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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 Melbourne Cricket Ground (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 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, campervan or caravan and you’ll be ready to embark on your journey as soon as you arrive. We don’t believe in restrictions, especially when it comes to luggage, so go ahead and pack as much as your vehicle can carry. Load up with surfboards, kayaks, golf clubs, tents, hiking gear and extra suitcases – but be sure to leave some room in the boot to bring back some delicious Tasmanian vino.

After all, the spirited traveller knows that adventure should never be limited by a baggage allowance.

Take your car along for the ride... and with Spirit of Tasmania it couldn’t be easier – simply drive on and drive off.

Take your car on the adventure
CHECK-IN
Check-in commences 2.5 hours prior to departure. Check-in closes 45 minutes prior to scheduled departure. Don’t leave it too late or you’ll miss the boat - literally!
For more details, please visit spiritoftasmania.com.au/checking-in

WHAT TO PACK
Your cabin contains bed linen, towels and soap. We recommend taking a small overnight bag on board, with personal toiletries, medications and clothing as your vehicle cannot be accessed during the voyage. If you are travelling without a vehicle, you are permitted to check two items onto the baggage trolley.

BRINGING YOUR PETS?
Furry members of the family can come along too. Dogs, cats, rabbits and even guinea pigs are all welcome. Our kennels are located on ventilated decks and fresh water is supplied throughout the sailing. For more information, please visit spiritoftasmania.com.au/pets

BIOSECURITY 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. Random inspections may also take place in Devonport upon arrival. Any fresh fruit, vegetables, plants, fish or fish products must be declared in Melbourne. For further information visit dpipwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity or call 1300 368 550.

Sailing schedule

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*In addition to night sailings, day sailings operate from September to May. In order to accommodate these double sailings, departure and arrival times vary. For a more detailed sailing schedule, visit spiritoftasmania.com.au/sailing-schedule
See more when you sail by day

For those who like a view with their journey, Spirit of Tasmania operates day sailings during summer and high demand periods (September – May). Day sailings depart each port (Melbourne and Devonport).

As the land and city skyline gives way to endless glistening ocean, you can engage all of your senses on deck or simply curl up in a comfortable spot to watch the world go by.

Once you’ve had your fix of the ocean breeze, there’s plenty more distractions on board – listen to local musicians in The Terrace Lounge Bar or catch a new release movie in one of two cinemas. The whole family will be kept entertained during school holidays with face painting, circus performers, trivia and disco bingo. Or perhaps you’re the kind of spirited traveller who likes to linger over a long lunch.

With a Day Ticket you’re free to explore every inch of the ship. For added relaxation (or a cheeky nap to recharge the batteries), book a cosy cabin to retreat to.
Sail by night and wake ready for adventure

There's nothing like the sense of excitement when you sail at night. Drink in the twinkling lights of the city or the endless starry skies across Bass Strait, then wake up and you're ready to set off into the unknown.

An overnight journey with us is far from dull. Your journey begins as you watch the lights of the city recede into the distance (perhaps with a glass of Tassie vino or craft beer in hand). Next, leave the cooking to us and choose from an array of fresh Tassie produce and delicious comfort food as you watch the sun set outside. Then it's time for a movie or live acoustic music before retiring to your cabin for a cosy night's sleep to dream of what awaits you in the morning.
The spirited traveller knows that putting your feet up and relaxing is an essential part of any getaway, and with 222 cabins and 121 recliners on board, there are accommodation options to suit all budgets.

DELUXE CABINS
Our fully refurbished Deluxe Cabins feature a queen-size bed, private ensuite, flat-screen TV and twin porthole windows with dreamy ocean views.

TWIN & FOUR BED CABINS
Twin Bed Cabins are equipped with two single beds and Four Bed Cabins 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. Cabins are available with or without a porthole window.

RECLINERS
For those who’d prefer a great, low-cost alternative, our recliners are just the ticket. Located in a private lounge, they come equipped with individual reading lights, tray table, USB port, blankets and pillows. And with floor-to-ceiling windows, you can sit back, relax and enjoy the view.

DAY TICKETS
On a day sailing there’s no need to think about accommodation. There’s no ‘fasten your seat belt’ signs on board – you’re free to explore the indoor and outdoor areas to your heart’s content.
Dining & bars

You don’t have to wait to get to Tasmania to enjoy its sumptuous produce. Dine on tempting snacks or tantalising Tasmanian-inspired dishes, while sipping on the finest wines or just enjoy a cosy hot chocolate while you watch the view sail by.

BAR 7
Bar 7 is a stylish bar offering a selection of Tasmanian premium cool-climate wines, local craft beers and boutique ciders. With cosy chairs and flat-screen TVs, this is the perfect place to relax and unwind.

