

## **Bruny Island**

Kettering is just over 30 minutes from Hobart. It is from here you catch the ferry to Bruny Island. If you like a gourmet food trail, Bruny Island has plenty to offer.

- If you're doing a day trip then it is best to head down as early as possible.
- Meredith Orchard in Margate is a great place to grab some snacks and sample some of tassie's finest apples.
- The Steamhouse café or the Sea Wall Cafe in Kettering is a great place to grab a coffee right before catching the ferry.
- The Ferry is \$38 return depending on car size

From oysters to wine and cheese to craft beer there is a variety of local produce to sample whilst traveling the island. To burn off the food there are walks and beaches all over the island.

- Bruny Island Honey. The natural rock arch is along the Cape Elizabeth track opposite the honey shop
- Get Shucked – oysters
- Bruny Island Cheese Company - beer and cheese
- The Neck Lookout
- Along the drive to Adventure Bay you will find the Bruny Island Raspberry Farm and Bruny Island Chocolate Co.
- Adventure Bay is the start of the Fluted Cape Walk which is a good place to catch a glimpse of the famous white wallabies of Bruny Island
- Bruny Island Premium Wines - wine and cider tastings
- Hotel Bruny
- Alonnah beach for a swim
- Bruny Island House of Whiskey; BISH (Bruny Island Smoke House)

If you're on a day-trip then we advise heading back to the ferry before dusk because as you will see, there is a lot of roadkill on the island. If you are staying for more than a day then a couple of other things we recommend are, the Bruny Island Cruises; Pennicott Wilderness Cruises, watching the penguins return home (around dusk) at the Neck Lookout. Watching the sunset over the D'Entrecasteaux Channel at Hotel Bruny.

## **Tasman Peninsula Richmond and Port Arthur**

From Hobart head to Richmond for early breakfast at The Richmond Bakery, Ashmore on Bridge Street or any of the great cafes in the area.

A few places to visit on the way:

- Frogmore Creek Winery
- Coal River Farm for cheese and chocolate
- The Wicked Cheese Company
- Puddleduck Vineyard, option to BYO food
- Ashmore on Bridge Street

- Walk along Australia's oldest Bridge
- Coal Valley Creamery – amazing ice cream!

From Richmond drive to Port Arthur with nature's cathedrals, rugged cliffs, white belly sea eagle, echidnas, fur seals, and Australia's great southern reef - Kelp forest at Eaglehawk - the peninsula is the place to experience the sublime. You can spend several hours enjoying what are some of the most scenic coastline vistas in all of Australia.

A few places to visit on the way:

- Dunalley Fish Market (best fish and chips)
- Tessellated Pavement
- Tasman Arch
- The Dog Line Eaglehawk Neck Historic Site
- Port Arthur Historic Site (7days 10.00 to 5.00)
- Or alternatively there is the Cape Raoul and Shipsterns bluff walks.
  - <https://parks.tas.gov.au/>
- Remarkable Caves

*You can easily enjoy a full day in Richmond and its surrounds, and fill a day or more down the peninsula. Visit as many or as few options to suit your holiday.*

## **Maria Island National Park**

The ferry terminal is in Triabunna, only 75 minutes from Hobart. It is a picturesque drive. The highlight is the approach to Orford. The Tasman Highway hugs the Prosser River and provides some lovely views.

- Breakfast by the Marina in Bellerive or for something quick try the bakeries in Sorell.
- Pack picnic for lunch and snacks on the Island.

Maria Island is bursting with wildlife. From the Marine reserve to the furry beauties that call this island home. If you want to see a wombat or Tassie devil in the wild, make time to check out this little island. No cars are allowed on the island, but you can rent a bicycle. With walks, swimming, snorkelling, kayaking, wildlife, painted cliffs and convict history there's a bit of something for everyone to enjoy. Maria Island is perfect as a day trip from Hobart, or if part of your East Coast trip it also offers camping, or you can stay in one of the old Penitentiary buildings.

- Collect a bike either before the ferry trip or once on the island.
- There is a Marine reserve so it is well worth packing your wetsuit and snorkel set.
- The Fish Van in Triabunna is well worth stopping at for some freshly caught seafood on the way home.

