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GRAND RAIL, CRUISE AND COACH EXPLORATION OF

TASMANIA

FOR THE SHEFFIELD STEAMFEST

2 – 14 March 2026

Visiting Hobart, Richmond, Bicheno
in the Freycinet National Park,
Wineglass Bay, Launceston,
Devonport, Sheffield, Stanley,
Cradle Mountain, Gordon River,
Strahan, Hobart



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Accommodation, Entry Fees and Sightseeing,
Coach Transport, seven heritage trains and
trams, Travelrite tour leader, some meals

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Tasmania is the only place in Australia that doesn't have any public transport passenger trains... however, there's plenty of fascinating heritage trains in the Apple Isle to experience! Our tour starts in Hobart, before exploring the Georgian village of Richmond, cruising the crystal-clear waters of Wineglass Bay in the Freycinet National Park and wandering the pretty St Marys. Drive past dazzling white beaches to the Bay of Fires, enjoy a historic tram ride in Launceston, sample some fine food and wine in the Tamar Valley and cruise the Cataract Gorge. Moving on, you'll explore the Saturday Harvest Markets in 'Lonnie', ride the heritage Don River Railway and spend a day at the Sheffield Steamfest. Later, visit the Table Cape Tulip Farm, see The Nut and Cradle Mountain, meet Tasmanian devils before riding the narrow-gauge Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway. In Strahan, you'll enjoy a steam train journey on the West Coast Wilderness Railway, cruise the Gordon River, and finish the tour in Hobart where you'll poke around the Glenorchy Transport Museum, ride a heritage train, before experiencing the weekly Salamanca Market. So, join us on this unforgettable rail and sightseeing tour to tick off every iconic sight and experience Tassie has to offer.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Don River Railway, the Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway and the Sheffield Steamfest
- Tasmanian devils, Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame and The House of Anvers Chocolatier
- The famous Cradle Mountain, The Nut at Stanley and Hobart's Salamanca Markets
- The fascinating heritage towns of Richmond, St Marys and Queenstown
- Three river/ocean cruises: on the Gordon River, Wineglass Bay and Cataract Gorge
- A first-class steam train journey on the West Coast Wilderness Railway



YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Monday 2 March 2026

Hobart

Arrive in Hobart and settle into your hotel. Enjoy some free time before meeting at the hotel's reception at 6pm before transferring for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Hobart is Tasmania's lively capital that retains an old town salty-air feel and is a delight to explore. *Overnight: Ibis Styles Hotel, Hobart (D)*

Day 2 Tuesday 3 March 2026

Richmond – Freycinet National Park

This morning, you'll visit the charming historic town of Richmond to learn about its fascinating convict history and to see their lovely Georgian architecture and restored sandstone heritage buildings dating back to the early 1820s. Pause for lunch, before continuing along the scenic Great Eastern Drive to Swansea - one of Tasmania's oldest towns. With its impressive colonial buildings, the town overlooks Great Oyster Bay, offering stunning sea views. Continue to the coastal town of Bicheno, your base for the next two nights to explore the Freycinet National Park. *Overnight: Bicheno by the Bay, Bicheno (B)*



Day 3 Wednesday 4 March 2026

Freycinet National Park

After breakfast, travel to the gorgeous Freycinet National Park, a real slice of heaven and home to a wild outcrop of pristine white-sand beaches, pink granite cliffs, and picturesque bays. Take part in a half day cruise of the waterways and unwind at the iconic Crescent Beach at Wineglass Bay, which was voted one of the world's top 10 beaches. Enjoy lunch and continue cruising to spot penguins, dolphins, seals, albatross and whales. This evening, there's an optional tour to see the regions Little Penguins as they return nightly to their rookeries to feed their younglings. *Overnight: Bicheno by the Bay, Bicheno (B,L)*

Day 4 Thursday 5 March 2026

Bay of Fires – Launceston

This morning, we continue past pretty seaside villages, beautiful bays and dramatic headlands to the heritage hinterland town of St Marys. Spend some time exploring the town, and drive past green rolling hills dotted with apple orchards, wineries, dairy, sheep and cattle farms to the Bay of Fires, a scenic bay which is home to sandy beaches, turquoise waters and orange coloured granite rocks. Enjoy a guided workshop tour and a tram ride at the Launceston Tramway Museum and enjoy fine food and wine while dining in the renowned Tamar Valley wine region. *Overnight: Best Western Plus, Launceston (B,D)*



Day 5 Friday 6 March 2026

Cataract Gorge Cruise – Launceston

This morning, we tour Woolmers Estate, one of the most intact pioneer farm complexes in Australia. Wander the grounds, including their impressive Rose Garden before enjoying Devonshire tea and scones served with homemade strawberry, Rhubarb and Rose jam plus fresh cream and berries. Return to 'Lonnie' for free time at lunch, explore the colonial buildings around the historic Inveresk Precinct and tour the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery. Later, take a late afternoon cruise exploring the striking Cataract Gorge. Free evening. *Overnight: Best Western Plus, Launceston (B)*



Day 6 Saturday 7 March 2026

Don River Railway – Devonport

This morning, you'll wander the award-winning Harvest and Farmers' Markets. Held each Saturday in Launceston, you will see stalls brimming with the freshest produce, artisan bread, pastry and dairy. Moving on, you'll visit the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame in Latrobe which portrays the history and achievements of Australia's renowned woodchoppers and ride on the vintage Don River Railway along the historic Melrose Line, taking in views of the township of Don. On our return, we'll visit the rail museum and workshop to see heritage locos and carriages on display and travel to Devonport.

