

HOBART

SETTLED ON THE SOUTHEAST SHORE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST ISOLATED STATE, HOBART WAS BORN RESOURCEFUL AND INDEPENDENT. *But it wasn't until after MONA, the Museum of Old and New Art, opened in 2011 that residents started to really embrace their home-grown culture and push it to its full potential. Today, Hobart's creative class is upcycling, crafting and curing their beautiful city into a bastion of sustainable fashion, design and cuisine.*

{SHOP}

For a primer on Hobart's modern makers, start at the **Salamanca Arts Centre**, where sandstone warehouses have been converted into galleries, performance spaces and artists' studios. At the shop of resin jewellery designer **Rebecca Roth**, scan the rainbow shelves for sea-glass blues and greens cast into bangles, and beads molded from Tassie beach pebbles. **The Maker** showcases Japanese-inspired clothing, knitwear and soft furnishings designed by owner Leonie Struthers and made locally from natural fibres. On tree-lined Macquarie Street downtown, you'll find **Store & Co** surrounded by Georgian buildings that date back to the 1830s. Inside, Status Anxiety leather goods and Mooku jewellery adorn vintage tables and eco-friendly fashions fill the racks. Take a literature break at **Fullers Bookshop**, a Hobart institution since the early 20th century. Chances are you'll want to return for an author's event or the Wednesday night knitting group. Once re-energised, head to Liverpool Street for another retail overdose. **EcoHaven** stocks conscious clothing, accessories and beauty products: everything from fair trade Kowtow tunics to Smith+Purton cushions, hand-printed using solvent-free inks. Nearby **Oyster & Pearl** sells limited-edition garments, hats, bags and funky glasses. Across the street, **Gather Handmade** offers felted wool baskets that are made in-store and a range of natural body products whipped up in Launceston. A detour west to **Eb & Flo** inspires green thumbs with their tasteful floral arrangements and succulents planted in bright tin cans.

{EAT}

A 15-minute ramble along the coast takes you to **The Picnic Basket**, a community cafe offering breakfast, lunch and monthly dinners plus locally roasted coffee, beautifully pleated bread loaves and backyard eggs and apples. **Pigeon Hole** in West Hobart remains your answer to organic sourdough, with the new owners from Weston Farm adding seasonal dishes and techniques like composting food waste back into the farm. For lunch, try a 'sandwich on steroids' at **The Schwartz** – with meats baked, smoked or braised in-house. A map of Tasmania on the wall pinpoints ingredients' origins, and their vinyl soundtrack changes with the weather. A few doors down, **Tasman Quartermasters** puts an ethical, gastro-geek spin on American food – try the 36-hour roasted steak burger – or for an authentic seafood experience, snag a seat out on the garden patio at **Get Shucked**. At **Sweet Envy**, small-batch cookies, cakes and homemade ice creams churned from local dairy and fruit will take care of all your sugar cravings. In summer, the shop's vintage soft serve truck scoops cheeky flavours for patrons, old style. If you're in the mood for sustainably raised salmon and pork, local raw honey, windmill-ground flour and lovingly aged Bruny Island cheeses, don't miss the beautiful **A Common Ground** store on Salamanca place. And nearby, **Smolt** blends Spanish and Italian traditions with high-quality Tasmanian ingredients – think Spring Bay mussels with saffron aioli. Pair your dinner with house-made beer or wine, and then enjoy the happenings of this vibrant part of town.

{VISIT}

First things first: board the cushy, camo-print MONA ROMA ferry and transport yourself to the alternate universe that is **MONA**. Back on the Hobart waterfront, you'll find the kiosk for **Pennicott Wilderness Journeys**, a carbon-neutral outfitter that runs Bruny and Tasman Island nature cruises as well as the intimate new Seafood Seduction tour, which donates a percentage of its proceeds to conservation projects. Built in 1913 as a moving picture house, the **State Cinema** has been remodelled to include eight screens and a rooftop theatre as well as a cafe and bookstore. Roughly 30 minutes north of town, the **Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary** is Tasmania's only 24-hour animal rescue service. Here, guests can interact with recovering wombats, Tasmanian devils, quolls, koalas, snakes and emus. Another half hour southwest, the **Agrarian Kitchen** runs homesteading courses that could turn you into a craft brewer or baker. Due south, get a taste of the Huon Valley cider boom at new **The Apple Shed** in Grove. Willie Smiths – Australia's first organic cider – and Red Sails artisan cider are poured in flights, and the surrounding museum teaches visitors about the apple-farming heritage of the Smith family. Return to Hobart by sunset and drive up **Mount Wellington** to see the snaking Derwent River shine pink and purple.

