

Across Bass Strait

Stage 1

Your adventure begins at the end of the farewell lunch in Castlemaine. You may choose your own route to Port Melbourne, but you will need to depart in good time to arrive before boarding finishes. Spirit of Tasmania boarding commences at 5pm and closes sharply at 6.45pm, just 45 minutes before departure. Don't miss the boat!

Please note that Tasmania enjoys a pest and disease free status for its agricultural and marine products. Before boarding the ship every vehicle and passenger's baggage are subject to quarantine inspection. For this reason please do not carry any vegetables, fruit, fish products and the like on board. Further information is available on the TT Line web site regarding prohibited items

Before you leave your car, make sure **it is in gear with the hand brake on**, and that those around you have done so too. This is to prevent any movement during the voyage.

Spirit of Tasmania has a good buffet restaurant as well as a small shop, bars and entertainment facilities. Touring information, souvenirs and some items of clothing are also available.

You will need to ensure you have a good nights' sleep, as you will be awakened very early in the morning, and you have a long day ahead of you.

Monday 23rd October, 2017

Castlemaine to Station Pier,
Waterfront Place, Port Melbourne
Spirit of Tasmania boarding time
closes 6.45pm sharp!

Suggested Routes

Toll Route (c.1hr 30mins)

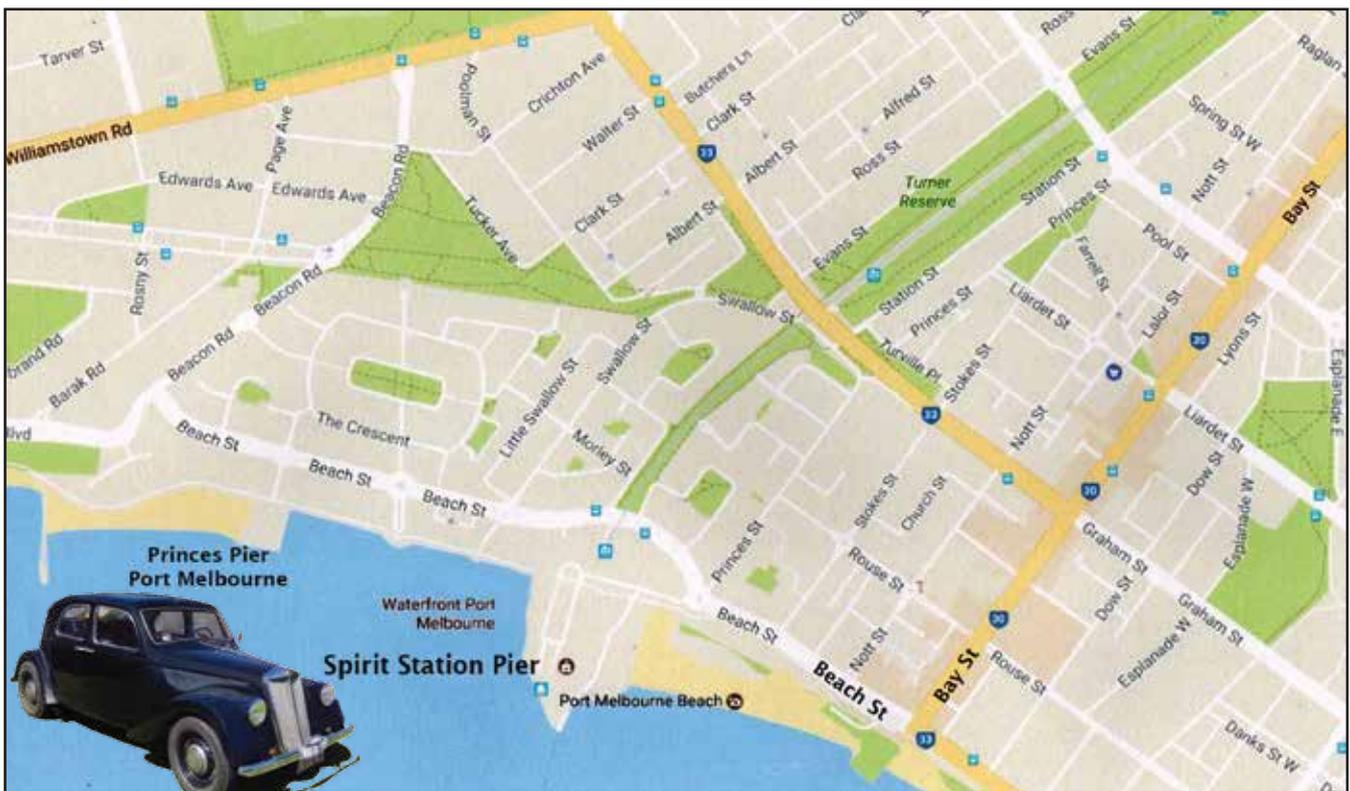
Join the Calder Highway/M79 at Elphinstone via Chewton. Keep in right lane towards the West Gate Freeway when crossing the Yarra River, then join the freeway in the left lane and exit towards the service station and Todd Road. Continue straight on at the first set of lights. Turn left at the second lights into Todd Road. **See Below**

