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Sarah Island,
Gordon River Cruises
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The Wall in the Wilderness,
Derwent Bridge
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Strahan is a vibrant town on the shore of Macquarie Harbour on the rugged west coast, at the edge of the vast Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Travelling from Hobart to Strahan, the route takes in wilderness areas and national parks, glacial valleys, wild rivers, temperate rainforest, and the mining and heritage towns of Tasmania's Western Wilds.

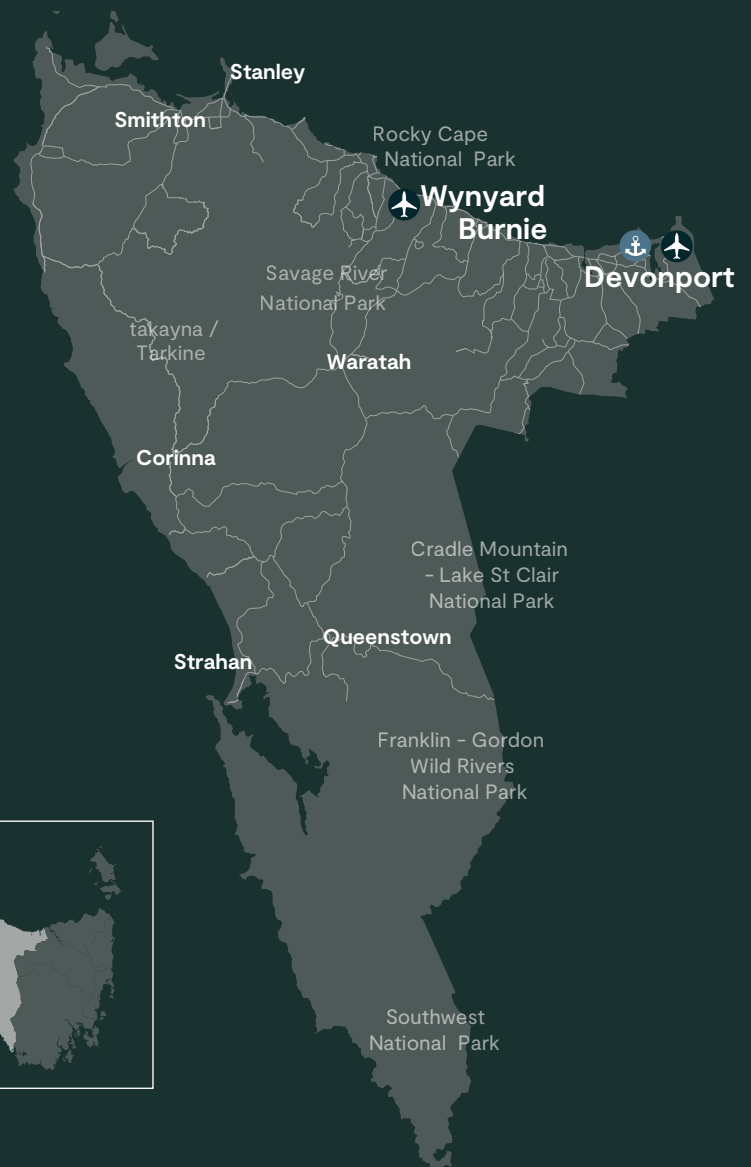
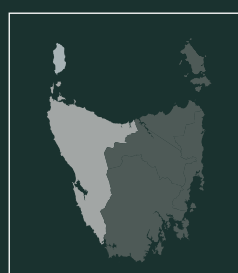
How to get there

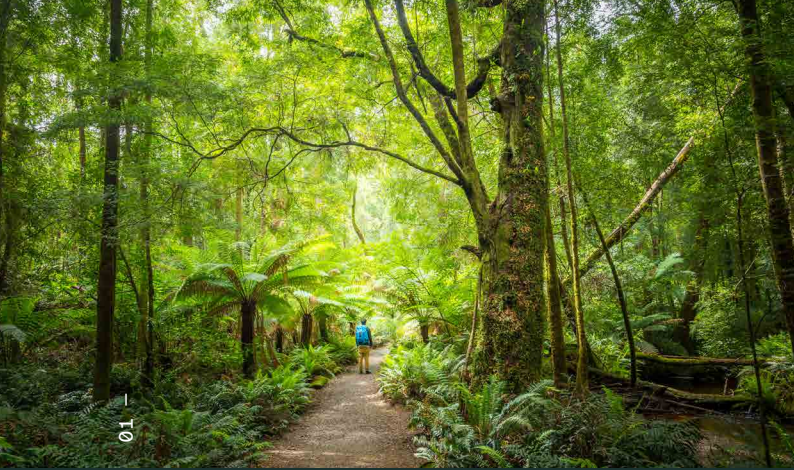
BY AIR

Fly to Hobart or Launceston

BY CAR

Strahan is a four-hour drive from Launceston, a four-and-a-half drive from Hobart, or a three-hour drive from Devonport. The weather can be changeable, with sections of the road impacted by snow and ice, so drive with caution. There is lots to see and do on the way to Strahan, ideally allow a full day for travel.





Top things to do

SEA-BASED ACTIVITIES

- Navigate the raging rapids of the Franklin River with [King River Rafting](#).
- Cruise silently along the Gordon River crossing Macquarie Harbour to Hells Gates with [Gordon River Cruises](#) or [World Heritage Cruises](#).

LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES

- Take a short walk in [Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park](#). A number of tracks are easily accessible from the highway on the way to Strahan, including Donaghys Hill and Nelson Falls.
- Discover Zeehan's rich industrial and social heritage at the [West Coast Heritage Centre](#), which incorporates the restored Gaiety Theatre.
- See the towering Huon pines that have grown for thousands of years on the Gordon River or near Corinna.
- Marvel at the [Wall in the Wilderness](#), at Derwent Bridge, where 100 metres of carved Huon-pine panels depict the pioneering stories that helped shape this region.
- Take a 30 minute walk (one way) to [Hogarth Falls](#) and look for platypus as you follow the creek.

- Hire a bike and ride around Strahan, or continue further afield to explore the wild expanse of Ocean Beach, which stretches more than 40 kilometres.
- Book a seat with [Roam Wild Tasmania](#) for transfers, pick-up, or a west coast guided adventure.
- Visit Queenstown's [Paragon Theatre](#) in Queenstown for a touch of nostalgia.

Top attractions

- From Queenstown, board the remarkable 35-kilometre [West Coast Wilderness Railway](#) steam train journey that snakes through rugged wilderness to Strahan.
- Join the audience in Strahan for a performance of [The Ship That Never Was](#), an interactive theatre production based on the true story of a daring convict escape.
- Walk along Ocean Beach, Tasmania's longest beach, climb the steep sand dunes, and watch the sun set over the ocean.

01 - Path to Hogarth Falls © Paul Fleming
02 - West Coast Wilderness Railway © Nick Osborne
03 - Gordon River Cruises © RACT Destinations
04 - Cyclists on Ocean Beach © Jason Futrill



Where to stay

- In the heart of Strahan, **Strahan Village** has a variety of accommodation, including individual cottages, terraces, rooms and suites on the hillside overlooking Macquarie Harbour. Dine on seafood at View 42 or grab a bistro-style meal at Hamer's Bar & Bistro.
- **Ormiston House** is a Federation mansion set among landscaped gardens with views over the harbour. Enjoy warm hospitality, with five ensuite rooms to choose from at this heritage bed and breakfast.
- Perched atop a cliff in Strahan are the self-contained **Wheelhouse Luxury Apartments**, with fully-equipped kitchens, private decks and views of Macquarie Harbour.
- **Motel Strahan** provides spacious and affordable motel accommodation in the heart of Strahan, ranging from standard motel accommodation to spa suites.

Weather

The average high temperature in January (summer) is 17-23°C and in July (winter) is between 3-11°C.

Useful links

<https://visitcradlecoast.com.au/>

<https://www.discovertasmania.com.au/about/regions-of-tasmania/west-coast>



01 - The Ship That Never Was © Stu Gibson

02 - Horsetail Falls © Ollie Khedun

03 - West Coast MTB, Spray Tunnel © Stu Gibson

04 - Strahan Village © Jason Futrill

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