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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 cache of colonial architecture and natural charms are complemented by hip festivals, happening markets 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. Paralleling this shift (or perhaps driving it), the mainland Australian attitude to Hobart has changed from derision to delight: investors now recognise that Tasmania's abundant water, stress-free pace and cool climate are precious commodities.

Not far past the outskirts of town are some great beaches, alpine areas and historic villages. And don't miss MONA, Hobart's dizzyingly good Museum of Old and New Art, which has vehemently stamped Tasmania onto the global cultural map.

When to Go

- ➔ For a week either side of New Year's Eve, Hobart heaves with sailors, travellers, food festivals and concerts. This is prime-time Hobart, when the old town treads the boards of the world stage.
- ➔ During the long days of summer – January into February – the time is right for eating, drinking, afternoons at the cricket and maybe even a swim (when the sea around Hobart is warm...almost).
- ➔ When the southern winter blows in (June to August), catch some Australian Rules football, throw snowballs on Mt Wellington or Mt Field and cosy up by an open fire in a pub. Crowds are down, so take your pick of the waterfront accommodation.



Hobart & Around Highlights

- 1** Be inspired, turned on, appalled, educated and amused at **MONA** (p57).
- 2** Lose yourself in the crowds at Hobart's Saturday morning **Salamanca Market** (p53).
- 3** While away an afternoon exploring historic **Battery Point** (p53).
- 4** Career down from the summit of Mt Wellington on a **mountain bike** (p60).
- 5** Sip your way towards the weekend at **Knopwood's Retreat** (p76), Hobart's best pub.
- 6** Devour fish and chips from **Flippers** (p71) fish punt.
- 7** See what's cooking along the ever-evolving **North Hobart restaurant strip** (p74).
- 8** Brace yourself for a cold-water spray at **Russell Falls** (p89) in Mt Field National Park.
- 9** Splash into the chilly sea south of Hobart at **Kingston** (p81) or **Blackmans Bay** (p82).