

# Wild Tasmania

12 Days



**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS** AS THE PIONEER OF ADVENTURE TRAVEL

## ⊳Wild Tasmania

Kayak through tranquil harbors, hike past waterfalls, and cruise beneath dramatic columnar sea cliffs on this incredible adventure in the wild island state of Tasmania. Frolicking dolphins, whales, and hungry seabirds dive-bombing into the water make up the natural wonders of this rugged landscape. You'll even see Tasmanian Devils up close during a nighttime feeding! Explore multiple world-class protected areas, including historic Port Arthur and the UNESCO-listed Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Site — one of the last expanses of temperate rainforest in the world and a living link with ancient Gondwana.

## Details

| Arrive:         | Hobart, Australia     |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Depart:         | Launceston, Australia |
| Duration:       | 12 Days               |
| Group Size:     | 4-12 Guests           |
| Minimum Age:    | 13 Years Old          |
| Activity Level: |                       |

## Testimonials

"I've taken six MTS trips and they have all exceede my expectations. The staff, the food, the logistics an the communications have always been exceptional. Thank you for being my "go to" adventure travel company!"

Margaret I.

"I have traveled extensively around the world. The experience with MTS was by far the best I have eve had. Thank you for such excellence."

Marianne W.

## Why Take This Trip With Us?

#### REASON #01

MT Sobek has been innovating once-in-a-lifetime adventures across the globe since 1969, offering profoundly personal connections

#### REASON #02

Our local guides are true experts, who serve to protect and preserve the UNESCO-listed Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Site.

#### REASON #03

This specially crafted journey to Tasmania is the perfect way to discover remote and wild Australia.



#### ACTIVITIES

Hiking lush rainforests and coastal paths, exploring the wildlife wonders of Tasmania's national parks, plus kayaking and river cruising.



What to Expect

#### LODGING

Scenic, comfortable and eco-friendly wilderness accommodations, plus one night in a lakeside cabin with views of Cradle Mountain Lake St. Clair National Park.



#### CLIMATE

There are four distinct seasons which interchange any day of the year. Summer inland temperatures average 70°F with nights averaging 48°F.

### **Meet Our Guides**

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Ash is a local Tasmanian who is a keen outdoors enthusiast and an experienced guide with a passion for trail running, mountain biking and exploring the world's wild places. MT Sobek's new trip, Wild Tasmania, has no shortage of wildness and wonder. The natural wonders of the region are nothing short of spectacular, and Ash enjoys leading MT Sobek guests to explore and discover her native environment. As a local, she has an impeccable level of expertise, leadership, and feel for Tasmania. After moving to Tasmania over ten years ago Pip fell in love with the area, and now calls it home. She has been guiding for 3 years, and is deeply passionate about the opportunity to share the amazing elements of Tasmania with MT Sobek travelers. Pip is very knowledgeable about the country's unique natural environment, and cultural heritage. She also works as a kayaking guide in southern Tasmania, and lists her two weaknesses as wombats and Tasmanian ice cream!

#### **Pip Layton**

#### **Ash Werner**

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## Itinerary

#### DAY 1 ARRIVE IN HOBART

Gather with your trip crew at the Hobart airport at 9am before journeying towards Port Arthur, visiting the Devils Blowhole, Tasman Arc, Devils Kitchen and Waterfall Bay along the way. Enjoy a picnic lunch before taking a guided tour of Port Arthur, a historic 19th-century convict settlement. Cap off your first day with dinner at Parsons Bay Retreat.

Activity: 2-3 hours/1.5-2.5-mile guided walking tour

Meals: L, D

#### DAY 2 CRUISE THE TASMAN PENINSULAR

Take a thrilling morning excursion on a Tasman Island Cruise ship. Glide past stunning cliffs while searching for playful seal colonies and migrating whales. After lunch, take a gorgeous coastal walk atop these same cliffs to Cape Raoul.

Activity: 2 hours/3 miles hiking & 3-hour cruise

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 3 EXPLORE FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, travel up the coast to the charming seaside village of Coles Bay. From here, begin your exploration of Freycinet National Park, with walks to either Cape Tourville Lighthouse or the aptly named Sleepy Bay. Spend the afternoon in twin kayaks on serene harbor waters.

