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# TASMANIA

HISTORY & HERITAGE TOUR

with Jim Haynes

Visiting Hobart, Strahan, Stanley and Launceston

19 November to 1 December 2025



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Two wonderful weeks in Tassie  
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Explore Tasmania's unique and fascinating history first hand – on a full-of-fun tour with broadcaster, entertainer and historian Jim Haynes.

Join Jim and his wife Robyn for thirteen days exploring the history, geography, fabulous food and fascinating facts about Australia's least known and loveliest island state.

We will have fun doing all the usual things, visiting Salamanca market, taking a train ride through the wilderness, visiting Port Arthur and the historic sites of Hobart and cruising the Gordon River and indulging in seafood lunches and dinners with wonderful Tasmanian wine.



**BUT...** because this is a special history tour, you will also:

- Find out why the island's isolation was kept a secret by the British Navy and why James Cook pretended it was joined to the mainland.
- Discover why the British rushed to establish a colony in 1803.
- Explore the dark history that caused the island to change its name in 1856.
- Visit the home of the Van Diemen's Land Company in Stanley, the Reiby estate at Entally, and the home of the artist, John Glover.
- Find out about the amazing Lady Jane Franklin and visit the 'temple' she built.
- Explore the life of a convict who was once the King of Iceland.
- Find out why a famous British artist moved to the wilds of Tasmania in 1832, when he was 63, and established our wonderful tradition of landscape painting.
- Discover the reasons why convicts continue to be sent to Van Diemen's Land when they were no longer sent to New South Wales.
- Visit the oldest pub in Australia and Australia's oldest brewery.

These, and many other little-known facts about Tasmanian history, will put all the fun and adventure of our tour into a fascinating historic perspective.

### DAY 1 Wednesday 19 November 2025

#### Hobart

Tour members will be greeted at Hobart Airport at 12:30 pm. Upon arrival, we will embark on a scenic sightseeing tour of Hobart taking in the city's highlights; there will be the opportunity to stroll through the charming historic precinct of Battery Point, one of Hobart's oldest neighbourhoods, with its cobblestone streets, beautifully preserved 19th-century cottages, and panoramic views over the harbor. We will then check into our centrally located hotel. In the evening, the group will gather for a welcome reception with drinks, followed by a delicious dinner.

### DAY 2 Thursday 20 November 2025

#### Hobart

This morning, we will begin our exploration with a visit to the Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, where we will admire an exceptional collection of art, artefacts, and historical items that offer insight into Tasmania's rich cultural heritage. Following this, we will head to the Maritime Museum, where you can discover the fascinating history of early exploration to the stories of convict ships and sea trade. In the afternoon, we will gather for Jim's first presentation on the history of Van Diemen's Land, he will also share expert insights into the island's discovery by Europeans and amazing life of Lady Jane Franklin.

### DAY 3 Friday 21 November 2025

#### Hobart

This morning, we will journey – via the ruins of the Female Convict 'Factory' to the summit of Mount Wellington, where we will be treated to breathtaking panoramic views of Hobart and its surrounding landscape. After soaking in the stunning vistas, we will head to the iconic Cascade Brewery for a fascinating guided tour, where we will learn about the history of Australia's oldest brewery. Next, we will travel via Ancanthe Park to New Norfolk, home to the historic Old

Bush Inn, the oldest continuously operating pub in Australia, established in 1825. Once a stopover for travellers along the route from Hobart to the island's interior. We will enjoy a delicious, included lunch here, surrounded by the pub's timeless atmosphere. In the late afternoon, Jim will lead a fascinating presentation on the convict history of Tasmania, shedding light on the island's past as a penal colony.

### DAY 4 Saturday 22 November 2025

#### Hobart

Today is market day in Hobart, and we will start the morning with a visit to the vibrant Salamanca Market, one of the most popular outdoor markets in Australia. Set against the backdrop of historic sandstone buildings, the market offers a lively atmosphere with over 300 stalls showcasing local produce, handmade crafts, unique souvenirs, fresh Tasmanian food, art, and much more. It is a perfect opportunity to experience the local culture, sample delicious treats, and perhaps pick up a few keepsakes from the artisans and vendors.



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The afternoon will be free making it a perfect opportunity to visit the Mona Gallery in Hobart. Jim will present an entertaining presentation on the amazing adventures of Captain Swallow, the Cyprus Brig & the last pirates hanged in Britain!

