# Suggested 8-Day Group/FIT Itinerary Tasmania's East Coast and Cradle Mountain

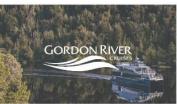
## DAY 1 **Hobart**

- Arrive in Hobart (AM)
- Pickup rental car at Airport
- Check in at <u>RACV/RACT Apartment Hotel</u>
- Time for Lunch!
  - For seafood, head to the fish punts or <u>Mures Lower Deck</u> on the docks of Hobart's waterfront
  - For a quick snack or casual bakery bite, head to Jackman and McRoss
  - o For one of Hobart's best coffees, head to <u>Villino Coffee</u> in the city
  - Can't decide? Take a stroll along Salamanca Place a take your pick from a variety of cafes and restaurants
- Jump in your car for a short scenic drive up to Mt Kunanyi pinnacle lookout to marvel at the glorious views of Hobart and surrounds. Remember to dress like an onion for all conditions, as the weather can change in the blink of an eye.
- Dinner!
  - o Charcoal Restaurant & Bar
  - o Urban Greek
  - If you're still not sure and have not been to Salamanca Place yet, be sure to do so. With plenty of dining options available – it won't disappoint

# DAY 2 Hobart - Freycinet National Park

- Breakfast
  - Enjoy a hearty breakfast buffet downstairs at RACT/RACV at Charcoal Restaurant
- Collect a Parks Pass from Visitor's Centre in Hobart
- Drive to Freycinet (2.5 hours without stops) via the Great Eastern Drive
  - o Be on the lookout for cellar doors of well-known Tasmanian wineries
  - o Stop in at Kate's Berry Farm and sample some delicious ice cream
- Settle in at your accommodation for the next two nights, Freycinet Lodge
- Lunch at Richardson's Bistro
- Spend the afternoon exploring Cape Tourville, Hazards Beach and Honeymoon Bay
- For something a little more adventurous, test yourself with the Wineglass Bay & Hazards Beach Circuit, or get off your feet with quad biking at All4 Adventures or Kayak with Freycinet Adventures.









 After a long day, grab a delicious meal at Richardson's Bistro before relaxing in your cabin as you soak up the breathtaking views of the National Park

#### DAY 3

## Freycinet National Park

- Fuel up for a busy day with a hearty breakfast from Freycinet Lodge
- At 10am, hop on the <u>Wineglass Bay Cruise</u> (4 Hours), for a chance to marvel at the diverse wildlife and landscapes from the water
- Take an afternoon walk to the Wineglass Bay Lookout (2 hours return) for a world renowned photo opportunity
- Dinner at <u>The Bay Restaurant</u>; here you will dine in elegant surroundings, with magnificent views and delicious cuisine celebrated by many
- If you're feeling up to it, cap off the day with award-winning Tasmanian beers and boutique ciders at <u>Hazards Bar</u>
- Enjoy your last night at Freycinet Lodge, marveling at the views of Great Oyster Bay and local bushland

#### DAY 4

#### Coles Bay - St Helens

Fuel up for the day with breakfast from Freycinet Lodge before driving up the East Coast towards St Helens

- Make sure to stop off at the Blowhole in Bicheno. Don't forget a waterproof jacket
- When you arrive at St Helens, don't forget to stop in at the <u>Visitors Centre</u>
   <u>& History Room</u> to learn about the unique history that has shaped the area
- Spend the afternoon enjoying the iconic Bay of Fires and Friendly Beaches
- For couples, consider glamping for the evening at the Bay of <u>Fires Bush</u> Retreat
- Alternatively, groups should stay at one o the top-rated accommodation providers in St Helens, <u>Pelican Point Sanctuary</u>.

## DAY 5

#### St Helens - Launceston

- Grab some delicious baked goods from St Helens Bakery for breakfast to kick start the day
  - o If you're after something a little more robust, try the <u>Lichen</u> <u>Restaurant & Café</u> on the water's edge
- Time to hit the road and drive to Launceston via Scottsdale (2.5 Hours









- When in Launceston, you can't pass up on a trip to <u>Cataract Gorge</u>
  - Enjoy picturesque views from above in the on the Gorge scenic chairlift
  - o Grab lunch at the Gorge Restaurant or Basin Café
  - Spend some time lapping up the short walks intertwined between the Gorge and surrounds
- Check in for the night at <u>Peppers Seaport Hotel</u>
- For dinner, try <u>Mudbar Restaurant</u> or take a look at the exciting options along the Old Seaport wharf strip

#### DAY 6

## Launceston - Cradle Mountain

- Before you hit the road, consider breakfast at The Eatery on Cameron, Bryher or Cuccina Café Restaurant
- Drive to Cradle Mountain (2 Hours Approx.) and check in at the <u>Cradle</u> Mountain Hotel
- Pop into the Cradle Mountain <u>Wilderness Gallery</u> to marvel at the artwork dedicated to showcasing Cradle Mountain and the stories of Tasmania
- Time to explore! There are plenty of options available
  - With many short walks accessible in the Cradle Mountain National Park, it is difficult to choose from. Check out a great guide HERE
  - Our top pick is the Dove Lake Walk, a favorite among many and suitable for all ages
- Treat yourself to the Mountain Rock Experience at <u>Altitude Restaurant</u> for fully flavoured and tender meals

## DAY 7

## Cradle Mountain

- Start the day at Altitude Restaurant with a continental or full hot buffet breakfast
- With stunning short walks available, make sure you tick off any that you missed yesterday
- For the more experienced bush walkers, the 7-hour return day trip to the summit of Cradle Mountain is a must. Be sure to gear up appropriately for all weather conditions.
- If you can squeeze it in, be sure to check out <u>Devils at Cradle</u> and see one of Tasmania's most iconic endangered species
- Dine at the Altitude Restaurant before capping off the trip with a celebratory drink at the <u>Altitude Lounge Bar</u>









## DAY8

## Cradle Mountain - Launceston - Home

- Drive back to Launceston Airport and fly out.
- Start planning your next trip to Tasmania.

## Tips for Driving in Tasmania

- Be aware of wildlife when driving of a night in Tasmania.
- Often Tasmanian roads take longer to drive on than Google Maps suggests.
- Take care driving at night and early morning in the winter, as often the roads are icy. You can also check out our <u>tips</u> for travelling on the roads in winter.
- Fill up with fuel at your departure point to avoid stress later on your journey, particularly if you are doing longer drives.
- Watch out for scenic photo opportunities, there are many!







