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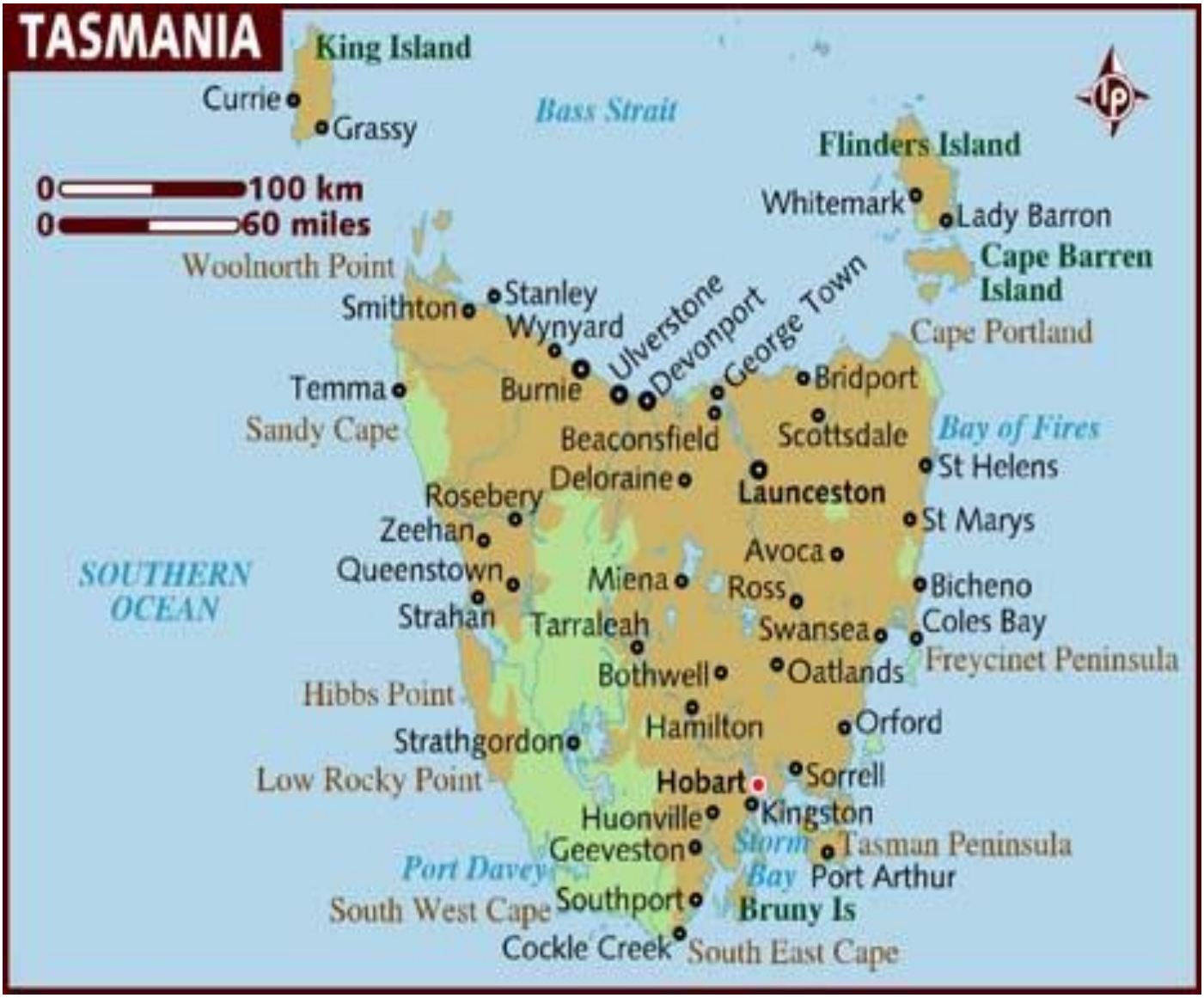

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A GUIDE

Day 1. Monday December 31st: Melbourne to Devonport on "Spirit of Tasmania".

