

Devonport, Tasmania, Australia

Tasmania's northwest gateway blends maritime heritage with wild hinterland — home to ancient Aboriginal rock carvings, a striped lighthouse on volcanic headland, and some of the world's best platypus spotting, all within easy reach of Cradle Mountain.

- Pier port (no tender)
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- Australian Dollar (AUD)
- English
- World Heritage wilderness day trips

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — East Devonport wharf; shuttle or Torquay Ferry to CBD

Walk to center: 5 min from West berth; 15–20 min shuttle ride from East

Best For: Nature, wildlife, heritage railways, Tasmanian food & gin

Don't Miss: Mersey Bluff Lighthouse & Aboriginal rock carvings

Getting around: Taxi A–25 · Rideshare Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Cradle Mountain Day Trip** — The crown jewel of Tasmanian wilderness — jagged dolerite peaks reflected in Dove Lake, roaming wombats, and ancient pencil-pine rainforest.
- Don River Railway** — Volunteer-run heritage railway that steams through bushland along the Don River to Coles Beach.
- Platypus Spotting — Tasmanian Arboretum** — The 120-hectare Tasmanian Arboretum in Eugenana (15 min drive) is one of the world's most reliable spots to see wild platypuses.
- Bass Strait Maritime Centre** — Explore the treacherous history of the Bass Strait crossing through interactive exhibits — including a ship simulator where you can attempt to...
- House of Anvers Chocolate & Latrobe** — Drive 10 minutes to Latrobe for House of Anvers, a Belgian-style chocolate factory with free tastings and a chocolate museum.

BEST WALKS

- Mersey Bluff & Lighthouse Headland** 3 km one-way | Easy | 45 min — Walk west from the CBD along the river foreshore, past the Bass Strait Maritime Centre, and out to the dramatic red-striped Mersey Bluff Lighthouse.
- Coles Beach Coastal Pathway** 3.5 km one-way | Easy | 50 min — Continue past the lighthouse along the flat coastal track to Coles Beach — a long stretch of Bass Strait sand popular with surfers.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:44AM–5:43PM · Jun 7:38AM–4:51PM · Aug 7:05AM–5:33PM · Sep 6:16AM–6:03PM · Oct 6:26AM–7:35PM	
Apr	63°	49°	9d		
Jun	55°	43°	11d		
Aug	55°	41°	12d		
Sep	58°	43°	11d		
Oct	61°	46°	10d		

