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Why Go?

Australia's second-oldest city and southernmost capital, Hobart dapples the foothills of Mt Wellington, angling down to the slate-grey Derwent River. The town's rich colonial heritage and natural charms are complemented by great festivals and top-notch food and drink.

It's a gorgeous place, but until quite recently Hobart was far from cosmopolitan or self-assured. It's taken a while for Hobartians to feel comfortable in their own skins, and some locals did become protective of their town, shouting 'Hypocrites!' at big city escapees who invested in Hobart's Georgian and Federation houses.

The mainland attitude to Hobart has now shifted from derision to delight, with investors recognising that Tassie's abundant water, stress-free pace and cool climate are precious commodities. The city's waterfront, architecture, market, mountain and river have always been here, but these days Hobart is boutique, not backward. And not far out of town are some great beaches, mountains and historic villages.

When to Go?

Hobart's weather is at its best from November to March, the same time the city hosts a wide variety of festivals showcasing everything from beer, food and wine, through to art, music and culture. The city's maritime roots are also celebrated with the Royal Hobart Regatta, the Australian Wooden Boat Festival, and the culmination of the Sydney to Hobart yacht race. A visit from May to October will be in chillier, more challenging weather, still, a damn fine reason to cosy up in Hobart's excellent pubs, cafes and restaurants.

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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.

Rising high above the city is Mt Wellington, a wild and rugged monolith perfect for mountain and bushwalking. Stretched out below the mountain, the Derwent River is a vital link to Hobart's maritime past. Every February the Royal Hobart Regatta fills the historical expanse of water with boats of all kinds, and sailing on graceful tall ships is possible year-round.



Hobart & Around Highlights

1 Being simultaneously educated and entertained at Moorilla Estate's astounding **Museum of Old & New Art (MONA)** (p53)

2 Losing yourself in the crowds at Hobart's Saturday **Salamanca Market** (p53)

3 Boning up on architectural history on a

walking tour through historic **Battery Point** (p51)

4 Careering on two wheels from the summit of **Mt Wellington** (p52)

5 Sampling Tasmanian microbrews at the **New Sydney Hotel** (p74)

6 Devouring freshly fried seafood and chips from

Constitution Dock's **floating fish restaurants** (p69)

7 Discovering what's new along the ever-evolving **North Hobart restaurant strip** (p71)

8 Bracing yourself for the cold-water spray of Russell Falls in **Mt Field National Park** (p85)