



## Tasmanian Gourmet Safari – November 2020

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

What a delight - 6 days on this glorious sparkling clean 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 IXL Apartments overlook the original historic sandstone IXL jam factory. Each day is a journey of discovery to meet producers, chefs, winemakers, cheese-makers, foragers 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, Matthew and Sadie Evans, Stefano and Monique Lubiana, Nick Haddow, many other passionate producers and chefs.

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**Day 1 – Saturday November** – We give you the option of arriving at whatever time you'd like but we hope to meet at **10am**. If your flights are later, we can meet up for lunch at **1pm**. (And Salamanca Market goes for most of the day)

We'll 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 followed by a guided tasting with one of the island's clever distillers joining us to take through a tasting of his award winning sheep's whey vodka. Dinner at small highly acclaimed Hobart restaurant Templo – we will have the whole place! **L, D**

**Day 2 – Sunday November** - Breakfast at Jam Packed Café at Henry Jones hotel. We'll then have a guided visit through the exceptional Farm Gate produce markets and met many of the passionate farmers who come in to sell their produce. Mid morning we'll head to the Agrarian Kitchen and a day with founder Rodney Dunn who will take us on a detailed tour of his garden and 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 November** - Breakfast at Jam Packed Café at Henry Jones hotel then we'll embark on a day of art, food and wine at MONA. The morning with a trip over in the Posh Pit of the fast ferry, an introduction from the Gallery, a few hours to enjoy the old and new art on show, then lunch at beautiful Source restaurant with Tasmanian wine, then a little more time in the gallery or fabulous shop full of interesting objet d'art and the ferry back to our accommodation. We are delighted to have a special tasting with legendary whiskey distiller Bill Lark in his cosy bar that feels like stepping back into another era.

If you're in the mood, we have a great place for drinks and tapas in the evening. (optional)

**B, L, wine tasting, whiskey tasting**

**Day 4 – Tuesday November** – Breakfast at Jam Packed Café at Henry Jones hotel then we journey south where we'll visit an artisan chocolate and nougat maker, visit a sheep's milk cheese farm with a difference and then enjoy a long happy visit at Gourmet Farmer's Fat Pig Farm overlooking the Huon Valley, starting with a tour of the extensive vegetable garden. After lunch we'll visit a working dairy to taste and learn, then return to Hobart. Free night. **B, L, tastings**

**Day 5 – Wednesday November** - Breakfast at Jam Packed Café at Henry Jones hotel. 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, then a very special visit to my dear friends at Hiba estate (extensive gardens where owners Michael and Bob have planted 1 million bulbs). Then we meet the charming Nick Haddow for a special Bruny lunch at Nick's cheesery with cheeses paired with some exceptional craft beers. Back to the mainland to rest before delicious dinner at the acclaimed Fico Restaurant with wines matched. **B, L, D**

**Day 6 – Thursday November** – Check out of our accommodation (for those departing today) and we will take you to breakfast at one of the hippest most delicious 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 and a tour into the cellar. **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.

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**Includes:** Gratuities included, 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.

**Terms and conditions:**

**Deposit and Payment:** A **non-refundable deposit** of \$500 per person is required on confirmation in order to secure your reservation. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure date.

**Special Requirements:** Please advise Gourmet Safaris of any special requirements such as Special Meals, Medical Requirements etc., as soon as possible. If you get motion sickness it is imperative that you bring with you motion sickness pills as we travel by boat and coach through sometimes winding and bumpy roads.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend you purchase a comprehensive travel insurance policy of your choice at the time of booking. Insurance covers cancellation fees payable for airline tickets, accommodation, loss of deposit, luggage etc. Normal travel insurance conditions apply. (Insurance may not cover trip cancellation due to pre-existing medical conditions). Please read your policy carefully.

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