



Tasmania

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Best Places to Eat

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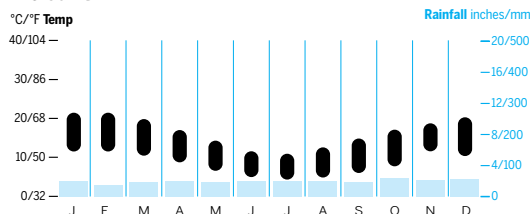
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Why Go?

Some say islands are metaphors for the heart. Isolation mightn't be too good for romance, but Tasmania has turned remoteness into an asset. From the lichen-splashed granite of the east coast to the bleak alpine plateaus of Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, Tasmania has a unique beauty. Tragic stories of the island's Indigenous and colonial history play out through this haunting, gothic landscape: the sublime scenery around Port Arthur only reinforces the site's grim convict past. It's just as easy to conjure-up visions of the raffish past in Hobart's Battery Point and atmospheric harbourside pubs. And then there's the food, the wine and the parties: Tasmania is seemingly custom-built for a driving holiday spent shuffling between farm-gate suppliers, boozy cellar doors and hip festivals. Yes, this is still Australia, but Tasmania is bewitchingly different.

When to Go

Hobart



Feb–Mar Swim, bushwalk and mountain bike in the year's most settled weather.

Jun–Aug Embrace winter with affordable accommodation, minimal crowds and brooding gothic vibes.

Dec–Jan Enjoy the best of Hobart's festival season with food, wine, music, art and culture.

Tasmania Highlights

1 MONA (p639)

Being inspired, turned on, appalled, educated and amused at Tasmania's unique art gallery.

2 Three Capes Track (p664)

Ticking Tassie's superb new walking trail off your 'to do' list.

3 Port Arthur Historic Site (p664)

Paying your respects to the past, both distant and recent, at these sombre ruins.

4 Wineglass Bay (p673) Sweating it out on the track to this fabled bay, then cooling off in the sea once you get there.

5 Salamanca Market (p651)

Losing yourself in the crowds at Hobart's local producers market.

