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# Welcome to Stanley

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# STANLEY ADVENTURE

Nestled on Tasmania's far northwest coast, Stanley is a charming fishing village renowned for its breathtaking natural landmarks. Under the watchful eye of '**The Nut**', a spectacular volcanic plug, you'll discover so much more. Pristine beaches, maritime history, a resident penguin colony, colonial charm and artisan stores. Not to mention the abundance of local gourmet food.

A recreation vehicle (RV) provides endless opportunities for creating cherished family memories. Stanley is an easy ninety-minute drive (125km) from Tasmania's ferry gateway at the Spirit of Tasmania in Devonport, two and half hours from Launceston (224km) or a scenic five hours from Hobart (404km).



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# DAY ONE:

## Morning

The scenic coastal route along the Bass Highway reveals enticing glimpses of the [Stanley Nut](#) throughout your journey. On the road early? Incorporate a ‘beach crawl’ by popping into the beautiful local beaches of Hellyer, Crayfish Creek and Detention River. Each one boasts its own quirky rock creations, crystal clear waters and stunning views. All three are just a short detour off the Bass Highway and have ample turning circles for RV access.

Upon arrival in Stanley, RV options include the [Big4](#) camp ground or the local ‘free’ camping at the [Stanley Recreation](#) ground. The ‘free’ RV camping, is extremely economical at \$10 a night or just \$50 a week. The unpowered sites offer stunning views of the Stanley Nut and Tatlows Beach. A coastal trail along the beach is ideal for bikes, as is Stanley’s hard packed sand. [Gear Up Stanley](#) offer local e-bike hire for the grown-ups (as well as stand-up paddle boards and surf boards).

## Lunch

Wander into the historic fishing village for lunch at [Hursey Seafoods](#). The kids will love the giant lobster on the roof of the building and colouring-in options, while you’ll delight in the fresh local experience on your plate. It is worth a pausing on the foreshore to take in the sights of the seagull colony and the port. Photo opportunities abound in front of the iconic red hulls of the Hursey fishing fleet.

## Afternoon

Time to experience the Stanley Nut by taking [The Nut Chair Lift](#) to the 143-metre summit (the chair lift is closed over winter, but the climb will warm you up!). There is plenty of parking and large turning circles in the Nut visitor centre car park. The whole family will enjoy the walk around the 2km summit loop track. Keep your eyes peeled for mutton birds (short tailed shear-waters), peregrine falcons, kestrels, pademelons and wallabies.

Grab a Tassie ice-cream afterwards at the [Nut Rock Café](#) before heading to [The Giant Selfie Frame](#) where the kids will love the opportunity to take some family snaps in front of dramatic views of the Nut. Be sure to climb the lookout at the frame and you might like to purchase some local honey or eggs from the honesty box at the base.

From here it is on to [Highfield Historic Site](#), once home to the Van Diemen’s Land Company. Built in the early 1820s, the homestead and expansive grounds enjoy breathtaking views overlooking Stanley and The Nut. Highfield is a visually stunning representation of life in the 1800s, with many haunting tales of life in this isolated region awaiting you. The kids will enjoy getting spooked in the cellars, playing in the original children’s playroom and exploring the fully equipped school house.

