

Getting here

Getting to Meredith House & Swansea from Hobart Airport

Leaving the airport you will come to a roundabout, take the last exit right to Sorell; this is the A3 (Tasman Highway). On the left hand side you will see Barilla Bay Oysters, a great place for lunch or dinner. Carrying on the A3 you will pass over two causeways either side of Midway Point, after the second causeway you have reached Sorell. Drive through Sorell until you reach the traffic lights at a T-junction. These are the only traffic lights on the east coast so you won't get the wrong ones! Turn left here.

Carry on up the A3 passing through Buckland, Orford, (if you want to stop for a coffee or lunch try either the Gateway Café or Scorchers at Orford, both are by the Prosser River); next you will pass through Triabunna, after which the road heads to the coast, you are about to see some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in Australia – but don't forget to keep your eyes on the road as here too they can be quite winding; after 135km and 1½ hours driving you should have reached Swansea. Meredith House is signposted on the left of the main street as you drive into town, turn left at Wellington Street, at the next junction (Noyes St) you will see Meredith House on the opposite corner.

Getting to Swansea from the Spirit of Tasmania Terminal at Devonport

From the boat take Route 1 signposted for Launceston, but there is no need to go into the city, instead you will come to a junction where you can either head into Launceston or keep going to the right; this is still Route 1 and is also called the Midland Highway. There are 2 main ways to reach Swansea via the Midland Highway.

1. Head south past Launceston and through Perth until you reach Conara and **Option 1:** turn left on the A4. Signposted 'The East Coast', it is 81km from here to the Chain of Lagoons, where you will reach the A3 (Tasman Highway) passing through Avoca, Fingal and St Mary's. At St Mary's take the road to the right signposted 'Elephant Pass' and Bicheno. The road is very winding, but pretty. At the top you come to the Elephant Pass Pancake Barn, which serves delicious pancakes in a Swiss Chalet kind of building. At the bottom of Elephant Pass you will reach the A3 at the Chain of Lagoons. Turn right here for Bicheno, from where it is 59km to Swansea. This drive takes a little bit longer than the second option, but it takes you through some very pretty countryside and temperate rain forest at Elephant Pass, so it is well worth doing. After Bicheno you will pass the turn off to Coles Bay and the Freycinet Peninsula, so you may want to go to explore there before heading to us later in the day.

Option 2: Head south past Launceston and at the roundabout take the right signposted (1) Hobart, travel through Perth, Epping Forest and St Andrews until you reach Campbell Town. There are a couple of good coffee shops here, as well as a few antique shops. Drive through Campbell Town until you see a left turn (B34) signposted Lake Leake and Swansea. You will pass

through the East Coast Forest this way; look out for Wallabies, Possums and Wombats, particularly if you are travelling after dusk. The road is quite winding, and can be icy in the winter and if so drive with caution. It is 57km from Campbell Town to the A3 (Tasman Highway), where you turn right for Swansea, which is 10km. Meredith House is signposted on the right at Noyes St at the top of the hill you will see Meredith House on the left hand side of the road.

Getting to Meredith House & Swansea from Launceston Airport

Option One (The long way) When you leave the airport turn left and continue until you reach the outskirts of Evandale, you don't have to go into the town, but it is a very pretty village with a great Sunday market; there are also a few cafes. If you're not tempted follow the signs for 5km to the A1 (Midland Highway). Turn left heading south towards Hobart until you reach Conara and turn left on the A4. Signposted 'The East Coast', it is 81km from here to the Chain of Lagoons, where you will reach the A3 (Tasman Highway) passing through Avoca, Fingal and St Mary's. At St Mary's take the road to the right signposted 'Elephant Pass' and Bicheno. The road is very windy, but pretty. At the top you come to the Elephant Pass Pancake Barn, which serves delicious pancakes in a Swiss Chalet kind of building. At the bottom of Elephant Pass you will reach the A3 at the Chain of Lagoons. Turn right here for Bicheno, from where it is 59km to Swansea. This drive takes a little bit longer than the second option, but it takes you through some very pretty countryside and temperate rain forest at Elephant Pass, so it is well worth doing. After Bicheno you will pass the turn off to Coles Bay and the Freycinet Peninsula, so you may want to go to explore there before heading to us later in the day.

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