



POINTS OF INTEREST

1 Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery Interesting historical exhibits from the old convict days housed in the city's oldest building dating from 1808. Of particular interest are the rare photos of the now extinct Tasmanian tiger. Argyle St.

2 Battery Point Take time to walk around Battery Point, an area of colonial stone cottages just south of the harbor. The point gets its name from a battery of guns set up on the promontory in 1818. Today, antique shops, tearooms, atmospheric pubs, and cozy restaurants are interspersed among historic homes.

3 Maritime Museum of Tasmania Situated on Hobart Waterfront (entrance from Argle Street), the Martime Museum houses an extensive collection of photos, paintings, models and relics depicting Tasmania's, and particularly Hobart's, colorful shipping history.

4 Van Diemen's Land Folk Museum The oldest folk museum in Australia is housed in Narryna, a fine Georgian home at 103 Hampden Rd., Battery Point. Dating from 1836, it stands in beautiful grounds and has a large and fascinating collection of relics from Tasmania's early pioneering days.

Outside Downtown Hobart

Mount Wellington Park and Lookout From this lofty vantage you can see the irregular coast with its many bays, coves, and peninsulas.

Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens If you like flowers, trees and shrubs, visit the the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, only about a mile from the city center. Established in 1818, the gardens are known for their floral displays, conifers, and native plant collection. Colorful seasonal blooming plants are housed in the Conservatory.

Cascade Brewery Australia's oldest brewery, on Cascade Rd. close to the city center, is still in use and produces some of the finest beer in the country.

Beyond Hobart

Salmon Ponds Museum In 1864, the first rainbow and brown trout in the southern hemisphere were bred in the salmon ponds.

Bonorong Wildlife Park If you're interested in native fauna, visit the Bonorong Park Wildlife Centre, located about 25 minutes north of Hobart. The 15-acre (6 hectares) park houses native Tasmanian animals in a bush setting.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to Hobart and surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing, consult your Shore Excursion Brochure, Shore Excursion TV Channel or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, guests are advised to take with them only the items they need and to secure any valuables.

LOCAL CUSTOMS Tipping: While tipping is still optional in Australia it is increasingly seen at better hotels, restaurants and in taxis. As a general rule in restaurants add 5%-10% of the bill depending on service and in taxis add 5%-10% depending on the length of the trip.

Local Cuisine: The lush pasture land, rivers and seas of Tasmania have helped make the state a culinary paradise. Visitors can feast on succulent seafood – crayfish, trout and abalone, Tasmanian scallops and Atlantic salmon, oysters and deep-sea fish. The variety of cheese produced here is equal to some of the best in

the world. The cheddars and sharp blue, and legendary King Island soft cheeses – brie and camembert – together with the many speciality cheeses, are hard to resist.

Local drink: Tasmania boasts a thriving spirits industry. Try Tasmania's cool climate premium wines. There are more than 40 commercial vineyards here, with cellar door sampling. Tasmanian Beers and micro-breweries are famous and offer a wide variety of flavors.

SHOPPING FACILITIES

5 Salamanca Place The row of beautiful sandstone warehouses on the harbor front at Salamanca Place is a prime example of Australian colonial architecture. Dating back to the whaling days of the 1830s, these warehouses were the center of Hobart Town's trade and commerce. Today they have been tastefully developed to house galleries, restaurants, nightspots and shops selling everything from vegetables to antiques.

6 Elizabeth Street Mall The main shopping area of Hobart on Elizabeth Street between Collins and Liverpool streets.

7 The Cat and the Fiddle Arcade Located between the mall and Murray Street, includes interesting boutiques and shops.

LOCAL CURRENCY The official currency of Australia is the Australian Dollar. Foreign exchange rates fluctuate. There is also a slight variation for cash or traveler's checks.

POST OFFICE & TELEPHONE FACILITIES The main Post Office is in the center of the city, on the corner of Elizabeth and Macquarie Sts.

Dial the following access numbers to place a call with your personal calling card:

AT&T: 1.800.881.011

MCI: 1.800.881.100

SPRINT: 1.800.881.877

TOURIST INFORMATION The Tasmanian Travel and Information Center is located at the corner of Davey and Elizabeth streets.

TRANSPORTATION The local bus service is run by Metro. The main office is located at 18 Elizabeth St., within the main post office. Most busses leave from this area of Elizabeth St., known as the Metro City Bus Station.