

TASMANIAN JOURNEYS

Cool Wine & Food, Cool Wilderness



*Fresh, natural, sensational –
the best of Tasmania's boutique
sparkling wine, oysters, pinot noir
and beer at their source*



TASMANIA

All prices valid for travel until 22 December 2006

“Refresh your palate with the flavours of our clean seas, pure water and rich soil”

Need a short break from the working week? Or a longer stay to totally rejuvenate your palate? Following are suggestions for savouring some of Tasmania's best wine, beer and food experiences, plus other unique highlights along the way.

Tasmania is only a direct flight away from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide. Or take the maritime option – *Spirit of Tasmania I* or *II* sails from Melbourne to Devonport every evening, *Spirit of Tasmania III* from Sydney to Devonport up to three times a week.



Dining at Daniel Alps at Strathlynn in the Ninth Island Vineyard

THREE DAYS OF TASMANIAN SPARKLING & PINOT NOIR IN THE TAMAR VALLEY

DAY 1

Welcome to three days of Tasmania's best sparkling wines, elegant pinot noir and regionally-inspired food.

Launceston is at the northern end of The Heritage Highway, characterised by some of Tasmania's best heritage sites. En route from the airport, detour to the **Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company** near historic Evandale to sample its range of sauces, mustards and preserves, sold nationally through David Jones. In nearby Perth, Julian Wolfhagen's **Tasmanian Honey Company** is a must for honey enthusiasts. Exported internationally and created using eco-friendly production techniques, its range includes unique Tasmanian leatherwood honey and Honey Nouveau.



Lunch at Rosevears

The picturesque Tamar flows north-west from Launceston through the lush countryside of Tasmania's premium wine-growing region. Why not take this opportunity to spend an afternoon tasting some of Australia's best sparkling? Internationally-acclaimed Tasmanian sparkling wines include **Pirie, Jansz, Clover Hill** and **Hardy's Arras**. All can be tasted along the Tamar Valley Wine Route (collect a copy of the *Tamar Valley Wine Route* brochure along the way).

For a diverse range of berry vinegars and fruit wines, visit **Hillwood Strawberry Farm** on the eastern bank of the river. Farther north, cross to the western side of the Batman Bridge. At Beauty Point, observe the delicate motion of seahorses and seadragons at the world's first seahorse farm, **Seahorse World**.

In the evening, try Launceston's **Stillwater River Café, Fee & Me, Restaurant Synergy, Mud Bar & Restaurant** or **Me Wah**. All offer fantastic Tasmanian dining experiences and are commended in *Australian Gourmet Traveller's* 2006 Australian Restaurant Guide.

Cheese tasting at Ashgrove Farm

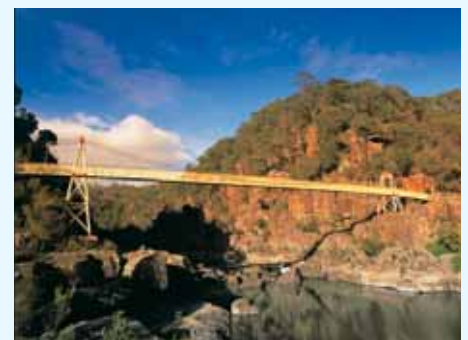


DAY 2

Many of Tasmania's premium wines are produced in limited quantities – here's your chance to taste and purchase many that can otherwise be difficult to find. Wineries ranked 'best wineries of the region' in James Halliday's 2006 *Australian Wine Companion* include **Clover Hill, Dalrymple** and **Jansz** on the eastern side of the Tamar River, and **Moore's Hill Estate** on the river's western bank. All have cellar doors.

When hunger strikes, visit the West Tamar restaurants of **Daniel Alps at Strathlynn** or the architecturally-stylish **Rosevears Estate**. Both have sweeping river views and serve locally-inspired, modern Australian cuisine.

