

Ports & Excursions



Port Arthur (Tasmania), Australia

Port Arthur is named for George Arthur, the Lieutenant Governor of Tasmania from 1823 to 1837. It was Arthur who converted a small convict lumber station on the Tasman Peninsula into the most feared penal colony in Australia. Preserved today as the Port Arthur Historical Site, the then state-of-the-art prison was designed to hold repeat offenders in isolation and hard labor. When it closed in 1877, it marked the end of a dark chapter in English and Australian history.

Both Port Arthur is also your gateway to the wild and scenic Tasman Peninsula. Its wave-lashed coast is the site of spectacular rock formations such as Tasman Arch, the Tessellated Pavement and the Devil's Kitchen. The peninsula is also home to small farms, superb fruit orchards and acclaimed vineyards.

The Tasman Peninsula is one of the last refuges for the endangered Tasmanian devil. The Tasmania Devil Conservation Park is in the forefront of protecting these unique - if surly and downright disagreeable - remnants of Tasmanian prehistory.

Note: Port Arthur is an anchorage port. Passengers transfer to shore via ship's tender.

Points of Interest

1 Port Arthur Historic Site

As expert guides detail the history and modus operandi of this historic penal colony, which saw over 12,000 convicts from 1830-1877, explore open-air ruins, colonial gardens and over 30 restored buildings, commandant's house included.

2 Isle of The Dead

Over 1,000 burials, most convicts and ex-cons from the Port Arthur Penal Colony, took place from 1830-1877 in this eerily tranquil cemetery, a melancholic collection of mass graves and fading headstones on a bush-covered island.

3 Coal Mines Historic Site

Port Arthur Penal Colony's worst offenders were compelled to toil away for years at this historic site, Tasmania's first operational mine, which still features the remains of narrow mine shafts and 18 dank solitary cells.

4 Eaglehawk Neck

Port Arthur's only passageway in and out, this long, slender isthmus was once patrolled by solemn guards and ferocious dogs, part of a strict security system designed to prevent convicts from escaping the penal colony.

5 Tasmanian Devil Conservation Park

This luxuriant conservation park brings you face to face with amazing species including kangaroos, wallabies, quolls and actual Tasmanian devils, furtive, meat-eating marsupials famous for their snarling, aggressive behavior.

7 Port Arthur Lavender Farm

Located on the stunning Tasman Peninsula enjoy a truly amazing lavender experience. The farm grows a large variety of organic lavender which is distilled and turned into unique products including lavender chocolate and fudge.

Special Child Pricing Available!

Children age 12 and younger, savings up to 50%. For actual pricing information, click on tour title or Reserve button.

Sightseeing & City Tours



Most Popular World Heritage Site
Port Arthur Historic Site, Coal Mines & Norfolk Bay
 PA7-100 | Port Arthur (Tasmania), Australia | Group Size: 35

You will visit: **1 3**

You will see: **2 S**

4 hours from **\$259.95 (AUD)**

Join an expert guide to gain an overview of the experience that is Port Arthur before taking in the Tasman Peninsula's striking beauty during this engaging guided tour of Tasmania's first operational mines where convicts labored for decades.

Special Interests



Tasman Peninsula, Lavender Farm & Wine Tasting
 PA7-305 | Port Arthur (Tasmania), Australia

You will visit: **4**

You will see: **1 7 M**

4 hours from **\$164.95 (AUD)**

Enjoy Pirates' Bay Lookout's dazzling views and savor morning tea. Visit a Lavender farm, the Officer's Quarters at Eaglehawk Neck, the once heavily guarded gateway to Australia's last penal colony, and enjoy a tasting of Bream Creek wines.



World Heritage Site Premium
Behind the Scenes Walking Tour at Port Arthur
 PA7-250 | Port Arthur (Tasmania), Australia | Group Size: 25

You will visit: **1 S**

2.5 hours from **\$129.95 (AUD)**

Travelers accustomed to the best will relish the opportunity to participate in an exclusive walking tour of Tasmania's infamous Port Arthur Historic Site. Take a 2.5 hour walking tour and enjoy access to areas not open to the general public, including colonial gardens and open-air ruins, and learn the history of this legendary 1830-1877 penal colony from the conservators and heritage experts.

Nature & Wildlife



World Heritage Site

Tasmanian Devil Unzoo
PA7-210 | Port Arthur (Tasmania), Australia

You will visit: **5**

You will see: **1**



3.5
hours

from **\$164.95 (AUD)**

Head into the wild at Tasmanian Devil Unzoo, a lush sprawl showcasing remarkable indigenous species including kangaroos, wallabies and Tasmanian devils. Enjoy a chocolate tasting at Federation Chocolate.



Off the Beaten Path

Geology & History of the Tasman Peninsula
PA7-220 | Port Arthur (Tasmania), Australia

You will visit: **4**

You will see: **1**



3
hours

from **\$89.95 (AUD)**

Marvel at the peninsula's breathtaking coastal cliffs and dramatic natural rock formations including the Blowhole, a wave-worn crater through which seawater bursts during high tide. Pass lush farms and quaint towns to explore Eaglehawk Neck, the once heavily guarded isthmus leading to the penal colony.