

# Access to Tasmania

## Air and Sea

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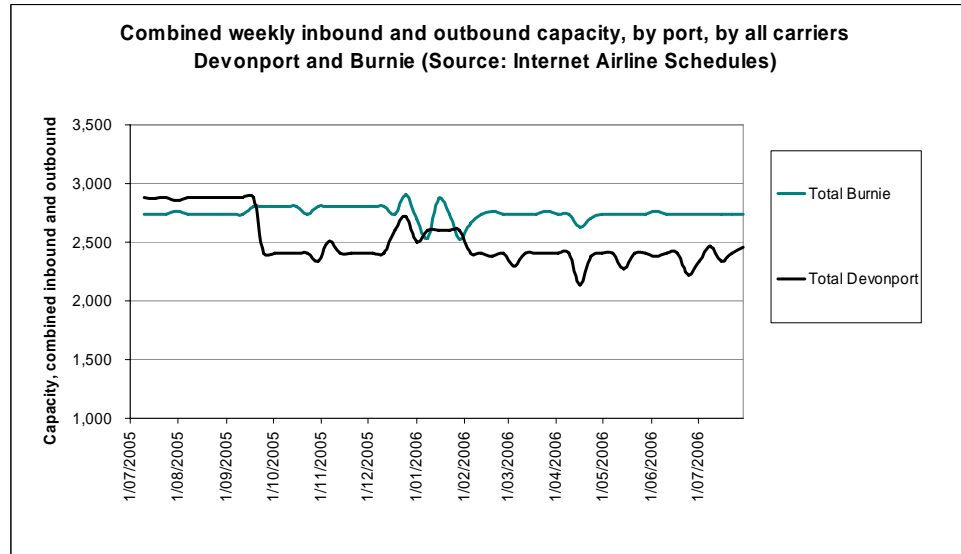
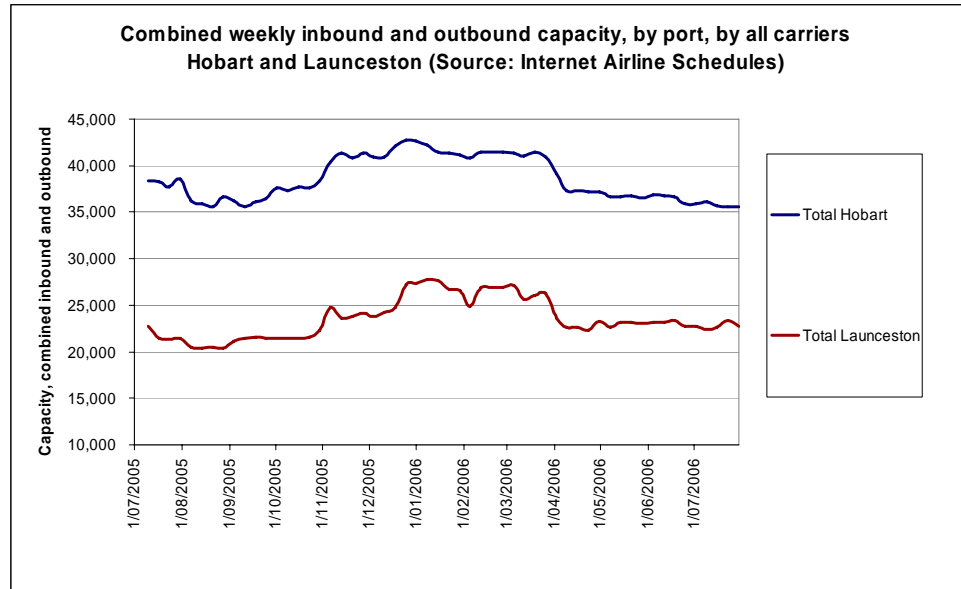


### **Air Access**

- Ports around Tasmania are currently serviced by the following airlines;
  - Hobart and Launceston by Jetstar, Qantas and Virgin Blue;
  - Devonport by Qantas; and
  - Burnie by REX.
- There are around 63,500 inbound and outbound airline seats available per week, across all airlines servicing Tasmania.
- Fifty six percent of airline seats arrive and depart through the Hobart airport, followed by 36% in Launceston and 8% in Devonport and Burnie.
- Seat capacity generally follows demand; it peaks around December – February when there is increased tourism traffic to and from the State. From early April 2006, airlines switched from their peak season schedules to their off-peak season schedules.
- Over the last four weeks, airlines have not altered their schedules significantly. Both REX and Virgin Blue have not made any changes, while QANTAS and Jetstar have only made minor scheduling changes (late July 2006).
- According to the [Tasmanian Visitor Survey](#) (Tourism Tasmania), in the 12 months ending March 2006, an estimated 662,000 visitors to Tasmania travelled arrived by air. This was 82% of all visitors to the State.



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## **Sea Access**

- There are 2 commercial passenger sea routes servicing Tasmania, they are
  - Melbourne – Devonport – Melbourne,
  - Sydney – Devonport – Sydney.
- There are two ships on the Melbourne – Devonport – Melbourne route operating daily and one out of Sydney. The Sydney service will cease operation at the end of August 2006.
- The Melbourne service operates overnight, and daily during the peak summer season.
- The Melbourne ships capacity includes 748 berths in 220 cabins with an additional 272 seats for passengers not requiring a cabin. The Sydney service has up to 662 berths (depending on occupancy configuration) in 197 cabins.
- According to the Tasmanian Visitor Survey (Tourism Tasmania), in the 12 months ending March 2006, an estimated 143,400 visitors to Tasmania travelled arrived by sea. This was 18% of all visitors to the State.



## **Data Sources**

The air access data contained in this report is compiled by Tourism Tasmania using weekly airline schedules available on the internet. Data from Tourism Tasmania's Tasmanian Visitor Survey is also included.

The information about sea travel to and from Tasmania is sourced from the [Spirit of Tasmania](#) internet site and Tourism Tasmania's Tasmanian Visitor Survey.