



A THREE DAY SELF-DRIVE THROUGH TASMANIA'S WHISKEY MIDLANDS

There's a quiet kind of magic that lingers in Tasmania's Southern Midlands — a place where rolling hills are dotted with English-style villages, Georgian sandstone buildings, and age-old bridges built by convict hands. But there's also something decidedly modern brewing: the Tasmanian whisky trail is putting this region back on the map for reasons far beyond history.

Day 1 – Launceston to Ross

Start your journey in **Launceston** and make your way south along the *Midlands Highway* toward the village of **Campbell Town**. Your first stop is **Adams Distillery** in Perth, a family-run operation crafting award-winning Tasmanian whisky.

In Campbell Town, walk across the **1838 Red Bridge**, built with over 1.5 million bricks. Visit **Coco Blue** for homewares and café delights, and browse **The Book Cellar** inside an 1830s coaching inn. Don't miss the **Campbell Town Museum** for colonial and wool industry insights.

Head south to **Ross**, a stunning Georgian village. Explore the **Ross Bridge**, carved by convicts in 1836, and visit the **Ross Female Factory** – one of Australia's most complete convict women's sites. Then visit the **Tasmanian Wool Centre** to discover local merino wool history.

Overnight in Ross:

Budget: Ross B&B Accommodation

Upmarket: Shepherds Story

Day 2 – Ross to Oatlands

Begin your morning wandering Ross and lifting the handset on the red phone boxes to hear historical stories.

Drive to **Oatlands** and explore the **Callington Mill Distillery**, a beautifully restored flour mill turned whisky destination. Join a tasting session or enjoy a meal on-site.

Stretch your legs around **Lake Dulverton**, home to many bird species and the quirky *Cows in the Lake* sculpture.

Shop for chocolates and preserves at **Tidbit and Morsel**, browse handmade textiles at **The Weaver's Cottage Studio**, and admire antiques at **The Jardin Room & Provincial Interiors**. Grab a hearty dinner at the **Kentish Hotel**.

Overnight in Oatlands:

Budget: Robinson Cottage

Upmarket: Raffah House

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Day 3 – Oatlands to Kempton

Depart Oatlands and stop in **Pontville** to visit **Lark Distillery Pontville Estate**. Explore its historic grounds, cellar door and whisky bar.

Your final destination is **Old Kempton Distillery** in Kempton. Set in the grand 1842 Dysart House, it’s a fitting conclusion with guided tastings, quality spirits and a top-tier café.

Optional overnight in or near Kempton:

Budget: Brighton Hotel Motel

Upmarket: Harmony Hill Wellness and Organic Spa Retreat (in nearby Margate)

Practical information

- **Best time to visit:** March to May for crisp air and autumn colours. August is ideal for Tasmanian Whisky Week events across the state.
- **Opening hours:** Most distilleries and galleries are open 10am–4pm. Always check ahead for seasonal hours or tour bookings.
- **Dress code:** Casual and layered — even in summer, evenings can be chilly. Closed shoes recommended for distillery tours and outdoor walks.

SUMMARY ITINERARY: LAUNCESTON TO KEMPTON

Day	Route	Key Stops & Activities	Accommodation	Distance	Drive (hrs)
1	Launceston → Ross via Campbell Town	Adams Distillery, Red Bridge, Coco Blue, Book Cellar, Ross Bridge, Ross Female Factory, Wool Centre	Shepherds Story	80 km	1:00
2	Ross → Oatlands	Callington Mill, Lake Dulverton, Tidbit & Morsel, Weaver’s Cottage, Kentish Hotel	Raffah House	36 km	0:30
3	Oatlands → Kempton via Pontville	Lark Distillery, Old Kempton Distillery	Optional – near Kempton	35 km	0:35