Toll Free Route (c.1hr 40mins)

Join the Calder Highway/M79 in Elphinstone via Chewton. Exit onto Kings Road c.3km past Calder Race Circuit. Turn left onto Ballarat Road then turn right onto the Western Ring Road. Follow the freeway left towards the West Gate Bridge. Take the 1st exit after the bridge towards Todd Road. Turn left at the lights into Cook Street. Turn left at the next lights into Todd Road. **See Below**

From Todd Road:

Pass through the next two sets of lights (avoid left turn lane). 100m after the 2nd curve to the left, turn right into Beach Street. Make a sharp right turn at the roundabout towards the pier and ferry.



Collections and Cradle

Stage 2

Tuesday 24th October, 2017

House of Anvers Chocolate
Collections of Chas Kelly and
Wayne Clark
Sheffield and Cradle Mountain

On disembarkation you will be directed left into Murray Street. Take the first left into Wright Street and then left again into Thomas Street, a convenient point to muster tour vehicles before setting off for the day. From Thomas Street proceed through the roundabout. Take the second right turn onto Tarleton Street and follow the signs to Launceston/Hobart Highway 1. Keep left as you sweep left onto a dual carriageway for an approx 6 minute journey to the House of Anvers Chocolate on the right hand side of the highway where we will be having breakfast (pre-paid).

Next stop is at Port Sorell to see Chas Kelly's impressive collection of sports and racing cars, and motor bikes. Then it is back to East Devonport for a chance to view Wayne Clark's fine collection of thoroughbred vehicles.

Our lunch stop is at Sheffield at the foothills of majestic Mount Roland. Here you can take the opportunity to try the local cafes and view the town's famous murals which feature Cradle Mountain pioneer Gustav Weindorfer, Tasmanian Tigers, and scenes and characters from the town's past.

Our route then takes us along Cethana Road (C136), a well known and challenging stage in Targa Tasmania, and on to Cradle Mountain. There will be time to take in the magnificent mountain scenery, Dove Lake, and the local wildlife.

Accommodation: Cradle Mountain Hotel

Dinner, bed and breakfast, 3718 Cradle Mountain Road.

Route : Start on disembarkation

Follow the Bass Highway 1 to House of Anvers.

Chas Kelly : 63 Browns Road, Port Sorell

Head back along the Bass Highway 1.

Turn right onto the B74.

Just before Port Sorell, turn right into Browns Road.

Wayne Clark : 54 River Road, East Devonport

Head back along the B74.

Turn right onto the Bass Highway 1. Proceed a few kilometres to Devonport taking the first turn left (East Devonport), keeping left onto River Road.

Spreyton and Sheffield (c.40mins)

Head back along River Road B74 to the Bass Highway 1.

Turn right at Bridge Road to Devonport/Burnie.

