

PRIVATE DINING

The Visiting Magistrate's House at Port Arthur

The World Heritage listed Port Arthur Historic Site is one of Australia's and the world's great cultural and travel experiences, one that you will want to enjoy to the hilt and remember for a long time.

Port Arthur is visited by hundreds of thousands of people every year, but now you can experience the amazing stories of this extraordinary place without having to follow the crowd.

Lunch in our beautifully restored historic home, the Visiting Magistrates House, is so much more than a meal. It's a chance to experience a taste of what life was like for the more privileged inhabitants of Port Arthur; it's an opportunity to enjoy some of Tasmania's finest and freshest local produce, beautifully prepared and presented, and it's an ideal time to relax while enjoying personalised service. It caters for just a handful people for lunch each day, so you can enjoy your meal, relax and reflect in peace and quiet.



The Visiting Magistrates House at the Port Arthur Historic Site

Imagine...

Overlooking the Port Arthur Historic Site, the Visiting Magistrate's House offers you the unique opportunity to experience fine dining in a World Heritage Site.

Menu options range from light and tasty finger food to more formal private dining options and feature the best of local and Tasmanian produce.



Dining in style at the World Heritage-listed Port Arthur Historic Site (image courtesy of Business Events Tasmania)



Dine on delicious local produce (image courtesy of Business Events Tasmania)

LIVING HISTORY

This historic home has enjoyed many uses in its 165-year history. This is not the first time that it has offered hospitality to visitors.

Originally constructed in 1847 for the Visiting Magistrate Robert Pringle Stewart, the building was occupied by various officials, including the Senior Medical Officer and the Roman Catholic Chaplain, during the convict period.

After Port Arthur closed as a convict settlement, the building was converted for use as a private hotel or guest house and renamed *Clougha* in the 1880s. The house barely escaped the 1895 bushfire and continued to welcome guests until the last 1940s, when it was resumed by the Tasmanian Government. In subsequent years it was used as office space for the various authorities managing the site.

The house has been lovingly conserved over recent months, to bring back some of the elegance and style likely to have been enjoyed by the various civil officers who resided there.

Reservations and more information

Dining at the Visiting Magistrate's House is available only by prior arrangement.

Please contact our Visitor Services team to discuss your requirements.

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A 1914 photo of people on the front steps of the Visiting Magistrates House in its days as a guest house.