

## TASMANIA WITH CRIKEY ADVENTURE TOURS:

Have you heard about the pristine wilderness of Tasmania but never quite made it there to see it? Do you wish you had the time and incentive to do an Australian-style road-trip across the Nullarbor Plain? Are you eager to do a range of activities, experience more of Australia's history and culture, and explore the diversity of our landscape?

Wait no longer - now is your chance!

We are delighted to share with you a tour with a difference. More like a family holiday, really. But you don't have to worry about booking accommodation, buying meals every day, or worrying you might miss the highlights. Just hop on board the Crikey Bus with your mate Ian (driver and tour leader) and be part of our vacation.

Highlights include:

- Experience the breadth of our continent with a Nullarbor crossing
- Sovereign Hill (Ballarat), Barossa Valley and spare day in Melbourne
- Spirit of Tasmania Ferry trip
- Tasmania: Awe-inspiring waterfalls, pristine rainforest, unique Australian wildlife
- Activities such as the Cadbury Chocolate Factory, Cascade Brewery, go crayfishing, and Airwalk at Huon Valley
- Convict Heritage: Historic buildings and cultural experiences - Port Arthur Ghost Tour, "Doo Town"
- Fully-comprehensive tour, home-cooked meals every day
- Passionate, experienced and friendly tour leader (Ian) who will share his love of travelling Australia with you





## HERE IS A RE-CAP OF THE MANY TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Super Pit Mine (Kalgoorlie-Boulder)
- Travel across the Nullarbor Plain
- Great Australian Bight & Bunda Cliffs
- Sovereign Hill Ballarat (named Australia's major tourist attraction 2005/06)
- Sprit of Tasmania ferry ride (twice)
- 13 full days in Tasmania (not one day flying in and one day flying out)
- Notley Gorge
- Swiss Village at Grindelwald
- Historic Entally House
- Cataract Gorge
- Low Head penguin tours
- Bridstowe Lavender Farm
- Weldborough Pass—(Grandma Myrtle)
- Freycinet National Park (Wineglass Bay - one of the world's best beaches)
- Port Arthur - includes an Historic Ghost Tour
- Sorell Fruit Farm (pick your own fruit)
- Historic Richmond Bridge
- Bonorong Wildlife Park (see a Tasmanian Devil)
- Salamanca Markets Hobart
- Cascade Brewery Tour (includes half an hour beer tasting)
- Mount Wellington
- Huon Valley including the Tahune Airwalk and Hastings Caves
- Derwent River
- Cadbury Chocolate Factory
- Plenty Salmon Ponds
- Mt Field National Park including the magnificent Russell Falls
- Lake St Clair
- Gordon River Cruise on Lady Jane Franklin II
- Cradle Mountain - Dove Lake
- The Nut at Stanley
- Mole Creek and Marakoopa Caves with glow-worms
- Ashgrove Farm Cheese Factory
- 1 free day in Melbourne (tram ride, shopping, etc)
- Barossa Valley wine tour and tasting
- Crikey, and these are just some of the major ones with lots more...



See our website for further details on Tasmania with Crikey Adventure Tours and other tours around Australia.



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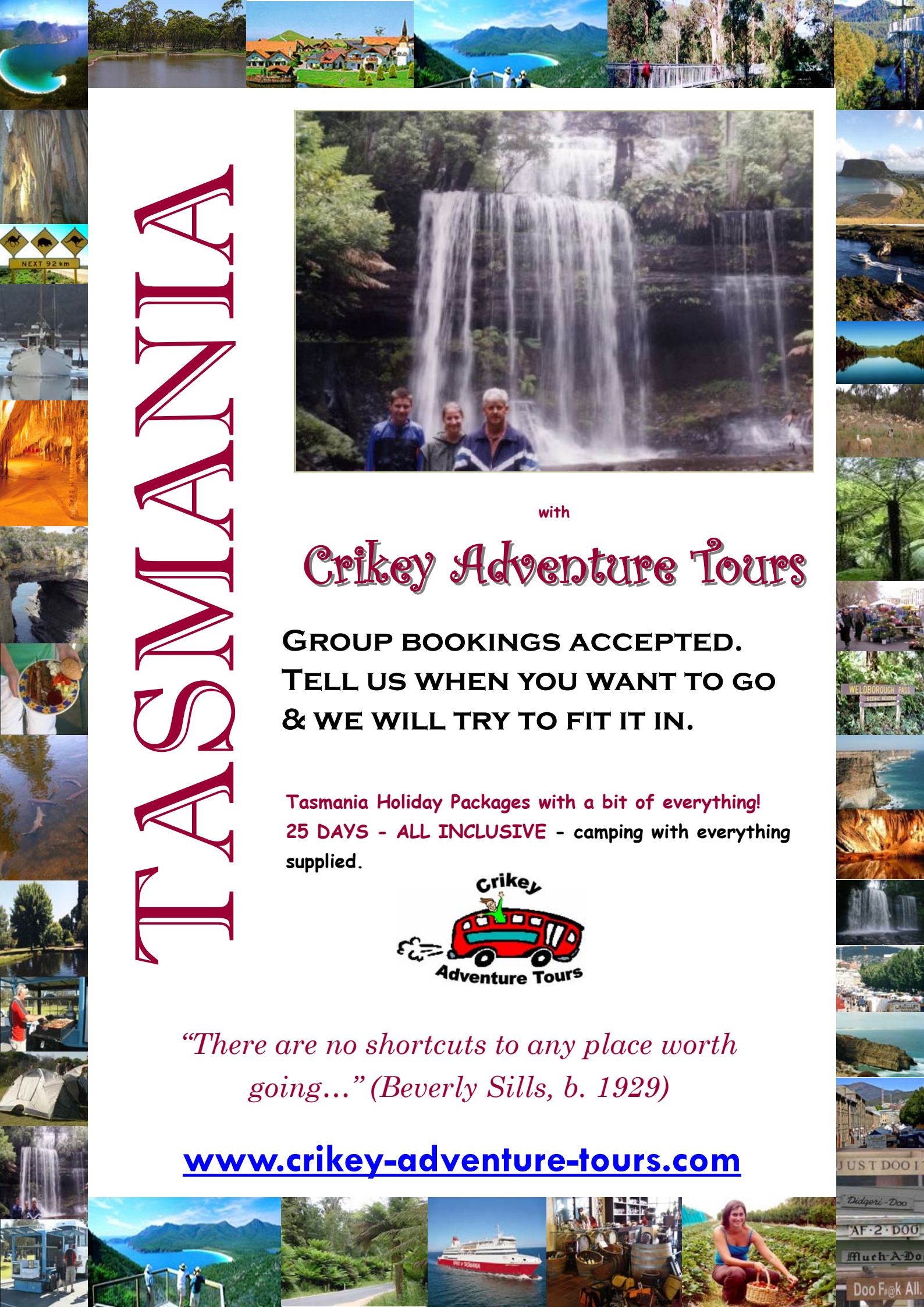
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**Tasmania Holiday Packages with a bit of everything!  
25 DAYS - ALL INCLUSIVE - camping with everything  
supplied.**



*“There are no shortcuts to any place worth  
going...” (Beverly Sills, b. 1929)*

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## DAYS 1 - 5:

**Day 1 Thu:** We leave **Perth** to commence our journey across Australia, travelling through Southern Cross and Coolgardie arriving at **Kalgoorlie-Boulder**, where we can view the enormity of the **Super Pit Mine**. This opencast mine is big enough to be seen from space! It is on some of the richest gold-bearing earth in the world. It is not possible to enter the mine, which operates 24 hours a day, but we will get a feel for it at the viewing platform. The scale of the operation is hard to comprehend, from the lookout we will see mining trucks the size of houses with tyres bigger than a person! We continue on staying at **Norseman** for our first night together.



Super Pit Mine



**Day 2 Fri:** Today we drive across the **Nullarbor Plain** itself staying at **Eucla** for the night. Keep your eyes open for characteristic signs indicating the breadth of the Australian continent on this great road journey.

