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FROM

**\$11,540pp**

Explore the best of Tasmania's natural coastal wonders as well as the island state's wonderful food and wine on an expedition itinerary on board Le Lapérouse, and celebrate New Year in Hobart with the arrival of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

Starting in culture hub and Australia's second oldest city Hobart, start your itinerary on Maria Island and discover the local wildlife sanctuaries as well as its rich whaling and penal settlement history with your team of onboard expedition experts.

Next on your itinerary, the Tasman Peninsula will reveal its spectacular culminating dolerites spires rising from the sea, and you will get a chance to spot the region's varied marine life including little penguins, Australian fur seals and dolphins from our fleet of Zodiac®.

You will get a chance to reach the remote, isolated Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area for more natural wonders to experience, before reaching King Island, where you will have the opportunity to uncover the island's stories and culture, and maybe sample some of the local produce sought by some of the world's top chefs!

Continuing onto the Tamar Valley, follow the Tamar Valley Wine Route and sample some of the region's gourmet produce. Birders will revel in Ile des Phoques or 'Seal Island' is home to several breeding seabird species including little penguins, short-tailed shearwater and fairy prion.

Back in Hobart, your ship will spend two days for you to enjoy the finish line of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race and the New Year festivities, as well as Australia's biggest and longest running food and wine festival, Taste of Tasmania.

## **Package Inclusions**

### **Your cruise price includes:**

- 10 night expedition cruise aboard the Le Laperouse roundtrip from Hobart
- All meals while on board the ship (from dinner on the day of embarkation to breakfast on the day of disembarkation)
- Captain's welcome cocktail and gala dinner
- Open Bar (pouring wines, house champagne, alcohol except premium brands)
- Evening entertainment and events
- Room service 24h (special selection)
- Highly qualified bilingual French/English expedition team
- Zodiac excursions
- Park entry fees into protected areas (where applicable)
- Port taxes

**PLUS! Ultimate Cruising guests also receive chauffeur driven luxury car transfers from your home to your nearest airport and return (within 35m)**

## **Cruise Highlights**

### **Maria Island**

Located off Tasmania's east coast, Maria Island is a natural wildlife sanctuary and off-shore retreat with historic ruins, sweeping bays, dramatic cliffs and plenty of stories to tell. Originally inhabited by the indigenous Tyreddeme people, it has also been a whaling and sealing post, penal settlement and an Italian pleasure resort, and is also one of Tasmania's great bird watching hot spots, home to the endangered forty-spotted pardalote and the rare and unique Cape Barren goose. Grasslands, open forest and tall wood land also provide a home for abundant wildlife including wombats, pademelons, Forester Kangaroos and Bennetts wallabies. Join members of your expedition team for a guided walk on one of several trails on offer. If time and weather permit we will explore the shoreline with our fleet of Zodiac®.

### **Tasman Peninsula**

The Tasman and Forestier peninsulas lie in the far south-east of Tasmania, linked to the rest of the island by a short bridge over a dredged canal. Established in 1999, The Tasman National Park protects the eastern and southern coastal regions of both peninsulas. The park's varied coastline and offshore islands provide abundant habitats for Australian fur seals, little penguins, whales and dolphins flourish in the rich waters. However the park's greatest features are on land, with spectacular woodlands and forests and Australia's highest sea cliffs. Striking dolerite spires rise from the Tasman Sea, culminating in capes Hauy, Pillar, and Raoul. Enjoy a refreshing swim in the pristine waters of Fortescue Bay, or join your expedition team for a guided walk to enjoy the spectacular view from Cape

Huay. If time and weather permit we will also explore the shoreline from our fleet of Zodiac®.

### **Port Davey**

The Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area is one of the largest conservation areas in Australia and one of the last expanses of temperate wilderness in the world. Located at the heart of the World Heritage Area, the Port Davey Marine Reserve is a unique protected waterway featuring a layer of rich red-brown tannin freshwater overlaying the tidal saltwater from the Southern Ocean. Port Davey is only accessible by foot, boat or light aircraft, preserving the pristine natural environment that is characterised by rugged coastlines with blowholes, caves and dramatic rock formations home to wildlife that includes the little blue penguin and Australian fur seal. If weather permits, guests will have the opportunity to explore the coastal environments and view the wildlife from our fleet of Zodiac®.

