

SMALL GROUP DINING

The Visiting Magistrate's House at Port Arthur

Travel is one of life's great rewards. With each new place and each new experience, understanding grows and friendships are forged. The Port Arthur Historic Site, one of Australia's great cultural heritage destinations, can offer the ideal experience to make your tour group's visit here truly memorable.

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 for your guests to relax and enjoy each other's company while enjoying personalised service.

After the meal, your guests may like to learn about the conservation and history of the Port Arthur Historic Site during an illustrated talk by one of our staff, and combine the experience with a private tour of the grounds.



A private meal at the World Heritage-listed Port Arthur Historic Site with your fellow travelers will be a highlight of your time together (image courtesy of Business Events Tasmania)

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. You can be sure your guests will be left wanting more.



Dine in style at the Visiting Magistrate's House (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 guests on the front steps of the Visiting Magistrates House in its days as a guest house



Enjoy delicious local produce, beautifully and simply prepared (image courtesy of Business Events Tasmania)