

Access to Tasmania

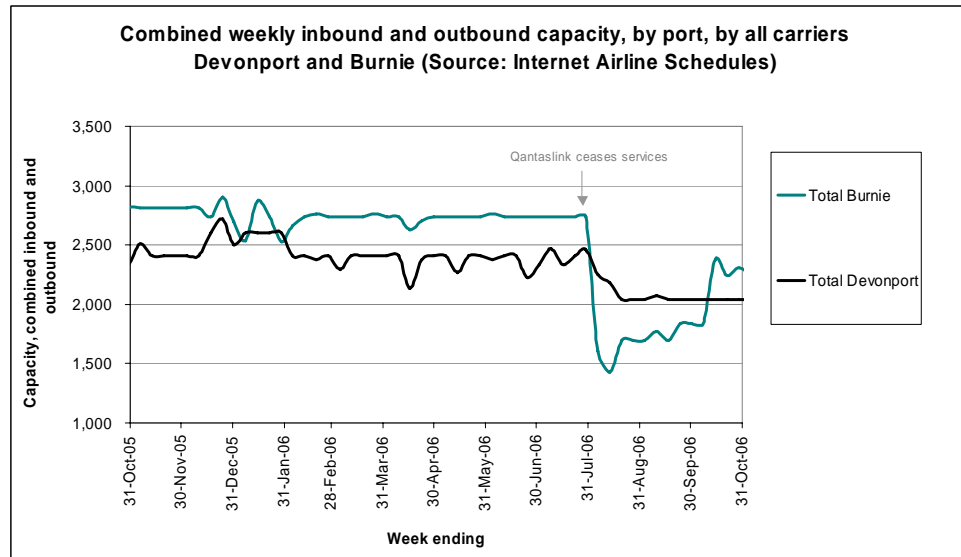
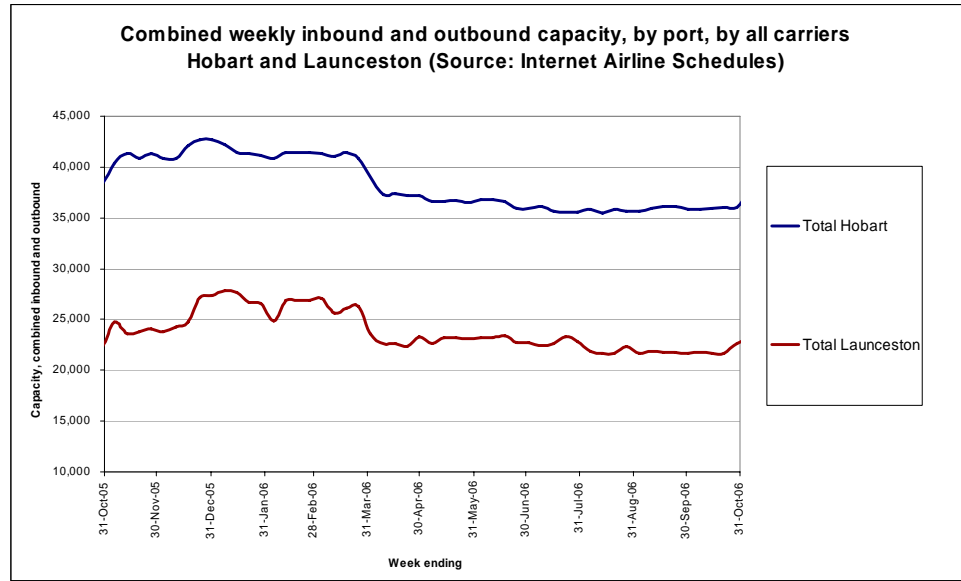
Air and Sea

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Air Access

- Tasmania is serviced by the following national airlines;
 - Hobart - Jetstar, Qantas and Virgin Blue;
 - Launceston - Jetstar, Qantaslink and Virgin Blue;
 - Devonport - Qantaslink; and
 - Burnie - Regional Express.
- There are currently around 63,500 inbound and outbound airline seats available each week, across all airlines servicing Tasmania.
- Fifty seven per cent of airline seats arrive and depart through the Hobart airport, followed by 36 per cent in Launceston and seven per cent in Devonport and Burnie.
- Seat capacity generally follows seasonal demand with summer schedules operating from November until Easter (usually April) when there is increased visitor traffic to and from the State. From late April 2006, airlines switched from their peak to their off-peak season schedules.
- According to the [Tasmanian Visitor Survey](#) (Tourism Tasmania), in the 12 months ending June 2006, an estimated 671,700 visitors to Tasmania arrived by air. This was 83 per cent of all visitors to the State.



Sea Access

Spirit of Tasmania



- There is one commercial passenger operator servicing Tasmania, operating between Melbourne and Devonport.
- There are two ships, Spirit of Tasmania I and Spirit of Tasmania II, operating in tandem on the Melbourne - Devonport sea route.
- The Melbourne – Devonport service operates overnight, with services leaving both Melbourne and Devonport every night. Additional daily sailings operate during the peak summer season.
- The two ships have a capacity of 748 berths in 220 cabins with an additional 272 seats for passengers not requiring a cabin.
- According to the [Tasmanian Visitor Survey](#) (Tourism Tasmania), in the 12 months ending June 2006, an estimated 140,800 visitors to Tasmania arrived by sea. This was 17 per cent of all visitors to the State.

Cruise Ships



- The 2005/2006 cruise ship season in Tasmanian was the busiest on record with 69 port visits statewide into 12 different ports.
- There were just over 51,100 visitors to Tasmania in the 2005/2006 season.
- The 2006/2007 cruise ship season is expected to host 53 port visits statewide into 11 different ports. Further information is available from [Tas Ports](#).

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](#) and Tourism Tasmania's [cruise ship report](#).