

# **Expedition Highlights**

- > Enjoy a scenic flight over Port Davey for a bird's-eye view of Tasmania's Southwest wilderness
- > Visit remote Flinders Island experience one of Tasmania's 'Great Short Walks' in Strzelecki National Park
- > Cruise the scenic Tamar River to Launceston, and enjoy a visit to the Josef Chromy Vineyard
- > Gaze in awe at the 300m high sea cliffs at Tasman National Park - the highest in the southern hemisphere
- > Sample King Island's world-famous produce and visit King Island Dairy for a cheese tasting
- > Encounter iconic wildlife such as wombats, fur seals, and dolphins
- > Spend more than two days exploring in the World Heritage Area of Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour
- > Kayak and hike Tasmania's breathtakingly beautiful coast and visit remote areas all around the island
- > Journey Tasmania's isolated and mysterious West Coast, with the chance to land and explore a remote location (subject to weather)

# **DEPARTURE & FARES**

16 Nights - Departs: 1 January 2022 from Hobart aboard Coral Discoverer16 Nights - Departs: 26 February 2022 from Hobart aboard Coral Discoverer

	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Promenade Deck Cat A	Promenade Deck Cat B	Main Deck Cat A	Main Deck Cat B
Twin Share	\$17,890	\$15,390	n/a	\$13,490	\$12,790
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$21,135*	n/a	n/a

Prices are per person, listed in Australian Dollars (AUD) and include GST. \*Limited sole use occupancy available.







# ITINERARY: 16 NIGHTS HOBART TO HOBART

## DAY 1: DEPARTS HOBART

Board in Hobart at 4:00pm for a 8:00pm departure.

#### **DAYS 2-14:**

The below itinerary is indicative only - your Expedition team may alter your itinerary to make the most of weather conditions.

# FORTESCUE BAY & TASMAN PENINSULA

The Tasman Peninsula is known for its fascinating geological formations like Devil's Kitchen, the Blowhole, and Tasman Arch. The soaring 300 metre high dolerite sea cliffs of Cape Raoul, Cape Pillar and Cape Raoul are the tallest in the southern hemisphere. The coastal waters here are a magnet for marine life. Watch fur seals hauling out on the rocks, as well as playful dolphins feeding and magnificent albatross which soar amongst the updrafts created by sea cliffs. We will visit Fortescue Bay, hike the coastal Tasman Trail and kayak in Canoe Bay.

#### MARIA ISLAND

Maria Island can be referred to as a Noah's Ark for native Tasmanian species. The Maria Island National Park provides an ideal sanctuary, and is one of the best places in Australia to observe endemic birdlife as well as wombats, Cape Barren geese, Forester Kangaroos, Bennett's Wallabies, and pademelons.

Stroll amongst the ruins and restored buildings of the Darlington convict settlement and take a walk to the ruins of the former Probation Station or the Fossil Cliffs to discover 290 million year old fossils beneath your feet and wildlife all around.

# FREYCINET PENINSULA & WINEGLASS BAY

The Freycinet Peninsula is a dramatic headland dominated by a pink-hued granite mountain range called The Hazards. Join a guided hike along the Isthmus Track, walk to the lookout to be rewarded with magnificent views, or swim and kayak 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.



## FLINDERS ISLAND & THE FURNEAUX GROUP

Visit wild and rugged Flinders Island, and marvel at the pink and gray granite mountain ranges of Strzelecki National Park. Explore beautiful Trousers Point beach, visit seaside townships, and see relics of Flinders maritime past at the Furneaux Museum.

#### **DEAL ISLAND & KENT GROUP**

Weather permitting, we visit the Kent Group of islands, Tasmania's northernmost National Park and a marine protected area. The waters of Kent Island are crystal clear, with the highest diversity of fish species in Australia.

## TAMAR RIVER & LAUNCESTON

Spend two days on the scenic Tamar River. The river's banks abound with scenic reserves and notable vineyards. Explore the city of Launceston, before an event at Josef Chromy Wines.

#### STANLEY

Visit the charming seaside village of Stanley. Make the climb or chairlift up the Stanley's iconic landmark 'The Nut', for a spectacular 360 degree view. See historic colonial buildings and sample some of Stanley's world-famous fish and chips.

## KING ISLAND

King Island is known for its fine produce. Tour the island with local guides and learn about the island's colourful history. Sample a brie at the King Island Dairy tasting room, with a chance to sample King Island beef and locally caught crayfish, hosted in the rustic home of local beef farmers.

# WEST COAST EXPEDITION STOP

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 of this coastline, with a stop should the weather permit.

# PORT DAVEY

Here on the edge of the world in southwest Tasmania, the landscape is about as wild as it gets. This region has no road access, surrounded by raw, craggy-peaked mountains and drowned river valleys, where tannin-rich freshwater sits atop saltwater, tinting the ocean the colour of tea.

Spend two whole days (weather permitting) enjoying the rare opportunity to hike, kayak and take in the pristine natural environment of Port Davey, part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. Explore the nooks and crannies of Bathurst Harbour and learn about intrepid explorers and Indigenous Australians who once walked this land. Enjoy the unforgettable experience of kayaking in Bramble Cove, hiking the button-grass hills, and looking for the rare Orange-bellied parrot at Melaleuca.

# ADVENTURE BAY, BRUNY ISLAND

At Adventure Bay on the east coast of Bruny Island, hike along the dramatic coastal cliffs of Fluted Cape and spot the endemic Bennett's Wallaby. Cruising the base of the near-vertical dolerite cliffs in Xplorer, take a closer 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.

## DAY 17: ARRIVE HOBART

Disembark in Hobart at 8:00am A post cruise transfer to city or airport is included.

See our website for inclusion information.