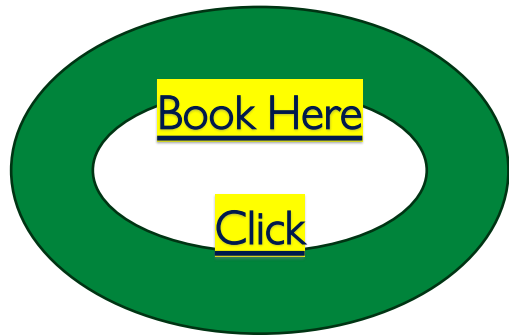


“Van Diemen’s Expedition” Victoria , Tasmania Motorcycle Tour 2025

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“Van Diemen’s Expedition ”

Discover the awe-inspiring beauty of the Great Ocean Road in Victoria and conquer the endless winding, picturesque roads that both Tasmania and Victoria have to offer. This 9-day, 8-night tour is your gateway to experiencing the best of Tasmania and Victoria, brimming with breathtaking landscapes, rich history, captivating wildlife, award-winning cuisine, and warm-hearted locals. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to tackle some of the most thrilling and scenic roads these two incredible states have to offer.

Don't wait – book your tickets now and embark on a motorcycle adventure that will leave you with memories to cherish for a lifetime!

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12 Apostles – Great Ocean Road

Itinerary for **2025**

- Day 1: 23rd March 2025-** Arrival in Torquay
- Day 2: 24th March 2025–** Torquay to Port Campbell
- Day 3: 25th March 2025–** Port Campbell to Geelong
- Day 4: 26th March 2025–** Davenport to Strahan
- Day 5: 27th March 2025–** Strahan to Hobart
- Day 6: 28th March 2025–** Hobart to Port Arthur
- Day 7: 29th March 2025–** Port Arthur to St Helens
- Day 8: 30th March 2025–** St Helens to Geelong
- Day 9: 31st March 2025-** Geelong to wave goodbye

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Tour Highlights

- Great Ocean Road
- Spirit of Tasmania cruise ship
- Motorcycle transport across the Tasman
- 12 Apostles
- Tasmania's best tarmac roads
- Victoria's best tarmac roads
- Port Arthur Walking and Boat Tour
- Hobart
- Guided by Motorcycle World Champion Alex Cudlin
- The "Wall Tour" – Derwent Bridge

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How much will it cost?

Super Early Bird – Before 20/11/2024

Price for Riders is AUD:	\$3250.00
Price for pillion passenger is AUD:	\$2650.00
Single Room Supplement is AUD:	\$950.00
Spirit of Tasmania room upgrade AUD:	\$700.00

Early Bird – After 20/11/2023 – Before 20/01/2025

Price for Riders is AUD:	\$3400.00
Price for pillion passenger is AUD:	\$3100.00
Single Room Supplement is AUD:	\$950.00
Spirit of Tasmania room upgrade AUD:	\$700.00

Regular Price - After 20/01/2025

Price for Riders is AUD:	\$3550.00
Price for pillion passenger is AUD:	\$2950.00
Single Room Supplement is AUD:	\$950.00
Spirit of Tasmania room upgrade AUD:	\$700.00

How **much will** it cost?

All rooms on the spirit of Tasmania are included. They are a room with 4 single beds but only 2 people (or 1 if you booked single room upgrade) will sleep in that.

If you would like to upgrade to a luxury cabin for the ferry with 1 queen size bed. Then there is an extra charge of \$700.00.

Please let us know on the booking form when booking what you would like to do.

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Tour Inclusions

- 8 Nights in Motels and Spirit Tasmania bed.
- Welcome dinner on night 1
- Aussie Bike or Hike T-shirt
- Spirit of Tasmania crossing fees, bike transport and accommodation
- Guide on a motorcycle (World Champion)
- Entry to Port Arthur walking tour and boat tour
- Back up vehicle with trailer
- Day to Day Luggage transport
- Mechanic follow on the trip
- First aid support

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The **Bikes** and **Road** Conditions

This Tour is designed that you bring your own bike.

This means you can ride what you feel comfortable on.

One thing to remember on this tour is that the complete route is tarmac. No dirt at all (unless we get roadworks)

So, its suitable for **Road bikes, Sports Bikes, Adventure Bikes and Cruisers.**

Seeing that you'll be riding your own bike. It must be registered and in a good working conditions. If the bike breaks down, We will put it in the trailer, and you'll continue in the car or get yourself to the local bike shop and catch back up on the tour along the way. The choice is yours!.



Important Information



Twin Share Accommodation

Your accommodation comes with the exciting option of sharing with a fellow adventurer, enhancing the camaraderie of the journey. If you're traveling solo, fear not! We'll strive to pair you up with a like-minded roommate for a fantastic experience.

For those seeking the ultimate privacy and comfort in a single room, we've got you covered too. There's an extra charge for this exclusive option.



Parking car and trailer for tour

For those embarking on a journey from afar to join our tour, we've got a convenient option. Feel free to bring your car and trailer to the tour's starting point in Torquay. We've secured approval from the motel to let you park it there. Do keep in mind, though, that leaving it there is at your own discretion and risk.

Please ensure to inform us in advance if you plan to leave your car and trailer at the motel. Your seamless adventure awaits!

Who is your **Guide**

Alex Cudlin, the owner and head guide of "Aussie Bike or Hike".

Alex Cudlin's incredible journey from a humble farm upbringing in Australia to becoming a two-time World Endurance Motorcycle Racing Champion is the stuff of legends. At just 17, he embarked on an audacious adventure to Europe, driven by his dream of becoming a professional motorcycle racer.

Over the course of 12 exhilarating years, Alex blazed a trail through Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, achieving World Champion status in 2010 and 2013, securing top-three finishes five times in the World championship, and claiming seven national championships along with numerous race victories. But amidst the roaring engines and thrilling races, Alex's passion for mountain biking and hiking blossomed.

These outdoor pursuits became an integral part of his training regimen, leading him to pedal through the roads of Qatar, conquer the hills of the French Alps, navigate the rugged trails of England and Scotland, trek the majestic mountains of Lebanon, and explore the scenic hills of Switzerland. He walked the roads of India, marveled at monuments in Indonesia, and ventured to many other corners of the world.

Returning to his homeland, Australia, Alex decided to fuse his three great loves - Motorcycles, Mountain Biking, and Hiking - into an adventure company. With a wealth of experience and expertise, he's now dedicated to sharing his boundless passion for these thrilling pursuits with the world. Alex's journey is nothing short of awe-inspiring, and his adventure company is your ticket to experiencing the exhilaration of his extraordinary life.



What the **customers** are saying:

Venturing through Victoria and Tasmania has been an awe-inspiring adventure! The roads we traversed were absolutely stunning.

Alex and his expert team orchestrated a flawlessly executed tour, and their choice of route was nothing short of remarkable. Every minute of the journey was an absolute delight. Our accommodations were top-notch, and the local cafes and restaurants added to the experience.

The Port Arthur tour left me utterly speechless, and Hobart was a city I fell in love with.

Brian Bolster - Van Diemens- 2022

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What the **customers** are saying:

Absolutely mind-blowing!

This tour is nothing short of phenomenal, flawlessly executed. It's my second time, and it never fails to amaze.

Aussie Bike or Hike These folks are true masters at ensuring a fantastic time. From selecting the best roads to choosing charming accommodations and fascinating stops, they've got it all covered.

When a fellow rider faced a flat tyre, these pros swiftly handled it, ensuring the tour never missed a beat. I enjoyed it so much that I'm already planning my next booking.

Unreal adventures await!

Malcolm Smith, Van Diemens 2022 and Van Diemens 2023.

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Detailed **Daily** Itinerary



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 1: Arrival in Torquay

Get ready for an incredible journey as we kick off our adventure in the charming coastal town of Torquay with an unforgettable Meet and Greet dinner!

