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Our programmes take individuals and small groups in an exciting new travel direction and provide unique, out of the ordinary experiences.

Our guests can achieve a truly authentic and sustainable travel experience in the great, wide outdoors. We cater for those with a passion for indigenous customs and culture; charming hospitality; flavoursome and traditional cooking; stimulating ethnic art; and intriguing architecture.

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# Discover the home of the Padaung

## HIGHLIGHTS

- › Visit Loikaw, the capital of Kayah State, and experience a wealth of fascinating cultural sites
- › Learn more about the unique “long neck” Padaung women
- › Explore untouched country side and interact with Kayan tribespeople in a verdant tropical landscape

Loikaw, the capital of Kayah State, is a remote and relaxing destination that few travellers have discovered. Located in the rugged Karen Hills and along the Pilu River, this area offers stunning views of mountain-top pagodas, secretive caves and volcanic lakes. We take our guests back in time to an era when people were at one with nature. Guests will discover authentic tribal lifestyles, culturally rich villages, and experience stunning panoramic views. A highlight of this three-day adventure is a visit to the famed “long neck” Padaung tribe.



### day 1, Inle Lake – Loikaw

› After checking out of the hotel situated near scenic Inle Lake, guests travel by boat to the picturesque village of Nam Pan where ethnic populations such as the Pa-O, Inthar, and Shan still live according to generation-old traditions. We go on a walk through the various shore-based villages to view local people go about their traditional daily tasks of handicraft production, farming and fishing. We end at the ornate Sagar and Tha Kong 17<sup>th</sup> century pagodas which have been constructed in the traditional Shan-style. Our guide will give an interesting and informative insight into local life and traditions. The afternoon continues with boat and car journeys to Loikaw, the capital of Kayah State.

### day 2, Loikaw and the Padaung

› One of the best ways to experience

local life and customs is to visit a traditional local market and the market in Loikaw is a hive of bustling activity that attracts traders, farmers and tribespeople from afar. This “wet” (food and local produce) market offers unique photo opportunities. The adventure continues with a leisurely drive to the village of Panpet, the home of the famed “long neck” Padaung women. Guests can immerse themselves in the local lifestyle of this fascinating ethnic tribe. We end the day at one of the most spectacular sites in the country; Taung Kwe Zedi. This is a pagoda built on a towering hill with commanding views of a rugged landscape.

### day 3, Loikaw – Kalaw

› Guests are transported in the early morning on a scenic drive through winding countryside to Kalaw, one of

Myanmar’s most famous hill stations. Located on the edge of the Shan Plateau, Kalaw is a lively market town where many ethnic tribespeople trade goods such as such as hand-made crafts, green tea and fresh local produce. The town sits atop the misty blue mountains of Shan State. Once favoured by British colonialists because of the cool mountain breezes, the town enjoys stunning views of one of the country’s most picturesque regions. It also offers colonial period architecture, a Catholic church, and a Sikh temple which reflects the cultural diversity of this location. The three-day tour concludes in this destination.



- 1 • Inle Sagar Pagodas
- 2 • Village in mountain landscape
- 3 • Kalaw Market
- 4 • Taung Kwe Zedi
- 5 • Long Neck Padaung

Travel Period	All year around.
Travel Duration	3 days / 2 nights.
Group Size	1–25 persons.
Included in the Tour	Accommodation is based on room/breakfast; all tours and transfers with a local English-speaking guide; other meals as indicated in the programme; all entrance and donation fees.
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# West Sumatra – The Highlands and the Sea

## HIGHLIGHTS

- › Witness the true natural beauty of West Sumatra
- › Experience indigenous cultures that have kept centuries-old traditions alive
- › Spend three relaxing nights on the jungle covered getaway of Cubadak Island

West Sumatra is one of the most diverse regions of Indonesia with jungle-clad mountains, towering volcanoes and vast rainforests. It is home to a wealth of wildlife such as the Sumatran tiger and the orangutan. Guests will enjoy the natural splendour of one of the world’s most stunning landscapes. An option exists to visit the idyllic Mentawi Islands and live with an indigenous tribe on a post-tour additional excursion.



**day 1, Padang – Bukittinggi**  
› We head north to Bukittinggi, the cultural home of the Minangkabau people – the dominant ethnic group in West Sumatra. Their culture is matrilineal, meaning women rule the roost, with property and land always passing down from mother to daughter. We enjoy a guided walk through this pleasant town and onto the impressive Sianok Canyon, with the mighty (active) volcano of Mt. Merapi and the (inactive) Mt. Singgalang providing a commanding backdrop. Located 930 metres above sea level, this destination is comfortably temperate all year round.

**day 2, Bukittinggi**  
› Guests will spend the whole day in the Harau Valley and cycle through lush, tropical countryside. We then

view impressive Minangkabau homes to interact with these native people. The 100-metre vertical cliffs of the valley contain abundant waterfalls that plunge into natural rock pools and we can enjoy a cooling dip in these. Gibbons and macaques still roam freely in this area which is truly an area of peaceful serenity.

**day 3, Bukittinggi – Cubadak Island**  
› A highlight is exploration of Danau Maninjau, a volcanic lake at the bottom of an immense caldera measuring 20km and 8km. It was created about 50,000 years when a massive volcano erupted and collapsed in on itself. The drive towards the lake takes in some remarkable Minangkabau houses. We then head back to Curocok where our speed boat is waiting to convey us to

Cubadak Island. We will stay on this idyllic island for three nights.

**day 4 -5, Cubadak Island**  
› Cubadak is surrounded by pristine coral reefs and one of the most enjoyable activities is snorkelling to view the colourful fish. Or try your hand at kayaking, or windsurfing. Alternatively, explore the forest which contains monkeys and deer. For the adventurous, a trek up the hill will offer a sublime view. If you prefer a less strenuous activity, relax on the beach with a cold drink.

**day 6, Cubadak Island - Padang**  
› On day six we travel back to Padang Airport for flights to the next destination.



- 1 • Minangkabau house
- 2 • Cubadak Island
- 3 • Local Padang dinner
- 4 • Rural Sumatra
- 5 • Harau Valley Waterfall near Bukittinggi

Travel Period	All year around.
Travel Duration	6 days / 5 nights.
Group Size	1–20 persons.
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Remarks	The Cubadak Paradise Resort offers simple but clean accommodation. You will enjoy your meals together with the owners and other guests. In keeping with a true tropical island getaway, there is no AC or TV.

# Local Immersions in Lak

## HIGHLIGHTS

- › A night under the stars at Lak Tented Camp overlooking picturesque Lak Lake
- › An exciting jungle trek including a picnic next to a cooling waterfall
- › A cultural tour that explores Mnong ethnic villages and concludes with a refreshing insight into the local coffee culture

Situated between Da Lat and Buon Ma Thuot – the two central highland capitals of Vietnam – Lak is a dream destination that is fringed by rolling hills. Lak Lake is the Central Highland’s largest natural freshwater lake and it is home to the Mnong, a tribe that relies on this freshwater resource for their livelihood. They often can be seen fishing in their traditional dugout canoes. The stylish Lak Tented Camp provides a close-to-nature, yet comfortable stay for all discerning travellers eager to connect with the natural world.



### day 1, Arrival in Lak, cultural village walk

› We start with an enlightening tour around Buon Ma Thuot town where our guide will explain how the city evolved. A stop at the fascinating Daklak Ethnography Museum will complete the morning’s activities. After lunch, we walk or cycle to the surrounding Mnong ethnic villages. These highland people are highly active in working the coffee plantations and rice paddy fields and our guests will get the opportunity to get an insight into their simple but absorbing lifestyle. In the evening, guests are treated to a dance and gong performance and a sampling of the local wines. We end a perfect day with a sunset boat sail over the lake, followed by dinner at the Lak Tented Camp.

### day 2, Waterfall trek and nature – based activities

› Comfortable walking shoes are essential for our adventure activities. A short ride will bring guests to the foot of the Chu Yang Sin National Park – also known as the “Mountain of Genies” – for a one-hour hike to a remote waterfall. There is time to unwind, relax and enjoy the fresh air, or take a dip in the small, natural pool at the foot of the waterfall while your guide prepares a picnic lunch. We return in the afternoon to your glamping address at Lak Lake for an afternoon of relaxation. Alternatively, guests can opt for tours, or water-based activities on the lake. Our last dinner will be held at the camp.

### day 3, Departure

› After checking out of your stylish tent, the transfer back to your next destination is preceded with an optional tour around one of the few villages in the province where the delicate art of bamboo weaving and pottery is still preserved in the most authentic way. Guests are more than welcome to take part in this traditional means of handicraft creation. They can also buy some high quality handicrafts at source to take home.



- 1 • Waterfall near tented camp
- 2 • Drying coffee in the Mnong village near Lak
- 3 • View from your tent
- 4 • Locals sailing over the nearby lake
- 5 • An ethnic Mnong with handmade vases

Travel Period	All year around.
Travel Duration	3 days / 2 nights.
Group Size	1–15 persons.
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Excluded from the Tour	Other services and meals that are not included in the programme including: travel insurance, visa expenses, airfares, personal expenses and optional programmes.
Remarks	Recommended for experienced travellers with a decent physical condition. The itinerary is subject to change depending on road and weather conditions.



# Rural Glamping by Jeep to Banteay Ampil

## HIGHLIGHTS

- › Enjoy comfortable “glamping” next to a secluded temple complex in rural Cambodia
- › Explore traditional rustic villages around Banteay Ampil
- › Cruise around on a restored military jeep and also ride by ox cart

Banteay Ampil’s ruins form a unique backdrop for an amazing “glamping” experience. From dining under the stars, to having lunch next to this historic temple, this is an extraordinary experience of rural Cambodia. Part of the guests’ journey will be by a restored military jeep and then by ox cart. We will travel to rural villages where time has stood still. As the stars emerge, pure relaxation promises as guests settle into their canvas sanctuary for the night.



### day 1, Rural Cambodia and Banteay Ampil

› While most visitors to Siem Reap head straight for the temples of Angkor, we head out into the countryside aboard a restored military jeep, far from the crowds. Verdant rice paddy fields and isolated villages are the setting for a relaxing journey. First stop will be the isolated 9<sup>th</sup> century Prei Monti temple. We then experience lively trading at local markets at Psar Rolous. This is the place to smell and see locally-grown spices and ingredients that are the mainstay of Khmer cuisine. Before lunch, we head to Poeung Komnou to view the ancient Hindu carvings, prominent of which is Ganesh, the elephant god and “remover of obstacles”.

After a simple, yet tasty lunch, another marvel of the former Khmer Empire

is included – Beng Mealea. A few intrepid souls have related tales of being escorted by villagers to this lost temple buried under dense vegetation. Built by Jayavarman VII in the style of Angkor Wat, its size is truly impressive covering well over one square kilometre within its moat. Before night falls, we reach our tented overnight address near Banteay Ampil. Your spacious private tent’s amenities provide for maximum relaxation. Furnished with private bathroom facilities, fans, plush mattresses, pillows and premium linen, every comfort to detail has been thought of. Our team will light up oil lamps to softly illuminate the night sky and then serve guests drinks on the wooden verandas.

### day 2, Banteay Ampil – Siem Reap

› The morning starts with a hearty breakfast before guests have the chance to privately explore this temple which very few tourists can reach because of its remoteness and road conditions. This site is truly off the beaten track and you will have an opportunity to explore this ancient temple in relative solitude. After checking out, ox carts will bring guests back to a nearby departure point for collection by more conventional cars for transfer back to accommodation in Siem Reap.



- 1 • Banteay Ampil
- 2 • Glamping at Banteay Ampil
- 3 • Ox's cart ride
- 4 • Rice paddy field
- 5 • Military jeep

Travel Period	December - February.
Travel Duration	2 days / 1 night.
Group Size	1–10 persons.
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# A culinary journey through Laos

## HIGHLIGHTS

- › Experience the rich and diverse culture of Laos and get an insight into its unique cuisine
- › Enjoy carefully-selected restaurants and resorts which are renowned for exceptional food
- › Explore lesser-known, off the beaten track attractions in Northern Laos

Laos is an undiscovered gem that offers superb dining and leisure experiences. Guests can combine their love of food with a passion for travel on this culinary tour. We will delve into the secrets of Laos’ renowned cuisine and explore the landscape and rich culture. This eight-day dining extravaganza takes in restaurants and boutique-style hotels. Participants will enjoy a hot, sour, salty and sweet discovery of one of the world’s most unique cuisines.



### day 1, Luang Prabang

› After transfer from the airport to the hotel, there will be plenty of time to wander around this charming UNESCO listed town. This is a location steeped in history; it was the royal capital of the country until 1975 and is known for its many Buddhist temples, including the gilded 16<sup>th</sup> century Wat Xieng Thong and Wat Mai, once the residence of the head of Laotian Buddhism. Such a venerable past and scenic location provides a perfect backdrop for exquisite dining options.

### day 2 - 4, Muang La

› We head out of Luang Prabang and drive further north along Laos’ stunning mountain ranges. Muang La’s fertile land produces a variety of ingredients that one may find in traditional Lao cuisine. For two nights,

we explore this rural region and gain an insight into the traditional agricultural means of rice cultivation. We also see artisans at work as they produce unique handicrafts. For our overnight sojourn, we head to Muang La Resort, a venue well-known for its incredible food which has been developed by a Swiss chef who combines European savoir-faire with fresh and tasteful local ingredients.

### day 5, Nong Khiaw

› Laos’ landscape is indescribably beautiful and guests will get a taste of this when we leave Muang La and cruise to Nong Khiaw over the Nam Ou River. From the comfort of their private boat, guests will see numerous villages dotted along the banks of the river, as well as towering limestone formations as sheer cliffs rise from the water’s

edge. If it couldn’t get any better, we will drop anchor and serve a picnic lunch on one of the riverside sandy beaches.

### day 5 - 8, Luang Prabang

› With its location alongside the mighty Mekong River, the UNESCO listed town of Luang Prabang offers a wealth of dining and cultural experiences. For three days and nights, we will experience what has made this town the country’s main tourism draw; including the thousands of Buddha images at the Pak Ou Caves and glittering temples. This tour includes a half-day introduction to Laotian cooking. Carefully selected restaurants that incorporate Laos’ fabulous food culture are seamlessly woven into this itinerary.



- 1 • Muang La Resort
- 2 • Monks alms giving
- 3 • Rice fields near Muang La
- 4 • Fresh local ingredients at local market
- 5 • Nong Khiaw

Travel Period	All year around.
Travel Duration	8 days / 7 nights.
Group Size	1–20 persons.
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# The Hidden Trails of Phuket

## HIGHLIGHTS

- › Enjoy an overnight stay at one of Phuket’s oldest and most charming heritage hotels
- › Experience a guided tour through the hidden alleys of Phuket Town
- › Escape the crowds and find solitude in the innermost rural heart of the island

The “Pearl of the Andaman’s” reputation as the complete beach holiday destination is globally renowned. However, we offer more through this tour as we showcase another side of the island. We venture back in time as we explore the Sino-Portuguese history of Phuket Town where foreign settlers gained wealth through trading commodities such as tin and rubber. Guests will explore traditional architecture and get a taste of rural enclaves where farming communities flourish.



### day 1, Phuket Town

› Phuket Town offers a wealth of cultural history typified by the ornate buildings created by its early inhabitants who came from the Arabian Peninsula, China, India and Portugal in search of entrepreneurial opportunities offered by the islands' rich resources. We set off on a guided foot tour to see this cultural capital up close and personal. Outside its rich cultural heritage and quaint colonial mansions, Phuket Town is a true melting pot of street side eateries and stalls that serve delicious treats. After exploring the old shop houses, arty coffee houses, Chinese temples and Sino-Portuguese architecture, we complete a perfect day with a delicious dinner on top of Rang Hill which offers a stunning vista of the island. Guests retire for the night in a heritage property in the heart of Phuket Town.

### day 2, Rural Phuket

› To understand the true meaning of *sabai-sabai* (relaxed) in Thailand, one only has to undertake our tour of rural Phuket. In our effort to support sustainable causes, we head out to view the excellent conservation work done to preserve the gibbons on Phuket at one of Thailand’s leading rehabilitation centres. Located in Bang Pae, this area is well-known for its natural beauty. Next stop is Naka Yai Island and a brief long-tail boat ride brings guests to an area where the population maintains its traditional ways of living. After lunch at Naka Yai Village, we take a short walk through a forest where we reach our beach for a sabai-sabai afternoon of relaxation before returning back to mainland Phuket and the Memory On On Hotel. We have some exquisite dining recommendations to end this day.

### day 3, Phuket

› After a simple, yet delicious set breakfast, the morning is free to roam around Phuket Town. There are plenty of heritage buildings along the capital’s most prominent streets such as Thalang, Phangnga Road and the intimate atmosphere of Soi Rommani. The latter street is an art-gallery enclave where local residents run trendy shops, boutique guesthouses and quaint coffee and tea houses – while still preserving the historic Sino-Portuguese influences. If time permits, we recommend a trip out to The Baba for lunch (price not included) if you are keen to experience an urban culinary experience with a heritage twist.



- 1 • Memory On On Hotel
- 2 • Phuket Town's Old Center
- 3 • Sino-Portuguese Influences
- 4 • Gibbon Rehabilitation Center Phuket
- 5 • Restaurant on Rang Hill Phuket

Travel Period	All year around.
Travel Duration	3 days / 2 nights.
Group Size	minimum 1 person – maximum 7 persons.
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# Authentic Sarawak

## HIGHLIGHTS

- › Contribute to change by partaking in an orangutan conservation project
- › Learn from a warrior how to harvest the land for food resources
- › Cook up a storm in the jungle by only using ingredients provided by mother nature

Sarawak offers a hugely rewarding experience for those seeking adventure on an epic scale. You can trek through jungles and spot orangutans, crocodiles and the world’s largest flower; the Rafflesia. This tour highlights what Sarawak is truly about. From jungle cooking to mastering the art of local fishing techniques, this four-night exploration offers a roller coaster ride of outdoor experiences and your support will help protect the orangutan in its natural habitat.



### day 1, Kuching

› The preservation of the orangutan is one of the initiatives that has played a very important role for local and international conservationists. With a dedicated team from the Sarawak Forestry, guests will head out into the jungle and visit the Matang Wildlife Centre, one of the leading research facilities that operates tirelessly to release these primates back into the wild. Guests have the chance to partake in the daily activities and also get an exclusive insight into the threat levels this species currently faces.

### day 2, Nanga Sumpa

› We leave Kuching behind us and drive out into rural Sarawak where plantations and spice farms dot the landscape as far as the eye can see. Our overnight address for the night

is at Batang Ai where we will be warmly welcomed by the Iban warrior tribe who were previously known as “head hunters”. The rest of the day is dedicated to seeing this indigenous tribe going about their lives as you simply enjoy the view from the ruai (the common veranda of an Iban longhouse) at the Nanga Sumpa Lodge.

### day 3 - 4, Lubok Kasai

› The Iban have called the Sarawak jungle home for many generations and it is free of Western influences. A scenic long-tail boat ride brings guests to their base for a two-night exploration of how these people live off the land. Guests become part of the daily routine of foraging, harvesting and fishing the way this ethnic minority group has done for generations. The local community will take guests to

their small jungle farms – some only reachable by boat – for a small farming tour. The overnight accommodation and freshly prepared dinner is simple, but not many get the opportunity to reside in a jungle setting in the company of a warrior tribe. No Wi-Fi, no TV, but the sound of the jungle chorus as you drift off to sleep is one of life’s unique experiences!

### day 5, Kuching

› After a local breakfast, we depart down the river by longboat, then overland to Kuching where our explore Asia, Malaysia-style adventure ends.



- 1 • Borneo landscape
- 2 • A relaxing Iban Elder
- 3 • Iban Longhouse
- 4 • Orangutan at Sarawak
- 5 • Iban woman weaving

Travel Period	All year around.
Travel Duration	5 days / 4 nights.
Group Size	1–45 persons.
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## Sichuan Exploration

### HIGHLIGHTS

- › Witness the delicate art of a “Face Changing” opera performance
- › Join in conservation work to help the survival of the panda bear
- › Meet a private master from Shangqing Palace and get a lesson in Daoism

It is fitting that an ancient form of opera called *biànlǎn* (face changing) originated in Sichuan, for this province is truly a land of many guises. The capital Chengdu offers a modern face, but beyond its bustling metropolis there are mist-shrouded peaks and expansive rural farming communities. Sichuan is also home to the giant panda – the iconic face of China. Other highlights include Mount Qingcheng and the immense Buddha image at Leshan.



#### day 1, Chengdu

› A city rich with history and culture, Chengdu offers a rich tapestry of experiences. With more teahouses and bars than even Shanghai, Chengdu has a reputation as a place where people love to savour the pleasures of life. One of its richest cultural exports is the “*biànlǎn*” opera. Depending on your arrival time (we recommend arriving the day before), you will get a close-up view of face-changing performers wearing multi-coloured costumes and facial make-up – all of this right in the heart of Jinli Ancient Street.

#### day 2, Chengdu – Mount Qingcheng

› We visit the Dujiangyan Panda Research Centre, the leading facility for research into these amazing animals. You will partake in one of the

volunteer programmes and learn how we can safeguard this species. Later, we head out to the countryside where a highlight is a visit to the Dujiangyan Irrigation System. This amazing feat of engineering is a wonder of the world and has accordingly been awarded UNESCO World Heritage Status. It dates back 2,000 years and still controls the waters of the Minjiang River and distributes it to the fertile farmlands of the Chengdu Plains.

