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TASMANIAN COASTAL DISCOVERY CRUISE FROM HOBART

Coral Expeditions' Tasmania cruises explore Australia's island state poised at the edge of the world where the Southern and Pacific Oceans collide. Tasmania's pristine World Heritage wilderness and national parks teem with native wildlife, where rugged mountain ranges meet the sea with soaring coastal cliffs and crescent-shaped beaches carved by the elements. 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 cellar doors and farm gates are award-winning cheeses, premium wines, craft beers and artisanal spirits inspired by Tasmania's simple but elegant natural treasures. 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.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: DEPART HOBART

Arrive at your advised check-in location 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 Coral Discoverer before meeting your fellow travellers, the Captain and crew for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

BRUNY ISLAND

From Adventure Bay on the east coast of Bruny Island, we embark on an exhilarating 3 hour tour with award-winning local operator Pennicotts Wilderness Journeys to the rugged southern coastline of South Bruny Island. Enter deep sea caves and pass through the narrow gap between the coast and 'The Monument' and see seals, dolphins and sea birds at close range.

Later we walk along the dramatic coastal cliffs of Fluted Cape and hope to see Bennett's Wallabies which are endemic to Bruny Island. 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

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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 beautifully restored buildings of the Darlington convict settlement and take a walk to the striking formations of the Painted Cliffs, where rich iron deposits have stained the sandstone cliffs with coloured streaks of red, purple and orange. With ample time at Maria Island, we also have the opportunity to do the Fossil Cliffs walk and the Reservoir circuit.

FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK

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 to Wineglass Bay, or continue on to the look out to be rewarded with magnificent views of the azure waters of this iconic beach. Later land at Schouten Island with time for a beach stroll on this secluded island.

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.

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

HUON VALLEY

The Huon Valley was one the hub of Tasmania's apple growing industry, and the reason the state is nicknamed 'The Apple Isle'. These days this region is known for its burgeoning food and wine scene, as well as its variety of natural attractions. The picturesque Huon River winds gently through this valley, its banks lined with charming little towns, orchards and boutique wineries, before emptying out into the D'entrecasteaux channel. The southern end of this valley is bordered by the heritage listed Southwest National Park.

Spend time in this picturesque valley exploring both its natural and epicurean offerings. Meet local producers, enjoy coastal walks and delight in all this region has to offer.

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, join a walking tour of this site.

TASMAN PENINSULA

The Tasman Peninsula is known for its fascinating geological formations like the Tessellated Pavement, Tasman Arch, and 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. We will visit Fortescue Bay, hike sections of the coastal Tasman Trail, take a scenic Xplorer cruise of the rugged coastline and kayak in Canoe Bay.



DAY 11: 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.

Please note:

This itinerary is an indication of the destinations we visit and activities on offer. Throughout the expedition we may make changes to the itinerary as necessary to maximise your expeditionary experience. Allowances may be made for seasonal variations, weather, tidal conditions, and any other event that may affect the operation of the vessel. Coral Expeditions suggests that you do not arrive on the day of embarkation or depart on the day of disembarkation due to any changes that may occur in scheduling.

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YOUR SHIP: CORAL DISCOVERER

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VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury Expedition
LENGTH:	63 metres
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	72 (in 36 rooms)
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	2005 / Refurbished

Launched in 2005, Coral Discoverer set a new benchmark standard for small ship cruising in Australia. Refurbished in November 2016, she continues to raise the bar to new levels of sophistication in expedition cruising in the Southern Hemisphere.

The 1800-tonne Coral Discoverer is the grand vision of Coral Expeditions, pioneers in expedition and adventure cruises around Australia, Papua New Guinea and South East Asia. Her shallow draught and manoeuvrability allow her to go where larger vessels cannot. Her tender vessel, Xplorer, can seat all 72 passengers for excursions to beaches and rivers. Coral Discoverer is equipped with latest technology active stabilisers to ensure comfortable cruising in open waters and is fitted with modern safety and navigation equipment and wireless internet facilities.

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. Australian flagged, and staffed entirely by an Australian and New Zealand crew, your experience aboard Coral Discoverer will be unique.

After the refurbishment, the Sun Deck has evolved to become a new social space and the hub of on board community living. This area has been converted into an undercover deck area complete with round 'Explorer Bar' with bar stools and sun deck with lounges and an area for outdoor exercise equipment.

Guest accommodation has also received a substantial upgrade with the addition of six Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms providing coveted inside/outside living quarters. Each of our other Stateroom grades has also received a full upgrade with updated bathroom fixtures, soft furnishings and artwork making for an even more comfortable stay on board Coral Discoverer.

The Coral Discoverer offers five different grades of staterooms, ranging from Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms to Main Deck Staterooms. Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms are on the top deck and have private balconies opening out from french windows. All rooms are furnished with contemporary flair and feature original artwork, a small private en-suite, individually-controlled air-conditioning, an iPod dock, ample storage and Australian toiletries. All staterooms are serviced daily. Each stateroom is spacious, sized between 15sqm (161 square feet) to 20 sqm (215 square feet) and has either a balcony, feature picture windows or porthole windows. Most staterooms can be configured to either junior king or twin bedding.

FACILITIES ON BOARD

- > Sun Deck with undercover area, sun lounges and ample seating
- > Three fully stocked cocktail bars, including brand new round

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Explorer Bar on Sun Deck

- > Spacious, modern dining room, recently refurbished
- > Forward lounge
- > Reference library
- > Gift shop
- > Open bridge
- > Workout Area
- > Wireless internet available for laptops, mobile devices or via onboard guest computer
- > Limited laundry facilities available
- > SCUBA diving department (selected itineraries)



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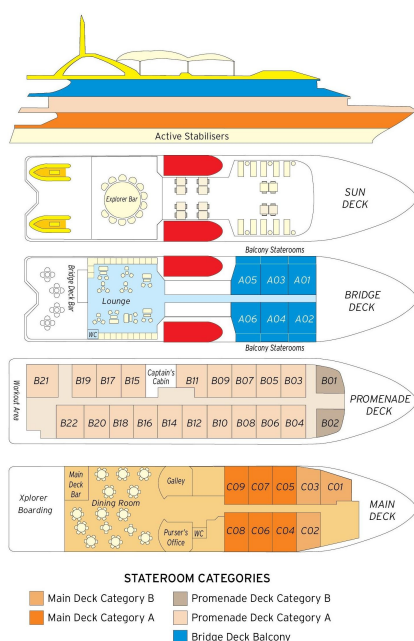
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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Bridge Deck Balcony Stateroom



Main Deck A Stateroom



Main Deck B Stateroom



Promenade A Stateroom



Promenade B Stateroom





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PRICING

16-Feb-2026 to 26-Feb-2026

Main Deck B Stateroom	8870 AUD pp
Main Deck A Stateroom	9760 AUD pp
Promenade B Stateroom	10660 AUD pp
Promenade A Stateroom	11560 AUD pp
Bridge Deck Balcony Stateroom	12290 AUD pp

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