Join us for an evening of camaraderie as you get acquainted with our friendly tour guides and bond with your fellow adventure-seekers. We've chosen the renowned "4 Pines Brewery" as the backdrop for this special evening, where you'll savor a delicious dinner together.

But that's not all – during the rider's briefing, we'll share important tour guidelines and provide insights into the exciting journey that awaits you. And as a token of our warm welcome, you'll receive a commemorative T-shirt to remember this fantastic experience.

Motel / Welcome Dinner / T shirt included



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 2: Torquay to Port Campbell

Distance: 400 km

Today, it's time to rev up those engines and set a course westward as we embark on an epic motorcycle adventure along the world-renowned Great Ocean Road in Victoria!

This iconic coastal road is an absolute "must-ride" and a dream for any motorcycling enthusiast. The Great Ocean Road, a treasured gem listed on the Australian National Heritage, spans a breathtaking 243 kilometers along the stunning southeastern Australian coast, stretching from Torquay to Allansford. As we navigate its winding path, you'll be treated to a diverse landscape of coastal beauty that leads us to some of the most prominent landmarks, including the awe-inspiring Twelve Apostles – a collection of limestone stack formations that are a photographer's paradise.

Our journey today concludes in the charming town of Port Campbell, steeped in seafaring history and ready to welcome you with its unique charm.



What are we doing **today?**

DAY 3: Port Campbell to Geelong

Distance: 270 km

Join us for an exciting day as we journey from Torquay to Geelong, once more conquering the stunning Great Ocean Road!

In Geelong, we'll get ready to set sail aboard the Spirit of Tasmania, our overnight ferry and gateway to the picturesque island of Tasmania. Crossing the Bass Strait is an adventure in its own right, promising exceptional cuisine, comfortable accommodations, and, fingers crossed, a smooth voyage to the enchanting Isle of Tasmania.

Your ticket includes room accommodation on the Spirit of Tasmania, ensuring you have a cozy and relaxing journey as we embark on this unforgettable adventure

Room accommodation on Spirit of Tasmania Included



What are we doing **today**?

DAY 4: Devonport to Strahan

Distance: 270 km

We will disembark the Spirit of Tasmania and begin our journey from Devonport, one of Tasmania's busiest coastal cities, where the Mersey River meets the Bass Strait. You might need to practice a bit of the Gerry and The Pacemaker's hit- "Ferry Cross the Mersey", just to get you in the right mood for our start!

Today we will not only ride some beautifully winding roads from Devonport to Strahan, but we will also get to visit the famous Cradle Mountain on Lake St Clair. Cradle Mountain is part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage areas.

The park is one of the state's most special places, where ancient pines fringe glacial lakes and icy streams cascade down rugged mountains. We simply can't miss seeing this iconic place. Our overnight destination is Strahan – a small coastal town located on the west coast of Tasmania, where you will feel like you are on the edge of the world. Strahan is an historical town, where the first colonial settlement in Tasmania was located. There was a penal colony on Sarah island, which housed the worst offenders in Tasmania and was known for its harsh conditions.

Motel Included



What are we doing **today?**

DAY 5: Strahan to Hobart

Distance: 340 km

Today sees us embark on an exhilarating motorcycle journey from Strahan to Hobart, Tasmania's captivating capital, nestled along the picturesque Derwent River. Today, Tasmania's breathtaking landscapes will spring to life before your eyes. From the otherworldly mining terrains near Strahan, you'll navigate a thrilling 99 bends, guaranteed to satisfy any rider's craving for heart-pounding twists and turns. As we progress, our route takes us to the geographic heart of Tasmania at Derwent Bridge, where we'll explore the mesmerizing "Wall in the Wilderness" – an absolute must-see!

Our grand finale awaits in the vibrant heart of Hobart, where you'll experience true luxury at WrestPoint Casino. Here, you can relax and try your luck, perhaps hitting it big!

