

FAR SOUTH FAMILY FUN

5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

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This family friendly itinerary will keep the kids happy and engaged.

Day 1 Geeveston / Tahune Adventures

On your way south, stop at Geeveston Heritage Park and let the kids enjoy the fabulous playground. Discover the platypus family that live right in the middle of town by wandering along the Platypus walk. The Wall of Lollies is known to be a favourite with kids big and small. The Geeveston Town Hall Visitor Centre is a great spot to get some friendly travel advice from local volunteers.

Great cafes and the famous Sushi by Masaaki will make sure everyone in the family is happy before you resume your adventure.

Hop back in the car and enjoy your drive through rolling green hills and into the forest on your way to [Tahune Adventures](#) with the feature attraction of the Tahune Airwalk. It consists of a 619 metre elevated walkway, 30 metres above the forest floor, with the final cantilever section sitting at a height of 50 metres above the Huon River. Spectacular views showcasing the meeting of the mighty Huon and Picton rivers can be enjoyed. In the distance, peaks and beyond can be seen highlighting the edge of the wild southwest, Tasmanian's Wilderness World Heritage Area. Swinging Bridges, Eagle Hang-gliding, short walks, BBQ facilities, visitor centre and a café are all part of the experience. **(Currently open Sa/Su, some walks and swinging bridges under construction following the devastating 2019 bushfires, check for updates [HERE](#)).**

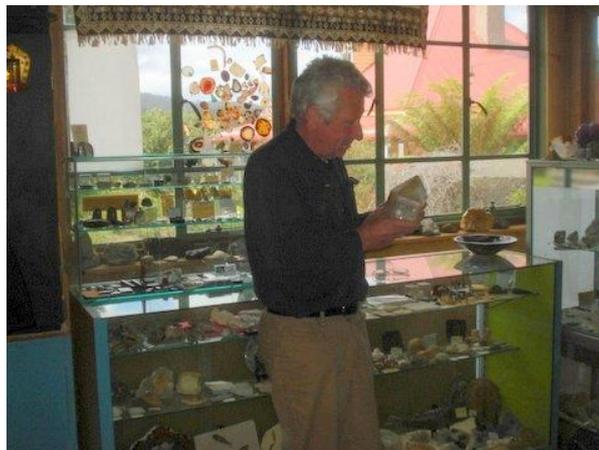


Following your adventure at Tahune head further south and find your way to one of the many [Far South Accommodation](#) options in Dover, Southport or Hastings to stay for a few nights. Dinner options include great pub meals at the [Southport Hotel](#) or the [Dover RSL](#), takeaway options from the Dover Café or you may choose eat in at your accommodation.

Day 2 Gemstone Fossicking

Today's adventure will be hands on. Grab a couple of little shovels for the kids and head to Lune River. Stop in at [Lunaris Gemstones](#). The showroom features Tasmanian fossils and minerals many of which were found by the owners as well as a range of crystals, minerals and fossils from around the world. You'll also get some great advice from Chrys and Boris on having a go at a bit fossicking yourself.

At the Lune River gemfields, the amateur or experienced fossicker has the chance to find beautiful agates, jaspers, quartz crystals or Early-Jurassic (182 m.y.o.) woods and rare fern fossils. Fossicking doesn't occur along the Lune River itself, but in some of the hills surrounding it. There are 2 Public Fossicking Areas (PFA) set aside, where permits are not required. Mostly it requires digging with sturdy tools (shovels, mattocks etc.), trying to locate the gravel layer where any gemstones and fossil fragments have settled, but sometimes it's simply a matter of having a 'keen eye' as you walk the slopes.



Lunaris Gemstones Lune River

If the kids still got some energy, head into the forest to the start of the easy short walk to Duckhole Lake. The 4.2km track, most of which is boardwalk, follows a stream through regrowth forest to the lake. Lying within the Southwest National Park the delightfully tranquil lake is actually a flooded sinkhole. It is part of the extensive regional cave and karst

system that includes Hastings Caves. The lake is a peaceful place to sit and listen to the birds and frogs while you have a picnic. The track follows a late 19th century sawmill tramway for much of the way, and remnants of the tramway can be seen.



Back to your accommodation, after this full day of activities the kids will surely sleep like logs.

Day 3 Hastings Caves & Friendly Goats

After breakfast, head to [Hastings Caves](#) in the Southern Forests. The magical underground world of Hastings Caves will open your eyes to what lies beneath the picturesque Tasmanian landscape. The mystery of these Tasmanian caves is revealed beneath a dense green forest and ferny glades. The spacious dolomite cave system is a labyrinth of chambers, richly decorated and cleverly lit to highlight ancient subterranean formations. Tours of the cave last around 45 minutes and involve around 250 stairs.



Due to COVID-19 restrictions please note bookings need to be made prior to the intended cave tour. For tour times and costs visit [Hastings Cave and Thermal Springs](#). Phone Hastings Visitor Centre on (03) 6298 3209 to book. Numbers are currently limited to 8 people per tour. The Café is open 10.30am - 4pm for takeaway only. **The thermal pool is currently closed, short walks and barbecue areas are closed.**

Stop in at [Touchwood farm](#) on your way through and say hi to the friendly goat herd or maybe even arrive in time to feed the babies! The farm shop offers an array of beautiful soaps and lotions as well as scrumptious goats milk cheeses.



Make sure you take the family to check out the rockpools at Southport Burial Ground Point or let them run along Kent Beach in Dover.

Day 4 Kayak and Treasure Hunt

Become a pirate for a day and search for treasure on your very own deserted island on the family Treasure Hunter Tour! Join [Esperance Adventure](#) on this fabulous excursion. Meeting at the remote scenic beach at the River Mouth in Southport, this 2 ½ hour tour gives kids the opportunity to paddle their own kayak to their own island, grab a treasure map and hunt for treasure. Children as young as 7 yrs can paddle their own kayak, with younger children paddling with an adult in a double kayak. After a short 30 min paddle to the island kids are given their own treasure map and clues to find the treasure.



Explore the road to Lady Bay and wander along the foreshore on pebbly beaches, gaze into the crystal clear water and watch the bull kelp as it clings to the coastline.

Day 5 Flat Rock Reserve

Before heading back north grab a picnic and take a drive into the Southern Forests on Esperance River Road to Flat Rock Reserve. Sit beside the Esperance River taking in the quiet beauty and reflect on the wonderful few days spent in the southernmost region of Australia.

Local tourist information available at the [Dover Community Hub](#) open Mo, Thu, Fr and Sa from 10 am to 2 pm

Accommodation, attractions and food information:

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