

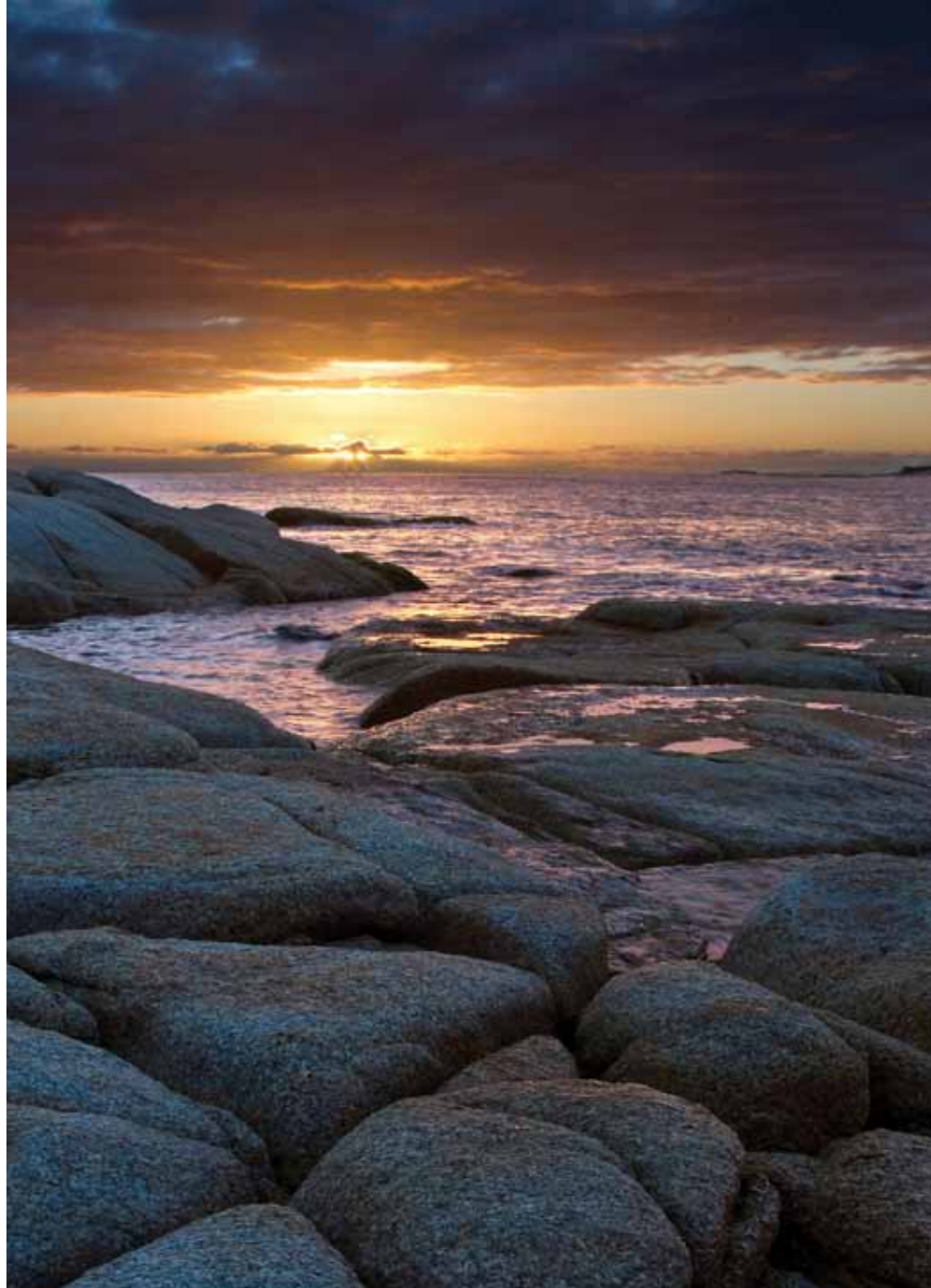
TASMANIAN TIGER: A SELF GUIDED MOTORCYCLE TOUR



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The Bay of Fires





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The Bay of Fires was thusly named by Captain Tobias Furneaux in 1773, when he spotted numerous fires along the coast which led him to believe the country was more densely populated than it actually was. These days it's more likely to be referred to as the Bay of Barbecues, as the prevalence of pristine, almost eye-wateringly white beaches, turquoise ocean and soothing climate, make this the ideal spot to relax, cook up some food and savour the atmosphere.

Boating, bird watching, camping, swimming, snorkelling and a wide range of other activities mean there's plenty to see and do along with revelling in the beach lifestyle. It makes for one fantastic coastline to ride along too.