### DAY 5 Sunday 23 November 2025

#### Hobart

Today, we will embark on a day trip to Port Arthur, one of Australia's most significant historical sites. Between 1830 and 1877, around 12,500 convicts were transported and imprisoned here, in a stunning location on the shores of a serene bay, surrounded by the lush hills and forests of the Tasman Peninsula. Many of the original sandstone prison buildings still stand today beautifully preserved to offer a glimpse into life during the convict era. We will take a guided tour of the Port Arthur Historic Site, where you will gain a deeper understanding of what life was like in the 1800s for the convicts, soldiers, and civilians. As we explore the haunting ruins and well-preserved structures, our guide will share the gripping stories of hardship, survival, and punishment that shaped this notorious penal colony. On our return we will stop at a local winery for a wine tasting before returning to Hobart, where we will enjoy an included dinner.

### DAY 6 Monday 24 November 2025

#### Strahan

Today, we bid farewell to Hobart as we begin our scenic journey to Strahan, located on Tasmania's stunning west coast. En-route, we will stop at the Wall in the Wilderness, near Derwent Bridge, one of Australia's most remarkable and ambitious contemporary art projects. Created by artist Greg Duncan, this extraordinary work aims to carve the history of Tasmania's highlands into 100 meters of timber, much of it from the rare and iconic Huon Pine. It is a stunning series of life-sized wooden sculptures that tell the story of the region's history, from its early settlement to its natural heritage. This is a truly unique and awe-inspiring



**JIM HAYNES** A successful author with thirty-four books to his credit, Jim has been the resident Australiana expert on 2GB's top rating weekend show for twenty-three years. Having spent the first twenty years of his working life as a teacher and academic, Jim started recording with a band he created in the late 1970s called Bandy Bill & Co and became a professional entertainer in 1988. With 30 years involvement in the entertainment industry as an entertainer, recording artist, songwriter and producer, Jim toured extensively and has recorded over twenty albums with Festival, EMI, ABC Music, Sony and his own label, Singabout Australia. His comedy hit songs include Since Cheryl Went Feral and Don't Call Wagga Wagga Wagga. The son of British migrants, Jim attended Sydney Teachers' College, taught in schools and universities in NSW and Britain and has two masters' degrees in literature. Jim was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day Honour's List in 2016, 'for service to the performing arts as an entertainer, author, broadcaster and historian'.



experience that offers insight into the cultural and environmental significance of the area. We will continue our journey westward toward Strahan, where we will arrive to enjoy the charm and beauty of this picturesque coastal town, nestled on the edge of the majestic Macquarie Harbour. This evening there is an included dinner.

**DAY 7 Tuesday 25 November 2025**

**Strahan**

This morning, we will embark on a cruise along the world-famous Gordon River, one of the most spectacular natural landscapes in Tasmania. The river's ancient, mirror-like waters flow from their source in the Central Highlands, winding through a breathtaking World Heritage area of temperate rainforest and rugged mountain crags. Our journey will take us through Macquarie Harbour, a vast expanse of protected waters over 110 square miles in size. As we cruise, you will gain a deeper appreciation of the harbour's rich natural history and cultural significance. The tranquil waters eventually give way to the open Southern Ocean through Hell's Gates, a narrow and turbulent entrance that marks the gateway between the harbour and the sea. Along the way, we will pass Tasmania's renowned salmon farms, set against the stunning backdrop of the harbour, before visiting the historic and infamous Sarah Island. This notorious penal colony, once a place of harsh punishment, was feared by convicts in the early 19th century. Today it is a haunting site with remnants of its dark history, offering a stark contrast to the natural beauty surrounding it. This evening there will be an included dinner.

**DAY 8 Wednesday 26 November 2025**

**Strahan**

This morning, we depart from Regatta Point Station in Strahan for a unique wilderness adventure aboard the West Coast Railway heritage train. Our journey will take us alongside the stunning Macquarie Harbour, offering breathtaking



views of the water and surrounding landscapes. As we continue, the train will follow the winding King River, deep into the heart of Tasmania's ancient rainforest of towering trees and lush vegetation. Along the way, we will stop at Lower Landing, for a short walk through the rainforest. This will give us the opportunity to learn about the fascinating local flora, including some of the island's rare endemic plant species. During our stop, you will also have the chance to taste the pure, aromatic forest honey produced from the nectar of these unique flowers—a true treat from the wilderness. Late afternoon we will see Australia's longest-running play, "The Ship That Never Was", which tells the dramatic and hilarious true story about the last Great Escape from Sarah Island. The play is based on a real event in 1834. A ship built at the convict settlement in Macquarie Harbour was about to sail for Port Arthur but was hijacked by ten convict shipwrights.

