SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT PORT ARTHUR 2013/14

PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITES

Family friendly Ghost Tours

28 December-26 January, 7:30pm daily

Don't miss out on a Ghost Tour because the children should be in bed or might be afraid of the dark! Our special family-friendly ghost tour is PG-rated and designed for younger visitors. The tour happens before dark - you might even need your sunglasses - and offers plenty of atmosphere and fun!

Family tickets only $65—two adults and up to six children. Duration 90 minutes

Call 1800 659 101

Paranormal Investigation Experience

January 11 & 25 / February 8 & 22nd / March 15 & 29 10pm- 2am

Due to popular demand, our award winning, adults only, late night tours will be offered twice monthly during the warmer months. Our Paranormal Investigation Experience allows visitors to conduct their own paranormal investigations with the assistance of the latest ghost hunting equipment and contributes valuable information to our extensive database of paranormal activity.

Devonshire Teas @ The Visiting Magistrates House

1 – 31 January, 2:30 - 4:30 – excluding Saturdays.

$14pp

Refresh yourself in style at the gloriously refurbished mid nineteenth century home that affords a magnificent vista over the grounds of the Port Arthur Historic Site.

Premium Tasmanian beers and wine will be available for purchase.

History Plays

27 December – 24 January daily except Saturdays

This summer we present our ever popular series of plays which bring Port Arthur history to life! The plays are directed by Chris Hamley and performed by Chris with Nicole Farrow, Nelson Ohl and Michael Edgar. Each play runs approximately 20 minutes and admission is included in the cost of your site entry pass.

The Man Who Threw a Stone by Richard Davey.

Performed in the Separate Prison 11:45am & 2:45pm.

As an old man, convict Dennis Collins found that a hunger strike was the only protest available to him. Please be seated early as the Prison will close two minutes prior to the performance to enable a prompt start.

The Shingle Strike by David Young

Performed behind the Penitentiary. 12:30pm and 4:15pm (weather permitting)

The story of Irish poet Francis Macnamara's endeavour to overcome the bullying tactics of an unscrupulous overseer.

A Boy's Life by Les Winspear

Performed behind the Penitentiary 1:15pm and 3:30pm (weather permitting)

A London street kid is sent across the world to Point Puer. Will he escape his life of crime?

Hidden Stories Activity Book

Pick up your free copy of the 'Hidden Stories' kids activity book at the ticketing counter. This book is a great way for kids aged 8 and above to discover the history of Port Arthur through activities and puzzles. Don't forget to collect your stamps along the way!

Family Fun Activities

26 December-27 January daily

Spend some time at our Education Centre (the Accountants House) and try your hand at traditional crafts, design work and trades. Make your own peg doll or replica ¼ size convict brick. Learn about early animation by assembling a phantascope or try your hand at making convict love tokens.

Activities are offered in two sessions each day, 12-1:30pm and 2-3pm. Check the information board downstairs in the Visitor Centre for today's activities.

Traditional Trades

6–20 January daily – excluding Saturdays

Many convicts played a part in building Port Arthur, some as skilled tradesmen and others as apprentices. Find out about these trades and what it means for our site conservation activities today.

Kids large and small can try their hand at the traditional Port Arthur trades of stone masonry and brick laying. Work with our experienced conservation staff and learn how convicts carved stone and laid bricks. Sessions will run for an hour and a half daily excluding Saturdays.

Carved in Stone: 5-10 January, 1:30-3pm opposite the Convict Church

Bricks & Mortar: 12-17 January, 2-3:30pm at the Penitentiary

Port Arthur Champagne Cruise

Fridays and Sundays, December 2013- April 2014, 5:30pm

Ok, so the bubbles may not be the traditional French variety but the rest of this tour is the real deal! Join us for a relaxing 1 hour cruise of the waters surrounding the iconic Port Arthur Historic Site. Enjoy a glass of premium Tasmanian sparkling wine or beer and take in the sites from the comfortable and spacious MV Marana.

A wonderful interlude for those staying on for site for a Ghost Tour or just looking for a relaxed way to end their day of exploring.

Adults $35 Children (4-16) $20 Family (2adults, 2children) $90

Tickets available by phone 03 6223 1914, in person at Hobart or Port Arthur Tasmanian Visitor Information Network Offices or online at http://www.navigators.net.au/cruise-portarthur.html