TMK
When you’re ready for a bite to eat, pop over to TMK (Tasmanian Market Kitchen). Our casual self-service buffet offers a selection of delicious Tasmanian-inspired marketplace favourites which are sure to satisfy the tastebuds.

THE PANTRY
If you’re after something lighter, The Pantry offers freshly prepared ‘grab and go’ sandwiches and snacks. You’ll also find a range of specialty Tassie food products and souvenirs.

THE TERRACE LOUNGE BAR
The Terrace Lounge Bar is bright and inviting with open spaces and colourful lounges. Take in some live entertainment or enjoy the flat-screen TVs located throughout the deck. A range of bar snacks are available such as yummy pizzas and paninis.

TOP DECK LOUNGE
Top Deck Lounge has an array of deck chairs and large surrounding glass windows offering unforgettable ocean views. Fox Sports will keep the sports fans entertained and the Kids Play Area will keep the little ones busy, so parents can kick back with a relaxing drink.

Flavours of Tassie

Flavours of Tassie is a showcase of Tasmanian gourmet food and beverage producers between the months of May to November.

Enjoy a tasting and learn about these fine products straight from the makers themselves. For details, visit spiritoftasmania.com.au/flavours-of-tassie
Facilities & entertainment

TOURISM HUB
Need some inspiration to kick start your adventure? Our tourism information centre staff are experts at organising activities and accommodation. They are equipped to help you on your way. National Park Passes and fishing licences can also be purchased here.

CINEMAS
Catch the latest film releases in one of two cinemas. With multiple screenings per sailing you’re sure to find a movie you’ll enjoy. To see the latest offerings visit spiritoftasmania.com.au/cinemas

GAME ZONE
This fun arcade-style game area is the perfect retreat for teens with floor-to-ceiling windows and comfy lounges.

GAMING STATION
Challenge the kids to a game on one of the Xbox consoles. This space features comfortable seating and has a selection of games to choose from.

READING ROOM
If you need a bit of solitude, the Reading Room is a quiet space with comfortable chairs and no TVs.

KIDS PLAY AREA
A kid’s paradise, full of nooks and crannies begging to be explored. With seating available, you can sit and relax while keeping a watchful eye on your little ones.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DAY

SAILING ENTERTAINMENT
Imagine being entertained while learning something about Tasmania’s local heritage and history. Listen to the storytellers as they rove the ship, teaching kids and adults alike about Tassie art and wildlife. Take in an acoustic singer or performance artist and watch your little one have their face painted. You can also have a crack at a round or two 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.
Ship facts

OWNER: TT-LINE COMPANY PTY LTD
BUILDER: KVAERNER MASA-YARDS FINLAND
YEAR BUILT: 1998
SHIP TYPE: RO/RO PASSENGER V/L
CLASS: AMERICAN BUREAU OF SHIPPING
FIRST TT-LINE COMMERCIAL SAILING: 1 SEP 2002

OVERALL LENGTH: 194.33 M
GROSS TONNAGE: 29,338 T
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 NAUTICAL MILES)
CROSSING TIME (HRS): 9-11
DISTANCE FROM MELBOURNE TO DEVONPORT: 429 KM (232 NAUTICAL MILES)
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 Room

DECK 8
- Recliner Lounge
- Cabins

DECK 9
- The Terrace Lounge Bar
- Game Zone

DECK 10
- Top Deck Lounge
- Kids Play Area
- Gaming Station
Terminal & general info

TERMINALS
Spirit of Tasmania operates passenger and freight services at East Devonport and Station Pier, Port Melbourne. Head office and the Customer Contact Centre is located in the East Devonport terminal. Spirit of Tasmania currently employs more than 500 Australians from 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 will receive.

And the best part? 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
There’s no better place for the spirited traveller to explore than Tasmania, so start dreaming and planning your Tassie getaway with our interactive travel planner. It features Tasmanian towns and attractions, as well as itineraries. You can also explore all the Flavours of Tassie, including the foodie trails and local legends that make Tasmania a world-famous foodie hub. For details, visit spiritoftasmania.com.au/travel-planner
Distance & drive times

Tasmania is the kind of place you really want to explore properly and the best way to do that is on four (or two) wheels. From Alpine Forest to dramatic coastline, city sights to lush farmland, the spirited traveller will naturally want to travel at their own pace and make plenty of pitstops.

Bring your wheels with you on board so there’s no need to pay for a hire car, or worry about airport parking, bus and taxi costs. But the best part about bringing your car is you can explore at your own pace. Feel free to use the guide below for rough timings on getting around the Apple Isle.

DRIVING GUIDE*

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**Average mean temperatures, Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology.

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