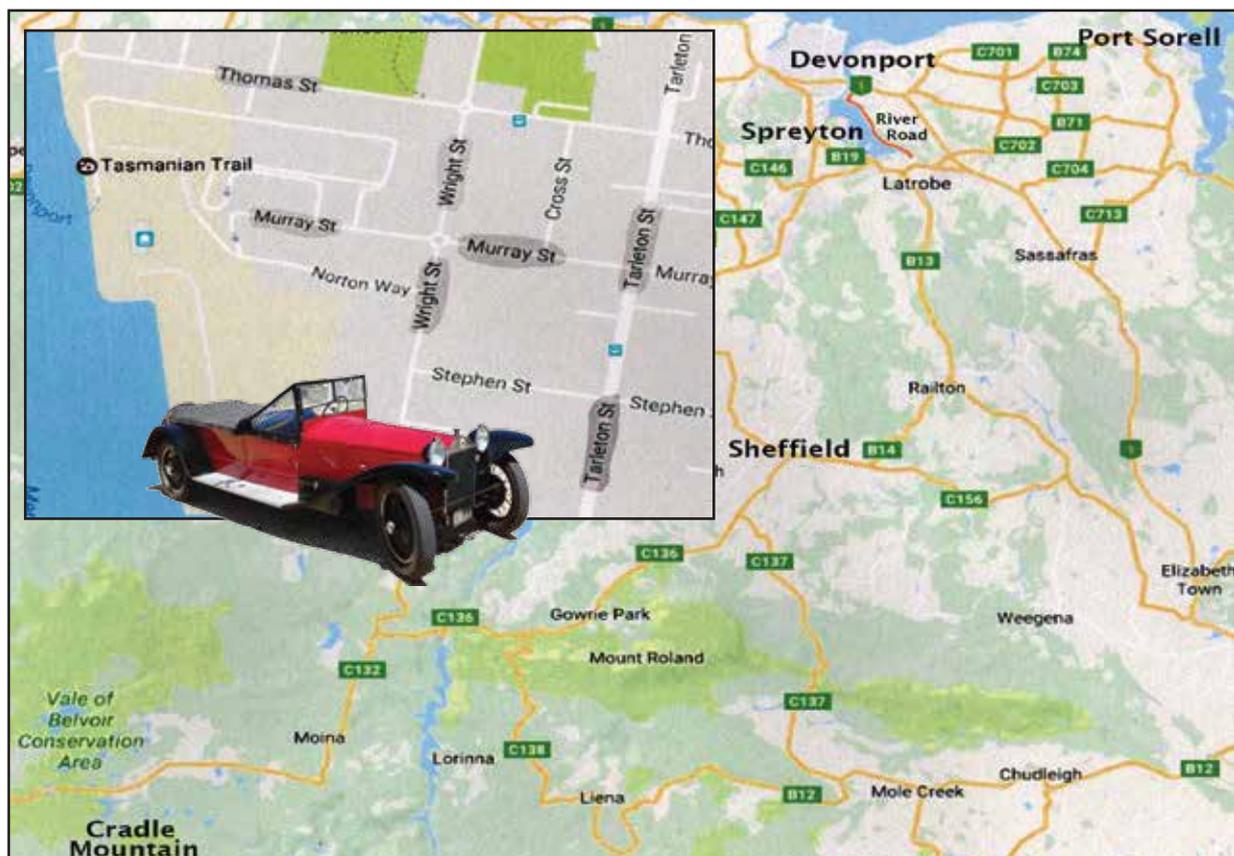
Cross the bridge then turn left onto the B19.

At Spreyton turn right onto the B14 to Sheffield

Cethana and Cradle Mountain (c.50mins)

Turn right onto the C136, Cethana Road.

Turn left onto the C132 to Cradle Mountain.



The Wild West

Stage 3

Today's journey takes us through some of the most spectacularly wild scenery that Tasmania has to offer.

We offer you the choice of discovering the beauties of the Pieman hydro-electric area, travelling to Reece Dam and the power station on Pieman Road. If you can afford adding an hour to your trip, you will be amply rewarded. You must be in Zeehan by 1pm for lunch, so make sure you start as early as possible. This is a very long day!

Alternatively, the Murchison Highway can take you straight to Zeehan through Tullah and Rosebery. It was not until the discovery of ore in the 1890s and 1900s that the area became inhabited. Until 1909 the former silver mining town of Tullah on the banks of Lake Rosebery, could only be accessed via the Emu Bay Railway. Rosebery at the foot of Mount Black is a zinc and gold mining town.