Back in Launceston, rejuvenate at the **Aquarius Roman Baths**, with a full therapeutic Roman bath treatment including the hot waters of the Caldarium and the warm Tepidarium. Or visit **Cataract Gorge** – a dramatic wilderness on Launceston's doorstep.



Cataract Gorge in Launceston

DAY 3

Explore the valley for another day with the *Tamar Valley Wine Route* brochure, or spend a morning strolling through Launceston.

At the **Boag's Centre for Beer Lovers**, tour the brewery and learn the story behind James Boag's Premium Lager – a fascinating tale expertly told. For something sweeter, try a classic Swiss-style chocolate from **The Swiss Chocolatier**.



The secrets of world-beating ales!

Then perhaps visit the contemporary [Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery](#) at Inveresk. With an enviable reputation for its Australian colonial art collection, Inveresk also houses a rare collection of Tasmanian Aboriginal shell necklaces dating from the early 1800s.

Before leaving Tasmania, purchase some local cheeses for your table at home – [Ashgrove Farm Cheese](#), less than an hour's drive west of Launceston, produces award-winning English country-style cheeses and also sells cheeses from Heidi Farm, Lactos and Tasmanian Highland Cheeses.

Some accommodation suggestions

Hatherley House – 1830s historic Georgian property. 2 nights in a luxury room will cost between \$250 and \$270* per person two share, depending on travel date. **Code D328**

Rosevears Estate – contemporary style within a vineyard setting. 2 nights in a one bedroom suite will cost between \$196 and \$280* per person two share, depending on travel date. **Code D329**

Pomona Spa Cottages – sweeping Tamar River views. 2 nights in a one bedroom self-contained spa cottage will cost between \$170 and \$180* per person two share, depending on travel date. **Code D330**

Peppers Calstock – blissful Georgian rural retreat, extensive wine list. 2 nights in an en suite room will cost between \$270 and \$326* per person two share, depending on travel date. **Code D331**

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WINE SOUTH TASMANIA – THE WINE & FOOD OF THE COAL RIVER, DERWENT & HUON VALLEYS

DAY 1

Wine South Tasmania takes in three wine growing valleys near Hobart – the Coal River to the east, the Derwent to the north-west, and the Huon to the south.

Centred on the historic town of Richmond just twenty minutes' drive from Hobart, the Coal River Valley is fast gaining a reputation for excellence in cool-climate wine varieties. Watch for [Hood Wines](#) (previously Wellington Wines) included in 'best wineries of the region' in James Halliday's 2006 *Australian Wine Companion*.

Both [Meadowbank Estate](#) and nearby [Coal Valley Vineyard](#) offer superb lunches – local oysters and a selection of game are often on the menu. Check the *Wine South Tasmania* brochure for vineyard opening hours and addresses.

On the way back from Richmond, detour past the airport to [Barilla Bay Oysters](#) for succulent shellfish (tours available) – perhaps sample them alongside a Coal River sparkling in the Barilla restaurant.

Moorilla Estate on the Derwent River, Hobart



Tasmanian oyster shooter

A short drive farther on taste the freshest berries in season and a range of fruit liqueurs at the [Sorell Fruit Farm](#).

Dinner in Hobart? For some of the freshest Tasmanian seafood in season try [Orizuru Sushi Bar](#) or [Prosser's on the Beach](#).

DAY 2

Close to Hobart, in the Derwent Valley, are [Stefano Lubiana Wines](#) (limited supply, highly sought-after sparkling) and [Moorilla Estate](#), the latter a previous winner of the *Australian Gourmet Traveller's Jaguar Awards for Excellence* (gastronomic travel section). Experience Moorilla's superb Museum of Antiquities, newly opened and architecturally modern wine and food centre, micro-brewery and five-star waterfront chalets. Visit these vineyards on your way to Mt Field National Park, or follow the Derwent all the way to its source in Lake St Clair, at the southern end of the famous Overland Track from Cradle Mountain.

