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About Spirit of Tasmania

Let’s journey back to where it all began... 1985, a year of big hair, ripped jeans and neon clothing. Bob Hawke was PM. Melbourne celebrated its 150th year. Neighbours debuted on network television... And TT-Line, the operator of Spirit of Tasmania, was born.

On 1 July 1985, TT-Line began operating passenger and vehicle transport across Bass Strait on the German-built Abel Tasman. This ship maintained regular and reliable service until 1993, when she was replaced by the much larger “original” Spirit of Tasmania. Only 11 metres shorter than the MCG, this gleaming white empress of the sea could carry more than 1300 passengers. The same year, TT-Line separated from the Department of Transport and became a corporation wholly owned by the Tasmanian Government.

In 1997, things kicked up a notch with the introduction of the Devil Cat, a Tasmanian-built catamaran that took just six hours to travel from George Town in Tasmania’s north to Station Pier in Port Melbourne. The speedy vessel operated during the summer peak season in conjunction with the original Spirit of Tasmania from 1997 to 2002.

The iconic red-and-white ships we know today as Spirit of Tasmania I and II replaced the original MV Spirit of Tasmania in 2002. Constructed in Finland in 1998 and previously operated in Greece and Italy, these two monohull vessels made their dual maiden voyages on 1 September.

In 2004, a third vessel was introduced to the Spirit of Tasmania fleet, operating between Sydney and Tasmania. Spirit of Tasmania III sailed between Darling Harbour and Devonport overnight, taking approximately 22 hours. While very popular with passengers at the time, the Sydney to Tassie route was discontinued in 2006.

To this day, Spirit of Tasmania I and II continue to transport passengers, passenger vehicles and freight between Melbourne and Tasmania. In 2015, the two vessels underwent a major refurbishment, with their interiors being completely refitted and redesigned. And while the ships today may look vastly different from those of yesteryear, the brilliant sunsets and stunning vistas of the Strait just cannot be replaced.

Abel Tasman – 1984–1993
Length: 149 metres
Speed: 18 knots
Interesting fact: Abel Janszoon Tasman was the first known European explorer to reach the islands of Van Diemen’s Land.

Spirit of Tasmania – 1993–2002
Length: 161.5 metres
Speed: 17.5 knots
Interesting fact: It was only 11 metres shorter than the inside of the MCG.

Spirit of Tasmania I & II – 2002–present
Length: 194.33 metres
Speed: 27 knots
Interesting fact: Stretched from end to end, the vehicle lanes on each ship would be almost two kilometres long.
Take your car for a touring adventure

Tassie is a place best explored on wheels—a patchwork of alpine forests, lush fields and craggy coastlines. With so much stunning natural beauty on offer, you’ll want to take it slow and make regular pit stops.

There’s no need to hurry on this road trip. Tap into the relaxed island lifestyle and explore each new hidden gem at your leisure. Be sure to call in to the smaller towns as well as the larger ones. Wind down the window and chat to some of the friendly locals. Visit a grocer or deli and sample some mouth-watering chocolates, cheeses and jams— for if there’s one thing Tassie does well, it’s their food. And of course, there’s the wine... the state is positively teeming with vineyards and wineries, offering visitors the chance to taste some of the world’s finest reds and whites.

Taking your car to Tassie makes perfect sense. And after all, who wants to fork out the money for a hire car, or worry about airport parking, bus and taxi costs? Bringing your vehicle on board is a breeze. It’s so easy in fact, you don’t even have to reverse—it’s as simple as drive on and drive off. And by having your car, caravan or campervan with you, you’ll be able to hit the open road as soon as you arrive. With the only luggage restriction being your vehicle’s capacity, you can strap a surfboard to the roof, pack the golf clubs, chuck in the hiking boots and even bring extra suitcases. Whether it’s an adventure with the family or a weekend getaway with a loved one, taking your vehicle on board is an easy and stress-free option.
CHECK IN
Check-in commences 2.5 hours prior to departure. Don’t leave it too late and miss the boat – literally! Check-in closes 45 minutes prior to your scheduled departure time. For more details head to spiritoftasmania.com.au/bookings/checking-in

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS
Your cabin contains bed linen, towels and soap. We recommend taking an overnight bag on board, with personal toiletries, medications and clothing as the vehicle deck cannot be accessed during the voyage. (If you are travelling without a vehicle, you are permitted to place two items on the baggage trolley.)

