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Convicts, Ghosts and Heritage. 6 Day Tasmania

We have listed here one of our most popular school programs.

You can add to or change some options around this program, or create your own itinerary. We have listed only, but a few of the diverse options on the following pages.

This 6-day tour introduces students to stunning Tasmania, Tasmania's compelling convict heritage is officially recognised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. Our experience starts by crossing Bass Strait on the Spirit of Tasmania before heading for a guided tour of memorable Port Arthur.

On display is some of Australia's convict history and a chance to marvel at some of Tasmania's amazing natural wonders.

DAY 1 SCHOOL – SPIRIT OF TASMANIA OVERNIGHT CRUISE

Travel by coach from your school to Melbourne's Station Pier. Cruising across Bass Strait overnight, to Devonport on the Spirit of Tasmania, (based on four berth cabin).

DAY 2 DEVONPORT – PORT ARTHUR (B, L, D)

Breakfast on arrival in Devonport, before heading south via Richmond Village. This town is steeped in history, houses the Richmond Gaol (entrance not included), and Richmond Bridge, Australia's oldest bridge still in use. Arrive in Port Arthur via Eaglehawk Neck and the Tessellated Pavements. Take a guided walking tour of the Port Arthur precinct where you will learn about Australia's convict history. This evening enjoy a guided Ghost Tour of the old ruins at the Port Arthur Historic Site. Overnight cabin accommodation.

DAY 3 PORT ARTHUR – HOBART (B, L, D)

After breakfast, transfer to Hobart for a brief city sights tour, incl Salamanca Markets. The day includes the Cadbury Visitor Centre, for a video presentation explaining how Cadbury chocolates are made. You will have the opportunity to sample some chocolates and visit the retail shop. After lunch, the adrenalin begins Options Jet boat riding, Tahune Air walk or Mt Wellington (weather permitting), checking in to your accommodation early evening

DAY 4 HOBART – FREYCENET– LAUNCESTON (B, L, D)

Early breakfast, pack a light lunch and head to the beautiful region of Wineglass Bay, Freycinet. Where students have the option of guided tour or a self-guided walk. Discover the history of Campbell town, nestled on the banks of the Elizabeth river, Read the history of Tasmania's convicts along the convict brick trail. We board our coach to Launceston for some free time before our overnight stay.

DAY 5 LAUNCESTON - DEVONPORT - MELBOURNE (B, L)

Enjoy breakfast before the excitement of our tree tops adventure at Holly bank. Then we travel by coach to the spectacular Cataract Gorge in Launceston. (optional Chair Lift ride). before transferring back to Devonport for the overnight cruise back to Melbourne.

DAY 6 MELBOURNE – SCHOOL

Early morning arrival at Station Pier, then return to school by coach.

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OPTIONS:

at additional cost

CATARACT GORGE CHAIRLIFT

A chance to appreciate, and photograph, the spectacular views of this ancient rock gorge, riding the world's longest single span chairlift. Set in Launceston's unique wilderness, just 15 minutes from the city centre, Cataract Gorge also has walking and hiking trails, peacocks and wildlife, gardens, a suspension bridge and lookouts with spectacular views.

TAHUNE AIRWALK

The Tahune Air Walk is an exhilarating, nature-based experience, set in the world-renowned Tahune Forest Reserve. The Air Walk is an elevated walkway that extends for 597m through the forest, providing a unique bird's-eye view of the tree species and forest life. Half and full day educational programs available.

JET BOAT RIDES

Experience the thrills of jet boat riding on this heart stopping combo of high speed slides and turns, 360° spins, power brake stops, wave riding and fish tails.

HOLLYBANK TREETOP ADVENTURE

Feel the adrenalin rush of a high-wire canopy ride as you fly above the treetops and Pipers River, along almost a kilometre of cable, on a guided zipline tour. The journey includes cable spans of between 15 and 400 metres, connected by tree platforms called 'cloud stations'. Led by knowledgeable and highly trained guides, you will get an informative and entertaining outlook on the beautiful forest.

PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE OPTIONS:

50-90 minute guided walks

- Amazing Race
- Isle of the Dead guided cemetery tour
- Point Puer Boys Prison tour
- Brick making

WINDEWARD BOUND TALLSHIP CRUISE

Enjoy a two hour cruise on the Derwent River.

MARIA ISLAND VISIT

Travel via ferry to Darlington, the most representative and intact example of a probation station in Australia. Its 14 convict buildings and ruins are preserved in a layout that reflects the key features of the probation system in Van Diemen's Land. The site has remained relatively unchanged since the convict era.

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SALAMANCA MARKET

The weekly market is a celebration of Tasmania's creative artisans, local produce and talented musicians.

MUSEUM OF OLD AND NEW ART (MONA)

Free entry for students. Take a ferry or bus to the museum, home to Australia's largest privately-funded collection of eclectic art.

TASMAN ISLAND CRUISE

This cruise explores the coast between Port Arthur and Eaglehawk Neck. You will see amazing dolerite cliffs, sea caves and wildlife.

CASCADE FEMALE FACTORY HISTORIC SITE

Originally a distillery, the site has housed female convicts, the Contagious Diseases Hospital and Boys Reformatory.

BELLERIVE CRICKET GROUND AND SPORTS MUSEUM

The museum houses a display of cricket history and interactive exhibits

DERWENT RIVER "DISCO" CRUISE AND EVENING TRANSFER

A great way to spend an evening in Hobart, enjoying music and dancing as you cruise the river.

ZODOO WILDLIFE PARK

With a range of native, agricultural and exotic animals including Tasmanian devils, quolls, koalas, camels, llamas, goats, monkeys, Bengal tigers, rare white African lions and much more! The Safari Bus tour is an experience the whole group will never forget.



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