

Wattletree Garden Tours Tasmania in Spring 2018



*We plan to fully explore Tasmania to see great gardens,
history and natural beauty!*



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Tasmania Spring Tour highlights:

- Gordon River Cruise
- Cradle Mountain
- Hobart Botanical Gardens
- Tasmanian taste experiences
- Winglass Bay
- Woolmer's Estate
- Wild Rivers National Park
- Stanley and "The Nut"
- Port Arthur Historic Site
- Salamanca Markets
- Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden
- Wychwood Gardens

Great Hotels in central locations all for 2, 3 or 4 nights stays...

Brian Sams is a Toowoomba based horticulturist involved in running gardening workshops, consultation, leading garden based tours and presenting weekly gardening news for WIN TV and gardening talkback on Radio MMM. Brian has been leading garden tours overseas and within Australia since 2006. Why? He loves it!

Day 1 Monday 5th November - Toowoomba to Launceston BD

Fly into Launceston to meet the group at around 5pm before transferring to our centrally located hotel. (see suggested flight times in box below and please advise if you would like us to book your airfares)

Best Western Plus Hotel or similar

Day 2 Tuesday 6 November – Launceston B

We start our Tasmanian journey by going back in time with a visit to the historic Woolmer's Estate, one of the earliest pioneering families in Tasmania. We will have a full tour of both the home and extensive gardens. Next stop is the small town of Longford to explore for lunch (own expense). After lunch we will visit the Gourmet Sauce and Topiary Garden. An extensive and interesting topiary garden and nursery awaits as well as complimentary tasting of their locally produced jams, chutneys and sauces. Later head back to Launceston to Cataract gorge for some free time to wander, take the chairlift, enjoy the natural beauty and the onsite café.

Day 3 Wednesday 7 November – Launceston to Hobart via Wineglass Bay B

After breakfast we will take the scenic road to Wineglass Bay to witness the wild beauty of the Freycinet National Park. We will have time to walk within Freycinet National Park and admire Wineglass bay, Honeymoon Bay, Sleepy Bay, Coles Bay and Cape Tourville lookout. We will call into Swansea where you can buy lunch. Next stop is Kate's Berry Farm where you can buy their famous ice-cream and produce. Our journey continues to Hobart and our lovely central accommodation in the heart of town.

Lenna of Hobart accommodation in Salamanca Place Hobart or similar

Day 4 Thursday 8 November – Hobart B

Our day of sightseeing in Hobart starts with the spectacular views over the city from Mount Wellington before heading to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. These gardens on the Derwent River feature 2 special attractions – the sub Antarctic plant house and Peter Cundall's "Pete's patch" vegetable garden. Take time to enjoy the gardens and have lunch (own expense). Next stop is Russell Falls in the Mt Field National Park before returning to the lovely garden and aquatic attractions of Salmon Ponds. A great day to really show the diversity of Tasmania.

Day 5 Friday 9 November – Hobart – to Port Arthur and return B

We will take the interesting drive to the 40-hectare Port Arthur Historic Site for a guided walking tour and time to explore Tasmania's penal past. Visit the information centre and Interpretation Gallery or one of the onsite cafes. Later we will meet for an included harbour cruise for a different perspective of the site. After visiting the Convict settlement we will view the geological sites of the Tasman Arch and Eaglehawk Neck. On our way back to Hobart look out for the scenic Frederick Henry Bay and Norfolk Bay.

Day 6 Saturday 10 November – Hobart free day B

This morning we will walk to visit the nearby Salamanca markets then enjoy a free day exploring Hobart. There are many options, but you may decide to take a walk around Constitution Dock, shop in the local area or visit the nearby Mawson's Replica Hut museum. Other options are to book a Cascade brewery tour or visit the world class Modern Art museum, Mona.



Day 7 Hobart – Strahan Sunday 11 November – Remembrance Day B

We start our journey west today visiting Hamilton for a short break and to stock up on supplies for lunch for later in the day. We will then continue to Tarraleah Gorge to see the waterfalls and the hydropower station (from the outside). Next stop is at Derwent Bridge to visit “The Wall in the Wilderness”. This is an extraordinary artwork depicting much of the local area history. We have been told it is not to be missed. After leaving Derwent Bridge we will head to the Wild Rivers National Park for a short walk to view the Nelson Waterfalls before heading to Queenstown and on to Strahan.