GOT A FURRY FRIEND?
Want to bring your beloved pet along for the journey? No problem! Domestic animals such as dogs, cats, rabbits, even guinea pigs and ferrets, are all welcome on board Spirit of Tasmania. Rest assured, your four-legged friend will be looked after. Our kennels are located on ventilated decks and fresh water is supplied throughout the sailing. If you are carrying livestock, please contact us on 1800 884 305 to make your booking.

QUARANTINE LAWS IN TASMANIA
Vehicles and luggage are subject to inspection prior to arrival in Tasmania. Vehicle inspections will take place in Melbourne prior to boarding and randomly in Devonport upon arrival. Any fruit, vegetables, plants, fish or fish products must be declared in Melbourne. For further information visit the Quarantine website quarantinedomestic.gov.au or call 1300 368 550.

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Sail by day

Over summe, as well as during high demand periods, Spirit of Tasmania operates day sailings, which depart each port (Melbourne and Devonport) at 9:00am and arrive the same day at 6:00pm.

On a Day Ticket you’re free to wander the ship at your leisure and explore the indoor areas and outside decks to your heart’s content. Or for added relaxation (and a siesta), book a cabin and have your own private place to retreat to.

Kick off your journey with a latest-release movie in one of two sleek cinemas. Then grab some lunch at TMK and enjoy live music in the Terrace Lounge Bar with a glass in hand. (You’ll soon discover why Tassie’s cool climate and pristine environment produce some of the world’s best wines, beers and whiskies.) For some peace and quiet, curl up by the window on one of the many comfy lounges and spend the afternoon gazing out at sea—because after all, it’s about savouring the view while in absolute comfort. Plus kids and adults alike will be kept entertained by roving circus performers, face painters, trivia and disco bingo.
There’s something altogether magical about sailing at night. It’s not just the sparkling city views or the endless starry skies, it’s the thrill of waking up at your destination, refreshed and ready to explore.

There’s also plenty to do on the overnight leg. First thing’s first though: you’ll want to head straight out on deck and take in the stunning cityscape of Melbourne receding into the twilit distance.

Once you’ve got your breath back, head inside and kick back with a glass of Tassie vino or craft beer. Then sample some fresh Tassie produce and even catch a late-night movie before heading back to your cabin for a cosy night’s sleep.
Accommodation

Let’s face it: putting your feet up and relaxing is an essential part of any getaway, and with 222 cabins and 121 recliners on board, supreme comfort is what Spirit of Tasmania does best. And no matter your budget, there are accommodation options to suit all travellers.

SPOIL YOURSELF
For the ultimate luxury experience at sea, you can’t go past our Deluxe Cabins. These newly refurbished, stylish cabins come complete with a queen-size bed, private ensuite, flat-screen TV and double porthole windows to see the majestic ocean views ahead.

TRAVELLING WITH FRIENDS OR FAMILY?
Twin Bed Cabins are equipped with two single beds, and Four Bed Cabins come with bunk beds for up to four people — perfect for families or a group of friends. All cabins have private ensuite facilities with bedding and towels provided and a choice of inside or porthole view.

RECLINE IN STYLE
Recliners are a great, low-cost alternative... Located in a private lounge, recliners come equipped with individual reading lights, tray table, USB port and blankets and pillows. There are floor-to-ceiling windows at the front of the lounge, allowing you to enjoy the surrounding ocean views.