**Day 3 Sat:** Leaving Eucla, crossing the border into South Australia, stopping at Nullarbor, we call into the head of the **Great Australia Bight**. This is a great vantage point for whale watching (in season) and to view the majestic **Bunda Cliffs**. Rising from the sea to a height of 80 m, the cliffs are the result of geological uplifting of the seabed millions of years ago. We make a bit of a detour and spend the night at **Streaky Bay** in South Australia right on the beach.



Bunda Cliffs-Great Australian Bight

**Day 4 Sun:** We travel through Port Augusta and Adelaide, and stay at **Bordertown** (birthplace of former Prime Minister Bob Hawke) this evening.

**Day 5 Mon:** Leaving Bordertown, we cross into Victoria go to Ballarat, where we visit **Sovereign Hill** - Australia's Major Tourist Attraction 2005/06. A recreated 1850's goldfields township set over 25 hectares on a site which forms part of the richest alluvial goldfields the world has ever seen. Their commitment to authenticity and value-for-money make it one of the best family tourist attractions in the world. There are a wide range of activities carried out by costumed staff and volunteers, many of whom portray some of the behaviours and prejudices of the 1850's! Possibilities include panning for gold, street theatre and working horses.



Sovereign Hill

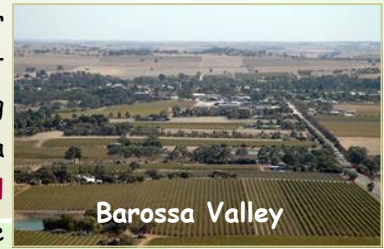
We head off at 5pm to board the **Spirit of Tasmania Ferry** from Melbourne, which will take us to Tasmania overnight. This is another of Australia's great journeys. The evening meal is a buffet provided onboard. Breakfast is also onboard the Spirit of Tasmania.



Spirit of Tasmania

## DAYS 19 - 24:

**Day 19 Mon:** Breakfast on board the ferry, then we disembark in **Melbourne**. Today is a day of free time, so you can explore Melbourne at your **leisure**. Suggestions for activities and sightseeing can be provided. A few things that might tickle your fancy are: visit the **MCG** and see all the sporting memorabilia, go to the casino, catch a Melbourne tram, go **shopping in Chappell Street** or at the Victoria Markets, explore the streets and discover **unique local pubs**, and enjoy wandering art galleries and soaking up the **culture**. We stay in **Melbourne** tonight.



**Day 20 Tue:** This morning we leave to start our trip back to the west. But there are still a few things to come on the return journey... Our first stopover being **Tanunda** in the **Barossa Valley**, where we spend the next two nights.

**Day 21 Wed:** A day to take in the highlights of the **Barossa Valley**. We visit several wineries, including doing a **guided tour of Pennfolds** and a visit to a **Chateau winery** where we can admire the grand architecture and ornate gardens while sipping a glass. We also visit a heritage bakery - the Barossa is known not only for its wines but also passionate food producers. A unique experience will be our visit to the **Whispering Wall**. This is the retaining wall for the Barossa Reservoir, with excellent views of the surroundings. A perfect ellipse, the shape of the wall allows words whispered at one end to be heard clearly at the other end, 143 metres away.



**Day 22 Thu:** We leave the Barossa Valley this morning travelling back through Port Augusta and stay the night at **Wudinna**.

**Day 23 Fri:** Driving through Ceduna we make our trip back across the Nullarbor (meaning no trees in Latin). The Nullarbor Plain extends approximately 650 km from east to west that includes Australia's longest straight stretch of road being The 90 Mile Straight or 145 km staying at **Eucla** for the night.

**Day 24 Sat:** We continue our trip back across the Nullarbor, and spend tonight at **Kalgoorlie**. For our last meal tonight we will eat out at Kalgoorlie. After all by now, you must be wanting a change from my cooking (Although I am sure you will enjoy it).

**Day 25 Sun:** The last day of the tour - we leave Kalgoorlie and are now onto our final leg back to Perth, where we will arrive around 6:30pm this evening, for the conclusion of an amazing 25 days of experiences!





## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- All meals (not just breakfast and some dinners) - home cooked (or tour cooked ☺).
- Accommodation (camping with individual (or couples) tents, quality sleeping bags, mattresses, pillows supplied. We spend one night in Tasmania in hotel type accommodation so you don't have to put up your tent that night. ☺)
- Sprit of Tasmania ferry trip (twice)
- Sightseeing/Tours (when your tour is paid, you do not have to spend money on anything else if you don't want to. We do suggest you bring spending money for those items/ souvenirs you wish to purchase.)
- Fully air-conditioned bus with reclining seats, all seats facing forward.
- CD/DVD player in bus
- Urn on the bus for continuous tea/coffee
- Custom-designed trailer with refrigerator, freezer, BBQ, stove, oven and storage.
- Maximum of 14 passengers (you won't be just a number - but part of the tour) - minimum numbers also apply.

## DATES:

Group bookings. You tell us when you want to go & we will try to accommodate you.

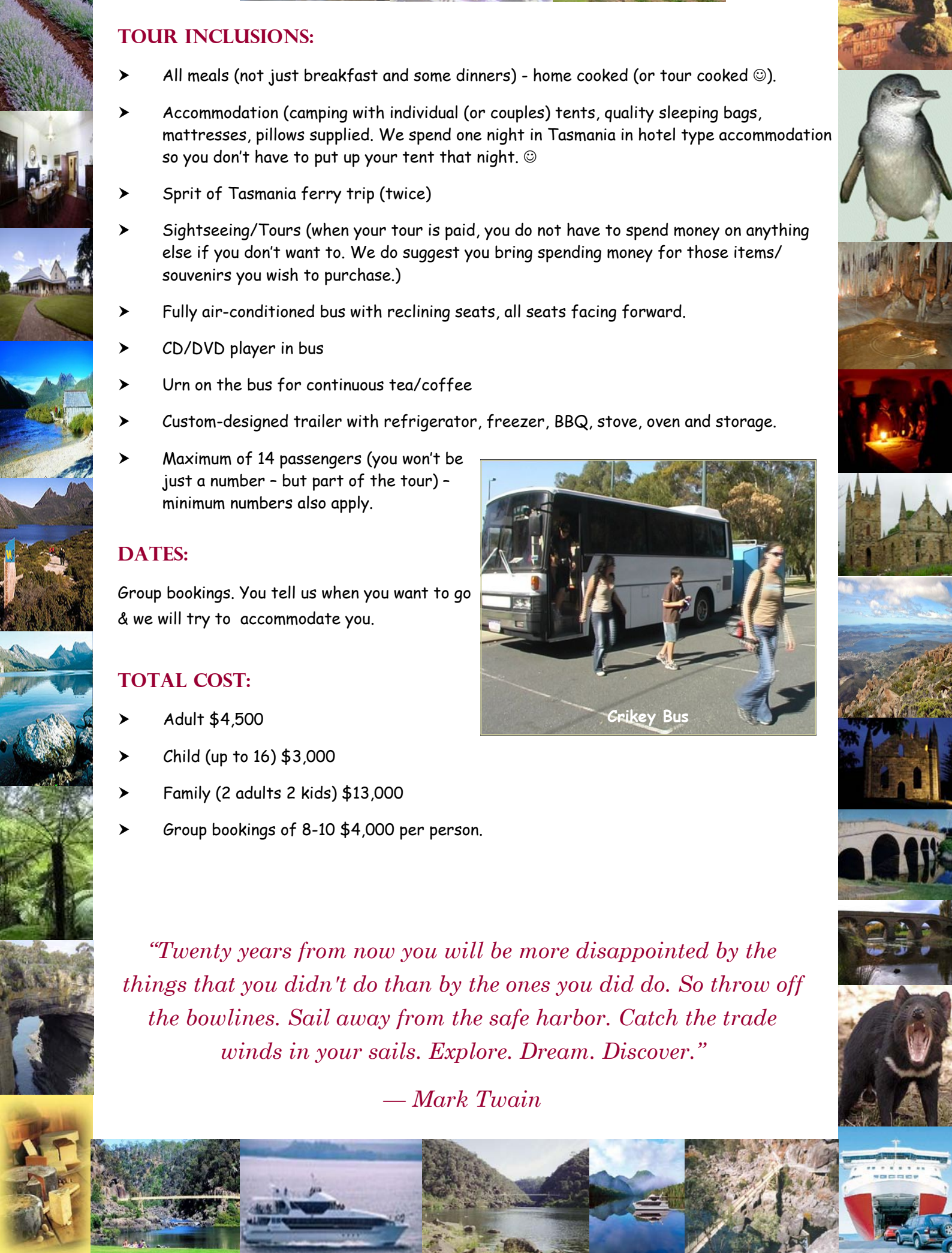
## TOTAL COST:

