

A Weekend Getaway

Traveling with kids will always dictate where you decide to spend your holidays. But a family trip should be just as much fun for the grown-ups. Richmond, Tasmania, only 25-minute drive from Hobart is a rare gem—a village that balances history, adventure, and indulgence for visitors of all ages.

Stepping into Storybook Streets

Richmond is a place where the past feels alive. Nestled in the Coal River Valley on the lands of the Mumirimina people of the Oyster Bay nation, the town's golden sandstone cottages and the iconic Richmond Bridge—Australia's oldest stone arch bridge—tell tales of early colonial days. Yet Richmond is no museum piece. It is a thriving destination with a timeless charm.

The lush, fertile valley that once helped feed a young colony now produces world-class wines. Whether you're a fan of sparkling wines or elegant pinot noirs, the region's cellar doors, including the award-winning Pooley Wines, invite you to discover the distinct flavours of the region.

Immerse Yourself in Convict History

Step back in time as Richmond's streets reveal the compelling stories of Tasmania's convict era. Wander through the Richmond Gaol, where the walls echo with the voices of convicts, guards, and early settlers, bringing their struggles and resilience to life. Stroll along the town's streets and laneways and admire the beautifully preserved Georgian architecture, each building a testament to early craftsmanship and design. Finish your journey at the iconic Richmond Bridge, an enduring testament to convict craftsmanship, built in 1825 from sandstone. As the sun casts its golden glow, the bridge offers a breathtaking backdrop for a timeless family photo.

A Feast of Flavours

Richmond's culinary scene is a celebration of local produce. Families flock to Puddleduck Vineyard, where parents can sip award-winning wine while kids watch the ducks on the lake. Bring your own picnic and let Puddleduck handle the drinks.

Sweet-toothed travellers shouldn't miss Littlewood Berry Farm, where you can pick fresh strawberries and indulge in berry ice cream. At Coal River Farm, cheese and chocolate lovers come together to indulge in nationally award-winning cheeses and handcrafted bean-to-bar chocolates.

Wattlebanks Café and Providore, a local favourite, serves seasonal dishes perfect for a relaxed breakfast or lunch. For a scenic lunch, head to Pooley Wines for wood-fired pizzas and cheese boards.

Crave Harvest Festival – A Celebration of World-Class Produce

Visit over the first weekend in April for the chance to experience the Crave Harvest Festival. Over two Autumnal days Richmond comes alive with live music, entertainment and local produce and market stalls with a showcase of Tasmania's finest produce. Sample award-winning wines from the Coal River Valley's celebrated vineyards, savour fresh oysters plucked from pristine Tasmanian waters, indulge in creamy artisanal cheeses, and treat yourself to handcrafted chocolates. It's a feast for the senses, with local growers and makers coming together to share their passion. The festival is also a proud supporter of 'Rural Alive and Well,' a charity promoting mental health in rural communities.

Family Fun and Adventures

Richmond is a playground for young explorers. ZooDoo Zoo offers unforgettable encounters with a range of animals, while Amaze Richmond lets kids and adults lose themselves in mazes. Feeling curious? The quirky Pooseum makes learning about animal waste both fun and educational.

Richmond's lush parks and riverbanks are perfect for picnics and lazy afternoons, where kids can play and parents can relax under the shade of ancient trees.

Shopping for Memories

Richmond is a treasure trove for shoppers. Antique lovers can lose themselves in the charming stores brimming with heirloom furniture and rare collectables. Boutique stores showcase an array of Tasmanian-made and handmade gifts, from fragrant soaps and artisanal candles to locally crafted jewellery and artwork.

Kids and the young at heart will love a visit to The Puzzle Shop, a treasure trove of brainteasers and games. Or step into a world of magic at Faerie Land, where whimsical gifts and enchanted creatures await.

For a touch of nostalgia, visit the Christmas Shop for year-round festive cheer, and pop into Sweets and Treats for a burst of childhood joy.

On Sundays, the Richmond Town Hall comes alive with a bustling market, where local producers showcase their handmade goods—perfect for finding a one-of-a-kind souvenir.

Why Richmond is Perfect for Families

Richmond is more than just a destination—it's a place where history, adventure, and family fun come together seamlessly. Whether you're exploring convict-era tales, wandering through vineyards, enjoying outdoor adventures, or shopping for treasures, Richmond offers something for every member of the family. Create memories that will be cherished for years in this charming Tasmanian town.