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From Hobart's newest links masterpiece, 7 Mile Beach, to the legendary dunes of Barnbougle, this is the Tasmanian golf trip every woman should have on her list.

Tasmania is one of the most exhilarating golf destinations in the world, where wild coastlines, cool climate wines and world class links golf come together effortlessly. For a women's golf group, a couple or friends chasing a memorable holiday filled with great golf, gourmet dining and nature based experiences, Tasmania delivers.



I started in Hobart to play the new 7 Mile Beach course (only 10 minutes from the airport), then drove through the delightful Coal River Valley Wine Region and continued on to Launceston. The city's art deco buildings, independent galleries and the panoramic Cataract Gorge walking loop are well worth exploring.

Barnbougle, home to three of Australia's most celebrated golf courses, is about an hour from Launceston, and it's worth locking in 2-3 days to play every epic hole. Trust me: this Tassie golf itinerary is one you'll want to repeat.

A Tasmanian Golf Adventure

for Women Who Play the Game & Live the Lifestyle

7 MILE BEACH

STAY: HOBART

Finish Line Apartments is a contemporary waterfront property perched on the Derwent Harbour. The penthouses feel like stepping aboard a private superyacht, with opulent king bedrooms, heated plunge pools, floor to ceiling windows and a fully equipped kitchen ideal for entertaining.

Dining in Hobart is always a highlight, and Maria's Restaurant is my pick for refined Mediterranean flavours. Jackman & McRoss bakery (close to your accom) is a must-do, too.

PLAY: 7 MILE BEACH

7 Mile Beach is Australia's newest pure links masterpiece and one of the most talked about course openings in years. Conceived by Tasmanian tour professional Mat Goggin, the course was decades in the making, an idea born when he practised as a junior on the sands of Seven Mile Beach and imagined a world class links carved into the dunes. When the pine plantation was finally cleared, the natural contours underneath revealed themselves with gusto.

Designed by Mike Clayton and Mike DeVries, the routing embraces traditional links principles: compact transitions, wind shaped fairways and greens that sit naturally within the dune system. It's walkable, intimate and beautifully understated, the kind of course that rewards creativity and shot making rather than brute force, protecting the dunes and preserving the classic rhythm of links golf. The standout stretch is 5 and 6, a downhill par 4 toward the beach, followed by a hole that runs tight along it, already considered the course's signature moment. For me, as someone who often plays it low and hopes the ball runs, it worked a charm.

The pro shop is already gaining a cult following for its Tasmanian tiger logo merchandise, including limited edition apparel and thoughtful accessories — golf bags, hats and headcovers crafted from natural wool, cotton and leather. And with a second course now approved, designed by King Collins, the site is set to become one of Australia's most significant multi course destinations.



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Road trip: HOBART TO LAUNCESTON

After the round at 7MB, Tasmanian Golf Experiences picks me up for the scenic drive north. First stop: the Coal River Valley, one of Tasmania's premier cool climate wine regions. SISU Wines is a standout! A boutique producer known for elegant pinot noir, lusty chardonnay and superb rieslings. It's an ideal spot for a relaxed cellar door tasting and generous cheese grazing plates before continuing toward Launceston. The drive winds through rolling farmland and small towns before reaching the state's northeast. I checked into Peppers Silo and headed straight to the spa for a much needed massage. Depart for Bridport early morning, where the legendary Barnbougle awaits.



SISU CELLAR DOOR



BARNBOUGLE

PLAY: Barnbougle is a pilgrimage site for golfers worldwide, a rugged, windswept, beautifully natural stretch of Bass Strait coastline home to three extraordinary courses. The Dunes, designed by Tom Doak and Mike

Clayton, was the first to put Tasmania on the global golf map. Built on what was once a potato farm, the course winds through towering dunes with wide fairways, dramatic bunkering and greens that feel and effectively are carved by nature.

Across the river sits Lost Farm, designed by Coore & Crenshaw. It's expansive, flowing and visually spectacular, with elevated tees and rolling dunes that create a sense of scale and drama. Many golfers (including myself) find Lost Farm the more forgiving of the two, though its subtleties reveal themselves over multiple rounds.

Don't skip the fun but skill-testing Bougle Run while you're here either. This 14 hole short course features twelve par 3s and two par 4s; it's perfect for a quick warm up round and/or a friendly match with friends.

DINING: Barnbougle's dining scene is built for golfers who love great food as much as a great round. Lost Farm Restaurant serves seasonal Tasmanian dishes: local line caught fish, Cape Grim grass fed steaks, a moreish risotto and colourful sides of crunchy veg and zesty salads. Travel tip: explore the excellent wine list and order a bottle to match. The Dunes Clubhouse is ideal for an early breakfast, a hearty post round lunch, dinner by the fireplace, or a seat on the deck for dark sky stargazing. Personally, I love pulling up a stool in the Lost Farm Sports Bar for a lager, a laugh, a pizza and a game of pool.



BARNBOUGLE
LOST FARM

TRAVEL



ACCOMMODATION: The Dunes Cottages offer cosy comfort overlooking the putting greens and practice range; the Ocean Villas deliver beachfront luxury with uninterrupted views of Anderson Bay; and the Bunker Villas provide spacious, four bedroom layouts that are ideal for larger groups. Lost Farm Lodge features neat as a pin rooms with come-hither course or water views.

Getting There

Tasmania is easy to reach, with direct flights into Hobart and Launceston from major Australian cities. For a seamless, golf and lifestyle-focused itinerary, Tasmanian Golf Experiences offers tailored packages, transfers, tee time management and accommodation planning. They will even arrange restaurant and/or cellar door reservations, local tours, and/or spa visits. tasmaniangolfexperiences.com.au



For architects Mike Clayton and Mike DeVries, the appeal of 7 Mile Beach is unmistakable. Clayton has called it "the best site I've ever worked on," and DeVries has echoed that sentiment, describing the land as among the most naturally gifted sites he's ever seen.

COMING SOON

The Tasmania Country Club in Launceston will unveil its new Championship Course in summer 2026/27. The state's first parklands style layout blends creeks, lakes and mature trees into a strategic design. FYI - The Range precinct and club facilities are already open.

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