

Tasmanian Tourism Snapshot Year ending December 2009

Total Visitation to Tasmania (Tasmanian Visitor Survey)

Key Messages:

- There was a 2% increase in total visitors to Tasmania on scheduled air and sea services in the year ending December 2009 compared with the previous year, resulting in 912,100 visitors to the state.
- When combined with navy and cruise ship visitors (+4% to 103,200), the total number of visitors to Tasmania increased by 2%, once again exceeding over a million visitors (1,015,300).
- For the December quarter 2009, the Tasmanian Visitor Survey (TVS) reported the first quarterly decline in total visitation since the September quarter 2007 (-2% to 228,700). Despite this, both nights (+16%) and expenditure (+1%) increased over the December quarter 2009.
- The average length of stay lifted to 9.4 nights (was 8.2), the highest average duration recorded since year ending September 2004. This increase is largely the result of a small number of visitors in 2009 stating their length of stay was more than 3 months.
- The average length of stay for holiday visitors recovered to 9.2 nights, after a dip during 2008 (8.7 nights).
- These positive results have been achieved during a year where air capacity to the state decreased (-4%).
 Whilst air capacity in the March quarter remained unchanged, decreases were recorded in the June (-6%), September (-4%) and December (-5%) quarters.

Summary:

- The total number of nights spent by visitors in Tasmania increased to 8.59 million nights (+16%), and the average length of stay rose to 9.4 nights (was 8.2). The increase in nights was largely driven by growth in overall business (+43%) and convention (+38%) nights, mainly out of New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland.
- Visitor expenditure in Tasmania grew marginally to \$1.47 billion (+1%). A sharp increase in nights (+16%) contributed to the average spend per night decreasing by 13% (\$172). Despite this, the average spend per visitor remained stable (-1% to \$1,615).
- In terms of visitor numbers Tasmania's largest market, holiday travel (-3%), decreased over the year along with visiting friends and/or relatives (VFR) travel (-3%). However, the business (+15%) and convention (+24%) markets both performed strongly helping to offset the decline in leisure travel.
- Despite a modest increase for the number of nights spent by Leisure (holiday and VFR) visitors (+2%), the number of visitors and expenditure declined 3% and 6% respectively.
- Hobart and Surrounds was the only Zone¹ to record an increase in visitation (+3%), each of the other four zones recorded declines of between 1% and 2%.

Interstate Visitation to Tasmania (Tasmanian Visitor Survey)

Key Messages:

- Interstate visitor numbers to the state remained steady over 2009, resulting in 779,500 (+1%) visitors to Tasmania.
- Interstate visitor nights increased 8% to 6.63 million, with the average length of stay increasing to 8.5 nights compared to 8.0 for the year ending December 2008.
- Expenditure by interstate visitors remained stable at \$1.26 billion for the year ending December 2009.
- The average spend by each interstate visitor was unchanged at \$1,620; while the average spend per night decreased to \$190 (was \$204).

¹ Zones are based on Tourism Tasmania's Zone Marketing Strategy



Summary:

- Interstate visitor numbers were kept afloat by a very strong New South Wales visitor market (+35%). Declines for visitor numbers were recorded for the states: Victoria (-5%), Queensland (-10%), South Australia (-9%), Western Australia (-15%).
- Decreases in interstate visitor numbers were recorded in both the holiday (-5%) and VFR (-5%) markets, while the business (+15%) and convention (+28%) markets both performed strongly over the year.
- The decline of sea travel by interstate visitors in previous years has now arrested, with a small increase of 2% to 117,100 recorded for 2009. Interstate visitors departing by air was steady at 662,500.
- Hobart and Surrounds was the only Zone to record an increase in interstate visitation (+3%), each of the other four zones recorded declines of between 1% and 4%.

International Visitation (International Visitor Survey)

Key Messages:

- International visitor arrivals to Australia have stabilised following almost two years of declines.
- For the first time since the Global Financial Crisis began there was a slight rise in the number of international visitors to Australia, with visitor numbers increasing by 8,000 arrivals (+0.2%). A total of 5.18 million tourists visited the country in the year ending December 2009.
- The numbers of nights international travellers spend in Australia is growing (+6%) and is contributing to growth in expenditure (+5%).
- In contrast to the positive national trend, international visitor arrivals into Tasmania continue to decline, with arrivals down 8% to 139,500 and nights down 12% to 2.6 million. Despite fewer visitors and nights, expenditure is up 13% to \$274 million².

Summary:

- Tasmania received 139,500 international visitors in 2009, 8% fewer visitors than in 2008.
- Tasmania's share of all international visitors to Australia fell to 2.7% in 2009 (was 2.9%).
- Visitor nights spent in Tasmania fell by 12% in 2009, the largest decline in six years. Average length of stay has decreased from 19.7 nights to 18.9 nights, the shortest duration of stay recorded since the year ending December 2005.
- Despite the significant drop in visitor numbers and nights, the spending of international visitors in Tasmania grew by 13% to \$274 million (including package expenditure) during 2009.
- Average spend per visitor is up from \$1,600 in 2008 to \$1,966 in 2009. Similarly, spend per night increased to \$104 (was \$81).³
- Declines were recorded in all reasons for visiting Tasmania: Holiday (-9%), VFR (-12%), Business (-11%), Education (-3%) and Employment (-12%).
- Despite the decrease in overall nights (-12%), holiday nights remained unchanged over the year. A decrease in Education (-17%) and VFR (-23%) nights were largely responsible for the state-wide decline in nights.
- Tasmania's only source target markets to record positive growth in 2009 were Germany (+12%), and whilst only based on small visitor numbers, China (+103%), Hong Kong (+15%), Taiwan (+29%), Scandinavia (+59%) and Malaysia (+17%) also increased.
- The number of visitors from the USA travelling to Tasmania showed the sharpest fall in visitors, dropping by 31% to 21,900. Other key target markets recording negative figures in 2009 included: UK (-22%), New Zealand (-6%), Canada (-31%), Singapore (-14%) and Japan (-16%).

² Includes package expenditure

³ Average spend per visitor and night includes package expenditure



Intrastate Visitation⁴ (National Visitor Survey)

Key Messages:

- Nationally, all overnight intrastate trips across Australia are at record low levels, down 6% in the year ending December 2009.
- In contrast, national intrastate day trip travel is proving more resilient in the current downturn, increasing 7% on the previous year.
- Total trips (5.5 million) taken by Tasmanians in their home state increased 5% in the year to December 2009 compared with the previous year. This was due to an increase in day trips (+9%), while the number of overnight trips taken by Tasmanians in the State decreased (-11%) over the period.

Summary:

- The overall decline in overnight intrastate travel in Tasmania was from all purposes: holiday (-10%) and VFR (-14%) and business (-8%).
- The increase in Tasmanians undertaking day travel in the state was a result of growth in the holiday (+11%), and VFR (+12%) markets, whilst same day business travel decreased (-4%).
- Along with a decrease in visitor numbers (-11%) and nights (-9%), the total spend of overnight intrastate visitors also decreased to \$290 million (-5%).
- In contrast, total day travel expenditure reached \$434 million in 2009, up 11% on 2008.

Cruise and Navy Ship Visitation

Key Messages:

- The 2009-10 Tasmanian cruise ship season commenced at the start of November 2009 and is set to finish in early April 2010. As a result, only cruise ship visitor numbers are available to report at this stage.
- During the period January 2009 to December 2009 over 101,000 cruise ship passengers and crew visited the State, an increase of 6% over the previous corresponding period.
- In addition to cruise ship visitors, there were 2,200 navy ship passengers that came to Tasmania in 2009, a decrease on the previous year (4,300 passengers).

