

Beauty Point: Made by the River

2 days, 1 night / Positive Impact Travellers

At the northern end of the Tamar Valley, where the Kanamaluka / Tamar River meets the sea, you will find Beauty Point.

Does this sound like you? You are an altruistic, sustainably-conscious traveller who wants your holiday to make a real difference, actively believing in leaving a destination better than you found it. You seek a higher sense of fulfillment by immersing yourself fully in a place.

Rather than rushing through a checklist during peak times, you prefer taking longer trips during the quieter off-seasons to seek out rural, peaceful destinations. You are looking for a journey that balances comfortable, unique stays with meaningful activities such as watching wildlife in their natural habitat and enjoying hands-on, hyper-local foodie experiences. Above all, you are happy to invest your time and money to directly support local communities, artisanal growers, and vital conservation efforts.

If this sounds like your kind of journey, then Beauty Point is waiting for you.

Getting to Beauty Point

When planning your trip to Lutruwita / Tasmania, you might have disembarked from the Spirit of Tasmania in Devonport or landed at Launceston Airport. Either way, this 2-day self-drive itinerary officially begins as you arrive in the riverside destination of Beauty Point. Let the region's gastronomic and viticultural experiences—part of the renowned Tamar Valley Wine Route - tempt you to take your time. By the time you arrive in the late afternoon, you'll be instantly charmed and ready to settle into your stay.



Day One

Morning Nourish

From 6.30am

Mornings in Beauty Point come easy. Especially if you've spent the night soaking in a riverside hot tub, snuggled into a heritage suite, or tucked up in a campervan where EVs recharge as easily as their humans do.

Wherever you've laid your head, chances are your nose will lead you straight to The Cupboard Bakery. Located in the heart of Beauty Point, this small family-run bakery is known for its fresh baked goods and strong coffee, serving as an early morning hive of activity for locals and visitors alike. Take your pastries to-go or sit down to soak in the warmth and aroma of the morning rush. From here, it's a short stroll or drive to the foreshore where there's plenty of free parking for RVs and EVs, making it the perfect base for your day ahead.

Conversations and Conservation

From 9.30am

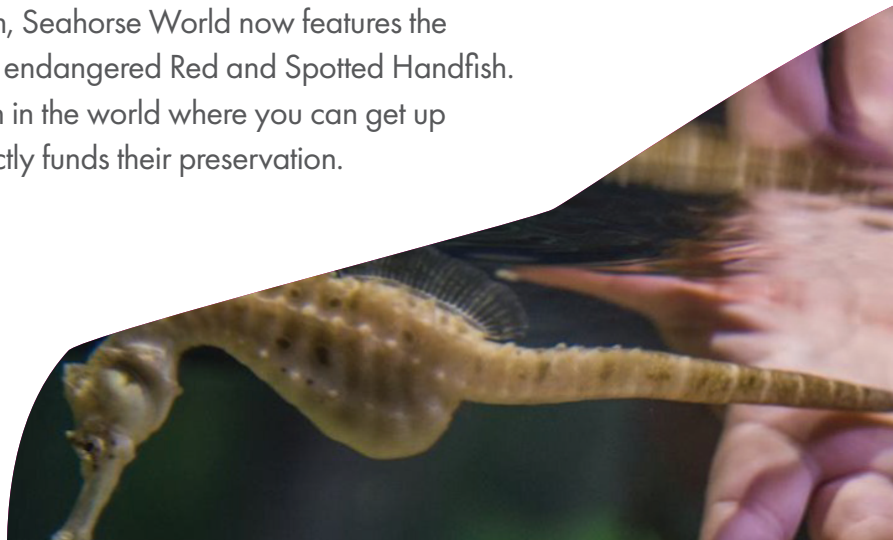
Down at Inspection Wharf, a trio of unique experiences awaits. Discover the fascinating worlds of Seahorse World, Platypus House, and the Creation Discovery Centre. We recommend allowing about an hour at each experience to fully immerse yourself.

Seasonality Note:

Both Seahorse World and Platypus House are open daily, year-round. They provide the perfect indoor discovery experience regardless of the Tasmanian weather. Another nearby attraction if the weather cracks up is Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre (20mins drive)

Locals Insight:

In addition to visiting the working seahorse farm, Seahorse World now features the "Hands of Hope" exhibit, showcasing critically endangered Red and Spotted Handfish. Partnering with CSIRO, this is the only attraction in the world where you can get up close to these rare species, and your ticket directly funds their preservation.



Taste the Region, Support the Community

Lunch before 2pm

By now you'll be ready to refuel, and The River Café is your go-to for lunch. Choose to sit inside beside a mural painted by a local young artist, or outside in the fresh Tasmanian air. The café's free Wi-Fi means you can post a picture of the morning's discoveries or plan your next move using local tips on the Discover Tasmania app.

Wooden Arts, Historic Sites & Organic Gardens

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Take a short drive to discover The Sculptured Gallery, a hidden gem founded by wood sculptors who've brought their love of natural forms to Tasmania. Wander through the adjacent two-acre sculpture garden, where unusual structures nestle among park-like plantings.

On the way back, stretch your legs at the York Town Historic Site. If you're after fresh ingredients for tomorrow's adventures, drop into York Town Organics, Tasmania's premier organic market garden. Established almost 30 years ago, it's a must-stop for seasonal produce and a glimpse into sustainable, small-scale farming.