- Adult \$4,500
- Child (up to 16) \$3,000
- Family (2 adults 2 kids) \$13,000
- Group bookings of 8-10 \$4,000 per person.



*“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”*

— Mark Twain

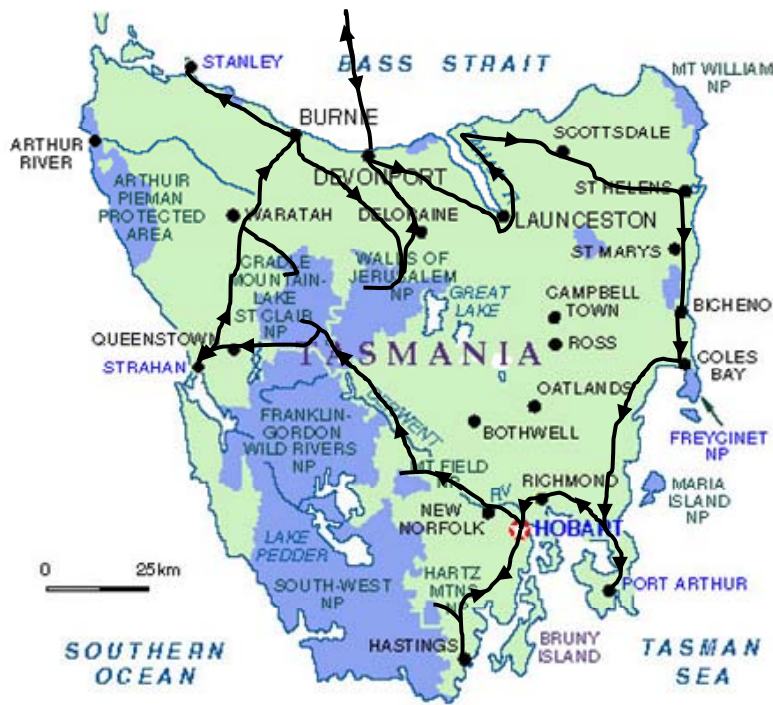




**Our route from Perth to Melbourne, across the Nullarbor Plain:**



**The journey around Tasmania will see us visit many towns and traverse the length and breadth of this beautiful state:**

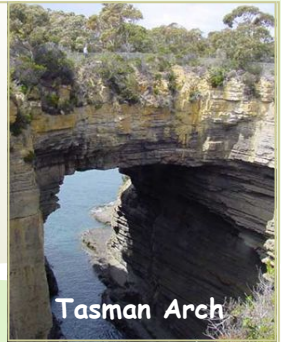


## DAYS ...8 - 10...:

On the way to our campsite at **Port Arthur**, we visit a range of intriguing natural formations. These include **The Arch**, **Devil's Kitchen**, and the **Tessellated Pavement**. We also drive through a little place called **Doo Town** - keep your eyes open for all the "Doo" names for the houses.



**Port Arthur** is the historic site of one of Australia's convict prisons. It is the subject of the novel "For the Term of his Natural Life" by Marcus Clarke (1874), which is an interesting pre-trip read. The sandstone buildings—revealing the harsh



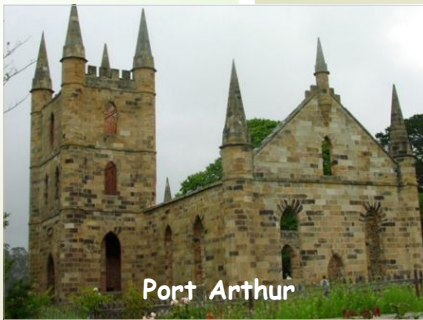
Tasman Arch

life in this settlement between 1830 and 1877—contrast with the beautiful surrounds of the Tasman Peninsular. To further experience the mood, we do a **GHOST TOUR** this evening... one in seven convicts at Port Arthur died...



