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Tasmania facts

Separated from mainland Australia by the 240 km stretch of Bass Strait, Tasmania is a land apart a place of wild and beautiful landscapes; friendly, welcoming people; a pleasant, temperate climate; wonderful wine and food; a rich history; and a relaxed island lifestyle.

Tasmania is an island roughly the size of West Virginia, located 240 km off the south-east corner of mainland Australia. Next stop south is Antarctica, 2000 km away.

introducing tasmania Encircled by the Southern Ocean, Tasman Sea and Bass Strait, **we breathe the world's cleanest air** and rejoice in pure water and fertile soils our wine and food are acclaimed around the world.

Tasmania is a natural island a land of dramatic coastlines, rugged mountains, tall forests and sparkling highland lakes. Over a third of the state is reserved in a network of National Parks and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, a refuge and habitat for rare plants and animals, including survivors of the ancient southern super continent, Gondwana.

- Tasmania has more than 2000 km of walking tracks and 18 national parks.
- The Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area covers 1.38 million hectares.
- Hobart has the nation's second-lowest rainfall (626 mm or 24 inches) of all Australian capital cities.
- The average summer temperature is a comfortable 21°C (70°F). Winter's average is 12°C (52°F).