Back in Hobart, food lovers should visit the **Wursthaus Kitchen**, just off Salamanca Place (site of Australia's best Saturday market). Taste exquisite smallgoods – duck neck sausage, hot smoked rainbow trout, salmon, quail – and local cheeses. For fantastic fresh fish try the fish punts at Hobart's Constitution Dock. Nearby is the **Lark Distillery**, where you can sample distinctive Tasmanian pepperberry liqueur or malt whisky.

Cascade's imposing circa 1824 building in the foothills of Mt Wellington in South Hobart is the oldest operational brewery in Australia – fascinating tours and tastings are available from Monday to Friday. For dinner, try **Lebrina**, **Restaurant Gondwana** or **Marque IV**, recommended by *Australian Gourmet Traveller's* 2006 Australian Restaurant Guide.

Cascade Brewery, Hobart



DAY 3

Let the *Wine South Tasmania* brochure guide you through the Huon Valley. This region produced gold medal riesling winners at the 2004 Tasmanian Wines Show – from **No Regrets** (open by appointment, phone 03 6295 1509, also at Salamanca market most Saturdays) and **Elsewhere Vineyards**. Visit the **Hartzview Wine Centre** to taste a range of Tasmanian wines.



Bruny Island



Home Hill Winery

For regional food with flair, lunch at **Home Hill Winery**, beautifully situated with vineyard and mountain views, or the waterside **Peppermint Bay** – both are architecturally stunning. Close by Peppermint Bay is **Grandweve Farm Cheesery** and **vineyard**, producing superb organic sheep milk cheeses and offering tastings and sales. Consider taking a break from the car and cruising from Hobart to Peppermint Bay, sipping Tasmanian wine or beer as you view marine life and salmon farms.

Farther south are the outstanding forests around Geeveston. For a unique perspective on this timeless landscape, stroll through the canopy of a mature forest on the **Tahune Forest AirWalk**, 50 metres above the confluence of the Huon and Picton Rivers. On your way back to Hobart, visit **Huon Valley Mushrooms** to see white, honey brown, oyster and shiitake mushroom production. Enjoy!



Tahune Forest AirWalk

Some accommodation suggestions

Moorilla Vineyard Chalets – Combine a stylish, waterfront setting with vineyards. 2 nights in a one bedroom self-contained chalet will cost between \$290 and \$330* per person two share, depending on travel date. **Code D332**

Henry Jones Art Hotel – waterfront, hip hotel. 2 nights in a double room with ensuite will cost \$220* per person two share. **Code D333**

Somerset on the Pier – self-contained in the heart of Hobart's Salamanca. 2 nights in a one bedroom apartment will cost between \$226 and \$240* per person two share, depending on travel date and apartment style. **Code D334**

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**NORTH TO SOUTH
- WINE & FOOD
ACROSS THE STATE**

Totally rejuvenate by combining the previous two options with the wineries and exquisite scenery of the mild, sunny east coast.

DAY 1, 2 & 3

Launceston based

Taste award-winning pinot, riesling and sparkling along the **Tamar Valley Wine Route**, and dine at sensational restaurants (for full details see the three-day Tamar Valley option on page 2).



Tamar Valley vineyard

DAY 4, 5

Launceston to Freycinet National Park and Swansea

It's around four hours' drive from Launceston to the renowned **Freycinet National Park** and nearby seaside town of **Swansea**. This is one of the few parts of Australia with stunning coastal scenery near cellar doors. On your way there, be sure to call at the **Pyengana Dairy Company** to taste its well-known cheddars and washed-rind variety called George. **Fidlers on the Bay**, at St Helens, offers superb modern Australian cuisine.

The following day explore the east coast cellar doors of **Freycinet** and **Spring Vale**, or **Apsley Gorge** and **Craigie Knowe** (the latter two open by appointment).



At Pipers Brook vineyard

Next door, **Coombend Estate** offers classic cool-climate wines and its own olive oils. Drop into **Freycinet Marine Farm** for oyster farm tours and fresh shellfish, or **The Left Bank** café at Swansea for coffee.

