

**11th Meeting of the IHO Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA)
Hobart, Australia, 5-7 October 2011**

Logistics Information

Venue

The Australian Hydrographic Service (AHS) will be hosting the 11th Meeting of the IHO Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica (HCA) at the Mercure Hotel, 156 Bathurst Street, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

(<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-6159-mercure-hobart/index.shtml>)



Accommodation

The AHS has block booked rooms at the Mercure Hotel Hobart and agreed rates for the duration of the conference. Rates are Aus \$155.00 per room per night, and includes buffet breakfast for 1 person daily. (Breakfast for additional person is \$15.00).

Reservations can be made direct with the hotel by contacting Bianca Watts (Reservation Manager) – reservations@mercurehobart.com.au ; Tel: 61. (0)3 6232 6243. Please ensure you quote *Hydrographic Commission on Antarctica Meeting* when making your booking.

In order to secure the reserved rate, bookings with this hotel should be made by 5 September 2011.

Transport

You should plan to arrive on Tuesday 4 October 2011, as there are limited flights to Hobart from the main Australian cities (Sydney, Melbourne, etc.)

Please note that Mercure Hobart is about 25-30 minutes drive from Hobart International Airport.

Approximate cost from the Airport: Taxi \$40, Airport Shuttle \$15

Visa requirements

Depending on your nationality, and the purpose and duration of your visit, you may require a visa to visit Australia. We urge you to check visa requirements at your earliest convenience. If you require any assistance, or a letter of invitation to assist with obtaining a visa, please contact Mr Jasbir Randhawa, AHS External Relations: international.relations@hydro.gov.au

Weather

Spring in Hobart is from September to November and although there is more likelihood of rainy weather in Hobart at this time of the year, the skies are usually quick to clear. The normal daily temperature ranges in October are 17°C maximum and 8°C minimum.

The Australian Bureau of Meteorology forecast for Hobart

(<http://www.bom.gov.au/tas/forecasts/hobart.shtml>) is useful for planning your suitcase needs.
