Maria Island Ferry, entry into Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary and all National Parks passes.

Teilnehmer: min 4 bis max. 12 Personen

Transport: kleiner Bus / Van

Inkludierte Mahlzeiten: 6x Frühstück, 7x Mittagessen, 1x Abendessen

Übernachtung: Hotel, Motel

Gepäck Limit: keine Angaben

Rollstuhlgeeignet: nein

Geeignet für Menschen mit eingeschränkter Mobilität: ja (genauere Informationen auf Anfrage)

Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch.