

Our Recommendations for You

Things to Do and See - Leisure Inn Penny Royal Hotel & Apartments, Launceston

Bridestowe Estate Lavender Farm

Established in 1921, The Bridestowe Estate Lavender Farm is the one of the world's largest single commercial lavender farms, producing the finest quality lavender flowers and lavender oil used in the perfume industry. Bridestowe Estate Lavender Farm is considered one of Tasmania's most spectacular sites during flowering in December and January. The five week harvest begins in early January with the distillation and processing of the lavender in full swing.

Boag's Centre for Beer Lovers

J. Boag & Son currently offer tours of the historic brewery each weekday. The tours include a full circuit of the brewery from the brewhouse to the packaging line, information on the brewing process and Boag's fascinating history. During a tour of this independent brewery you will see all the processes that produce the amber liquid and have the opportunity to taste the beers.

Tamar Valley Wine Route

The majestic Tamar Valley meanders for 58 kilometres through the heart of high-yielding vineyard country, orchards, scenic pastures and forests from Launceston to the sea. Make sure you have time to sample fresh produce, discover many quaint villages that feature arts and crafts from the local area, visit gold mining towns to seaside villages full of historic buildings or enjoy a round of golf at one of Australia's best links courses – Barnbougle Dunes.

Cataract Gorge

Here you can hop onboard the southern hemisphere's longest single-span chairlift or walk along the Alexandra Suspension bridge and the spectacular Gorge lookouts. Enjoy a stroll along the many walking and hiking trails, wine and dine yourself at the Basin Café or Gorge Restaurant, or take the family on a picnic by the open-air swimming pools in the Basin lawns.

Fishing

The Tamar Valley and Launceston has something for every angler. Lowland rivers and highland lakes are all easily accessible from the Tamar Valley. Trawl for big, sea-running trout and salmon – or head for deeper water and test your game fishing skill against tuna and marlin. From novice to pro, practise your skills at Old Mac's Farm and Fishery or Tasmania Zoo.

Seahorse World

Seahorse World provides visitors with an opportunity to discover the secret life of the seahorse, from pregnant males through birth up to adulthood. Your tour will include: the Cave of the Seahorse, a working seahorse farm, the Boutique aquarium and touch pool and the interpretation and research room.

Shopping

Launceston Tamar Valley is more than just beautiful countryside, great wine, and fabulous food. It's also a trove of hand-made wares, shops full of boutique designs, markets filled with fresh grown local produce, and stores of antiques from bygone eras. Collectors and shopaholics alike will find be able to fill their hearts and their shopping bags with the unending assortment of local and hand-made Tasmanian treasures.

Tasmanian Wool Centre

View the distinctive display of high quality wool products and Tasmanian crafts. Stroll around the Heritage Museum and Wool Exhibition and acquaint yourself with the wonder of Tasmanian wool. Delight in entertaining audio-visual presentation on the Australian Wool Industry and also experience the historic displays on the convict period, including the Ross Bridge.

Markets

There is an exciting calendar of weekly and monthly markets that take place in Launceston. Antiques, fresh produce and local crafts can be uncovered every Sunday at the Evandale Market, while treasures abound at the weekly Esk Markets. For a hand-made affair, head to the Civic Homespun Market every Saturday, or if it's locally grown greens you're after, the Canning Street Farmer's Market occurs monthly.

Hillwood Strawberry Farm

At Hillwood Strawberry Farm at any time of year you can sample and buy fruit wines - strawberry, raspberry, blackcurrant, apple-and-honey - cheeses, home-made jams, gourmet fruit sauces or let the children play on the restored steam locomotive. During the warmer months you also can pick your own berries or just enjoy the productive rural scene at a picnic table and be served strawberries or raspberries with cream or ice cream.

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