

# Huon Valley Escapes



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Tasmania's Huon Valley is so much more than a day visit from Hobart. Huon Valley Escapes provides an ideal way to explore the Huon Trail, spending just one night or maybe 2 nights at each of two properties. Our wide range of accommodation choices will enable you to find just the right style of accommodation to match your needs.

We are Huon Valley residents and are passionate about our beautiful piece of Tasmania, especially the nature based experiences on offer.

From secluded eco-cabins and tpees at Huon Bush Retreats, waterfront studios and beachouses at Driftwood Cottages to total luxury and seclusion on a private 250 acre Peninsula, Huon Valley Escapes has your Huon Trail experience covered. Stay a few days, slow down, do as little or as much as you like. Experience the best of the Huon: food, culture and the tranquillity of Tasmania's southernmost trails.

Huon Valley Escapes makes it easy:

- Check out our different properties
- Find the property or properties that match the experience and location you seek
- Email us [info@huonvalleyescapes.com.au](mailto:info@huonvalleyescapes.com.au) or phone us on 1800 353 983

 <p><i>The Peninsula</i></p>	 <p><b>Driftwood</b> holiday cottages</p>	 <p><b>huon bush retreats</b></p>
<p>Escape to your own piece of paradise, nestled in the beauty and tranquillity of Tasmania's Far South. Just over an hour south of Hobart, the peninsula offers the ultimate luxury getaway for couples or small adult groups. Set on your own private peninsula, 5 minutes from the fishing village of Dover, this unique property offers unsurpassed accommodation and 250 acres of pristine wilderness, water and wildlife to explore.</p>	<p>Choose from our range of self-contained waterfront studios and cottages, all designed to make the most of the stunning waterways of Tasmania's Huon Valley and Far South and just over an hour south of Hobart! Whether you are seeking a luxury getaway, a family holiday or a corporate retreat... Driftwood offers a range to suit every need. Relax and enjoy your idyllic surroundings from your own private verandah.</p>	<p>Huon Bush Retreats is an award winning, carbon positive (Green Globe accredited) retreat offering guests a choice of contemporary, self contained cabins, deluxe tpees and private campsites against an inspiring backdrop of Tasmanian native forest.</p> <p>Relax by the fire with a glass of local wine or take in the view from the deck surrounded by native birds and wildlife.</p>

# Itineraries

Tasmania's Huon Valley is worthy of so much more than a day visit from Hobart.

Huon Valley Escapes provides an ideal way to explore the Huon Trail, spending 2 nights at each of two properties. Of course you can book just one night and our wide range of accommodation choices will enable you to find just the right style of accommodation to match your needs.

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Click here for this Map of the Huon Valley showing Huon Valley Escapes locations.



## One Week Tour of Southern Tasmania

At the bottom of this page, there is a link to the Huon Trail website where you can find lots of information about Southern Tasmania. Meanwhile, here is a suggested one week holiday itinerary including some of our favourite places throughout the Huon Valley.



### Day One: Hobart

Arrive in Hobart and explore your own selection of attractions, galleries, the docks or Mt Wellington. Ideally, visit Hobart on the weekend to include Salamanca Market, then enjoy your Huon Valley Escape Monday through Friday.

Stay in Hobart overnight

### Day Two:

#### Hobart to Huon Bush Retreats via Bruny Island

*About three and a half hours total driving*

Depart Hobart Accommodation

Drive to Kettering to catch the 09:30 ferry to Bruny Island or the Bruny Island Cruises shuttle bus.

#### *Bruny Island Cruises*

Bruny Island Cruises provides three hour wilderness cruises along Bruny Island's rugged coast, southern Tasmania. This multi-award winning cruise is the winner of the Australian Tourism Award for Ecotourism



2009. Published by Travel and Leisure Magazine in 2008 as one of Top 100 Greatest Trips in the World. Winner of Tasmania's Best Tourist Attraction 2006, 2008 and 2009, Bruny Island Cruises (previously called Bruny Island Charters) is the original and most famous of the Pennicott Wilderness Journeys.

The cruise departs daily from Adventure Bay, Bruny Island and travels 50 kilometres along the coastline to the Friars and back. You'll drift up close to the awesome 'Breathing Rock', enter deep sea caves, pass through the narrow gap between the coast and The Monument and feel the power of nature at the point where the Tasman Sea meets the might of the Southern Ocean. Albatross, dolphins, seals and even migrating whales are just a few of the abundant sea and coastal wildlife calling this coastline home.

Custom built for eco-cruising, the yellow boats are ideal for viewing the spectacular coastline and wildlife of Bruny Island. Covered open-air tiered seating means an excellent all-round view and connection with the environment.



*Travel times (one way)*

*1 hr from Hobart to Kettering Ferry, then 45 minutes drive on Bruny Island*

*1 hr Kettering to Huonville, 12 minutes Huonville to Huon Bush Retreats.*

<http://www.brunycruises.com.au/>

### **IGA Supermarket Huonville**

Pick up yourself catering supplies from the friendly IGA supermarket where you can find local produce, and organic and vegetarian items

*Travel time (one way) 12 minutes Huonville to Huon Bush Retreats (20 minutes after dark)*

*4 km of gravel road*

**Stay the first of two nights at Huon Bush Retreats**

### **Day Two:**

### **Mount Misery and Huonville Area**

*About one hour total driving*

**A leisurley breakfast at Huon Bush Retreats**



### **Mount Misery Habitat Reserve**

A 12 square kilometer informal reserve consisting of private lands owned by conservation minded people and the intervening public lands. 5km bushwalk to Mount Misery starts at Huon Bush Retreats. Open to day visitors at no charge.

*Walk time (easy loop via rainforest and waterfall) - 1 hour loop walk from Huon Bush Retreats*

*Walk time (Mt Misery each way) - 1.5 hours walk from Huon Bush Retreats*

[www.huonbushretreats.com](http://www.huonbushretreats.com)



### **Apple Museum**

The museum is a remarkable time capsule that depicts the lives of the early settlers from the Huon Valley. The numerous displays and exhibits contain antiques and memorabilia that effectively demonstrate how the pioneers lived and worked (some of these items date back to the early/mid 1800's).

Along with a wide range of domestic artefacts you will find the agricultural history of the Huon Valley come to life as you stroll through years gone by. Included in the admission to the museum are demonstrations of antique apple processing machinery and a highly informative history chat.



*Travel time (one way) - 15 min from Huon Bush Retreats*

[www.applemuseum.huonvalley.biz/](http://www.applemuseum.huonvalley.biz/)

### **Home Hill Winery**

Exquisite dining and fine wines for lunch or dinner. Home Hill is very much a Tasmanian Boutique Vineyard, Winery, and Restaurant. For many people we are the country retreat. Come join us for a feast of delicious Tasmanian delicacies, gourmet recipes made from good fresh country ingredients.

Home Hill produces a Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Sylvaner, Sparkling Cuvee and a Late Harvest Sticky wine. Not to mention the gold trophies and many wine show medals.



*Travel time (one way) - 12 min from Huon Bush Retreats*

[www.homehillwines.com.au](http://www.homehillwines.com.au)

### **Huon River Jetboat**

Enjoy an exhilarating Jetboat, amuse yourself on the pedal boats ride or relax on a Huon River cruise.

*Travel time (one way) - 10 min from Huon Bush Retreats*

[www.huonjet.com/](http://www.huonjet.com/)

**Stay the second of two nights at Huon Bush Retreats**

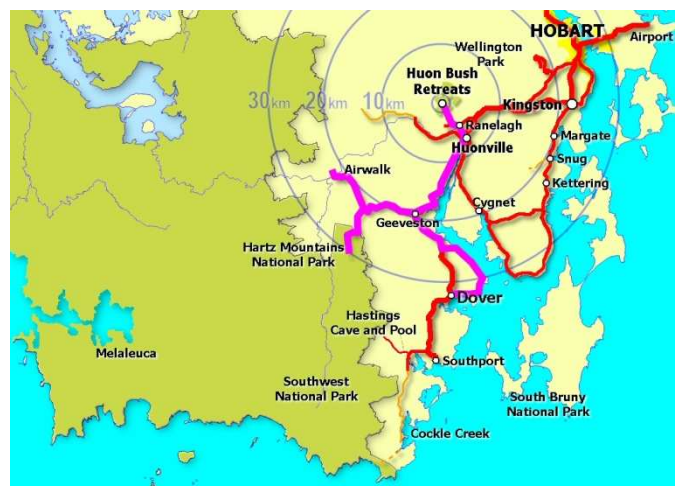
## **Day Three: Driving South**

*About three hours total driving*

**Depart Huon Bush Retreats**

### **Tahune Airwalk**

Airwalk, Swinging Bridges and visitor centre is situated 50km from Huon Bush Retreats. A wide range of activities to suit most tastes.



*Travel time (one way) - 1 hour from Huon Bush Retreats, Driftwood or Peninsula*

<http://adventureforests.com.au/tahune>



### ***Hartz Mountains National Park***

On the way from Huon Bush Retreats to Dover is Hartz Mountain National Park. Explore the spectacular wilderness of this easily accessible National Park.



*Travel time (one way) - 1 hour from Huon Bush Retreats, Driftwood or Peninsula*

*14 km of gravel road*

[www.parks.tas.gov.au/natparks/hartz/index.html](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/natparks/hartz/index.html)

Between the village of Surges Bay and Dover, you have the choice of the main highway or the scenic Dover Coast Road.

