

Tasmania Painting and Drawing Trip for Travellers

with Judith White, April 5 – 12, 2024

Itinerary

Day 1, Friday April 5

Arrive in Hobart. Check in to your room at the Ibis Styles Hobart* after 2pm. Meet up for drinks with the group and Judith from 4 pm at The Duke Hotel (2 minute walk from the Ibis). If the group is up for a short walk to the waterfront, we could sample some street food and live music at the Brooke Street Pier Twilight Market, or enjoy a hot-mulled wine at the atmosphere-filled Salamanca Art Centre courtyard while the “Rektango” band entertains before dinner at a nearby restaurant. (B/L/D not included.)

Day 2, Sat April 6

After breakfast at the hotel you'll have a couple of hours to wander the 300 stalls of Salamanca Market before taking a ferry up the Derwent River to MONA. We'll explore the gallery for about an hour then have lunch at one of the rooftop cafés. You'll be able to bring out the sketch pad for an art session with Judith for about an hour after lunch then we'll head back into the gallery, view some more art then ride the ferry back to the city. We'll enjoy an evening meal together at a restaurant. (B included. L/D not included.)

Day 3, Sun April 7

After breakfast at the hotel we have some solid drawing, painting and walking time with Judith. Options include Constitution Dock, Battery Point, Arthur Circus and a visit to TMAG (Tasmania Museum and Art Gallery) where there's bound to be one of their great free art exhibitions showing. (B included. L/D not included.)

Day 4, Mon April 8

Time to leave Hobart after breakfast and head north! We travel in a 12-seater Commuter stopping for an art session along the way. Further up the road we'll taste some delicious Tasmanian wine straight from the cellar door and enjoy lunch with spectacular views at a vineyard whose label you'll probably recognise. We continue on to Freycinet National Park where we'll stay two nights within the Park at Freycinet Lodge. The Lodge provides the only option to stay within the national park and is spectacularly perched at the foot of the Hazard Mountain range and it's dramatic pink orthoclase granite formations. Enjoy a walk in the afternoon and a sketching session with Judith. We'll go for dinner onsite at the Lodge at Richardson's Bistro, overlooking Honeymoon Bay. (B/L and wine tasting included. D not included.)

Day 5, Tues April 9

After breakfast at the Lodge explore the Freycinet National Park with walks to Wineglass Bay lookout, Honeymoon Bay and Cape Tourville. It's a big day of art sessions with Judith today so keep your art supplies handy. In the evening, meet at the Hazards Bar (near the big, central stone fireplace) for a pre-dinner drink as our group is treated to a complimentary two course dinner at the Lodge's elegant, Bay Restaurant. (B/D included. L not included.)

Day 6, Wed April 10

We leave the Lodge this morning and journey to our next venue with a short side tour to The Lobster Shack in Bicheno where the lunch menu showcases fresh, local seafood including the famous Lobster roll. This lunch spot is also a stunning location for a drawing session! We have a drive of about 2 hours to the north west to historic Brickendon Estate – a recognised UNESCO World Heritage site where we have a 2 night stay. This captivating village will transport you back in time - every corner tells a story, from the charming farm buildings to the heritage gardens and farm site. The historic township of Longford is 5 mins up the road and we'll go there for dinner. (B included. L/D not included.)

Day 7, Thurs April 11 – After breakfast we have the day to enjoy the surroundings, focus on painting and processes with Judith. The group has exclusive use of the Brickendon “Archery” – your art studio for the whole day. We’ll bring lunch to you today so you don’t have to leave the grounds or lose too much time away from your art table. Enjoy a second night at the estate with a 20 minute trip to Launceston for an evening meal. (B included. L/D not included.)

Day 8, Friday April 12 – After breakfast and check out, we'll make our way** to the riverside town of Richmond (home of Australia's oldest surviving stone arch bridge) for lunch and painting opportunities or a stroll through Richmond’s charming streets and galleries before the final leg to Hobart airport (by 2.30pm) or we can drop you at your Hobart accommodation if reasonably en route. (B included. L/D not included.)

*Address of Ibis Styles Hobart is 173 Macquarie St, Hobart.

**You have the option to fly out of Launceston. Please let us know if you select this option.