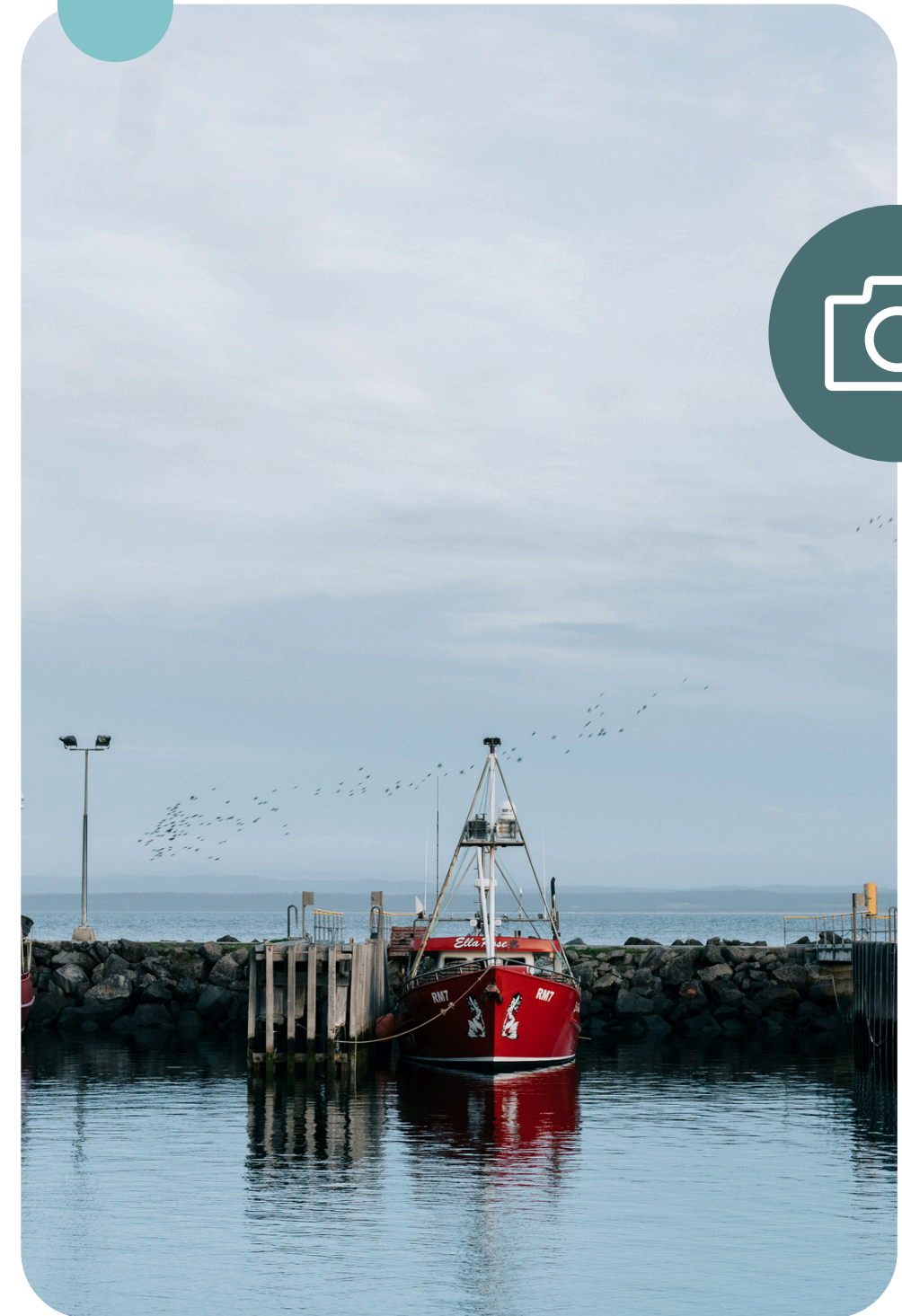


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## Evening

As the sun begins to sink, take a picnic along to Godfrey's Beach playground. You'll find a stunning playground to keep the kids busy as you kick back and take in Bass Strait. The best spot to watch the moon rising over the water is the serpentine stone wall separating the playground from the beach. If you'd prefer to treat yourself, head to the Stanley Hotel – the family bistro always features fresh local produce, including the famed [Cape Grim Beef](#), [Tarkine fresh Oysters](#) and [Three Friends Abalone](#). Make sure to check out the stunning bluestone wine cellar, the oldest along the north west coast.

Say goodnight to the little penguins at the [Godfreys Beach Penguin Viewing Platform](#) at the base of the Stanley Nut. This is a free experience and even torches are not required - the viewing platform is illuminated with penguin-friendly lighting. The kids will delight in watching the them wobble along the foreshore to their burrows in the scrub. Be sure to rug up as it can get chilly after dusk.

### Must See

Stanley Nut – an extinct volcanic plug

Highfield Historic site – One of Tasmania's first settlements

The giant Southern Rock Lobster on top of Hursey Seafoods restaurant

### What you will love

Ice cream at the Nut Rock Cafe

Watching the Little Penguins waddle in to shore

Enjoying sunset over the spectacular seascapes



# DAY TWO:

## Morning

Soak in your breakfast views as the kids potter nearby on their bikes. The morning is for enjoying the township itself. Wander down the main street enjoying the self-guided Stanley Heritage Walk, whilst popping into the collection of small galleries, museums, luxury wares and gift shops to enjoy. Sticks and Stones, Shells and bones will fascinate adults and kids alike with its collection of artwork and fossils dating back 500 million years. The Hearts n Crafts volunteer shop is sure to inspire with its collection of unique crafts, with an affordable collection for the kids to enjoy. The Discovery Centre is a delight with quirky shell sculptures and an incredible collection of historical items and local stories.

## Lunch

Grab a coffee at Touchwood cafe as you head back to your RV for a quick bite to eat (remember those local eggs you picked up yesterday?). Load up - adventure awaits!

## Afternoon

Head out of Stanley for the Tarkine rainforest. A short 30-minute (30km) drive through stunning farmland will have you meet the forest surrounding Trowutta Arch. This natural marvel, born from the dramatic collapse of an ancient cave, beckons with a short, easy stroll through lush foliage. A collapsed cave roof gives rise to a captivating spectacle, a natural bridge that spans the void between sinkholes. There is plenty of parking and easy turning circle for the RV traveller. The walk is 30 minutes round trip and filled unique fungi and flora.



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It is a leisurely one-hour (70km) drive from Trowutta Arch to the sights of [Dip Falls](#) and [Big Tree](#). The kids will love the amazing waterfall thundering down the rocks, spectacular after a heavy rainfall. This two-tiered waterfall is unique in its stepped appearance. Its block-like formation can be appreciated from multiple viewing platforms and walking trails. Wander just a few minutes' drive along the road and you can take in the Big Tree – the name perfectly describes this towering gum with a 17m girth!

Just 10 minutes down the road you'll find [Blue Hills Honey](#). Complete with delicious tastings, factory viewing and an interactive experience room, the whole family will be fascinated by the bee-keeping journey. The kids will love the bee-themed playground while you grab a coffee in the [Colony Café](#). A little further along, stop at [La Cantara Cheeses](#) - a must see for the kids to go on a [Duck River Meadows](#) robotic dairy tour to meet the cows that provide the fresh milk for the delicious La Cantara Cheese range.

## Must See

Trowutta Arch

Big Tree

Dip Falls

## What you will love

Blue Hills Honey farm bee-keeper selfie station

Meeting the cows

Tasting the cheese



# STANLEY

Family holidays are made for moments like our Stanley getaway, it ticks all the boxes for a fun-filled family experience.

Feel like you have entered a different world, this is Stanley - fun, welcoming and historic, wild, rugged and close to nature. A world that will hold a special place in your family's heart.



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## NATURE

Delight in the sights and sounds of the Little Penguins on their evening pilgrimage...

## SCENERY

Enjoy spectacular views from the Stanley Nut Chairlift...

## HISTORY

Soak in the history of stunning Highfield Historic Site and watch the kids get spooked...