**DAY 9 Thursday 27 November 2025**

**Stanley**

Today, we continue our journey north to Stanley, a charming and peaceful destination that offers a true taste of Tasmania's natural beauty. Along the way, we will make a scenic stop at Tullah Lakeside Lodge, nestled on the shores of Lake Rosebery. Surrounded by lush rainforest and towering mountains, this picturesque location provides the opportunity to stretch your legs and soak in the tranquil atmosphere of this beautiful part of Tasmania. After our stop at Tullah, we will continue our drive toward Stanley where we stay for the next two nights. This evening there is an included dinner at our hotel.



**DAY 10 Friday 28 November 2025**

**Stanley**

Today we first visit The Nut, a dramatic volcanic plug that rises sharply from the landscape. We take the chairlift up to the summit, where you will be rewarded with breathtaking 360-degree views of the town, the sparkling sea, and the rugged coastline stretching in every direction. This is a perfect opportunity to capture the stunning beauty of the region from a unique vantage point. After descending, we will visit Highfield House, a beautifully preserved Georgian mansion that offers a fascinating glimpse into Tasmania's colonial past. As we tour this historic property, we will learn about the early settlement of the area and the influential role of the Van Diemen's Land Company in shaping the region's history.

**DAY 11 Saturday 29 November 2025**

**Launceston**

Today, we head to Launceston, with a scenic stop in the artistic town of Sheffield along the way. Known as the "Town of Murals," Sheffield is renowned for its stunning outdoor murals that celebrate the region's history, culture, and natural beauty. We will take some time to explore the vibrant street art and perhaps visit a local café before continuing our journey to Launceston. In the afternoon, we will gather for a presentation by Jim on the life and work of John Glover, one of Australia's most celebrated early colonial artists. Known for his stunning landscape paintings that captured the natural beauty of Tasmania, Glover's work provides a fascinating window into the island's history and environment during the 19th century. Jim will explain Glover's legacy, his artistic journey, and the significance of his contribution to Australian art.



**DAY 12 Sunday 30 November 2025**

**Launceston**

Today, we begin with a visit to the delightful town of Evandale, where you will have the chance to explore the vibrant Sunday Market. We then continue to Glover House, the former home of one of Tasmania's most renowned artists, John Glover. Set in the picturesque countryside, the house offers a fascinating glimpse into Glover's life and his iconic landscape paintings that captured the beauty of Tasmania's wilderness. We will explore the house and gardens, which continue to inspire artists today. Next, we will visit Franklin House in Launceston, a beautifully preserved Georgian property that provides a window into Tasmania's early colonial life. Built in the 1830s, the house features period furnishings and gardens, offering a step back in time to the region's first European settlement. In the late afternoon, Jim will deliver his final presentation and answer questions, followed by a farewell dinner to reflect on the memorable experiences of our journey.

**DAY 13 Monday 1 December 2025**

**Launceston**

This morning we will head to Entally Estate, another magnificent Georgian property, known for its stunning mansion, historic gardens, and impressive collection of 19th-century furniture, artwork, and artefacts. This will deepen our understanding of Tasmania's colonial history and the lives of early settlers. Afterward, we will transfer you to Launceston Airport for your onward flight. With plenty of time to catch flights departing after 3:00 pm, you will bid farewell to Tasmania, concluding your unforgettable adventure.

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### Tour Price

The price per person twin-share \$ 6,500  
Single supplement per person: \$ 1,600  
Includes GST

### Included in the tour price:

- Five nights' accommodation at four-star Grand Chancellor Hotel Hobart
- Three nights' accommodation at the four-star Hilltop rooms at Strahan Village
- Two nights' accommodation in Stanley
- Two nights' accommodation at the four-star Grand Chancellor in Launceston
- Two dinners in Hobart, two dinners in Strahan, one dinner in Stanley, one dinner in Launceston, lunch at the "Old bush Inn", lunch on the Gordon River cruise, breakfast daily
- Welcome drinks Hobart
- Coach travel as per the itinerary
- Sightseeing & Admissions: Allport Library and Museum of Fine Arts, Hobart Maritime Museum, Cascade Brewery tour, Port Arthur, Wine tasting, Wall in the Wilderness, Gordon River cruise, Wilderness Adventure train trip, Australia's longest-running play, "The Ship That Never Was", The Nut chairlift ride, Highfield House, Glover House, Franklin House, Entally Estate
- Presentations by Jim Haynes: The history of Van Diemen's Land; The Amazing Lady Jane Franklin; The convict history of Tasmania; The amazing adventures of Captain Swallow, the Cyprus Brig & the last pirates hanged in Britain!; The life and work of John Glover; a final presentation and questions & answer session.

### Not included in the price:

- Flights are not included. *Please contact one of our friendly consultants for a quote 1800 630 343*
- Travel insurance
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional travel arrangements not in the tour itinerary will be quoted for separately.



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