## Holiday in Tassie this Winter!

Starting from June 15 (subject to Public Health advice) we have an opportunity as Tasmanians to holiday at home without the crowds from mainland Australia! Let's explore our beautiful State and enjoy what we have to offer here. No need for long plane trips, hours waiting at airports, queues or deadlines! Let's enjoy

the wonderful ambience of an open fire, deep bathtub and a glass of your favourite beverage (Tasmanian of course) and locally sourced food!

Don't miss out – book early, relax and support local Tassie businesses (many of whom have been doing it really tough in recent months).



Here's what you need to know:

As part of the Tasmanian Government's staged approach to lifting restrictions while still continuing to reduce the risk to the community of COVID-19, the following changes are scheduled to take effect from 15 June 2020 (subject to Public Health advice):

- Accommodation services can open to guests (unlimited). This includes hotels, motels, caravan and cabin parks, bed and breakfasts and Airbnbs.
  My advice is book early!
- Camping, overnight boating and shacks open with up to 20 people.



This is what so many people have been



waiting for – getting back to the shack - light a fire and kick back!

- Gatherings increase to 20 people at a time for indoor and outdoor activities, including restaurants/cafes, cinemas, museums, galleries, theatres, performance venues, historic sites, religious gatherings and weddings.
  - As restaurants have differing arrangements for bookings and sitting times please call ahead, make a booking and respect their need to have multiple sittings to remain viable at this time.





- Some galleries, museums etc., may not be open yet so call ahead and plan your journey – making sure you allow enough travel time and time to enjoy these activities.
- Park exercise equipment and playgrounds open for up to 20 people. This is great for the adults (me) who use the outdoor gym equipment and families who children have really missed playing in our playgrounds!
- Distance limits no longer apply to visits to parks and reserves so those who live in the South can come and enjoy the beautiful North West and West Coasts at this spectacular time of year!



Please remember that you will still be required to practice physical distancing of 1.5m per person.

Border controls remain in place however, which means interstate travel is still discouraged unless for essential purposes and the 14-day quarantine period will remain in place.

So now is the time for our regional towns to shine! Why not take the opportunity to visit our local tourist attractions and small towns for a winter break?



How about visiting beautiful Wynyard – and don't forget the multi award winning Wonders of Wynyard!

And then there is Stanley and other amazing parts of Circular Head, Smithton, Arthur River, Marrawah and everwhere in between – not forgetting to drop into Blue Hills Honey for refreshments and of course world class honey!



The West Coast also provides some of the most spectacular scenery and experiences in the winter – let the wind of Ocean Beach hold you up as you lean into it! Experience the incredible reflections of the Pieman or Gordon Rivers.

Boat rides and trains abound – again you need to book ahead to ensure you don't miss out!





These websites are a good starting point to begin planning a 'mini break' within Tasmania:

https://www.wondersofwynyard.com/ https://www.cradlecoast.com/ https://stanleyandtarkine.com.au/ https://westcoasttas.com.au/

## Some things to keep in mind:

It is important to plan ahead, so contact operators to check on their specific circumstances as they may differ according to how they decide to gradually reopen for business.

Be mindful of the number of people around when you arrive at a destination, such as a park or playground. If it is crowded it would be wise to come back later.

Don't forget your hand sanitiser and soap to wash your hands regularly!

