

8 Nights | Tasmanian Heritage & Harvest | Coral Expeditions

Melbourne - Deal Island - Flinders Island - Freycinet National Park - Maria Island - Fortescue Bay - Tasman Peninsula - Bruny Island - Hobart

From **\$5,850** Typically \$11,700 pp twin share



Discover Bass Strait Islands' maritime heritage and Flinders Island locals

Explore the iconic views of Wineglass Bay and Freycinet National Park

Savour Tasmanian flavours, with a signature dinner at Bangor Wines

Hike Bruny Island's Fluted Cape and Three Capes Track trails

Description



Typically \$11,700 per person twin share, take advantage of our **50% OFF SALE** to Tasmania for a limited time only

On this captivating voyage, you'll explore the stunning Wineglass Bay, walking across its narrow isthmus while soaking in panoramic views of Freycinet National Park, home to one of the world's most photographed beaches. The serenity of the bay is matched only by its beauty, offering a peaceful escape into nature. Your adventure continues with a chance to hike a section of the renowned Three Capes Trail, a track celebrated for its challenging paths and rewarding vistas. As you journey through the rugged landscapes, you'll reach the Fluted Cape on Bruny Island, where the awe-inspiring cliffs rise majestically from the ocean, offering a dramatic backdrop to your hike. These hikes are not only a feast for the eyes, but also an opportunity to connect deeply with Tasmania's wild and untamed side.

History enthusiasts will revel in the exploration of Maria Island, where the past comes alive through the ruins of its former penal colony. As you wander the island, you'll encounter native wildlife, from the curious wombats to the agile wallabies, all while admiring the impressive Fossil Cliffs that line the coast. Your journey through Tasmania's past continues as you step back in time at the historic Port Arthur, where knowledgeable heritage guides will take you behind the scenes, revealing the stories of this infamous penal

settlement. The experience offers a poignant glimpse into the lives of the convicts and the early settlers who shaped Tasmania's history, with expertly led tours that delve into the hardships and triumphs of the island's complex colonial past.

As you journey from one remarkable destination to the next, your taste buds will be treated to a showcase of Tasmania's world-class culinary offerings. From freshly caught seafood to artisanal cheeses, craft spirits, and fine wines, each meal is a celebration of the island's rich produce. A true highlight of the voyage is the signature dinner event hosted by the renowned Matt Dunbabin at Bangor Wines. As you savour a delicious three-course meal paired with exquisite wines, you'll learn about the deep history of the Dunbabin family farm, which has been in operation since the 1830s, beginning with convict John Dunbabin. This intimate dining experience offers a rare opportunity to meet the producers behind some of Tasmania's finest wines, as well as indulge in guided vineyard tours and tastings that reveal the secrets of the region's wine-making tradition. Put simply, this is our Tasmania - at it's finest.



Itinerary

Day 1

Melbourne

Arrive at Melbourne Harbour Station Pier (berth to be advised) at 4PM, where there is time to settle into your stateroom before our 5PM departure.

Take the time to become acquainted with all the facilities onboard Coral Adventurer. Gather in the Bridge Deck lounge for a safety briefing and presentations by lecturers and expedition staff. As dusk falls, mingle with your fellow travellers, the Captain and crew for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: Coral Adventurer

Day 2

Deal Island

At midday we arrive to 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 mainland Australia over 10,000 years ago, in what is now the Bass Strait. The waters of Kent Island are crystal clear, with a high diversity of fish species. On Deal Island we find the highest lighthouse in Australia, standing 305 meters above sea level, which is manned by volunteer caretakers. Enjoy several walk options, swim and kayak off the beach or enjoy a scenic tender cruise.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: Coral Adventurer

Day 3

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 time on the Trousers Point Walk – one of Tasmania's Great Short Walks. Visit seaside townships, discover the sad history of Wybalenna Aboriginal Settlement, learn about the local fishing industry and see relics of Flinders maritime past at the Furneaux Museum. Later enjoy a drop at Unavale Vineyard, a boutique family vineyard where vines thrive at the foot of the Strzelecki ranges.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: Coral Adventurer

