

## 11 Day Tasmania Food, Wine & Yacht Experience

Hobart - Maria Island - Port Davey - King Island - Tamar Valley

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From **\$9,799** Typically \$11,200 pp twin share

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Explore the stunning Tasman Peninsula in style on the Le Lapérouse

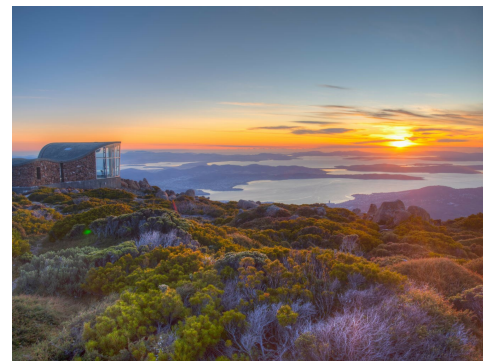
Witness the finish line of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race & New Years Eve Harbour festivities from prime position on the water

Indulge in Tasmanias finest produce and wines, get up close to wildlife, explore the islands amazing history and much more!

Book now with only 50% deposit

## Description

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### Limited Cabins Available - Dont miss out!

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.

*Departing Hobart 23rd December, 2023*



## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### Depart 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.

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### Day 2

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#### 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®.

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### Day 3

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#### 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®.

## Day 4

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### 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®.

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## Day 5

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### King Island

King Island is anchored in the middle of the Bass Strait between Victoria and Tasmania's NorthWest coast. Surrounded by some of Australia's most beautiful beaches, King Island imports the world's best surfers and exports produce sought by the world's top chefs : succulent beef, rich gourmet cheese and crayfish plucked from the Island's crystal-clear waters. It's quiet and easy going here, but there's something interesting at every turn – from a lighthouse and offshore shipwrecks – to the island's great nature walks and unique wildlife. You will have the opportunity to uncover the island's stories at the museum and cultural centre in the town of Currie or to take a guided trail of the island's produce, culture, history, flora and fauna.

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## Day 6

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### 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.

## Day 7

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### Ile des Phoques (Seal Island)

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 seals 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®.

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## Day 8

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### Sailing Tasman Peninsula

This spectacular coastal environment of the Tasman Peninsula is home to Australia's highest sea cliffs. Striking dolerite spires rise from the Tasman Sea, culminating in capes Hauy, Pillar, and Raoul. In addition, there are a number of fascinating coastal rock formations such as Tessellated Pavement, the Blow Hole, Tasman Arch, Devil's Kitchen, Remarkable Cave and Waterfall Bay. Australian fur seals, little penguins, whales and dolphins flourish in the rich waters along this coastline and offshore islands. You will enjoy this spectacular scenery from the outer decks before following the Sydney to Hobart course across Storm Bay and up the Derwent into Hobart.

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## Day 9

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### Disembark Hobart

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## Day 10

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### Hobart

Enjoy today at your leisure in Hobart or take part in some of the options shore excursions.

## Day 11

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### Hobart

Enjoy your final day in Hobart, watching the infamous yacht race, indulging in some amazing local dining or enjoying the historical yet vibrant energy of the city.

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- 10 nights all-inclusive accommodation in a Deluxe Stateroom on the Le Lapérouse
- Zodiac® outings & shore visits with your expedition team.
- Visit the UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site of Port Davey and Maria Island.
- Savour the gourmet produce of King Island.
- Enjoy some of the finest award-winning wines of the Tamar Valley.
- Experience Australia's biggest and longest running Food and Wine festival.
- View the spectacular painted cliffs of Maria Island.
- Witness Australian fur seals in their natural environment.
- Delve into Tasmania's colonial history.
- Experience the mining and Maritime History of Tasmania's North West.
- View the New Year's Eve fireworks in Constitution Dock.
- Gain an insight into the history, culture and incredible diversity of life from your expert expedition team.

### About your vessel

Environmentally friendly, fitted with innovative equipment and complete with lounges designed to be largely open to the exterior, this new and intimately sized yacht offers a unique type of cruise experience.

Onboard this ship sailing under the French flag, you'll experience the incomparable pleasure of a cosily intimate cruise offering the possibility of exploring an ever-increasing range of destinations in a chic ambiance and with five-star service.

The Blue Eye is a multisensorial underwater lounge offering a unique experience unlike anything else in the world.

Want to upgrade your cabin? Ask us today!

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### Exclusions

- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Flights
- Travel insurance

**Child policy (4 to 18 years):** Children are not permitted on this tour package.

**ID:** A Passport with 6 months validity is required to be taken with you to board the cruise ship.

**Currency:** on board is Euros

**Insurance:** All guests must have travel insurance to participate on this tour and will be required to show this prior to departure. (including Remote Area Evacuation)

**Level of fitness:** All participants should be in good general health, able to walk reasonable distances



over sometimes uneven terrain, and stand during excursions. All guests must be able to make their own way up and down stairs in case of emergency.

**Payment:** Deposit is required at the time of booking to secure your cabin - our 14 day guarantee does not apply to this offer. Selling very fast!

***Looking to extend your holiday?***

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