

## THE SECRETS OF STANLEY

They're hard to find. Escapes that blend history, natural wonder and family adventure. Those special towns where cherished family memories are made. Welcome to Stanley.

A spectacular ninety-minute drive along the Bass Highway from the Spirit of Tasmania in Devonport, Stanley beckons with timeless allure. Traveling the two and a half hours from Launceston, or undertaking the scenic five-hour drive from Hobart? The journey to Stanley promises to be as memorable as the destination itself.

As your family cruises along the open road in your recreational vehicle (RV), excitement mounts with every passing kilometre. The unmistakable silhouette of 'The Nut,' an ancient volcanic plug, signals your imminent arrival. Pulling into the Stanley Recreation Grounds unpowered RV ground, you'll be greeted by a picturesque backdrop for fun family adventure.

Just a few steps from the untouched beach, set up your site while the kids burn off some energy exploring. Stanley's wild and dramatic seascapes will have you feeling like you're a world away from the hustle and bustle. Breathe in the cleanest air in the world and you'll feel yourself begin to really unwind. There are ample opportunities for leisurely strolls and exhilarating bike rides along the shoreline. Should you fancy dining out, a range of restaurants and charming cafes await within easy walking distance.

Time stands still in Stanley. Ancient geological wonders dot the landscape, captivating young and old alike. From towering cliffs to intriguing rock formations along the coastline, each vista narrates a saga millions of years in the making. No visit to Stanley is complete without conquering the iconic Stanley Nut. Choose between the heart pumping climb to the summit or the



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leisurely ascent via the chairlift. No matter your mode of transport, the panoramic views across Bass Strait are a sight to behold. The weather might bless you with anything from distant islands to migrating whales – maintain a sharp eye! Follow the leisurely two-kilometre scenic loop-walk before treating yourselves to a refreshing ice cream from the Nut Rock Café —a well-earned local indulgence.

Among the quaint sights of the historic township are the charming colourful cottages that line the base of the Nut. Each one is a testament to Stanley's rich history and maritime heritage. Grab a map and unlock their secrets via the Stanley Heritage Walk. This self-guided tour provides an intriguing glimpse into a bygone era.

Be sure to include a visit to the Highfield Historic Site, a spectacular colonial property once home to the Van Diemen's Land Company. Wander through the

impeccably preserved buildings, once the lavish estate of a wealthy pastoralist. Listen closely as guides regale you with stories of the site's former inhabitants, and keep an eye out for friendly ghosts said to roam the halls - sure to give the children a thrill!

Capture picture-perfect moments at the Giant Selfie Frame, framing the Nut as your backdrop. Ascend the nearby lookout for a moment of tranquility, cherishing precious memories with your loved ones.

As the day draws to a close, a meal at the Stanley Hotel is in order. The menu brims with gourmet local fare including fresh seafood, Cape Grim grass-fed beef, free-range pork and artisan cheeses. With tummies full, bundle the family up to witness the enchanting sight of little penguins making their nightly journey to shore. The free penguin viewing

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# Stanley awaits. Is your family ready to explore?





platform offers the perfect vantage point for this heart-warming spectacle. The leisurely stroll back through the historic township, will likely have you following hopping wallabies.

Stanley serves as an ideal base for venturing into the wider region. Must dos include the Tarkine, Australia's greatest expanse of cool temperate rainforest, and the rugged beauty of Arthur River. Add on a scenic drive to Trowutta Arch, immersing yourselves in a prehistoric wonderland. While marveling at the stunning cave formations, the kids will be enchanted by the magic of the rainforest.

