



Tasmanian Gourmet Safari – 18th – 23rd November 2023

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What a delight - 6 days on this glorious sparkling green island. Tasmanian food and wine has gone to new heights and some of the big names are all dear friends we are in for a wonderful journey into flavour and the 'behind the secret door' experiences we deliver on our Gourmet Safaris.

The joy is we stay in one location right on Hobart's beautiful waterfront. Sullivans Cove Apartments overlook the original historic sandstone IXL jam factory. Each day is a journey of discovery to meet producers, chefs, winemakers, cheese-makers, gardeners and more. We include some of the top restaurants in our itinerary as well as visits to farms and private estates. We also include a day on the 'island off an island off an island' – wild, beautiful Bruny Island.

You'll have a special day of art and food and wine at MONA, taste oysters just out of the cold clear seas, swoon with chocolates and fudge, see cheese being made, have some hands-on food experiences and meet wine producers and whisky distillers. Plus enjoy Tasmanian hospitality at local markets and beyond.

Guide: Maeve O'Meara

Hosts in Tasmania : Rodney Dunn and Severine Demanet, Richard and Belinda Weston, Massimo Mele, Michael Carnes and Bob Lavis , Nick Haddow, Suzanne and Lee Macefield, Madi Seeber-Peattie, Stefano and Monique Lubiana, many other passionate producers and chefs.

Day 1 – Saturday 18th November – I'll meet you at 9.30am in the Atrium in the Henry Jones Art Hotel.

We'll then go and explore some of the delights of the famous Salamanca Market before relaxing over a special lunch at Peacock and Jones where a menu will be created just for us with a glass of Tasmanian wine. Afternoon is yours to explore the local area – walk to Sandy Bay, into the CBD, into the nearby Botanic Gardens.

Tonight we dine at one of Hobart's hottest new restaurants, Peppina, welcomed by founder and culinary director chef Massimo Mele. (note we plan to walk 900m to the restaurant and return) **L, D**

Day 2 – Sunday 19th November – Breakfast at Jam Packed café in the Henry Jones Hotel...your own choice – coffee or a breakfast.

We'll then drive into the centre of Hobart and have a guided visit through the exceptional Farm Gate produce markets and meet many of the passionate farmers who come in to sell their produce.

Late morning we head up the Derwent River to New Norfolk and the acclaimed Agrarian Kitchen, founded by chef Rodney Dunn and his wife Severine Demanet. We'll meet Rodney and tour the extensive garden that feeds the restaurant. Founder Rodney will create a special banquet lunch with matched Tasmanian wines.

We'll then visit Richard and Belinda Weston at their glorious peony farm where the flowers will be in full bloom. **B, L, refreshments**

Day 3 – Monday 20th November – Breakfast at the Jam Packed Café.

Time to embark on a day of art, food and wine at MONA. We travel by fast boat in the Posh Pit (champagne service) have a quick introduction to the Gallery, and then a few hours to enjoy the old and new art on show.

Lunch today is at Faro restaurant with Tasmanian wine, then a little more time in the gallery or fabulous shop full of interesting objet d'art and books and the ferry back to our accommodation. We are delighted to have a special tasting with legendary whisky distiller Bill Lark in his cosy bar that feels like stepping back into another era. **B, L, whisky tasting.**

Day 4 – Tuesday 21st November – Breakfast at Jam Packed Café then we journey south where we'll visit an artisan chocolate and nougat maker, a sheep's milk cheese farm with a difference and then visit Cygnet Cannery for lunch. After lunch we'll visit a working dairy to taste and learn, then return to Hobart. Free night. **B, L, tastings**

Day 5 – Wednesday 22nd November – Breakfast at Jam Packed Café then we set out for a day on Bruny Island, driving to the ferry at Kettering and crossing the D’Entrecasteaux Channel. We meet Suzanne & Lee Macefield from one of the best oyster leases anywhere to taste plump briny oysters straight from the water on the private beach in front of their hugely popular Get Shucked.

We then have a very special visit to my dear friends at Hiba Estate (extensive gardens where owners Michael and Bob have planted 1 million bulbs). Lunch at Bruny Island Cheese pairing cheeses with some exceptional craft beers. Back to the mainland to rest before delicious dinner at Glasshouse overlooking the water with wines matched to each course. **B, L, D**

Day 6 – Thursday 23rd November – Check out of our accommodation (for those departing today) and we take you to breakfast at one of the much treasured cafes beloved by Hobart locals - Richard and Belinda Weston’s Pigeon Hole Cafe. We are planning a special adventure - a walk in pristine Mt Field National Park with its soaring trees and fern filled gullies and waterfalls - before a superb lunch at the estate of Stefano Lubiana – weather permitting we will be outside overlooking the river with a feast and enjoy wines from Stefano Lubiana. **B, L**

Our coach will drop those guests returning home to the airport by 5pm, or for those who are staying in Hobart, you can be dropped back at Sullivans Cove Apartments.

Includes: Accommodation for 5 nights, meals as specified including wine, (5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners) many tastings, transport on bus and ferry to MONA and Bruny Island, entrance to MONA and National Park for Tall Trees walk & Gratuities included.

2023 Cost: \$5295.00 per person, twin share, land content only. **Single Supplement ++ \$1050** per person.

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