

Adventure Island

Bay of Fires Walk

Adventure experiences in Tasmania can be like the island's spectacular landscape – unspoiled and deeply personal. With one of the last great temperate wilderness areas on Earth, Tasmania is a huge outdoor playground. The island is about the same size as the Republic of Ireland, West Virginia in the United States or Hokkaido in Japan yet offers a fiercely diverse environment, from sweeping beaches to alpine tarns and ancient rainforests. It is a paradise that is shared with visitors in an environmentally friendly way through more than 300 adventure and eco-tours. Their challenge ratings cross all levels from paddling furious whitewater rapids on the unpredictable Franklin River to cruising massive sea caves.

Trekking or Hiking

Tasmania's tracks and trails are world-renowned. If you're a bushwalker, there's no better place to be.

- 40 per cent of Tasmania is protected in National Parks and World Heritage Areas.
- A diverse and ancient landscape offering accessible wilderness.
- The compact island is home to unique plant and wildlife.

Tasmania offers walking experiences for all levels of fitness and challenge and visitors can walk for a few minutes or a few weeks. There are more than 60 short walks that take you into rainforests, along ancient sea cliffs, beside turquoise seas and over jagged mountain peaks. You can walk the coastal beaches of the Bay of Fires or head deep into the southwest wilderness and feel like the only soul on earth.

Or explore over 300 of the most beautiful kilometres on earth with the Great Walks of Tasmania. This group comprises Tasmania's iconic multi-day guided walks and include The Maria Island Walk, Bay of Fires Walk, The Freycinet Experience Walk, The South Coast Track, The Tarkine Rainforest Track, Walls of Jerusalem Experience and Cradle Mountain Huts. Guests trek through World Heritage Areas and national parks and can relax in lodge standard accommodation while savouring gourmet food and wine at the end of each day.

www.greatwalkstasmania.com www.parks.tas.gov.au

Cycling

The state's quiet backroads are a haven for cyclists. Explore the island's colonial past, staying in heritage bed and breakfast accommodation. Watch the sun rise on Mt Wellington in Hobart then wind your way down from the summit through fresh water springs, rock screes and rainforests all the way through to the eclectic Salamanca Place and the city's busy waterfront. Get off the beaten track for days on end, with options for combining canoeing and walking stages.



Hobart Paddle, guided kayaking experience.

You can hire a bike, helmet and other equipment from a number of operators in Tasmania's major towns as well as book cycling tours. For more information about cycling in Tasmania, visit Bicycle Tasmania at www.biketas.org.au

Mt Wellington Descent is a guided bike tour taking in spectacular views of Hobart and surrounds. For further information visit www.mtwellingtondescent.com.au

www.farsouthwilderness.com.au
www.islandcycletours.com

www.wellingtonpark.org.au
www.cycling-tasmania.com

www.tasequiphire.com.au
www.tspot.com.au

www.derwentbikehire.com
www.truetasmania.com.au

Kayaking

Paddle the coastline past massive granite peaks, flaming red in the setting sun at Freycinet National Park. Or head up river on the west coast, gliding through the mist past prehistoric rainforest along the Gordon River. Take a twilight paddle in Hobart's Constitution Dock for a different view of the city. Explore the sheltered coves and waterways of Bruny Island and the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. Kayaking tours range from two hours to several days.

www.freycinetadventures.com.au

www.roaring4oskayaking.com.au

www.hobartpaddle.com.au

Whitewater Rafting

There are a range of graded experiences to suit all levels of ability. Start gently with a Picton River trip on the edge of the World Heritage Area in the south, getting close enough to Tasmania's ancient native Huon pines to touch the drooping branches. At the other end of the scale is the ultimate 10-day challenge on the Franklin River, from Irenabyss to the Great Ravine.

www.franklinrivertasmania.com
www.raftingtasmania.com

www.worldexpeditions.com.au

www.aardvarkadventures.com.au

Scuba-diving

Immerse yourself in the haunting world of giant underwater kelp forests at Eaglehawk Neck, on the Tasman Peninsula, or dive with dolphins, seals and seahorses in temperate waters that provide visibility ranging from 12 metres (39.4 feet) in summer to 40 metres (131.2 feet) or more in winter. At King Island, dive the many eerie shipwrecks that dot the coastline and swim with marine life that can include southern rock lobsters up to 5.5 kilograms (13 pounds).

www.eaglehawkdive.com.au

www.bayoffiresdive.com.au

www.godivetassie.com.au

www.bichenodive.com.au



Trout Fishing, London Lakes

Wildlife Spotting

Tasmania's wildlife is abundant and varied. The state is the last refuge for many animals that once roamed all over the Australian continent. Tasmania is the only place to see in the wild a Tasmanian devil, an eastern quoll, the spotted-tailed quoll and the Tasmanian bettong (with a body like a miniature wallaby and small, round face and ears). The Tasmanian devil, a marsupial the size of a small dog with a bite as strong as a hyena's, is quieter than its fierce reputation, except during feeding time.

Enjoy a night-time vigil to witness scores of penguins coming ashore or venture into the south-west to spot one of the world's rarest and most endangered birds, the orange-bellied parrot. Wander the waterways to spot the elusive platypus or cruise offshore to check out Australian fur seals lounging in the sun – keep a watch out for dolphins or whales on their migratory path. Feed wombats and wallabies at a wildlife park or join an expert guide and learn about the habits of echidnas and brushtail possums. There are opportunities to undertake wildlife spotting across Tasmania.

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Fishing

Come and experience one of the world's last great wild fisheries, from world-class fly fishing to the excitement of game fishing in the Southern Ocean.

Cast for wild rainbow, brook or brown trout in the silence of Tasmania's highlands with your choice of premium lodges, or strap in for some big game fish along Tasmania's east coast, where charter boat operators take anglers only 30 minutes offshore for duels with marlin, shark, tuna and yellow-tail kingfish.

There is a reason that Tasmanians own more boats per head of population than any other Australian state, the fishing is top class! There are three types of fishing available in Tasmania:

- Trout Fishing – Tasmania offers the ultimate in trout fishing with its' myriad rivers, streams and lakes.
- Game Fishing – Tasmania's game fishing area is home to more than 20 national game fish records.
- Saltwater Fishing – Our estuaries and coastal lagoons are home to feisty bream ready to lunge at your line.

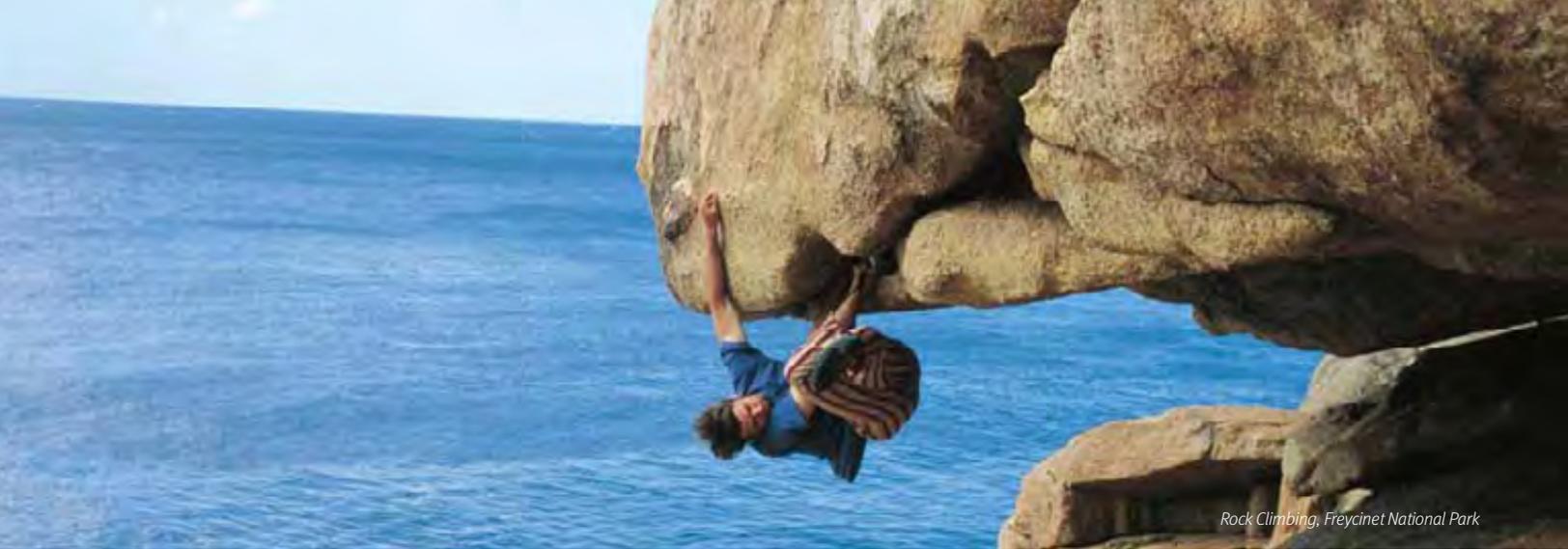
There are a range of fishing charters available around Tasmania.

