

GOLF IN TASMANIA

Cape Wickham Golf Links © LUSY Productions

Tasmania's golf courses stretch across dramatic coastlines, through towering sand dunes and past grazing sheep. The state has built a reputation for its distinctive links-style courses, with four courses now in Australia's Top 10: Cape Wickham Links, Barnbougle Dunes, Barnbougle Lost Farm and Seven Mile Beach.

Seven Mile Beach Golf Course opened in December 2025 near Hobart – Tasmania's most significant addition since the opening of Ocean Dunes in 2016. The course debuted at #10 in Australia, the highest new entry since 2017.

What makes golf in Tasmania special

COASTAL SETTING

Tasmania's spectacularly rugged coastline is a key feature of Tasmania's golf courses, with pure air, ocean spray and a coastal soundtrack providing an immersive golfing experience.

HIGH QUALITY LINKS COURSES

Tasmania's premier golf links – built on coastal sand dunes with naturally undulating terrain, firm fairways and exposure to ocean winds – have earned international reputations as bucket-list golfing destinations.

UNCROWDED AND PUBLIC

No crowds, no waiting lists. Tasmania's top links courses offer spacious experiences with public access and no membership requirements.

EASY ACCESS

Most major courses are within an hour's flight from mainland Australia, and some only minutes away from the airport.

Where to tee off

There are more than 65 courses in Tasmania, so you're never far from a fairway.

NORTH-EAST TASMANIA

Barnbougle

Located on the rolling coastline of a working farm near the seaside village of Bridport, 90min north-east of Launceston, Barnbougle features three courses ranked among the world's finest.

The Dunes: 18-hole traditional links course, par 71, 6,138m – carved from naturally undulating coastal dunes. Designed by internationally acclaimed golf architect Tom Doak and Australia's Mike Clayton. Features the Southern Hemisphere's largest bunker. Ranked #3 Australia.

Lost Farm: Unique 20-hole links (18-hole competition layout plus two par-3s) – featuring undulating greens and strategic bunkers. Designed by acclaimed US architects Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw. Ranked #7 Australia.



Boughe Run: Newest addition to Barnbougle, opened in 2021. 14-hole short course (12 par-3s, two par-4s) designed by Bill Coore.

Need to know:

- Public access, all abilities welcome
- Open year-round
- On-site accommodation: Lost Farm Lodge, cottages, villas
- Dining: Lost Farm Restaurant, The Dunes Bistro, Lost Farm Sports Bar
- Facilities: driving range, practice areas, conference rooms, spa
- Private airstrip for charter flights
- Transfers from Launceston on the Barnbougle Bus.

KING ISLAND

Located 80km off Tasmania's north-west coast in Bass Strait, King Island has three courses set in a rugged coastal landscape, each exposed to the Roaring Forties winds – a true test for avid golfers.

Cape Wickham Links: 18-hole links on the island's northern tip, positioned around Cape Wickham Lighthouse (built in 1861, it's the Southern Hemisphere's tallest lighthouse). Designed by Mike DeVries and Darius Oliver. With ocean views from every hole, guests may spot surfers, whales breaching and seals sunbaking on the rocks. Ranked #1 Australia.

Note: *The course experienced a brief removal from the World Top 100 rankings (2023-24) due to criticism of extreme wind conditions but returned to the rankings in 2025.*

Ocean Dunes: 18-hole course located on the island's west coast beside crashing waves. Designed by Graeme Grant (former Kingston Heath superintendent). Spans 2km of rocky coastline with six holes on the coast. Ranked #4 Australia (public access).

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Barnbougle Lost Farm © Scott SportLeader, Matador

King Island Golf & Bowling Club: Nine-hole community course established 1938, the perfect down-to-earth accompaniment to the island's two newer 18-hole courses. Composite 18-hole layout with 17 tees, 12 greens, 10 fairways. The challenging and compact course is a local favourite and an ideal location to spend the morning before an onward flight.

Need to know:

- Courses are all public access
- Best suited to experienced golfers due to wind exposure and challenging terrain
- Flights to King Island: 45min from Melbourne, 40min from Launceston, 1hr from Barnbougle (REX, Sharp Airlines, King Island Airlines)
- Charter flights available (Air Adventure)
- Privately owned planes welcome to land at King Island Airport (fees apply)
- Cape Wickham: 35-45min from airport; on-site accommodation available
- Ocean Dunes: 5min from airport; stay-and-play packages with King Island Hotel including golf, accommodation and car hire.

HOBART AND SOUTHERN TASMANIA

7 Mile Beach

Opened December 2025, 7 Mile Beach is the vision of former PGA Tour player Mat Goggin, conceived in the late 1980s while practicing bunker shots on the beach as a Royal Hobart junior. Designed by CDP Golf (Mike Clayton, Mike DeVries, Frank Pont), the course debuted at #10 in Australia – the highest new entry since 2017.

The 18-hole 'South Course' sits on a coastal peninsula amongst natural sand dunes with ocean views from every hole. Future development includes an approved North Course designed by King Collins Dormer, with accommodation between the courses.

Need to know:

- Public access
- Located 10min from Hobart Airport and 20min from Hobart CBD
- Features: dual greens on the 8th hole (unique in Australia), an opening hole that replicates Royal Melbourne's strategic principles.



