


Uncover the Wilderness


The Tarkine and North-West Coast of Tasmania are treasures of natural wonder and adventure, offering something for every traveller. This extraordinary region is home to ancient temperate rainforests, wild rivers, rugged coastlines, and unique wildlife. Visitors can immerse themselves in the Tarkine's untamed beauty with bushwalks, river cruises, or even a canopy walk through the forest. Along the coast, discover secluded beaches, charming towns, and dramatic ocean views, while uncovering rich cultural history. Whether you seek relaxation, exploration, or inspiration, this region promises unforgettable experiences.

40 South Charters



Discover unique adventures with *40-South Charters*, a boutique charter boat service based in Stanley, offering tailored experiences around the breathtaking islands of North West Tasmania. Specialising in day trips to the enchanting Three Hummock Island, they also provide seal cruises and fishing excursions. With capacity for up to 4 passengers and 2 crew, *40-South Charters* is perfect for those seeking fishing, sightseeing, or island exploration. Charters depart from Smithton, Stanley or Montagu boat ramps.


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Black River Picnic Area (Spion Kop) - Seclusion and serenity


For those who love venturing off the beaten path, the Black River Picnic Area (Spion Kop) is a must-visit spot. This secluded day-use site features barbecue facilities and a sheltered area, making it perfect for a relaxing outing. During the warmer months, take a refreshing swim in its inviting waters. Anglers will also appreciate the chance to cast a line, as the area is home to brown trout.

 Spion Kop Rd, South Forest

 03 6413 5333

Blue Hills Honey - The taste of Tasmania

Blue Hills Honey, a family tradition spanning generations, is a must-visit destination. Nestled in the charming hamlet of Mawbanna, it offers some of the world's finest leatherwood honey, harvested from beehives set amidst pristine rainforests and remote heathlands. Visitors can enjoy the full Blue Hills experience, which includes a cozy café with a roaring fire, a gift shop, a factory viewing window, and a modern multimedia room showcasing the honey-making process.

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Dip Falls and the Big Tree



Tucked away just half an hour inland from the coast, Dip Falls is a hidden gem that has long been a local secret. This stunning two-tiered waterfall is especially impressive after heavy rain, showcasing a distinctive stepped, block-like formation. Multiple viewing platforms and walking trails offer fantastic perspectives of its natural beauty. A short drive further along the road leads to the iconic Big Tree - a towering gum tree with a remarkable 17-meter girth, perfectly living up to its name!



Dip Falls Road, Mawbanna, Tasmania, Australia



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Duck River Meadows Robotic Dairy

The Duck River Meadows Robotic Dairy produces creamy cheeses on-site made from grass-fed cows and delivered directly to consumers. Join our enthusiastic and knowledgeable tour guides for a captivating experience as you witness the futuristic robotic production of Tasmania's finest milk. Hop on the bus with our friendly guide, who will explain the unique hump and hollow drainage system as you pass fields lined with grazing cows. These happy cows enjoy the lushest pastures and the world's cleanest air.

Inside the dairy, you'll have a front-row view of our beautiful cows being milked by cutting-edge Lely robots from a purpose-built observation room. The cows come in voluntarily throughout the day for milking, snacking, and well-deserved head scratches. The tour concludes back at Duck River Meadows Pavilions, where you can sample and purchase the exclusive range of La Cantara Cheeses—an opportunity to take home products you've witnessed being crafted from paddock to plate.



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Fishing - Local tips to keep you 'reely' happy

In this picturesque corner of the state, framed by a stunning coastline, it's impossible to resist the allure of casting a line. The charming town of Stanley is renowned for its abundant trevally, with the local wharf serving as one of the coast's favourite recreational fishing spots. For freshwater enthusiasts, Lake Mikany offers a serene setting, while adventurers heading to the mouth of the Arthur River have a good chance of catching sea run trout and salmon.

Highfield Historic Site



Highfield Historic Site, located near Stanley in Tasmania, is a beautifully preserved example of early colonial architecture and settlement in Australia. Built in the 1830s, the Georgian-style homestead was the headquarters of the Van Diemen's Land Company, an ambitious British agricultural venture. Overlooking the rugged coastline and the iconic Stanley Nut, the site offers visitors a glimpse into

Tasmania's early European history through its restored buildings, gardens, and interpretative displays. Highfield is not only a window into the past but also a place to enjoy stunning views and explore Tasmania's rich cultural heritage.



143 Green Hills Road, Stanley 7331



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Gear Up Stanley

Gear Up Stanley offers a one-of-a-kind way to explore and enjoy the beauty of this scenic town. From riding through The Green Hills to soaking in breathtaking views, cruising through town to sample fresh local produce, or paddling and surfing on pristine beaches beneath a 143-meter ancient volcanic plug, there's an adventure for everyone. They provide a range of hire options, including e-bikes, surfboards, stand-up paddleboards, and accessories, to help you make the most of your experience.



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Godfreys Beach Penguin Viewing



Bundle up in your puffer jacket and embrace the evening chill to witness the enchanting arrival of the world's smallest penguins as they waddle back to their burrows. A purpose-built viewing platform, equipped with special red lighting, ensures these charming creatures remain undisturbed. Remember to leave cameras, torches, and loud voices behind, as bright lights and noise can frighten and disorient Fairy Penguins. The best time to see them is from September to March when their numbers are highest.

Golf

Tasmania is quickly gaining popularity as a prime getaway destination, home to over 80 clubs that warmly welcome visiting members. In the North West, the towns of Stanley and Smithton each feature charming 9-hole golf courses. Stanley's course is particularly renowned for its contrast, offering some of Tasmania's "greenest greens and roughest roughs."



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Rocky Cape National Park – dramatic coastal scenery

Prepare for an unforgettable day exploring approximately 30sq km of breathtaking National Park. Stretching along the coastline, the park is renowned for its dramatic geological features, including sea caves and unique rock formations. A haven for walkers, it offers trails for every level—from leisurely strolls to more challenging treks—taking you through coastal heathlands, rugged headlands, secluded beaches, and stunning rock platforms. Don't forget your swimsuit and a spirit of adventure! Take a moment to delve into the rich Indigenous history of the area, with interpretive signs sharing the stories of its remarkable past.



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Surfing

Tasmania's powerful waves draw dedicated surfers from near and far. If you're willing to venture out, there's always a ride waiting to be found. Marrawah is the ultimate destination, where the Southern Ocean's swells put even the most skilled surfers to the test. Don't forget your wetsuit and hood – the waters are cold, but the experience is absolutely worth it.

Table Cape Tulip Farm – Open 27 Sept until late October (depending on the season)



The Table Cape Tulip Farm, located near Wynyard in Tasmania, is a vibrant and picturesque destination renowned for its stunning displays of tulips in spring. Perched atop the dramatic cliffs, the farm offers breathtaking views of the surrounding coastline and countryside. During the blooming season, visitors can stroll through fields of colourful tulips, explore the farm's displays, and even purchase fresh flowers and bulbs. The annual Bloomin' Tulips Festival celebrates this natural spectacle, drawing visitors to enjoy the beauty of the tulips alongside live entertainment, local food, and community events.

Tall Timbers Adventure Tours

Step into the enchanting "edge of the world" with the region's most skilled guides. Explore the Tarkine wilderness on a premium full day 4WD adventure, combining stunning rainforests, diverse wildlife, gourmet local fare, and unparalleled insider knowledge. Could it possibly get any better?



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Tarkine Drive

Experience the awe-inspiring wilderness of Tasmania's Tarkine region. Steeped in rich history and natural beauty, wander through silent rainforests filled with towering trees and flowing rivers or encounter the charm of curious local wildlife. The best way to uncover the Tarkine's treasures is by venturing along the north-west section of the Tarkine and South Arthur Drive. These routes showcase diverse landscapes, from quaint coastal villages and lush farmland to cool temperate rainforests and untamed wilderness. Tailor your journey to your pace, whether you seek relaxation or adventure.

This scenic drive provides access to the northern reaches of the Tarkine. Enjoy picnic areas and walking trails at the Julius and Milkshake Forest Reserves, take in stunning views at Sumac Lookout, or explore the serene sinkhole lake at Lake Chisholm Forest Reserve.

Tarkine Quad and Side by Side Adventures

See the Tarkine in motion by hiring a buggy and have an experience of a lifetime on a fully guided Tag-A-Long Adventures from 4 hours, a full day or up to three days. They can cater for groups of five, and design rides to suit, including waterfall tours which include fuel, food and accommodation on overnight adventures. All buggies come equipped with all safety gear including helmet, gloves and wet weathers.



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The Nut Chairlift

If the challenging hike to the top of The Nut isn't your style, the chairlift offers a perfect alternative. This relaxed, five-minute ride aboard a classic chairlift takes you 250 meters to the summit, where you'll be treated to stunning 360-degree views. Don't forget your camera – the breathtaking panorama is a must-capture! The chairlift runs from September to June.



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Trowutta Arch



Nestled deep within the pristine Tarkine wilderness lies the enchanting Trowutta Arch, a natural wonder that feels like a gateway to a prehistoric world infused with an ethereal, almost otherworldly charm. Formed by the dramatic collapse of an ancient cave, this breathtaking marvel invites visitors on a short, easy walk through lush rainforest to discover a hidden realm suspended between two sinkholes.

As you wander along the serene path, the rainforest wraps around you like a living embrace. The rustling of leaves and the occasional calls of native birds create a tranquil soundtrack, while the earthy scent of damp moss mingles with the sweet aroma of blooming flora, transporting you to a time untouched by the modern world. Each step heightens the anticipation, and soon the trail reveals the majestic Trowutta Arch in all its glory. A testament to the raw forces of nature, this stunning natural bridge, shaped over millennia, showcases the artistry of geological evolution. The arch's formation from a collapsed cave roof is a striking reminder of the dynamic history etched into the landscape.

Cameras are a must for capturing the dreamlike scenes that unfold here. Light and shadow play across the textured surface of the arch, while sunbeams pierce the dense canopy, illuminating pockets of this secluded sanctuary. The interplay of vivid greens, rugged stone, and filtered light creates a scene so magical it feels pulled from a fantasy.

Beyond its geological allure, Trowutta Arch is a haven for biodiversity. The cool, damp environment nurtures a rich tapestry of life, with ferns, mosses, and lichens adorning the rocks. The hum of insects and the gentle trickle of water add to the soothing ambiance, creating a space where time seems to stand still. In the quiet moments between these sounds, visitors can feel a profound connection to the ancient rainforest, immersed in the timeless beauty of this secluded paradise.

Walking – where to start

Locals are truly spoiled with an abundance of outdoor adventures. Options range from easy 15-minute strolls to scenic lookouts, to more challenging treks designed to test your endurance. To make the most of your experience near Smithton and Stanley, pick up a copy of the *North West Visitor Guide*—your go-to resource for exploring the area. Another excellent reference is *60 Great Short Walks*, a guidebook by the Parks and Wildlife Service, now conveniently available online.