

A Taste of Tasmania & Wildlife



Approximately 8 hours



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Taste Tasmania's diverse northern specialties and meet some of the unique local wildlife on this full-day adventure that is sure to tempt your sweet tooth.

Depart Burnie and head southeast through some of the beautiful towns dotted throughout Tasmania's north.

Your first stop is at a local **chocolate factory** that specializes in Belgian-style chocolates, handmade with the freshest Tasmanian cream and butter.

Enjoy a delicious **morning tea** as you browse in the museum or **gift shop**.

Continue on to **Sheffield**, the Town of Murals, where huge, colorful murals depicting the early history of the area are painted throughout the town on every available blank wall.

Visit Tasmania's **Trowunna Wildlife Park** and enjoy a traditional **Aboriginal welcome**, including stories about Australia's indigenous animals.

See hand-fed Tasmanian devils or **hold a baby wombat** while learning about Tasmania and Australia's fascinating wildlife. Enjoy **lunch** at Trowunna before letting your taste buds do the talking at the **Ashgrove Cheese Factory**.

You'll taste authentic cheeses made by hand on the farm, and discover how they capture the delectable flavors of the local Tasmanian countryside. Ashgrove has a range of more than 15 different types of cheeses, ranging from traditional cheddar and feta through to more innovative flavors such as wild wasabi, bush pepper and lavender.

Pass through the pretty towns of Deloraine and Latrobe on your way back to the ship.

Notes:

Cheese purchased in Tasmania must be consumed before disembarking in Sydney or Auckland. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Corkage Policy: Onboard corkage fee is waived for one bottle of wine per person per tour for wine purchased during a Holland America Line shore excursion

Burnie Highlights



Approximately 4 hours



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Board a motor coach and leave the pier for an introduction to **Burnie**.

You'll travel to the pretty parkland of **Fernglade**--one of Burnie's most valuable natural assets. More than a dozen species of native orchid have been noted along the walking tracks, and one of the real attractions here is the population of platypus. Fernglade is the only place in Australia where a platypus can be seen within a town boundary. Keep your eyes peeled for these elusive creatures.

Visit the **Hellyers Road Distillery**--Australia's largest distiller of single malt whisky and proudly Tasmanian. Enjoy a **tasting** of their acclaimed **whisky** or heart-warming Whisky Cream.

Re-board your coach for the journey into the picturesque countryside with rolling green hills and fertile soil, stopping briefly at the **Guide Falls**. Pause for an opportunity to have your photo taken here.

Enjoy spectacular Tasmanian coastal views as you journey northeast towards Table Cape-an extinct volcano that was pushed up through the earth's crust. The rugged coastline and sheer cliff edges are breathtaking in this location.

You will visit the **Wonders of Wynyard** information center, as well as a **museum of vintage and veteran cars** before returning to the pier.

Notes:

Minimum age to taste alcohol is 18 years. To participate in the wine tasting portion of this tour you must be of legal age and accompanied by an adult age 21 or older. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Burnie Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person. See additional NOTES below.



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Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

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Burnie Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



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Burnie Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



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Cradle Mountain National Park & Dove Lake



Approximately 8 Hours



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3.5 out of 5

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Travel into the heart of Tasmania's north to the **Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park**, a magnificent wilderness of pristine forest and glacial lakes.

Your route goes via Sheffield, the Town of Murals, where local artists have painted stories of the Kentish district on the old buildings. Enjoy a short stop here to see the **colorful murals** and a chance to purchase a refreshment or pastry from the local baker (at your own expense).

Continue up the winding road and into Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park--an alpine wilderness and wonderland, truly Tasmania's ultimate destination. The National Park is one of the most popular in Tasmania, yet still retains its isolated and wild character.

Visit the **National Parks Interpretative Centre**, located just inside the park entrance, which houses informative displays and an art gallery.

Take an easy **stroll** along the boardwalk, which meanders through a patch of cool temperate rain forest. If the weather is fine, you'll be rewarded with views of the beautiful Pencil Pine Falls.

A delicious **lunch** is served at a local lodge before you continue to **Dove Lake**. The lake is dominated by the famous Cradle Mountain and, on a clear day, the views are breathtaking and offer great photo opportunities.

Simply relax and enjoy the vistas while taking in the scents and sounds of the mountain, or take a brisk stroll along the boardwalk that circles the lake before returning to Burnie in the afternoon.

Notes:

Tour does not operate on holidays.

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Gunns Plains Caves & Wildlife



Approximately 4½ hours



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5 out of 5

Value

4 out of 5

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Pass through Tasmania's picturesque countryside and lush green vistas en route to **Gunns Plains**—a prosperous farming district located south of Burnie.

Limestone caves are the region's main attraction, discovered by a hunter in 1906. Caverns and short passages are accessed by a flight of concrete stairs, and you will wind your way through the caves on a **guided tour**. See an underground river and bioluminescent glowworms, as well as some unusual ribbon stalactites.

Re-board your coach for the drive to the **Wing's Wildlife Park**, set on 106 acres. Tasmanian devils, quolls, and many other native animals and farm creatures live here, including reptiles and kangaroos.

Visit the animal nursery if you wish, or simply spend your **free time** exploring the park and visiting its inhabitants.

