



North & Western Tasmania

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Why Go?

If you imagined Tasmania as a land of soaring alpine peaks and dreamy, untouched wilderness, then you've imagined this part of the state. This is one of Australia's most pristine corners, a land of forested wilderness and remote rivers, from the dense and ancient rainforests of the Tarkine wilderness to remote beaches swept by the cleanest air on Earth. The northern coast consists of dramatic beaches and historic towns such as movie-set Stanley and Penguin, where little penguins come ashore from mid-September to March or April. In the hinterland are some of the best places in Australia to see platypuses, while you can sleep the night in charming towns where the past sits lightly. Best of all, the sense of exploring one of the world's last unspoiled corners will linger long after you leave.

Best Places to Eat

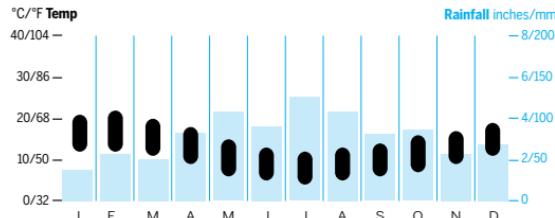
- ➔ Mrs Jones (p683)
- ➔ Linda Valley Cafe (p696)
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Best Places to Stay

- ➔ @VDL (p693)
- ➔ Corinna Wilderness
Experience (p694)
- ➔ Cradle Mountain Lodge
(p702)
- ➔ Franklin Manor (p698)

When to Go

Devonport



Jan-Mar This whole region buzzes and the long days give you more time in the outdoors.

Jun-Aug Experience the power of the Roaring Forties lashing the area.

Oct-Dec The northwest blooms, plus there's fresh crayfish and penguin watching.

North & Western Tasmania Highlights

- 1 Exploring Tasmania's alpine heart as you search for wombats, then climb **Cradle Mountain** (p699).
- 2 Getting a bird's-eye view of World Heritage wilderness, then landing on the **Gordon River** (p699).
- 3 Going beyond the paved road, deep into the Tarkine rainforest at **Corinna** (p694).
- 4 Watching the true tale of convict escape in **Strahan's** hilarious **The Ship That Never Was** (p697).
- 5 Travelling through deep rainforest on the **West Coast Wilderness Railway** (p695) from Strahan.
- 6 Experiencing wilderness on water

