



HOBART Highlights



Our Top 5 things to do in Hobart!

During your time in Tasmania you'll get to explore stunning and dramatic coastline, remote highlands and national parks, interspersed with charming villages. But be prepared to fall in love with the vibrant capital city too! If you're here for a day or a week, don't miss our top highlights!

Hobart oozes historic and modern charm, is fairly compact and easy to get around. It's also home to an eclectic mix of modern art, restaurants, hip bars, art centres, artisanal produce, markets, botanical gardens and wildlife, making it a wonderful place to visit. We hope you'll find this guide useful to plan your time in Hobart.



Photographer Ellenor Argyropoulos

1. Mount Wellington (Kunyani)

It's only a 10-minute drive to reach the bottom of **Mount Wellington** and from there you can either choose to take a short walk, a long hike or just take your camper to the top to enjoy the vista (there is time on tour to drive to the top). There is plenty of parking up there and the road up isn't too hair-raising, with only a couple of narrow sections to drive through. You'll be rewarded with incredible views of the city and Derwent Valley. Be sure to take a warm jumper as it can get a little fresh up there – and we can recommend grabbing a coffee from our favourite boutique shipping container, Lost Freight.

On your way back down, you might want to pop in at the **Cascade Brewery**. Here you can enjoy sample a fantastic range of beers and ciders, join one of their tours or enjoy a stroll around the three acres of heritage gardens that overlook the Cascade Brewery and Mount Wellington. Check out their site for more details: www.cascadebrewery.com.au. Nearby, visit the **Cascade Female Factory**. This monstrous place operated in southern Hobart from 1828 to 1856 to punish and reform female convicts, before continuing as a gaol until 1877.

Alternatively, you could visit **Mount Nelson Lookout** (this can sometimes be less busy than Mount Wellington) and you'll still be rewarded with panoramic views over Hobart and Bruny Island. Perfect when Mount Wellington is covered in cloud or it is raining. Up here you'll also find the site of Tasmania's first **Signal Station** (c.1811), the **Truganini Reserve** with its 130 protected hectares of native bushland and the **Truganini Memorial**, which is dedicated to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and their descendants. There is also a restaurant that serves light lunches.

2. Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens

With a convenient location near Hobart's centre and a gold coin donation for entry, this is a great place to spend a couple of hours or a whole afternoon! The gardens have a fantastic collection of flora from Tasmania and around the world and nice views back over Hobart and the water. Address: Lower Domain Road, Queens Domain, Hobart. Phone: (03) 61660451.



Photographer Andrew Ross, courtesy of Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority



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3. Hobart Convict Penitentiary (The Trench)

This significant convict site in the heart of Hobart (officially Van Diemen's Land Prisoners Barracks Penitentiary) was known as 'The Trench' to inmates, and went on to become the old gaol and Supreme Court. The building is in the shape of a cross and was erected to make space for the growing number of convicts arriving in the colony. Its design includes 36 solitary confinement cells beneath the chapel floor which were later declared inhumane. The site went

on to become Hobart's Town Gaol after the transportation of prisoners ended. Some sections of the chapel were converted into 2 supreme courts, which were connected by tunnels to the gaol, an execution yard and where gallows were added. If you have an interest in convict history this is well worth a visit to take a guided tour and hear the stories of the 50,000+ convicts that passed through The Trench. Address: 6 Brisbane St / Crn Brisbane & Campbell, Hobart. Open: Access by Guided Tours, Tues-Sun: 10:00, 12:00, 14:00. Closed: Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday. Phone: (03) 6231 0911. Admission: Adult \$25, Conc. \$18, Child 4+ years \$15 (up to 2 hours free parking on Brisbane Street).

Fun Fact!

300 female convicts decided to 'moon' the Governor of Tasmania during a chapel service in 1832.



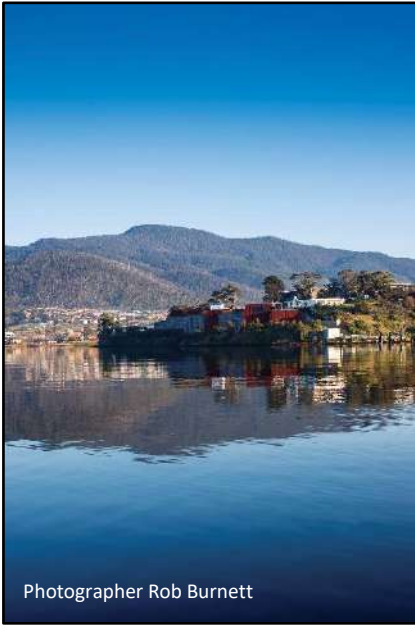
Photographer Sean Fennessy



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4. Sullivan's Cove, Salamanca Place and Battery Point

Just south of the Tasman Bridge you'll find the **historic waterfront of Sullivan's Cove**, a working harbour and the central focal point of the city (the CBD and shopping area is one block back from the harbour). Enjoy a lovely 30-minute walk and take in the historic buildings, piers and ships, plus all the funky bars and cafes. Grab a copy of the walking guide and/or sculpture trail from the Info Centre on Elizabeth/Davey St, which highlights points of interest in the area. **Salamanca Place** runs along the southern side of Sullivan's Cove and is where, every Saturday between Salamanca Lawns and the historic warehouses, you'll find the **Salamanca Market**, with over 300 stallholders offering an eclectic mix of Tasmanian food and produce, handcrafted timbers, artisan jewellery, handmade clothing, plants and vintage collectables. It operates year-round on Saturday from 08:00 to 15:00. It's also home to many cafes and exquisite boutiques. From Salamanca Place, climb **Kelly's Steps to Battery Point**, which is like stepping back in time with its quaint Georgian cottages and colonial mansions dating back to the 1830s. Enjoy the famous 'village atmosphere' from one of the many cafés and restaurants that line the pretty streets.



Photographer Rob Burnett

5. MONA (Museum of Old and New Art) and Hobart's Art scene

This eccentric and extravagant privately owned museum with its dark themes focused around death and sex is probably unlike anything you've seen before - you'll be entertained, intrigued and confronted in equal measures. Even if you're not a huge fan of modern art, there is something here for everyone with a mixture of historic, modern and contemporary art.

The experience begins with the quirky ferry ride over on the MR-1 either in the Posh Pit @ \$55 (glamour on the river. Posh as!) or the Standard @ \$22 (sit on sheep). When you arrive at the MONA after a 30-minute journey, you'll be welcomed by an art gallery 3 levels underground and built into the rock, with each level having something to offer seasoned gallery visitors. It boasts a cocktail bar, café, book shop and even a brewery and tapas bar (and plans have been submitted for an adjoining hotel and casino!) Ferry leaves from Brooke Street Ferry Terminal (parking is limited, especially for large vehicles) or you can grab MONA Roma Express Bus that leaves from the same place. (See www.mona.net.au/visit/getting-here for more info) **Opening**

hours are Wed – Mon (and open on Tuesday's in January) 10.00 – 18.00 (Dec-Mar), 10:00 – 17:00 (Apr-Nov).

Admission: Adult: \$30, Concession: \$7 (seasonal) Under 18s are free.

If you're looking for more art galleries to keep the creative juices flowing, you can take a look at the excellent **Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG)**. **Open:** Daily (closed Mon in low season) between 10:00 and 16:00 (closed Good Friday, Anzac Day and Christmas Day). **Admission is free.** Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, visitor entrance, Dunn Place, Hobart. **Phone:** (03) 6165 7000. www.tmag.tas.gov.au/home.

There is also the **Salamanca Arts Centre** which is another Hobart must see. It is Tasmania's valued and vibrant creative hub and is an integral part of the state's art and creative industries infrastructure. Wander around at a leisurely pace soaking up the atmosphere this area has to offer. **Address:** 65-77 Salamanca Place Hobart. **Phone:** (03) 6234 8414 www.salarts.org.au

Interesting Fact!

Hobart has the nation's second-lowest rainfall (626 mm or 24 inches) of all Australian capital cities.



Photographer Stuart Crossett

Useful Information

Visitor Information	<p>Tasmanian Travel & Information Centre (open daily, 09:00-17:00) Cnr Elizabeth & Davey Streets, Hobart Phone: (03) 6238 4222.</p>
Public Transport	<p>Metro Shop Hobart (For info, timetables and tickets, Open Mon-Fri, 08:00-17:30) 22 Elizabeth Street, Hobart Information Hotline: 13 22 01</p>
Taxi	<p>United Taxis 133 222 or (03) 6278 2244</p>
Parking your Camper	<p>The best option for parking your motorhome in Hobart (you may need to pay for 2 spaces, if you are in a full-sized motorhome.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 41 Evans Street (Macquarie Point). Roomy outdoor parking, just nth of Sullivan’s Cove near Freight Terminal. \$3/hr OR \$12.50/day
Retail Therapy	<p>Shopping Centres & Arcades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Cat and Fiddle Arcade, Murray Street, Hobart. Tel: (03) 6231 2088 <i>CBD location: supermarkets, fashion boutiques, specialty shops, food court.</i> ▶ Elizabeth Street Mall, Elizabeth Street, Hobart. <i>CBD location: all the major chain stores and high-street names, food court.</i> ▶ Eastlands Shopping Centre, 26 Bligh Street, Rosny Park, Hobart. <i>10 min drive from CBD. Vast shopping centre, 2 floors chain and speciality stores, supermarkets, chemists, bottle shops, cinema, food court...etc.</i> <p>Markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Salamanca Market, Salamanca Place. Every Saturday, 08:00 – 15:00. <i>Food and fresh produce, handmade craft and jewellery, entertainment.</i> ▶ Farm Gate Market, Bathurst Street, Hobart. Every Sunday, 08:30 – 13:00. <i>Fabulous Farmers Market, fresh produce & seafood, artesian food, flowers.</i> ▶ Street Eats at Franco (Night Market), Franklin Square, Hobart. Every Friday 16:00-21:00 (Dec-Apr), laid back vibe, great food, craft beverages, live music ▶ Hobart Twilight Market, Beach Road, Sandy Bay. (10 min drive from CBD) 1st & 3rd Friday, Oct-Mar, 16:30-21:00. <i>On the beach - stalls, food & music.</i>
Our Fav Eats	<p>Every Day Dining</p> <p>Café Lola, 1 Franklin Wharf, Hobart CBD (where the ferry leaves for MONA). Open Mon – Fri: 7:00 – 16:00 and Sat: 8:00 – 14:00. <i>Small, tasty innovative menu, great atmosphere, friendly staff.</i></p> <p>Mid-Range</p> <p>Solo Pasta & Pizza, 50b King Street, Sandy Bay, (03) 6234 9898. Open Tues – Sun: 17:00 – 22:00. <i>A Hobart institution – simple, fresh delicious food and a fun buzzing atmosphere.</i></p> <p>High End</p> <p>The Point Revolving Restaurant, 410 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay (03) 6221 1888. Open Tues – Sun: 18:30 – 22:30, Fri: 12:00 – 16:30 and 18:30 – 22:30. <i>Spectacular city views, superb food, faultless service. What a treat!</i></p>

DAY TRIPS - Hobart is blessed with many incredible attractions which are close enough to visit in a day. If you have time, make sure these are on your list!

Cruise Hobart's magnificent Derwent River

Set sail on the Derwent River and display the spectacular and historic buildings of Hobart. Many cruise options.

Time: Various - contact operator. **Price:** From \$28, depending on option - contact operator. **Address:** Hobart Historic Cruises, Murray Street Pier, Hobart. **Ph:** (03) 6200 9074

Website: www.hobarthistoriccruises.com.au

Cruise farther afield, through the Hobart's stunning harbour to the d'Entrecasteaux Channel and pristine waters of Peppermint Bay. **Time:** Departs 11:00, returns 15:30, contact operator for available dates. **Price:** \$88 or \$148 with lunch. **Address:** Peppermint Bay Cruises, Brooke Street Pier, Sullivan's Cove, Hobart. **Ph:** 1300 137 919.

Website: www.peppermintbaycruise.com.au

Meet a Tassie Devil at Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary

Just 30 minutes north of Hobart, this beautiful wildlife sanctuary is home to koalas, wombats, Tasmanian devils, emus, quolls, over 80 free-roaming kangaroos and many more. All profits go directly into conservation and wildlife rescue programs. Entry includes a bag of kangaroo feed and free tours at 11:30, 14:00 and 15:30.

Open: 09:00 – 17:00 daily, Christmas Day 9:00 – 16:00 (self-guiding only, no tours). **Price:** \$31 adult/\$17 child.

Address: 593 Briggs Road, Brighton. **Ph:** (03) 6268 1184 **Website:** www.bonorong.com.au

Visit the picture-perfect historical town of Richmond

And 30 mins east of Hobart on the banks of the Coal River, is the picturesque and historically significant village of Richmond. Cross the oldest convict-built bridge in Australia and visit the oldest Catholic Church and learn all about the fascinating history of the town at the oldest intact gaol in Australia. If all that history has got your appetite up, there's many great foodie delights here along with lots of little shops and galleries to keep you busy!

See stunning nature at Mt Field National Park

1 hr north-west of Hobart is Tasmania's first national park, probably the most accessible and beloved too, featuring panoramic vistas, excellent walks and of course, the magnificent Russell Falls. Whether you walk the 10 mins to Russell Falls or spend the day here, you'll fall in love with this beautiful place. **Price:** National Parks Pass required, start from \$12/day – contact Parks & Wildlife Service. **Address:** Lake Dobson Road, Mount Field National Park. **Ph:** (08) 9219 9000. **Website:** www.parks.tas.gov.au

