

# Royal Discovery

- APT Freedom Concept Choose from a selection of activities – at no extra cost
- Discover Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park

<b>Accommodation</b>	Superior Locations, Luxurious Style
<b>Tour Code</b>	RTBA
<b>Tour Duration</b>	13
<b>Style</b>	Classic Coach / Motor Coach Touring
<b>Finest Dining</b>	Includes 21 Meals
<b>Outstanding Places to Stay</b>	Port Arthur, Comfort Inn, the only hotel in the historic site

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Mon. Spirit of Tasmania.

Depart Melbourne's Station Pier at 8.00 p.m. aboard the Spirit of Tasmania and enjoy the cruise across Bass Strait.

**Stay: Spirit of Tasmania, comfortable porthole twin cabins.**

### Day 2 Tue. Launceston, Freedom of Choice Touring, Welcome Drinks and Dinner.

On arrival in Devonport you will be met and transferred to Launceston. This afternoon visit Cataract Gorge, then choose from a trip to Platypus House, Seahorse World or Grubb Shaft Gold and Heritage Museum. Tonight join us for Welcome Drinks and Dinner.

**Stay: Launceston, Hotel Grand Chancellor. Dx1**

### Day 3 Wed. East Coast Natureworld, Freycinet National Park.

During lavender flowering season (Dec.-Jan.), enjoy a tour of Bridestowe Lavender Farm. Admire scenes of purple-hued fields and breathe in the lovely fragrance of lavender. Continue to the prosperous town of Scottsdale, then pass through the dark forest of Derby. We then head south along the scenic coast to Bicheno and visit East Coast Natureworld. Enjoy the opportunity to see Delilah, APT's very own Tasmanian Devil. Enter Freycinet National Park, renowned for its abundant wildlife and dramatic scenery. On arrival we are joined by a ranger guide for a walking tour along Cape Tourville. Admire the coastal views and learn about this unique environment. Tonight enjoy a succulent BBQ dinner while the sun sets over Oyster Bay (weather permitting).

**Stay: APT HIGHLIGHT! Freycinet Lodge, located within picturesque Freycinet National Park. Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 4 Thur. Tasman Peninsula, Port Arthur Historic Site, Crayfeast.

Today travel on the majestic Wielangta Forest Drive to Port Arthur Historic Site, via the natural features of the Tessellated Pavement, Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen on the Tasman Peninsula. Join a cruise on Mason Cove to learn of the settlement's dramatic history, then feast on a delicious crayfish dinner (fresh seafood served outside cray season).

**Stay: Port Arthur, Comfort Inn, the only hotel in the historic site overlooking the ruins. Bx1 Dx1**

### Day 5 Fri. Hobart, Freedom of Choice Touring, Dine Around Dinner.

Enjoy free time exploring the historic town of Richmond. This afternoon, choose the activity that suits you. Perhaps visit Cadbury's Chocolate Factory. Alternatively, enjoy a tour of Cascade Brewery (seasonal closures occur), or an historical walking tour of Hobart. Later, visit the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. Tonight choose to dine at The Cove, The Drunken Admiral or partake in an Historic Pub Tour (dinner included).

**Two Night Stay: NEW! APT EXCLUSIVE! Hobart, Hotel Grand Chancellor, guaranteed Harbour View Rooms. Bx1 Dx1**



## What's Included

### APT Guaranteed Inclusions

- Journey aboard the Spirit of Tasmania
- Visit the picturesque Cataract Gorge
- Visit Cape Grim, home to the world's cleanest air
- Visit the wind farm at Woolnorth
- Spend a morning at the famous Salamanca Market
- Taste local cheeses, Ashgrove Cheese Factory
- Cruise the World Heritage Gordon River, with guaranteed main deck window seating
- Tour the historic ruins of Port Arthur
- Explore Freycinet National Park
- Visit the heritage towns of Ross and Richmond
- See a Tasmanian Devil at Bicheno
- Visit Cape Grim, home to the world's cleanest air

### Finest Dining

- Buffet dinner overlooking Macquarie Harbour
- Delicious crayfish/seafood dinner, Port Arthur
- Indulge in a gourmet BBQ at Freycinet
- 11 hot breakfasts (B), 1 lunch as stated (L) and 9 Freedom of Choice Dinners (D)

