

AMENDED VERSION – replaces earlier text

BACK TO DEVONPORT, SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER



Breakfast on Saturday is included in the tariff at our hotel.

This can be an easy, relaxed final day when you take your time over visits, coffee breaks and our final farewell lunch at Stanley. (Yes, we will have dinner on the ferry, but the ambiance is, shall we say, not entirely conducive to group celebrations.). The total distance is about 210 km – depending obviously on how many little side detours you make – but almost all the driving is on a major highway and fast.

Lunch is booked at Hursey's Seafood in Stanley at 1.00 pm.

The Route Notes will take you to Wynyard, Table Cape, Highfield Historic Site and Stanley. After lunch it will be up to you whether to linger along the coast road returning to Devonport or not.

You must arrive at Devonport ferry terminal not later than 6.30 pm.

(Check-in starts from about 5.00 pm if you arrive earlier, but it is unlikely that you will actually be able to drive on until more like 6.00 pm.) The terminal is well sign-posted in Devonport and you should have no difficulty finding it.

Dinner will be as you choose on the ferry.

Breakfast on Sunday can be something notional on the ferry. However, I at least will prefer to eat ashore in Port Melbourne which has a wide choice of good cafes and restaurants. Suggestions will be made the night before.

We are scheduled to dock in Melbourne at 6.00 am. It takes a while to get your car off the ferry – up to an hour. For those who are flying out from Melbourne, there are various ways of getting to the airport – depending on how much time you have in Melbourne itself before the flight. Talk to John Brenan or one of the other Melbournites.

PLACES OF NOTE:

Wynyard and Table Cape: another coastal town with numerous places to eat and interesting streets to stroll. It is also home to Wonders of Wynyard, an astonishing collection of early veteran cars



which you will really want to visit for at least half an hour or so. Wynyard is probably the place to take morning tea.

The Cape should really be an essential visit. Sitting at 180 metres high, it dominates the coastline and offers spectacular views of Tasmania's coast and agricultural farmlands. From a viewing platform, on a clear day, you can see George Town's Low Head and mountain ranges over 175 kilometres away. The lighthouse, which can be

visited, is nearby. Table Cape is also home to the Table Cape Tulip Farm where acres of patchwork fields explode with colour each spring.

Port Latta, shortly before Stanley, is the site of the administrative offices, pelletising plant and off-shore loading facilities of Savage River mines. The port is at the northern end of an 85 km pipeline from Savage River through which crushed ore is pumped as a slurry. At Port Latta the ore is pelletised and moved by conveyor along the enormous jetty. The largest vessels to visit Tasmanian waters - huge bulk ore carriers from Japan - use these loading facilities.

Stanley is a small maritime town of colonial buildings, cafes and B&B cottages, all sheltering in the imposing shadow of the Nut, an immense flat-topped, volcanic plug rising 150 metres straight up from the water's edge. It is renowned for seafood, from fish-and-chips up, at Hurseys Seafood Restaurant. We will take our farewell lunch there. Nearby Highfield Historic Site shows another colonial homestead – different again from Woolmers and Clarendon. An unusual example of Regency domestic architecture, it was the base for very early settlement by the Van Diemens Land Company. Cost A\$12 adult, A\$6 child.



Latrobe is one side visit worth considering if you have some time in hand approaching Devonport. It is a river town that has more than 70 heritage-listed buildings. There are lots of eateries serving fresh produce, plus scenic farm gates and vineyards where you can sample food from the source. Chocolate lovers can revisit Anvers Chocolate Factory. There is a pleasant picnic spot on Bells Parade. The Route Notes will give directions.