Port Arthur Ghost Tour

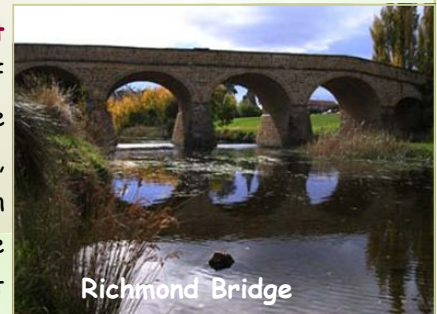
**Day 9 Fri:** This morning we have some time to explore **Port Arthur** during the daylight. This is the most intact and evocative convict prison in Australia, and also has an



Port Arthur

excellent Visitor's Centre. But it's not all history and green spaces in Tasmania—the clean air and rich soils also contribute to a wide variety of delicious and gourmet food products. We will experience this personally when we get to

pick our own fruit at **Sorell Fruit Farm**. A family business that claims to have the widest variety of "pick your own" fruit in Tasmania! I'm looking forward to those sweet strawberries... From **Sorell**, it's a short drive to **Richmond**, home of the historic **Richmond Bridge**. This bridge has been heritage-listed because of its value as the earliest Australian large stone arch bridge. Richmond also has one of the biggest and busiest **bakery's** I've ever seen!



Richmond Bridge



Tasmanian Devil

When you visit Tasmania you must see - a Tasmanian Devil, a Spotted Quoll, a pademelon or a potoroo. At our next stop, **Bonorong Wildlife Park**, we get up close to some of these unique animals, including the unusual **Tasmanian Devil**! You may also handfeed some of the animals with special food provided. We arrive in **Hobart** this afternoon, where we spend the next four nights.

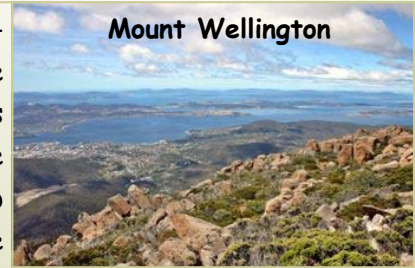
**Day 10 Sat:** Saturday morning in **Hobart** - what else but **Salamanca Market**? Salamanca Market highlights fine Tasmanian-made art and craft - hand-worked glass, innovative and unique designs in Tasmanian timbers, stylish clothing, bold ceramics, antiques, collectibles, books and curios. Enjoy the sights, sounds, flavours, action and colour of one of Australia's best outdoor markets!



Salamanca Markets

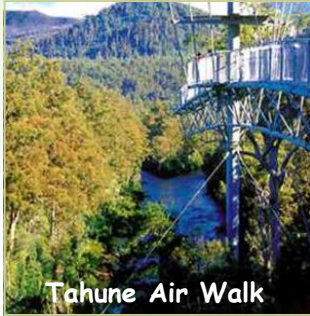
## DAYS ...10 - 14:

This afternoon we enjoy a tour at one of Hobart's iconic businesses - the **Cascade Brewery**. The oldest brewery in Australia, the Cascade Brewery was founded in 1824. The tour demonstrates the workings of the Brewery, the Woodstock Gardens, historical items in the museum, and of course ample time for beer tasting! We also drive up **Mount Wellington**, 21 km around and up, taking us from temperate rainforest to sub-alpine flora. The summit provides stunning panoramic views of Hobart, the Derwent River, and the Tasman Peninsula.



