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**Launceston and Surrounds**

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**DAY 1 Launceston**

Arrive Launceston and transfer to your accommodation.

*Northern Tasmania is a feast for the senses. Step off the beaten track to discover secluded beaches, historic heritage estates and forests teeming with wildlife. The towns are just as spectacular; rich in history and enveloped by world-class wineries and meandering waterways – it’s a beautiful blend of nature, culture, history and cuisine.*

Enjoy a leisurely afternoon in Launceston.

Visit[**Design Centre Tasmania,**](http://www.designtasmania.com.au/)whichfeatures Australian only collections of contemporary wood design. The Centre houses a permanent Design Collection, regarded as one of the world's best assemblages of contemporary woodwork, having won acclaim in the United States, Europe and China. The Centre is also home to Tasmania’s largest shop featuring Tasmanian craft and design, from handmade homewares and jewellery to bespoke furniture.

Visit [**Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery**](http://www.qvmag.tas.gov.au/), Australia’ largest regional museum located within a short walk of the city centre. It has a national profile for its collections of Australian colonial art, decorative arts and design, Tasmanian history, and natural science.

Enjoy dinner at [**Stillwater**](https://www.stillwater.com.au/menus).

**Overnight Stillwater Seven**

**DAY 2**

This morning, marks the start of your [**4-day wukalina Walk**](http://www.wukalinawalk.com.au/).

**Distance - 11km**

**Difficulty - medium**

**Walk time - approximately 4.5 hours**

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred Elders Council of Tasmania Aboriginal Corporation on St John Street, where you will be welcomed by an Elder.

Get to know Elders, guides and other guests over fresh scones and a cuppa, then your equipment will be issued if required.

Enjoy the scenic drive from Launceston to the North East. You’ll learn some palawa and European history along the way. Have a stretch and a coffee in the coastal town of Bridport and, later, a quick stopover in the small town of Gladstone. The drive ends at wukalina (Mount William National Park).

This is Trawlwoolway Country where the cultural walk begins. A guide will give a Welcome to Country then you’ll be led as a group to the 216-metre-high summit of wukalina for a picnic lunch with 360-degree views.

After lunch you will be guided towards the coast, stopping along the way to hear cultural and botanical interpretations from qualified guides, and potentially spotting animal and bird species endemic to the area.

Once you arrive at the purpose-built standing camp of krakani lumi – resting place – relax around the firepit or in the domed lounging area or in your private hut. Regroup for drinks and dinner.

Spend the evening around the fire in conversation with Elders and guides. You may hear the palawa Creation story. Learn more about the tradition of muttonbirding. Settle down to a comfortable night’s sleep in your domed hut under cosy doonas and wallaby throws.

*wulakina walk is a member of* [***Discover Aboriginal Experiences***](http://www.discoveraboriginalexperiences.com/)*.*

**Overnight krakani lumi**

**DAY 3**

**Distance - no more than 5km**

**Difficulty - easy medium**

**Walk time - approximately 2 hours**

Today is spent in and close to camp. After breakfast you’ll be guided along a traditional coastal pathway though living cultural landscapes. This beautiful part of the coast, with its fine bright sand and rounded rocks, is incredibly important to palawa.

Interpretation by guides will focus on traditional food sources, medicines and animals. You’ll learn about practices of the past as well as those that continue in the present day and will do so into the future. There will be opportunity to sample coastal bush tucker and learn new this living cultural landscape.

Lunch will be served back at krakani lumi. The afternoon is a time to relax and take part in cultural activities such as weaving, shell stringing, kelp basket making, mixing ochre as well as clapstick making and playing.

Dinner includes traditional foods such as mutton bird, wallaby and doughboys. Watch guides cook some of this on the fire and, as the temperature drops as evening comes, share another meal together inside around the long table in the kitchen.

If you go for a moonlit walk after dinner, you may encounter wildlife such as prupilathina (wombats), payathanima (wallabies) and kangaroos. Enjoy another night sleeping at krakani lumi.

**Overnight krakani lumi**

**DAY 4**

**Distance - 17km**

**Difficulty - medium to hard**

**Walk time – approximately 6 hours**

After breakfast depart krakani lumi and head south, on foot, along the beach towards larapuna (Bay of Fires). Follow the line of sand and round the rocky headlands covered in the striking red lichen typical to this region.

This is the longest day of walking however there are snack breaks, a lunch break and you’ll sample seasonal bush tucker.

Have lunch together lounging in the dunes or sitting near a marsupial lawn.

The destination is in sight for much of the day and by mid-afternoon you’ll arrive at the Aboriginal-leased land of larapuna (Eddystone Point lighthouse precinct).

Your final night’s accommodation is in a beautifully restored lightkeepers cottage. Settle into your hotel-style room within the cottage and put your feet up or join the group for nibbles and a drink in the lounge. Peruse the reference books, have a wander, or sit on the veranda and watch the light change as the sun sets.

