

## Coastal Wilds

FROM

**\$7,200<sub>pp</sub>**

Package #267

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Amidst this pristine, natural backdrop, Tasmania's intriguing colonial history is underpinned by a compelling convict heritage and historic sites. Follow in the pioneering footsteps of intrepid colonial explorers to far-flung reaches of the island where tales of maritime adventures abound, preserved streetscapes are virtual living museums and world-class artists find inspiration at every turn.

Shaped by a climate straddling the Roaring Forties latitudes, the Apple Isle's verdant valleys and rolling hills are clad in fertile pastures, vineyards and orchards bathed in crisp clean air and warm summer sunshine. Emerging from centuries-old cellar doors and farm gates are award-winning cheeses, premium wines, craft beers and artisanal spirits inspired by Tasmania's ample natural assets.

Cruise to the edge of the world on a Tasmanian expedition cruise that teams wombats with wine, beaches with brie and convict ruins with craft beer in a palate-pleasing adventure cruise into Tasmania's wild heart.

The Coral Discoverer takes just 72 guests, all in ocean-view staterooms, so you can be assured of personal attention. You won't get lost in the crowds here! It's easy to get to know fellow guests in a relaxed and casual atmosphere with personal touches that just aren't possible on larger ships.

### Your 11 night package includes:

- 10 night cruise on board Coral Expeditions' Coral Discoverer
- All meals aboard
- Drinks with lunch and dinner
- Shore excursions
- Tips and gratuities
- Transfer from port to airport

### Plus, receive for FREE!

- \$1000 per cabin Air Credit to go towards your flights to and from Hobart
- 1 night's hotel accommodation in Hobart pre-cruise
- Chauffeur driven luxury car transfers to and from your capital city airport (valid up to 35 km)

**Ask about** Coral Expeditions' Flexible Deposit offer. Terms and conditions apply.

## Cruise Highlights

The Captain and Expedition Team will make daily itinerary decisions to maximise the guest experience and take advantage of opportunities opened up by weather. There will be a daily briefing onboard to advise guests on the upcoming day's activities. The expedition will visit Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour conditions permitting. We always aim to visit these beautiful destinations, but if we are not able to enter, an alternative destination more appropriate to the weather conditions will be chosen by the Captain. Note the summer temperature can still be very cool especially with the wind chill so warm layered clothing is essential. Expedition highlights may include:

### HOBART

Tasmania's capital, Hobart sits on the River Derwent. Visit the Salamanca Market, the Botanical Gardens, wander the narrow lanes and admire the historical buildings, explore one of the museums or simply enjoy dining in a restaurant or café.

### WOODBIDGE & HUAN RIVER

Where the mouth of the Huon River meets D'Entrecasteaux Channel lays Port Huon, a small community at the heart of the fertile Huon Valley with its Hartz Mountains backdrop. The sheltered waters of the Huon River allow us to visit the Wooden Boat Centre at Franklin where Tasmania's maritime heritage is kept alive through the production of hand-crafted timber boats.

Grandveve Cheeses is an organic sheep dairy farm there will be time to learn about the cheesemaking process as well as taste their 'ewenique' sheep's whey vodka at the Cellar Door overlooking D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

### PORT DAVEY & BATHURST HARBOUR

On the edge of the world in southwest Tasmania, the landscape here is about as wild as it gets. Raw, craggy-peaked mountains and drowned river valleys. Wild rivers and rivulets carved by an eternity. Where tannin-rich freshwater sits atop saltwater, tinting the ocean the colour of tea. With no road access, the logical way to explore this wilderness is by small expedition ship.

Sheltered from Roaring Forties winds that buffet this coast is the protected haven of Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour. A marine reserve and part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, we spend two whole days (weather permitting) enjoying this rare opportunity to hike, kayak and take in this pristine natural environment. We explore by Xplorer tender vessels and learn about intrepid European explorers and Indigenous Australians, who once walked this land and keep a lookout for the rare and endangered Orange Bellied Parrot amongst other wildlife.

