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# Tasmanian Wildlife & Wilderness Encounter

SMALL GROUP ESCORTED TOUR

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Tasmania's island state provides the rare opportunity to interact and encounter the unique wildlife that is endemic to Tasmania.

Travelling in a small group of no more than 12 and led by a local expert guide, you'll explore the island with an extensive wildlife list, headed by the Tasmanian Devil.

## Please Note

Tours depart on a Wednesday from Launceston. This tour is also available as a 6-day option. Please enquire for more details.



## What's Included?

6 nights of accommodation as shown or similar, on a twin-share room-only basis unless otherwise stated

Local guide

All transportation

Marakoopa Caves tour

Thousand Lakes Lodge wildlife tour

Devils in the Dark tour

Wineglass Bay cruise

Bichenno penguin tour

Maria Island ferry

Entrance to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary

All National Park passes

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## Day 1 Launceston – Cradle Mountain

Your tour starts at midday in Launceston where you'll meet your guide and then travel to Cradle Mountain National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. En route visit Marakoopa Caves then on arrival there'll be an introduction to your alpine surroundings.

Your Accommodation: Cradle Mountain Lodge (or similar)

Meal(s) Included: Lunch

## Day 2 Cradle Mountain & Dove Lake

Explore the beautiful alpine landscapes of Cradle Mountain dotted with sculpted mountains and cliffs. Your guide will introduce you to the incredible flora and fauna of the region as you follow the walking trails beneath the craggy peaks of Cradle Mountain.

Adjacent to glacial lakes, magical forests of Sassafras, King Billy Pines and deciduous beech can be seen. For bird lovers forest ravens, black currawongs and wedge-tailed eagles are often seen. At ground level keep your eyes peeled for echidnas and platypus plus spotted-tail quoll and eastern quoll. There is an optional, guided night tour this evening.

Your Accommodation: Cradle Mountain Lodge (or similar)

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Lunch

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## Day 3 Cradle Mountain – Central Highlands

From Cradle Mountain you'll travel to the Central Highlands, known as the 'Heart of Tasmania', here you'll find the clearest air and the silence inspiring. This afternoon there's opportunity to explore Lake Ada and immerse yourself in a barren but indescribably beautiful and unique landscape.

As dusk falls there will be chance to observe wombats, wallabies and possums as they come out to play. With a little luck you might also see quolls and the elusive Tasmanian devil.

Your Accommodation: Thousand Lakes Lodge

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

## Day 4 East Coast – Bicheno

Leave the Tasmanian highlands and head for the quaint midland's town of Campbell Town, where you'll stop for lunch. From here continue on to the east coast and the beautiful Freycinet Peninsula, known for its pristine beaches and granite coastline. There's an after dark Tasmanian Devil experience this evening.

Your Accommodation: Beachfront at Bicheno

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Lunch

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## Day 5 Freycinet National Park – Wineglass Bay

See the beauty of the Freycinet Peninsula from the water on a Wineglass Bay cruise. You'll see the stunning, remote coastline of sheer granite cliffs, sea caves and glorious beaches. The peninsula has an abundance of wildlife including dolphin, seals and whales.

This afternoon there's time for a short walk around the lighthouse at Cape Tourville, then this evening a night tour offers a rare opportunity to observe fairy penguins tumbling from the ocean into their nesting burrows.

Your Accommodation: Beachfront at Bicheno

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Lunch

## Day 6 Maria Island – Hobart

Travel to the seaside village of Triabunna where you'll board the ferry to Maria Island. This unique island national park sits off Tasmania's east coast. Enjoy a day of peaceful walking past historic ruins, sweeping bays, fossil cliffs and stark mountains.

This island sanctuary provides the ideal opportunity to view its resident wildlife including bare nose wombats, Tasmanian pademelons, kangaroos, wallabies and maybe the Tasmanian devil in their natural environment. This afternoon, make your way down the east coast to Hobart.

Your Accommodation: Hotel Grand Chancellor

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Lunch

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## Day 7 Mt. Field National Park – Bonorong

Your guide will meet you this morning for a tour in the Mt Field National Park. From eucalyptus temperate rainforest to alpine moorland this is a memorable and changing landscape. An interpretive walk to Russell Falls provides an insight into the region as well as opportunity to spot some of Tasmania's endemic bird species such as the Tasmanian thornbill and black currawong. After lunch you have chance to spot the unique duck billed platypus in the wild.

Meal(s) Included: Lunch

Please Note: Details are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice. Accommodation is subject to availability, and similar hotels may be substituted.

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