



Tasmania

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Best Places to Stay

- » Astor Private Hotel (p632)
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Why Go?

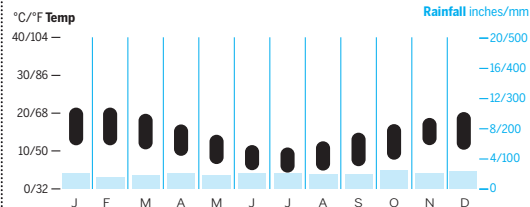
Dazzlin' Tassie is brilliant, beautiful and accessible. It's compact enough to 'do' in a few weeks and layered enough to keep bringing you back. Look forward to exquisite beaches, jagged mountain ranges, rarefied alpine plateaus, plentiful wildlife and vast tracts of virgin wilderness, much of it within a World Heritage area. Tasmania produces superb gourmet food and wine, and a flourishing arts scene and a burgeoning urban cool highlight a positive and vibrant future.

Tasmania's past incorporates an often tragic Aboriginal and convict history, much of it vital to understanding the story of Australia itself. Tasmania's raffish and pioneering heritage is showcased throughout the island, often against the backdrop of some of Australia's most impressive colonial architecture.

For the outdoors buff, Tassie's bushwalking, cycling, rafting and kayaking opportunities rank among the best on the planet. Tasmania is still Australia, but beguilingly and bewitchingly, just that little bit different.

When to Go

Hobart



Feb Swim, bushwalk and mountain bike, and enjoy the most settled weather of the year.

Mar Fill up on fresh apples, fruit and berries from Tasmania's network of farmgate providers.

Dec (end) Enjoy the best of Hobart's festival season with food, wine, music, art and culture.

Tasmania Highlights

- 1 Meandering lazily through the labyrinth of stalls at Hobart's Saturday morning **Salamanca Market** (boxed text, p623)
- 2 Negotiating the **Overland Track** (boxed text, p699), the archetypal Tasmanian bushwalk and an essential Aussie rite of passage
- 3 Contemplating the contrast of melancholy silence and beautiful scenery at **Port Arthur** (p652)
- 4 Being surprised by the rugged alpine beauty of the **Mt Field National Park** (p642), just an hour's drive from Hobart
- 5 Packing a picnic of fine Tassie produce and hiking into photogenic **Wineglass Bay** (p660)

