

• THE EXPLORER •



• DAY 1 •

Stillwater and The Mill Providore and Gallery

Take your time at Stillwater, an elegant and charismatic restaurant in the morning for breakfast before popping around the corner and going up stairs into The Mill Providore and Gallery. This gorgeous space showcases Tasmania's fine foods, art works and handcrafted gifts. It's located in the top two floors of a historic 1830s flour mill on the banks of the Tamar River. We recommend choosing from The Mill Providore's selection of Tasmanian produce to create your very own hamper or picnic lunch, which is what you will need for where you are going next.

Cataract Gorge

Cataract Gorge Reserve, known locally as the Gorge, is a rare natural phenomenon to find in any city. In an easy 10 minutes, you can walk from Stillwater along the banks of the Tamar River into the Gorge and from there follow a pathway originally built in the 1890s along the cliff face looking down onto the South Esk River. The First Basin on the southern side is the perfect place to set up on the grass for your picnic lunch. After lunch, you can explore the shady northern side, named the Cliff Grounds. This is a Victorian garden created with ferns and exotic plants, and features the beautiful Kings Bridge which was floated into place in 1867. Or you can travel over to the northern side by taking a ride on the largest single span chair lift in the southern hemisphere.

Low Head Penguin Tour

Operating at the mouth of the Tamar River and on the pristine beaches of Bass Strait at Low Head in Northern Tasmania, you'll be shown a fascinating insight into the Little Penguins (also known as Fairy Penguins) as they make their nightly journey to their burrows. You can learn about the Little Penguins and how most retain the same mate for life. The tour is operated along environmentally sensitive morals to ensure the penguins are not disturbed. Tours run each night just after sunset.

• DAY 2 •

Harvest Market

The Harvest Launceston Community Farmers' Market is the only place in Tasmania where the producers' tales and their products can be regularly found in one place. Indulge in some Northern Tasmanian salmon, cheese and wine. The organisers of this vibrant harvest are as discerning about taste as are the producers – the standards are high, the seasons rule what is for sale. Held every Saturday, there are some 40 producers at each market.

The Game

Get your brown and gold on and go support the Tassie Hawks at their home away from home, Aurora Stadium. There is nothing as exciting as a live game of football played at the top level. The extra special part of a game at Aurora is the size of the stadium, seating on 16,000 every seat is the best seat in the house.

• TIPS •

- Watch out for peacocks at the Gorge because they are friendly and will steal your lunch right out of your hands!
- For the Penguin Tour, you can organise pick-up and drop-off to and from Launceston for an additional fee if you don't have your own car.
- Make sure to book in advance for the Penguin Tour.

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