



There is a growing range of pet-friendly accommodation in Tasmania, and indeed Australia, as more and more owners realise that dog-ownership is up (more than even from COVID and lockdowns!) and people are wanting to have holidays and short breaks with their pets. In fact, pet-friendly accommodation



Tasmania is some of the best around.

There are so many things to do in Tasmania and with a big focus on the great outdoors your pet will love it as much as you. It's the perfect place for a weekend getaway or even longer if you have time!

Pet-friendly places in Tasmania tend to book out quickly as there is still not enough to meet demand so try and book in advance as much as possible!

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Taking your Pet to Tasmania

All dogs entering Tasmania are subject to biosecurity entry conditions and must be treated for Hydatid Tape Worm within 14 days prior to entering the state.

Evidence of this must be carried by the dogs' owner or guardian and presented for inspection if required.



The documented evidence can be an official certificate or letter from a vet, a statutory declaration by the owner or the pill packet and purchase receipt.

For more information, call the Dogs to Tasmania Info Line on 1800 684 215 or refer to this <u>information page</u>.

For more information on bringing specific animal breeds into Tasmania contact the Department of Industries, Parks, Water and Environment on the numbers below or visit <u>Biosecurity-Tasmania</u>.

How to take your pet to Tasmania

There are two ways to take your pet into Tasmania:

By Sea

You can take your dog on <u>Spirit of Tasmania</u> which is the overnight ship that travels from Melbourne to Devonport in northern Tasmania each day.

They offer large and small ventilated kennels for dogs on decks 3 and 5. Pets are not allowed in cabins or on passengers decks so you need to be well organised and ensure you have supplied them with adequate food, water and bedding. If your pet has special needs you may be able to get pre-approval to attend to them during the trip but otherwise, you cannot visit them as this can pose a safety risk.

Some people prefer to leave their pet in their car or van but again it is not possible to access the car ramps and you will need to sign a waiver for this.

Read more about this **HERE**.



By Air

It is also possible to fly your pet to the Apple Isle.

All domestic airlines usually take pets in cargo although there can be restrictions depending on breed and health issues. Be sure to check your airline's policy on pet carriage carefully.

If you live in Victoria there is a fairly new air transport service called Pawmobile that can fly your pet to Devonport from Melbourne. This is a great option for people who want their pet transported quickly and without being left alone for lengthy periods. You can even charter a whole flight and join them!





Pet friendly accommodation Hobart

image credit: Bakers Retreat

As the Tasmanian capital, the chances are that you will need at least one night in the city. Much of the pet-friendly accommodation Hobart has on offer is located in the city centre which is handy for sightseeing the landmarks.

The centrally located <u>Bakers Retreat</u> is a historic yet swanky home away from home that features plush interiors, a fully equipped kitchen, an outdoor hot tub and a patio with BBQ facilities. With three bedrooms, the property can sleep up to six guests. It's beautifully decorated with fairy lights on the patio, tasteful pieces of art and outdoor ornamentation. The patio extends to a lovely backyard space where your dog can release some energy. Pets are welcome at this lovely holiday home, but charges may apply. There is free parking provided to guests.

Right in the heart of town, the one-bedroom <u>Hobart Colonial Apartment</u> comprises a functional kitchen and spa tub in the bathroom. It's well decorated by contemporary standards in a minimalist style. But the best thing about this pet-friendly accommodation in Hobart is its lovely garden where your pooch can stretch their legs. Again, charges may apply if you want to book this pet-friendly accommodation. Free parking is available.

The Lookout does exactly what it says on the tin and provides a sweeping view across the town, ocean and surrounding mountains which you can enjoy from both the interiors and the spacious balcony. With its high ceilings and bright and airy design, this property will make you feel relaxed and free. Dogs are welcome to stay here at this pet friendly accommodation at no additional charge and guest parking spaces are available free of charge.

Last but not least, POSH, Port Out Starboard Home is in fact located across



the River Derwent with a view back to Hobart. The two-bedroom holiday home is designed to capture the light and rewards you with unforgettable sunset views across the water. The property comes with a kitchenette where you can prepare light meals and you can cook with the supplied BBQ. Small and well-trained dogs are welcome at this pet-friendly accommodation in Hobart for a small fee.