TRAVELLING BY DAY?
Day Tickets have no specific seat allocation, giving you the freedom to move around the ship at your leisure. Cabin upgrades are available, for those seeking a little extra privacy.
Dining and bars

From casual snacks to tantalising Tasmanian dishes, the finest wines to a warming hot chocolate, your tastes are well catered for on Spirit of Tasmania.

BAR 7
Bar 7 is a stylish and intimate bar offering a selection of Tasmanian premium cool-climate wines, boutique ciders and local craft beers. For something a little stronger, there are award-winning spirits from distilleries that produce some of Tasmania’s finest quality whisky. With plenty of cosy chairs and couches, this is the perfect place to unwind and enjoy your time aboard.

TERRACE LOUNGE BAR
The Terrace Lounge Bar is a bright, modern space with comfy lounges and flat-screen TVs throughout, allowing you to sit back and catch up on your favourite shows. A range of bar snacks is available, and on day sailings there are pizzas and paninis to enjoy.

TMK
Tasmanian produce is fast gaining a considerable reputation not just nationally but globally, and TMK presents a delicious range of Tasmanian-inspired marketplace favourites, including a signature dish of the day. This buffet-style restaurant also features family favourites, delicious desserts and a selection of Tasmanian cheeses for the ultimate fiesta at sea.

THE PANTRY
For something lighter, The Pantry offers freshly prepared ‘grab and go’ sandwiches and snacks. Here you’ll also find a range of specialty Tasmanian food products and preserves to take on your road trip around the state, or back home with you on your return journey.

TOP DECK LOUNGE
You’ll feel like it’s summer all year-round at the Top Deck Lounge with its deck chairs, astro turf flooring and outside decks with views of nothing but 232 nautical miles of spectacular Bass Strait. The bar is conveniently located near the kids play area so that while the little ones are kept busy, parents can kick back with a relaxing drink. On day sailings, there is even a range of succulent barbecued items on offer.

Flavours of Tassie

Sample some of the world’s best cheeses, chocolates, wines, spirits and craft beers and ciders, and learn all about what goes into these fine products straight from the makers themselves. For details, visit spiritoftasmania.com.au/flavours-of-tassie

Flavours of Tassie is a showcase of Tasmanian gourmet food and beverage producers available at selected periods throughout the year.
Facilities & entertainment

DAY SAILING ENTERTAINMENT
On board, we are passionate about showcasing Tasmania’s local heritage and history. Local entertainers including face painters and storytellers rove the ship, teaching kids and adults alike about Tasmanian art and wildlife. Also, have a crack at a round of trivia, or keep an eye and an ear out for crowd favourite Dolly, who’ll have you up on the dance floor in a hilarious game of disco bingo.

NIGHT SAILING ENTERTAINMENT
An acoustic singer will help set the mood at The Terrace Lounge Bar each evening – sit back and enjoy the gentle tunes with a drink in hand. Try your luck at the Admirals Gaming Lounge for a chance to start, or end, your journey on a winning streak. (Gamble responsibly; Gambler’s Help 1800 858 858). And what could beat seeing a night-time movie with the family while at sea?

READING ROOM
If you need a respite from all the fun and games, pop over to the Reading Room where you’ll enjoy uninterrupted novel time throughout your journey.

KIDS PLAY AREA
Just try and stop the kids from beelining for this popular beach-themed play area, a veritable jungle gym complete with slide, ramp, softplay pyramids and even a punching bag. With seating available nearby parents can relax while keeping a watchful eye on their little ones.

GAME ZONE
Located on Deck 9, this is a fun, light and bright open space with a lounge and arcade-style game area – teens will find no better retreat. Colourful comfy lounges line the floor-to-ceiling windows, allowing passengers to sit back, relax and enjoy the view.

CINEMAS
Who doesn’t like the movies? With two plush modern cinemas screening the latest film releases on both day and night sailings, this may very well become your favourite part of the ship! (We wouldn’t blame you!)

TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE
A recently revamped Tourism Hub offers passengers access to up-to-date information. Our friendly staff are on hand to assist you with organising accommodation and tours in Tasmania, giving you some last-minute tips on what to see and do. National Park Passes can also be purchased here.
Ship facts

OWNER TT-LINE COMPANY PTY LTD  BUILDER KVAERNER MASA-YARDS FINLAND  YEAR BUILT 1997 (SPIRIT II), 1998 (SPIRIT I)  SHIP TYPE RO/RO PASSENGER V/L  CLASS AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING  FIRST COMMERCIAL CROSSING 1 SEPT 2002

OVERALL LENGTH
194.33 M

GROSS TONNAGE
29,338

DEADWEIGHT
5,651 T

ENGINES 4X SULZER V16 TWIN TURBO-CHARGED DIESELS.
10,560 KW EACH TWIN VARIABLE PITCH PROPELLERS VIA REDUCTION GEARBOXES 510/147 RPM

CAPACITY

- 59 TWIN BED PORTHOLE CABINS
- 72 FOUR BED PORTHOLE CABINS
- 81 TWIN BED/FOUR BED INSIDE CABINS
- 2 WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE CABINS
- 8 DELUXE CABINS
- 222 TOTAL CABINS
- 121 RECLINERS
- LICENSED TO CARRY 1400 PASSENGERS AND 500 STANDARD VEHICLES

SPEED, TIME & DISTANCE

AVERAGE SPEED IN KNOTS
27

EQUALS 50 KM/HR

CROSSING TIME (HRS)
9-11

DISTANCE FROM MELBOURNE TO DEVONPORT
429 KM

232 NAUTICAL MILES

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Ship map & directory

This directory is a simple location guide outlining the onboard facilities, including bars, eateries, cinemas and entertainment areas.

DECK 7
• Reception
• Cabins
• Cinemas
• Gaming Lounge
• Bar 7
• The Pantry
• Tasmanian Market Kitchen (TMK) restaurant
• Reading Room
• Tourism Hub

DECK 8
• Recliner Lounge
• Cabins

DECK 9
• The Terrace Lounge Bar
• Game Zone

DECK 10
• Top Deck Lounge
• Kids Play area
• Gaming Station

Deluxe Cabins
Twin Bed Cabins
Four Bed Cabins
Wheelchair Accessible Cabins
PL = Passenger lift
Terminal & general info

TERMINALS
Spirit of Tasmania operates passenger and freight terminals at East Devonport and Station Pier, Port Melbourne. Its head office and Customer Contact Centre is located in the terminal at East Devonport. Spirit of Tasmania currently employs more than 500 Australians around the country.

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TERMINALS
Devonport terminal
Esplanade
East Devonport TAS

Melbourne terminal
Station Pier
Waterfront Place, Port Melbourne VIC

LOYALTY PROGRAM
Spirit of Tasmania’s online Loyalty Program consists of our Sailors Club and Frequent Travellers Club. Both clubs reward passengers for their support and patronage by offering an array of exclusive discounts and special benefits. The more you travel, the more rewards you get.

An added bonus: Sailors Club and Frequent Travellers Club have no membership fees! For details on how to qualify, visit spiritoftasmania.com.au/loyalty-program

TASSIE TRAVEL PLANNER
From its unique scenery and wildlife to its hip arts and music scene, fascinating colonial and convict history, and acclaimed food and wine, the Apple Isle has something for everyone.

We’ve taken the hassle out of planning your Tassie getaway with our interactive travel planner. It features Tasmanian towns and attractions, as well as itineraries. You can also explore our “Flavours of Tassie” page, including the Foodie Trails and Local Legends that make Tasmania a world-famous hub of culinary delights. For details, visit spiritoftasmania.com.au/travel-planner
## Distance & drive times

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