



From

Prices valid until
 30th December 2025

days
 Duration

Tasmania
 Destination

Level 2 - Moderate
 Activity

Tasmanian Wilderness | Summer School in Hobart, Tasmania

Tasmanian Wilderness Summer School

Tasmania Wilderness Summer School is a small group tour for seniors held each year in Hobart in early January. Designed for those who don't want hard hiking, this summer school allows you to experience the great wilderness of Tasmania with an educational focus, while staying at a



comfortable Hobart hotel.

You will leave with a deep understanding of the Tasmanian environment while also witnessing some amazing natural wonders: we'll visit beautiful places such as the Huon Valley and Mt Nelson, not forgetting some of the wild areas on the very doorstep of Hobart. We travel each day to see a different aspect of the rich Tasmanian landscape. Days will be moderately long to cover the distances, and there will be opportunities for walking – easy or harder – at each destination. Regardless of whether you're an active walker or not, there will be something suited to your fitness level.

Summer School classes for mature and senior travellers

Odyssey offers a collection of week-long learning programs offered each January in Hobart, Tasmania. Courses are refreshed for each year's programs. Classes are limited to 12 people.

Over the last twenty-five years, Odyssey's small group Summer School Program has given countless travellers an unforgettable educational and travel experience. Each summer, we prepare and offer fun and challenging special interest courses and programs designed to give travellers the options and opportunity to learn about history, religion, Australian culture, and the arts, among many other topics. These courses are designed in such a way that enthusiasts can deepen their knowledge of a particular topic or be initiated into new understandings on a subject.

We don't quite live on campus, but we will be staying in a comfortable hotel in central Hobart! For this summer school, we will enjoy welcome and farewell dinners and daily excursions.

These programs offered are tailor-made for mature-aged and senior travellers who are eager to explore in-depth a particular topic. Summer school learning programs for mature and senior travellers who are and remain curious about the world. Read more about our [philosophy of the Odyssey Summer Schools](#).

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Highlights

1. Visits to different places of extraordinary natural beauty and learn something about the flora of this unique island.
2. Visit the Tasman Peninsular, the home of Australia's most significant convict era penal settlement.
3. Experience a window to the South-West Wilderness in Mount Field National Park, with a leisurely walk to the beautiful Russell Falls.
4. Travel through Tasmanian World Heritage Area and the Franklin-Gordon Rivers National Park to visit Gordon River Dam.
5. Meet some Tasmanian wildlife, including the Tasmanian Devil.

Itinerary

Day 1

Locations: Hobart

Overview:

After checking in to our hotel, we come together for a welcome dinner at a nearby restaurant (TBC). This is a chance to meet the group leader, other members of the Tasmanian Wilderness program, along with other Summer Schools participants.

Accommodation:

Ibis Styles Hobart or similar

Day 2

Locations: Mount Wellington

Overview:

Today we'll cross the Tasman bridge for a quick visit to Rosny Point, at the eastern shores, with Panoramic views of Hobart. We then drive to the top of Mount Wellington. On clear days you can see far and wide,



across the Tasman Sea and into the wild South West National Park, World Heritage Area. We will enjoy lunch at the remodeled 'Ferntree Park'.

After lunch the group gets the chance to walk the 1.7km Silver Falls walking track and the more energetic to continue along the 1.4km Fern Glade walking track back to the bus at Ferntree Park.

Accommodation:

Ibis Styles Hobart or similar

Day 3

Locations: South-West Tasmania

Overview:

After an early 8.30am departure we stop for morning coffee (for those needing their daily coffee fix) at the 'Possum Shed' cafe on the banks of the Tyenna River in the small hamlet of Westerway.

We then drive South-West to Lake Pedder which is famous for its spectacular scenery.

After lunch we drive a very short distance to the Gordon Dam, a spectacular engineering feature and if you are brave enough you may walk across the top of dam wall.

This is a long day so please bring a few extra snacks to keep your energy up.

Today we walk less than 1 km to and from Russel Falls, a flat walk on formed track.

Accommodation:

Ibis Styles Hobart or similar

Day 4

Locations: Tasman Peninsula

Overview:

Today we drive to the Tasman Peninsula, one of Australia's most significant heritage areas. It has a fascinating Marine Sea life and Seabirds and some of Australia's highest Sea Cliffs. Keep a close

lookout for sea eagles soaring above the cliffs, pods of dolphins surfing the bow wave, albatross wheeling on the wind and shearwaters skimming the swells.

The program leader will accompany you to the Tasmanian Devil Conservation Park. Come face to face with endangered devils, meet little endemic quolls and pademelons, hand feed friendly kangaroos and join some crazy parrots in Tasmania's only free-flight bird show. The all-weather nature trail will take you through a delightful native botanic garden filled with wild honeyeaters and wrens, past majestic eucalypts and streamside ferneries.

After departing the Conservation Park, if time and weather permits, we will visit 3 geological sites along the coastline before returning to the hotel.

Today you would only be walking a few hundred meters on formed tracks.

Accommodation:

Ibis Styles Hobart or similar

Day 5

Locations: Huon Valley, Geeveston

Overview:

Today we travel south of Hobart to the Huon Valley, which offers some gorgeous sightseeing.

We will start the day with our first stop at in the town of Geeveston for morning coffee under the ornamental cherry trees at 'The Old Bank' cafe. This town has undergone a significant transformation over the past 12 years. We'll then continue to take a walk on the Tahune Air Walk, located about 30km from Geeveston, which was impacted by the bushfires in 2019 and recently re-opened to the public after enduring extensive repairs and restoration.

We enjoy lunch on the Hartz Mountains and thereafter we will walk 1km to the Arve Falls, followed by an optional 2km walk to Lake Osborne (time permitting). On the return trip to Hobart we stop at the Willie Smith

Apple Shed (apple museum, distillery and large café).

There are only sloped or flat walkways on formed tracks with a few small steps, the total walk length being about 1 km.

Accommodation:

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Day 6

Locations: Hobart

Overview:

On our last day we will enjoy a leisable day at the Bonorong Wild Life park to see Tasmanian Devils at first hand.

You will enjoy a guided tour, including a talk on the Tasmanian Devil, as well as seeing the Tassie devil eat a snack, learn about their quirky personalities as well as some of the threats they face and the efforts to help protect them.

In the afternoon, we will visit the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, before a short drive to Mt Nelson famous lookout point to take in a breathtaking view, before getting back to the Hotel in time to get ready for the evening's farewell dinner.

Today you would only be walking a few hundred meters on formed tracks.

Accommodation:

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Day 7

Locations: Hobart

Overview:

After breakfast at the hotel, we say our farewells and the program draws to a close.

Inclusions / Exclusions

What's included in our Tour

- Six nights of accommodation in central Hobart.
- Excursions and entrance fees as indicated.
- Services of a study leader and lecturers.
- Six breakfasts and two dinners.
- Complimentary wifi.

What's not included in our Tour

- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- Return airfares to and from Hobart.
- Airport transfers to/from your Hobart Hotel
- Costs of a personal nature.

Level 2 - Moderate

Participants must be able to carry their own luggage, climb and descend stairs, be in good health, mobile and able to participate in 3-5 hours of physical activity per day, the equivalent of walking/hiking up to 8 kilometres on uneven ground.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any requests for further information about this tour or any others offered by Odyssey Travel.