Freycinet National Park



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Mid way up the east coast is this easily overlooked sliver of Tasmania, if it weren't for the thin isthmus of land connecting it to the rest of Tassie, Freycinet would be an island by now. Whilst it would be easy to shoot straight past whilst revelling in the fantastic riding offered by the eastern coastal road, a short detour to visit the natural wonder that is Wineglass Bay is well worth it.

The near perfect swath of sand at Wineglass Bay has earned it the accolade of one of the top ten beaches in the world, as voted by several travel authorities and this motorcycle traveller alike. There's plenty of fishing, boating, sea kayaking and rock climbing for those feeling energetic, and the spectacular pink feldspar and granite mountains known as 'The Hazards' provide a pleasant contrast to all the beach on offer.





Port Arthur





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Port Arthur is an almost absurdly appropriate place for a penitentiary. The peninsula where the settlement is located, is only attached to the mainland by a 30m wide stretch of land known as Eaglehawk Neck. A formidable speed bump in any escape plans, but a great route to ride in on!

The guards and convicts may be long gone, but the atmosphere and fascinating history linger. The museum, historic buildings, informative displays, harbour cruise to the 'Isle of the Dead' and simply the setting itself, all provide an intriguing insight into what life must have been like for those convicts and soldiers alike, unlucky enough to be sent there.





Hobart



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State capital of Tasmania and second oldest city in Australia, Hobart is strongly influenced by its maritime roots. It boasts a waterfront location to rival that of Sydney, with the Tasman Bridge playing the part of the Harbour Bridge considerable aplomb.

Dominating every view of the skyline from within the city is Mount Wellington, towering to 1,271m above sea level it casts a watchful eye over the city below. The many hiking trails in the area provide an opportunity to get off the bike and stretch the legs, if you're feeling up to that thousand or so metres of course!

There's always something going on in Hobart, so much so that you might find it hard to drag yourself away but trust us, there's plenty more to experience on this tour.





Mount Field National Park





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Founded in 1916 this is Tasmania's oldest national park, and was the last refuge of the now reportedly extinct Tasmanian Tiger or Thylacine. Reportedly extinct because, well, there are so many places to hide in Tasmania's lush wilderness and more remote areas, that you never really know what you might happen across on a motorbike tour!

Easy access to some spectacular waterfalls, rainforest and great camping makes this a popular day stop on the way to the town of Strahan.



Cradle Mountain - Lake St Claire National Park





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Cradle Mountain is the place you've probably heard of before, the place everyone wants to see, and for good reason.

Iconic is one word that aptly describes the national park, the area literally embodies the state of Tasmania in one easily absorbed visit. Cradle Mountain itself, rising up from behind Dove Lake with its unmistakable outline, forms the epicentre in the astounding collection of natural wonders on offer.

Explore the pristine alpine landscape and encounter some of the many endemic varieties of animals that call the park their home, wallabies, quolls, wombats, possums, echidnas and the infamous Tasmanian Devil can all be found within the confines of the park; if you're lucky you might just spot some.





HOW THINGS WORK - Self-guided tours

Self-guided tours are designed to make it as easy as possible for you to arrange your motorbike tour in Australia.

We take away all the trouble and time needed to research and plan the tour, so you can be confident that you'll make the most of your time, see the best the route has to offer and have somewhere great to stay each night. It makes for stress free days on the bike and leaves you to simply enjoy the freedom of riding, marvel at the scenery and soak up the atmosphere.

Self-guided tour costs generally include the bike, accommodation in good quality 3.5 to 4 star bed & breakfast/ motels/resorts and a very detailed itinerary with maps that will tell you the best biking route and things to see on the way.



We know what works on these trips and the pace has been designed for people that like to make good use of the bike, but also enjoy stopping to admire the spectacular scenery, take short walks to things of interest and enjoy local hospitality with a great coffee or lunch at cafés and restaurants on the way.

A typical day is around 350 km but on some days it might be less and others a little more depending on what there is to see. You won't ride the direct routes between cities and towns as they are fast, straight and have little of interest on the way. They are quick and functional but no fun on a bike! The route we'll take you on has fantastic scenery and you'll twist and wind your way along lesser known back roads through each region along the way.

Prior to the tour you'll be sent a **detailed itinerary and briefing pack** telling you all about the history of each area and things you'll likely see during the trip. This will mean you can read all about the tour and do any additional research you might like to do before arriving in Australia.

We love Australia and want to show you the best of it. We are confident you'll leave with the same passion for the country as we have.

Thanks for your interest in these tours and we hope to share Australia with you sometime soon!

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