## **BRUNY ISLAND AND ADVENTURE BAY**

At Adventure Bay on the east coast of Bruny Island, we walk along the dramatic coastal cliffs of Fluted Cape and hope to see Bennett's Wallabies which are endemic to Bruny Island. Cruising the base of these near-vertical dolerite cliffs in our Xplorer tender vessels, we take a close look at Penguin Island, which is connected to Fluted Cape at low tide.

Learn about how southern right whales were almost hunted to extinction and Adventure Bay housed four whaling stations before the industry's decline in the mid-1840s. The ruins can be seen on a walk to Grassy Point.

## **MARIA ISLAND NATIONAL PARK**

Walk amongst the ruins and beautifully restored buildings of the convict penal settlement of Darlington. Much of Maria Island is protected as the Maria Island National Park, and you can expect to see endemic wildlife such as Forester Kangaroos, Bennett's Wallabies and wombats.

There is time to take a walk to the ruins of the former Probation Station, which are set against a dramatic coastal backdrop whose grasslands attract wombats to feed, as well as the striking formations of the Painted Cliffs. Rich iron deposits have leached through the soil staining the sandstone cliffs on the waters' edge with coloured streaks of red, purple and orange, creating surreal art which is revealed at low tide.

## **FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK & SCHOUTEN ISLAND**

The Freycinet Peninsula is a dramatic headland dominated by a pink-hued granite mountain range called The Hazards. Blessed with picturesque sweeping bays with white sand beaches like famed Wineglass Bay, much of the peninsula is designated as Freycinet National Park.

Take a guided hike along the Isthmus Track and be rewarded with magnificent views from the lookout or swim in the azure waters of Wineglass Bay. Cruising close to Ile des Phoques and Schouten Island, keep an eye out for large colonies of fur seals sunning themselves on the rocks.

## **PORT ARTHUR HISTORIC SITE**

One of Australia's most significant historic places, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Port Arthur ruins stand sentinel on the Tasman Peninsula south of the narrow isthmus of Eaglehawk Neck. For more than 40 years the Port Arthur penal colony housed British and Australian convicts sentenced to hard labour before its heavy iron doors clanked shut for the last time in 1877.

Today, the Historic Site has over 30 buildings, ruins and restored period homes set in 100 acres of landscaped grounds. In the company of Port Arthur's knowledgeable guides, we join an exclusive 'behind the scenes tour' which includes access to private collections and historic buildings not otherwise accessible to the public.

## **PRICING**

All prices are per person in AUD and subject to change at any time without notice.

### **Hot Deal**

### **Departure Dates:**

#### **2021:**

**17 January**  
**27 January**  
**06 February**  
**26 February**

#### **2022:**

**17 January**  
**27 January**  
**06 February**  
**16 February**

Hobart to Hobart - 10 Night Cruise (11 Night Package)

### **Cabin Options**

Main Deck Cat B - \$7,200 pp Twin Share  
Main Deck Cat A - \$7,600pp Twin Share  
Prom Deck Cat B - N/A  
Prom Deck Cat A - \$9,350pp Twin Share

Cruise Category

- Expedition

Onboard Features

- Shore Excursions

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trip itinerary

Day 1

Hobart

Day 2-10

Various

Day 11

Hobart

□ The Vessel

Technical Details

- Tonnage 1779
- Crew 24
- Capacity 72
- Length 63M

Cruise Category

- Luxury Expeditions
- Soft Adventures

Coral Discoverer

Fully equipped with latest technology active stabilizers, modern safety and navigation equipment, tender vessel that can seat all 72 passengers, an Australian and New Zealand crew, Coral Discoverer was built to the exacting international SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) standards and specifications in Cairns, Australia, with one aim in mind; to create the ultimate small ship cruising experience. Images courtesy of Coral Expeditions

Vessel Features

- Solo Traveller Friendly
- Shore Excursions
- Gratuities
- All meals
- On-Board Lecturer

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