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Package #421

Join us aboard Le Lapérouse for a wonderful new 8-day expedition cruise from Sydney to Hobart, to discover the natural and cultural treasures of the south-eastern coast of Australia and Tasmania.

After sailing out of Sydney and its beautiful harbour, you will set a course for the Jervis Bay area, in New South Wales. Renowned for its white-sand beaches bathed in turquoise water, this dynamic and creative region with a rich biodiversity is also a popular refuge for many birds.

Next on your itinerary, Eden on the New South Wales South coast will reveal its long-associated history with whales and let you explore the region's stunning National Parks and scenic coastline.

Reaching Maria Island in Tasmania, discover the region's history and extraordinary wildlife sanctuaries alongside your team of expedition experts.

On the Tasman Peninsula, navigate the rugged coastline and spot the various local marine life including Australian Fur Seals, little penguins and whales, as well as explore the beautiful inland woodland and forests.

Your voyage will end in Hobart, Australia's second oldest capital, your port of disembarkation.

Package Inclusions

Your cruise price includes:

- 7 night expedition cruise aboard the Le Laperouse from Sydney to 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:

- Economy class airfare from Hobart to Sydney
- 3 nights accommodation at the Park Royal Darling Harbour pre-cruise
- Chauffeur driven luxury car transfers from your home to the airport and return (within 35km).

Ask us about Ponant's Serenity Policy so you can book with confidence.

Cruise Highlights

Jervis Bay

Best known for its white sand beaches and clear turquoise waters, considered amongst the safe stand most beautiful in the world, Jervis Bay is a popular seaside escape. In 1791 Lieutenant Richard Bowen, aboard the convict transport ship Atlantic, part of the Third Fleet, sailed into the bay and named it in honour of Admiral John Jervis. In the surrounding region unspoiled coastal and country villages have local produce markets, boutique shops, art galleries and a museum. Jervis Bay is home to Booderee and Jervis Bay National Parks and the Jervis Bay Marine Park. Birdlife International have identified areas on both sides of the Bay as Important Bird Areas. You will have the opportunity to undertake a tour showcasing the regions history and scenery.

Eden

Eden is situated on the NSW South Coast nestled amongst beautiful national parks and rugged coastline. Set in the magnificent Twofold Bay—the third deepest natural harbour in the southern hemisphere, Eden has a long-associated history with whales. Recorded in the fascinating displays at the Eden Killer Whale Museum are the tales of the wild killer whales who hunted with the Yuin people, and later with European settlers. From Pambula Beach in the north to historic Green Cape lighthouse in the south, Ben Boyd National Park

features rugged coastlines, vivid rock formations, pristine beaches, extensive areas of coastal heath and intriguing history. You will have the opportunity to take a coach tour showcasing the regions history and scenery.

Swansea

Swansea is a quiet, friendly and laid back seaside village nestled on the shores of Great Oyster Bay with breathtaking views across the bay to the Hazards Mountains of Freycinet National Park. Established as the first municipality in Australia after Hobart and Sydney, the town centre is home to many interesting historic buildings with a rich colonial history and old world charm. Local cafes and restaurants serve Swansea's fresh harvests from land and sea - including the town's famous oysters - and nearby vineyards and farm gates offer tasty drops, fresh fruit, walnuts, olives and more. You will have the opportunity to discover the region's gourmet produce, wines, history and scenery.

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 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®.

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 Sydney 16 December 2022.

Pricing starts from \$6,120 per person share twin.

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.

Cruise Category

- Luxury Expedition

Onboard Features

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

trip itinerary

Day 1

Sydney, Australia

Day 2
Jervis Bay, Australia
Day 3
Eden, Australia
Day 4
At Sea
Day 5
Swansea, Tasmania, Australia
Day 6
Maria Island, Tasmania, Australia
Day 7
Tasman Peninsula, Tasmania
Day 8
Hobart, Tasmania, Australia
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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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