

# **Pedaltours**

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AUSTRALIA  
TASMANIA, the island state.  
16 DAYS/15 NIGHTS  
**HOBART to HOBART**

ITINERARY

*Please bring this information with you to the tour start.*

*Distances are shown in kilometres : 1 km = 0.62 miles*

*Cycling distances given are entirely optional; cycle as little or as much as you wish each day, the shuttle van will always be available. Suggested cycling distances are given for each day, as follows:*

*Cas. = casual cyclists, Int. = intermediate cyclists, adv = advanced cyclists.*

*(the challenge is to circumnavigate the island, a total of 1162km / 725 miles)*



The tour starts in the city of Hobart (pop. 195,000) Australia's second oldest state capital; it is also the smallest and the most southerly. Straddling the mouth of the Derwent River and backed by mountains, notably Mt Wellington, Hobart successfully combines the benefits of a modern city with the rich heritage of its colonial past. The imposing Georgian buildings, (Hobart was founded as a European settlement in 1804) the attractive harbour and the relaxed atmosphere make Hobart a very enjoyable city.

## MEETING DAY / DAY ONE

We meet at 3.00 pm at Lenna of Hobart Hotel.

Your guide will tell you a little about Tasmania and what you can expect to see and do in the days ahead. He will also assist you to unpack your bike or fit you to the Pedaltours rental bike should you not bring your own.

Should you need to contact Pedaltours please call our Auckland office, Richard, Helen or Lisa: 64 9 585-1338

Dinner will be at 7.00 pm

Lodging: D

Hotel Lenna. Ph: 6232 3900 [www.lenna.com.au](http://www.lenna.com.au)

20 Runnymede Street, Battery Point, Hobart.

Facilities: Restaurant, bar, laundry.

Features: Heritage listed building in Battery Point, the heart of old Hobart. An attractive and safe area that is a few minutes walk from Salamanca Market .

Day 2: Hobart to Orford: adv. 104 km / 65 mi

Hobart to Sorell (lunch): cas/ int. 45 km / 28 mi

Our route follows the original stagecoach line towards Port Arthur. We leave the city on a cycle path, cross Grass Tree Hill and descend to Richmond, one of the most historic and attractive towns in Tasmania. It has both the oldest bridge (convict built) and the oldest Roman Catholic Church in Australia and an excellent bakery for a mid-morning break.

The Coal River Valley, which encompasses Richmond and Sorell, supplied the area with produce in colonial times.

The scenery this afternoon consists of pastoral farms with forest sections, then thick bush with mountains and river views.

Orford is the southern "Gateway" to the East Coast and lies on the mouth of the Prosser River. The Thumbs (a mountain range to the south), and the majestic Maria Island dominate the topography. Maria Island is 20km offshore and is high enough to create its own weather, supporting many alpine and rainforest plants found otherwise only in the distant west and southwest.

Lodging and meals B, D ( Purchase own lunch at Sorrell or Buckland)

Riverside Cottages, Orford. ph 03 6257-1655 [www.riversidecottages.com.au](http://www.riversidecottages.com.au)

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Day 3: Orford to Freycinet: adv. 119.5km / 75 mi  
via Boreen Point ferry: int 87km / 54 mil  
Orford to Swansea: cas . 58 km / 36 mi

If numbers permit an option exists to visit the historic Maria Island where many kangaroo roam among the convict ruins. This is a full day trip.

Freycinet Peninsula rises spectacularly from the sea, forming Great Oyster Bay. This massive granite outcrop, with its red and white peaks, rises to a height of 700m. Freycinet National Park teems with wildlife: wallaby, birdlife, reptiles and aquatic animals.

The area boasts many activities including fishing, water skiing sailing, bush-walking, swimming, cycling and rock climbing. It also provides a haven for boats of all sizes.

The terrain is undulating with several small climbs. We cycle by pastoral farms and wineries with spectacular coastal views and forested hills.

Lodging and meals: B, D  
Freycinet Lodge. Ph: 6257 0101 [www.freycinetlodge.com.au](http://www.freycinetlodge.com.au)  
Coles Bay, Freycinet National Park.  
Facilities: Comfortable cabins set in 14 acres.  
Spacious lounge, bar & dining area. Laundry  
Features: Overlooking bay and Hazard Range.  
Excellent walks in the area, short & long.

Day 4:- Freycinet Peninsula Rest day.

This day is free to explore or simply relax on the beach. There are excellent walks in the Park, short and long: Wineglass Bay (2hrs.), Hazards Beach (1.5hrs.), Mt. Amos (4hrs.) or the recommended Wineglass/Hazards Circuit (5 hrs).

Optional activities include full or half day sea-kayaking tours and 4-wheel bike trips. Cycling options are: Friendly Beaches, Cape Tourville, Coles Bay

Lodging: B, D (Lunch is not included today)  
Freycinet Lodge, Coles Bay.

