

Wattletree Garden Tours

Tasmania in Autumn

2021



*Beautiful gardens, Port Arthur, Gordon River Cruise,
Historic Railway journey, Wineglass Bay cruise, Cradle
Mountain and tastes of Tasmania!*



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Tasmania Autumn Tour highlights:

- Gordon River Cruise
- Cradle Mountain
- Hobart Botanical Gardens
- Tasmanian taste experiences
- Winglass Bay Cruise
- Woolmer's Estate
- Day in the Huon Valley
- Queenstown Railway
- Port Arthur Historic Site
- Salamanca Markets
- Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden
- Wychwood Gardens

Great Hotels in central locations...

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Day 1 Tuesday 20th April - Toowoomba to Hobart D

Our tour of Tasmania starts in Hobart where we plan to arrive at around 2.30pm before transferring to our centrally located hotel. (see probable flight times on back of brochure and advise if you would like us to book your airfares). We will do an orientation tour of Hobart before checking in to our hotel. Dinner will be in the hotel.

Lenna of Hobart Hotel or similar 4 nights

Day 2 Wednesday 21st April – Hobart B, AT

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 many lovely areas including Peter Cundall's "Pete's patch" vegetable garden. Take time to enjoy the gardens and have lunch (own expense). We then plan to visit Corinda House to see the inside and garden of this historic property. We will have afternoon tea in the private gardens.

Day 3 Thursday 22nd April Hobart Huon Valley day B

Today we explore the Huon valley starting with a visit to Crawleighwood Garden and Nursery. We will then visit the Wooden Boat Centre & Boat Building School at Franklin. We will then go to Huonville where you may elect to have a jet boat ride on the Huon Jet. This area will also be our lunch stop (lunch and jet boat are at own expense). We will visit the Huon Valley Apple and Heritage Museum where we plan to have a farm visit before heading to the Home Hill Winery for a wine tasting before returning to our hotel.

Day 4 Friday 23rd April – B Hobart free day

Today 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, do a cruise on the Derwent River or visit the world class Modern Art museum, Mona. If you need any help with what to do on this day, we will be happy to help out.

Day 5 Saturday 24th April – Hobart – Strahan B, Picnic Lunch

This morning you may decide to visit the nearby Salamanca markets or do some last minute shopping before meeting to depart Hobart. We will travel along the Derwent River to Hamilton to visit Prospect House Garden where we will have a picnic lunch and explore the garden. After lunch we will continue to head west to visit "The Wall in the Wilderness" at Derwent Bridge. This is an extraordinary artwork depicting much of the local area history. It is not to be missed. We will have a brief photostop at Queenstown before arriving in Strahan.

Strahan Village Hotel – hilltop rooms or similar 2 nights

Day 6 Sunday 25th April – Strahan B Buffet 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 are 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 buffet lunch is included. Arrive back in Strahan mid afternoon for some free time. We suggest that you go and watch the longest running play in the southern hemisphere "The Ship that Never Was" this evening. It is great fun!



Day 7 Monday 26th April Strahan to Queenstown to Cradle Mountain– B, Boxed L

Today we plan to travel from Strahan to Queenstown to undertake the classic rail journey “Rack and Gorge” on the old railway. This half day journey includes a boxed lunch. We will travel to Cradle Mountain area with some time to explore the walks near the hotel.

Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge or similar 1 night

Day 8 Tuesday 27th April Cradle Mountain to Burnie B D

This morning you will have the chance to walk to Dove Lake or explore other parts of the Cradle Mountain National Park. We will use the shuttle bus at the info centre to Dove Lake to walk in the picturesque lake area or if you would prefer not to walk you can visit the interpretation centre, Wilderness Gallery, or do a shorter walk in the park. We will have some time for lunch and to explore the area before heading north towards Burnie stopping at Kaydale Lodge Garden on the way. Dinner is included tonight in the hotel restaurant.

Beachfront Voyager Motor Inn or similar 1 night

Day 9 Wednesday 28th April – Burnie to Launceston B, Cream Tea

Today we plan to visit Makers workshop in Burnie before travelling 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. We will then drive to Penguin for our lunch stop We also have visits planned for House of Anvers Chocolate Factory for an included tour and Ashgrove Cheese before heading to Launceston.

Best Western Plus Hotel or similar 3 nights

Day 10 Thursday 29th April Launceston B, L

Today we will travel to Old Wesley Dale garden and then to the famous Wychwood Garden and Nursery. We will have a lunch in a local café. Next stop is the small town of 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. We will then head back to Launceston stopping at Melita Honey on the way.

Day 11 Friday 30th April B, Devonshire Tea, D

We start our day with a visit to the Gourmet Sauce and Topiary Garden. An extensive and interesting topiary garden and nursery awaits as well as a Devonshire Tea. You may also taste their locally produced jams, chutneys and sauces. Next stop is the historic Woolmer’s Estate, one of the earliest pioneering families in Tasmania. We will have time to explore both the home and extensive gardens and have lunch in the café (own expense). Later head back to Launceston to stop at Cataract Gorge for some free time to wander, take the chairlift, enjoy the natural beauty and the onsite café and then back to our hotel.

Day 12 Saturday 1st May – Wineglass Bay B L

Early morning start to take the scenic road to Wineglass Bay to witness the wild beauty of the Freycinet National Park. We have booked on the fabulous Wineglass Bay cruise (10am – 2.30pm) that includes lunch. We will have a drive to see a little of the Freycinet National Park and if time permits stop at Kate’s Berry Farm where you can buy their famous ice-cream and produce. Next drive to Eagle Hawk for our 2 night stay.

Lufra Hotel and Apartments or similar 2 nights

Day 13 Sunday 2nd May – Port Arthur Day B, D

After breakfast 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 (pictured right). 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 Devils Kitchen. We will have a farewell dinner in the hotel tonight.

Day 14 Monday 3rd May – Eaglehawk to Hobart airport Day B

On our way back to Hobart Airport look out for the scenic Frederick Henry Bay and Norfolk Bay. Monday flights connecting with Toowoomba currently depart 11.40am from Hobart.



Pricing details

Land only price (fully inclusive see below for details)	\$4995
Airfare—to be booked as requested or book your own if you prefer.	To be advised
Deposit pp (deductible from tour prices above)	\$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.	\$1500

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

- Arrive Hobart 2.30pm and depart Hobart around 12 noon
- Please confirm times with Wattletree before booking any flights as flight times are not confirmed.

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
- Gordon River Cruise
- Wineglass Bay Cruise
- Queenstown Vintage Railway journey
- 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 at time of booking.

Full terms and conditions are on the booking form.



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