Pet friendly accommodation Cradle Country

image credit: Ratho Farm

As part of the Central Highlands region and the home of Cradle Mountain, Cradle Country is the perfect destination for outdoor enthusiasts and hikers.



Dogs are welcome on some of the local walking trails providing they remain on a leash, but you will need to check the specific tracks you plan on adding to your Tasmania itinerary.

The Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park is strictly off bounds to dogs. Whilst the pet-friendly accommodation Cradle Country has available is somewhat limited, the towns surrounding the wilderness do offer a couple of options.

Strahan Beach Tourist Park provides pet-friendly accommodation in Cradle Country although an additional charge may apply. The property comprises a selection of cabins that will satisfy couples and families alike. Each one has its own cooking facilities and seating area and there is also a shared BBQ area and free parking for guests. The holiday park is located right next to Strahan Beach which is ideal for a swim. This is a little further afield from Cradle Mountain, but you do get the best of both worlds due to the coveted beach setting.

Located in Tullah, the stunning little gem <u>Tullah TimeOut</u> welcomes dogs and charges them at the rate of an additional guest. The self-contained cabin accommodates eight guests and is ideal for families or travelling groups of friends. The holiday home features a full kitchen as well as BBQ facilities. The log burner will keep you warm during the cold Tassie winter and right there on your doorstep, you have the serenity of Lake Roseberry which is perfect for an early morning dog walk.

The <u>Bronte Park Retreat</u> invites you to immerse yourself and connect with nature and wildlife. The three-bedroom house hosts eight guests and is located in the Bronte Park locality which is located on the southern edge of the Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park. Dogs are welcome at this pet-friendly accommodation in Cradle Country and no extra charges are imposed. Guests are provided with free parking on site.



Surrounded by walking tracks and native gardens of the Jackeys Marsh and Creek Forest Reserve, the <u>Forest Walks Lodge</u> provides panoramic views over the Great Western Tiers. Rooms are provided to accommodate couples as well as families and the rate includes breakfast prepared using locally sourced organic produce. Certain rooms permit dogs so you will need to contact the guesthouse prior to booking to discuss. Whilst staying at this remote lodge, make sure you wrap up and pop outside to admire the pollution-free night sky when it's illuminated by stars!

Ratho Farm is a postcard-pretty hotel that consists of several old farm buildings lovingly restored into boutique guest rooms, and it's one of the most deluxe pet-friendly accommodation Tasmania has on offer. Dogs are welcome to stay with you at no additional charge. Rooms accommodate couples or families and provide the perfect rural escape with their fusion of old and new. Each self-contained unit comes with a kitchen or kitchenette to ensure all the solitude you could wish for.





Pet friendly accommodation Tasman Peninsula

image credit: Coalmines Escape

As the location of the Tasman National Park and the historic Port Arthur, the Tasman Peninsula shouldn't be skipped from your Tasmania itinerary. Although dogs are not permitted in the national park itself, the eight-kilometre (five miles) Clarks Cliffs Circuit Hike is a fantastic place to take your four-legged friend on an adventure.

In the northern section of the Tasman Peninsula, Murdunna, the <u>Sommers Bay Beach House</u> is a fabulous holiday home for families with younger children and accommodates eight guests. Dogs are welcome at this pet-friendly



accommodation on the Tasman Peninsula at no additional charge and they will benefit from immediate beach access. The property offers free guest parking and all the amenities you could possibly require from your getaway in Tasmania.

The immaculate and highly commended <u>Coalmines Escape</u> accommodates eight guests and is a total steal for families. Dogs are welcome to stay for no additional fee and they will appreciate the garden and private beach access just as much as you! The house features four bedrooms, two bathrooms and an ample kitchen. The property provides complimentary parking as well as free bicycle and canoe hire, so it's a treat for outdoor lovers.

Perfect for couples, <u>The Orange House</u> features two bedrooms and two bathrooms as well as a fully equipped kitchen. It's located slap bang in the middle of the Tasman Peninsula which makes exploring the whole region very easy. The location is very remote and provides unparalleled views of the surrounding nature. Small dogs are welcome to stay at the property upon request so you will need to contact the place directly to discuss your requirements. Those that are considered medium or large breeds are not permitted to stay.

