# Nature Based - Small Group **TASSIE ADVENTURE** INCLUDING THREE CAPES TRACK



**WHEN:** 5 - 12 December 2022 **WHERE:** Hobart, Tasmania **WHAT:** Three Capes Track, Bruny Island, MONA, Salamanca Markets



Join us for an action-packed adventure in Tasmania's south.

After arriving in Hobart, we will head down to Port Arthur, to learn snippets from our history at this old penal settlement which is now an open-air museum. From here we take the ferry over to start our Three Capes Trek. The four day, 48km hike of cliff-hugging wildness in Australia's far southeast.

Tasmania's Three Capes Track is not about getting from point A to point B. It's about the journey. Few places on Earth remain that feel so remote, so raw, so removed from the ordinary. We'll be staying in huts, so will need to carry our clothes, sleeping bags and food and water each day.

After the hike, we head back to Hobart for three nights and enjoy some more of Hobart's premium attractions. After a much-appreciated lie-in let the feast begin. We'll jump on the ferry to MONA (Museum of Modern Art). We'll sail at the pointy end of the ferry, escaping the riff-raff, in the posh pit and be served free drinks, tiny food and indulge our inflated egos. On arrival we'll splash out at Faro Restaurant; a light-drenched bar and restaurant suspended over the river, with revolving vibes. If you still have energy at the end the MONA gallery awaits your arrival.

Our final full day will be spent on Bruny Island on a tour focused on farm-to-table fare. With a guide to introduce you, you'll meet local food purveyors who specialize in chocolate, mead, honey, cheese, and oysters. You'll have the opportunity to not just eat great food, but to discover its origin too.

Our final morning will give you the chance to wander around the amazing Salamanca Markets before heading to the airport. If you're not ready to leave talk to us about further adventures around Tassie.



### Day 1

ARRIVE HOBART: If flying arrive mid-afternoon and join the group for a transfer into Hobart. Rest of day to get ourselves organised for our hike tomorrow. Wander down to wharf and take in the city vibes.

### Day 2

At 8am we'll take our transport from Hobart to Port Arthur arriving around 10am, this will give us three hours to explore this incredible historical site before taking our boat across to start our hike. Nothing too strenuous today with a easy 4km hike to the first hut.

#### Day 3

Today is a day of contrasts. Revel in the fragrant eucalypt forests, be captivated by the colourful heathlands, and stride across bronzed moorlands. Your short climb to Arthur's Peak gives staggering views across sparkling Crescent Bay and beyond to Cape Raoul. 11km (approx 4 hrs)

## Day 4

Our biggest hiking day as the sea cliffs plunge beneath your feet. The same way they've done for eons. Front row seats to their epic vista are worthy of today's longer kilometres. Look across to Tasman Island as you take on the challenge of scaling The Blade at Cape Pillar. 19km (approx 6 hrs)

## Day 5

Rise early for the final climb, Mount Fortescue, before venturing out to the tip of Cape Hauy (optional). Here, you may catch a glimpse of brave rock climbers tackling the Totem Pole and other dolerite columns, while islands rise up from the sea. It's mostly downhill from this point. 14km (6hrs). From here we take the bus back to Port Arthur and then back to Hobart for the night.

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#### Day 6

After doing it tough, hiking, eating your way through your dried food pack you deserve a little culinary luxury. Today, after enjoying the comforts of a hotel room and lie-in it's time to heed the warnings before setting sail (in a ferry) in the posh pit to MONA (Museum of Old and New Art).

Enjoy lunch at the FARO Restaurant for a feast including paired wines. There'll be many courses of Iberian-inspired cuisine, coupled with moods, vibes, music and dance from the same.

Afterwards, if you can handle it, visit MONA proper, located on the banks of the Derwent. Mona is Australia's largest private museum with three levels of underground galleries, which visitors explore with custom-built, handheld technology, that tells about the artworks on display.

### Day 7

BRUNY ISLAND: Sit back on a guided day tour as you discover the culinary delights of Bruny Island. Your guide will take you to meet the local producers. You can expect enough food and drink to satisfy a hearty appetite, enjoying seven small courses that include oysters, award-winning cheeses, local honey, mead and chocolates.

Return to Hobart late afternoon. Maybe an early night may be a good idea!

## Day 8

SALAMANCA MARKETS: The Salamanca Market is one of Tasmania's most visited tourist attractions and has won many awards for excellence. Tasmania's biggest selection of locally made products can be explored here. The ideal place to do Christmas shopping. Wander down to the markets any time (they start at 8.30am. Be back at the accommodation by midday for transfer to the airport with the group for your flight home.

Want to stay on and do more? Ask and you shall receive, lots of add-on options available.



#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Small-Group fully escorted
- Airport transfers with the group to/from HBA airport
- Four nights accommodation in Hobart (single, twin/double options)
- Meals included 3B, 5L & 3D
- Transfers to/from and entry to Port Arthur with guided tour
- Three Capes Track staying in huts, food supplied
- Full day taster tour of Bruny Island
- Posh Pit transfer to/from MONA with drinks & canapes
- Entry to MONA Art Gallery
- Lunch at MONA Faro Restaurant with paired wines

#### PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Meals not mentioned in inclusions
- All expenses of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance
- Flights to/from Hobart

#### **COST PER PERSON**

• \$3,195/pp twin share

#### OWN ROOM OPTION

• \$600/pp own room in Hobart