

History of Hobart

The Muwinina people have lived on the land where Hobart now sits for over 42 000 years. The Muwinina people were cut off from the rest of Australia when the rising sea flooded the Bass Plain, isolating them from the rest of Australia for 12000 years.

The city of Hobart was created in 1804 due to its access to fresh water, a port and the shelter of a nearby mountain, Mt. Wellington.

Hobart was named after Lord Robert Hobart, the fourth Earl of Buckinghamshire and the first Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania).

Interesting Facts About Hobart

Did You Know:

- Hobart is Australia's second oldest city.
- The southern lights can be seen in Hobart all year round.
- Hobart and the rest of Tasmania is said to have the cleanest air on the planet due to strong westerly winds that send clean air to the island.
- Hobart is the starting point for travellers who want to sail to Antarctica.
- People who live in Hobart are known as Hobartians.

Enjoy Hobart!



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Things to See in Hobart

Mount Wellington

Also known as Kunanyi, Mount Wellington is the perfect location for sightseeing. Visit the Pinnacle Observation Shelter on the summit and look through the huge glass windows to see the beauty of Hobart!

Tasman Bridge

Check out one of Hobart's most important links between the CBD and the suburbs. Take a bus or walk by foot and see sights like Franklin Square and the old Anglesea Barracks.

Constitution Dock

Constitution Dock is the prime area for sightseeing many of Hobart's fishing boats and private yachts. During the famous Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, this dock becomes a finish line and it is well worth checking out.

Things to Do in Hobart

Shop at the Salamanca Market

Running since 1972, Tasmania's own market is the Salamanca Market. Open on Saturdays, this market features 230 stallholders who sell food and crafts.

Explore Port Arthur

Easily one of Hobart's most famous locations, Port Arthur is one of Australia's best preserved convict sites. Take tour of the coal mines where the convicts worked or explore the penitentiary where criminals were held in cells.

Take a gander at MONA

Hobart's Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) is a unique building with even more unique artwork. Enjoy food and music while experiencing some of Hobart's best art.

Travel down the Battery Point Sculpture Trail

If you want to learn about Hobart, travel along this two-kilometre trail through the city. Along the way, you can discover nine large numerical sculptures which represent important pieces of Hobart's history.

Check out the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens

Visit Australia's cool climate garden in Hobart! Featuring Australia's only Subantarctic Plant House and trees hundreds of years old, it is well worth the visit.

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