

# Things to do in Tasmania

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Folklore has it that Captain Albert 'Black' Hazard may have been a black American sealing captain who was shipwrecked near this mid east coast of Tasmania. In 1824 Hazard lost his ship *Promise* off the Freycinet Peninsula. According to lore, Hazard swam to the Tasmanian 'mainland' in a feat that led to all on board the *Promise* being rescued. If a black American skipper seems remarkable in the Georgian era, it is even more remarkable then that little more is known of Hazard. There seem to be few certainties of the man's origins but his name lives on in the Hazards, the lofty granite range that crowns the Freycinet National Park. My introduction to the man came on the way to an unexpectedly fine lunch.

The Wineglass to Wine Glass tour is a guided walk over the Hazards to Wineglass Bay. The first stage of it follows a cleverly-honed walking track to a saddle where, after about 30 minutes of uphill walking, there are the first views of a beach that has been traced from the half moon. The sand is white enough to suggest somebody has taken to scrubbing it regularly and if the trees edging the sand were coconut palms rather than endemic forest this would be a pin up for tropical beaches the world over. Indeed Wineglass Bay and its semi-circle beach have chalked up almost as many glowing terms as Mother Theresa. Endemic green rosellas and fan-tailed cuckoos sing about all of it. At a beachside standing camp, after about three easy hours of walking, a table is set with cloth napkins, cutlery with a new-car sheen and wine glasses. A chef, boated in ahead, served the first course of abalone and oysters along with chilled wine. Course two included succulent pieces of rock lobster. Course three: quail, King Island beef and baby potatoes. A pinot noir complemented the supple steaks. Thankfully a boat took us back to the hotels sprinkled around Coles Bay.

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### Beach experiences

- Find freedom on Freycinet's beaches overlooking the shimmering turquoise sea – at Honeymoon Bay, Wineglass Bay or secluded Hazards Beach
- Escape with Freycinet Sea Cruises to Wineglass Bay; local oysters, cheeses and sparkling wine are served at anchor near the world-acclaimed beach
- Settle back in luxury accommodation overlooking stunning coastlines and uninterrupted views of the vast Great Oyster Bay
- Take a guided four-day walk along the stunning white beaches of the Bay of Fires, meeting abundant wildlife and exploring coastal woodlands



### Adventure

- Kayak with Freycinet Adventures to bays where the Hazards mountains meet the sea
- Take an exhilarating ride on an all-terrain vehicle to faraway beaches and forests with All4adventure
- Battle a marlin, swordfish or bluefin tuna on a game fishing charter out of St Helens, widely acclaimed as one of Australia's best game fishing spots
- Take on a vertical challenge, abseiling down dramatic granite crags at Whitewater Wall, Freycinet Peninsula
- Dive into enormous kelp forests, sea caves and shipwrecks with dive operators at Binalong Bay, St Helens or Bicheno



### Food and wine

- Join a guided walk to Wineglass Bay for a sumptuous beachside banquet of local lobster, scallops, beef, quail and Tasmanian wines
- Dine at Diamond Island Resort's award-winning beachfront restaurant at Bicheno
- Choose freshly-shucked Salty Seas oysters at St Helens – they've won gourmet awards and the business is a local success story
- On a picturesque family farm, bite into tangy Pyengana cheddar made to a century-old recipe
- Savour premium seafood, local wine and a view over Binalong Bay and the Bay of Fires from the deck of Angasi restaurant



### Nature and wildlife

- Walk for four days on the wildlife refuge of Maria Island. Get lost in the island's own convict story
- Go beach to bush – cruise to Wineglass Bay then walk the granite outcrops of the Hazards Range for coastal scenery
- Go wildlife spotting after dark to see abundant penguins, wallabies, muttonbirds and more
- Visit East Coast Nature World, one of the finest nature parks in Tasmania
- Make time for a walk that will take you to the rugged river gorges, waterholes and waterfalls of the Douglas-Apsley National Park
- Watch hundreds of little penguins in a natural environment in the nightly parade at Bicheno

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