Motel and "The Wall" Tour Included

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What are we doing **today?**

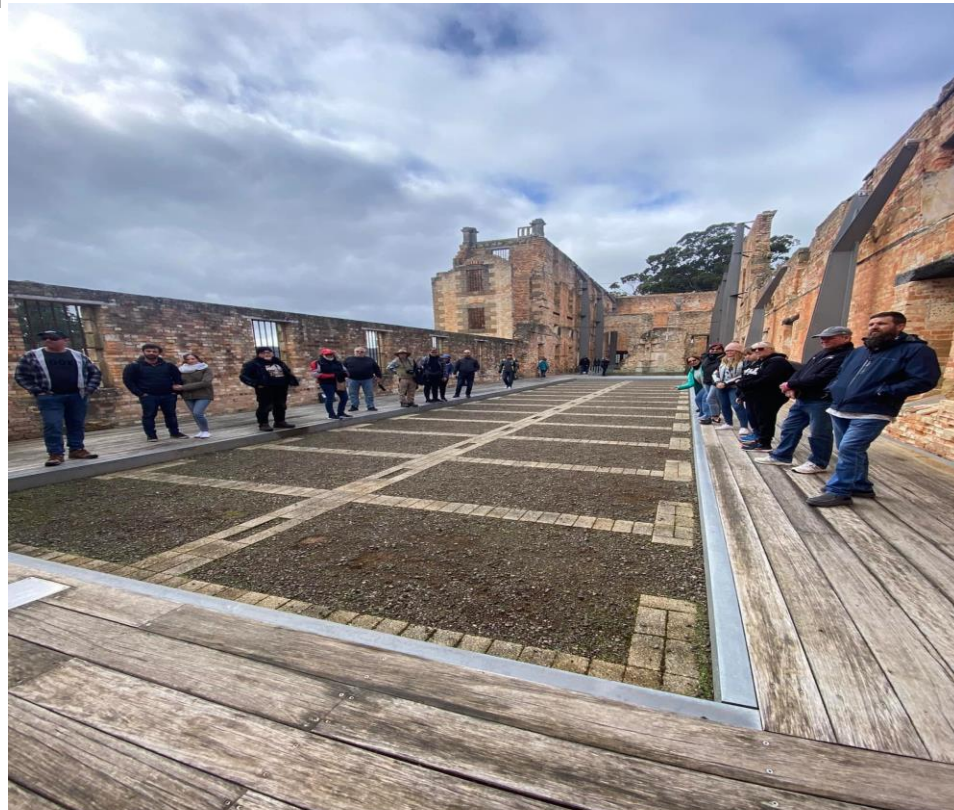
DAY 6: Hobart to Port Arthur

Distance: 94 km

We will ride from Hobart to the famous world heritage listed town of Port Arthur, the best preserved convict site in Australia, and among the most significant convict era sites in the world. It was once a 19th century penal settlement and more recently became infamous for Australia's worst massacre. Port Arthur is such a big place to explore, with some brilliant things to see. We will take a walking tour and then take a boat ride to the Isle of the Dead.

Motel – Port Arthur Walking and Boat Tour Included

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What are we doing **today?**

DAY 7: - Port Arthur to St Helens

Distance 283km

Today is another small day of riding. We will head north along the coast finally arriving at St Helens. St Helens is the gate way to the famous "Bay of Fires" The Bay of Fires is known all over the world for its extraordinary clear blue seas, brilliant white beaches and striking orange lichen-cloaked boulders. It inspires a string of superlatives from every person lucky enough to go there, and it's one of the most idyllic holiday destinations imaginable.

Today you can hang at the motel or go and explore. You have a free afternoon to do what you want.

