


TASMAN PENINSULA ATTRACTIONS

Just some of the many things you can see and do during your stay with us at Kiah Nunyara Accommodation

If you simply wish to relax and enjoy some peace and quiet—read a book—or wander the grounds to experience the garden and varied bird life there is no better place. However if you wish to be more energetic the following information will be of interest:-

Please note:  denotes walks – we have 'done' all of these and are happy to provide more detailed information.

COPPING

(on the way to or from the Peninsula—approximately half way between Hobart and Tasman Peninsula)

The **Copping Museum** is a 'must see' attraction is with its vast collection of convict and colonial artefacts. On display you will find everything from leg irons to steam irons—mouse traps to man traps.

EAGLEHAWK NECK

Pirates Bay Lookout—Tasman National Park Lookout

Off the Arthur Highway (A9)—just before Eaglehawk Neck—alternative tourist route to The Peninsula. (Can also be accessed from Eaglehawk Neck—take the scenic drive). The spectacular views of Pirates Bay and beach and coastal scenery and are among the best views in Australia. Look south towards the Lanterns, Hippolyte Rocks and Cape Huay.

Tessellated Pavement

Natural rock formation—opposite Lufra Hotel. A sign explains the geological formation of this tile like coastal pavement.

Officers Mess & Dog Line

The Officers Mess was the original quarters for guards located on the “neck” to stop the escape of convicts from The Peninsula. A line of ferocious dogs were put in place so that escape across this narrow neck of land was (almost) impossible. Details can be found at the Officers Mess shop and information centre.

Tasman Sea Charters and/or Sealife Experience

Join Damian on the Coastal Explorer at Tasman Sea Charters or Craig & Nick of Sealife Experience for a closer look at the amazing coastline of the Tasman Peninsula from a totally different angle. Enjoy Tasmanian wines, cheese and nibbles with the Sealife Experience and view from sea level the highest sea cliffs in the southern hemisphere...massive coralline sea caves, geological arches and majestic coastline...all uniquely sculptured by Mother Nature. Tours depart from Pirates Bay ([see brochures](#)).

Eaglehawk Dive Centre—Experience some of the best temperate water diving in the world. Giant kelp forests, cave tours and sea dragons. The Centre offers a full range of services and equipment.

Doongara Fishing Charters and/or Personalised Sea Charters—Experience game fishing, deep sea or reef fishing surrounded by world class coastal scenery. All gear supplied.

Waterfall Bay

Turn left at the signpost along Blowhole Road. The waterfall (dependant on rainfall) cascades down the cliff face into the sea.

An easy gentle walk (approx 2 hours return) from the car park will take you to a sheltered picnic site at the start of the first of three falls. A short walk (around 500 metres) continues on to Waterfall Bluff which provides superb views of the coastal cliffs and Cape Huay and the Lanterns.

Blow Hole, Tasman Arch, Devil's Kitchen & Patersons Arch

The Blow Hole is located at the end of Blowhole Road. The turn off to Tasman Arch, Devils Kitchen and Patersons Arch is signposted at Doo Town just before The Blow Hole. Tasman Arch is right beside the road. The arch ceiling is 52.7 m above sea level. Walk or drive 500 metres on to Devils Kitchen—this is where the road ends. A 1.5 k easy walk will take you to Patersons Arch, the most impressive rock feature which is a dramatic example of the power of the sea. From Patersons Arch there is a pathway to Waterfall Bay Lookout which will take you around 45 minutes return.





TARANNA

At the **Tasmanian Devil Conservation Park** meet a Tasmanian Devil. Your entry fee will help fund research into breeding of cancer resistant animals. You'll also meet eagles, owls, hawks and quolls.

The **Federation Chocolate Factory and Museum** is also located at Taranna. (free entry to the museum and wheel chair friendly) Sample a delicious variety of the hand-made chocolates.

Fortescue Bay


The sign post for Fortescue Bay is approx 3 kilometres past Taranna on the Arthur Highway—the gravel road to Fortescue Bay is approx 12 k. The beautiful sandy beach at this remote bay has picnic tables, seats, toilets a camping area and a boat launching ramp and is also the start of several A Grade walking tracks, such as:

-  **Canoe and Bivouac Bays**—an 11 k easy walk which takes approx 3–4 hours return. Though most of the walk is through forest, glimpses of water views are visible. Wonderful views of the Lanterns and The Candlestick can be seen from Dolomieu Point a little further up from Canoe Bay and is well worth the climb.
-  **Cape Huay**—a 10 k medium grade walk which takes in extensive views north to Maria Island and south to Cape Pillar. Spectacular views of the coastline including The Lanterns, The Candlestick, the Totem Pole and Tasman Island. (3 1/2–5 hours return)
-  **Cape Pillar**—a 2–3 day medium/hard 'wilderness' walk which requires overnight camping. It is advisable walkers undertaking this walk have previous experience. The spectacular scenery of Cape Pillar and nearby Tasman Island is breath-taking.
-  **Arthur's Peak**—a 6 hour hard walk for experienced walkers. The views from the summit are simply stunning and include Crescent Beach, Mt Brown and further westward to Bruny Island and beyond.

PORT ARTHUR


Spend at least a day at Port Arthur Historic Site, Australia's premier convict site. Included in the admission is the interpretation gallery, a guided walking tour, boat cruise, museum, access to more than 30 restored buildings, ruins and beautiful gardens. Passes are valid for two days. Join an evening lantern-lit Ghost Tours to hear spine chilling tales of other worldly apparitions from the convict period to present day.

Remarkable Cave, Maingon—and Palmers Lookouts—A 5km drive on the C347 road (500 metres from the Port Arthur Historic Site) will take you to the Remarkable Cave Car Park. On the way to Remarkable Cave take the road signposted to Palmers Lookout for a bird's eye view of Port Arthur and Tasman Island. Remarkable Cave is truly remarkable.


 **Crescent Beach & Mount Brown**—4–5 hours medium (including side trips) walk begins 100 metres before the Remarkable Cave Car Park. The route is spectacular and takes in Maingon Blowhole and beautiful rocky shorelines. Crescent Beach is possibly one of (some say, the) most beautiful beaches in Tasmania with magnificent high sand dunes and superb close views of nearby Tasman Island.

NUBEENA

Nubeena is the Commercial Centre of The Tasman Peninsula. Services include ATMS, Supermarkets, Bakery, Delicatessen, Tavern, Medical Centre, Chemist, Post Office, Internet/Online Access Centre and Police Station.

 **Cape Raoul & Cape Raoul Lookout**—Both these walks begin at the end of Stormlea Road. The walk to the Lookout is an easy 1–1½ hour return. The 400 metre high seacliff gives views to Bruny Island, the mountains of the South West and the end of Cape Raoul.

The walk to the end of Cape Raoul will take you another 4 hours return. At the end of the cape, the 360 degree panorama takes in Mount Raoul to the north, Mt Brown, Cape Pillar and Tasman Island to the east, Mount Wellington to the northwest and sweeping views of the Southern Ocean.

 **Shipstern Bluff and Tunnel Bay**—the start of these walks are also at the end of Stormlea and will take around 4 ½ hours medium return. Take a right fork (which is marked) after approx 30 minutes walking. Care needs to be taken at Shipstern Bluff if the tide is high or there are heavy seas. It is recognised by surfers world wide, as being among the largest and most spectacular surfing venues in the world. Suitable only for the most capable and experienced extreme surfer!

Roaring Beach—a popular surf beach. Take the turn off from B37 (1 km from Nubeena on the way to Premaydena). Massive sand dunes have been formed by the westerly winds—if the westerlies are blowing Roaring Beach lives up to its name. On quieter days a family friendly beach safe for surfing, boogie boarding and body surfing.

PREMAYDENA—(Impression Bay Settlement)

The Coal Mines Historic Site—and Lime Bay Nature Reserve

At Premaydena take the C341 and follow the signs to The Coal Mines Historic Site (approx 12kms). Coal mining began at this site began in 1833 and finally closed in 1848. The settlement was a punishment station where the most hardened convicts from Port Arthur toiled under a regime of cruelty, violence and abuse.

Coal Mines Site Brochures which show details are located at the entrance to the site.

Interpretation signs can be found throughout the site. The remains of the buildings have been stabilised by Parks & Wildlife and underground cells, old well and mine entrances can be seen.

A further 4 km will bring you to the Lime Bay Nature Reserve where camping is permitted in a beautiful, peaceful camping ground complete with toilet facilities etc. It is also the start of an easy 2 to 3 hour return walk to beautiful Lagoon Beach with its backdrop of high sand dunes. Views of Slopem Island, Mt Wellington and Bruny Island.

As you can see the Tasman Peninsula area is a true microcosm of Tasmania and offers so much to see and do. We recommend you allow sufficient time to do it justice.