www.troutguidestasmania.com.au www.dpiw.tas.gov.au www.ifs.tas.gov.au www.tasfish.com

Surfing

Surf Australia's southernmost beaches in Tasmania – an island surfing paradise. Hot surf spots include the legendary Shipstern Bluff (home to Australia's heaviest waves), Clifton Beach, Eaglehawk Neck, Bruny Island's Cloudy Bay and the big surf of Tasmania's north-west. Tasmanian beaches are almost always uncrowded and like anywhere else in southern Australia, you'll probably need a wetsuit.

www.tassiesurf.com www.surfingtasmania.com.au



Rock Climbing, Freycinet National Park

Cruising

Tasmania's maritime culture gives it strong links to the sea and the island's waterways. High speed catamarans, luxury yachts and specially designed pontoon speedboats will take you from Hobart along the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, up the Gordon River into an ancient rainforest, or through the turquoise waters and pink granite peaks around the Freycinet Peninsula. All the while you'll enjoy the finest Tasmanian food and wine. Combine a wilderness flight into the World Heritage Area in the heart of south-west Tasmania, with lazy days exploring the protected waterways of Port Davey aboard a luxury cruiser. Water activities include short, half-day or full-day river and estuary cruises on vessels ranging from historic wooden boats to luxury cruisers. There are a variety of cruise operators to choose from around Tasmania.

www.peppermintbay.com.au

www.gordonrivercruises.com.au

www.derwentrivercruises.com.au

www.freycinsetseacharters.com

www.eastcoastcruises.com.au

www.mariaislandferry.com.au

www.brunycruises.com.au

www.tasmancruises.com.au

www.arthurrivercruises.com

www.wildthingadventures.com.au

www.tamarrivercruises.com.au

Sailing

Join a yacht for a leisurely sail up the Derwent River enjoying the finest Tasmanian wine and cheese, or take two days on the west coast, sailing and exploring rainforests and convict ruins around Macquarie Harbour and the Gordon River. Board a vintage sailing ship in full sail for an adventure tour or a historic sail from Hobart wharf. Tasmania's strong tradition of wooden boatbuilding is preserved at the Wooden Boat Centre School of Boatbuilding, where international students are trained in the timeless craft of building wooden rowing and sailboats.

www.ladynelson.org.au

www.windewardbound.com

www.westcoastyachtcharters.com.au

www.yachtingcharters.com.au

www.helsal.com.au

Abseiling and Rockclimbing

Challenge yourself with the thrill of abseiling on coastal cliffs surrounded by the stunning scenery of Freycinet Peninsula, recognised as one of the most spectacular rock-climbing and abseiling venues in Australia. Or stay in the heart of the city, abseiling and rockclimbing in Launceston's dramatic Cataract Gorge. Tasmania is Australia's most mountainous state and has a wide range of abseiling and rock climbing locations to suit beginners through to seasoned climbers. You can head out on your own or with a guide. There are experienced and skilled commercial guides available that offer a range of climbing and abseiling adventures in spectacular locations. There are also excellent indoor climbing gyms in Hobart and Launceston.

www.indoorclimbing.com/tasmania.html

www.wellingtonpark.org.au

Horseriding

Ride a variety of trails, through fern glades and forest, past lakes and mountains. Short rides, as well as day and extended tours are available. Tasmania's horse-riding specialist operators can tailor an experience to suit your interests and ability.

www.portarthurtasmania.net/horse-riding.htm

www.cradlemountainhorseriding.com.au

www.cradleadventures.com.au

www.highlandstrails.com.au