

*Thank you for choosing to stay with us and to make your time here the best it can be, I have put together some information that may be of some use, especially if this is your first visit to Tasmania.*

### **DRIVING TIPS**

Tasmania is very mountainous; therefore the roads can be very windy/bendy. So if you suffer from carsickness as I do, come prepared. My favourite remedy is Blackmores' Travel Calm Ginger, available at most chemists.

Travel times can be much longer than you may think so here is a link to a map, which shows approximate travel times around Tasmania. It is quite accurate.

[https://www.tasmap.tas.gov.au/upload/static/content/Travel\\_Times.pdf](https://www.tasmap.tas.gov.au/upload/static/content/Travel_Times.pdf)

Most animals in Tasmania are nocturnal so are very often on our roads at night. So if at all possible please try to arrive at your destination before dark to avoid hitting any of our precious native animals. Here is a useful link to a webpage that will give you daylight hours for the time of year you are visiting.

<http://www.timeanddate.com/sun/australia/hobart?month=1&year=2016>

Petrol stations, food and toilet stops can also be few and far between in some areas so I have included a list at the end, of places I sometimes stop at on my travels around Tasmania. They follow the main routes around the state. Keep in mind a lot of places close by 5pm especially in the more remote areas. I have done my best to make this list accurate but things may have changed in some areas since my last visit.

### **FOOD IN QUEENSTOWN**

All rooms at Mt Lyell Anchorage have access to kitchens, which are well stocked with breakfast provisions for you to use at your leisure. There will be wholemeal or grain bread, eggs, a variety of cereals, fresh fruit, full cream milk, juice, butter & jams etc. and various teas, coffees and hot chocolate. I usually have gluten free cereals, bread, soymilk and lactose free milk available on request but it is best to let me know in advance if you need anything special. There is also cooking oil, rice, pasta and various sauces etc. should you wish to cook evening meals. Guests are also welcome to forage in the garden for herbs and vegetables which vary according to the season.

Most eateries in Queenstown stop taking orders by around 8pm and the supermarkets close at 6pm - 7pm depending on the time of year. Pizza is usually available after 8pm. I do have cooking facilities for all guests so please be prepared if you are arriving late and don't forget to call me if you will be arriving after 6pm so that I can plan my evenings. When you do arrive I can be contacted easily by pressing the doorbell at my cottage at 15 Cutten St, next door to Anchorage, follow the signs. The doorbell will call my mobile phone and I can talk to you through the doorbell if I am not on the premises.

### **MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE AND WIFI**

Mobile phone coverage can be patchy around Tasmania. Telstra has the best coverage; Optus is very patchy as is Vodaphone. We do have free Wi-Fi on the property; please ask for password when you arrive if you wish to use it.



## **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The weather in Tasmania is quite unpredictable especially on the West Coast. It can snow or hail in December. Even in summer it is a good idea to bring at least one set of warm clothes. Nights are often chilly which is great for sleeping. Days rarely exceed 28 deg. C. Be prepared for wet weather on the West Coast, after all it is temperate rainforest. I do provide plenty of umbrellas for guests to use when staying at Anchorage.

## **MY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA**

### **Queenstown Heritage Tours**

Fabulous tours exploring the history and landscape of this area. These tours are a must do and I strongly advise booking before you come to Queenstown. But don't just take my word for it; check out the comments on Tripadvisor. [www.queenstownheritagetours.com](http://www.queenstownheritagetours.com)

### **West Coast Wilderness Railway**

Always a great day out. [www.wcwr.com.au](http://www.wcwr.com.au)

### **Galley Museum**

The Eric Thomas Galley Museum features memorabilia and other artefacts with extensive photographic displays of West Coast history and a range of interesting literature about a bygone era.

### **Iron Blow**

Where mining in Queenstown began in 1883, the Iron Blow was worked as a gold mine for 10 years before the discovery of vast deposits of copper. The Iron Blow Lookout offers wonderful views of the open cut mine, surrounding mountains and down the Linda Valley.

### **Bradshaw's Sawmill/Tasmanian Special Timbers Pty Ltd**

Specialising in Huon Pine, Sassafras and Blackwood. View the mill at work and feel free to purchase some of the fine timber. Open 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.  
<http://www.tasmanianspecialtimbers.com.au>

### **Lake Burbury**

A 20 minute drive out of Queenstown, take in the sights or fish for trout.

### **Queenstown Golf Course**

Nine-hole course best played in summer as wet conditions can make ground heavy in winter. Play a round and then relax with a drink in the bar. Mixed competitions are held every weekend. Lynchford Road, Queenstown. Tel: (03) 6471 1164.

### **Spion Kop**

Named by soldiers returning from the Boer War. Enjoy fantastic views of Queenstown when you complete the steep short walk passing mining heritage exhibits along the way. Overlooks the famous Queenstown gravel football oval and a 360deg view of the town.



### **Miners Siding**

In the bronze sculptures depicting 21 facets of the evolution of the Mt Lyell Mines and surrounding areas, sculptor Stephen Walker has depicted significant and traditional events in the 100-year history of the Lyell District.

### **Queenstown Football Oval**

Queenstown's "Gravel" Football Ground has been described by some as "The Most Infamous" football field in Australia. Now heritage listed, it certainly is one that has struck fear into visiting football sides for over one hundred years.

### **West Coast Heritage Centre**

Located in the township of Zeehan, approximately 30mins drive from Queenstown. You could easily spend all day in this world-class museum.

[www.westcoastheritagecentrezeehan.com.au](http://www.westcoastheritagecentrezeehan.com.au)

### **Cruising the Gordon River in Strahan**

Strahan is located approximately 40mins drive from Queenstown and is home to the famous Gordon River and Macquarie Harbour. Even with 2 companies running cruises, it is still advisable to book before coming, especially in the summer months, as they are often fully booked.

[www.worldheritagecruises.com.au](http://www.worldheritagecruises.com.au)

[www.gordonrivercruises.com.au](http://www.gordonrivercruises.com.au)

### **The other best thing to do in Strahan**

For a really fun time you cannot beat the longest running play in Australia. Over 22 years and going strong. "The Ship that Never Was" is a must do on your trip to Tasmania's West. The kids will love it too.

<http://www.roundearth.com.au/ship.htm>

For more information on things to do in our region.....

<http://tasmaniaswesternwilderness.com.au/>

*Feel free to contact me if you need any more information. Joy*



TOWN	PETROL	PUBLIC TOILETS	CAFE
Hobart	Yes	Yes	Yes
New Norfolk	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hamilton	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ouse	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tarraleah	No	Yes	Yes
Derwent Bridge	Yes	Yes	Yes
Queenstown	Yes (card only some days)	Yes	Yes
Strahan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zeehan	Yes. Card only	Yes	Yes
Rosebery	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tullah	Often closed	Yes	Yes
Burnie	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wynyard	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stanley	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smithton	Yes	Yes	Yes
Devonport	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sheffield	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moina	No	No	No
Wilmot	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mole Creek	Yes	Yes	Yes
Deloraine	Yes	Yes	Yes
Launceston	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scottsdale	Yes	Yes	Yes
St Helens	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scamander	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bicheno	Yes	Yes	Yes
Campbelltown	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ross	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oatlands	Yes	Yes	Yes
Swansea	Yes	Yes	Yes
Richmond	Yes	Yes	Yes
Port Arthur	Yes	Yes	Yes
Huonville	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geeveston	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dover	Yes	Yes	Yes

