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About the Event

Targa Tasmania is one of the world's last iconic motoring events. Held each November over six days on the beautiful and remote island of Tasmania, the event offers everything from full blown motorsport rally competition in the tradition of Targa Florio and the Mille Miglia through to a spirited driving holiday in Targa Tours designed for those who want to simply enjoy their vehicles on some of the best roads you could ever imagine. With over 30 sections of road closed to the public and more than 2,000 kilometres of sealed roads and amazing landscapes to enjoy, Targa Tasmania is the Ultimate Tarmac Rally.

In the Targa tour, you will experience a true tarmac rally in a non-competitive format, while enjoying the same challenging drive as well known competitors including Jim Richards, Peter Brock, Sir Jack Brabham, Denny Hulme and the great Sir Stirling Moss, all legends of international motor sport. Experience the primal thrill of tackling turn after turn, the exhilaration of driving your car as it was meant to be driven, without the need for a rollcage.



General Information

Below you will find useful information on what to wear, what you will need to know, and how the event runs. Please be sure to refer to the Tour Regulations for a full list of rules and requirements prior to the event.

Clothing Requirements

Participants must wear non-synthetic clothing with neck to wrist to ankle cover and closed flat shoes whilst driving through Targa stages.

Clothing of synthetic materials are not permitted.

Crew Requirements

Each vehicle must have both a Driver and Co-Driver at all times. Vehicles with less, or more, than two crew members will not be permitted to drive on the Targa stages.

Licence Requirements

Both Driver & Co-Driver are required to hold a valid and unrestricted civil drivers licence that is recognised in Tasmania.

Road Books

Road books provide comprehensive details of the course and will be issued to participants at documentation prior to event start.

It is important that at least one crew member be able to read a road book, particularly on touring stages. The use of stage notes is prohibited in the Targa Tour. Crews found using pace notes will be excluded from the Targa Tour immediately.

Course

Travelling along the same route as the competition vehicles, the tour is grouped into 'packets' of up to 15 vehicles and led by our experienced Targa Tour Leaders. The Tour Leaders are there to assist your driving pleasure and match you up with like-minded Tour participants.

Start Order

The Tour Leader may change the order of, and/or within, a tour packet at any time. Refusal to follow the instructions of the Tour Leader will see the participant not start the next or any proceeding stages.

Reporting for the Days Activities

Participants are required to report to the departure point no less than 20 minutes before their time of departure and prepare to leave when instructed to do so by the Tour Leader.

Targa Stages

Tour vehicles drive on the closed roads prior to the competition. On arrival to the stage start participants are to queue behind the Targa Tour Leader vehicle on the side of the road as directed.

The Targa Tour Leader vehicle will give two minutes warning before departure and participants are then required to be in their vehicles, with seat belts done up.

Within the closed-road Targa stages, normal safe driving practices must be followed, however, as the roads are closed there will be no oncoming traffic, allowing you to use both sides of the road.

During the Targa Stages your speed limit is increased to 120km/h, however you must revert to the normal signposted speed limits after slowing to exit the Targa stage.

Alcohol, Drugs & Other Substances

Consumption of alcohol and any non-prescription drugs is expressly forbidden until all practice or competition activity is concluded for each day. Please refer to the Tour Regulations for a full copy of Targa Australia's drug & alcohol policy.

Targa Tour "Do's & Dont's"

Do:

- ✓ Ensure you arrive to stage starts on time
- ✓ Follow all instructions from your Tour Leader and any Targa Staff or Officials
- ✓ Slow at the designated "Stop Points"
- ✓ Respect the road rules on the transport stages

Don't:

- ✗ Exceed the stage speed limit of 120km/h
- ✗ Overtake other Tour participants, unless the vehicle ahead has mechanical issues and clearly directs you to do so
- ✗ "Drop back" to create a gap to the vehicle ahead and then speed up again
- ✗ Consume any alcohol or other prohibited substances until all driving activities have concluded for the day



Vehicle Requirements

The best part about joining a Targa Tour is that no rollcage is required.

A vehicle wishing to participate in a Targa Tour must be roadworthy at all times and equipped with the following:

- **Two Safety Triangles**
- **First Aid Kit**
- **At least one tow point** - either front and/or rear
- **Oil absorbent material:** Participants are required to carry in their vehicle a 1kg bag of environmentally friendly, 100%organic, non-leaching, biodegradable oil absorbent material (this may be Kitty Litter) or 500g of specialist absorbent material
- **Tyres** must be road legal (no slicks allowed) and maintain a tread depth above the wear indicators at all times.
- **Fire Extinguisher:** It is highly recommended but not compulsory to securely fit a correctly maintained hand-held fire extinguisher with a total capacity of not less than 1.0kg

You will not require:

- A roll cage
- Race seats or harnesses
- Rallysafe equipment
- Helmets

RSLite (RallySafe Lite)

RallySafe is a GPS safety device used on all Targa stages. Tour vehicles are not required to fit a RallySafe device to their vehicle, however at least one crew member in each car must download the RSLite App.

