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PORT
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HISTORIC
SITE



TRADE SHEET

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UNIQUE, EMOTIONAL, FASCINATING & UNFORGETTABLE

Port Arthur Historic Site is iconic.

This UNESCO World Heritage site provides an immersive experience, inviting visitors to connect with Australia's convict past, and the history that has helped shaped the nation.

Port Arthur was a secondary punishment station for more than forty years until its closure in 1877, and was a military and industrial centre, encompassing mining, farming, timber cutting, boat building and many other trades.

Meet the rogues and the righteous, villains and victors, saints and lost souls of Port Arthur through a variety of interpretive experiences, including guided tours, a harbour cruise, multimedia presentations, restored houses and museum displays.

The journey begins in the redeveloped visitor centre, with the Port Arthur Gallery providing unique insight into the story of our site. Our intricate model showcases how Port Arthur looked during the convict era, and sets the scene for venturing outside. Rare collection items demonstrate the tools, weapons and uniforms of the time.

There are over 30 historic buildings and convict ruins across the site, with short walking trails through the natural bush surrounding Port Arthur. The complementary Harbour Cruise explains the maritime history of the site while travelling around the island cemetery on the Isle of the Dead. Visitors are encouraged to explore the site at their own pace, with average time spent onsite being 3.5 hours.

Our expert tour guides enhance visitor experiences through the suite of additional paid experiences, including the *Commandants Tour* (premium), *Convict Tour* (introductory), *Isle of the Dead Cemetery Tour* and the *Escape from Port Arthur Tour*.

For an exclusive and premium experience, the Wheel of Fate provides visitors with a behind the scenes look at buildings that are off limits to regular visitors. With a private guide and personal chef, this is four-hour VIP experience is unique.

The Port Arthur Historic Site offers different dining options, allowing visitors to choose from casual café alfresco dining to à la carte restaurant service in 1830 Restaurant and Bar, offering stunning sweeping views of the historic site.

As there is a lot to see and do at Port Arthur, site entry passes are valid for two consecutive days and include entry to the Port Arthur Gallery, a 20 minute harbour cruise, complimentary site talks and access to more than 30 historic buildings, ruins, heritage gardens and walking trails. A Port Arthur Audio Experience can be accessed on visitors' own devices and used as a self-guided tour of the site. This experience is offered in English and simplified Mandarin languages.

For those brave enough, the ever-popular Ghost Tours begin after dark.

Our Education Programs offer a range of immersive outdoor learning experiences for primary and secondary school students. Teachers can lead their students around the site or book one of our guided tours or hands-on workshops.



KEY SELLING POINTS

About the experience:

- Port Arthur is an iconic UNESCO World Heritage site and remains a must-see destination when visiting Tasmania.
- Our site provides an immersive experience, inviting visitors to connect with Tasmania's convict past and the history that helped shape both the state and the nation.
- Tour Guides have continued to bring Port Arthur's brutal conditions to life since it closed as a prison in 1877. In fact, the first guides were ex-convicts! Today, our experienced guides will fascinate you with the stories behind the unique history of this amazing site.
- With access to more than 30 historic buildings, ruins and heritage gardens, Port Arthur is one of the world's best-preserved time capsules of the convict era.
- As one of the Heritage and Cultural Attractions of Australia, Port Arthur offers an exclusive Wheel of Fate tour for luxury travellers. Go behind the scenes with one of our expert guides or conservation specialists. Dive deep into Port Arthur's rich history and dine in one of our historic houses.
- Spend the day at Port Arthur, there's so much to explore. The average time spent onsite is 3.5 hours. We provide multiple dining options with two cafes and a restaurant onsite. Catering packages are available for group bookings.
- As the sun sets, be guided through some of Port Arthur's infamous buildings as you explore the paranormal on a lantern-lit Ghost Tour.

How do visitors feel when they leave here?

- An emotional connection to the site and the stories it holds.
- Satisfied by the range of immersive experiences on offer and the opportunity they have had to explore.
- Surprised by the natural beauty of our site – it's not what you expect when visiting a prison!
- Motivated to explore and uncover their family history. (for those with a Tasmanian connection.)

What are the main reasons why people recommend that others should visit?

- Port Arthur is an exceptional visitor experience and remains a must see destination in Tasmania.
- To experience and understand the convict story, an integral part of Tasmania's history.
- To experience the spectacular Tasman Peninsula; be immersed in the rugged coastlines and national parks which include wheelchair accessible viewing platforms and walking tracks. The region also hosts artisan producers, wineries, distilleries and nature experiences.
- Value for money. Site entry provides you with a two-day pass.



GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR VISIT

Site entry includes:

- 20 minute Harbour Cruise
- Port Arthur Gallery – interactive exhibits and displays
- Complimentary site talks at key locations throughout the day
- Access to more than 30 historic buildings, ruins, heritage gardens and walking trails
- Self-guided Port Arthur Audio Experience
- Entry is valid for two consecutive days

Operations information:

- Port Arthur Historic Site is open 7 days (except Christmas Day) from 9am to 5pm. Guided tours are available every day between 9am and 3:30pm.
- Ghost Tours are available all year Wednesday to Sunday. Tours commence after the sun goes down, so times vary in different seasons.
- The Tasman Peninsula is an incredible region of Tasmania to visit. Its rugged beauty never disappoints. As part of your journey there are spectacular coastlines and national parks with wheelchair accessible viewing platforms and walking tracks. There are also artisan producers, wineries, distilleries and nature experiences.

Catering options:

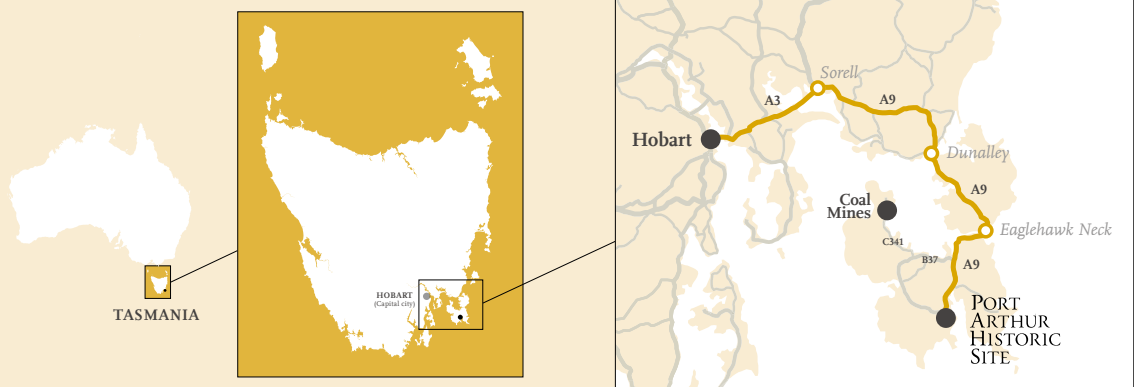
- Catering options are available for FIT or group travellers. Bookings with at least 48 hours notice are essential.
- Group catering lunch or dinners can be organised in buffet or set menu options. There are multiple indoor and outdoor locations around our site.
- There are two cafes onsite that are open every day. The *1830 Restaurant & Bar* is open on Ghost Tour evenings only. Bookings are essential via the website.

Suggested time on site: 1/2 Day



Where are we?

Port Arthur Historic Site is 90km from Hobart (1 hour and 20 minutes drive each way).



ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

Commandant's Tour (Premium Tour)

Enjoy exclusive access to Port Arthur Historic Site, much like the Commandant and his guests experienced.

This 90-minute guided tour explores some of the site's most significant buildings, including the Penitentiary, the Separate Prison, and the Convict Church. Your expert guide will offer fascinating insights into the people and characters who lived, worked, and served their time at Port Arthur.

Convict Tour (Essentials Tour)*

The 45 minute Convict Tour provides a general overview of the history of Port Arthur and its significance as a secondary punishment station. The tour is accessible with minimal walking.

*This tour is a shortened version of the Commandant's Tour, so you would not need to book both of these tours.

Isle of the Dead Cemetery Tour

The Isle of the Dead holds the stories of many of Port Arthur's people.

On this 40-minute tour, journey to the island by sea and take a guided walking tour of the island.

Escape from Port Arthur Tour

Port Arthur was the perfect place for a prison – it was remote and isolated by both the foreboding natural landscape and deep tempestuous seas.

Despite the perilous odds, escape attempts were frequent and took many forms.

On this 60-minute guided walking tour meet cunning characters that went to extreme measures to escape from the Prison.

Wheel of Fate

Join an exclusive behind the scenes tour, exploring the 'Wheel of Fate' of some of Port Arthur's most notable individuals.

This experience allows exclusive expert access to Port Arthur's unique buildings, and invites you behind the ropes to explore 19th century life in this infamous prison settlement.

After enjoying sparkling wine and canapes inside the Commandant's House, your private chef will serve a two-course lunch of artisan local produce, served in the magnificent Visiting Magistrates House. This 4 hour tour is a truly VIP experience for groups of 2 to 10 visitors. Bookings are required a minimum of 72 hours in advance.

Ghost Tour

As the sun sets, come out to the dark grounds of the Port Arthur Historic Site for a 90 minute, lantern-lit Ghost Tour. Follow your expert guide through some of Port Arthur's most infamous buildings and ruins, hearing vivid stories of unexplained events that have baffled convicts, free settlers, soldiers and visitors.

Ghost Tour



Shuttle bus



PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE

RATES REFERENCE SHEET — Valid from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

PRODUCT		GST	RETAIL
SITE ENTRY			
	\$	\$	\$
Adult	43.64	4.36	48.00
Concession	38.00	0.00	38.00
Child	23.00	0.00	23.00
Family	120.00	0.00	120.00
Infant	0.00	0.00	0.00
COMMANDANT'S TOUR (requires purchase of site entry)			
Adult	30.00	0.00	30.00
Child	15.00	0.00	15.00
Family	90.00	0.00	90.00
ISLE OF THE DEAD TOUR (requires purchase of site entry)			
Adult	30.00	0.00	30.00
Child	15.00	0.00	15.00
Family	90.00	0.00	90.00
ESCAPE FROM PORT ARTHUR TOUR (requires purchase of site entry)			
Adult	20.00	0.00	20.00
Child	10.00	0.00	10.00
Family	60.00	0.00	60.00
CONVICT TOUR (requires purchase of site entry)			
Adult	10.00	0.00	10.00
Child	5.00	0.00	5.00
Family	30.00	0.00	30.00
GHOST TOUR			
Adult	35.00	0.00	35.00
Child	18.00	0.00	18.00
Infant	0.00	0.00	0.00
WHEEL OF FATE			
Wheel of Fate	359.09	35.91	395.00

Child = Aged 7 to 17 years.

Family = 2 Adults & up to 6 children (aged 7 to 17 years).

Infant = child less than 7 years.

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