### **Tamar Valley**

Tasmania is a land that should be savoured slowly...with a glass of fine wine in hand and friendly locals to guide you on your way. The Tamar Valley Wine Route is regarded as one of the world's top 10 wine routes with over 32 wineries to explore. Showcasing some of the finest award winning wines. The unique cool climate location produces elegant wines of exceptional quality. There is so much more to the Tamar Valley than just wine. There's the Tamar Valley Arts Trail, a unique space where you can meet the artist in their studio. The Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre, which shows the workings of the old mine, recalls the boom days of gold, the events of the 2006 mine rescue and Tamar Valley history.

### **Ile des Phoques**

Ile des Phoques, or Seal Island forms part of the Schouten Island Group, lying close to the east coast of Tasmania, ten nautical miles South West of Freycinet Peninsula and ten nautical miles North east of Maria Island. The Nature Reserve is home to several breeding seabird species including little penguin, short-tailed shearwater, fairy prion and common diving-petrel. It is a regular haul-out for Australian fur seal and there is historical evidence that it was once a major breeding colony. Landing on the island is prohibited. If time and weather permit, you will have the opportunity to explore the coastal environments and view the wildlife from our fleet of Zodiac®.

### **Hobart**

Hobart occupies a wonderful location at the mouth of the Derwent River, overseen by majestic Mt Wellington and surrounded by natural bushland. The Tasmanian capital is Australia's second-oldest city, after Sydney, and the picturesque waterfront is bordered by 19th-century warehouses and colonial mansions. Salamanca Place is packed with shops, galleries and restaurants and the fascinating Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) is a short ferry ride from the quay. Hobart is within easy reach of some of Tasmania's best-known destinations, from historic Port Arthur and the rugged Tasman Peninsula to Bruny Island, the Huon and Derwent Valleys and Mount Field National Park.

## **Departure Dates & Pricing**

Departs Hobart 23 December 2022.

Pricing is per person, in Australian Dollars and subject to change at any time. Please contact us to confirm availability and best available pricing at time of booking.

Prices start from A\$11,540pp share twin, Deluxe Stateroom

**\*\*\* LAST STATEROOMS - PRICING IS STRICTLY SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY \*\*\***

### Cruise Category

- Luxury Expedition

### Onboard Features

- 24 Hr Room Service
- All meals
- Drinks All Day
- On-Board Lecturer
- Shore Excursions
- Solo Traveller Friendly

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trip itinerary

Day 1

Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

Day 2

María Island, Tasmania, Australia  
Day 3  
Tasman Peninsula, Tasmania  
Day 4  
Port Davey, Tasmania, Australia  
Day 5  
King Island, Tasmania, Australia  
Day 6  
Tamar Valley, Tasmania, Australia  
Day 7  
Ile Des Phoques, Tasmania, Australia  
Day 8-10  
Sailing the Tasman Peninsula  
Day 11  
Hobart, Tasmania, Australia  
□ The Vessel  
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## Technical Details

- Built Date 2018
- Crew TBA
- Capacity 184

## Cruise Category

- Luxury Expeditions

Le Laperouse

Featuring innovative and environmentally-friendly equipment, elegantly designed staterooms, spacious suites with large windows, and lounge areas that open onto the outside, *Le Laperouse* embodies the unique atmosphere that is the cruise line's hallmark: a subtle blend of refinement, intimacy and comfort. *Le Laperouse* is the first ship to offer the underwater passenger lounge, allowing guests to see and hear the undersea world. Images Courtesy Ponant.

Vessel Features

- All meals
- Boutique &/or Salon
- 24 Hr Room Service
- On-Board Lecturer
- Pool &/or Spa
- Shore Excursions

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