Strahan Village accommodation or similar

Day 8 Monday 12 November Strahan B L

This morning we will wander down to the local pier for a Gordon River Cruise to journey on the incomparable Gordon River. Explore Tasmania’s wilderness firstly crossing Macquarie Harbour, past Sarah Island to Heritage landing. Views and scenery should be stunning with wild stands of Huon pine and Sassafras sheltering many varieties of ferns and wildlife. We will also visit Hells gates at the entrance to the harbour and other stops as decided by the captain and prevailing weather conditions. A full gourmet buffet lunch is included. Please note this cruise boat only takes cash for purchasing drinks or souvenirs. Arrive back in Strahan mid afternoon with the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 9 Tuesday 13 November – Strahan to Devonport via Dove Lake B

Travel from Strahan to Cradle Mountain and Dove Lake. We will get the shuttle bus at the info centre to Dove Lake to walk in the picturesque lake area. We will have some time for lunch and to explore the Wilderness Gallery before driving through this remote part of Tasmania towards Devonport for 3 nights

Gateway Quality Inn or similar

Day 10 Wednesday 14 November Devonport to Burnie area and return B, Cream Tea

Today we will take the coast road to drive to Stanley in the north west of the state. This windswept and beautiful part of the world is home to the “Nut”, a stunning volcanic structure perched adjacent to Bass strait. Those keen can take the chairlift up to the top of the Nut for great views and probably a wild hair do. We will have some time to walk around Stanley and have lunch in the local area. We will meet to head back east to Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden – one of the best in Australia. This large garden has many areas to explore with literally thousands of Rhododendrons from all over the world. We have included Cream Tea in the main function room to enjoy before exploring the gardens. Before heading back to Devonport.

Day 11 Thursday 15 November B L

Our day starts with a guided visit of the Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre. Beaconsfield was home to the notorious mine collapse on April 25, 2006 and is a fitting home to showcase the heritage and mining history of the Tamar Valley. For something completely different we will then visit Seahorse World to see these amazing little creatures, how they are bred and now sold all over the world. We have included a light lunch overlooking the bay, upstairs at Seahorse world. (no seahorses on the menu). After lunch we will have a little free time in the area before heading back to Devonport where we will head out to see the Mersey Point lighthouse and local harbour area.

Day 12 Friday 16 November – Devonport to Launceston B Morning Tea

Our final day in Tasmania should be a good one. After checking out of our hotel in Devonport we will travel to Sheffield which is famous as the “town of murals”. We will have some time around town to admire the murals and to take some photos. Our next stop is the famous Wychwood Garden and Nursery. We will have a lovely morning tea which includes a taste of Northern Tasmania series of tasting platters showcasing some of the best produce of the local area. Then enjoy the stunning gardens. We will then meet and drive to Ashgrove cheese for a short cheese making demonstration and tasting. The Tamar Valley is famous for cheese!. We continue our journey to the historic village of Evandale with some free time to explore the village before heading to Launceston airport at around 3.30pm. Book flight times departing Launceston around 5.00pm or contact us to arrange flights.

Suggested Flight times - contact us if you would like us to book flights for you...

Toowoomba Wellcamp, Brisbane (both via Sydney) or Sydney to Launceston –arriving at 4.55pm 5/11/18
Launceston to Toowoomba Wellcamp, Brisbane or Sydney departing from Launceston at 5pm 16/11/18

Land only price (fully inclusive see below for details)	\$3495
Airfare—to be booked as requested or book your own if you prefer. Price dependent on booking dates.	To be advised
Deposit pp (deductible from tour prices above) Travel insurance will need to be purchased at time of deposit	\$500
Single supplement - if you wish to twin share please let us know and we will put you in contact with others who are keen to share.	\$975

Pricing details—tour Code Wat40

Important dates

1. Deposit – Payable asap to secure a place as seats are limited, please complete booking form.
2. Final payment 60 days before departure

The tour prices includes:

- Beautiful hotel accommodation
- Internal exclusive coach travel
- Entry to all sightseeing, national parks and gardens as detailed in itinerary
- Quality meals listed in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner) and morning teas
- garden guide – Brian Sams
- Taxes where appropriate (but subject to change based on prevailing rates)
- Airport transfers (for whole group only—other arrangements to be made as required)

The tour price excludes:

- All items not stated as included
- flights
- Travel insurance—recommended for all travelers.

Full terms and conditions are on the booking form.



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