Zeehan, or Silver City as it was known in the early 1900s, was the hub of the mining boom. In its heyday it even had a famous theatre, The Gaiety, and it was here that Dame Nellie Melba came to sing in what had become Tasmania's third largest town. After lunch at the Heemskirk Motor Hotel (pre-paid), we have a tour of the West Coast Heritage Centre.

Next we follow the coast to fishing village of Strahan on the edge of the south west wilderness.

Accommodation: RACT Strahan Village

Dinner, bed and breakfast, 41 Esplanade.

Wednesday 25th October, 2017

Reece Dam and the spectacular
Pieman River catchment area

Zeehan, mining boom town
of the early 1900s

Route : 10am Start from carpark

Cradle to Pieman Road (c.40mins)

Head back along the C132.

At the A10 Murchison Highway junction. turn left.

On reaching Pieman Road, the C252, choose:

Zeehan via Reece Dam & the Pieman (c. 2hrs 40mins)

Turn right onto the C252, Pieman Road, to Reece Dam and power station, which forms part of the Pieman hydro-electric scheme.

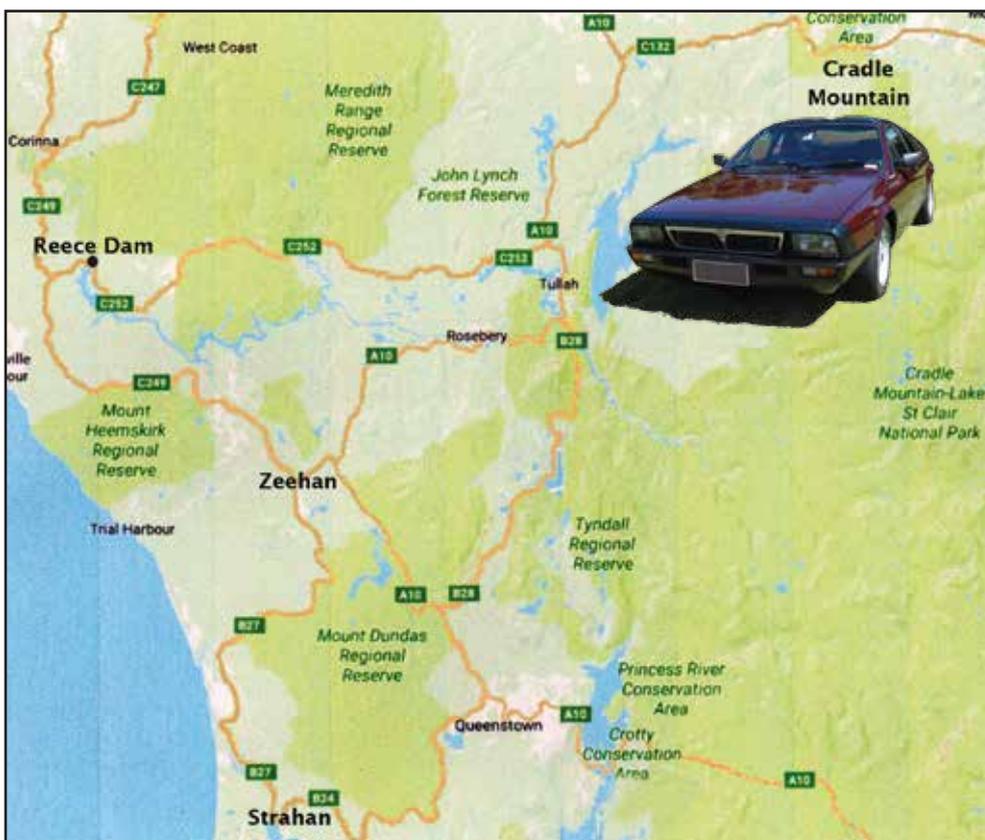
At the C249 junction, Heemskirk Road, turn right to Zeehan.

or Zeehan via Tullah & Rosebery (c.1hr 30mins)

Continue on the A10 Murchison Highway direct to Zeehan.