Brand new on the Tasmania holiday letting scene, the <u>Roaring Beach Surf Shack</u> is located on a pristine beach just north of Nubeena. Accommodating six guests, this spacious holiday home features a spacious balcony and opens right onto a private beach which is a joy to experience at sunrise, sunrise, or any time of the day. This awesome surf shack welcomes dogs with no charges imposed.

Another option for Nubeena which is more centrally located, the <u>Hill Top</u> Retreat Self Contained Accommodation is a three-bedroom house that hosts 7 guests. Set within its own grounds, the property affords a sea view through the foliage. There is loads of space inside and out, including a massive balcony for breakfasting or catching some rays. Dogs are welcome at this pet-friendly



accommodation on the Tasman Peninsula but additional charges may apply. Free parking is available, and the house is a 10-minute drive from historic Port Arthur.



Pet friendly accommodation on the Huon Trail

image credit: Quarry Hill Lookout

Travelling southwards, the landscape of Tasmania's Cradle Country melts into the lake studded realm of the Lakes District, Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park and Southwest National Park.

When seeking pet-friendly accommodation Tasmania has in proximity to the



Huon Trail, options are slightly limited, but the following lodges and holiday homes are the best options to check out.

River Front Estate is located in the town of Huonville which rests directly on the Huon Highway. The three-bedroom holiday cottage sleeps six guests and is set within its own lush garden which features a rose garden, a vegetable patch and access to the Huon River. As one of the oldest properties in the Huon Valley, the interiors and decor pays homage to this and maintain an old-world charisma. An additional charge of 45 AUD per pet, per stay, applies to this pet-friendly accommodation on the Huon Trail. Although the house is not secured by a fence, the hosts do provide a small enclosure which you are welcome to use if required. Free parking is available.

The Shack is a brand-new holiday home located in an attractive beachfront setting in the coastal town of Southport. Large windows flood the interiors with natural light and ocean views that you may also drink up from the balcony. The private holiday house features three bedrooms, one bathroom and a fully equipped kitchen. Pets are welcome to stay with no extra charges and dogs will relish the dreamy seaside location. During winter and cooler evenings, you can keep warm around the log fire and with the snuggly duvets provided by the host. The property provides free car parking.

Quarry Hill Lookout is a luxurious modern villa atop a hill that overlooks Port Esperance Bay. Offering three bedrooms the property also has a sofa bed in the lounge and it can accommodate nine guests in total. It's ideal for travelling groups, families or special occasions. Engineered to capitalise on natural light and the surrounding nature, the property comprises lots of large windows and outdoor seating. If you're lucky, you might even catch a sighting of the Southern Aurora during winter. This pet-friendly accommodation in Lakes District and the Huon Trail welcomes dogs at no additional charge.

The budget-friendly <u>Kermandie Lodge</u> provides pet-friendly accommodation in Port Huon that is ideally situated for a road trip along the Huon Trail. Basic



rooms are fitted with private bathrooms, kitchen facilities and seating areas with different capacities to cater for families and couples. Whilst free parking is provided and your beloved pet can stay with you at no further cost, bear in mind that this no-frills motel does not provide Wi-Fi.



Pet friendly Caravan Parks Tasmania

In Hobart Big4 Hobart Airport Tourists Park is just 15 minutes drive from the city and welcome pets with caravan sites. They are also welcome at <u>Discovery</u>



Parks Hobart in Risdon Vale who have pet-friendly cabins as well as sites.

In Launceston, pets are welcome at Launceston Holiday Park but only at powered sites and they must be kept on a leash at all times.

In Devonport, dogs are welcome at the <u>Hotel Abel Tasman Caravan Park</u> at their powered and unpowered sites and some cabins.

Stanley Cabin and Tourist Park allow dogs on-site with prior approval and they can stay on powered and campsites.

<u>Swansea Holiday Park</u> have lovely one and two-bedroom pet-friendly cabins that allows up to 2 pets and pets are also welcome at their powered sites.

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