

WATERWAYS AND ALPINE WILDERNESS

3 DAYS

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Explore waterways, immerse yourself in nautical history and hike through alpine landscapes. All packed into this 3 day itinerary.

Day 1 Through Franklin: Boats and Cider

On your way south, stop in Franklin at the [Wooden Boat Centre](#) for a 45 minute guided tour. Learn tall tales and true stories from the volunteer guides about the precious boat building timbers that are found exclusively in Tasmania, and tour the interpretive area and workshop where boats that are currently under construction and restoration can be seen.

Head across the road to [Frank's Cider](#). Taste their multi-award winning clear sparkling cider range made with quality 100% Tasmanian apples, pears, cherries and raspberries. Grab some lunch and check out the Franklin Apple Museum.

At 3 pm, board the historic [Yukon](#) for a popular 90-minute calm water cruise. Departing and returning at Franklin Marina. Become a part of the experience as you hoist sail or simply sit back and enjoy the timeless beauty of the Huon Valley.

Explore below deck and find out more about the restoration of the vessel and adventures on the high seas. Refreshments are included.



Following your excursion on the Yukon 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 couple of 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 to eat in at your accommodation.

Day 2 Lune River Kayak / Duckhole Lake

Join [Esperance Adventure](#) and immerse yourself in the bush and listen to nature on their Lune River kayak tour paddling through protected waters from the River to the Ocean. Launching into dark tannin rich waters of Lune River, under the gaze of Adamsons Peak and the Southern Ranges, journey downstream looking for birds and learning about the history of the area before emerging into clear ocean water and white sandy beaches at Southport. Morning tea and lunch is included! Stopping for a tasty morning tea on the beach in Hastings Bay we finish the tour at Southport and enjoy homemade bread and hot soup at Rocket at the end of the Road café.



You may want to stretch your legs a little. 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.



Head back to your accommodation and go for an evening stroll on one of the many beautiful sandy beaches in Dover or Southport.

Day 3 Geeveston and Hartz Mountains

After breakfast, drive north to Geeveston, stop at the visitor centre for friendly advice. Head west along Arve Road and up to Hartz Mountains National Park. Waterfalls tumble off the high backbone of dolerite, which was covered by a deep layer of ice during the last Ice Age. The resulting features include small glacial lakes and cirques that dot the alpine plateau and make this a wonderfully dramatic place to visit, year-round. While winter often brings snow and freezing temperatures, in spring the wildflowers bloom and the stunning red flowers of the Tasmanian waratah light up the countryside. Enjoy a hike ranging from a short stroll to a waterfall, an easy walk to glacial lakes or a challenging climb up to Hartz Peak.

Having spent 3 days exploring the delights of the southernmost region of Australia, you'll want to come back for more!

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:
www.farsouthtasmania.com