



DAVID HOY

'I treated the men as human beings, not as caged beasts.'

David Hoy was a Master Shipwright who gave his life to building fine ships and to saving the men and boys in his care from lives of crime. Port Arthur's Dockyard was once the busiest in the colony. As you move about the Dockyard precinct you will hear sounds evoking a rich maritime heritage.



Commandant's House

Senior Military Officer's Quarters

Guard Tower

Officers' Quarters

Law Courts

Smith O'Brien's Cottage

The Penitentiary

Hospital

The Asylum

The Separate Prison

BE PREPARED

Clothing and footwear

The Site is extensive and our tours take place outdoors, in all weather conditions. Please be prepared for cold, wet, hot or sunny weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Languages

Tours are conducted in English only. Printed Visitor Guides are available in English, Chinese, Japanese, French and German.

Disabled access

The Introductory Tour and Harbour Cruise are wheelchair accessible.

However, our Ghost Tour and tours to the Isle of the Dead and Point Puer Boys' Prison are not recommended for those with mobility restrictions.

We offer a courtesy buggy service around the Site for people with restricted mobility.

ENTRY FEES

Access to the Historic Site is via the Visitor Centre and charges apply.

Proceeds from admission charges contribute to the ongoing conservation, interpretation and development of the Port Arthur Historic Sites.

Family passes and concessions are available – please inquire when booking.

Our Experience Passes offer various combinations of activities and inclusions. They can be purchased at our Visitor Centre on arrival or prior to arrival via our website. Passes are also available from most local accommodation providers and Tasmanian Visitor Information Centres.

Bronze Pass

Perfect for a short visit of up to half a day

Silver Pass

Includes activities to occupy a full day on-site

Gold Pass

Take up to two days to experience everything the Port Arthur Historic Sites have to offer

All Experience Passes include:

- Access to the Site for two consecutive days
- A quality visitor guide with a map of the Site
- Introductory tour
- Harbour Cruise

Gold and Silver Experience Passes

also include optional tours, lunch and tasty snacks at our on-site cafés.

Port Arthur After Dark

Complete your visit with our After Dark Pass, which includes a two-course dinner at Felons Bistro and our Ghost Tour.

Ticket of Leave

Available for a small additional fee, this great value, two year pass allows free return entry to the Site as often as you like for two years from the date of your first visit.



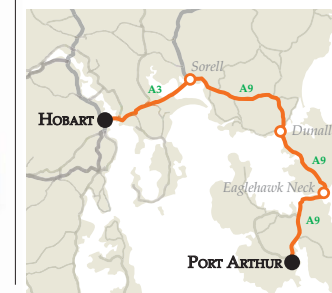
HOW TO GET TO THERE

The Port Arthur Historic Site is at the southern end of the Tasman Peninsula, a 90 minute drive (95 kilometres) south east of Hobart along the Tasman (A3) and Arthur (A9) Highways.

AROUND PORT ARTHUR

The Tasman Peninsula offers some of Australia's most spectacular and accessible coastal scenery as well as activities that explore both its natural and cultural heritage.

More information
www.tasmanregion.com.au



WORLD HERITAGE

The Port Arthur and Coal Mines Historic Sites are two of 11 historic sites that together form the Australian Convicts Sites World Heritage property.

OPENING HOURS

The Port Arthur Historic Site is open daily. Our Visitor Centre is open from 9.00am until after the last Ghost Tour at night, seven days a week. Tours operate and buildings are open at various times between 9am and 5pm and the grounds are open from 9.00am until dusk.

BOOKINGS & INFORMATION

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PORT ARTHUR

Historic Site



World Heritage Site

'...TO GRIND ROGUES INTO HONEST MEN'

Such was the vision for the Port Arthur penal settlement – a bold experiment and groundbreaking attempt at reform and rehabilitation of the convicts of the colony of Van Diemen's Land.

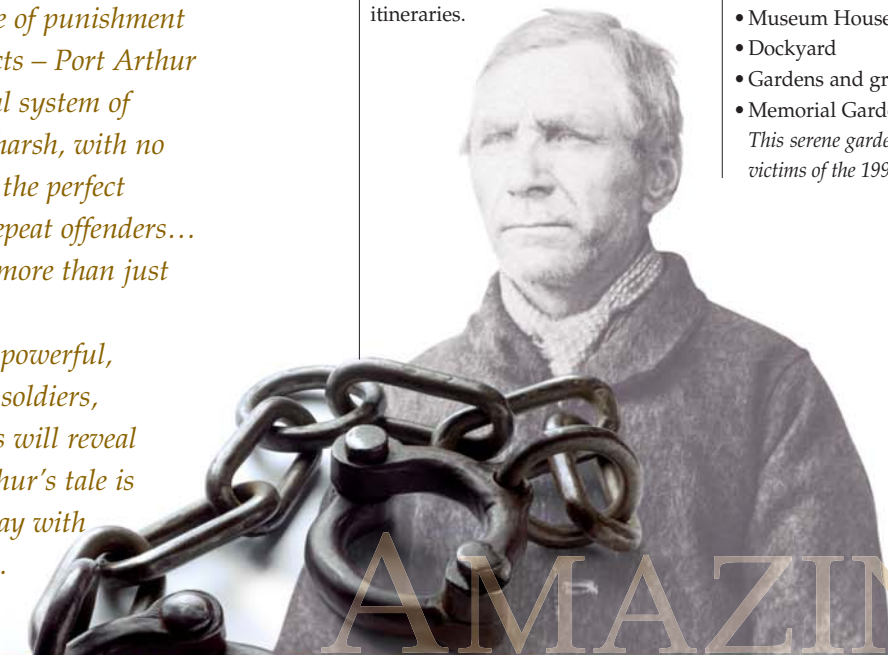
Along with the Coal Mines – Tasmania's first operational mine and a place of punishment for the 'worst class' of convicts – Port Arthur was a key part of the colonial system of convict discipline. Remote, harsh, with no chance of escape, these were the perfect destinations for hardened, repeat offenders... but Port Arthur was much more than just a prison.