Zeehan to Strahan (c. 35mins)

Follow the B27, Henty Road, to Strahan. Continue to Strahan Village, 41 Esplanade.



The Edge of Wilderness

Stage 4

Although we are spending a whole day in Strahan, it will be a very long action packed day.

Strahan stands at the edge of Tasmania's south west wilderness on Macquarie Harbour. Its dark past contrasts greatly with the beauty of the World Heritage Area temperate rainforest just on its doorstep.

This is where the infamous Sarah Island convict prison was established in 1821. Here convicts laboured in impenetrable rainforest under the harshest conditions felling Huon pines for boat building. Marcus Clarke's novel **For the Term of His Natural Life**, is based on the escape of Alexander Pearce, who ate his companions during two different escape attempts from the island.

Our wilderness cruise on Lady Jane Franklin II takes us across Macquarie Harbour to Sarah Island and into the calm waters and rainforest of the Gordon River. There are expert nature guides to introduce you to the wonders of the wilderness and the chef's buffet luncheon to enjoy.

The Westcoast Wilderness Railway is a reconstruction of the Mt Lyell Mining and Railway Company railway which connected Queenstown with Regatta Point in Strahan. Its original Dubs and Co rack-and-pinion steam locomotive passes through the rainforest, crossing bridges as it follows the Gordon River to Dubbil Barril before returning home.

Accommodation: RACT Strahan Village

Second night: Dinner, bed and breakfast.

Thursday 26th October, 2017

Lady Jane Franklin II
Wilderness Cruise

The Abt Steam Rack-and-pinion
Wilderness Railway

Route : 8am Start

Breakfast at 7am. Don't miss the boat!

Macquarie Harbour & the Gordon River (5hrs 30mins)

Assemble at Strahan Wharf at 8am for an 8.30am start

Walking tours of Heritage Landing and convict renown Sarah Island.

Buffet luncheon. (pre-paid)

Strahan to Dubbil Barril Wilderness Railway(c. 4hrs)

Assemble at Regatta Point Station, 123

Esplanade, Strahan at 2.30pm for a 3pm start

Stations at: Lowana Yard, Teepookana, Lower Landing and Dubbil Barril. (pre-paid)

Dinner at Strahan Village at 7.30pm (pre-paid)



Targa and the Wall

Stage 5

In our journey today we follow famous stages of Targa Tasmania. Heading out of Strahan, the first stage between Charles Street and the A10, takes us on a 32.97km climb to Queenstown, the major centre of the region. Here the once lunar landscape, brought about by old smelting practices, deforestation and very high rainfall, is now fading as greenery returns.

The Queenstown stage starts at Phillip Street, and climbs up the daunting 99 bends, through the ghost mining town of Linda. Next is the challenging 51.37 km Mt Arrowsmith stage starting at Bradshaw Bridge and ending at Derwent Bridge.

Gateway to the southern end of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park and only 5km from Lake St. Clair, Australia's deepest freshwater lake, is Derwent Bridge. Here you can see The Wall in the Wilderness, a continually evolving wood carving depicting the history of the region. Each hand carved timber panel is 3 metres high by 1 metre wide. On completion the work will be one hundred metres long. As this is a long day, we have left it open for you to choose when and where to lunch. The Possum Café at Derwent Bridge may suit your timing.

The Tarraleah Targa stage begins at Tungatinah Road and finishes at Oldina Drive. From here the road takes you through Ouse and Hamilton to New Norfolk, which was settled in 1807 by habitants of the Norfolk Island penal colony. The Derwent River gains in width, wending its way to Hobart.

Accommodation: RACT Hobart Apartment Hotel, Collins Street, Hobart

Dinner, bed and breakfast.

The Hobart Apartment Hotel secure car park is reserved for all tour vehicles.

Wednesday 25th October, 2017

Follow the stages of the Targa
Derwent Bridge and The Wall
Hobart, the Capital

Route : 9.30am Start from carpark

Strahan to Queenstown (c.40mins)

At the 1st roundabout take 2nd exit to the Lyell Highway, B24. At the T junction, turn right, staying on the Lyell Highway, now the A10. At Queenstown you can refuel if you need to.

