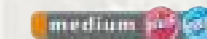




# Going home to Hobart

Sie kennen die Hauptstadt von Tasmanien nicht? Das sollten Sie ändern. Das malerisch gelegene Hobart ist ein Paradies für Künstler und Schriftsteller. **MERRIDY EASTMAN** stellt die Stadt vor, in der sie aufgewachsen ist.



As a schoolgirl in Queensland, I used to forget to draw the “small” island at the bottom of the map of Australia — that is, until we moved there. And although I enjoyed the rest of my childhood in **Tasmania**, as soon as I was old enough, I did what so many young people do who live on an island: I **bolted**.

For the last three decades, though, no matter where in the world our careers or marriages have taken us, my brother, sister and I have flown back to Hobart every year to be with our parents, and to visit the city we will always call home. Every year, we say to each other over glasses of local Moorilla wine, “You know, I think I may move back here.”



## A CLOSER LOOK

**Tasmania** is located 240 kilometres south of the Australian state of Victoria and is separated from the mainland by the Bass **Strait**. The state’s name comes from the Dutch explorer Abel Tasman, who, in 1642, became the first European to see the island. Until 1856, however, Tasmania was known as Van Diemen’s Land. Anthony van Diemen was the governor of the Dutch **East Indies** who sent Tasman on his sea voyage.

<b>bolt</b> [bəʊlt]	abhauen, flüchten
<b>East Indies</b> [i:st 'ɪndiz]	die Inselstaaten Südostasiens
<b>strait</b> [streɪt]	Straße, Meerenge

Hobart, Tasmania, is defined by its geography: Victoria Dock on the main waterfront with Mount Wellington in the morning light