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Day 5: Freycinet to St Helens: adv. 118 km / 73 mi  
Coles Bay Turnoff to Scamander: int . 70 km / 44 km  
Coles Bay Turnoff to 4m Creek cas . 56 km / 35 mi

Today we ride a very scenic coastal road with no major hills. Ride up the peninsula to the highway and turn right up the East Coast to Bicheno (Bish-en-oh), a fishing and tourism town set among rolling hills and white beaches. North of Bicheno is an undulating section of road that winds around the coast to the Chain of Lagoons. After Chain of Lagoons the road rejoins the A4 highway, which predates the coastal road.

Those who want a challenging ride, turn left on A4 up Elephant Pass. It is steep and narrow but scenic, with an 8 km descent back to the coast road.

Lodging and meals: B, L, D  
Tidal Waters St Helens Resort, ph 03 6376 1999 [www.tidalwaters.com.au](http://www.tidalwaters.com.au)  
1 Quail Street, St Helens  
Features: Modern waterfront resort set in landscaped gardens on the edge of a natural lagoon.  
Facilities: Restaurants and bar, outdoor swimming pool , tennis, hairdryers.

Day 6: St Helens to Scottsdale: adv. 102 km / 62 mi  
St Helens to Derby: int. 68 km / 42 mi  
St Helens to Derby cas. 56 km / 35 mi  
(sag Weldborough Pass):

We leave the coast and head into the mountains of the North-Eastern Highlands. This is a diverse and interesting part of Tasmania with dry bushland at first, then lush dairy country of Goshen and Pyengarna. After Pyengarna, climb Weldborough Pass. There will be spectacular views - Mt Victoria to the left, Blue Tier and Goulds Country to the right. From Weldborough to Derby the road continues to wind its way up and down through impressive forests of towering eucalyptus (Gum trees), Myrtle and giant ferns.

Derby was home to a thriving tin mining industry, which although it continues today, is only a shadow of its former glory days. The road continues to wind through scenic hills, passing through Branxholm. The area supports agriculture, mining, forestry and tourism. To the right glimpses of Bass Straight can be seen. There will be a dramatic change in scenery today with more lush vegetation after Weldborough and hop fields near Scottsdale.

Lodging and Dinner: B, L, D (Picnic Lunch)  
Anabel's Ph: 6352 3277 Or Beulah B & B  
46 King Street  
Comfortable B & B built c.1878

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Day 7:           Scottsdale to Launceston:                           int/adv. 64 km / 39 mi  
                  Top of Sideling Range to Launceston:       cas.     48 km / 30 mi

There will be spectacular views of Bass Straight and Scottsdale district followed by a wonderful descent through forest of myrtle and eucalyptus to Myrtle Park.

Farmland changes to bush country as we climb, featuring Myrtle Forest in the hills and striking eucalyptus forest on the plains. Another wonderful day's biking.

Lodging.                B, D (Lunch on your own in Launceston)  
Clarion City Park Grand   Ph: 6331 7633 [www.cityparkgrand.com.au](http://www.cityparkgrand.com.au)  
22 Tamar Street, Launceston  
Features:     Built 1855, beautifully restored, close to town centre.  
                  Best 3½ star hotel in Australasia award.  
                  500 m from city centre and many restaurants

Day 8: Launceston. Rest Day

Attractions include: The Gorge - walking distance from city centre - Tamar Valley, Evandale, a very attractive village just 18 km from Launceston that is the scene of an annual Penny Farthing race and the many excellent wineries in the Tamar Valley.

Lodging.     Clarion City Park Grand                            B

Lunch and dinner on your own. Suggested dining options;  
Fee & Me                190 Charles Street                   (03) 6331 3195  
Award-winning restaurant in a renovated Georgian house.( Expensive)  
Stillwater River Café, Ritchies Mill, 2 Bridge Road (03) 6331 4153  
Innovative Australian cuisine in a restored 1830s flour mill on banks of Tamar River.(Expensive)  
Star of Siam, Paterson Street                                   (03) 6331 2786  
Franco's, George Street.                                       (03) 6331 8648

Day 9: Launceston to Sheffield:   adv. 106 km / 64 mi  
          Launceston to Kimberley: int . 80 km / 50 mi  
          Prospect to Kimberley     cas . 74 km / 45 mi

We drive out of Launceston to cycle on quiet roads to the little town of Sheffield, known for its murals. The terrain is flat to gently undulating initially with some short steep climbs approaching Sheffield. We pass by mostly agricultural land and old English type villages with some forest.

Lodging and meals:                            B, D (Lunch at own expense in Deloraine)  
Silver Ridge Retreat, Rysavy Rd (off C136), via Sheffield [www.sridge.com.au](http://www.sridge.com.au)  
Ph 6491-1727 Fax 6491-1925 Email: [jandj@silverridgeretreat.com.au](mailto:jandj@silverridgeretreat.com.au)  
Facilities: Comfortable cottages, heated indoor pool and country style restaurant  
Features: Located on the fringe of Mt Roland wilderness area, with mountain views.