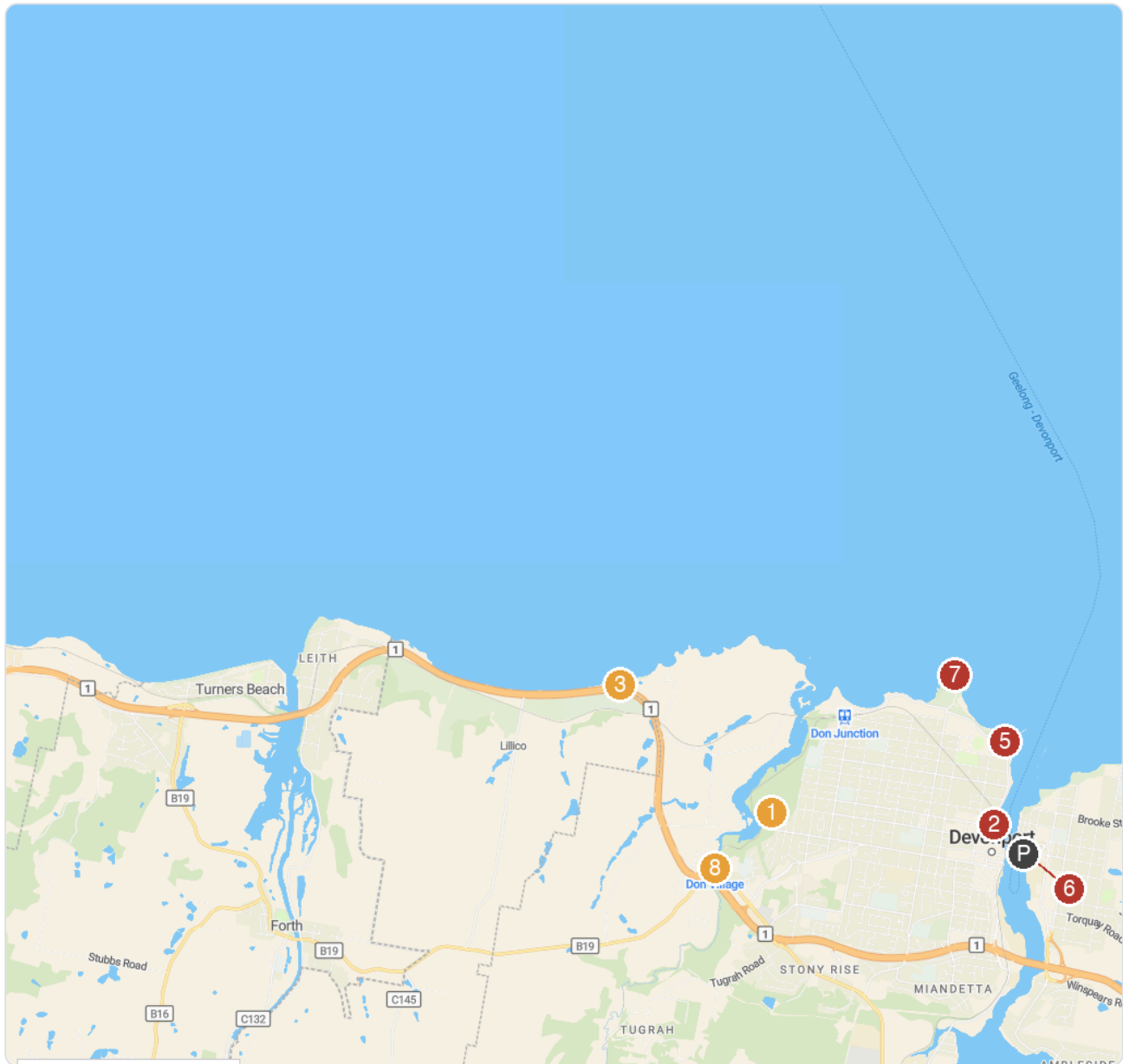
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Biosecurity is serious. Tasmania's agricultural-free status is protected by strict laws. Sniffer dogs patrol the gangway — do not carry fresh produce, honey, meat, or plants ashore. Fines are immediate.
- Torquay Ferry beats the shuttle queue. If docked in East Devonport, the historic pedestrian ferry across the Mersey is quicker and more fun than waiting for the shuttle bus.
- Layer up. Tasmanian weather can swing from warm sun to cold wind and rain within an hour. A lightweight windproof jacket is essential, even in summer.
- Cradle Mountain needs a tour. The 1.5-hour drive each way means independent visitors risk missing the ship. Book a cruise-line or reputable operator excursion to guarantee a timed return.
- Australia is almost cashless. Tap-and-go Visa/Mastercard works everywhere. You will rarely need AUD notes, but an ATM is available in the CBD.
- Sunday closures. If your call falls on a Sunday, CBD shops may be closed — but cafes, the Maritime Centre, Don River Railway, and Mersey Bluff are all open.

Devonport, 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 Don Reserve | Don Reserve is a scenic nature park with walking trails. | 2 Roundhouse Park | Roundhouse Park offers historic views and open green space. |
| 3 Penguin Viewing Platform | View wild penguins at dusk from this dedicated platform. | 4 Tasmanian Arboretum | Tasmanian Arboretum is a beautiful botanical garden of trees. |
| 5 Bass Strait Maritime Museum | Explore Bass Strait's rich maritime history at this museum. | 6 Spirit of Tasmania Devonport | This is the ferry terminal for the Spirit of Tasmania. |
| 7 Mersey Bluff Lighthouse | Mersey Bluff Lighthouse is an iconic, historic coastal beacon. | 8 Don River Railway | Ride a historic steam train along the scenic Don River. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |