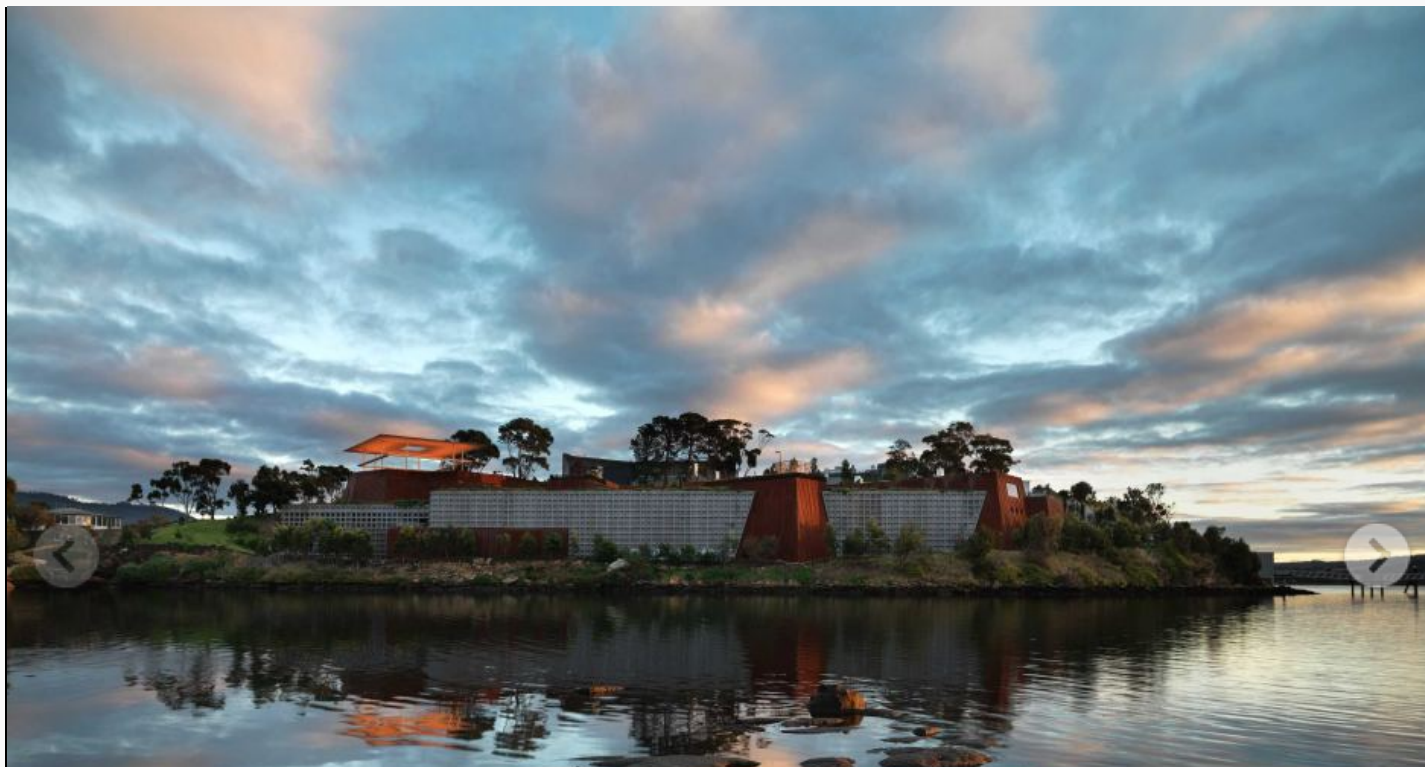


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# Tasmania named best island destination in Australia, NZ and South Pacific region by Travel and Leisure Magazine

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Dark MOFO is the annual festival hosted by Hobart's Museum of Old and New Art which has become a major tourist destination in Tasmania. (Supplied: MONA)

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**An international travel publication has named Tasmania the best island destination in the region encompassing Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, and the fourth best in the world.**

Travel and Leisure magazine is one of the most widely read travel publications in the world, with a readership of almost 7 million people.

The magazine's August edition will unveil its World's Best Awards.

Tasmania will be named the best island destination in the region for the fifth time having previously won it in 2002, 2006, 2008 and 2009.

The rankings are based on reader's ratings across five characteristics.

Acting Tourism Minister Jeremy Rockliff said it was just the latest in international tourism accolades bestowed upon the state.

"It also intensifies the international spotlight that has been shining on our state recently, including the Lonely Planet ranking Tasmania the 4th best region in the world to visit, the Chinese president's visit and our tourism businesses winning an unprecedented 10 gold at the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards," he said.

**PHOTO:** [Cape Hauy, on the Three Capes Track, which has been named one of Lonely Planet's hottest travel experiences for 2015.](#) (Flickr: Anthony Tong Lee )

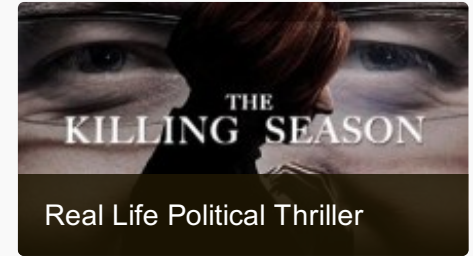
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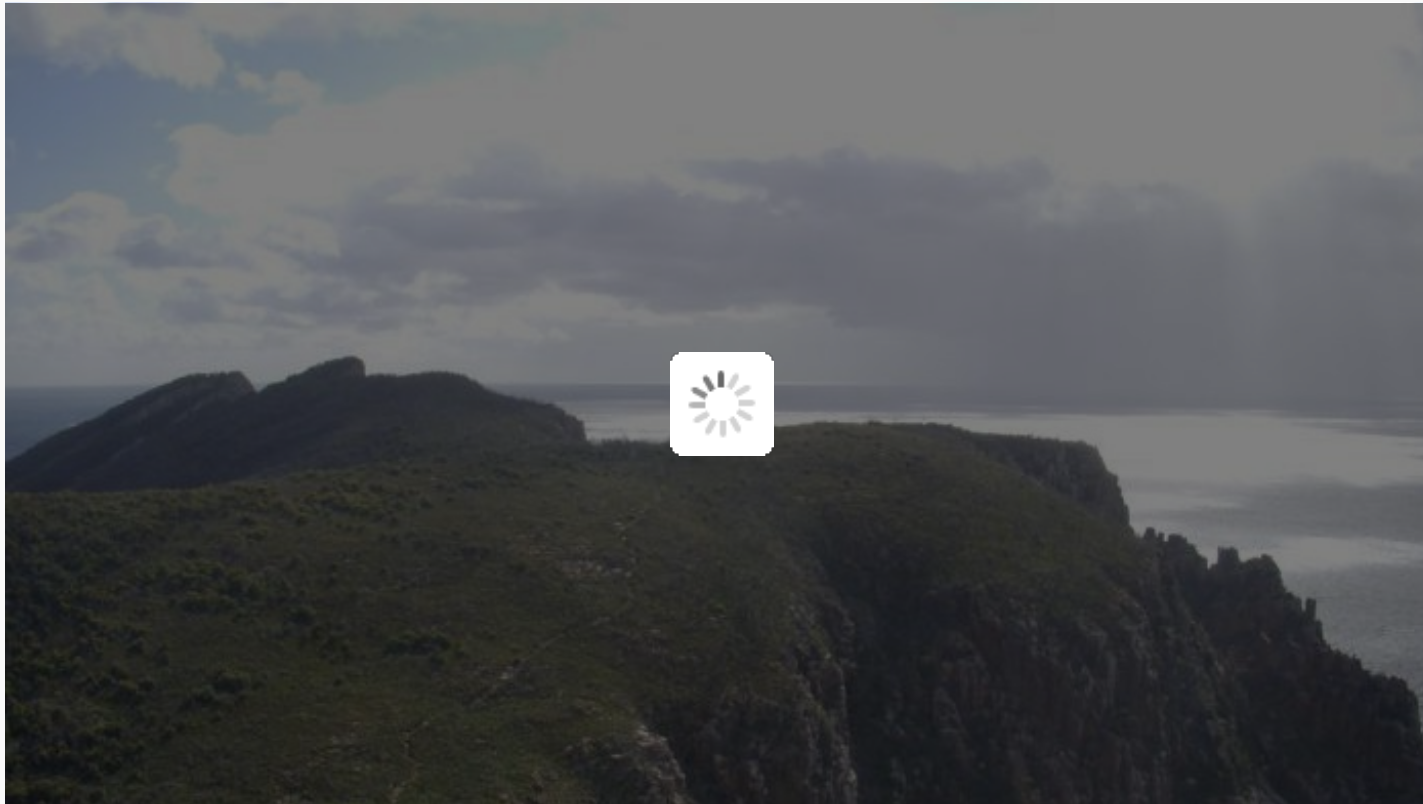
"This is great exposure that no amount of money can buy, and will no doubt help us to reach our target of attracting 1.5 million visitors to our state every year by 2020."

Tasmania has become a hot tourist destination this year with the Travel and Leisure award just the latest international publication to shine a spotlight on the island state.

In January, Tasmania was given a rave review by the Lonely Planet naming the Three Capes Track as one of the world's hottest new experiences despite the fact that it remains unfinished.

In April, the state cleaned up at the [Australian Tourism Awards winning 10 of 29 prizes](#).

Among the winners was the historic Port Arthur site which was declared the nation's best major tourist attraction.



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