Queenstown to Derwent Bridge (c. 2hrs 40mins)

Continue on the Lyall highway A10 to Derwent Bridge. Meet at 1pm in the car park to see The Wall in the Wilderness.

Derwent Bridge to Hobart (c. 2hrs 10mins)

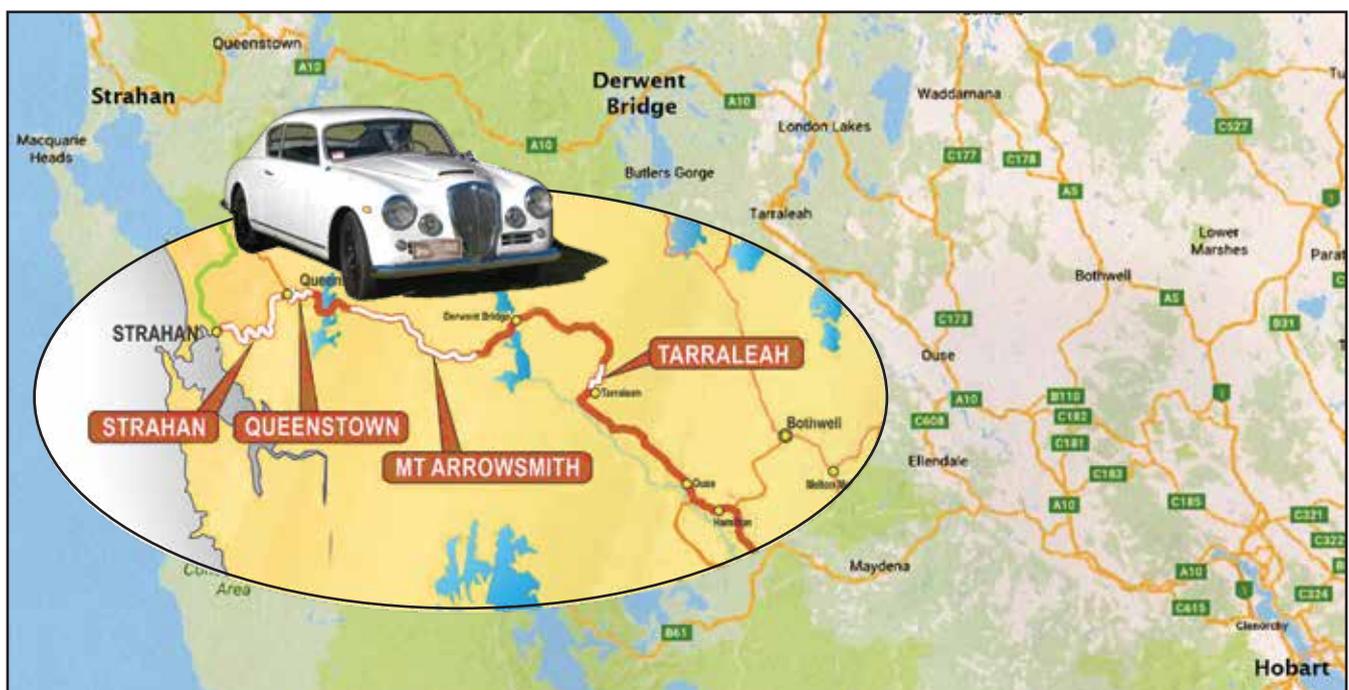
We will be arriving in Hobart at peak hour, so we recommend you allow more time.

Continue on through the lakes to Tarraleah, Ouse and New Norfolk. At Granton roundabout, take the second exit onto National Highway 1, effectively straight ahead to Hobart (Map next page).

At the Fountain Roundabout take the second exit to Davey St and the waterfront, **keeping right**.

Cross five traffic lights, then turn right into Harrington St (the one after Murray St), **taking the centre lane**. Cross Macquarie St, **immediately** get into right lane to turn right into Collins St.

Turn right again into Victoria St then left into Victoria Pl to the Hobart Apartment Hotel secure parking area.



