

Launceston Flower Show 2016

Day: 1 Thu 22/09/16 Launceston ~ Cataract Gorge D



On arrival in Launceston be greeted by your friendly coach captain and board your luxury touring coach. Travel to the city of Launceston, Tasmania's second largest. Enjoy a short city orientation tour and visit the beautiful Cataract Gorge with its cliff-side gardens, peacocks, pools, suspension foot bridge and one of the longest single span chairlifts in the world (ride is optional and own expense.) The remainder of the afternoon is yours to relax before dinner at the hotel.

Day: 2 Fri 23/09/16 Tamar Valley ~ Woolmers ~ Brickendon BLD



History, architecture and beautiful gardens are on offer today as we explore the beautiful countryside around Launceston. Tour the scenic Tamar Valley to Grey Sands Vineyard. Described as a "collectors garden" it has something to enjoy in every season and the wine is worth a taste as well! Visit the World Heritage Woolmers Estate and National Rose Garden. This property shows a fascinating reflection of colonial life in Tasmania with the Rose Garden displaying one of the finest collections of historic roses in the southern hemisphere. Travel to the near by Brickendon Estate and reflect on the foresight of early settlers with 180 year old exotic and European trees. Return to Launceston in the late afternoon with time to relax before dinner at the hotel.

Day: 3 Sat 24/09/16 Launceston Flower Show BD



Today you have a full day in the city to enjoy the Blooming Tasmania, Launceston Flower Show. Located at the Albert Hall the venue is well positioned so you can enjoy not only the flower show but also the nearby city park, the John Hart Conservatory noted for displays of begonias, cyclamens and other hot house blooms and the city centre for a spot of shopping. The coach will provide a number of transfers back to the accommodation during the day so you can explore at your own pace.

Day: 4 Sun 25/09/16 Heritage Highway ~ Ross ~ Oatlands ~ Hobart BD



Say goodbye to Launceston and travel down the Heritage Highway to Hobart. Pass through Ross and view the historic Celtic carved Herbert Archer Bridge. Continue to Oatlands, one of Tasmania's oldest settlements containing the largest collection of colonial sandstone building in Australia. Admire the newly refurbished Callington Flour Mill, originality built in 1837 and enjoy a guided town tour which includes a look into the world of dry stone walls. On arrival in Hobart take a city sites tour before settling into your hotel.

Day: 5 Mon 26/09/16 D'Entrecasteaux Channel ~ Local Gardens BLD



Take in the panoramic views of the city and estuary from Mt Nelson before travelling to the seaside town of Margate where we can stroll through Inverawe Native Gardens. This 22 acres landscaped native garden shows water wise, sustainable gardening at its best. Our next garden is nearby Avi Flora which has colour all year round with spring bulbs, annuals, flowering shrubs, roses, irises and perennials. Continue along the Derwent River which broadens into the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, once a haven for sealers and whalers, now one of Hobart's aquatic playgrounds. Stop at Crawleigh Wood Garden, a wonderful 2 hectare garden nestled in the picturesque hills of Cygnet. The garden features lush woodland and rainforest with an eclectic variety of plants. Return to Hobart through the southern suburbs of Hobart passing the iconic shot tower, which is one of Tasmania's most historical industrial buildings.

Day: 6 Tue 27/09/16

Botanic Gardens ~ Plenty Salmon Ponds ~ Mt Field

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This morning we visit the Tasmanian Botanic Gardens which are simply stunning in spring, then "jump the fence" to Government House for a guided tour and morning tea. Travel through the delightful Derwent Valley to New Norfolk and stop for lunch at Plenty Salmon Ponds. Circa 1861, this is the oldest trout hatchery in the Southern Hemisphere. It was the birthplace of trout in Australia and the origin of Tasmania's legendary trout fishery. Enjoy the original 19th century English style public open space of superb trees, hedges and lawns. Visit Mt Field National Park which is one of Tasmania's most loved national parks. An easy 10 minute stroll will take us to the iconic Russell Falls, the track is edged with graceful ferns and giant eucalypts tower overhead. Return to Hobart following the Derwent River.

Day: 7 Wed 28/09/16

Richmond ~ Home

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This morning we spend time in the historic village of Richmond where you can view the spire of Australia's oldest Catholic Church from beneath the arches of our oldest stone bridge before travelling to the Hobart Airport for your flight home. We hope you enjoyed Tasmania in spring!

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner