Australia Add these top spots to your bucket list!

Frogmore Creek wine cellar is well worth the visit

> MACq 01 hotel is nestled in the heart of Hobart



The best spots to stay, eat and see in South Tasmania

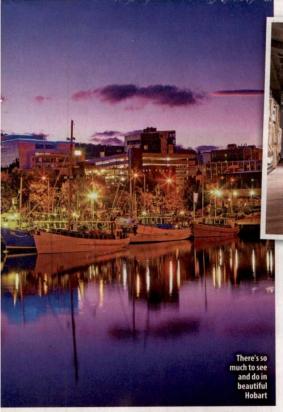
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t may be small in size, but Tasmania packs a real punch! It's no surprise that the Apple Isle is one of Australia's favourite holiday spots. While there's plenty to explore across Tassie, one of the locations that should be at the top of your to-do list is the nothing-short-ofspectacular Hobart, in the state's south.

SLEEP IN STYLE

Been craving a real treatyourself holiday? Well, the accommodation offerings in Hobart will fit the brief. Take the waterfront gem, MACq 01. Nestled on the shores of the River Derwent, this luxury hotel's design was inspired by those who have shaped Tasmania's landscape, - from indigenous leaders to convicts and artisans. The interior in the foyer, restaurant and bars, and of course spacious rooms, is beautiful and sleek but also warm and comforting.

In fact, it's one of those hotels you would be happy to spend your entire trip in.



Whether you have a waterfront or city-view room, you can sit back and watch the people of Hobart go by while you enjoy some local produce from the 24-hour room service menu. If you feel like you've overdone it, there's also a fully equipped gym!

There's something about MACq 01's staff, too - their friendliness is an example of the typical Tassie hospitality. Visit macq01.com.au.

Option two is the recently opened Mövenpick Hotel Hobart. It boasts 221 rooms – inspired by Tassie's flora and fauna – a fine-dining experience at Tesoro Italian restaurant and a daily Chocolate Hour. Who doesn't love a choccie hour?

This hotel is a real splurge treat, but with discounts on multiple night stays, you can save a little money if you stay longer. Visit accor.com

TOP EXPERIENCES

There's one thing for certain, you won't ever get bored during your stay in Hobart. Whether it's in the city or suburbs, there are plenty of activities and experiences to suit everyone.

If you like a hike, check out some of Hobart's scenic waterfalls. Some within walking distance of the Hobart suburbs include O'Grady's Falls, Silver Falls, and Strickland Falls.

The Hobart 3-hour Sightseeing Tour is another highlight, taking visitors by converted old tram around some of Hobart's top historical sites, landmarks, tourist attractions and city highlights.

Now, you can't say you've been to Hobart and not have gone to MONA – the Museum of Old and New Art. The modern art exhibitions are always changing, but you're sure to find something wild and fascinating. Check mona. net.au for tickets.

If you've got a hire car (which we recommend), take a 20- to 30-minute drive to the quaint town of Richmond Village. Set in the heart of the Coal River Valley, you'll get lost in the 1820s architecture (picture cute brick cottages), antique and craft stores, eateries and museums.

FOODIE'S DELIGHT

If there's one thing Hobart's known for, it's the food and drinks scene. Wow! Aside from the fail-safe options along Salamanca Wharf and Salamanca Wharf and Salamanca Place (we definitely recommend hitting up The Den or Society Salamanca for a cocktail), there's a few restaurants, new and seasoned, to treat your tastebuds!

For a splurge, there's Fico. Opened in 2016, this casual yet fine-dining restaurant picks the best seasonal, local produce to create dishes similar to those you'd find in Europe.

Next, there's Van Bone, a 50-minute drive from Hobart's CBD in Marion Bay, this eatery has a sustainable ethos with an on-site permaculture garden growing produce that's used in the There is so much delectable food to try

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restaurant's dishes.

For top notch cheap eats, check out Mures Lower Deck family friendly fish and chip shop. Sitting right on the Hobart waterfront you can enjoy locally caught seafood along with an amazing view.

If you're keen for some sweet or savoury bakery treats, head to historic Battery Point and the coffee shop and bakery Jackman and McRoss to sample their scrambled eggs and bacon breakfast panini, or a selection of delectable pastries.

And, of course, we can't forget to mention one of the city's many amazing wineries, Frogmore Creek. Not only will you get a quality tipple at the breathtaking vineyard, the food must be tried to be believed – it's just that tasty!

There's also countless whisky, gin, cider and beer distilleries and breweries dotted around the south, so get onto Google to find the ones you want to pay a visit.

