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PREMIER Will Hodgman will today fly to Brisbane to represent Tasmania at the G20 summit.
He will attend the global economic forum flanked by all state and territory leaders.

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Mr Hodgman will meet Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Treasurer Joe Hockey this weekend, while rubbing shoulders with powerhouses of major advanced and emerging international economies.

He will also attend a speech to be given by US president Barack Obama.

The Premier will return to the state in time to welcome **Chinese** President Xi Jinping and his wife, Peng Liyuan, on Tuesday.

The exact itinerary for President Xi's Tasmanian trip is not yet confirmed, but the visit is being touted as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the state.

President Xi's visit will coincide with a TasInvest Conference taking place in Hobart next week.

More than 200 international delegates are set to attend the **sold**-out event, with representatives from over 80 international investors.

Eight **Chinese** Fortune 500 companies will be represented at the three-day conference, along with ambassadors from seven **Chinese** ministries.

Attendees will visit the \$103 **million** Craggy Ridge eco-tourism project and Ashgrove **Dairy** Farm in the state's North.

The sites were selected to highlight the North's tourism and agriculture potential.

Premier Hodgman said yesterday the conference reflected what was an incredibly exciting time for the state.

"(TasInvest) will give a very clear message to the rest of the world that we're open for **business**," he said.

"TasInvest is **sold** out . . . there are going to be six or seven hundred people coming to dinner when we say, 'Come and look at us as an investment destination'."

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