DAY 6

Swansea to Hobart

Travel via the coast to Hobart – around a two hour drive. Allow extra time en route to visit **Kate's Berry Farm** (luscious home-made berry ice creams) near Swansea and **Darlington Vineyard** at Orford, overlooking historic Maria Island National Park.

Fresh, plump oysters!



Wineglass Bay, Freycinet National Park



DAY 7, 8 & 9

Hobart and surrounds

The final three days in Hobart allow time to leisurely explore **Wine South Tasmania** by following the suggested three-day option on page 3 for a full appreciation of the area's wines and the best of local produce.

NB This itinerary can operate in reverse.



Kate's Berry Farm near Swansea

Some accommodation suggestions

Option 1 – Luxury

Prices between \$1006 and \$1066* per person two share, depending on travel date. Includes: 3 nights **Hatherley House** (luxury room); 2 nights **Diamond Island Oceanview Apartments** (1 bedroom self-contained apartment); 3 nights **Moorilla Vineyard Chalets** (1 bedroom self-contained chalet). Code D335

Option 2 – Mid price

Prices between \$794 and \$846* per person two share, depending upon travel date. Includes: 3 nights **Pomona Spa Cottages** (1 bedroom self-contained spa cottage); 2 nights **Meredith House and Mews** (spa suite); 3 nights **Somerset on the Pier** (1 brm apartment). Code D336

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TEN DAYS –
TASMANIA'S
WINE & FOOD,
CRADLE MOUNTAIN,
FREYCINET &
PORT ARTHUR

Take ten days to combine Tasmania's best wine and food with some of the State's most famous attractions, from Port Arthur to Cradle Mountain.



At Salamanca in Hobart

DAY 1, 2 & 3

Hobart based

Spend one or two days exploring **Wine South Tasmania** by choosing experiences from the suggested three-day itinerary on page 3. If time permits, visit the **Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens**. Extensive plantings of Tasmanian and exotic flora, including the Macquarie Island plants in the fascinating climate-controlled **Subantarctic House**, are a great introduction to the variety of flora supported by Tasmania's diverse habitats. Following your visit to the vineyards of the Coal River Valley, continue on to the Tasman Peninsula.

The port of Hobart



Port Arthur Historic Site

The journey is steeped in convict and colonial history, particularly the **Port Arthur Historic Site**. The magnificent scenery of this area also inspires photographers, bushwalkers, divers and rock climbers.

DAY 4, 5 & 6

Hobart to Launceston via Swansea and Freycinet National Park

Take your time to savour Tasmania's scenic east coast, following the North to South itinerary in reverse (see page 5) from Hobart to Swansea, and from Swansea and Freycinet National Park to Launceston.



At vintage

DAY 7, 8

Launceston and the Tamar Valley

Enjoy the best of Launceston and the Tamar Valley by selecting from the **Three days of Tasmanian sparkling & pinot noir in the Tamar Valley** itinerary (see page 2).



Tasting along the Tamar Valley Wine Route

DAY 9, 10

Launceston to Cradle Mountain and return home

From Launceston make an early morning start for **Cradle Mountain**, around three hours' drive away. En route visit the picturesque historic township of **Deloraine** or some of the vineyards closer to rural **Sheffield**.

Cradle Mountain is within the renowned **Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area** – spend the following day exploring the **Dove Lake** or **Waldheim** short walks to see exquisite, endemic pencil pines and rainforest species.

In the evening, enjoy a Tasmanian wine tasting at your accommodation or a guided nocturnal wildlife tour.



Cradle Mountain

If you're leaving Tasmania from Launceston and are interested in colonial history, travel back from Cradle Mountain via **Woolmers Estate** near Longford, one of Australia's most significant examples of colonial heritage. Chocolate aficionados leaving from Devonport shouldn't miss the **House of Anvers** at Latrobe, with its museum and chocolate factory producing hand-made, Belgian-style chocolate truffles, fudges and pralines.

NB This itinerary can operate in reverse.

