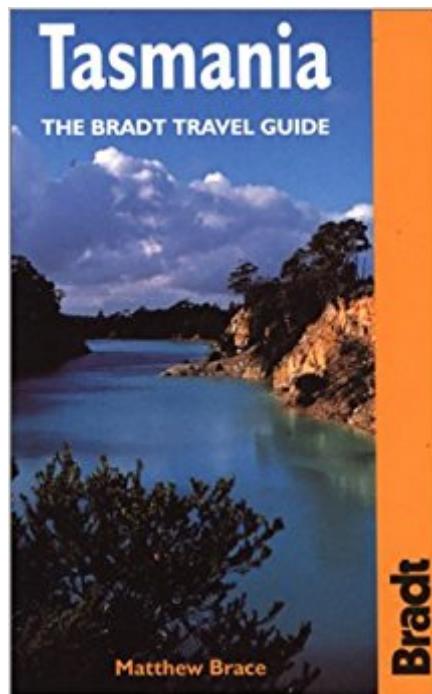


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Discover every aspect of travel in the magical Australian island of Tasmania, with emphasis on the natural splendor of the island and how to travel around it with minimal impact and maximum enjoyment. Tasmania is one of the world's last true wildernesses, with 40% of the island consisting of national park, much of it World Heritage protected. This guide contains invaluable information on all 18 national parks and their wildlife in depth, including endemic species such as Tasmanian devils, giant wedge-tailed eagles, numbats, and wallabies. The thought-provoking history of this fringe of Australia is also covered comprehensively, together with its impact on today's Tasmania. The island's ancient Aboriginal past and brutal history of convicts exiled to 'Van Diemen's Land' is especially highlighted, along with details of Aboriginal sites and cave paintings and how to trace ancestors from colonial times. Thrill-seekers can be assured of plentiful opportunities for adventure sports, from whitewater rafting and snorkeling to rock climbing and all-terrain mountain biking. Tasmania is also ideal for more relaxed pursuits--bushwalking routes, a range of trails taking in glades studded with waterfalls, or snow-white beaches have been selected for this guide, together with activities such as fishing, boating, and horseriding. Day-trips out from Tasmania's lively and friendly capital, Hobart, information for Antarctic-bound travelers, seasonal tips on what to enjoy, and advice on the very best Tasmanian ales, wines and cheeses are just some of the topics covered.

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This was the only guide to Tasmania that I could find. It was a bit out-of-date, being published in 2001, but for information on the history and geography it is fine.

Used this guide book for a one-month biking trip in Tasmania. Other than differences in price listed (expected), the information provided is very accurate and I appreciate the author's personal touch in this book, particularly those blocked text introducing ordinary locals doing extraordinary things. In fact, I had one of the most memorable excursions following the author's footstep. Looking forward to using other Bradt guide for my future travel.

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