RSLite is a mobile application for Android and iOS that provides continuous vehicle tracking integrated with the RallySafe Race Control rally management platform for display on the Race Control map. It is a lightweight alternative to fitting a RallySafe unit.

In 'Competition' mode, as well as continuous vehicle position updates to Race Control, RSLite has the following features:

- A current speed indicator
- OK/SOS buttons to transmit vehicle status to Race Control with additional Fire/Medical requests
- When a stage is red flagged, competitors on stage are notified and an acknowledgement is requested
- Race officials can send messages directly to the competitor and request an acknowledgement or yes/no response

As RSLite is required to be open at all times during the days activities it is recommended to ensure you have a charging cable for whichever mobile device you choose to run the app.

Vehicle Preparation

Vehicle Signage (Including Organisers Decals)

You will be assigned a vehicle number as a part of your entry to the Targa Tasmania tour, and at documentation the organisers will supply event front door decals and compulsory event sponsor decals. These must be attached to the vehicle as per issued instructions and must not be cut and/or altered in any way and are to be maintained in good condition throughout the event.

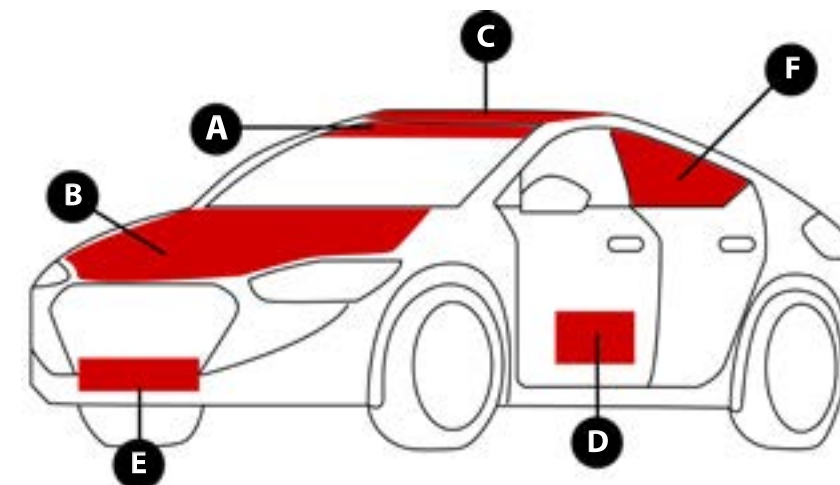
Alteration or removal of the decals from the vehicle before or during the event will render the entrant unable to start the next day until rectified to the satisfaction of the organisers and/or Tour Leaders.

Entrants are able to "purchase back" some of the space reserved for organisers decals for a fee of \$900 including GST.

Vehicle Number Plates

The organisers will provide each team with two metal vehicle number plates. These plates are to be displayed in place of the usual vehicle registration plate and in the same location.

If a written instruction from the Clerk of the Course, or his nominee (including the Tour Leader) is issued to a competitor to relocate a number plate - that instruction must be carried out to the satisfaction of that official. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in the vehicle not being permitted to start the leg.



Organisers Decal Placement

Organiser's event identification decals and compulsory event sponsor decals (supplied at documentation along with placement instructions) must be placed on the vehicle as follows:

- A. Window Banner** - at the top of the front window (1500 x 200mm)
- B. Bonnet and cowl** - entire area
- C. Vehicle Roof** - entire area
- D. Competition Number Door Panel** - 2 x panels on the front doors (495 x 300mm)
- E. Number Plates** - 2 x (rear and front) metal plates will be provided to display with your competition number in place of the usual vehicle registration plates.
- F. Crew Names** - On rear side window, or most practical position (optional - entrant to supply own)

Tour Entry Inclusions

Your Targa Tasmania Tour entry will include:

- 6 days of driving on the closed road Targa Tasmania stages
- Lunch each drive day
- Targa Tasmania number plates with your vehicle entry number
- 2x Targa Tasmania finishers medallions upon crossing the official finish line in Launceston
- 2x Targa Tasmania Trophy plates
- 2x tickets to the official welcome function
- 2x tickets to the official presentation function

Getting To Tasmania

The Spirit of Tasmania is the main way for competitors to get their cars to and from Targa Tasmania. The Spirit of Tasmania allocate space for Targa cars on certain sailing dates for each event for a certain period of time. Book early to avoid disappointment.

You can view availability and reserve your place on the Spirit of Tasmania by following the below link:

[2025 Targa Tasmania Spirit of Tasmania Bookings](#)

Accommodation

You will find a full Travel Guide with accommodation, dining and activity recommendations on our website, however below are a few key notes regarding your stay in Tasmania.

