



Your Second Honeymoon

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Clear water in Honeymoon Bay

When you Google ‘**Swansea, Tasmania**’, the websites gush with praise. These are samples of text from the first 3 websites:

‘A seaside village with heritage charm, Swansea has some of the best views of any settlement on the east coast.’

‘Blessed with some of the coast’s longest and prettiest beaches, Swansea is a true beachside town.’

‘Swansea is located along the Great Eastern Drive which takes in Tasmania’s spectacular east coast. It is an idyllic town overlooking Great Oyster Bay.’

Just a two-minute walk from API’s holiday home, the esplanade has recently been upgraded. It makes for a wonderful walk in the morning as the sun appears to rise up from below the sea! You can now drive your vehicle right onto the beach to launch a kayak or boat. Actually, you can drive several cars onto the beach as the facilities are so good.

Stroll a little further, approximately 10 minutes more, to the walking track on the southern side of the town, which hugs the seaside. You will not be disappointed. All that strolling creates an excuse to duck into the **Artifakt Gallery and Café** for the best coffee and a delicious, good value, breakfast/brunch/lunch. (The home-made relish is a winner.)



Huon pine art in Artifakt Cafe



The Esplanade at Swansea has been upgraded

While on your stroll, keep an eye out to sea. Whales pass this area in May to July and September to late October. You may see orcas, humpbacks, sperm whales as well as pilot whales. If you have not associated Tasmania with whale watching, remember it was one of the first and biggest industries with 32 whaling stations. Did you know, in the early 1800’s Hobart residents were kept awake by the sound of whales in the River Derwent? Now that whale numbers are increasing again, it is not unusual to see them, as they like the sheltered waters of this area.

Most people take a trip to the famous **Wineglass Bay**, at some time during their stay. It is an easy drive, and a worthwhile hike to the lookout. You may also see the white-bellied sea eagles, wallabies, pademelons and echidnas as the park is a haven for wildlife. However, if you want a less strenuous way to see this gorgeous bay, remember you can book a 4-hour boat cruise instead. By booking through **Experience Oz**, via the **API website**, you will **save an extra 10%** on the trip.

The smaller and less well-known adjacent bay is **Honeymoon Bay**. The clear water extends a big invitation to snorkelers, and when bathed in the golden sunset light, views are so good you may think you are on your second honeymoon. The sand is not quite as white, but the bay has a charm of its own.



Coal River Farm hand made cheese & chocolate

If you subscribe to the adage 'life is a journey, not a destination' consider calling into the **Coal River Farm** near **Cambridge** on your way to or from Hobart. Book the '**High Cheese and Chocolate Experience**' to indulge in an impressive spread of handcrafted cheese, paired with handmade chocolate and your choice of wine, beer or hot beverage. If you would like to **save 10%** on the experience, you can whip out your phone, log into the API app, and book it through **RedBalloon**. It's as easy as that.



The coastal walking track should not be missed

“ Watch the sunrise out of the sea - it's worth the early start. ”

There is so much to see, do, eat, experience, enjoy on the east coast and **Swansea** is the best town to base yourself in to do it all. **API's 3-bedroom house is a comfortable home-from-home and offers you the best value way to enjoy your second honeymoon.** It's also just had some new tweaks to make it even more homely. So, if you are thinking of coming to Tasmania to stay in Hobart and/or Launceston, add another week into your holiday plans for a stay in Swansea. After all, the trip to and from Tasmania will be the same cost, so your holiday will be much better value if you stay longer!

If you live in Tasmania, think of the extra fishing opportunities the new esplanade provides. API

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