Day 4

Freycinet Peninsula and 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 Wineglass Bay beach – one of the most photographed beaches in the world – or if up for a challenge hike to the Wineglass Bay lookout. Learn about Abel Tasman's sighting of the peninsula in 1642 – Tasman believed the peninsula to be a chain of islands but Nicolas Baudin dispelled this presumption when his expedition later visited in 1802. Of course, Freycinet's indigenous history goes back much further – with evidence of middens found along the dunes of Hazards and Richardson's Beaches.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: Coral Adventurer

Day 5

Maria Island and Tasman Coastline

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. This afternoon cruise the rugged coastline of the Tasman Peninsula, marvelling at the 300 metre high dolerite sea cliffs of Cape Raoul, Cape Pillar and Cape Hauy, as you enjoy a wine tasting on board. Weather permitting the Coral Adventurer will circumnavigate Tasman Island, affording fantastic photographic opportunities from a unique vantage point at sea.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: Coral Adventurer

Day 6

Fortescue Bay and Bangor

From Coral Adventurer's calm anchorage at Norfolk Bay, take a scenic bus ride down the Tasman Peninsula to where the forest meets the sea at Fortescue Bay. Here there will be two walk options on offer – a section of the famed Three Capes Track in the direction of Cape Hauy, or a section of the Tasman Trail towards Bivouac Bay. Or just relax on the white sandy beach, with time to take in the scenery and spot wildlife.

After a relaxing afternoon on board, conclude your day with a memorable Signature Dinner Event at Bangor Winery, where you'll have the pleasure of meeting Matt Dunbabin and learning about the farm's rich history. Enjoy wine tastings and vineyard tours before indulging in dinner featuring the finest Tasmanian produce.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: Coral Adventurer

Day 7

Port Arthur

After a gourmet brunch on board this morning, travel by bus to Port Arthur. One of Australia's most significant historic places, this UNESCO World Heritage-listed 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 storytellers, join a tour of this site. Explore the site's most significant buildings including the Penitentiary, Separate Prison and Church.

Finish your afternoon McHenry's Distillery – Australia's southern-most whisky distillery resting at the foot of Mount Arthur. Sample a tippie as you learn about how the cool maritime environment gives maturing spirits just the right conditions for their time ageing in wooden barrels.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: Coral Adventurer

Day 8

Bruny Island

At Adventure Bay on the east coast of Bruny Island, 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. Back on board, enjoy samples of Bruny Island's finest produce showcased in canapes at the Captain's Farewell Drinks tonight.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: Coral Adventurer

Day 9

Hobart

Our Tasmania adventure concludes in Hobart this morning as we bid farewell to new-found friends, the Master and crew, disembarking at 8AM.

Enjoy a complimentary transfer to CBD hotels or the airport.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- 8 nights in a Explorer Deck Balcony Stateroom on Coral Adventurer
- All excursions with our Expedition Team
- Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and Kayaks
- Daily lectures and briefings with Guest Lecturers
- All meals, chef-prepared on board
- Captain's welcome and farewell events, plus open bridge access
- Selected wines, selected beers and house spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- 24-hour coffee and selection of teas
- All entrance fees to National Parks, ports, traditional owner fees and charges imposed by governing authorities
- Tips and gratuities
- Use of all onboard facilities, incl. a reference library
- Expedition diary, along with a photo and video gallery documenting the highlights of your voyage
- Post-cruise transfers
- Wifi Access – Standard speed connectivity enabling email, social image sharing, web browsing and messaging

Important Information: 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.

Exclusions

- Pre-cruise transfers
- Pre and post cruise flights or charter flights
- Pre and post cruise accommodation
- Travel Insurance
- Entry visas & travel permits for the country you are travelling to/from
- Alcoholic drinks (including beer and wine) outside of lunch and dinner service
- Laundry service (available at a cost)
- Items of a personal nature, such as souvenir purchases
- Optional extras (in some destinations)

Single Supplement: There is a single supplement of \$5850 available on check out.

Optional Extras: Want to upgrade cabins, add flights or accommodation? Please contact our friendly Customer Service team.

About Your Ship: Coral Adventurer carries a maximum of 120 guests. Inspired by the company's Australian ethos and the wide-open spaces the ship visits, Coral Adventurer is a purpose-built expedition ship designed to take you closer to unspoiled vistas in comfort, style, and safety.

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