



AUSTRALASIAN PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

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Helpful hints on Hobart

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Conference location

Parliament House
Hobart Tasmania Australia

Parliament House is located in the historic Sullivans Cove area. Most Hobartians colloquially refer to this area as 'Salamanca'.

Getting around Hobart

Taxis to and from Hobart Airport: The Hobart Airport is 17km from the city. Hobart taxis are usually reliable, especially when booked in advance. In addition, there is a major taxi ramp directly opposite Parliament House. Outside peak hours and provided there are no delays on the Tasman Bridge, a taxi journey from Salamanca to Hobart Airport should take approximately 25 minutes and cost about \$55 - \$60.

- Taxi 131008 – 131 008
- United Taxis – 133 222
- Taxi Combined Services – 132 227

Other transport options:

SkyBus (www.skybus.com.au) operates an airport shuttle service from the city. Uber is available in Hobart City as well as to the airport.

Public Transport: Metro Tasmania (www.metrotas.com.au) operates buses around greater Hobart. The bus mall is located in Elizabeth Street. There are no commuter tram or train networks in Hobart.

Walking: The Hobart CBD is a five-minute walk from Salamanca. There are many pleasant walks around the city, waterfront, rivulets and surrounding inner-city suburbs. However, Hobart is not flat. If you intend to explore the city by foot, it would be wise to wear sensible walking shoes.

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Hobart climate

Hobart has four very distinct seasons, and Hobartians quip “usually all in one day!” While the average daily maximum temperature for Hobart in November is 19°C the average daily minimum is 9°C, so it is always wise to carry additional warm clothing, especially of an evening. Once the sea breeze comes in and the sun goes down behind *kununyi*/Mount Wellington the temperature can drop very quickly.

Hobart accommodation

Hobart has a range of accommodation options, varying from a reasonably priced to expensive. The following suburbs are a short walking distance from Parliament House: Battery Point, Hobart, Hobart CBD, Hobart Waterfront and Salamanca. Slightly further out are the suburbs of: Sandy Bay, Glebe, West Hobart, North Hobart and South Hobart.

Hotels that are conveniently located would include:

- Ibis Styles Hobart Hotel
- RACV/RACT Hobart Apartment Hotel
- Travelodge Hotel
- Mantra One Sandy Bay Road
- The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel
- Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
- Somerset on the Pier Hobart
- And many others!

Dining in Hobart

Salamanca has many excellent eateries, ranging from cheap and cheerful to fine dining. Needless to say, prices vary to reflect this. Many eateries accept walk-ins but if you are intending to eat at one of the more prestigious venues, it would be wise to book. Please be aware, that some venues are closed on Monday evenings and cafés tend to close around 5pm.

If you wish to explore a little further afield, North Hobart would be a good option. Elizabeth Street, North Hobart hosts a cluster of good quality restaurants and bars. North Hobart is a 15-minute walk from the CBD (slightly uphill), several bus routes travel up Elizabeth Street or a taxi from Salamanca/CBD should cost approximately \$10.

Stocking up on the basics

The nearest grocer to Parliament House is Salamanca Fresh (41 Salamanca Place) and stocks fresh fruit and vegetables, deli items and basic staples. If you need more extensive supplies, the nearest supermarket is Woolworths, located in the Wellington Centre (44 Argyle Street). This is about a 15-minute walk from Salamanca. Woolworths is not visible from street level as it is below ground, with the nearest significant street level landmark being the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Staying on in Hobart

For those staying on in Hobart, the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre (20 Davey Street) provides local insight about what to do in and around Hobart. The centre is a two-minute walk from Parliament House.