Notes:

There are approximately 200 steps in the cave. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Lost World Adventure Canyon Experience



Approximately 7½ hours



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Welcome to the sport of "**canyoning**." This adrenalin-filled activity is becoming ever more popular as it involves negotiating a steep-sided section of river wearing a wetsuit, buoyancy vest and helmet. Some of the techniques used include hiking, swimming, jumping off small waterfalls and sliding down natural waterslides.

Today, you'll participate in a relatively gentle introduction to canyoning on this tour that runs on the beautiful upper section of the **Dove River** within three miles of Cradle Mountain. It is a "**soft adventure**", suitable for families.

June through lovely quartzite gorges surrounded by a blanket of button-grass and ancient King Billy Pines. Of the 2½ hours spent in the canyon about an hour is spent in the water. Walk and float through a beautiful section of the Dove River, carved out by a glacier 20,000 years ago. There are a number of small rapids and some optional jump rocks for those who want to spice things up a bit. You will have a great opportunity to experience nature from this unique point of view. The rugged mountains and glacial lakes along with the abundance of wildlife in the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park make it one of Tasmania's most popular natural tourist destinations.

Notes:

Minimum age is 8 years. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Panoramic Coastal Journey



Approximately 8 hours



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Discover the diversity and beauty of Tasmania as you leave Burnie and head west through some of the beautiful **coastal towns** that line the northern tip of Tasmania.

You will travel via **Table Cape Lookout** to your first stop and drive through **Boat Harbour**. This charming village is located on the side of a gentle hill that tumbles down to a superb white-sand beach with rocky headlands on either side. The dazzling sand is simply tiny fragments of the quartzite rock that is common along this section of the coastline. Because of the climate, frosts are unknown here and plants from the tropics can be seen in local gardens.

Further west, you will find the town of Stanley, where a mountain called the Nut, discovered by Bass and Flinders in 1798, abruptly rises 450 feet from the sea. The Nut is the stump of an old volcano. Take the **chairlift** to the top of the Nut for the best views of the coast.

Stopping in **Stanley** for a pleasant **lunch**, you'll also visit Highfield House, regarded as the birthplace of European settlement in Tasmania's northwest. It was built in 1835 as a residence for Edward Curr, chief agent of the Van Diemen's Land Company.

Notes:

A cafe-style lunch is included. Tour does not operate on holidays.

Tasmanian Countryside Drive & Devonport



Approximately 5 hours



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Board a coach at the pier and travel 25 minutes to the quaint seaside village of **Penguin**. Penguin was settled in 1861 and named after the small, comical seabirds that live in rookeries along the north coast but was originally known for its timber and mining industries than its wildlife.

Enjoy **free time in** Penguin, whose commercial status has always been overshadowed by Burnie and Devonport. Nowadays this is an advantage because it makes for a quiet life in pleasant, scenic serenity.

Re-board the coach and head to **Devonport**, 45 minutes away. Devonport sits on the banks of the Mersey River and is **Tasmania's third-largest city**.

Drive past early workers' cottages and old buildings before leaving the coach for some **free time** in town.

Take a stroll or purchase a refreshment (at your own expense) from one of the local cafés. Head 45 minutes inland through rich **farming country**.

You'll stop at **Preston Falls**--a slender waterfall that plunges 85 feet over an alcove into the shady depths of the gorge.

Take a short **walk** down steps to the viewing platform before enjoying the scenic one-hour drive back to the ship

Tasmanian Indulgence



Approximately 5 hours



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Depart Burnie and head southeast for an hour through some of the beautiful towns that dot Tasmania's northern landscape.

Your first stop is at a local **chocolate factory** that specializes in handcrafted Belgian-style chocolates made with the freshest Tasmanian cream and butter. Enjoy a delicious **morning tea** and browse in the **museum** or **gift shop**.

Visit the boutique **Ghost Rock Vineyard**, where you will be briefed on all aspects of the vineyard and enjoy a sampling of wine. The wines are made in small quantities from grapes grown on just seven acres of vines. The original vineyard, established in 1989, was among the first to be planted in this coastal region of Tasmania.

The drive back to the ship is just over an hour.

Notes:

To participate in the wine tasting portion of this tour you must be of legal age and accompanied by an adult age 21 or older.

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Tassie Wildlife



Approximately 4 hours



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Visit the home of the largest collection of Tasmanian wildlife in the world at the family-run **Wing's Wildlife Park**, set among 106 acres of bushland. The park functions in part as a

haven for injured or orphaned wildlife, providing a rehabilitation area to help them re-enter the wild.

Leaving Burnie, you'll travel along the Bass Highway coastal route, via the resort town of Ulverstone and through the rolling hills and countryside, before arriving at Gunns Plains and Wing's Wildlife Park.

Enjoy approximately two hours **on your own** to explore the park, and to meet the animals and their keepers.

See Tasmanian devils, quolls, kangaroos, emus, ostriches, camels and water buffalo.

Visit the reptile enclosure, where you will have a chance to feel the skin of a non-venomous snake.

Hand-feed the native freshwater fish (food can be purchased at an additional cost), and see the birds of prey and native hens in the wetland area.

After your wildlife encounter, return to Burnie and the ship, passing through the country town of Riana before reaching the coast.

Notes:

Naturalist guides are on hand throughout the park to assist; however, your time at the park is unguided and you will explore on your own. Tour does not operate on holidays.