#### day 3, Mount Qingcheng and Sanxingdui

› Mount Qingcheng is located around 65km west of Chengdu and is one of the ancient cradles of Daoism. The mountain has numerous Daoist temples along the paths to its peak. The area is known for its secluded tranquillity and is thus the perfect place to learn about

Daoism. A session with a private Dao master from the Shangqing Palace is included in the morning, followed by a tea break. We then explore the ancient art of tai chi. Under the guide of a local expert, we will end the day viewing the exhibits in the Sanxingdui Museum.

#### day 4, Leshan

› Though small in size, Leshan offers a huge attraction in the form of the “number one Buddha under Heaven” also known as the Leshan Giant Buddha. Part of the tour includes a trip down the Minjiang River and discovery of Mt. Emei.

#### day 5

› Transfer from respective Chengdu hotels to the airport is included.



- 1 • Details of a Chengdu Temple
- 2 • Dujiangyan Panda Research Centre
- 3 • Stairs up to Mount Qingcheng
- 4 • Chengdu Face Changing performance
- 5 • Leshan Buddha

Travel Period	All year around.
Travel Duration	5 days / 4 nights.
Group Size	2–20 persons.
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# Icons of Tasmania

## HIGHLIGHTS

- › Refined encounter with nature and the wildlife
- › Visit two Tasmania UNESCO World Heritage listed sites
- › Experience the best of contemporary Tasmanian hospitality

Tasmania is an isolated island state off Australia’s south coast and is known for its vast, rugged wilderness, exceptional wildlife, protected national parks and reserves. Designed by people who know and love Tasmania, this small group tour incorporates Cradle Mountain, Wineglass Bay, the Tasmanian devil, the convict ruins of Port Arthur, the vibrant Salamanca markets and some of the hidden treasures of the island that our specialist team have exclusive knowledge of.



### day 1, Hobart

› Arrive in Tasmania’s capital city, Hobart and transfer to your accommodation. Stroll through Hobart’s legendary Salamanca Markets and visit MONA, the Museum of Old and New Art, which is one of the world’s most unique and controversial museums. View the largest private art collection in Australia with its fascinating blend of ancient and modern exhibits.

### day 2, Bonorong Wildlife Park and Mt. Field

› Travel to Bonorong Wildlife Park to see Tasmanian devils, wombats, Wallabies, Echidnas, quolls and other Australian animals first-hand. Continue to Tasmania’s oldest national park, Mt. Field. Explore the green forest canopy of the national park with a rainforest

walk to Russell Falls and a beautiful circuit via Horseshoe Falls and the Tall Trees.

### day 3, Tasman and Freycinet Peninsula

› Enjoy a scenic drive to Tasmania’s East Coast. Explore the Tasman Peninsula and Port Arthur to hear the story of Tasmania’s famous UNESCO World Heritage listed convict settlement. The Tasman Peninsula offers stunning scenery as well as many interesting geological features such as Devil’s Kitchen and Tasman Arch. Continue to the Freycinet Peninsula with its exceptional beauty, pristine white sandy beaches and granite coastline. This contains a sanctuary for migratory birds and you might spot a sea-eagle soaring overhead.

### day 4, Wineglass Bay and Launceston

› Take an interpreted walk to the world famous Wineglass Bay lookout for some stunning photo opportunities. Continue your journey to Launceston for an introductory tour and explore the scenic Cataract Gorge where the Tamar River forces its way through sheer rocky cliffs.

### day 5, Launceston and Cradle Mountain

› From Launceston, travel to UNESCO World Heritage listed Cradle Mountain National Park. Your guide will introduce you to the many endemic fauna and flora species of the region whilst enjoying picturesque views of the spectacular craggy peaks of Cradle Mountain. After lunch, the tour ends in Launceston.



- 1 • Penitentiary, Port Arthur Historic Site
- 2 • Boat Shed, Lake Dove and Cradle Mountain
- 3 • Wineglass Bay Beach
- 4 • Tasmanian Devil
- 5 • Salamanca Market

Travel Period	All year around.
Travel Duration	5 days / 4 nights.
Group Size	1 person.
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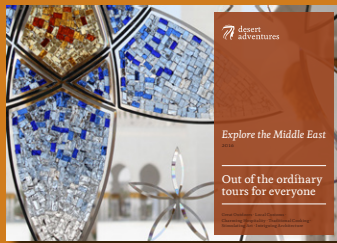




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