Activity: 1-2 hours/2 miles hiking & 3 hours kayaking

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 4 DISCOVER WINEGLASS BAY

Spend a second day in the spectacular Freycinet region with a leisurely walk along the Hazards Beach track to world-famous Wineglass Bay. Enjoy ample time to relax on soft white sands and swim in the sparkling waters. Take an optional walk to Mount Amos for an extra dose of adventure.

Activity: 4–5 hours/6 miles hiking & optional Mount Amos, 2-3 hours/2.5 miles with 1,349' elevation gain Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 5 HIKE DOUGLAS APSLEY NATIONAL PARK

Journey further up the coastline, stopping to hike in Douglas Apsley National Park before settling in the historic city of Launceston. Once there, take a leisurely rest at the hotel before enjoying a nourishing dinner at the Cataract Gorge.

Activity: 3 hours/3–4 miles hiking

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 6 ARRIVE AT CRADLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Explore the breathtaking Cradle Mountain National Park, located in the Central Highlands area of Tasmania and part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Take a morning stroll on the Dove Lake Circuit and enjoy additional afternoon walks, including a visit to the historic Waldheim Cabin. In the evening, watch a night feeding of the infamous Tasmanian Devils.

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Activity: 3 hours/3-4 miles hiking

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 7 SUMMIT CRADLE MOUNTAIN OR WALK DOVE CANYON

Depending on the weather, summit Cradle Mountain or take the alternative Dove Canyon walk. After a full day of hiking, rest and rejuvenate before a well-deserved dinner at the Cradle Mountain Lodge.

Activity: 6–8 hours/4 miles hiking with 3,280'-5,069' elevation gain & loss

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 8 ENTER THE MAGICAL TARKINE WILDERNESS

Begin the morning en route to the beautiful Tarkine Wilderness area, containing the largest area of Gondwanan cool-temperate rainforest in Australia. After a walk to Philosopher's Falls, head to Mount Donaldson and enjoy lunch on the trail to the peak. Rest your legs on the short drive to the accommodations in the historic town of Corinna — once a "rough and tough" mining town during the Gold Rush of the late 1800s.

Activity: 4 hours/4–5 miles hiking

Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 9 BREAKFAST ON THE RIVER & TARKINE COAST HIKE

Rise early to enjoy the serenity of a breakfast cruise on the Pieman River. While gliding down this pristine waterway aboard an historic Huon pine vessel, look and listen for the abundant local wildlife as they start their day. Disembark to explore the rugged Tarkine Coast at Pieman Heads for a few hours on foot before returning by boat back to Corinna. Then choose between an invigorating Whyte River walk or an afternoon kayaking on the river.

Activity: 3 hours/3-4 miles hiking & 2-hour breakfast cruise

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 10 VISIT FRANKLIN-GORDON WILD RIVERS NATIONAL PARK

Fuel up on breakfast before a drive to the mining town of Queenstown. From here, head through the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park, taking short stops along the way to stretch at Watersmeet or Platypus Bay. In the afternoon, take an enriching Aboriginal cultural walk at Larmairremener tabelti, in Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park.

Activity: 3 hours/3 miles hiking

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 11 JOURNEY ACROSS LAKE ST. CLAIR

Cross breathtaking Lake St. Clair on a morning ride to explore Echo Point, home to a lush rainforest. Stop by Cynthia Bay for lunch before venturing straight through the heart of the island, across the highlands and back to Launceston. Rest and review the day's sightings at the hotel, before savoring the final dinner at a local restaurant.

Activity: 2 hours/2 miles hiking

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 12 DEPART FROM LAUNCESTON

After breakfast, transfer to Launceston airport, where the trip concludes. Regular domestic flights operate between Launceston and Melbourne or Sydney, both home to international flight carriers.

Meals: B

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## Dates

Dec 2 - 13, 2019

Feb 4 - 15, 2020

Dec 5 - 16, 2020

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## Pricing

2019

\$5,795 per person

#### **Additional Cost**

\$1,100 Single Supplement

2020

## \$6,095 per person

#### **Additional Cost**

\$1,000 Single Supplement

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expert leadership from experienced adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- All tips and gratuities for support staff with the exception of your lead adventure guide(s)
- All necessary kayaking gear
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Departure day group airport transfer

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Optional tips to your lead adventure guides
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Airport transfers if departing outside of the group transfer
- Optional travel protection

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