Motel Included



What are we doing **today?**

DAY 8: St Helens to Devonport

Distance: 405 km

Today we will start making our way from St Helens, back to Devonport and our ferry crossing back to the mainland on the Spirit of Tasmania. We will take some great coastal roads, riding through towns rich in agricultural and forestry history, with many diverse areas, comprising steep ridges and low-lying wetlands. We will ride through areas that produce orchards, dairy and beef cattle, fruit produce and sheep. Once in Devonport we will once again board the Spirit of Tasmania for our return journey to Geelong

Room accommodation on Spirit of Tasmania Included

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What are we doing **today**?

DAY 9: Geelong – Wave Goodbye!

This marks the conclusion of our unforgettable motorcycle tour.

Some of you may choose to head straight home, while others might opt for an extended ride along the scenic routes on your way back. We'll ensure a seamless handover of your belongings and get you back to your vehicles with a warm embrace.

Regrettably, it's time to bid adieu, with new friendships forged and memories that will endure a lifetime!

Travel Insurance Policy



Domestic travel insurance is cover designed for any trip taken around Australia. You might think you don't need insurance because you have Medicare, but travel insurance for Australia can cover you for things that your medical healthcare doesn't. Even if you're not going too far, things can still go wrong on trips close to home.

This trip cost does not include personal travel or medical insurance.

All the things that can go wrong overseas can still happen at home.

If you've booked the tour and must head back home because a family member suddenly becomes ill, for example, Travel insurance cover may be available depending on who you use.

We insist that you take out a personal travel insurance policy and may request proof.

It is your responsibility to ensure suitable insurance cover is taken out prior to commencement of the trip.

Aussie Bike or Hike can assist with such cover if requested.



Frequently Asked Questions



What about this **or** that?

Q: Do I need a motorcycle license for riding in Victoria and Tasmania?

A: Yes you do. To be legally riding in Australia you are required to carry your local driving licence, which must cover the size of bike you will be riding

Q: What about Insurance?

A: YES! Domestic travel insurance is cover designed for any trip taken around Australia and we can advise you on Travel Insurance that covers you for cancellations due to Covid 19. You might think you don't need insurance because you have Medicare, but travel insurance for Australia can cover you for things that your medical healthcare doesn't. Even if you're not going too far, things can still go wrong on trips close to home. Remember to get travel insurance that covers motorcycle riding. **This is important.**

Q: How do I carry my main luggage?

A: We will have a backup vehicle and trailer following the entire tour. This allows your luggage to go in the vehicle and not on the back of your bike!

What about this **or** that?

Q: What riding kit should I wear?

A: We are crossing 2 states, plenty of mountains and some countryside. You'll want gear that is comfortable to wear for long periods of time, gear that is warm if it gets cold in the mountainous areas, and gear that can be vented on the hot days. We all know how changeable the weather can be in Australia. **Wet Weather Gear is a MUST!**

Q: How much spending money will I need to bring with me?

A: This is completely up to you. We supply the route, hotels, guides, backup vehicle and entry into the attractions listed, but you'll be up for your own food, drinks, fuel and souvenirs. It's always good to have some cash in your pocket in case card machines don't work.

Q: What is the accommodation like?

A: We have arranged a variety of clean and comfortable accommodation that is motorcycle friendly. All are Motels. No sleeping in dingy pubs or dodgy hostels on this tour.

What about this **or** that?

Q: How big is the group?

A: We range groups from 10 to 20 people. That keeps it controllable and more personal on each tour.

Q: Will we be guided?

A: Yes Alex Cudlin (2x Motorcycle Endurance World Champion) and Shane Cudlin (licenced riding instructor and coach) will take care of you, via guiding and pointing you in the right direction. Both Alex and Shane are highly experienced motorcycle riders, trainers and tour guides.

What about this **or** that?

Q: Can you cater for vegetarians / food allergies?

A: We will stop at restaurants and cafes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. This allows you to choose what you want and eat what suits your diet. Remember food and drinks is at your own cost, so choose what you please in this regard.

Q: Who operates this tour?

A: This tour is operated by Aussie Bike or Hike

Q: Is there a backup vehicle?