Seasonality Note: While seasonal produce varieties shift with the weather, gathering local provisions directly from growers is a year-round Tamar Valley staple, offering a warming retreat and hearty root vegetables during the Off-Season.



An aerial photograph showing a residential area with houses and green spaces along a curved shoreline. A road runs parallel to the water, and a sandy beach is visible in the distance. The sky is clear and bright.

Views and Seafood

From 4:00pm for dinner

As the sun begins to set, take a gentle stroll along the \$3.3 million upgraded Beauty Point foreshore precinct. Read the fascinating stories of the area's maritime history on the interpretive signs dotted along the continuous walking trails.

After soaking in the riverside atmosphere, it's time to dine with a view. Follow the shoreline to the Waterfront Hotel, a much-loved local gem serving hearty pub meals crafted from fresh, seasonal Tamar Valley produce. If seafood is calling your name, wander a little further to The Chef's Catch, where the catch of the day is as fresh as it gets. Grab your meal to go and settle in at one of the new foreshore picnic shelters. With the river as your backdrop, it's the perfect way to end the day.

Stay the Night: Your Accommodation Options

Wingtons Glamping: Nestled right on the water's edge, this is luxury glamping with vintage flair. Relax in the wood-fired sauna and seawater plunge pool offering panoramic river views.

Hotel Comfort: If you prefer a highly accessible, classic hotel stay right on the water, the Waterfront Hotel provides comfortable rooms alongside their beloved menu of Tamar-sourced pub fare.

Beauty Point Tourist Park: Set on seven beautiful acres with water on both sides, offering self-contained cottages, glamping tents, and private powered campsites.

A Nostalgic Step Back in Time: For those wanting to immerse themselves in local history, there are a range of quaint, studio-style options in the area through typical online channel bookings. A great example of this is Beauty Point Cottages offering a charming boutique B&B experience - stay in a serene garden room or a cosy ensuite in an 1880s homestead.

Locals Insight:

Keep your ears open. Beauty Point is a hub for maritime students training at the national institutes here. You may find yourself in lively conversation with future ship captains and commercial divers!



Day Two

Stock Up and Start Slow

From 8:00am

Wake to the gentle rustle of leaves and let your morning unfold slowly. Before hitting the road for today's nature-filled adventure, it is time to stock up for a wilderness picnic. As a region proud of its UNESCO City of Gastronomy status, we highly recommend building a hyper-local hamper.

Head back into the Village Hub to gather your supplies. Pick up freshly baked artisan breads and sweet treats from The Cupboard Bakery, and pair them with the crisp organic vegetables you gathered yesterday from York Town Organics.

For the ultimate Tamar Valley pairing, swing by a nearby cellar door, or get your favourite beverages from the Waterfront Hotel to complete your feast through out the rest of your trip.

Narawntapu National Park – All Day Nature Immersion

Spend your day immersed in a rugged patchwork of coastal heath, wetlands and sprawling plains. Known for its “wild stillness,” Narawntapu National Park / country between Badger Head and West Head is a landscape of profound cultural significance.

When walking on this land, cultural living areas and artefact scatters offer a testament to thousands of years of continuous occupation and custodianship. Here, the connection to Country is felt in every sea breeze and quiet trail.

Seasonality Note: Accessible year-round. The Off-Season (winter and shoulder seasons) offers crisp, uncrowded hiking conditions and excellent, active wildlife spotting.

The Coastal Edge (Travel 20 minutes to Greens Beach & West Head)

The Quick View: A short 270m stroll from the car park leads to West Head Lookout. Experience sweeping clifftop views stretching across Badger Head Beach toward Table Cape.

The Deep Dive: For those craving salt air, take on the Coastal Walk. This trail hugs the “edge of the earth,” winding through wildflowers and dunes where the Tamar River meets the Bass Strait.

The Local Detour: If you missed it yesterday, loop through York Town to reach the Badger Head trailhead. From here, trek east toward the Greens Beach corner store for lunch, or west toward the remote beauty of Copper Cove.

The Wildlife Haven (Travel 40 minutes to Springlawn)

Travel 40 minutes to the park’s main heart at Springlawn. This area is a haven for Positive Impact Travellers, offering a front-row seat to Tasmania’s iconic wildlife.

The “Serengeti” Moment: Unpack your hyper-local Tamar Valley provisions at the Springlawn picnic area. You can fire up the free public barbecues and share the sprawling grassy plains with grazing kangaroos, wallabies, and wombats that congregate here in remarkable numbers. Springlawn is the perfect starting point, offering picnic tables, toilets, and a visitor centre with interactive displays and helpful advice.

Explore Further: Stretch your legs on the Springlawn Nature Walk, or climb Archers Knob for an elevated perspective of the coastline and cultural living areas that mark this ancient landscape.

Locals Tip: Prefer to explore with an expert? Tasmania Walking Tours offers immersive experiences through this ancient landscape, blending stories of Country with careful stewardship. World Photo Adventures specialises in small-group photography journeys for once-in-a-lifetime wildlife moments.

Locals Insight: If you’re unsure of opening hours for local operators, the friendly staff at the Tamar Valley Visitor Centre are available to help with a call between 9am to 4pm 7 days a week.