Display Day and Salamanca

Stage 6

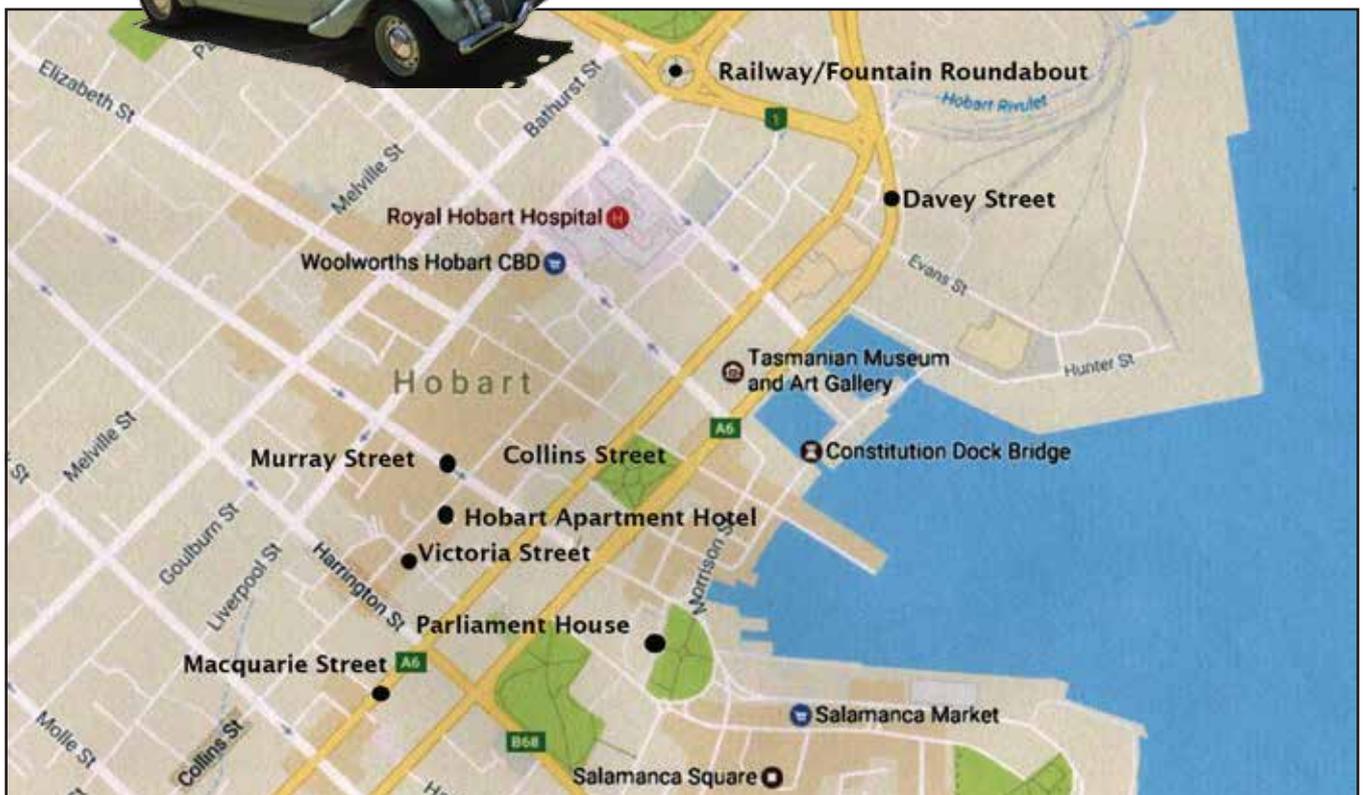
You are invited to join the Club Motori Italia of Tasmania in their annual Display Day on the lawns in front of Parliament House. Parliament House is midway between the city shopping centre and the famous Salamanca Market with its speciality shops and restaurants, all easily within walking distance.

Please advise the gateway staff who collect for charity that you are in the display and they will direct you.

This is a fun day with plenty of interest from the Saturday morning crowd and a great opportunity to show off your classic car. The best park in Hobart!! This is a time to meet and share your experiences with fellow Italian car owners.

Salamanca Market has lots to offer with plenty of local items to hold your interest and many types of cuisine to indulge your tastes. The Hobart Waterfront is alive with fishing boats, yachts and ships. Don't forget to have a look at the fish punts where you can buy fresh or cooked seafood, straight from the sea.