- A.: Throughout the entire tour, we'll have a support vehicle equipped with essential tools and mechanical assistance to ensure your safety. In the event of a mechanical issue, we'll promptly come to your aid and transport you to the tour's final destination for that **day**. Please keep in mind that once you arrive at the end town, you'll need to locate a motorcycle shop to have your bike repaired and rejoin the tour. Regrettably, we cannot delay the tour for extended periods while waiting for parts, nor can we transport your motorcycle for the subsequent days if you choose not to address the repair promptly. Your safety and the smooth progress of the tour are our top priorities.

What about this **or** that?

Q: Will a mechanic be riding or driving with us?

A: We will have a qualified mechanic on this tour, but we do not have many spares. Remember you are bringing your own bike on this tour, so, it's important you have it checked before departing. We can help tighten a bolt and plug a tyre, but crash damage or major mechanical problems will be something that you will need to deal with. You can pack some spare parts in our back-up vehicle during the tour.

Q: Is there any medical support?

A: Yes. Both Shane and Alex are First Aid qualified. The backup vehicle will carry a first aid kit to help with cuts or bruises. If major incidents occur we will call for ambulance.

What about this **or** that?

Q: How do I book?

A: To secure your place we simply click this link and follow the directions to secure your spot!

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What the **customers** are saying:

ROOF OF THE WORLD - INDIA 2019

My journey through India has been nothing short of extraordinary! I never imagined I'd undertake such an epic adventure, especially tackling the world's highest motorable pass!

Aussie Bike or Hike Thanks to the incredible guidance and expertise of Alex and Aussie Bike or Hike, I, a road rider, conquered India!

This experience has been nothing short of incredible, magical, and utterly unforgettable. I wholeheartedly recommend it to all riders out there!

Ashley Debakker (First female customer)



What the **customers** are saying:

I've been on every tour these incredible folks at "Aussie Bike or Hike" have orchestrated, and I can't get enough!

Starting with the India motorcycle tour, I was so captivated by their expertise that I ventured to Nepal for their trek, which was equally amazing. Then I went on their Van Diemen's tour, and the list goes on.

"Aussie Bike or Hike" is more than just a business; it's a family with an enormous heart dedicated to crafting the most enjoyable and memorable trips of your life. If you're looking for that ultimate bucket list adventure, you need to get in touch with these exceptional individuals.

Who knows, our paths might just cross on one of their epic journeys!

Steve Sparkes – All Tours run by Aussie Bike or Hike to date.

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What the **customers** are saying:

GREEN GULLY TREK

I want to give a massive shout-out to the incredible duo of Alex Cudlin and Aussie Bike or Hike!

Our adventure began on the Green Gully track, a challenging 4/5-day hike in the breathtaking Wild Rivers National Park.

From start to finish, Alex provided the mentorship and encouragement that two novice hikers like us needed to conquer this incredible journey. If you're someone who's eager to step out of their comfort zone but lacks the confidence to do it alone, I can't recommend Alex and his team highly enough. Thanks again, Alex, for an unforgettable experience!

Rob Chapman - Ray White Taree



What other tours do you run?

Aussie Bike or Hike runs a huge ranges of tours in Australia and overseas.

They run Motorcycle tours all over the world.

If you are interested in joining another type of tour. Check out our website www.aussiebikeorhike.com



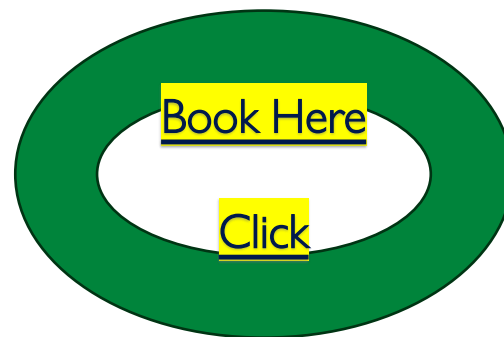


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Thank you.
See you in
Torquay!



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