

Things to do in Tasmania

HOBART AND SURROUNDS



There is perhaps good reason why Charles Darwin and Mark Twain were fond of Hobart. Some of the city's finest attributes may have been little more than a gang-plank length from where their ships docked in the port but for this duo, riddled as they were with heavenly curiosity, there could have been further perks. Southern Tasmania's eminent attractions were little more than a day's coach ride away. Today the Derwent Valley, the Tasman Peninsula and the Huon Valley are even easier to access by motor vehicle.

The Huon region is just a 30-minute drive south of Hobart. Its narrative spans rivers, orchards, forests, towns sans gentrification, friendly locals and, to a lesser extent, homes where smoke from chimneys drifts without purpose when the yachts on the nearby bays are becalmed.

Water views are a constant from the Huon and on those days when sails are as limp as the English cricket team, you will occasionally be able to track a skipper's agitation while sipping coffee somewhere. A somewhat less coveted feature than the water is the firewood to fuel winter fires. Within wheel barrowing distance of homes as well as pubs, cafés and B&Bs are truly impressive quantities of split firewood, most of it stacked neater than a newsreader's suit.

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Food and wine

- Enjoy award-winning wine, meet winemakers and relax in superb locations like Moorilla or Meadowbank in the Coal River Valley
- Compare the flavour of flagship and craft beers after a tour at Cascade, Australia's oldest brewery
- Sample rare Huon Valley heritage apples straight from the orchard
- Sample regional cuisine around Peppermint Bay at Woodbridge
- Buy your own barrel of Bothwell's Nant Estate single malt whisky; it's flavoured with a colonial story
- Graze your way through the food, colour, characters and offerings of renowned Salamanca Market



History and culture

- Explore the workers' cottages and village green of Arthurs Circus at Battery Point
- Join strolling theatre that brings the heartbreak of a convict woman to life at South Hobart's Female Factory
- Encounter designers, makers and inspired arts and crafts around Hobart's waterfront and Salamanca Place
- Catch a Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra concert, live art performances or a show in Australia's oldest theatre
- Immerse yourself in the power of Port Arthur, its convict buildings, gardens, tours and captivating tales
- Wander through galleries and antique shops at Richmond, one of Australia's best preserved colonial villages



Adventure

- Pedal downhill from Mt Wellington's summit for alpine terrain, forest and panoramic views
- Sail the River Derwent on the square-rigger *Lady Nelson* and relive the days of epic sea odysseys
- Soar through the treetops at Tahune AirWalk near Geeveston
- Lift your spirits on a Bruny Island eco-cruise and get up close to 300-metre sea cliffs, caves and abundant sea life
- Tap into nature's fury at Pirates Bay on the Tasman Peninsula, with the Devils Kitchen, Tasman Arch, Blowhole and the Tessellated Pavement



Wildlife and waterways

- Have a close encounter with Tasmanian devils in wildlife parks at Brighton and Taranna
- Feed fish near New Norfolk at the Salmon Ponds, the southern hemisphere's oldest trout hatchery
- Seek quolls and devils at night or see wombats and platypus by day at a Mt Field wildlife refuge then explore Mt Field National Park, including Russell Falls
- Share the wonder of seals, dolphins, whales and seabirds along the Tasman Peninsula
- Welcome little penguins returning to The Neck's wild beach on Bruny Island after a day at sea

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