



LAUNCESTON &
THE NORTH EAST
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Launceston is one of Australia's oldest cities, the second largest city in Tasmania and gateway to the north east. The region is celebrated for its rich farmland and cool-climate vineyards, which produce superb food and wines. Highlights include colonial architecture, heritage estates and adventure experiences.

How to get there

BY AIR

Launceston is a one-hour flight from Melbourne, a 90-minute flight from Sydney or a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Hobart.

BY CAR

Allow a day or two to slow down and take in the spectacular scenery of Tasmania's north east.



- 01 - Kings Bridge, Cataract Gorge Reserve © Pete Harmsen
- 02 - Archers Knob, Narawntapu National Park © Jess Bonde
- 03 - Josef Chromy Tasmania © Osborne Images
- 04 - Blue Derby Mountain Bike Trails © Stu Gibson



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Top things to do

- Visit Weldborough for the [‘Big Tree’](#) walk descending through huge eucalypts, musk, myrtle, mosses and ferns to the widest living tree in Australia.
- Mountain bikers can ride the world-class trails at [Blue Derby](#), with options available for riders of all levels.
- Play a round of golf at the acclaimed [Barnbougle Dunes](#) or [Lost Farm](#) golf courses near [Bridport](#).
- Take a short flight to [Flinders Island](#) and stay a few days. Walk in Strzelecki National Park, fish off the beach, and fossick for Killiecrankie diamonds.
- Get an adrenaline rush at Hollybank Wilderness Adventures – try the zipline, tree ropes course or a [Segway](#) tour.
- See platypus and echidnas up close at [Platypus House](#) and meet seahorses at [Seahorse World](#), in Beauty Point.
- Experience Tasmania’s abundant wildlife and enjoy diverse coastal landscapes at [Narawntapu National Park](#).
- Wander the exhibits at [Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery](#) in Launceston, Australia’s largest regional museum.

- Discover the secrets of Launceston on foot with [Go Walk Tas](#) or on a guided cycle tour with [On Your Bike Tours](#).
- Experience the family-friendly thrills of the attractions and rides at [Penny Royal Adventures](#).

Top attractions

- Marvel at arcing rows of purple lavender at [Bridestowe Lavender Estate](#), the largest lavender farm in the southern hemisphere.
- Follow the [Tamar Valley wine route](#) to sample some of Tasmania’s finest cool-climate wines.
- Walk from [Launceston’s city centre](#) to [Cataract Gorge](#), catch the world’s longest single-span chairlift or relax on the water with [Tamar River Cruises](#).
- Wander the heritage streetscapes of the region’s charming historic towns, including [Evandale](#), [Campbell Town](#), [Longford](#), [Perth](#) and [Ross](#).
- Relax over a leisurely vineyard lunch at [Josef Chromy](#). Sample fine cool-climate wines and fresh Tasmanian produce.



Where to stay

- A stone's throw from Cataract Gorge, Stillwater Seven is nestled in one of Launceston's landmark buildings, the 1830s flour mill that houses [Stillwater Restaurant](#). Inside, seven architecturally-designed rooms with water views each have their own character.
- Launceston's newest boutique accommodation, [Hotel Verge](#) is Tasmanian owned and operated and located in the heart of Launceston. The hotel's design references the precinct's early industrial heritage and features well-appointed rooms.
- [Barnbougle](#) offers a range of options for golfers and non-golfers alike, with views of the golf course or ocean. Stay onsite at Lost Farm Lodge, or at The Dunes in beachfront cottages, two-bedroom ocean villas or four-bed bunker villas.
- Right on the doorstep of the Blue Derby Mountain Bike trails, [Blue Derby Pods](#) accommodate two people per pod, nestled in the Blackwood tree canopy. After a day of mountain biking, dine on Tasmanian food and wine at The Hub, then retire to your private, architecturally-designed pod.
- [Peppers Silos](#) has converted four, large grain silos into a nine-storey hotel on the Tamar River. Enjoy some pampering at the Silo Day Spa and sample Tasmanian fare at [Grain of the Silos](#). Just a short walk to the Launceston CBD, it makes an ideal base for touring.

Weather

The average high temperature in January (summer) is 17-23°C and in July (winter) is between 3-11°C.

Useful links

<https://visitnortherntasmania.com.au/>

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