

Western Wilderness

- See stunning Russell Falls, Mt Field National Park
- Enjoy tastings at Ashgrove Cheese Factory

Accommodation	Superior Locations, Luxurious Style
Tour Code	RT09
Tour Duration	9
Style	Classic Coach / Motor Coach Touring
Finest Dining	Includes 15 Meals
Outstanding Places to Stay	Cradle Mountain Lodge with wonderful views

Itinerary

Day 1 Fri. Hobart, Dine Around Dinner.

Be met on arrival in Hobart and transferred to your hotel. Tonight experience the flexibility of our Dine Around Dinner, selecting the restaurant that suits your taste and mood. Choose from The Cove, The Drunken Admiral or partake in the Historical Pub Tour, with dinner included.

Two Night Stay: NEW! APT EXCLUSIVE! Hobart, Hotel Grand Chancellor, guaranteed Harbour View Rooms. Dx1

Day 2 Sat. Hobart, Salamanca Market, Huon Valley, Tahune AirWalk.

Start the day with a stroll through Salamanca Place, a historic row of fine early merchant warehouses. Browse through the bustling Saturday market. This afternoon, travel to the picturesque Huon Valley, renowned for its mushrooms, wine, seafood, fruit and gourmet delicacies. Visit the Heritage Centre at Geeveston before enjoying a walk on the Tahune AirWalk. Set amid the tree tops, the AirWalk provides a unique view of the forests around the Huon and Picton Rivers. Drive to the summit of Mt Nelson to take in the fabulous city views. Bruny Island Adventure Cruise Ask about replacing Day 2 touring with a full day adventure at Bruny Island. Cruise the rugged coast of southern Tasmania (must be pre-booked). Additional: \$120 per person.

Bx1

Day 3 Sun. Russell Falls, Lake St Clair, Queenstown, West Coast Wilderness Railway.

Follow the famous Derwent Valley to historic New Norfolk. Enter Mt Field National Park, Tasmania's oldest national park, where there are many treasures to be discovered by the nature lover. A short walk will bring us to the spectacular sight and serene sound of cascading Russell Falls. Relax among the giant tree ferns and maybe spot a rainbow trout in the clear creek. From here, travel deep into World Heritage wilderness to Lake St Clair, surrounded by spectacular mountain ranges. As we approach Queenstown the lush vegetation diminishes, testimony to the destructive copper smelting process of years gone by. Here, join the magnificently restored West Coast Wilderness Railway. Ride aboard elegant brass and timber carriages as you travel through dense rainforest, past massive tree ferns and through steep gorges. This evening, relax with a drink while taking in the fabulous views of Strahan's picturesque harbour. Enjoy a delicious buffet meal before retiring to your luxurious room.

Two Night Stay: APT EXCLUSIVE! Strahan, Strahan Village Harbour View Deluxe Rooms. Bx1 Dx1

Day 4 Mon. Gordon River Cruise, Cradle Mountain, Dine Around Dinner.

Join a cruise aboard the Lady Jane Franklin II across Macquarie Harbour to the striking and internationally recognised wilderness of the Gordon River, enjoying guaranteed window seating and lunch. Stop at Heritage Landing for a gentle walk through the dappled light of the ancient rainforest. Later, visit the infamous penal colony of Sarah Island, which once housed the toughest of the colony's convicts. A local guide will detail the settlement's fascinating history. This afternoon, explore the picturesque town of Strahan on Tasmania's west coast, then choose to dine at View 42°, Hamer's Hotel or The Fish Café. Perhaps take the opportunity this evening to see a local

What's Included

APT Guaranteed Inclusions

- Spend your Saturday morning at the famous Salamanca Market in Hobart
- Take in views of Hobart from Mt Nelson
- Visit the wind farm at Woolnorth
- Enjoy the fresh air of Cape Grim
- Experience the Tahune AirWalk in the Huon Valley Cruise the Gordon River, enjoying comfortable guaranteed main deck window seating
- See stunning Russell Falls, Mt Field National Park
- Visit Ross and see the famous convict-carved bridge
- Discover the World Heritage beauty of Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park
- Visit historic Woolmers Estate and stroll around the National Rose Garden

Finest Dining

- Glorious buffet dinner featuring Tasmania's finest produce, while overlooking Macquarie Harbour
- Farewell Dinner and Drinks in Launceston
- 8 hot breakfasts (B), 1 lunch as stated (L) and 6 Freedom of Choice Dinners (D)
- Dine Around Dinners™ Choose your dining from a range of restaurants in Hobart and Strahan and let APT pay the bill.

Outstanding Places to Stay

- APT EXCLUSIVE! Stay two nights at Strahan Village in a Harbour View Deluxe Room
- Stay within beautiful World Heritage wilderness at Cradle Mountain Lodge



pantomime based on a convict's great escape from Sarah Island (own expense).

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Day 5 Tue. Cradle Mountain, Dove Lake, Freedom of Choice Touring.

This morning, board your luxury coach and continue to the remote beauty of World Heritage-listed Cradle Mountain. Here we visit the Information Centre to learn about this wild and delicate part of Tasmania. The tour takes you to Dove Lake where you can see the dramatic peaks of Cradle Mountain. See Waldheim Chalet, nestled amid the ferns, built in 1912 as one man's utopia. Here, enjoy our Freedom of Choice Touring without adding a cent to the price of your holiday. Choose to sample the delights of local Tasmanian produce and join our wine and cheese tasting presentation. Or, you may wish to take a guided walk before dinner to learn of the surrounding alpine flora and fauna. Alternatively, encounter the Cradle Mountain wilderness at night on a spotlighting tour (limited availability) or pamper yourself with a spa and sauna at the Lodge's Waldheim Alpine Spa. Tonight enjoy a delicious dinner in the timber-lined Highland Restaurant. Relax by the fire and enjoy the warm ambience of this cosy lodge.

Stay: Cradle Mountain Lodge, individual Pencil Pine Cabins with wonderful views out over the surrounding landscape.

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Day 6 Wed. The Nut, Woolnorth Wind Farm, Cape Grim, Smithton.

Today journey along the scenic north-west coast to Stanley. Here we visit The Nut, an extinct volcano that now stands as a rocky outcrop rising 150 metres above the sea. We then continue to Woolnorth, perched atop the windswept cliffs of Tasmania's most north-west tip. Take a guided tour of the state's largest wind farm. Tour nearby Cape Grim and breathe in the crisp, refreshing air which is famous for being the cleanest in the world.

Stay: Smithton, Tall Timbers Hotel, constructed from a variety of Tasmanian timber.

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Day 7 Thur. Sheffield, Ashgrove Cheese Factory, Woolmers Estate, National Rose Garden.

Travel to Devonport, the major point of entry for visitors journeying across Bass Strait. Continue on to Sheffield, travelling along the base of the Great Western Tiers, with Mt Roland looming as a backdrop. Free time allows us to explore this quaint town where over 30 murals have been painted on many of the buildings' facades. This afternoon enjoy a visit to Ashgrove Cheese Factory, complete with a tasting of their speciality cheeses. Recognised as one of Australia's leading farmhouse cheese producers, Ashgrove uses traditional recipes and techniques. Then we visit Woolmers Estate to enjoy a tour through history as we explore the estate, its museum and the colourful National Rose Garden. We then make our way into Tasmania's second largest city, Launceston. Located in a river valley, Launceston is a city of elegant architecture and award-winning restaurants, blending history, scenery, adventure, entertainment and fine food and wine.

Two Night Stay: Launceston, Hotel Grand Chancellor.

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Day 8 Fri. Historic Ross, Farewell Dinner.

Travel around the Great Lake before heading to the quaint heritage township of Ross. View the famous historical bridge, featuring more than 180 unique hand carvings. Built by convicts and completed in 1836, this magnificent creation is known as one of the oldest and most beautiful bridges in Australia. Afterwards, we return to Launceston. This evening it is time to say goodbye to your new friends and APT crew at our delicious Farewell Dinner and Drinks with a menu exclusively chosen for APT guests.

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Day 9 Sat. Launceston, Home.

This morning enjoy time at leisure to further explore the city of Launceston before your departure transfer to the airport.

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- NEW! APT EXCLUSIVE! Two nights at Hobart's Hotel Grand Chancellor in a Harbour View Room
- Stay at Tall Timbers, Smithton

The APT Difference

- A unique Heritage Experience
- Fully trained Tour Director and Driver/Guide
- Guaranteed Mercedes-Benz coaches
- Fewer seats on coaches giving more leg room
- \$5 Million Consumer Protection Guarantee
- Adventure upgrade option available on tour, ask us about adding this option to your itinerary
- Free travel kit including stylish travel bag

Additional Information

- Tours operate on different days of the week. Please inquire
- Land Content only
- Fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, cruises, meals as specified and accommodation.
- At the time of making your booking, let APT's experts secure you the best airfares available.

Downloads

Additional Information

- [Australia's Climate](#)
- [Australia - Your Coach and Crew](#)
- [Australia - Touring Information](#)
- [Tasmania - Bruny Island](#)