

ROAD TRIPS IN TASMANIA



Road to Sentinel Range
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—— A detour can be a mistake, a time-waster, an inconvenience. In Tasmania, a detour is an adventure. Self-drive journeys on this compact island offer your clients the freedom to find the things they need – natural wonders, inspiration, calm, great fish and chips – and much they never expected.

Choose a drive journey, use our itineraries for inspiration, and start making detours.

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Why do a road trip in Tasmania?

Any road can lead to adventure in Tasmania. The island's diverse landscapes, compact size and extensive road network make this one of the world's great self-drive destinations. Add quiet roads, empty beaches, well-stocked cellars and an entire lush island to explore.

Though Tasmania can be crossed from Hobart to Launceston in two-and-a-half hours, the pleasure of driving in Tasmania is taking time to explore villages, meet local people, take walks and stop at farm gates and cellar doors along the way. Pick an area, savour the journey, and factor in time for the detours to uncover special places and people.

For many travellers, there's no set route from point A to point B. Instead, they're seeking practical ideas for self-guided exploration – ways to find hidden treasures and unexpected detours.

Five Tasmanian drive journeys have been established to meet this need, providing inspiration and guidance for road-trippers without being overly prescriptive.

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FIVE DRIVE JOURNEYS, COUNTLESS ROAD TRIPS

Tasmania's five drive journeys span a network of roads and potential itineraries. Each drive journey is designed to showcase a diversity of travel experiences within that region, as a way to help travellers plan their road trips according to their interests and available time.

The drive journeys are well signposted:



Northern Forage
– across northern Tasmania



Great Eastern Drive
– east coast and hinterland



Southern Edge
– southern Tasmania



Heartlands
– central Tasmania



Western Wilds
– western Tasmania

To dive deeper into special interests and passions, travellers can choose from a collection of “experience trails” that have also been developed across the island. From whisky and wine to seafood and cider, historical themes to craft brewing, pick a passion, follow the trail and see where the road takes you.



How to drive in Tasmania

While Tasmania is a small island, driving times take longer than you might anticipate when looking at a map. Driving road conditions vary and can be winding and steep, so allow extra time when estimating driving times and distances. For example, the distance from Derwent Bridge to Queenstown is 85km, however, there are many bends in the road. In wet or icy conditions, this drive can take two hours. Be mindful of black ice on sections of road that don't get much sun. Always drive slowly in icy and wet conditions and check current road and weather conditions.

Tasmania has an abundance of wildlife that don't understand road rules. Our native animals tend to be most active at dawn and dusk. If possible, avoid driving at these times. Or slow down and take extra care.

There are many photo opportunities on a road trip in Tasmania. Always ensure you pull over at a safe place to take a photo or look at the scenery.

Travellers can bring their car or campervan on the Spirit of Tasmania ferry from Melbourne, or hire a car or campervan on arrival – be sure to book well ahead.

A Tasmanian national parks pass is required for entry to national parks. Daily passes and two-month holiday passes are available online from the [Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service](#), at national park visitor centres and most accredited Tasmanian visitor information centres.

START PLANNING YOUR CLIENTS' ROAD TRIP.