### Outstanding Places to Stay

- NEW! APT EXCLUSIVE! Two nights at Hobart's Hotel Grand Chancellor in a Harbour View Room
- APT HIGHLIGHT! Stay at award-winning Freycinet Lodge within Freycinet National Park
- APT EXCLUSIVE! Stay two nights at Strahan

## Day 6 Sat. Salamanca Market, Huon Valley, Forest and Heritage Centre, Tahune AirWalk.

Start the day with a stroll through the vibrant waterfront markets of Salamanca Place. This afternoon, travel via the picturesque Huon Valley to Geeveston. Visit the Forest and Heritage Centre, gateway to the Southern Forests and home of the Tahune AirWalk. Set amid the tree tops, the AirWalk allows a unique view of the tranquil forests surrounding the Huon and Picton Rivers. Later, drive to the summit of Mt Nelson for city and harbour views. Bruny Island Adventure Cruise Ask about replacing Day 6 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 7 Sun. Russell Falls, Lake St Clair, West Coast Wilderness Railway, Strahan.

Follow the Derwent Valley to Mt Field National Park, where a short walk brings us to the spectacular sight of Russell Falls. Travel deep into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage area to Lake St Clair. Relax and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere before continuing on to Queenstown. Join the magnificently restored West Coast Wilderness Railway and travel through pristine forest scenery. Tonight enjoy a delicious buffet meal while overlooking Strahan's harbour.

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

## Day 8 Mon. Gordon River Cruise, Dine Around Dinner.

Today we join a cruise across Macquarie Harbour to the spectacular wilderness of the Gordon River. Enjoy guaranteed window seating aboard the Lady Jane Franklin II. Stop at Heritage Landing for a walk through the rainforest. As we cruise to the penal colony of Sarah Island, a local guide will detail the island's fascinating history. This afternoon, explore the picturesque town of Strahan then choose to dine at View 42°, Hamer's Hotel or The Fish Café. Perhaps take the opportunity to see a local pantomime on the area's convict history (own expense).

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## Day 9 Tue. World Heritage Cradle Mountain, Dove Lake, Freedom of Choice Touring.

Visit the Cradle Mountain Information Centre where we'll stop for morning tea, before being met by a local guide for a journey through the beautiful Cradle Mountain forest. Visit Dove Lake and Waldheim Chalet, then choose to either sample the local produce at our wine and cheese tasting; take a guided walk to learn of alpine flora and fauna; look for wildlife on a Night Spotlight Tour (limited availability) or indulge in a spa treatment at the Waldheim Alpine Spa.

**Stay: Cradle Mountain Lodge, individual Pencil Pine Cabins with views over the surrounding bush.**

**Bx1 Dx1**

## Day 10 Wed. Stanley, The Nut, Woolnorth Wind Farm, Cape Grim.

This morning we venture to historical Stanley. Nearby, see the striking rocky outcrop of The Nut. Later, visit the wind farm at Woolnorth, on the far north-west cliffs of Tasmania. Tour Cape Grim and enjoy a tasty afternoon tea.

**Stay: Smithton, Tall Timbers Hotel, constructed from Tasmanian timber.**

**Bx1 Dx1**

## Day 11 Thur. Sheffield, Ashgrove Cheese Factory, Woolmers Estate, National Rose Garden.

Our first stop of the day today is Devonport, Tasmania's main port of call for boats passing through the Bass Strait. We then visit Sheffield to explore this quaint town where over 30 murals have been painted on many of the buildings. This afternoon, enjoy a tour and tasting at Ashgrove Cheese Factory. Then take a fully guided tour of historic Woolmers Estate and wander through the beautiful National Rose Garden.

**Two Night Stay: Launceston, Hotel Grand Chancellor, luxury in the city centre.**

**Bx1**

## Day 12 Fri. Historic Ross, Farewell Dinner.

Journey around the Great Lake, the country's second largest freshwater lake used for generating hydroelectric power. Afterwards stop at historic Ross where we pass many quaint old buildings and view the famous bridge, featuring over 180 unique hand carvings. Tonight enjoy our special Farewell Dinner and Drinks and say goodbye to your fellow travellers.

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Village in a Harbour  
View Deluxe Room

- Cradle Mountain Lodge wilderness retreat
- Accommodation overlooking Port Arthur Historic Site

### 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
- 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, accommodation and Spirit of Tasmania crossing.
- Single supplement includes sole use cabin on Spirit of Tasmania.
- 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](#)

**Day 13 Sat. Launceston, Home.**

Enjoy a delicious breakfast before transferring to Launceston Airport.

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