

PORT ARTHUR ITINERARY

**THIS ITINERARY
ENSURES A GOOD
BALANCE OF HISTORY,
ADVENTURE, FOOD
AND NATURE.**

Port Arthur, nestled on Tasmania's Turrakana/Tasman Peninsula in the Tasman region, is a charming town that blends rich convict history with breathtaking landscapes, thrilling coastal adventures, and exceptional local food and beverages.

Visitors can explore the UNESCO-listed Port Arthur Historic Site, cruise along dramatic sea cliffs, and encounter wildlife and wonderful nature walks. With welcoming locals, a sustainable tourism focus, and unforgettable experiences, Port Arthur is more than a town—it's a destination that captivates the soul as a remote Tasmanian treasure. It's a natural escape!

Background image: Port Arthur Historic Site - Hype TV



HOW FAR?

**PORT ARTHUR IS ONLY 96 KMS OR
90 MINS SOUTH EAST OF HOBART**

MUST VISIT

PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE

COAL MINES HISTORIC SITE

PORT ARTHUR LAVENDER

**CAPE RAOUL OR
TASMAN ISLAND CRUISE**

MUST SEE

REMARKABLE CAVE

TESSELLATED PAVEMENT

PIRATES BAY LOOKOUT

**IF YOU PREFER A SLOWER PACE,
SWAP OUT A STOP OR SPEND MORE
TIME AT KEY SITES.**



Image: Remarkable Cave - Phillip Hallam

TOP TRAVELLER TIPS



Some places of interest have gravel roads that are safe if you follow speed limits.



As Port Arthur is a seasonal destination, opening hours for attractions and food outlets may change. It's recommended to check times online and to book direct in advance.



Our wildlife like to wander onto the roads, so please drive with care – particularly from dawn to dusk.



With a diverse community and arts scene – keep an eye out on the Tasman Council website or Facebook page for local events and activities.

2 DAY / 1 NIGHT ITINERARY

For discoverers who are short on time, it is possible to enjoy elements of Port Arthur and surrounds in just 2 days and 1 night, being perfect for long weekends, however we do recommend a longer stay of at least 2-3 nights to truly experience this beautiful and remote place.

DAY 1: DISCOVER PORT ARTHUR & SURROUNDS

MORNING:

8.30 AM - 10.15 AM CUBED ESPRESSO BAR & TESSELLATED PAVEMENT (EAGLEHAWK NECK)

- Begin your Port Arthur adventure with short (25 mins) drive to the Tasman National Park lookout where you can enjoy a coffee (locally roasted) and a sweet treat (locally made – the cookies are divine) to start your day. Housed in a restored 1957 caravan, this solar powered espresso bar, located on the top of the hill, offers more than just a coffee experience - take in the spectacular natural surrounds of Pirates Bay.
- Drive down the hill (5 mins) and take the short 7 minute walk to **Tessellated Pavement**. This stunning natural formation of perfectly geometric rock tiles, shaped over millennia by erosion and tidal forces is best viewed at low tide. A unique site that offers a surreal landscape set against a dramatic ocean backdrop, making it a must-see for anyone seeking a one-of-a-kind experience. For those less mobile, the view from the car-park is worth the stop.
- Allow time (25 mins) to drive back to Port Arthur to meet your cruise.

10.45 AM - 12.15 PM CAPE RAOUL CRUISE - PENNICOTT WILDERNESS JOURNEYS (90 MINS - BOOKINGS REQUIRED)

- Experience dramatic sea cliffs, sea caves and sand dunes with opportunities to spot coastal wildlife such as seals and seabirds from this comfortable enclosed boat tour. Walk around the viewing decks to immerse yourself in the environment, knowing your tour has low emissions and 100% carbon offset.
- For those that opt to stay longer and like a little more adventure, the multi-award-winning **Tasman Island Cruise**, also operated by Pennicott Wilderness Journeys, is a longer 3 hour journey in an open-air boat that takes in more of the coastline down to Cape Pillar.

Tessellated Pavement
Eaglehawk Neck
- Jules Witek



FEEL FREE TO SHARE YOUR HOLIDAY HAPPY SNAPS



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LUNCH AND AFTERNOON:

12:45 PM - LUNCH AT PORT ARTHUR LAVENDER (BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED)

- Enjoy a meal or sweet lavender-infused treat in a stunning waterfront setting.
- After lunch, wander the beautiful gardens and lavender farm, learn about the oil distilling and be tempted by the lavender inspired giftshop (also the perfect place to pick up those souvenirs and gifts for loved ones).

2:00 PM - PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE (PRE BOOKING RECOMMENDED)

- Spend 2-3 hours exploring Tasmania's most famous convict heritage site. Take a guided tour and harbour cruise to get a deeper insight into the history and penal settlement stories.

EVENING:

5:00 PM - CHECK-IN AT NRMA PORT ARTHUR HOLIDAY PARK (BOOKINGS REQUIRED)

- Choose to stay in a Stargazing or Standard safari tent, or a variety of comfortable cabins - some with water or bush views, for a relaxing stay at this waterfront, bushland location that also offers the opportunity to self-cater.

6:00 PM - DINNER & DRINKS AT ON THE BAY RESTAURANT (STEWARTS BAY LODGE - BOOKINGS REQUIRED)

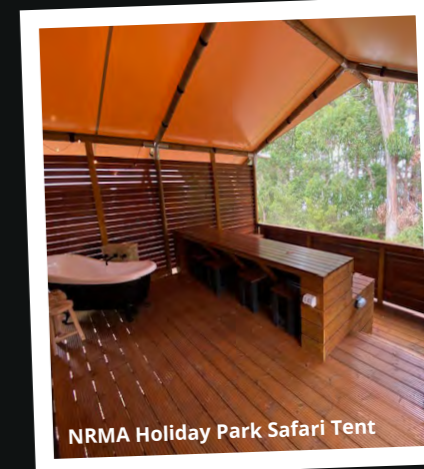
- Enjoy a meal featuring fresh local seasonal produce and local beverages with sweeping waterfront views over Stewarts Bay. Open Tuesday to Saturday.
- Other eating options include the **Port Arthur Motor Inn** (for classic pub fare) and **Little Norfolk Bay Bistro** (fully licensed, casual dining) while the local **Port Arthur General Store** is well known for its take-away food and grocery staples (if you'd prefer to self-cater).
- If not wanting to eat out, the NRMA Port Arthur Holiday Park also has a wood fired pizza oven for guest use.

8:00 PM (TIME MAY VARY) - CHECK-IN FOR YOUR LANTERN-LIT PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE GHOST TOUR (BOOKINGS REQUIRED)

- Follow an expert guide through some of Port Arthur's infamous buildings and ruins at night, hearing strange stories and garnering some of the site's secrets.



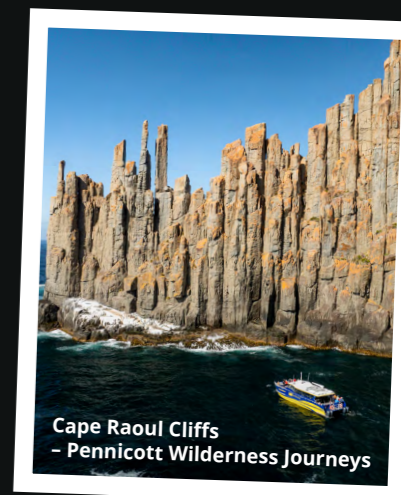
Little Norfolk Bay Bistro



NRMA Holiday Park Safari Tent



Seals at Tasman Island



Cape Raoul Cliffs
- Pennicott Wilderness Journeys

DAY 2: WILDLIFE, ART & WINE FINALE

MORNING:

BREAKFAST - EITHER SELF-CATER IN YOUR ACCOMMODATION OR VISIT LUCKY DUCKS CAFE (NUBEENA)

- Enjoy a hearty breakfast with fresh Tasmanian produce before starting your day. Lucky Ducks has a beautiful outlook over the bay and is known for great coffee, friendly service and delicious food.
- Other breakfast options include the Nubeena Café and the Pickers Pantry.

REMARKABLE CAVE

- Take an early morning visit (either after your self-catered breakfast or before you head to Nubeena) to the Remarkable Cave so that you can enjoy this magnificent natural attraction with few other people around. It truly is remarkable. Ensure you wear comfy walking shoes for this short walk that includes numerous stairs.
- For those that might extend their stay to more than 2 days, the longer 7.5km walk (approx. 4 hours return) to **Crescent Bay and Mount Brown** from the Remarkable Cave carpark is highly recommended.

9.00AM - 9.30AM - DRIVE TO SALTWATER RIVER (APPROX. 30 MINS)

If you're lucky you might see an echidna walking along the roadside or an eagle flying overhead. Enjoy the water views on this relaxing countryside drive.

9.30AM - 10.45AM - COAL MINES HISTORIC SITE

- Take a self-guided walk through these fascinating convict ruins as they are a hidden gem just waiting to be explored. This was home to the worst of the worst convicts so the stories you will read while wandering around the well-signed site may shock you.
- If you have an extended stay, while at the site, take the additional short walks from the Settlement to the Mine Shaft (approx. 2 hours return), or Plunkett Point (approx. 50mins return).

10.45AM - 11.00AM - DRIVE TO PREMAYDENA (APPROX. 15 MINS)

11.00AM - 11.45AM - PREMAYDENA HILL

- Visit this first-generation farm that produces premium Tasmanian wines and grass-fed Black Angus beef. Enjoy a wine-tasting at the cellar door or have a coffee and take in the amazing view. Don't forget to choose a bottle or two to take home with you. Check website for opening hours.

11.45AM - 12.00PM - DRIVE TO WHITE BEACH (APPROX. 15 MINS)

If you like to read, feel free to stop at the Nubeena Street Library (a quirky fridge on the side of the road to swap books).

LUNCH AND AFTERNOON:

12:00PM - 1PM - THE PICKERS PANTRY & PEAR SHED GALLERY

- As you return through Nubeena, grab a bite to eat from Nubeena Café, Lucky Ducks Café or visit the Pickers Pantry where you can enjoy a coffee, cake or lunch while sitting in the pear orchard. (Check seasonal opening hours).

- Browse the Pear Shed Gallery art and crafts made by local artisans and artists in a serene setting and give in to the temptation to take a little piece of the Tasman home with you.

1PM - 2PM - GIN TASTING AT MCHENRY DISTILLERY

- The 4 minute drive along the gravel Radnor Road to McHenry Distillery lets you experience 'off the beaten track' countryside and bush. Once you arrive you will be welcomed with a story of the distillery and the opportunity to taste a range of quality whisky and gin products, locally made with access to pure on-site spring water.

2PM-2.30PM - DRIVE TO TARANNA (APPROX. 16 KMS)

2.30PM-4PM - TASMANIAN DEVIL UNZOO

- Learn from expert guides as you come face-to-face with Tasmanian Devils in unique habitat areas and witness them feeding. Check the website for the most up-to-date devil feeding times.
- The Birds of the Bush presentation offers a chance to handfeed wild parrots. Check the website for times.

4:00 PM-4.10 PM - TASMANIAN CHOCOLATE FOUNDRY (400M DRIVE OR WALK)

- After viewing elements of the chocolate making process through the showroom, be tempted by the handcrafted chocolates and chocolate products or ice-creams that will tantalise your taste-buds.

4:10 PM-4.30 PM - DRIVE TO DUNALLEY (APPROX. 20 MINUTES)

- Leaving the Tasman Peninsula, drive via Eaglehawk Neck and Murdunna to **Bangor Vineyard Shed**.
- If you have some spare time or are enjoying an extended stay, visit the **Tasman Honey Shed** in Murdunna to buy pure Tasmanian honey and quality handmade honey products. Check website for opening times.
- The **Murdunna Roadhouse** is a good fuel stop that also sells takeaway food, drinks and grocery items.

4:30 PM - BANGOR VINEYARD SHED

- Indulge in a wine tasting experience while learning how the wines are made and of the history and character stories that have been created at Bangor while enjoying views over the bay.
- Savour fresh local oysters before selecting some final momentos of your Port Arthur stay from the local produce, wine and gifts available.

5:00 PM - DEPART FOR YOUR NEXT TASMANIAN HOLIDAY DESTINATION OR HOME.

- Bangor Vineyard Shed is approx. 40km from Hobart Airport and 55km from Hobart city centre. If you are heading to the East Coast, head back to Sorell (approx. 30km) where you will find major supermarkets in case you need provisions.
- Remember, from dawn to dusk, our native animals often wander onto roads, so please drive carefully to keep safe.



Image: McHenry Distillery



Image: Tasmanian Devils at the Tasmanian Devil Unzoo - Neville Hodge



Coal Mines Historic Site



Tasmanian Chocolate Foundry



Premaydena Hill



Bangor Vineyard Shed