Mount Wellington

**Day 11 Sun:** Today we drive south from our base in **Hobart** to the **Huon Valley**, where we experience the natural world from two unique perspectives. First, amongst the tree-tops on the **Tahune Air Walk**, we get up close to the special Tasmanian forest and see the confluence of two mighty rivers. From the airy tree-tops, we descend to the underground caverns of **Hastings Caves**. The cave is spacious and well-lit, with many large and spectacular formations. We also visit the **Thermal Pool**, fed by spring water at 28 degrees Celsius. The pool is surrounded by forest and ferns.



Tahune Air Walk

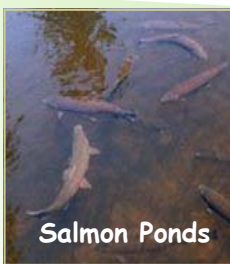
**Day 12 Mon:** Today we have half a day free time in Hobart and a half-day crayfishing trip. You will drop the cray pots off, go fishing, enjoy the Derwent River, then pull the cray pots on the way back. Whatever you catch we can have for dinner tonight. Maybe a lovely crayfish, flathead or perhaps a salmon?

**Day 13 Tue:** Anyone with a taste for chocolate will be delighted with our first activity for today - a visit to the **Cadbury Chocolate Factory**. This is our last activity in Hobart - we leave before lunch to travel to **Plenty Salmon Ponds**. This is the oldest trout hatchery in the Southern

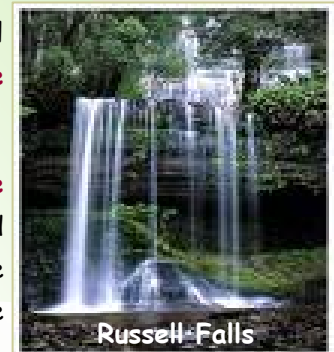


Cadbury Chocolates

Hemisphere, with pools displaying many different species of trout and salmon. After lunch, we drive to **Mt Field National Park**, where we stay tonight. There is time this afternoon to do the short walk to the spectacular **Russell Falls**, a three-tiered drop and the most visited part of the national park. Slightly longer walks will take you to **Horseshoe Falls** and **Lady Barron Falls**.

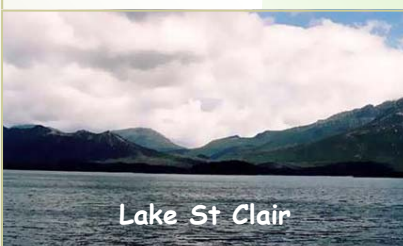


Salmon Ponds



Russell Falls

**Day 14 Wed:** Today we have our first entry into the well-known **Cradle Mountain - Lake St Clair National Park**, where we visit **Lake St Clair** and the Visitor's Centre. Lake St Clair is the deepest lake in Australia and the headwaters of the Derwent River. We will be revisiting this park at the



Lake St Clair

other end in a couple of days. But for now, we drive through Queenstown to **Strahan**, where we stay for the next two nights.



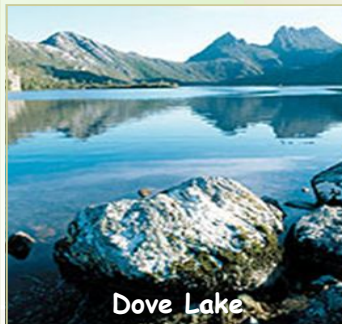
## DAYS 15 - 17:

**Day 15 Thu:** We have a morning departure on the **Lady Jane Franklin II** for a **cruise** on the Gordon River, renowned for its tannin-stained reflective waters. The cruise takes us out to the entrance to Macquarie Harbour and Hells Gate, then up the Gordon River where we enjoy the World Heritage listed **Franklin-Gordon National Park**. We also stop for a walk through the lush temperate rainforest. After the cruise, there is free time to explore the town, send some postcards, or just relax.



Gordon River

**Day 16 Fri:** This morning we go back to **Cradle Mountain - Lake St Clair National Park**, but at the **Cradle Mountain** end this time. Admire the majestic beauty of Cradle Mountain while we complete the easy **Dove Lake Circuit Walk**. Follow the boardwalk track around Dove Lake, enjoying the temperate forest and nearby mountains. This is the most popular walk at Cradle Mountain. We then drive to **Wynyard** on the north coast of Tassie, where we stay for the next two nights.