Dinner this evening is a delicious wallaby lasagne. There will be opportunity, over the meal, to reflect on what you’ve learnt on your physical and cultural journey together and exchange stories.

**Overnight Lightkeepers Cottage**

**DAY 5**

There’s time for a bit of a sleep-in this morning followed by a leisurely breakfast. Although the hiking element of the trip is over you will be guided on foot to various points of interest on this northern headland of larapuna. Walk to a scenic lookout, a rock quarry on a beach and up into the lighthouse tower – all 129 steps.

From your vantage point at the top of the lighthouse it’s not uncommon to see black swans, arctic terns, pelicans, sea eagles and, at certain times, a pod of dolphins or even whales in the water below.

Lunch is served before returning to Launceston. The driving route to the city is via Derby, where you’ll have a café stop.

Arrive back at the Elders in Launceston at approximately 4:30pm.

Check in to Stillwater.

Enjoy dinner this evening at [**Black Cow Bistro**](http://www.blackcowbistro.com.au/)famed for its beef*.*

**Overnight Stillwater Seven**

**DAY 6**

Today, collect your rental vehicle and head off on a meandering day in the stunning **Tamar Valley** countryside. Enjoy the scenery, the farmgate hospitality stops and the gourmet experiences.

Drive to [**Hillwood Berries Farm**](https://www.hillwoodberries.com.au/), your first stop for the day. Sample fruit wines, including strawberry, raspberry, and blackcurrant; cheeses, homemade jams and gourmet fruit sauces. In season, try bowls heaped with strawberries, raspberries, and fresh cream, or pick your own mouth-watering berries.

Depart for [**House of Anvers Chocolate Factory**](https://anvers-chocolate.com.au/)**.**

Acclaimed chocolate-maker, Igor van Gerwen, claims to make the finest chocolate in Australia so the House of Chocolate is a feast for the senses. This is serious chocolate territory, with a tasting centre, the chance to watch chocolates being made and a museum that highlights why chocolate has always been so popular. The café offers French-style breakfasts, light Tasmanian lunches, and morning and afternoon tea.

Next, stop at [**Ashgrove Tasmanian Farm**](http://www.ashgrovecheese.com.au/)to learn about their cheeses.Superb traditional English country cheeses, such as Cheddar and Lancashire, are produced by a family that lives close to the land, at the Ashgrove property, near Deloraine. Cheesemaker Jane

Bennett honed her skills in England before putting them to good use in the family business. Despite adhering to traditional techniques, she has not been afraid to push the boundaries, producing niche products such as wasabi cheese and lavender cheese. The cheese-tasting area is set in green pastures that sustain the 700-strong herd.

Drive to the next farmgate stop.

At [**Truffles of Tasmania**](http://www.trufflesoftasmania.com.au/), experience the mystique of the prized Black Truffle. Learn about the truffle and what it is about truffles that has the culinary world on the edge of its seat. Gain insight from the most experienced truffle hunters in the country and their hunting dogs.

Note: Farmgate is open on Sundays or by appointment

Travel to [**Turner Stillhouse**](http://www.turnerstillhouse.com/) for **Gin tasting**. Turner Stillhouse is a craft spirits distillery based in Tasmania's iconic Tamar Valley. They handcraft high quality bespoke spirits, using the purest of ingredients to create a smooth and well-balanced flavour. Try the Three Cuts Gin made from scratch in small batches. Carefully distilled from a premium grape base, pure Tasmanian water and a unique blend of Tasmanian grown and internationally sourced botanicals.

Tonight, enjoy dinner at [**Geronimo**](http://www.geronimorestaurant.com.au/), serving up fresh Tasmanian produce with dishes that are designed to be shared.

**Overnight Stillwater Seven**

**DAY 7**

This morning, head out to [**Cataract Gorge**](https://www.launcestoncataractgorge.com.au/), famed for its scenic chairlift.Cataract Gorge is simply spectacular, and the chair lift is a novel way to appreciate the sheer rock walls that rise from the river and their proximity to the city. Take a walk amongst the beautiful gardens and spot peacocks and other wildlife.

Make your way out to [**Josef Chromy winery**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/wineries/josef-chromy-wines/) for a [**Let’s Do Lunch**](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/experiences/lets-do-lunch-cellar-door-josef-chromy/) experience, where you will enjoy a tasting at the Cellar Door and then retire to the restaurant for a two-course lunch of fine Tasmanian produce matched with wines.

***Josef Chromy Wines*** *and cellar door is acclaimed as one of Australia’s top 10; the cellar door is housed in the original 1880s homestead. There’s always a log fire burning and great views to take in while you taste a wide range of award-winning cool climate wines.*

*Josef Chromy**is a member of* [***Ultimate Winery Experiences Australia***](https://www.ultimatewineryexperiences.com.au/wineries/josef-chromy-wines/)*.*

Return to Launceston airport for your departure flight.