Some facts about Maitland	
Population:	67 478
July average maximum temperature	18 degrees
July average minimum temperature	7 degrees
July average rainfall	85 mm
July average raindays	7 days

Day 2. Tuesday January 1st: Devonport to Ulverstone (20 kilometres and minimum driving time of 20 minutes)

Places of Interest: **Devonport**: Bluff Lighthouse; Maritime Museum; Don River Railway and Rail Museum. **Ulverstone:** many parks and gardens; beach viewing platforms.

Some facts about Ulverstone:	
Population:	9 500
Jan. average maximum temperature	21 degrees
Jan. average minimum temperature	12 degrees
Jan. average rainfall	38 mm
Jan. average raindays	5 days

Accommodation:

Big 4 Ulverstone Holiday Park

57 Water Street

Ulverstone

Tourist Information:

Ulverstone Tourist Information Centre

13 Alexandra Road

64252839

Day 3 - 5. Wednesday to Friday January 2nd -4th: Ulverstone and Environs

Places of Interest:

It is best to divide up the days into directions, without going too far west. It gives us the opportunity to select the best day to visit Cradle Mountain.

Drive A: Cradle Mountain National Park: Travel to Devonport, then through Latrobe, Sheffield (the mural town) and Gowrie Park to Cradle Mountain. There is a national park entry, a lodge, great scenery and a range of walks. Return turning left at Moina and Wilmot to Turners Beach and Ulverstone. Tazmania is in this area near Promised Land.

Some facts about Cradle Mountain:	
Population:	seasonal
Jan. average maximum temperature	17 degrees
Jan. average minimum temperature	5 degrees
Jan. average rainfall	148 mm
Jan. average raindays	12 days

Drive B: Mole Creek Limestone Caves: Travel to Devonport, Spreyton, Railton, Elizabeth Town to Deloraine where we turn right for Mole Creek. There are a number of caves open to the public and in the area is found Trowunna Wildlife Park, Alum Cliffs, and Mole Creek Honey Farm. This area is also accessible from the road to Cradle Mountain near Cethana (inquire about road conditions.

Drive C: Gunns Plains: Travel south through Gawler and North Motton to Gunns Plains (wildlife park), search for Mount Montgomery on the Dial Range (excellent views) and continuing on to Penguin (Big Penguin, penguin viewing and coastal views).

Day 6. Saturday January 5th : Ulverstone to Stanley (115 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 1 hour and 30 minutes).

The drive: We drive west on the Bass Highway through Penguin, Burnie, Somerset, Wynward to Stanley.

Places of interest: Burnie: markets on 1st Saturday of the month; The Boardwalk; Pioneer Village Museum **Somerset: coastal scenery. Wynyard:** Table Cape; Wonders of Wynyard including a Ford Museum.

Accommodation:

Stanley Cabin and Tourist Park

23A Wharf Road.

Visitor Information:

Stanley Information Centre

45 Main Road

64581330

Some facts about Stanley:	
Population:	500
Jan. average maximum temperature	20 degrees
Jan. average minimum temperature	12 degrees
Jan. average rainfall	42 mm
Jan. average raindays	5 days

Day 7. Sunday January 6th: Stanley and environs

Places of interest: Lyons Cottage Historic Site; The Nut; Highfield Historic Site; Stanley Seaquarium

Drive: Travel west on the Bass Highway to Smithton (Tier Hill Apex Lookout) then onto Dismal Swamp in the Tarkine Forest for 110 metre slide), then onto Arthur River (river cruise). Direct distance is 85 kilometres.

Day 8. Monday January 7th: Stanley to Strahan (255 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 3 hours and 15 minutes).

The drive: We travel south on the Murchison Highway to Strahan via Hellyer Gorge, Waratah, Tullah, Rosebery, and Zeehan.

Places of interest: Hellyer Gorge: scenic drive**. Waratah:** Waratah Falls; Savage River. **Tullah:** Wee Georgie Wood Railway. **Rosebery:** Lake Rosebery; Stitt River Falls. **Zeehan:** Pioneers Museum; Gaiety Theatre;

Accommodation:

Big 4 Strahan Holiday Retreat

8-10 Innes Street (West)

Visitor Information

West Coast Visitor Information and Booking Centre

Esplanade

64726800

Some facts about Strahan:	
Population:	70
Jan. average maximum temperature	21 degrees
Jan. average minimum temperature	11 degrees
Jan. average rainfall	104 mm
Jan. average raindays	14 days

Day 9. Tuesday January 8th: Strahan and environs

Places of interest: Macquarie Harbour Cruises; Botanic Gardens Reserve; Customs House Historic Site; Hogarth Falls; Water Tower Hill Lookout; West Coast Wilderness Railway.

Day 10. Wednesday January 9th: Strahan to Hobart (300 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 3 hours and 20 minutes).

The Drive: We drive east along the Lyell Highway through Queenstown, Derwent Bridge, Bronte, Tarraleah, New Norfolk and Bridgewater.

Places of interest: Queenstown: stark mountain scenery; Spion Kop Lookout; Eric Thomas Gallery Museum; Miners Siding Display. **Nelson Falls**: nature walk. **Franklin River:** nature walk. **Derwent Bridge:** Lake St Claire. **Tarraleah:** hydro-electric power station. **Mount Field National Park:** water falls.

Accommodation

Big 4 Hobart Airport Tourist Park

2 Flight Street/Cnr Back Road

Cambridge

Tourist Information

Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre

20 Davey Street

62384222

Some facts about: Hobart	
Population:	126000
Jan. average maximum temperature	23 degrees
Jan. average minimum temperature	12 degrees
Jan. average rainfall	44 mm
Jan. average raindays	4 days

Days 11 - 13. Thursday – Saturday January 10th – 12th: Hobart and environs

Places of interest: Salamanca Place and markets (Saturdays); MONA (abstract art gallery accessible by ferry); Cascade Brewery; Mount Wellington; Cadbury's Confectionery Factory; Maritime Museum; Shot Tower; Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery; Wrest Point Casino; historic suburb of Battery Point; Constitution Dock.

Scenic Drives: Port Arthur and Tasman Peninsula; Mount Field National Park; Hartz Mountains National Park and Hastings Caves; Bruny Island; Gordon River Road. Richmond (see Day 21)**.**

Days 14. Sunday January 13th: Hobart to Launceston (200 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 2 hours and 30 minutes).

The Drive: Today we head north on the Midland Highway through Bridgewater, Baghdad, Oatlands, Ross, Campbell Town, Evandale, and Longford.

Places of interest: Bridgewater: Bonorong Wildlife Park. **Oatlands:** Callington Flour Mill; Gaol and Gaoler's Residence; Supreme Court House; historic buildings. **Ross:** Female factory historic site; Ross Bridge; Tasmanian Wool Centre. **Campbell Town:** Red Bridge; Harold Gatty Memorial; Old Waterwheel and Pumphouse. **Evandale:** Colonial village; Tasmanian Glassblowers; Tasmanian Gourmet Sauce Company. **Longford:** former location of Australian Grand Prix; motor racing memorabilia at hotel.

Accommodation

Big 4 Launceston Holiday Park

86-94 Glen Dhu Street

Tourist Information

Launceston Travel and Information Centre

Cornwall Square

Cnr Cimitiere and St Johns Streets

63363133

Some facts about Launceston:	
Population:	68500
Jan. average maximum temperature	24 degrees
Jan. average minimum temperature	11 degrees
Jan. average rainfall	43 mm
Jan. average raindays	5 days

Day 15 - 16. Monday and Tuesday January 14th and 15th: Launceston and Environs

Places of Interest: Cataract Gorge and Reserve; Design Centre Tasmania; Duck Reach Power Station; Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery; Old Umbrella Shop; historic buildings.