Australasian Golf Museum in Bothwell © Courtesy Australasian Golf Museum



Country Club Tasmania, The Range
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Ocean Dunes Golf Course © Adam Gibson

Other southern courses: Royal Hobart Golf Club (established 1916), Tasmania Golf Club, Kingston Beach Golf Club, Claremont Golf Club, Llanherne Golf Club (9-hole) and Tasman Club (Tasman Peninsula).

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

Ratho Farm

Located 1hr north of Hobart, Ratho Farm is widely recognised as Australia's oldest golf course, established by homesick Scots in the 1820s. The historic 18-hole course features sheep-grazed fairways, square putting greens and quirky hazards including hedges, vegetable gardens and rock walls. Restored by architects Crafter & Mogford, they added four new holes to the original 12. It is among the best preserved of all the world's early golf courses.

Need to know:

- Public access, no booking required
- Hickory clubs available for use
- On-site accommodation: restored convict cottages and farm barns
- Function centre (65-person capacity)
- 17min drive off the Midland Highway
- Nearby attractions include: Fishing and Australasian Golf Museum.

NORTHERN TASMANIA

The Range at Country Club Tasmania

Opened August 2025, the Range is an entertainment-focused golf facility located 10min from Launceston CBD in Prospect Vale. The facility features 28 undercover bays with Toptracer technology, an 18-hole mini golf course designed by Richard Chamberlain and a clubhouse bar and restaurant. The course is inspired by global concepts like Topgolf.

Need to know:

- Public access, all ages and abilities
- Located 10min from Launceston CBD
- \$20 million transformation of Country Club Tasmania currently underway
- Major renovation of the existing Championship Golf Course, designed by Robin Gibson, is scheduled to open in summer 2026–27.

NORTH-WEST TASMANIA

Devonport Golf Club and Ulverstone Golf Club offer courses for visitors to the region.

Major events

TAYLORMADE BASS STRAIT MASTERS

Four-day tournament (April) across Barnbougle Dunes, Barnbougle Lost Farm, Cape Wickham and Ocean Dunes. Individual and team stableford competition with \$10,000+ in prizes. Private charter flights between destinations. Operated by Bass Strait Golf.

BARBOUGLE MASTERS

Multi-day tournament series (February, March, November) featuring all three Barnbougle courses. \$3,500+ in prizes. Operated by The Golfer Tour.

KING ISLAND PRO-AM

Two-day PGA-recognised tournament (January) at Cape Wickham and Ocean Dunes. Players compete alongside PGA professionals. Operated by Air Adventure Golf.

Competitive landscape

Tasmania competes for golf visitors in both domestic and international markets.

Key domestic competitors include the Melbourne Sandbelt (eight top-ranked courses near Melbourne CBD), Mornington Peninsula, Murray River region, Adelaide and the Sunshine Coast. International competitors include New Zealand, the UK (particularly Scotland), the US and Southeast Asia.

Tasmania's competitive advantages include four courses in Australia's Top 10, public access to premier courses with no membership requirements, and geographic concentration enabling visitors to access multiple courses during their stay.



Who plays golf in Tasmania

Understanding who Tasmania’s golf visitors are helps operators target the right audience, tailor their offer and make the most of every booking.

Market size	Golf visitors represent 4% of total visitors. A small but high-value segment.
When they visit	The biggest seasons are summer (48%) and autumn (26%). Winter attracts 18% of golf visitors and spring attracts 7%.
Who they are	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predominantly male. More than 65% are aged 35 and over, with those aged 25-34 representing 28%. • Typically travelling as a couple with no kids (49%) or as a family with older children (24%). • Based mainly in Victoria and New South Wales. • 49% have a household income of \$150,000 or more.
How they travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They take regular golfing trips with the same group, often every three months. • They travel with their own clubs and equipment rather than hiring.
What else they do in Tasmania	Off the course, golf visitors are drawn to historic sites, road trips and day walks.
What drives them	Golfers seek satisfaction and achievement: conquering a ranked course, beating their mates, improving their game. Key destination drivers are course rankings, concentration of courses nearby, and the quality of accommodation and dining.

THE VALUE OF GOLF VISITORS

Golf visitors stay longer and spend more than the average visitor. Quality accommodation, dining and entertainment are important considerations when booking, and local wineries may also appeal.

	Golfing visitors	Average visitor
Annual visitor volume	37,000 interstate and international	
Average length of stay	12.6 nights	9.4 nights
Average spend per person	\$4,075	\$2,691

THREE TYPES OF GOLF VISITOR

1. Mid- to high-end professionals

Men aged approximately 40 and above with disposable incomes ranging from mid to high, typically driven professionals or recent retirees. They travel in groups of four or multiples thereof, book well in advance, and commonly take short ‘boys’ trips’ centred on reconnection and competition. Most hold club membership.

2. Bucket listers

Attracted by prestige and remoteness, these golfers are motivated by ticking off ranked destinations. Broader age range than the professional segment; women sometimes travel with a partner. Tasmania’s internationally ranked, geographically remote courses are a strong fit for this group.

3. High-profile golfers

Semi-professionals, professionals, and high-profile figures who seek discretion and flexibility. They often book last minute and arrive by private jet or charter flight.

Key insight: This audience thrives on braggability. The prestige of playing a globally ranked course in a remote, singular location is core to Tasmania’s appeal.

For up-to-date data, visit the [Tasmanian Visitor Survey Analyser](#).

Sources: Kantar research commissioned by Tourism Tasmania, 2020. Tourism Tasmania Golf Situational Analysis, 2019. Tasmanian Visitor Survey, year ending Sept 2025.