Accommodation suggestion

Prices from \$864 and \$932* per person two share, depending upon travel date. Includes: 3 nights **Corinda Cottages** (1 bedroom self-contained cottage); 2 nights **Meredith House and Mews** (spa suite); 2 nights **Riverbank Cottages** (studio self-contained unit); 2 nights **Voyages Cradle Mountain Lodge** (pencil pine cabin). **Code D337**

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WINE AND FOOD EVENTS

While you're visiting Tasmania, take the opportunity to experience one of our food and wine festivals, a great way to meet the makers and sample local produce.

28 December 2005 to 3 January 2006
Taste of Tasmania, Hobart. Festival on Hobart's waterfront featuring the best of Tasmanian food and beverages, music, colour and entertainment. Welcome in the yachts from the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

16 – 20 January 2006
Tasmanian Wine Show 2006, Launceston. Showcasing the Tasmanian wine industry. Judging, tutored tastings and award presentation dinner on 20 January. Chairman of Judges is James Halliday with regular judge Huon Hooke.

22 January 2006
Tasmanian Fruit Wine Festival, Bellerive. Tastings and judging of Tasmania's range of wonderful fruit wines.

10 – 12 February 2006
Festivale, Launceston. A celebration of food, wine and entertainment.

4 – 5 March 2006
Southern Vineyards Open Weekend. Vineyards and wineries throughout Southern Tasmania open their doors for public tours, cellar door sales and tastings.

12 – 13 March 2006
Taste of the Huon, Huon Valley. Autumn festival of the Huon, Channel and Bruny Island. Features local produce, seafood, fresh fruits, wines, craft and entertainment.

12 March 2006
Taste the Harvest, Devonport. Flavours of the region on the banks of the Mersey River.

18 – 19 March 2006
Northern Vineyards Open Weekend. Vineyards and wineries in Northern Tasmania open their doors for public tours, cellar door sales and tastings.

24 – 26 June 2006
Tastings at the Top, Cradle Mountain Cradle Mountain Lodge's 12th annual 3-day wine and food tasting celebration. Taste, enjoy and discuss some of Tasmania's finest food and wines alongside the beauty of the spectacular World Heritage wilderness. Includes tutored wine tastings and cooking demonstrations.

8 – 9 July 2006
Chocolate Winterfest, Latrobe. Celebrating chocolate, food and wine in all the ways you love best, and some you've never thought of!

9 July 2006
Aztec Chocolate Festival, House of Anvers, Latrobe. Part of the Chocolate Winterfest. Organised by the House of Anvers, a specialty chocolate centre, the event celebrates centuries of fascination with chocolate.

November 2006
Wrest Point Royal Hobart International Wine Show, Hobart. A week showcasing the Tasmanian wine industry. Judging, tutored tastings and award presentations.

Grape harvest concerts and celebrations are held in autumn and throughout the year at vineyards including Moorilla, Domaine A/Stoney Vineyard, Hawley House, Pipers Brook, Freycinet, St Matthias, Home Hill, Meadowbank Estate and Sharmans.

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At Home Hill Winery



Fresh from the sea



Fish and chips on Hobart's waterfront



Peppermint Bay

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1800 145 073

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When in Tasmania call into a Visitor Information Centre
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*Left to right: Cellar Door & Farm Gate Guide,
Tamar Valley Wine Route and Wine South Tasmania*

or visit www.discovertasmania.com
for online information, including wine tours.

Look for *Tasmanian Wines* and *Graeme Phillips' Eat Drink Tasmania*,
available for purchase at most local bookstores.



**Tasmania's
Temptations
Holidays**



*Conditions apply, subject to availability. Costs include GST. Prices are based on two people sharing a double room and are land content only. Minimum night stays and seasonal surcharges may apply to the packages over the Christmas and New Year period from 28/12/05 to 2/1/06. Car hire options available. All packages are valid for travel until 22 December 2006. Information and prices are accurate at the time of printing.

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