Scenic drives: Beaconsfield, Beatty Point, Wineries, Tamar River and Georgetown. Ben Lomond National Park and Jacob's Ladder.

Day 17. Wednesday January 16th: Launceston to St Helens (165 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 2 hours and 20 minutes).

The Drive: We drive east along the Tasman Highway through Scottsdale, Bridport (?), Derby, Branxholm and Pyengana.

Place of Interest: Scottsdale: forest eco centre; Cuckoo Falls. **Derby:** Tin Mine Centre. **Pyengana:** cheese centre; pub in a paddock.

Accommodation:

Big 4 St Helens Holiday Park

2 Penelope Street

Tourist Information

St Helens History and Visitors Centre

61 Cecilla Street

63761744

Some facts about St Helens:	
Population:	1800
Jan. average maximum temperature	23 degrees
Jan. average minimum temperature	12 degrees
Jan. average rainfall	56 mm
Jan. average raindays	6 days

Days 18. Thursday January 17th: St. Helens and environs.

Places of interest: Georges Bay Walking Track.

Scenic drives: Binalong Bay and St Helens Conservation Area.

Day 19. Friday January 18th: St Helens to Coles Bay (110 kilometres and 1 hour 30 minutes driving time)

The Drive: An easy drive south to Coles Bay through St Marys and Bicheno.

Places of Interest: St Marys: Historic Railway Station; South Sisters Lookout; St Patricks Head (Paddy's Bluff) walk. **Elephant Pass:** lookout. **Bicheno:** East Coast Natureworld; Sealife Centre; Whalers Lookout; Scenic Lookout.

Accommodation:

Big 4 Freycinet Holiday Park

Reserve Road

Tourist Information:

Bicheno Visitor Information Centre

41b Foster Street

63751500

Triabunna Visitor Information Centre

Cnr Esplanade West and Charles Street

62574772

Some facts about Coles Bay:	
Population:	500
Jan. average maximum temperature	22 degrees
Jan. average minimum temperature	13 degrees
Jan. average rainfall	55 mm
Jan. average raindays	6 days

Day 20. Saturday January 19th: Coles Bay and environs

Places of interest: Wineglass Bay walk; Freycinet National Park walks.

Day 21. Sunday January 20th: Coles Bay to New Norfolk (200 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 2 hours and 30 minutes)

The drive: The drive today is south west through Swansea, Orford, Triabunna and Richmond to New Norfolk.

Places of interest: Swansea: Kate's Berry Farm; Bark Mill Museum; **Orford**: vineyards; cruises to Maria Island. **Triabunna:** ferry terminal for Maria Island. **Richmond:** Old Lodge Museum; Pooley Wines; Old Hobart Town Model Village; Richmond Bridge; Richmond Maze; Zoo Doo Wildlife Park. **Bridgewater:** Bonorong Wildlife Park. **Strathgordon and Gordon River:** scenic drive. **Mount Field National Park:** waterfalls and walks. Peppermint Hill Lookout; Pulpit Rock Lookout; Tasmanian Devil Jet Boat Ride;

Accommodation

Junction Motel

50 Pioneer Avenue

Visitor Information:

Derwent Valley Visitor Information Centre

Circle Street

Some facts about New Norfolk:	
Population:	5000
Jan. average maximum temperature	23 degrees
Jan. average minimum temperature	11 degrees
Jan. average rainfall	40 mm
Jan. average raindays	5 days

Day 22. Monday January 21st: New Norfolk to Devonport (250 kilometres and a minimum driving time of 3 hours and 15 minutes.

The drive: On our last day of our tour we again drive north along the Highland Lakes Road (20 kms of gravel) through Bothwell, Great Lake, and Deloraine.

Places of interest: Bothwell: Australasian Golf Museum; **Great Lake:** scenery**. Deloraine:** see Day 3-5 Drive B.

Kind regards and best wishes for what will be a magnificent tour.
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