Dove Lake

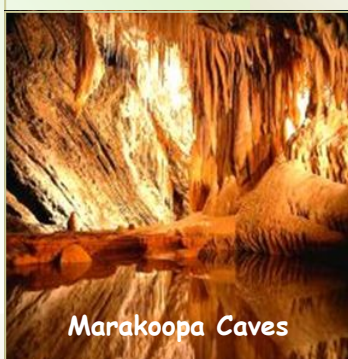
**Day 17 Sat:** We depart from our base at **Wynyard** to spend the day in **Stanley**. The drawcard of Stanley is **The Nut**. At 143m high, you will be

able to see this huge flat-topped circular headland as we drive towards the town. The Nut is the stump of an old volcano, discovered by Matthew Flinders in 1798. There is a steep, hard walk up to the top of the Nut, or for the less energetic there is a chairlift. From the top, admire views in all directions, but be warned - it will be windy! You will also get a chance to explore Stanley, which has a great range of **craft houses, tea shops, potteries and galleries** - many of which are housed in historic buildings.



"The Nut"

**Day 18 Sun:** This is our last day in Tassie ☺ But there's still a week left of the tour, so much more to come! We leave Wynyard for the **Mole Creek** area, which is renowned for its caves. We are visiting **Marakoopa Cave**, where we will be privileged to view the largest **glow-worm display** of any public-access cave in Australia. Then a final temptation for our tastebuds at **Ashgrove Farm Cheese Factory!** Their hand-made cheeses are crafted to provide a range of cheese flavours for many different tastes. We then hop back onto the **Spirit of Tasmania ferry** for the overnight trip to **Melbourne**, with buffet dinner included.



Marakoopa Caves



Ashgrove Cheese

## DAYS 6 - 8...:

**Day 6 Tue:** We greet Tasmania in the morning, landing at **Devonport**. Driving off the ferry, we quickly arrive at our first stop - **Notley Gorge** - for a walk through the pristine rainforest that Tasmania is renowned for. Be immersed in towering tree ferns, up to 100 years old. We also see the hideout of a bushranger! Onward to **Grindewald**, the Swiss village of Australia, where we admire the architecture and wander the shopping arcade, which includes crafts, hand-made chocolates and a bakery.



Back on board the Crikey Bus for a short drive to **Entally House** in Hadspen. Built in 1819, the house showcases the lifestyle of another era. Experience the past at the most historic of the National Trust houses in Tasmania. We then visit **Cataract Gorge** in Launceston, where picturesque gardens compliment the stunning gorge, through which the Tamar River flows.



Our final stop for the day is **Low Head** on the north coast of Tassie, where we stay overnight. But before retiring for the evening, we experience the magical **Little Penguin Tour**. The penguins leave the water under the cover of darkness to make their way to their burrows on the beach. With consideration for the penguins, we become enthralled by their daily ritual.

**Day 7 Wed:** Driving east, we soon arrive at **Bridestowe Lavender Farm**. Established in 1921, this is one of the world's largest single commercial lavender farms. The 120 acres of flowering lavender during December and January is one of the iconic sights of Tasmania. Information on the history and distillation process will be provided, and there will be time to relax in the tranquil gardens.



We then board the Crikey bus and head to **Weldborough Pass**, where we become awed by one of the most spectacular fern displays in Australia. Winding through the lush rainforest, there are giant myrtles, tree ferns, sassafras and blackwoods, with views on either side of the road.

We get out and stretch our legs with an easy walk through Grandma Myrtle's rainforest, learning about the history of our planet. We then drive to **Freycinet National Park**, where we will be spending the night at **Coles Bay**.



**Day 8 Thu:** The highlight of Freycinet National Park is **Wineglass Bay**. Repeatedly voted in the top ten beaches in the world, it is a



perfect curve of beach surrounded by rugged hills and forest. We pile into the Crikey Bus and head to **Kate's Berry Farm** near **Swansea**, where you can buy fresh raspberries, strawberries, creamy ice cream, homemade jams or wine made from the berries.

