

Burnie, Tasmania, Australia

Tasmania's northwest gateway balances working-port grit with rolling farmland, native wildlife, and a surprisingly vibrant arts scene — all within easy reach of the pier.

Docked (deep-water berth)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Australian Dollar (AUD)

English

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at Port of Burnie — Tasmania's largest deep-water cargo port, ~2 km from city center

Best For: Wildlife encounters, Tasmanian whisky tastings, day trips to Cradle Mountain

Walk to center: Free shuttle bus to Burnie Discovery Hub; ~25-min walk along foreshore alternatively

Don't Miss: Wings Wildlife Park for Tasmanian devils, Hellyers Road Distillery, Makers' Workshop

Getting around: Taxi AUD 18–25 (city center) · Rideshare Uber · Hop-on hop-off Burnie Attractions Bus (eGuide)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Wings Wildlife Park** — Tasmania's largest native wildlife collection sits on rolling farmland at Gunns Plains, about 45 minutes' drive from the port.
 - Cradle Mountain Day Trip** — Drive south to Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park for Dove Lake and ancient rainforest walks.
 - Hellyers Road Distillery** — Australia's largest boutique single malt whisky distillery offers guided tours of the production floor plus
- generous tastings of aged Tasmanian...

 - Makers' Workshop & Burnie Regional Museum** — The Makers' Workshop celebrates Burnie's transition from paper-mill town to creative hub — watch artisans make paper by hand and browse local crafts.
 - Stanley & The Nut** — The historic fishing village of Stanley anchors around a dramatic volcanic plug called The Nut.

BEST WALKS

- Foreshore to Discovery Hub & West Beach** 2.5 km one-way · Flat & paved · 30 min — From the shuttle drop at the Burnie Discovery Hub, walk west along the foreshore promenade past the beach to West Beach and the Little Penguin Observation Centre.
- City Center Wander** 1-2 km loop · Easy · 45 min — From the shuttle drop, explore Burnie's compact CBD — Makers' Workshop, Burnie Regional Museum, the main shopping street, and the waterfront cafe strip.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		61°	50°	10d
Jun		54°	45°	12d
Aug		53°	43°	13d
Sep		56°	44°	12d
Oct		59°	46°	11d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:46AM–5:45PM · Jun 7:40AM–4:53PM · Aug 7:06AM–5:35PM · Sep 6:18AM–6:05PM · Oct 6:28AM–7:36PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the free shuttle. The port gate restricts pedestrian access — the TasPorts shuttle is the simplest way in and out. Note the last return time and add a buffer.
- Book wildlife tours early. Wings Wildlife Park fills up fast on cruise days. Pre-book before you arrive or through the ship's shore excursion desk.
- Cards accepted everywhere. Burnie is a modern Australian city — credit cards work in almost all shops and attractions. You'll rarely need cash.
- Layer up. Northwest Tasmania's weather shifts quickly — even in summer, carry a light waterproof layer. Cradle Mountain can be significantly colder than the coast.
- Penguins are seasonal. The Little Penguin Observation Centre at West Beach is active September–March. Outside that window, the penguins aren't reliably present.
- Cradle Mountain is tight on a standard call. It's a 90-min drive each way. Only attempt it on calls of 9+ hours and with a guided tour that guarantees ship return.

Burnie, 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 Little Penguin Observation Centre | See wild penguins return to shore at dusk. | 2 Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden | Stunning garden showcasing a vast collection of rhododendrons. |
| 3 Burnie Regional Museum | Explore Burnie's history, industry, and cultural heritage. | 4 Upper Burnie Lookout | Panoramic views of Burnie city, coast, and hinterland. |
| 5 Burnie Park | Relaxing park with playgrounds, gardens, and wildlife enclosures. | 6 Oldaker Falls | Picturesque waterfall nestled within a tranquil bushland setting. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |