



TASMANIA ...
... ready to
welcome you
to the
28TH AHSN
CONFERENCE



You really don't need any incentives to come to the 28th Australasian Humour Studies Network other than the intrinsic value of meeting with like-minded people and learning from our foremost humour academics from a wide range of disciplines.

But here's a couple of extra incentives anyhow.

Firstly, how good will it be to gather together physically rather than the Covid-mandated distancing that we all endured last year?

And secondly, Tasmania in February! Simply stunning. It is worth extending your visit for a pre- or post-conference holiday and check out Australia's splendid island state.

Here is a brief sheet of information to help you plan your visit.

GETTING TO TASMANIA

There are two travel options to get to Tasmania ... well three, if you are a good swimmer.

The more comfortable options are flying (Qantas, Virgin and Jetstar all service the Tasmanian route) or the Spirit of Tasmania vehicular ferry which has two daily crossing of Bass Strait (Melbourne to Devonport) during summer.

If you are planning on an extended stay either before or after our conference, access to a car is a must. As Covid restrictions eased recently and tourists started to return to Tasmania, there was a shortage of hire cars, so the best advice is to book a car early if that is your preference.

TRAVEL COSTS

Typical airfares currently available – sample entered was return flight departing on Sunday 30 January 2022 and returning on Sunday 6 February 2022. Cheapest flights chosen ...

Sydney to Hobart (return)	Virgin	\$258
	Jetstar	\$219
Melbourne to Hobart (return)	Virgin	\$288
	Jetstar	\$170
Brisbane to Hobart (return)	Virgin	\$365
	Jetstar	\$343
Adelaide to Hobart (return)	Qantas	\$337
	Jetstar	\$233

Spirit of Tasmania (sample entered was one family sedan and two adult passengers departing Melbourne on 23 January 2022 and returning to Melbourne 13 February 2022 would cost \$317 + \$337 for the return journey).

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Some options close to our venue range from Salamanca Inn and Hotel Grand Chancellor (both 4.5 star) at \$309 to \$324 per night at that time of year, down to a motel room (Blue Hills Motel – basic but clean and comfortable - at \$90 per night).

A good middle-of-the-road option is St Ives Motel apartments at \$237 a double per night and \$253 for a twin. Salamanca Inn has some two and three-bedroom suits which are quite attractive if some people (friends) do not mind sharing.

One hotel tried (the Prince of Wales in Battery Point) is already fully booked from 2 to 5 February so the message is, book your accommodation early.

Of course, there are cheaper options at a distance from the waterfront.

ATTRACTIONS

Tasmania is not called the 'Holiday Island' for nothing. There are so many places of interest to see and so many things to do. There are the attractions that most people have heard of – Port Arthur, Richmond, Bruny Island and the Museum of New and Old Art (MONA) which are definitely worth a visit.

But there is so much more: the beautiful temperate rain forests, the rugged west coast, the rich basaltic soils of the north-west and north-east sustaining the dairy, vegetable and fruit-based industries and the sun-drenched east coast with miles of pure white sands and often no one else in sight. Kayaking, mountain-bike riding, scuba diving, fishing ... you name it; Tassie has it.

EVENTS

Tasmania's summer is the time to visit. There are so many festivals, fairs, and events in every corner of the island that you are bound to stumble across some little memorable treasure.

Some other 'different' events that may be of interest to delegates wishing to have pre or post-conference holidays in Tasmania

The Festival of King Island

27 - 29 January 2022

King Island is not a place that everybody gets to visit, but maybe a few day's detour en route to Tasmania for the AHSN Conference has some appeal for some delegates. King Island boasts world-renowned dairy products, beef and sea food. It has magnificent golf courses that attract serious golfers from around the world and it is a great place to surf, dive or simply go beachcombing.

The island's annual festival is an ideal opportunity to see what this little gem of an island has to offer all in one place over a couple of days. Overlooking King Island's picturesque Currie Harbour, the Festival of King Island brings together a bevy of great folk/blues/country/rock talent to complement to finest of foods and beverages.

Festivale

5 Feb 2022 to 6 Feb 2022

Festivale is Tasmania's premium summer event, a three-day celebration designed to showcase Tasmanian food, beverages, and entertainment. Staged in Launceston's City Park, the ambience of this outdoor event is unique. Check it out at

<https://www.discovertasmania.com.au/event/festivale>

Bridport Summer Party

26 February 2022

Since 2016 the Bridport Summer Party has been a community-based family event that just keeps getting bigger. Last year's count was over 3500 patrons.

Located in North East Tasmania, each year Bridport hosts a celebration of summer including great food, wine, beer, cider, live music, kid's entertainment and more.

The vision is to provide an event that is family-inclusive with only a gold coin donation for entry, with the provision of locally sourced Tasmanian food and wines, and great entertainment.

Markets

Hobart's famous Salamanca Market celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2022. Salamanca runs every Saturday from 8:30 am to 3 pm – so maybe make that a date for Saturday 5 February 2022. With over 230 stall holders at the market each week, you will find something to justify the excess luggage provision on your airline ticket.

As well as Salamanca Market, there are a host of country and twilight markets scattered around the state.

Map

The 28th annual AHSN Conference will be held at UTAS's Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies right on Hobart's magnificent harbour. This venue is a five-minute stroll from the CBD – adjacent to Salamanca Place which backs onto historic Battery Point – both renowned for their art galleries and fine eateries.

An interim map showing the conference venue in relation to the harbour, city, and accommodation suggestions, is on the next page. Da Angelo's Ristorante, the tentatively booked venue for the optional conference dinner is also marked on the map.

We look forward to welcoming you to Tasmania in February.

