

Day 6 Monday 17 February

**Bruny Island**

After breakfast you board your private coach for a tour highlight, breathtaking Bruny Island. With the coach travelling on the ferry from mainland Kettering to Bruny, you arrive on the island and head towards Alonnah along the narrow isthmus known as the Neck on your way to Adventure Bay. Stop at Truganini Look-out for spectacular views. You also have a morning tea stop in Alonnah and visit the Bligh Museum of Exploration (\$4-00 entry pay on the day). Continue to the Bruny Island Cruises restaurant on the wharf at Adventure Bay for a delicious lunch of locally caught fish before boarding their Wilderness Cruise boat for a spectacular three hour cruise around the pristine Bruny coastline. Observe nature at its absolute finest and see sea carved stacks, remote islands, sea caves, Jurassic era cliffs and the awesome Breathing Rock. Hopefully you can spot sea eagles, Australian fur seals, dolphins, terns and gannets. Return via ferry and coach to Hobart where you might like to join your tour leader for a walk or meal out locally.

**Overnight Hobart**  
**Breakfast • Lunch**



Day 7 Tuesday 18 February

**Hobart to Adelaide**

Enjoy a final leisurely buffet breakfast before transferring to the airport for your Qantas flight via Melbourne to Adelaide. The flight arrives in the late afternoon.

**Breakfast • Refreshments in Flight**



# HISTORIC HOBART & BRUNY ISLAND



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# Historic Hobart • Cascade Female Factory Government House • Old Hobart Town • New Norfolk • Pontville Richmond • Swansea • Bicheno • Bruny Island Wilderness Cruise

Join your historian tour leader Dr Denis Binnion AM on this unique tour of historic Hobart, the idyllic east coast of Tasmania and breathtaking Bruny Island. Staying in one of Hobart's finest hotel on the Constitution Dock waterfront for the duration of your stay, highlights include a fabulous Bruny Island Wilderness cruise, the Cascade Female Factory a UNESCO designated site of cultural significance, a private tour of opulent Government House one of the finest Vice-Regal residences in the Commonwealth and a full day tour along the spectacular Great Eastern Scenic Drive. Explore surprising museums and the legacy of some of our earliest European settlement, including fine Georgian architecture, picturesque villages, and convict built cottages, bridges and churches. Enjoy relaxed daily touring, quality inclusions and leisure time to discover new delights.

**Tour Leader:** Dr Denis Binnion AM is an experienced historical tour leader for WEA Travel's cultural and heritage tours to all corners of Australia. With a keen interest in geography, local heritage and history, he is a dedicated and friendly leader.

**Tour Includes:** Return flights with Qantas; All transfers & transport; All Accommodation in 4.5 star waterfront hotel: Daily buffet breakfast and meals as per itinerary; All sightseeing & tours as per itinerary; Bruny Island Wilderness Cruise; Tour study notes



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## Day 1 Wednesday 12 February

### Adelaide to Hobart

Depart Adelaide mid morning with Qantas via Melbourne to Hobart. On arrival you are transferred to your luxury waterfront hotel where you are booked for the duration of your stay. Superbly located in the heart of Hobart with lovely views over the Derwent and Constitution Dock, the hotel offers great food, an indoor swimming pool and premier facilities. Tonight a welcome dinner is arranged for you at the hotel. (photo below)

**Overnight Hobart**  
**Refreshments in Flight • Dinner**



## Day 2 Thursday 13 February

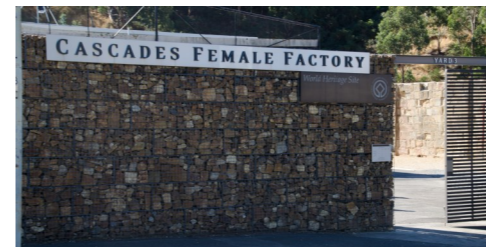
### Hobart Unique Experiences

After breakfast you drive to Mt Nelson Lookout for lovely views then visit one of the tour's historic highlights the Cascade Female Factory. Of global significance and UNESCO World Heritage designated, the Cascade Female Factory is the most significant place of female convict history in Australia. It tells the largely untold story of women and girls' forced migration, mistreatment and contribution from the 19<sup>th</sup> century through to modern Australia. Continue to the Royal Botanic Gardens



set on a hillside above the Derwent. Established in 1816 they are the second oldest public gardens in Australia and its only cool climate Botanical Garden. Enjoy the tranquility and a relaxed lunch or visit the conservatory, the floral clock, the sub arctic plant house or the Japanese Garden. In the afternoon you visit Government House for a private tour behind the scenes including both sides of the house and the opulent state rooms. This original sandstone structure was commenced in 1855 and is regarded as one of the finest Vice-Regal residences in the Commonwealth.

**Overnight Hobart**  
**Breakfast**



## Day 3 Friday 14 February

### New Norfolk & Richmond

Take a scenic drive today to charming New Norfolk. There is time to browse its historic buildings from the Drill Hall Emporium to its small shops and antique centres, and for morning tea. Stop also in Pontville, established as a garrison town in 1821, to see the old church and hotel. Continue along the Coal River Valley to historic Richmond and experience Old Hobart Town model village. Replicating Hobart in the 1820s with sixty buildings and hundreds of street figures, take a walk back in time down Hobart's Macquarie Street as it was two hundred years ago. Have lunch at leisure in Richmond's beautiful old core and walk across Australia's famous oldest bridge, constructed by convicts in the 1820s and take in the restored buildings from the 1820s and 1830s. These include Australia's oldest intact gaol built in 1825 and St John's church built in 1836, Australia's oldest remaining Catholic church. In the afternoon you tour the world's only Poosseum, a quirky science museum and unique educational experience.

**Overnight Hobart**



## Day 4 Saturday 15 February

### Hobart

Today is a free day to relax and spend time at the Salamanca Markets, one of Australia's most loved outdoor markets, the bookshops and cafes and absorb the atmosphere. The Hobart Museum and Art Gallery is close to your hotel in the old Commissariat Store built from 1808 and is free to explore. You might also like to walk around marvelous Battery Point and perhaps take a cruise on the Derwent River or wander the shops of Collins and Elizabeth Streets. You could also visit the old Penitentiary Church for an another experience of Hobart's convict past. Your tour leader will be able to assist you get the most out of your day and also plans to take you on an easy exploratory walk around the historic city centre on this day.

**Overnight Hobart**  
**Breakfast**



## Day 5 Sunday 16 February

### Great Eastern Scenic Drive

Embark on a full day coach excursion to Tasmania's gorgeous East Coast this morning, a region noted for its sparkling clear waters and white sands. Pause in the township of Orford which was established in 1831 for its proximity to the convict settlement on Maria Island then continue to Tribunna to see the old barracks now converted to accommodation and the esplanade. Travel along the Great Eastern Drive to Swansea. Established in 1821 with many beautiful buildings from that era, Swansea is an idyllic coastal town overlooking Great Oyster Bay, with lovely views across to Freycinet National Park. Visit Morris' General Store with its historic display room and general supplies before a lunch break and wander in pretty Bicheno. After lunch you see the famous

Blow Hole from where you look across at the granite islands of Cod Rock and Governor Island. Arrive back at your comfortable hotel in time to relax and go out for dinner at leisure.

**Overnight Hobart**  
**Breakfast**

