

# Things to do in Tasmania

## LAUNCESTON, TAMAR AND THE NORTH



Wine. It's popular for good reason: the glorious note played in the instant when a cork is coaxed from a bottle; the gurgle during pouring; the smell; the lingering taste; and the anticipation of the next drink.

The Tamar Valley runs north and south of Launceston, the oldest city in Australia after Sydney and Hobart. Almost 50 per cent of the island's wine comes from this area, a valley that nurtures cool-climate varieties of grapes including chardonnay, pinot noir, and riesling. Just as importantly the vineyard owners, wine makers and cellar door folk hereabouts speak of their wines in a language most travellers should be far more familiar with: plain English.

'The only two things you need to know about wine: what you like and where you get it,' says wine maker Jeremy Dineen at the 60ha Josef Chromy winery, just 20 minutes south of Launceston. Not much of Tassie's acclaimed sparkling wines, rieslings and pinots make it to the mainland and Mr Dineen's refreshingly uncomplicated message could inspire a slogan for island vinos. Mr Dineen also says that most cool-climate wines are really at their best when in concert with food.

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### Premium food and wine

- Check out the city's café culture and award-winning restaurants, including a stroll along the riverfront promenade to al fresco waterfront dining
- Taste the cool-climate difference at more than 20 vineyards, wineries and cellar doors along the Tamar Valley
- Try the Tamar's contemporary food and fine dining featuring local seafood and produce
- Check out a beer menu at Boags, where Wizard Smith's an ale and the magic's in the brewing
- Stock up on raspberries at Christmas Hills, Deloraine and Ashgrove's English county-style cheeses from the farm gate close by



### Outdoor experiences

- Glide on a high wire at Hollybank Treetops Adventure
- Take to a mountain bike for a thrilling guided descent of Ben Lomond. Start at the alpine village and negotiate Jacobs Ladder and forest paths
- At Beauty Point enter the wondrous world of seahorses and endangered marine creatures, then see families of platypus in a fascinating discovery centre
- Head into a subterranean world at Mole Creek. Tour through King Solomons Cave and Marakoopa's glow worm cave
- Play a round of golf at Barnbougle Dunes Golf Links near Bridport
- Travel to one of the many rivers to reel in superb trout



### Cultural heritage

- Explore romantic streetscapes featuring some of Australia's best 19th-century architecture
- Stroll Victorian gardens which include ferns and exotic plants, a band rotunda and peacocks – all within a wild oasis at Cataract Gorge
- Celebrate craft skills and world-acclaimed design at the Tasmanian Wood Design Collection
- Enjoy the vibrancy and energy of a Launceston dance company that celebrates island life
- Discover a heritage-filled highway where colonial history is alive in a string of towns and country houses, from Evandale to Ross



### Sensory experiences

- Wander lavender fields where the whole world seems to have turned purple
- Feel the texture of ripe camembert cheese, crusty bread from the provedore, warm fruit growing on the vine or smooth Huon Pine
- Relax with a spa, sauna, massage or beauty treatment, without even leaving your city hideaway
- Enjoy the river breeze on a Tamar cruise, the calls of myriad water birds and a passing parade of vineyards and historic homesteads
- Smell fragrant history on a journey through the evolution of the rose – there are more than 4,000 to enjoy at Woolmers National Rose Garden at Longford

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