

Expedition Highlights

- > Encounter adorable wombats and explore Darlington settlement at Maria Island, and walk the squeaky white sand beaches at Wineglass Bay on the Freycinet Peninsula
- > Experience one of Tasmania's 'Great Short Walks' in Strzelecki National Park on remote Flinders Island
- > Step ashore at Deal Island in the remote Kent Group of Island, once part of a land bridge that connected Tasmania to the main land
- > Cruise the scenic Tamar River to Launceston, designated a UNESCO 'City of Gastronomy', where we learn about the black perigord truffle at Tamar Valley Truffle farm
- > Take a chairlift ride or hike to the summit of 'The Nut' at the seaside town of Stanley
- > Learn about maritime history at King Island, whose often violent seas have claimed an estimated 140 shipwrecks
- > Gaze in awe at the 300m high sea cliffs at Tasman National Park - the highest in the southern hemisphere
- > Spend two days exploring in the World Heritage Area of Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour*
- > Indulge in a dinner at award-winning Bangor Vineyard, featuring fresh local produce and fine wine, hosted by 7th Generation Tasmanian farmer Matt Dunbabin



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DAY 1: DEPART HOBART

Arrive at Princes or Macquarie Wharf for boarding at 4:00pm, with time to settle into your stateroom before our 5:00pm departure. Take the time to become acquainted with all the facilities onboard before meeting your fellow travellers, the Captain and crew for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

No two Coral Expeditions Tasmania voyages are the same. Throughout the expedition, allowances may be made for seasonal variations, weather, tidal conditions and any other event that may affect the operation of the vessel. Below are the key destinations we visit.

MARIA ISLAND

The historic ruins and rugged cliffs of Maria Island National Park are home to diverse wildlife that includes Forester Kangaroos, Bennetts wallabies, and wombats. Walk to historic Darlington Settlement, explore the ancient seabeds of the Fossil Cliffs, and marvel at the sandstone formations of the Painted Cliffs.

FREYCINET PENINSULA & WINEGLASS BAY

At Freycinet Peninsula, see the pink granite formations of the Hazard Mountains, and the sweeping bays fringed by eucalypts. Join a guided hike to the Wineglass Bay beach - one of the best beaches in the world. If time permits we will also visit Schouten Island.

FLINDERS ISLAND

Visit wild and rugged Flinders Island, and marvel at the pink and gray granite mountain ranges of Strzelecki National Park. Land at beautiful Trousers Point beach, with the possibility of enjoying one of Tasmania's Great Short Walks at either Trousers Point or Castle Rock. Visit seaside townships, learn about the sad history of Wybalenna Settlement, and see relics of Flinders maritime past at the Furneaux Museum.

KENT ISLAND GROUP

Weather permitting we visit the Kent Group of islands, Tasmania's northernmost National Park and a marine protected area. These islands are the remains of a land bridge that once connected Tasmania with main land Australia over 10,000 years ago. The waters of Kent Island are crystal clear, with a high diversity of fish species. Enjoy several walk options and swim and kayak off the beach.

TAMAR RIVER & LAUNCESTON

Cruise the scenic Tamar River to Launceston - which has recently been designated a UNESCO City of Gastronomy. Formed by the confluence of the North and South Esk rivers at Launceston, the river's banks are peppered with scenic reserves, historic properties and notable vineyards. Here we visit a local truffle farm, and spend time in the riverfront city of 'Launnie' to view its architectural treasures.

STANLEY ISLAND

On our visit to Stanley, walk to see 'The Nut' – an old volcanic plug that measures approximately 4.6km with a steep section that flattens to form the top. You can opt for a chairlift to skip the incline. Either way, be rewarded with coastal views before heading to explore Highfield Historic Site.

KING ISLAND

Weather permitting we visit King Island, whose tumultuous waters are the final resting place of over 140 shipwrecks. Learn about the island's rich and often terrible maritime history, as well as it's famous beef and cheese industries.

WEST COAST CRUISING

Home to striking mountain ranges, ancient pines and untamed rivers, the wild west coast is the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and a true frontier. Take in the dramatic scenery during a day of cruising.

PORT DAVEY

A marine reserve and part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, spectacular Port Davey is only accessible by sea, small aircraft, or a multi-day hike. Enjoy the unforgettable experience of We will spend two days here, and upon departure, we will cruise past the remote south coast island of Maatsuyker, home to Australia's most southerly lighthouse.

*Access to Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour is subject to annual permits being granted by Tasmania Parks and Wildlife.

D'ENTRECASTEAUX CHANNEL & HUON RIVER

Cruise the Huon River and visit the township of Franklin and its fascinating Wooden Boat Centre. Cruise down the scenic D'entrecasteaux Channel to Great Taylors Bay, where we have the opportunity to go ashore at the Labillardiere Peninsula for a coastal walk

BRUNY ISLAND

Experience the rugged beauty of Fluted Cape as you walk along the sheer coastal cliffs. Learn about the rich maritime history of Adventure Bay, and explore the history of old whaling stations on the way to Grass Point.

TASMAN PENINSULA

The Tasman Peninsula is known for its fascinating geological formations, including the soaring 300 metre high dolerite sea cliffs of Cape Raoul, Cape Pillar and Cape Hauy - the tallest in the southern hemisphere. Watch fur seals hauling out on the rocks, as well as playful dolphins feeding and magnificent albatross soaring amongst the updrafts created by the sea cliffs. At Fortescue Bay we will hike a section of the Three Capes track towards Cape Hauy, and later the ship will circumnavigate the impressive Tasman Island. This evening experience a signature event at Bangor Vineyard, featuring the region's finest local produce and hosted by 7th generation farmer Matt Dunbabin.

PORT ARTHUR

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.

DAY 15: ARRIVE HOBART

Our Tasmania adventure concludes in Hobart this morning as we bid farewell to new-found friends, the Master and crew, disembarking at 8:00am. A complimentary transfer is provided to CBD hotels, or the airport is included.