## **Mt Field National Park**

Mount Field is only 90 minutes from Hobart. The drive takes you through the Derwent Valley.

Mount Field is the perfect place to get a taste of the Tasmanian wilderness. The best-known feature of the Park is the multi-tiered Russell Falls.

- Stop off in New Norfolk, check out the Willow Court Antique Centre which is infamous for its collection that packs in history and the bazaar.
- Agrarian kitchen for Lunch, as well using local produce to create top dishes this place also takes potato cakes to a whole other level.
- Drop into the Two Metre Tall Farmhouse Ale & Cider, which also has wood fire BBQ facilities.
- Derwent River for a swim on hot days.

The park offers an array of natural wonders and incredible plant diversity that increases with altitude. From Russel Falls, you can do a couple of short walks and see Horseshoe and Lady Barron Falls or the Tall Trees track. For those that want to encounter some of the park's unique alpine species then ascend to the Pandani Grove walk around Lake Dobson, where if you are lucky you could see a platypus.

During autumn, the slopes of the mountains that back onto the Tarn Shelf fill with brilliant colour as the *Nothofagus gunnii* (Australia's only native deciduous tree) turns from red to gold.

- Heading back a good dinner stop is Local Pizza in Berridale for Tassies best pizzas.

## **Hobart and Surrounds**

### **Mount Wellington / Kunanyi And Huon Valley trail**

The 4,170-foot (1,271-meter) peak offers unbeatable views over the Hobart and the estuary area.

Start the day with breakfast and coffee in the cosy Ginger Brown café in South Hobart. Drive to the Mount Wellington / Kunanyi pinnacle and enjoy the expansive views of Hobart and surrounds that stretches down to the Peninsula.

From dry woodlands to windswept summits, Mount Wellington Park is threaded with tracks and trails. Shorter walks in the eastern foothills are well suited to families, while exposed tracks extend beyond the summit of the mountain to wild and remote places.

After your walks enjoy a pint and lunch at the Longley Hotel (the world's longest Huon pine bar) and if you are traveling on a Sunday, kick back with the locals and listen to some live country/blues/folk music.

- Park your car and walk up to the Longley watering to freshen up.
- Grab some local produce from the Longley Organic Farm stall on the side of the road just past the Hotel.
- Bush Bakery in Leslie Vale for some bush pies

Further south the Huon River Cruises and Masaaki's Sushi in Geeveston is worth the trip along with a stop off at Willie Smith Cider Apple Shed.

There are plenty of fresh Apple stalls along the side of the road.

- Port Cygnet Cannery – Friday night pizzas or check their website to see what else is going on.

For those looking for fruit picking jobs this great area to start your search.

## **Mona**

It is easy to spend a day at MONA. As well as owning the most extraordinary art collection in the southern hemisphere, it also has a winery – home of the Moorilla label and a microbrewery that produces Moo Brew.

There are plenty of bars and cafes if you need to come up for sunlight there is good coffee in the café in the museum entrance.

Allow yourself 3 to 4 hours to spend wandering around ancient, modern and contemporary art in the museum itself and then another couple to enjoy lounging outside with platters and sampling the wine and beer.

In the summer months, MONA adds a Saturday market – MoMa – where Tasmanian designers offer a range of exquisite works alongside scrumptious food and drinks from boutique makers.

## **Salamanca Markets**

If visiting on a Saturday you can kick start the day with breaky at the Machine Cafe in Salamanca Square or one of the great cafes nestled within historic sandstone warehouses in the area.

The award-winning Salamanca Market was once the largest outdoor market in all of Australia. The iconic Saturday tradition brings Hobart's waterfront alive with the vibrant atmosphere of cultural commerce.

Now called Tasmania's Own Market it is a selection of your favourite Salamanca Market stallholders, running each Saturday from 8.30 am to 3 pm. The new look market consists of around 170 stallholders representing artisans, designers and producers.

You will find fresh produce from local growers, hot coffee and delicious breakfast and lunch options to enjoy, lots of gift ideas and plenty of handmade products.

Located on Salamanca Place, between Gladstone Street and the Silo's.