Marketing Performance (Holiday Tracking Survey)

Key Messages:

- Without any prompting on advertising for holidays and travel, 15.7% of all Australians (interstate and intrastate residents) had read, seen or heard some form of Tasmanian holiday/travel advertising in the year ending December 2009, down from 16.6% of all Australians recorded in the previous year.
- Tasmania had the third highest level of prompted advertising awareness for the year at 24.6%, following Queensland (48.1%) and Victoria (25.8%).
- When asked where you would like to go on holidays in the next two years, 17.5% of all Australians had a preference to travel to/within Tasmania, an increase of 0.5% on the previous year.
- 4.8% of all Australians intend to travel to/within the State in the next two years, an increase of 0.4% on the previous year.
- An estimated 11.3% of all Australians indicated they had an awareness of Tasmania's previous advertising tagline 'Island of Inspiration', launched in January 2007.
- Results are yet to be gathered for Tasmania's new tagline "A world apart not a world away" released in August 2009.

⁴ Travel undertaken by a visitor in their home state



Total Visitors to Tasmania

Total visitors to Tasmania from all sources									
	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% change						
Visitors									
Cruise ship visitors	95,100	101,000	1 6%						
Navy ship visitors	4,300	2,200	-49%						
Visitors on scheduled air and sea services	897,100	912,100	1 2%						
Total visitors to Tasmania from all sources	996,500	1,015,300	1 2%						



Total Visitors to Tasmania continued

Total visitors to Tasmania on scheduled air and sea services								
	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% chang					
Visitors								
Day visitors	17,000	18,500	1 9 %					
Overnight visitors	880,100	893,600	1 29					
Total visitors	897,100	912,100	1 2%					
Nights								
Nights (million)	7.40	8.59	1 6%					
Length of stay (nights)	8.2	9.4	1 4%					
Expenditure								
Expenditure (\$million)	\$1,465	\$1,473	🏠 I 🤅					
Average spend per visitor	\$1,633	\$1,615	J -19					
Average spend per night	\$198	\$172	J -139					
Holiday spend (\$million)	\$1,058	\$994	- 6%					
Purpose								
Holiday	433,900	420,000	↓ -3%					
Visit friends or relatives (VFR)	247,500	241,000	↓ -3%					
Total leisure (Holiday+VFR)	681,400	660,900	↓ -3%					
Business or employment	143,100	163,900	1 5%					
Convention/conference/seminar	27,000	33,500	1 249					
Zones Visited*								
Hobart & Surrounds	709,200	733,200	1 3%					
Launceston, Tamar Valley & North	504,900	498,700	ا - ا					
Western Wilderness	274,500	269,900	J -2%					
North West	348,200	342,000	J -2%					
East Coast	297,100	291,800	J -2%					
Mode of departure								
Air visitors	773,600	784,600	<u>ት</u> በን					
Sea visitors	123,500	127,500	1 3%					

source: Tasmanian Visitor Survey (TVS), Tourism Tasmania

 \ast Zones are based on Tourism Tasmania's Zone Marketing Strategy



Total Interstate Visitors to Tasmania

Interstate visitors to Tasmania on scheduled air and sea services								
	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% change					
Visitors								
Day visitors	16,700	18,000	1 8%					
Overnight visitors	757,300	761,600	∱ Ⅰ%					
Total visitors	774,000	779,500	∱ Ⅰ%					
Nights								
Nights (million)	6.16	6.63	1 8%					
Length of stay (nights)	8.0	8.5	1%					
Expenditure								
Expenditure (\$million)	\$1,255	\$1,261	⇒ 0%					
Average spend per visitor	\$1,622	\$1,618	- 7%					
Average spend per night	\$204	\$190 ₁	⇒ 0%					
Holiday spend (\$million)	\$896	\$838	- 7%					
Purpose								
Holiday	351,200	335,100	- 5%					
Visit friends or relatives (VFR)	225,500	215,000	- 5%					
Total leisure (Holiday+VFR)	576,700	550,100	- 5%					
Business or employment	134,500	155,000	15%					
Convention/conference/seminar	23,500	30,100	1 28%					
Zones Visited*								
Hobart & Surrounds	598,500	615,600	1 3%					
Launceston, Tamar Valley & North	428,978	421,822	- 2%					
Western Wilderness	218,200	213,300	- 2%					
North West	301,729	288,754	- 4%					
East Coast	235,500	232,600	↓ -1%					
Mode of departure								
Air visitors	659,300	662,500	⇒ 0%					
Sea visitors	114,700	117,100	1 2%					