A visit to Blue Hills Honey is sure to create a buzz. Sample the range of award-winning honey, including the world-famous leatherwood, before picking your own pot to take home. The farm experience includes a multimedia room, factory viewing area and licensed café, all in a captivating rural setting. The bee-

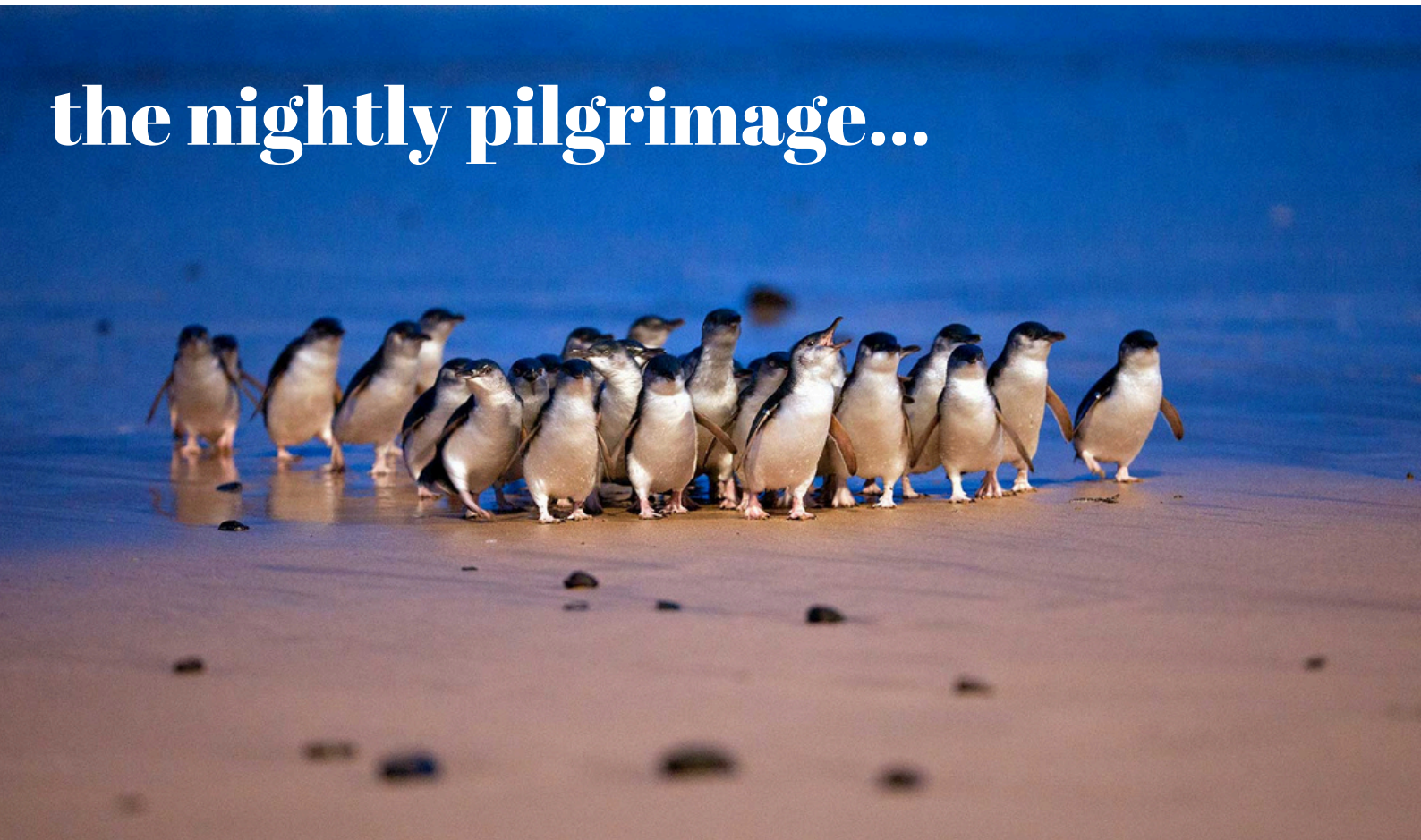


themed playground and selfie station are perennial favourites among the little ones. Whether it's meeting the cows on the Duck River Meadows dairy tour or tasting the gourmet cheese, there're farm delights for the whole family to enjoy.

Back in Stanley, savour the region's renowned 'fleet-to-plate' seafood at



# the nightly pilgrimage...



Hursey Seafoods, overlooking the bay and its picturesque fleet of red fishing boats. Classic fish and chips will keep the entire family happy, all amidst the charming ambiance of this quintessential fishing town.

From gastronomic delights to unmasking history. From simple beachside fun to wild forest adventures, Stanley promises an escape like no other. Memories are made here.

