

Beauty Point, Tasmania, Australia

A tranquil deep-water port on the Tamar River, Beauty Point punches above its weight — world-first seahorse aquariums, guaranteed platypus sightings, and one of Australia's finest cool-climate wine valleys all start right at the wharf.

 Docked (Inspection Head Wharf)  Typical call: 8–10 hrs  Australian Dollar (AUD)  English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Alongside at Inspection Head Wharf; small to mid-size ships only

Best For: Wildlife encounters, Tamar Valley wineries, day trip to Launceston

Walk to Seahorse World: Steps from the wharf — Seahorse World and Platypus House are right at the pier

Don't Miss: Platypus House — guaranteed daytime platypus sightings in a natural indoor setting

 Getting around:  Taxi  A-160 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Seahorse World & Platypus House** — Two world-class wildlife encounters a short walk from the gangway.
- **Cataract Gorge, Launceston** — A dramatic river gorge carved into the edge of the city.
- **Tamar Valley Wine Route** — The valley surrounding Beauty Point hosts over 20 cellar doors producing cool-climate Pinot Noir, Riesling, and sparkling wines.
- **Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre** — Site of Australia's famous 2006 mine rescue, now a heritage museum chronicling the gold-mining era and the dramatic 14-day rescue of two trapped...
- **Low Head Penguin Tour** — Low Head, 15 km north of Beauty Point at the mouth of the Tamar, hosts one of Tasmania's oldest and largest fairy penguin colonies.

BEST WALKS

- **Inspection Head Wharf Foreshore Stroll** 1 km · 20 min · Flat — An easy waterfront walk connecting the wharf to Beauty Point Foreshore Park, with river views, shaded picnic areas, and access to the small town centre.
- **Cataract Gorge Cliff Walk, Launceston** 2 km loop · 45 min · Easy-moderate — Follow the cliff-face path from the First Basin to Alexandra Suspension Bridge, cross over, and return via the South Esk riverside path.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
	Mon	High	Low
Apr		63°	49°
Jun		54°	42°
Aug		54°	41°
Sep		57°	43°
Oct		61°	45°
			Rain
			9d
			11d
			12d
			11d
			11d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:43AM–5:41PM · Jun 7:36AM–4:49PM · Aug 7:03AM–5:31PM · Sep 6:14AM–6:02PM · Oct 6:24AM–7:33PM	

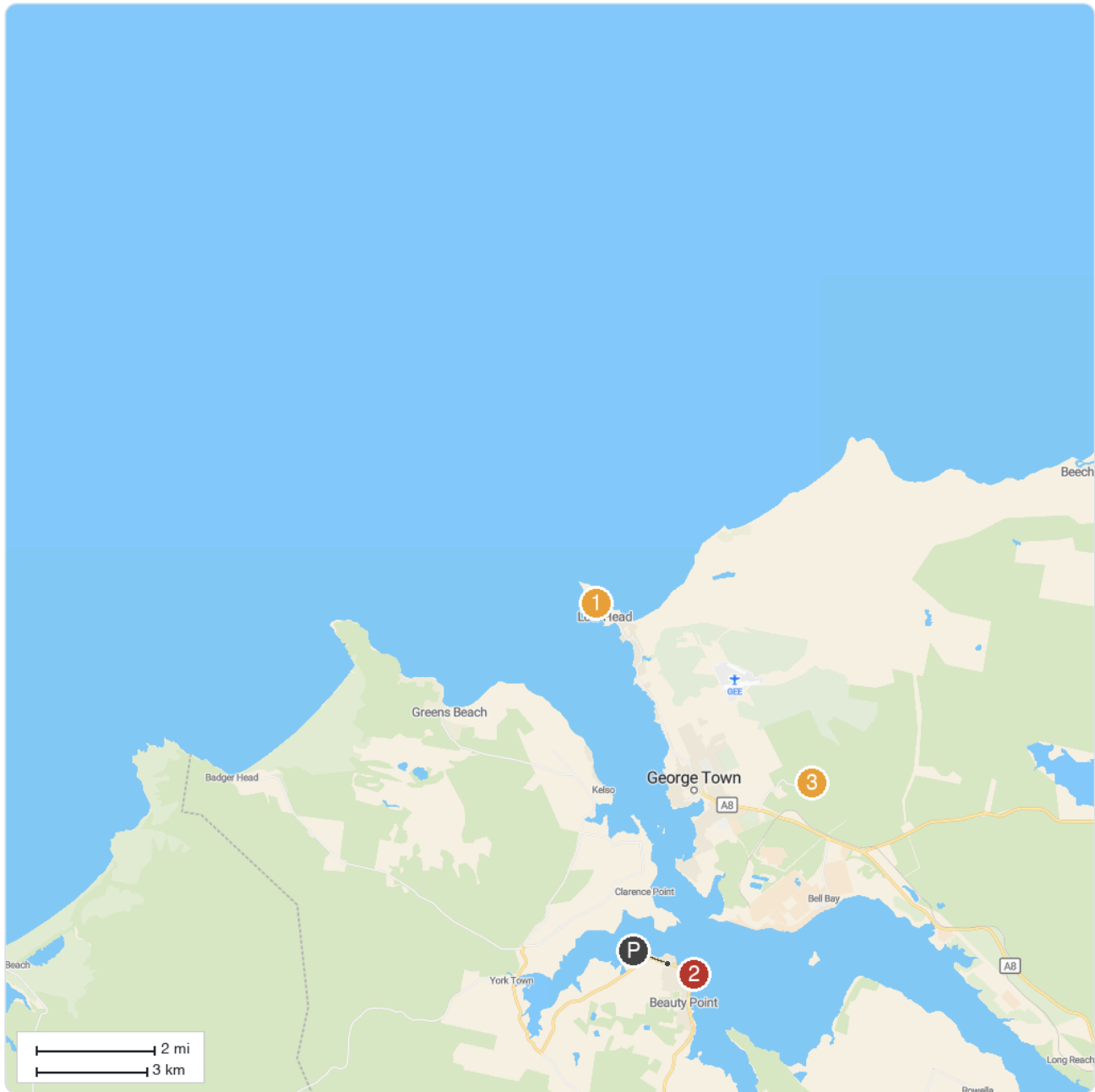
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Platypus House in advance. Tours sell out quickly when a ship is in port — reserve online before you sail.
- Wine tours fill fast on ship days. The Tamar Valley is compact and guides time returns to the pier; check departure guarantees before booking independently.
- Launceston is 45 min away. Manion's Coaches run scheduled services, but timed departure back to the ship is critical — taxis or a shore-excursion bus give more control.
- Bring AUD cash for small operators. Seahorse World and Platypus House accept cards, but some cellar doors and market stalls prefer cash.
- Tasmania weather is unpredictable. Even in summer, pack a light waterproof layer — the Tamar Valley can turn cool and breezy without warning.
- Only smaller ships call here. If your itinerary lists Beauty Point and you're on a large vessel, confirm with the ship — some redirect to Burnie or anchor offshore.

Beauty Point, Tasmania, Australia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Low Head Coastal Reserve | Explore scenic coastal walks and natural beauty. | 2 Seahorse World | Discover and learn about fascinating seahorses up close. |
| 3 Mount George Lookout | Enjoy panoramic views of the Tamar River and surrounding area. | P Cruise port / terminal | |