Overnight: Novotel Hotel, Devonport (B)



Day 7 Sunday 8 March 2026

Sheffield Steamfest – Devonport

This morning, you'll spend the day at Sheffield Steamfest, Tasmania's premier country event and the largest working demonstration of steam machines in the state. Enjoy a steam train ride, see the RSL Pipes and Drum band, some whip cracking and the tractor pull. During the day, you'll tour the heritage town of Sheffield, known as Tasmania's outdoor art gallery with over 160 murals that depict the stories of their history and their residents. Later, visit the House of Anvers Chocolatier to sample Belgian style chocolate, stop for a cuppa, wander their chocolate museum and return to Devonport.

Overnight: Novotel Hotel, Devonport (B)



Day 8 Monday 9 March 2026

Stanley – Cradle Mountain

Departing early, you'll drive along the scenic Cradle Coast and visit Penguin, a picturesque seaside town home to the iconic Big Penguin statue! Wander the Table Cape Tulip Farm, where you'll immerse yourself in a garden bursting with colour and travel to Stanley to see the Highfield Historic Site and homestead and the famous landmark The Nut – an ancient volcanic plug that juts out into the Bass Strait. Travel through the Tarkine Rainforest, pause at the Hellyer Gorge and arrive at Cradle Mountain in the late afternoon. Tonight, we'll have dinner together at a local restaurant. *Overnight: Discovery Parks Cottages and Cabins, Cradle Mountain (B,D)*



Day 9 Tuesday 10 March 2026

Cradle Mountain – Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway – Zeehan – Strahan

This morning, you will visit the iconic Cradle Mountain which is surrounded by native beech, rainforest, alpine heath lands and button grass. Spend some time at Devils @ Cradle – a unique Tasmanian devil conservation sanctuary aimed at protecting these endangered creatures. Later, ride on a century old steam locomotive on the Wee Georgie Wood Steam Railway through temperate rain forests and via the historic town of Tullah. Visit the West Coast Heritage Centre in Zeehan, which offers a unique insight to the history of the West Coast of Tasmania and arrive in Strahan.

Overnight: Strahan Village, Strahan (B)

Day 10 Wednesday 11 March 2026

Gordon River Cruise – Strahan

Today, you will spend six hours cruising down the iconic Gordon River in The Franklin Gordon Wild Rivers National Park for an experience like no other, and a 'must do' when visiting Tasmania. Take in the tranquil surrounds of the Gordon River as you glide across the water listening to your guides take you through the history of this remarkable place. Cruise past Macquarie Harbour, Hells Gates, Heritage Landing and Sarah Island, one of Australia's harshest penal settlements. Return to Strahan where you will tour the town before a free late afternoon and evening.

Overnight: Strahan Village, Strahan (B,L)

Day 11 Thursday 12 March 2026

West Coast Wilderness Railway – Strahan

Today you will travel to the historic mining town of Queenstown to ride the West Coast Wilderness Railway, a heritage train that travels through remote rainforests and wilderness areas of western Tasmania. Travel in first class premium balcony carriages on your steam train journey, stopping at Lynchford and Rinadeena Stations, before returning to Queenstown where you can have lunch and wander the old town to learn about how it was one of the richest mining towns in the world. Return to Strahan and enjoy a seafood dinner at a restaurant overlooking the village and harbour. *Overnight: Strahan Village, Strahan (B,D)*



Day 12 Friday 13 March 2026

Hobart

Departing early, you'll see Lake St Clair, Australia's deepest freshwater lake and stop at The Wall in the Wilderness, an impressive art installation located at Derwent Bridge. Upon arrival in Hobart, you'll tour the Tasmania Transport Museum in Glenorchy to see their extensive collection of vintage trains, vehicles and memorabilia and while here, enjoy one last heritage train ride. Later, venture to the top of Mount Wellington for spectacular views of Hobart and the surrounding area, check into your hotel and enjoy a farewell dinner together.

Overnight: Ibis Styles Hotel, Hobart (B,D)



Day 13 Saturday 14 March 2026

Salamanca Market – Hobart

Salamanca Market is one of Australia's most vibrant and loved outdoor markets and Tasmania's most visited tourism attraction. It runs each Saturday from 8.30AM, and we can't have you leave Tassie without a visit! Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, check out and leave bags in storage. Walk the short distance to the markets for a wander, and to see the historic Salamanca Place and the waterfront precinct before returning to the hotel. Please ensure any flights out of Hobart depart after 2PM on this day. You can also book post tour accommodation at the Ibis Styles Hotel in Hobart. (B).

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Tour Price

Per person twin-share \$ 6,750
Single supplement \$ 1,350



Included in the tour price:

- 12 nights' accommodation in well-located first-class hotels with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges included.
- 12 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 5 dinners.
- Seven heritage train journeys and experiences.
- Private coach transportation.
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional' plus locally guided tours.
- Tour management by Travelrite.
- Local guides.

Not included in the price:

- Return flights.
- Arrival and departure transfers.
- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls.
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, that are 'included' are marked B, L, D in the itinerary.

General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd. A.C.N. 005 817 0781 (Travelrite International) is the tour operator.

TOUR COSTS: The tours costs are based on transport, accommodation costs and entrance costs at 18 March 2025. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to costings will be made within 60 days of departure.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa, Mastercard and America Express.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations within 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellations outside of 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of the deposit paid per person. Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

CHANGES TO THE TOUR ITINERARY: Travelrite International reserves the right to make changes to the tour itinerary to it in with operational requirements. Any changes to the itinerary will be replaced with similar arrangements with an equal or greater value.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

BAGGAGE: All passengers qualify for 1 piece free baggage allowance.

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