



Hobart & Southeast Tasmania

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Best Places to Stay

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Why Go?

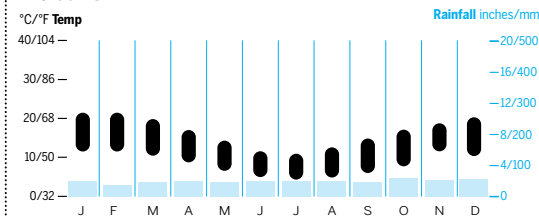
Australia's second-oldest city, Hobart, dapples the foothills of Mt Wellington. The town's rich cache of colonial architecture and natural charms are complemented by hip festivals, happening markets and top-notch food and drink. Don't miss MONA, Hobart's dizzyingly good Museum of Old & New Art, which has vehemently stamped Tasmania onto the global cultural map.

Heading southeast, the fruity hillsides of the Huon Valley give way to the sparkling inlets of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, with Bruny Island awaiting enticingly offshore. The apple-producing heartland of the Apple Isle, this area now also produces cherries, apricots, Atlantic salmon, wines, mushrooms and cheeses.

Also a short hop from Hobart are the staggering coastal landscapes and historic sites of the Tasman Peninsula. Bushwalking, surfing and sea-kayaking opportunities abound. Waiting portentously is World Heritage-listed Port Arthur, the infamous penal colony.

When to Go

Hobart



New Year's Eve Around NYE, Hobart heaves with sailors, travellers, food festivals and concerts.

Jan-Mar Long summer days: eating, drinking, bushwalking, cricket and maybe even a swim.

Jun-Aug Snow on Mt Wellington, AFL football and affordable waterfront accommodation in Hobart.

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No doubt about it, Hobart's future is looking rosy. Tourism is booming and the old town is treading confidently onto the world stage. Plan on staying a while – you'll need at least a few days to savour the full range of beers flowing from the city's pubs.

On summer afternoons the sea breeze blows and yachts tack across the river. On winter mornings the pea-soup 'Bridgewater Jerry' fog lifts to reveal the snow-capped summit of Mt Wellington, a rugged monolith seemingly made for mountain biking and bushwalking.

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Hobart & Southeast Tasmania Highlights

- 1 Meandering through the labyrinth of stalls at Hobart's Saturday morning **Salamanca Market** (p622).
- 2 Being inspired, turned on, appalled, educated and amused at **MONA** (p622).
- 3 Careering down from the summit of **Mt Wellington** (p623) on a mountain bike.
- 4 Sipping your way towards the weekend in Hobart's **waterside bars and pubs** (p633).
- 5 Bracing yourself for a cold-water spray at **Russell Falls** (p638) in Mt Field National Park.
- 6 Dropping out of mobile-phone reception on **Bruny Island** (p639) for a couple of days.
- 7 Paying your respects to the past, both distant and recent, at the **Port Arthur Historic Site** (p649).
- 8 **Sea kayaking** (p646) around the Tasman Peninsula's wild, broken coastline.