



## CRADLE COUNTRY

Experience the true variety of Tasmania's landscape, from the North Coast's patchwork agricultural hinterland to the renowned Cradle Mountain on the edge of the Tasmanian World Heritage Wilderness Area.

**START:** Devonport

**DURATION:** 2 - 4 days

**NATIONAL PARKS ON THIS ROUTE:**

- > Cradle Mountain - Lake St Clair National Park

LEG	TIME / DISTANCE
Devonport - Sheffield	37 min / 48 km
Sheffield - Cradle Mountain	1 hr 11 min / 68 km
Cradle Mountain - Burnie	1 hr 43 min / 110 km

## Devonport - Sheffield

- > In Devonport, walk along foreshore tracks to the Devonport Maritime Museum and Tiagarra Aboriginal Centre, or drive 4 km on the Bass Highway to the Don River Railway - a full-sized locomotive service from the Don Village Station to Coles Beach.
- > From Devonport, drive south to Latrobe and walk its historic streetscapes, where treasures can be uncovered in its many antique stores.
- > At the nearby Warrawee Forest Reserve, you may be lucky enough to spot a platypus from the viewing platform, or join a guided tour and learn from an expert about this unique, flat-billed creature.
- > Latrobe is also the birthplace of competitive wood chopping. Visit the Australian Axeman's Hall of Fame, a tribute to this chopping heritage.
- > Food lovers can take a half-day tour from Devonport to Elizabeth Town and sample traditional English country cheeses such as cheddar and Lancashire at Ashgrove Cheese and fresh fruit produce at the Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm.
- > From Latrobe continue on to Sheffield

## Latrobe - Cradle Mountain

- > From Latrobe, drive to Sheffield, gateway to Cradle Mountain, with its rich social history depicted in more than 40 extensive outdoor murals on the walls of shops and public buildings.
- > Nearby, Railton is home to an impressive display of topiary plants, while Wilmot has an extensive collection of innovative and humorous letterboxes.
- > From Sheffield, visit the world's largest maze complex, Tasmazia with eight individual mazes to conquer.
- > Continue on to Cradle Mountain. Although there's no township in Cradle Valley, the area has a range of accommodation that allows you to explore its attractions at leisure.
- > Take an interpretive tour of Dove Lake in the World Heritage Area – walk the Dove Lake Circuit and explore the original Waldheim homestead.
- > After dinner discover the haunts and habits of our fascinating native animals on a wildlife spotlighting tour.

## Cradle Mountain - Burnie

- > Take the opportunity to explore another of Cradle Mountain's many magical walks or take a trail ride or four-wheel-drive motorcycle tour just outside the park boundaries.
- > You can also see some world class photography at the Wilderness Gallery before travelling to the west coast via Waratah.
- > Visit the town of Waratah, four kilometres off the main highway. Waratah was once the richest tin mine in the world. Famous for its local wildflowers, the town is also noted for the gorge and waterfall in its main street.
- > Take a walk to the floor of the gorge and discover a derelict hydro power station.
- > Continue on to Burnie, the main commercial centre servicing the mining towns of the West Coast. On the approach road are the Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens, at their best in spring, but also spectacular throughout summer and autumn.
- > In Burnie, visit Creative Paper and learn about Burnie's links to the paper industry and see their fine hand-crafted paper products. Why not give it a go yourself?
- > Taste the award-winning Tasmanian Heritage range of cheese or the classic St Clare Swiss at the Lactos Cheese Factory, or buy local fruit and produce direct from growers and makers at the town's fortnightly farmers' markets.