

5-DAY SOUTHERN TASMANIA ROAD TRIP



Highlights

- Bruny Island Beaches: Walk, relax, spot wildlife.
- Adventure Bay: Stunning views and picnic spots.
- Huon Valley: Charming towns and riverside walks.
- Tahune AirWalk: Treetop views over rivers.
- Hartz Mountains: Alpine scenery without long hikes.
- Cockle Creek: Australia's southernmost point.
- Hastings Caves: Explore caves and warm thermal springs.

Day 1: Hobart to Bruny Island

Distance: 87.4 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 33 Minutes + ferry

- **Morning:** Pick up your GoCheap campervan in Cambridge and stock up on supplies before hitting the road. Drive south to **Kettering** and board the **Bruny Island** vehicle ferry (*book ahead during peak seasons*). Once on the island, make your first stop at **The Neck Lookout** for sweeping views over North and South Bruny, a must-see attraction!
- **Afternoon:** Cruise down to **Adventure Bay** for lunch with a view, followed by a beach walk or short coastal hike. If you're keen on local flavours, stop in at the **Bruny Island Cheese Co.** or grab fresh oysters from **Get Shucked**.
- **Evening:** Wind down with a peaceful evening by the beach. Cook dinner in your campervan or enjoy a sunset stroll along the sand. Keep an eye out for wallabies, penguins, and seabirds as the light fades.
- **Where to stay:** Captain Cook Holiday Park, 786 Adventure Bay Rd, Adventure Bay TAS 7150.

Day 2: Bruny Island to Huon Valley

Distance: 162 Kms **Time:** 3 Hours + ferry

- **Morning:** Wake up to a peaceful morning on Bruny Island and enjoy breakfast at Adventure Bay. Drive down to **Cape Bruny Lighthouse** enjoying the scenic roads. Take it slow before making your way back north to catch the ferry to Kettering.
- **Afternoon:** Head south into the **Huon Valley**, stopping in **Cyngnet** for lunch. Known for its creative community and café culture, it's a great place to stretch your legs and soak up small-town Tasmania. Continue on to **Geeveston**, set on the banks of the Huon River.
- **Evening:** Check into your campsite and enjoy a relaxed evening by the river. Cook dinner in your campervan, take a gentle stroll, and unwind after the day's drive.
- **Where to stay:** CMCA RV Park Geeveston, 49 Arve Rd, Geeveston TAS 7116.

Day 3: Huon Valley

Distance: 82.7 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 50 Minutes

- **Morning:** Start the day with breakfast in **Geeveston**, then head out to explore more of the Huon Valley's natural beauty. Make your way to the **Tahune AirWalk**, where you can wander through the treetops and enjoy views over the **Huon** and **Picton Rivers**. There are also shorter forest walks at ground level if you prefer to keep things easy.
- **Afternoon:** Continue exploring the region with a scenic drive towards the **Hartz Mountains** area. You don't need to tackle long hikes or short walks and lookout areas offer a taste of Tasmania's alpine scenery (e.g. *Waratah Lookout, short 10-minute walk for stunning views*). Stop for a picnic lunch along the way before heading back to Geeveston. Stop by **Castle Phoenix** on your way back.
- **Evening:** Return to Geeveston for a relaxed evening. Restock supplies if needed, cook dinner at your campsite, and enjoy another quiet night surrounded by nature.
- **Where to stay:** CMCA RV Park Geeveston, 49 Arve Rd, Geeveston TAS 7116.

Day 4: Geeveston to Cockle Creek

Distance: 63.9 Kms **Time:** 1 Hour 10 Minutes

- **Morning:** After breakfast in your campervan, stock up on food and fuel before heading further south. Today's drive takes you through some of **Tasmania's most remote and scenic landscapes**, with forests, rivers, and coastal views along the way. Take your time and enjoy the journey, this is one of the most **memorable drives** of the trip.
- **Afternoon:** Arrive at **Cockle Creek** late morning, the southernmost point in Australia accessible by road. Spend the afternoon exploring the area with short coastal walks, such as **Fisher Point**, or simply relax and take in the wild, windswept scenery. This is a great spot for photos and quiet moments in nature.
- **Evening:** Settle into camp and enjoy a peaceful evening by the ocean. Cook dinner in your campervan, watch the light fade over the water, and soak up the sense of being truly off the grid.
- **Where to stay:** Cockle Creek campground, Recherche, Huon Valley, TAS 7109.

Day 5: Cockle Creek to Hobart

Distance: 142 Kms **Time:** 2 Hours 25 Minutes

- **Morning:** Wake up to the sound of the ocean and enjoy a slow morning at Cockle Creek. If the weather is kind, take a short walk along the beach before heading to **Hastings Caves & Thermal Springs**. Join a guided cave tour or relax in the warm thermal pool for a few hours, a **perfect way to unwind** after a few days of exploring.
- **Afternoon:** Continue on towards Hobart, passing through rolling farmland and riverside towns. Return your GoCheap campervan by 3:30 pm, and celebrate the end of your road trip with dinner in the city!



Image: Cockle Creek, Liam Neal

Packing Tips

Hit the road and discover the **wild beauty of southern Tasmania** in just 5 days.

From stunning beaches and quiet forests to rivers, mountains, and remote coastlines, every stop has a view worth remembering.

Some things you'll want to bring include:

- Appropriate footwear (comfortable, closed shoes for walking tours)
- Hat, sunscreen and sunglasses
- Mixture of clothing for different weather/activities
- Insect repellent + band-aids
- Camera/phone + chargers
- Light backpack (to carry food + water bottle)

Reminder: Tasmania's towns and roads have plenty of nocturnal wildlife. We recommend that you don't drive at night. This is for your own safety, to prevent injuring any wildlife, and to avoid any damage to your campervan rental.



Image: Tahune Adventures - Swinging Bridges Walk, Tourism Australia

HAVE A GREAT TRIP!