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Day 10: Sheffield to Cradle Mountain Lodge: int/adv. 58 km / 36 mi  
Sheffield to Cradle (sag hill): cas. 52.5 km / 33 mi

Today's short ride includes a tough climb but the reward is magnificent mountain scenery. There will be time in the afternoon to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and take a hike in the National Park; the beautiful circuit of Dove Lake will take around 1.5 hours. The really keen may choose to tackle Cradle Mountain itself (a strenuous climb of approx 6.5 hours).

Lodging and meals: B, L, D  
Cradle Mountain Lodge Ph: 6492 1303 [www.cradlemountainlodge.com.au](http://www.cradlemountainlodge.com.au)  
On the edge of Cradle Mountain National Park  
Facilities: Comfortable chalets in bush setting.  
Features: Excellent bush walks in the area.

Day Eleven: Cradle Mountain to Strahan: 149.5 km / 93 mi  
Cradle Mountain to Tullah a.58.5 km /36 mi (downhill)  
Cradle Mountain to Zeehan: b./c.103.5 km/ 64 mi

We continue through the rugged and isolated mountains of the West Coast. Much of the morning is downhill to Tullah. Leaving Tullah we cross Lake Rosebery and head for Rosebery, with Mt Murchison on the left. The West Coast of Tasmania is rich in minerals and the three main industries are Mining, Tourism and Forestry. Zeehan is rich in history and the museum is well worth a visit.

Lodging and meals: B, L,D  
Strahan Village Cottages, The Esplanade, Strahan  
Phone 6471 7191, Fax 6471 7389 [www.strahanvillage.com.au](http://www.strahanvillage.com.au)  
Waterfront cottages.

Day Twelve: Strahan. Rest Day

The day is free to experience the attractions of Strahan. Take a train ride on the West Coast Wilderness Railway or experience the Gordon River with Gordon River Cruises, or stroll along Ocean Beach.

Lodging and meals: B  
Strahan Village Cottages, The Esplanade, Strahan

Day Thirteen: Strahan to Lake St Clair: c. 140 km / 88 mi  
 Strahan to Lake St Clair: (sag hills) a/b. 78 km / 49 mi

Today's ride is through superb mountain scenery. We stop at Lake Burbury for lunch and pass through the Belson Valley, with the Raglan Range to the right. The Franklin River is one of the countries major white water rafting rivers.

After climbing King William Saddle head into the Central Plateau and Derwent Bridge. Stop for a drink at the pub before the last 5 km of gentle climbing.

Lodging and meals: B, L, D  
 St Clair Chalets Ph: 6289 1137  
 Features: Bush setting by the lake.

Day Fourteen: St Clair to Hamilton c. 109 km / 68 mi  
 St Clair to Hamilton (sag hill) a/b. 88 km / 54 mi

We cycle past several lakes and mountain ranges to the heart of Tasmania's Hydro-Electric Generating Area, until we reach Tungatinah Power Station Picnic Area by the Nive River. At first we ride through thick highland bush followed by open farming country. There are some climbs but many more descents.

Lodging and meals: B, D (Café lunch at own expense at Tarraleah)  
 Hamilton Hotel and B & B's

Day Fifteen: Hamilton to Hobart: c 98 km / 61 mi  
 Hamilton to New Norfolk b. 60.5 km / 38 mi  
 Hamilton to New Norfolk a. 39 km / 24 mi (via A10)

Wonderful biking on attractive quiet roads. After lunch in New Norfolk you can either drive into the city or cycle into Hobart beside the Derwent River and join the cycleway into town.

Lodging: B, D  
 Hotel Lenna. Ph: 6232 3900 [www.lenna.com.au](http://www.lenna.com.au)  
 20 Runneymede Street, Hobart.

Day Sixteen: Depart for Home

If leaving in the morning we will be pleased to supply transport to Hobart airport.

We trust you have had a wonderful holiday, wish you 'bon voyage', happy biking and hope to see you again one day.

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You may like to leave the following accommodation list with family or friends

#### TASMANIA - 16 DAY TOUR

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Phone</b>
1		Hobart	Lenna of Hobart	6232 3900
2		Orford	Eastcoaster Resort	6257 1172
3		Freycinet	Freycinet Lodge	6257 0101
4		Freycinet	Freycinet Lodge	6257 0101
5		St Helens	Dohertys St Helens	6376 1999
6		Scottsdale	Anabels	6352 3723
7		Launceston	City Park Grand	6331 7633
8		Launceston	City Park Grand	6331 7633
9		Sheffield	Silver Ridge	6491-1727
10		Cradle Mountain	Cradle Mtn Lodge	6492 1303
11		Strahan	Strahan Village	6471 4200
12		Strahan	Strahan Village	6471 4200
13		St Clair	Lake StClair Chalets	6289 1137
14		Hamilton	Hamilton Hotel + B & B	
15		Hobart	Lenna of Hobart	6232 3900
16		Depart for home or New Zealand to join another Pedaltour		