Dispersal is usually around 3pm but you may leave at any time prior to this. If going to the ferry at Devonport for the 9pm departure, you should plan to leave around 3pm or you may not arrive before boarding closes.



Saturday 28th October, 2017

Parliament House Display

If Departing for Home
Boarding closes at 8.15pm sharp!

Route : 9am Start from carpark

CMI Display Day

From the car park turn left into Victoria Street
Turn left again into Macquarie and merge into the right hand lane.

Turn right into Murray Street and **immediately** take the left lane to cross Davey Street.

Parliament House gateway is directly on your right.
Gate staff will direct you to the lawn display area.

Return to Devonport

Leave the lawns via the way you came in.

At the gateway, turn right into Murray Street, then left into Morrison Street and at the end left into Argyle Street **taking the centre lane.**

Turn right into Macquarie Street **keeping in the left two lanes** and at the end, turn left to the Railway-Fountain Roundabout.

Follow the signs to National Highway 1, Brooker Avenue, and Launceston. At Perth the Highway forks left to Devonport, eventually becoming the Bass Highway. Approaching Devonport, take the ferry exit and follow the signs to the ferry in Murray Street.

Staying On...

Stage 7

Check ferry boarding times as these can vary, so don't forget to make a note!

Please Note: John Brennan is organising a follow-on tour that you may wish to join.

There are so many attractions to see that we have not been able to include in our whirlwind tour of Tasmania's West Coast.

Now you are in Hobart you can visit historic Battery Point, cruise the harbour, or board the free Hop on Hop Off bus tour to see the city sights.

From Brooke Street Pier you can take a luncheon cruise to Peppermint Bay at Woodbridge in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel or go seal watching off Bruny Island and other destinations.

MONA, the Museum of Old and New Art, opened in 2011. Australia's largest private museum, it houses a diverse private collection that ranges from ancient Egyptian mummies to some of the world's most thought-provoking contemporary art and also has an exciting music program with home grown musicians and renowned entertainers from all around the world - from contemporary to classical to jazz. And it's the famous Morilla vineyard...

And don't forget Mt Wellington, a solid climb for older cars (1271m) but well rewarding. There are many walking tracks on the mountain for the more active. The Pipeline Track is flat and quite long but can be broken down into smaller stages. Other tracks may involve gradients.

If you have the time, a day trip to Port Arthur to see the ruins of the penal settlement is unforgettable. Take the Bruny Island ferry from Kettering and go exploring. It's amazing what's round the next corner.

Check out the old penal settlement and amazing scenery on Maria Island (ferry from Triabunna). There are short or long walks.

South is the Huon Valley. A day trip will take you to Huonville, the Tahune Air Walk at Geeveston, Hastings Caves and Dover.

A bit further afield you can travel the East Coast to the Freycinet Peninsula with its national park and the famous Wineglass Bay.

On the way back

The shortest route is National Highway 1, via the Midland Highway towards Launceston, diverting left at Perth to the Bass Highway 1 and onto Devonport.

If you can allow more time, you can explore the Derwent Valley to Ouse, turning right along the Hollow Tree road to Bothwell, then on towards Great Lake turning down through Poatina (good brakes required) and onto Longford and Devonport.

It's a great road, about half an hour longer but well worth it.

You can also access Bothwell from the Midlands Highway. Bothwell is one of Australia's most important Georgian settlements and boasts many fine buildings as well as the Nant whisky distillery and Ratho Farm, Australia's oldest golf course.

The road East, the Tasman Highway A3, will also take you to Devonport - eventually. So, more time is needed to make the best of Triabunna and Maria Island, Bicheno, and Freycinet. At Falmouth take the A4/B42, Esk Highway, to St Mary's continuing on Valley Road through the Fingal Valley to the Midland Highway at Conara.

The A3 will take you further up the coast to Scamander and the seaside resort and fishing town of St Helens, before turning west through the mining and pastoral towns of Pyengana, Weldborough, Derby and Scottsdale, then through to Highway 1, Launceston and Devonport.

Bon Viaggio