**First of two (or three) nights at Peninsula Experience or Driftwood Cottages**

### ***Day Four (and/or Day Five):***

### ***Explore The Far South***

*About two hours total driving*

**Breakfast at Driftwood Cottages or Peninsula Experience**



### ***Hastings Caves and Thermal Springs***

A gravel road leads from the main road to the visitor centre and thermal springs. Be fascinated by one of the world's great dolomite caves.

Experience forest walks, picnic facilities, café and the 28 degree naturally heated spring water swimming pool. Open every day. Great rainy day adventure.

*Travel time (one way) - 40 min from Driftwood or Peninsula*

*9 km of gravel road*

[www.parks.tas.gov.au/reserves/hastings](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/reserves/hastings)



### ***Recherché Bay Nature Recreation Area, Southwest National Park and Cackle Creek***

Explore the southernmost tip of Australia, a variety of bushwalks, bird watching, picnics, fishing and boating.



20 km of gravel road

Travel time (one way) - 1 hr from Driftwood or Peninsula

[www.parks.tas.gov.au/factsheets/parks\\_and\\_places/Cockle.pdf](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/factsheets/parks_and_places/Cockle.pdf)

### **South Cape Bay**

Walk 2 hours south from Cockle Creek. Stand on the cliffs of South Cape Bay and be the southernmost people in Australia.



Travel time (one way) - 1 hr drive from Driftwood or Peninsula, then 2 hour walk

[www.parks.tas.gov.au/factsheets/parks\\_and\\_places/Cockle.pdf](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/factsheets/parks_and_places/Cockle.pdf)

### **Ida Bay Railway**

From Lune River station travel through bush land abundant with bird life and wild flowers. Cross button grass plains and travel along the banks of Ida Bay and Lune River Estuary.



The railway line terminates at Deep Hole and Elliott's Beach where we have a shelter with BBQ facilities, picnic tables and chairs and toilets. Enjoy some time at the beach with a picnic or BBQ with family or friends and catch a later train back to the station. BBQ packs are available at the Ida Bay Railway Cafe.

The scenic water views are superb. There are marked bush walking tracks to Southport Lagoon and Southport Bluff. Near Southport Bluff is the King George III monument which commemorates the 134 lives lost in the sinking of the convict ship, King George III in 1835.

Travel time (one way) - 40 min from Driftwood or Peninsula

2 km of gravel road

[www.idabayrailway.com.au/](http://www.idabayrailway.com.au/)

### **Gemstone Fossicking**

The Huon Valley offers wonderful easy access gemstone fossicking click through here for details on local gemstone fossicking areas.

Travel time (one way) - 40 min from Driftwood or Peninsula

14 km of gravel road

**Second or third nights at Peninsula Experience or Driftwood Cottages**

## Day Five: Hobart via D'Entrecasteaux Channel

About three hours total driving

### Depart Peninsula Experience or Driftwood Cottages

Return to Huonville, cross the bridge and turn right. Enjoy the scenic coastal drive along the Huon River and D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

### Grandveve Cheeses

Experience life on the farm. Sheep milking demonstrations (4:30pm Daily, Sept-March) sheep cheese tasting, cellar door organic wine tasting, lamb feeding, petting area, sheep viewing, viewing windows of cheese factory and ageing room, gourmet products and ocean views, light refreshments available, Disabled access.

*Travel time (one way) - 3 hr from Dover to Hobart via D'Entrecasteaux Channel, plus stops*

3 km of gravel road

[www.grandveve.com.au](http://www.grandveve.com.au)

### Inverawe Native Gardens

Tasmania's Largest Landscaped Native Garden! Share Margaret and Bill's excellent adventure! Stroll through 22 acres of colourful landscaped native gardens, take in the stunning views and listen to the birds. This is waterwise, sustainable gardening at its best. Visitors have said ...amazing ... inspirational...visionary...tranquil...best garden I've seen ...overwhelming. Come and be overwhelmed! This is a garden with a difference. Take tea on the terrace and contemplate tranquility.

*Travel time (one way) - 3 hr from Dover to Hobart via D'Entrecasteaux Channel, plus stops*

[www.inverawe.com.au](http://www.inverawe.com.au)

### Shot Tower

Australia's first shot tower, at Taroona, was built by Joseph Moir and is one of three still existing in the country, the others being in Melbourne. Joseph Moir's factory, which operated for 35 years from 1870, manufactured lead shot for contemporary muzzle loading sports guns. Although the factory struggled for most of its existence its most recognisable feature, the tallest stone shot tower in the southern hemisphere, has been a prominent landmark in the district for well over a century.

*Travel time (one way) - 3 hr from Dover to Hobart via D'Entrecasteaux Channel, plus stops*

[www.parks.tas.gov.au/index.aspx?base=2820](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au/index.aspx?base=2820)

**Stay in Hobart overnight or late flight out**

