



## Tassie Trek & Raft Tour Itinerary

### OVERLAND TRACK

**Launceston to Cradle Mountain** - Overnight at Cradle Mountain Cabins  
Optional walk around **Dove Lake** in the afternoon or relax before trek briefing.

**Day 1 - Cradle Mountain to Waterfall Valley** – 10.4km, 5hrs (climb 300m/descend 200m)

**Day 2 - Waterfall Valley to Lake Windermere** – 7km, 2.5hrs (mostly flat)

**Day 3 - Lake Windermere to Pelion** – 14.2km, 6hrs (downhill first 10kms, then 4km up to Pelion)

**Day 4 - Pelion to Kia Ora** – 8.2km, 3hrs (4kms up 300m then 4kms down) Optional Mt Ossa climb.

**Day 5 - Kia Ora to Windy Ridge** – 8.6km, 3.5hrs (side trip to waterfalls, 2hrs return)

**Day 6 - Windy Ridge to Narcissus Hut** – 9.5km, 3hrs (Ferry to Cynthia Bay – 20mins)

**Lunch at Lake St Clair Visitors Centre then overnight at Derwent Bridge Wilderness Hotel or Queenstown.**

*\*Next morning, rafters will be transferred to river – others will bus to Hobart.*

### **FRANKLIN RIVER** (this itinerary covers the 10day, 7day & 5 day rafting options)

**Day 1** - Our first day start on the banks of the **Collingwood River**, a tributary of the Franklin. Here your guides will load the rafts and give a safety briefing. The day is spent mastering the rafts and enjoying the easy rapids leading down to our evening camp at the junction with the Franklin proper.

**Day 2** - An early start sees us traversing the first of the Franklin's gorges, **Aesthesia Ravine**. After tackling the **Log Jam** and **Nasty Notch** portages, we rocket through the rapids of **Descension Gorge** before arriving at the beautiful '**Irenabyss**' or **chasm of peace**, our base for the next two nights.

**Day 3** - Today is often a rest day or an opportunity to climb **Frenchman's Cap**. In fine weather the views encompass the entire south west World Heritage Area, including the rapids of the Franklin sparkling below. If the weather is poor or you choose not to climb the Cap, there are a number of lower level walks nearby that offer a different perspective of the river.

**Day 4** - Today its straight back into the action. Dozens of rapids, interspersed with quiet reaches, lead us past **Mt. Fincham**, **the Jericho Walls** and **The Crankle** and onto our campsite at the base of the Engineer Range.

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**Day 5** - A spectacular day that brings us to the awesome **Great Ravine**, one of Tasmania's deepest gorges. First we'll tackle the **Side Slip** rapid before coming to the **Churn**. Teamwork and tenacity will be required to portage at least part of this huge obstruction in the river. Soon after we'll arrive at our camp for a well earned rest on the banks of **Serenity Sound** deep in the Ravine.

**Day 6** - We'll use all of our well practised rafting skills to negotiate the **Coruscades**, one of the longest rapids on the river. A short float takes us through to our next portage at **Thunderush**, then it's on to the last obstacle, the **Cauldron**. Our expert guides will ensure that we pass these awesome rapids safely and efficiently. Our final camp at **Rafters Basin** is a great place to relax after the achievements of the day.

**Day 7** - Today we head into **Propsting Gorge** and arrive at the **Mt. McCall Track**. This is the point where the 7 day itinerary option ends and the 5 day itinerary enters the river. After lunch at **Rock Island Bend**, we come upon the **Pig Trough**, with its delightful waterfall cascading into a fern-lined grotto. We portage the Pig Trough before we round the bend to tackle the famous **Newland Cascades**. At rapids'-end we camp under a giant overhang.

**Day 8** - The river abruptly leaves the quartzite gorges of the Middle Franklin and enters the limestone country of the lower reaches. Tranquil pools are broken by the occasional large rapid - **'Little Fall'** is a great spot for action photography! The **Jane River** enters from the left just above our midday break on **Flat Island**, a beach of polished river stones dominated by the impressive Elliot Range. We take a break to show you some of the **unique limestone caves** which sheltered ancient Aboriginals who hunted the Ice Age plains before they were reclaimed by the forest some 14000 years ago. Later in the day we will tackle **'Double Falls'** before making our final camp on one of the lower river's many sandy beaches.

**Day 9** - Almost immediately we encounter the last step down in the rivers bedrock, **'Big Fall'** which we portage easily and quickly. Around the corner is the gaping **Pengana Cave**, a towering vault in the cliffs. We enjoy our last lunch near the junction of the Franklin and Gordon Rivers. Our final few hours are spent drifting along this mighty river, carried along by the huge volume of water that makes the Gordon Tasmania's largest waterway. Soon we reach the picturesque **Sir John Falls** where we celebrate our journey and camp the night.

**Day 10** - **At first light we board our yacht** for a picturesque cruise up the **Gordon River** and **Macquarie Harbour** back to **Strahan**, where we rendezvous with our bus transport for the trip to Hobart where we overnight at the Astor Hotel, before departing Hobart the next day.

**Note:** We recommend doing the full itinerary which includes 6 days on the Overland Track, followed by 5, 7 or 10 days on the Franklin River. Other options include doing the Overland Track or Franklin River as stand alone itineraries. 10 day rafting option includes all of the Franklin River, 7day option includes upper Franklin exiting at Mt McCall by 4WD to Queenstown and bus to Hobart. 5 days enters via Mt McCall (same transport as above.) These options are subject to availability and numbers.

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