Limited accommodation is being held for Targa Tasmania entrants at a number of properties in Hobart and Launceston. For all accommodation bookings during Targa Tasmania please contact Tasmanian Vacations on 1300 827 822 or groups@tasvacations.com.

Are you looking to extend your stay in Tasmania? Tasmanian Vacations can also assist with pre and post accommodation and tours. Ask the Tasmanian Vacations team for more information.

Please refer to the Guide to the Event document for more information.





Arrive Early and Explore Southern Tasmania

Whilst Tasmania is known for its incredible driving roads, the island has so many tourist attractions and beautiful sights to enjoy, so why not extend your stay?

Hobart + Southern Tasmania

Hobart is a beautiful city with a mix of history, culture, and stunning natural landscapes. Here are some top tourist attractions and activities to explore

MONA (Museum of Old and New Art)

A world-famous, quirky, and provocative museum that pushes the boundaries of contemporary and modern art. The unique experience begins with a ferry ride from Hobart's waterfront, offering a scenic approach to the museum's striking architecture, built into the cliffs along the Derwent River.

Salamanca Market

Held every Saturday in Salamanca Place, this vibrant open-air market features over 300 stalls selling local crafts, fresh produce, artisan foods, handmade jewelry, and unique souvenirs. The market is set against the backdrop of beautifully preserved 19th-century sandstone warehouses, now home to galleries, cafés, and boutique shops.

Mount Wellington (Kunanyi)

Towering 1,271 meters above Hobart, this mountain offers breathtaking panoramic views of the city, the Derwent River, and even as far as Bruny Island on a clear day.

Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens

Established in 1818, these stunning gardens are among the oldest in the Southern Hemisphere. They feature a diverse collection of native and exotic plants, Japanese and French gardens, and a rare subantarctic plant house, the only one of its kind in the world.

Cascade Brewery

Australia's oldest operating brewery, founded in 1824, set against the dramatic backdrop of Mount Wellington. The heritage-listed Gothic-style building and its beautiful gardens create a picturesque setting for a brewery tour and beer tastings.

Port Arthur Historic Site

A UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, Port Arthur is one of Australia's most significant convict-era settlements. Set on a scenic harbor, it features well-preserved ruins, restored buildings, and an interactive visitor center that brings its fascinating history to life. Visitors can join guided tours, explore at their own pace, or take a chilling after-dark ghost tour to *hear tales of its eerie past. A harbor cruise also takes visitors past the Isle of the Dead, a convict burial ground, adding to the experience*

Stay Longer and Explore Northern Tasmania

Launceston + North East Tasmania

Launceston is a charming city with a mix of stunning natural landscapes, history, and great food. Here's a list of top things to do when visiting Launceston & North Eastern Tasmania

Cataract Gorge Reserve

Just minutes from the city center, this stunning natural reserve features scenic walking trails, a chairlift ride, a swimming pool, and resident peacocks.

Tamar Valley Wine Region

One of Tasmania's premier wine regions, offering cool-climate wines, rolling vineyards, and cellar door tastings. Top spots like Josef Chromy and Jansz provide exceptional Pinot Noir and sparkling wines, along with gourmet food pairings.

Bridestowe Lavender Estate

A picturesque farm famous for its endless purple lavender fields which will be starting to bloom in November. Enjoy lavender-inspired treats like lavender ice cream, take a guided tour, and shop for unique local products.

Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery (QVMAG)

Tasmania's largest regional museum, featuring fascinating exhibits on colonial history, natural science, and Aboriginal heritage. It also houses a planetarium and interactive displays for all ages.

Woolmers Estate

A UNESCO-listed historic homestead and convict-era farm, offering a deep dive into Tasmania's colonial past. Walk through beautifully preserved buildings, heritage gardens, and see one of Australia's finest collections of antique rose gardens.

Harvest Launceston Farmers' Market (Saturdays)

A vibrant weekly market where you can experience the best of Tasmanian produce. Enjoy fresh artisan bread, local cheeses, organic fruits and vegetables, gourmet meats, honey, and handcrafted goods, all while soaking in the lively atmosphere.

James Boag Brewery Tour

Step inside Launceston's famous brewery, founded in 1881, and learn about the beer-making process while sampling classic Tasmanian brews. The historic setting and expert-led tastings make this a must-do for beer enthusiasts.





Enter Targa Tasmania

If you would like to join the Targa Tasmania Tour please feel welcome to reach out to our team, or visit www.targa.com.au and complete the Tour Application Form.

Contact Targa

For further enquiries in relation to entering the event, or the topics in this handbook, please contact aleshia@targa.com.au

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Make sure you tag us in your photos so we can see all the special moments from your Targa adventure!

Disclaimer: The information in this guide does not supersede any of the regulations governing Targa Tasmania and therefore cannot be used as the basis for a protest.

It is the responsibility of the competitors/crews to ensure that at all times they conform to all eligibility requirements and their vehicle maintains legal roadworthiness.



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