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# WELCOME TO TASMANIA

Tasmania has turned remoteness into an asset, with unique wilderness and hip arts and food scenes. If you look at a map of Tasmania, you could be forgiven for thinking that there are barely any roads at all. Think again. Thinly populated and yet home to some of Australia's earliest settlements, Tasmania combines the human and natural worlds exceptionally well, and our road trips take you there. Hobart is the starting point for some fine journeys, not least to the sea cliffs and Port Arthur penal colony on the Tasman Peninsula, and the Heritage Trail that connects some fine old towns in the island's heart. Elsewhere, our drives connect the dramatic east coast and the thickly forested west coast, with Cradle Mountain and the Tamar Valley Gourmet Region in between. Little wonder that Tassie ends up being many visitors' favourite corner of the country.