As you explore the Site, the powerful, personal stories of convicts, soldiers, free people and their families will reveal themselves to you. Port Arthur's tale is told in many ways. It will stay with you, long after you have left.

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

A minimum of half a day at the Port Arthur Historic Site is recommended. Staying a night or two in the area will give you time to experience our Ghost Tour, dine at Felons Bistro and explore the whole Tasman Peninsula, including the Coal Mines Historic Site.

Check our website for suggested itineraries.



HISTORIC BUILDINGS & RUINS

There are more than thirty historic buildings and ruins plus the beautiful gardens and grounds to explore at the Port Arthur Historic Site.

- Penitentiary
- Separate Prison
- Convict church
- Hospital
- Museum Houses
- Dockyard
- Gardens and grounds
- Memorial Garden –

This serene garden is dedicated to the victims of the 1996 Port Arthur tragedy.

EXPERIENCES

Introductory Tour

A fascinating introduction to Port Arthur, its people and its past, the tour provides an overview of the most significant places on the Site.

 Allow 45 minutes

Harbour Cruise

The cruise passes the Dockyard, Point Puer Boys' Prison, and the Isle of the Dead cemetery. Commentary provides captivating details and the galley offers snacks, beverages and a bar service.

 Allow 30 minutes

OPTIONAL TOURS

Isle of the Dead Cemetery Tour

This small island was the final resting place for more than 1000 convicts, military and civil officers, women and children who were buried here between 1833 and 1877. Discover some of their stories on this fascinating guided walking tour. Tours to the Isle of the Dead depart several times daily.

 Allow one hour

Point Puer Boys' Prison Tour

Three thousand boys, some as young as nine years old, were sentenced to Point Puer Boys' Prison between 1834 and 1849, the first reformatory built exclusively for juvenile male convicts in the British Empire.

 Allow two hours



Audio Tour

This tour blends history, music and readings from colonial-era journals and books to bring 25 historical stories of Port Arthur to life. As you walk around the Site, listen to the accounts of real people who inhabited this special place.

 Allow two to three hours

Ghost Tour

Join a lantern-lit walking tour for an after-dark experience of the Port Arthur Historic Site. Your guide will lead you around the Site, relating vivid stories of strange occurrences and sightings, documented from the convict period until the present.

 Allow 90 minutes

MORE ACTIVITIES

Gain an insight into daily life at Port Arthur in the Convict Gallery and play the Lottery of Life to learn the personal story of a real Port Arthur convict.

Our Museum holds a permanent collection of artefacts and material associated with Port Arthur's convict and post-convict history.

If you have ever wondered if you have a convict ancestor, check the index of names and browse useful reference publications in our Convict Study Centre.

Cafés and Bistro

Enjoy a snack or a meal at either of our two cafés or dine on beautifully prepared and presented local produce at Felons Bistro each evening.

A selection of local wines is also available.

Gifts, Books and Souvenirs

Our Gift Shop offers clothing, books, and souvenirs, including items from local craftspeople and specially commissioned pieces that are not available anywhere else.

Coal Mines Historic Site

The Coal Mines Historic Site was established as a much needed local source of coal, but also as a place of punishment for the 'worst class' of convicts.

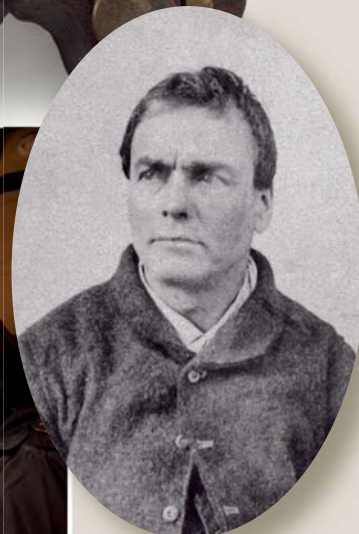
The Coal Mines Historic Site is a 25 minute drive from Port Arthur, near Saltwater River on the north western tip of the Tasman Peninsula. Pick up a map and guide notes from the Visitor Centre before you go.

The Site is open daily and entry is free.



HENRY SINGLETON

Singleton was confined in the Separate Prison in order to be reformed through contemplation of his sins. He was an enterprising convict who, as the system started to break down, made easy prey of the drunken and incompetent warders. When they gave him access to keys, he saw his chance. Visitors today can experience the profound isolation in which prisoners were held there.



Convict portraits
Collection: Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery, Launceston

AMAZING STORIES, EPIC HISTORY