source: Tasmanian Visitor Survey (TVS), Tourism Tasmania

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Origin of interstate visitors to Tasmania										
		Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	%	change					
Victoria		365,300	346,800	₽	-5%					
N.S.W.		149,000	201,700		35%					
Queensland		117,600	106,200	Ŷ	-10%					
South Australia		53,500	48,600	Ŷ	-9%					
Western Australia		46,800	39,600	Ŷ	-15%					
A.C.T.		16,000	17,500		10%					
N.T.		5,100	6,700		31%					
Total interstate visitors		774,000	779,500		١%					

source: Tasmanian Visitor Survey (TVS), Tourism Tasmania

Total International Visitors to Tasmania

International visitors							
	t	o Tasmania			to Australia		
	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% ch	ange	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% change
Visitors							
International visitors	152,000	139,500	↓	-8%	5,166,800	5,174,700	⇒ 0%
Nights							
Nights ('000s)	2,988	2,639	↓ -	12%	167,845	177,128	1 6%
Length of stay (nights)	20	19	₽	-4%	32	34	1 6%
Expenditure							
Expenditure (\$million)	\$243	\$274	倉	13%	\$16,306	\$17,146	1 5%
Average spend per visitor	\$1,600	\$1,966	倉	23%	\$3,231	\$3,307	1 2%
Average spend per night	\$81	\$104	疗	28%	\$100	\$97 ₉	↓ -3%
Holiday spend (\$million)	\$101	\$113		12%	\$6,622	\$6,601	⇒ 0%
Purpose							
Holiday	108,900	98,800	Ļ	-9%	2,436,800	2,398,200	↓ -2%
Visit friends or relatives (VFR)	31,900	28,200	↓ -	12%	1,145,400	1,293,800	13%
Business	10,800	9,600	↓ -	-11%	878,000	756,100	-14%
Education	8,700	8,400	ł	-3%	372,400	411,300	10%
Employment	2,500	2,200	↓ -	12%	119,700	116,500	↓ -3%
Other reason	2,300	2,600		13%	214,600	199,000	-7%

source: International Visitor Survey (IVS), Tourism Research Australia



International Visitors to States/Territories								
		Visitors			١	1arket Share		
							%	point
	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% ch	ange	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	diffe	erence
New South Wales	2,768,500	2,711,000	Ŷ	-2%	53.6%	52.4%		-1.2%
Victoria	1,479,400	1,530,600	疗	3%	28.6%	29.6%	$\mathbf{\uparrow}$	1.0%
Queensland	2,050,700	1,968,200	Ţ	-4%	39.7%	38.0%	Ţ	-1.7%
South Australia	356,100	360,600	疗	۱%	6.9%	7.0%	疗	0.1%
Western Australia	675,800	694,100	疗	3%	13.1%	13.4%	疗	0.3%
Tasmania	152,000	I 39,500	₽	-8%	2. 9 %	2.7%	Ţ	-0.2%
Northern Territory	327,600	336,100	疗	3%	6.3%	6.5%	$\mathbf{\uparrow}$	0.2%
Australia Capital Territory	157,200	155,300	Ţ	-1%	3.0%	3.0%	\Rightarrow	0.0%
Total visitors to Australia	5,166,800	5,174,700		0%	100.0%	100.0%		0.0%

source: International Visitor Survey (IVS), Tourism Research Australia

Origin of international visitors to Tasmania								
		Visitors			Market Share			
								6 point
	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% chan	ge	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	diff	erence
United Kingdom	28,200	21,900	🦊 -22	2%	4.5%	3.5%		-1.0%
USA includes Hawaii	23,500	16,100	🦊 -3 I	۱%	5.5%	3.6%	ł	-1.9%
New Zealand	14,100	13,300	Ψ	5%	1.4%	1.3%	Ţ	-0.1%
Germany	8,400	9,400	🔶 I2	2%	5.4%	6.0%	疗	0.6%
Scandinavia	3,700	5,900	1 59	9%	4.6%	7.3%	疗	2.8%
China	2,900	5,900	103	3%	0.9%	1.7%	疗	0.8%
Canada	8,300	5,700	-3	۱%	7.0%	4.9%	Ţ	-2.1%
Hong Kong	4,800	5,500	1 !	5%	3.6%	3.8%	疗	0.2%
Malaysia	4,600	5,400	🔶 17	7%	3.0%	2.8%	Ţ	-0.2%
Singapore	6,300	5,400	4- ا	1%	2.7%	2.1%	Ţ	-0.5%
Japan	6,300	5,300	🦊 -le	5%	1.5%	1.6%	疗	0.1%
Taiwan	3,100	4,000	1 29	9%	4.3%	4.3%	\Rightarrow	0.0%
France	4,800	3,600	🦊 -2:	5%	5.9%	4.1%	Ţ	-1.8%
Netherlands	3,100	3,500	1 3	3%	5.9%	7.1%	疗	1.1%
Italy	np	3,300		np	1.9%	6.2%	疗	4.3%
Korea	4,600	3,200	- 30)%	2.3%	I. 9 %	Ţ	-0.3%
Switzerland	np	2,800		np	5.2%	6.9%		١.7%
Thailand	np	2,300		np	1.5%	3.0%		۱.5%
Other Europe	8,200	5,600	🦊 -32	2%	4.3%	3.1%	Ţ	-1.2%
Other Countries	13,000	١١,500	🦊 -12	2%	1.9%	1.6%	Ţ	-0.3%
Total	152,000	139,500	3- 🦊	3%	2.9%	2.7%	₽	-0.2%

source: International Visitor Survey (IVS), Tourism Research Australia

np: not published due to data reliability



Total Intrastate Visitors

Intrastate OVERNIGHT Travel							
		Tasmania			Australia		
	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% change	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% change	
Visitors							
Day visitors	4,117,000	4,476,000	1 9%	128,359,000	137,074,000	1%	
Overnight visitors	1,094,000	978,000	4 -11%	46,680,000	43,779,000	-6%	
Total intrastate visitors	5,211,000	5,454,000	1 5%	175,039,000	180,853,000	1 3%	
Nights							
Nights	2,684,000	2,439,000	↓ -9%	148,934,000	140,232,000	-6%	
Length of stay (nights)	2.5	2.5	→ 0%	3.2	3.2	→ 0%	
Expenditure							
Expenditure (\$million)	\$305	\$290	🦊 -5%	\$18,751	\$17,411	-7%	
Spend per visitor	\$279	\$297	1 6%	\$402	\$398	-1%	
Spend per night	\$114	\$119	1 5%	\$126	\$124	-1%	
Purpose			-				
Holiday	552,000	499,000	🦊 -I0%	23,088,000	21,763,000	-6%	
Visiting friends and/or relatives (VFR)	296,000	256,000	4 -14%	16,325,000	14,926,000	- 9%	
Business	191,000	175,000	-8%	6,922,000	6,446,000	-7%	
Other reason	57,000	46,000	- 19%	2,374,000	2,534,000	1%	
Purpose not asked	5,000	6,000	10%	106,000	41,000	-61%	
Total overnight intrastate visitors	1,094,000	978,000	🦊 -II%	48,187,000	45,115,000	-6%	

source: National Visitor Survey (NVS), Tourism Research Australia



Total Intrastate Visitors continued

Intrastate DAY Travel						
		Tasmania			Australia	
	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% change	Jan 08- Dec 08	Jan 09- Dec 09	% change
Visitor						
Day visitors	4,117,000	4,476,000	1 9%	128,359,000	137,074,000	1%
Overnight visitors	1,094,000	978,000	🦊 -II%	46,680,000	43,779,000	-6%
Total intrastate visitors	5,211,000	5,454,000	1 5%	175,039,000	180,853,000	1 3%
Expenditure						
Expenditure (\$million)	\$392	\$434	<u></u> ↑ %	\$ 4,4 4	\$14,683	1 2%
Spend per visitor	\$95	\$97	1 2%	\$112	\$107	- 5%
Purpose						
Holiday	2,194,000	2,433,000	∱ Ⅱ%	66,467,000	70,067,000	1 5%
Visiting friends and/or relatives (VFR)	946,000	1,064,000	12%	37,500,000	39,289,000	1 5%
Business	463,000	445,000	↓ -4%	12,191,000	13,066,000	1%
Other reason	513,000	534,000	1 4%	12,202,000	14,653,000	10%
Total day intrastate visitors	4,117,000	4,476,000	1 9%	128,359,000	137,074,000	1%

source: National Visitor Survey (NVS), Tourism Research Australia



Marketing Performance

Marketing Performance - interstate residents									
	12 months	12 months		0(
		ending Dec 09		% ange					
¹ Advertising Awareness (Unprompted)	16.4	15.3	↓ -	1.1					
¹ Advertising Awareness (Prompted)	31.2	23.7	-	7.5					
² Preference to visit Tasmania	16.5	16.9	疗	0.4					
³ Intention to visit Tasmania	3.8	4.2	疗	0.4					
⁴ Behaviour	4.0	4.1	疗	0.1					
⁵ Tagline Awareness - 'Island of Inspiration'	12.7	10.9	-	1.8					

Marketing Performance - intrastate residents

	12 months	12 months	%
	ending Dec 08	ending Dec 09	Change
¹ Advertising Awareness (Unprompted)	25.6	33.0	7.4
¹ Advertising Awareness (Prompted)	60.2	60.4	1.2
² Preference to visit Tasmania	40.9	45.6	4.7
³ Intention to visit Tasmania	29.9	32.4	1 2.5
⁴ Behaviour	41.3	45.9	4.6
⁵ Tagline Awareness - 'Island of Inspiration'	21.9	26.4	4.5

Marketing Performance - total Australians

	12 months	12 months		%
	ending Dec 08	ending Dec 09	Ch	ange
¹ Advertising Awareness (Unprompted)	16.6	15.7	↓ -	0.9
¹ Advertising Awareness (Prompted)	31.8	24.6	₽-	7.2
² Preference to visit Tasmania	17.0	17.5	疗	0.5
³ Intention to visit Tasmania	4.4	4.8	疗	0.4
⁴ Behaviour	4.9	5.0	疗	0.1
⁵ Tagline Awareness - 'Island of Inspiration'	13.0	11.3	₽-	1.7

Source: Holiday Tracking Survey, Roy Morgan Research

¹ Advertising Awareness - Percentage of Australians with un-prompted & prompted advertising awareness for holidays in Tasmania.

 $^{2}\,$ Preference - Percentage of Australians that would like to visit Tasmania in the next 2 years.

³ Intention - Percentage of Australians planning or intending to visit Tasmania on their next trip.

⁴ Behaviour - Percentage of Australians that visited Tasmania in the last 12 months.

⁵ Tagline Awareness - Percentage of Australians with an awareness of Tasmania's advertising tagline "Island of Inspiration' launched in Jan 07.

🕈 Increase on year ending Dec 08, 🔱 Decrease on year ending Dec 08, 눶 🛛 No change on year ending Dec 08



Where do the statistics come from?

The primary sources of information on visitors to Tasmania published in this document are:

- Tasmanian Visitor Survey (Tourism Tasmania) for total and interstate visitor figures. Note: while the NVS provides valuable data on interstate travel at the national level, the Tasmanian Visitor Survey (TVS), conducted by Tourism Tasmania, continues to be the key source of detailed information about interstate visitation to Tasmania;
- International Visitor Survey (Tourism Research Australia) for international visitor figures;
- National Visitor Survey (Tourism Research Australia) for intrastate visitor figures (travel by Tasmanians in Tasmania);
- Holiday Tracking Survey (Roy Morgan Research) for information on Tasmania's marketing performance and preference and intention of Australians to visit Tasmania;
- Tasmanian Ports Corporation for cruise ship visitor figures;
- Navy Head Quarters Tasmania for navy ship visitor figures.

Note

Figures in the text may vary from figures in the tables due to rounding.

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