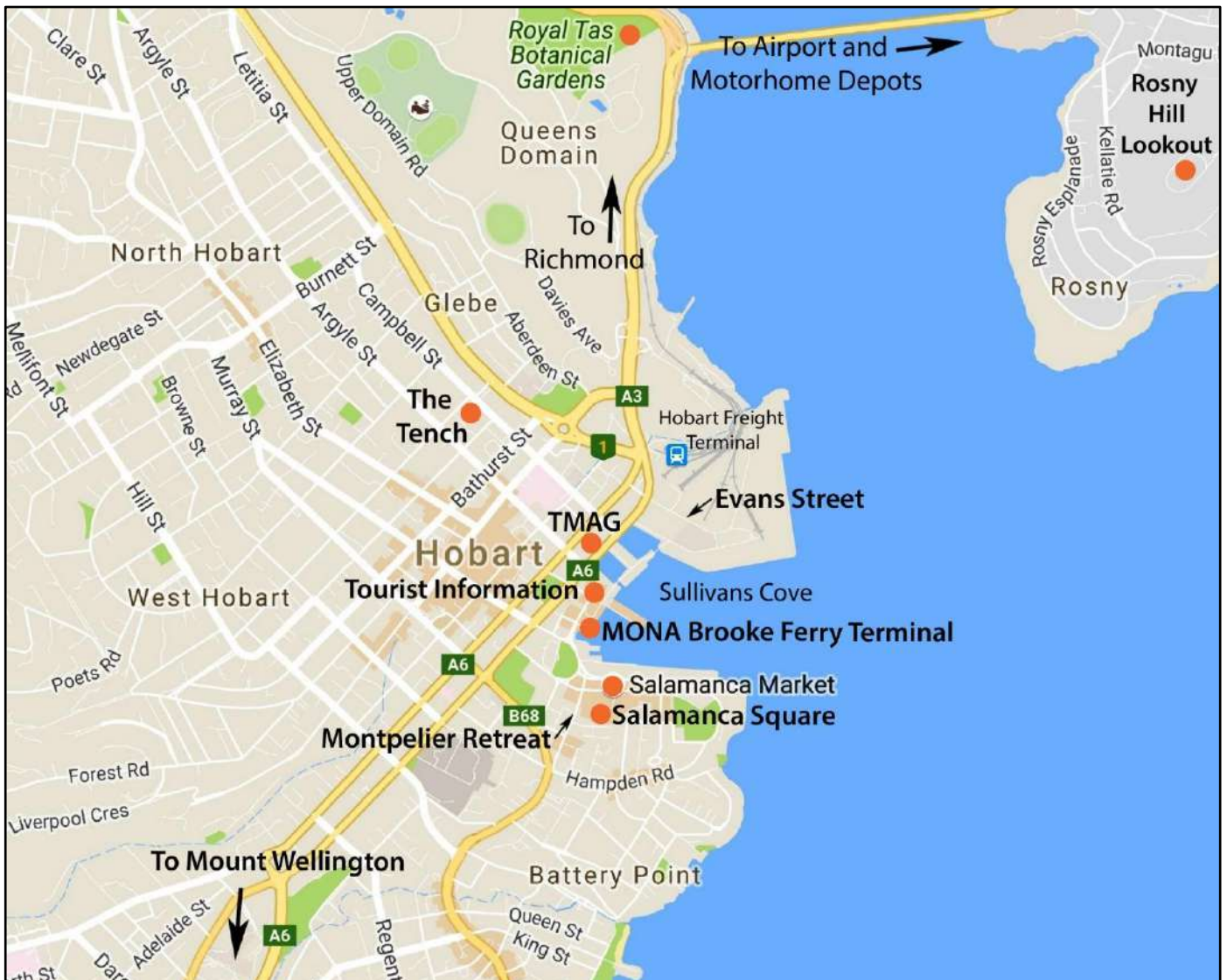
Get a taste of beautiful Bruny Island

40 mins south of Hobart, then a 20 min ferry crossing and you'll find yourself in one of Tasmania's most beautifully preserved natural environments, offering hikes through pristine bushland and beaches with amazing scenery, wildlife and a bounty of fresh local produce to enjoy; think fresh oysters, hand-made cheese and freshly picked berries, to name a few. **Ferry times:** Every 30 min from 06:30 – 19:15. **Price:** From \$22.80 per vehicle – contact operator. **Address:** Sealink Bruny Island, 79 Ferry Road, Kettering. **Ph:** 1300 127 869 **Website:** www.sealinkbrunyisland.com.au

Discover convict history at Port Arthur

1.5 hrs south-east of Hobart, separated from the mainland by a narrow neck of land, lies the best-preserved and most infamous convict settlement in Australia, World Heritage-listed Port Arthur. Set amid the stunning landscape of the Taman Peninsular, explore the remains of more than 30 buildings, heritage gardens and walking trails, as you learn about Australia's brutal early years. **Time:** 09:00-dusk. **Price:** \$40 adult/\$32 conc/\$18 child. (incl 2-day site entry, guided walking tour, harbour cruise and access to all buildings, exhibits and displays) **Address:** Port Arthur Historic Site, Arthur Hwy, Port Arthur. **Ph:** 03 6251 2310. **Website:** www.portarthur.org.au

Hobart City Map



HOT TIP FOR BEST PIC!

Rosny Hill Lookout is a great place to get photos of the Derwent River and Tasman Bridge and Mount Wellington. This spot is well known by locals, has fantastic uninterrupted views of Hobart city and surrounds with Mount Wellington in the background and the Tasman Bridge and Derwent River at your feet. A carpark and viewing area sit at the top of Rosny Hill. The route is well signed through the suburban area to the hill top. Walk the carpark circuit around the top of the hill and don't forget your camera!



We're all about camper adventures!