

MOVE TO DISCOVER

TASMANIA - GREAT EASTERN DRIVE

● HOBART (Start)

Hobart, Tasmania's capital city and home to the iconic Salamanca Market is a destination worth exploring. The city offers a perfect blend of heritage and modern lifestyle with world class activities and attractions nearby. Hobart is where history and modern meet, so throw on your sneakers and take a walk through the city streets and be amazed by the colonial buildings and modern galleries such as the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. Prefer the great outdoors? No problem, bushwalk through cool forested gullies along historic walking tracks on Mount Wellington.

Be sure to plan your trip around Dark Mofo, MONA's winter festival. Dark Mofo runs across three weeks, each of which features major festival events. From delving into centuries-old winter solstice rituals to exploring the links between ancient and contemporary mythology; Dark Mofo is sure to blow you away.



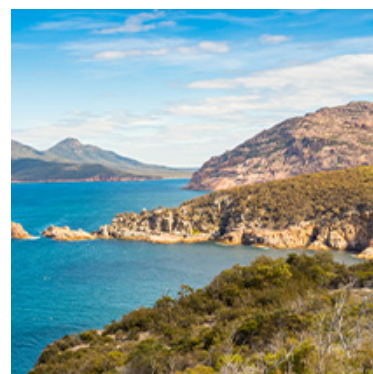
● BUCKLAND (62km)

After you pick up your car hire in Hobart's CBD, head an hour north to reach Buckland which is best known for the historic Church of St John the Baptist, which was constructed as a replica of the 14th Century church at Cookham Dean in Sussex. Buckland is also home to the Tasmanian Bushland Garden. Enjoy an afternoon stroll among the displays of endemic and rare Tasmanian east coast plants or have a picnic by the landscaped quarry and waterfall.



● ORFORD (18.5km)

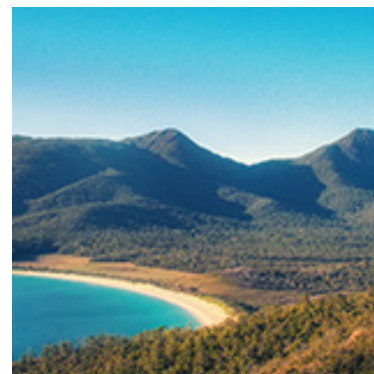
A further 20 minutes north of Buckland, Orford is a popular holiday destination flanked by the bay and the bush. In summer, Orford offers a variety of opportunities for beach goers such as swimming, surfing and diving at popular destinations such as Spring Beach and Shelley beach. Not a fan of sunbaking? With Maria Island National Park and its surrounding marine reserve at your doorstep, you can explore the great outdoors with a range of walking trails.



● SWANSEA (56.2km)

After Orford, make the 45 minute drive to Swansea, a picturesque village with a spectacular view of Great Oyster Bay and the granite peaks of Freycinet National Park. Travel back in time and explore

Swansea's colonial past by visiting a handful of historical buildings and landmarks, including the quirky, convict-built Spiky Bridge. After a long day of sightseeing, reward yourself with one of Swansea's must-sample oysters dishes.



COLES BAY (52.5km)

After seeing the mountain peaks of Freycinet National Park from afar, it's time to get up close and personal! Drive a further 40 minutes north of Swansea to Coles Bay, a seaside holiday village which sits beneath stunning, sheer pink granite mountains overlooking the calm, crystal clear water of Oyster Bay. From luxury accommodation to camping facilities, this quiet town is the perfect base to explore the park and its surrounding coastal scenery. Looking for more adventure? Why not explore the peninsula on a scenic flight, eco-cruise or quad bike.

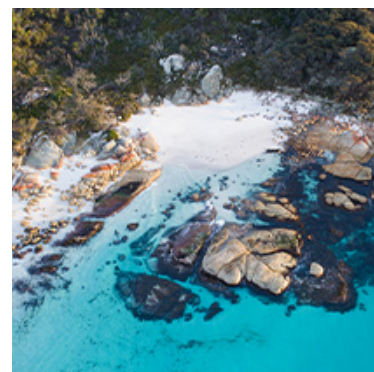
BICHENO (35km)

Head 30 minutes north to Bicheno, a stunning seaside holiday town surrounded by national parks and native wildlife sanctuaries. This little town offers a range of experiences from penguin tours to scenic walks to Rocking Rock. Be sure to also explore the local wildlife park, which is home to a variety of native animals, including kangaroos, Tasmanian devils and pelicans. If marine life is more your thing, you can explore this water wonderland in a glass-bottomed boat.



SCAMANDER (53km)

Drive 45 minutes north along the Eastern Coast to discover Scamander, a coastal town best known for its wide sandy beaches, riverside retreats and nature reserves. Scamander is home to the Henderson Lagoon, an enchanting hidden gem with crystal clear waters and seven kilometres of well-marked trails. Spend the day bushwalking and prepare to be in awe of the hundreds of varieties of native flora and more than 80 species of woodland and marshland birds.



ST HELENS (23km)

From Scamander, head 25 minutes north to St Helens, the largest town on Tasmania's north-east coast. St Helens overlooks beautiful Georges Bay and is surrounded by incredible beaches such as the Bay of Fires and Binalong Bay. With so many different beaches nearby, St Helens is the perfect base to unwind before you head back to Hobart.

