

Itinerary

TASMANIA – HIGHLIGHTS OF HHA

A seven day tour meeting the HHA Member Family in Tasmania and exploring some of Australia's best-preserved colonial history.

8 – 14 March 2026



Image: Woolmers Estate

Led by Scott Carlin

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Day 1 – Sunday 8 March
Sydney – Hobart

Arrive by 4pm

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Meet tour guide Scott Carlin in Hobart and together enjoy opening drinks and dinner in historic Battery Point.

Battery Point is named after the three defence batteries that were built at various times on the point of land that is today's Princes Park. Check in for three nights at **Lenna of Hobart**, located in the heart of Battery Point Village.

Hobart CBD and the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery are each a 10-minute walk away. The refurbished rooms and suites are decorated in contemporary furnishings and breakfast is served daily in Alexander's.

Accommodation:

Lenna Of Hobart
20 Runnymede Street
Battery Point
www.lenna.com.au
(03) 6232 3900

Day 2 – Monday 9 March
Hobart and surrounds

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Three HHA Property Members – **Acton House**, **Claremont** and **Narryna** – highlight our first full day.

'Acton Vale', as it was originally called, was constructed by convicts for William Rumney, a veteran of the Napoleonic Wars who arrived in Hobart Town in 1823. Construction of the house, relatively small, began in 1829. In 1989 the property was renamed **Acton House** and the current custodians took ownership in 2013. Prominent Hobart architect Robert Morris-Nunn oversaw the restoration.

Claremont House stands today on five acres of land but was originally a two-storey, four-room Georgian homestead on 734 acres built as the rural retreat of sheep farmer Henry Bilton. With views over the Derwent River and Mt Wellington, and picturesque grounds, it will be a memorable venue for lunch.

Today is a public holiday in Tasmania but we have secured a private tour and light supper at **Narryna**, an 1830s merchant's house built by Captain Andrew Haig and linked to the origins of Salamanca Place and Battery Point.

Narryna was later the residence of Hobart businessmen and women, lawyers, politicians and bankers. In 1955 it became Australia's first folk museum through the efforts of Hobart residents.

Day 3 – Tuesday 10 March
Hobart and surrounds

B / L

Our second day in Hobart starts with visiting **High Peak**, a Queen Anne style house built in 1891, at Neika on the slopes of the spectacular Mt Wellington. High Peak was the summer retreat for generations of the Grant family and nowadays is in the hands of Frederick and Annabelle Grant.

We head to the **Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery** for lunch and a group tour with one of the friendly and knowledgeable museum guides. Afterwards, there is time to explore the biennial contemporary art program Hobart Current - which explores the theme 'Here' - as well as the multitude of long-term exhibitions.

The **Hobart Convict Penitentiary**, run by the National Trust Tasmania, was recently named Tripadvisor's 2025 Travellers' Choice, a title based entirely on reviews from visitors. The 90-minute guided 'Unshackled' tour takes us through underground tunnels, courtrooms, solitary cells, the gallows and the prison yard.

Dinner is own arrangements - our coach will drop off those wishing to stroll around the central city or return you back to the hotel.

Day 4 – Wednesday 11 March
Hobart – Longford

B / D

Check out of Lenna of Hobart to head north via the Midland Highway, also known as the Heritage Highway, linking Hobart and Launceston. The highway features remarkable convict-built bridges, golden-hued sandstone towns and a roadside "silhouette trail" of statues depicting colonial-era scenes.

Our stops include **Oatlands** for its a stunning collection of more than 150 colonial sandstone buildings, the largest cluster in Australia, **Ross**, with its convict-built bridge and the unique historic female factory, and **Campbell Town**. After lunch (own arrangements), we visit **Kirklands Church** near Campbell Town, a privately-owned 1820s church and cemetery with monuments to Taylor family members, and take a walk through the heritage village of **Evandale**.

A private visit to **Pleasant Banks**, a beautiful, three-level, Georgian homestead built in 1838 of locally-made convict bricks and bluestone foundations, follows before two nights unique accommodation in beautifully restored heritage cottages at either **Brickendon Historic Farm and Convict Village** or **Woolmers Estate**.

Only 10 cottages/rooms are available across the two properties set in breathtaking rural landscapes. Remaining guests will be housed at the Commodore Regent in Launceston, a 30-minute drive away.

Accommodation:

Commodore Regent
13 Brisbane Street

Woolmers Estate
658 Woolmers Lane

Brickendon
236 Wellington St

Launceston
(03) 6332 4666
commodoreregent.com.au

Longford
(03) 6391 2230
woolmers.com.au

Longford
0437 525 890
brickendon.com.au

Day 5 – Thursday 12 March
Longford and surrounds

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Start Day 5 visiting nearby **Clarendon**, built in 1838 by wealthy grazier and merchant James Cox, the son of William Cox, who had built the road over the Blue Mountains in 1815.

Recognised as one of Australia's most impressive, and best-preserved, Georgian-era houses, Clarendon has beautifully proportioned high-ceilinged rooms and an interesting diversity of outbuildings.

After lunch at the Clarendon Arms in Evandale we spend the afternoon back at **Woolmers Estate** and **Brickendon Estate**, where we tour the convict buildings and check out the roses, shrubs and some of the oldest trees in Australia.

Day 6 – Friday 13 March
Longford – Bothwell

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After checking out we view HHA Member Property **Kilgour House**, thought to have been built in the mid to late 1830s. The house is an archetypal single-storey colonial Georgian-style bungalow, with impressive Regency wooden fretwork wrapped around three sides of the veranda.

A short trip takes us to **Longford House**. Listed by the National Trust, Longford is an early Tasmanian Georgian home whose extensive gardens feature stunning specimen trees including oaks, hawthorn hedges, a wisteria walk and a hedge-lined circular driveway.

Another scenic drive takes us to Bothwell to visit the original house of Darcy Wentworth. **Wentworth House (TBC)** is regarded as one of Australia's architecturally, historically and socially important Old Colonial Georgian country houses.

Enjoy the extensive gardens and explore the building before having lunch in the grounds.

Ratho Farm is home to Australia's oldest golf courses and a homestead that traces some of Tasmania's most colourful history. The old convict buildings that have been lovingly restored into luxury accommodation are home for the night. There will be free time before our final night.

Accommodation:

Ratho Farm
2122 Highland Lakes Road
Bothwell
(03) 6259 5553
rathofarm.com

Day 7 – Saturday 14 March
Bothwell – Hamilton – Hobart

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Depart after 3pm

Leaving Bothwell, we visit nearby Hamilton which is a one-hour drive north-west of Hobart. Our tour ends with a drop off at either Hobart airport or in the CBD.