TASMANIA
SMALL SHIP EXPEDITIONS

CORAL DISCOVERER > MAXIMUM OF 72 GUESTS
7-NIGHT COASTAL EXPEDITION VOYAGES
2018 DEPARTURES FROM JAN - MAR
Join our 7-night Tasmania expedition cruise exploring the rugged coastal beauty and World Heritage Listed National Parks of Australia’s island state, in the intimate comfort of our refurbished flagship, Coral Discoverer.

Become immersed in Tasmania’s breathtaking National Parks; from the dramatic pink granite peaks of the Freycinet Peninsula, or the majestic rolling hills of Maria Island National Park with its abundant wildlife and history. At Tasman National Park, seals, dolphins and albatross await to greet you, with an intimidating backdrop of 300 metre high dolerite cliffs.

Guided by an expert Expedition Team, including a Tasmanian Specialist, you will gain a unique “insider view” of the area, as you embark on easy hikes including the rugged Fluted Cape Track on Bruny Island, the Needwonee boardwalk at Melaleuca, and the Wine Glass Bay Track at Freycinet.

A PIONEERING STYLE

This itinerary allows our guests to experience an authentic expedition voyage, with a flexible itinerary to enable the Captain to respond to local weather conditions. This ensures you see the best parts of Tasmania in comfort.

Subject to weather, our guests will spend two days exploring the untouched Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area at Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour. Normally only accessible by seven-day hike or light aircraft, this region is undoubtedly one of the most pristine and beautiful landscapes on earth.

There is no finer way to experience Tasmania’s remote southern coastline than by expedition ship, and no other itinerary with the ability to capitalise on the unique experiences Tasmania offers.

“Thoroughly enjoyed this cruise. Lectures and interpretive content with ‘Local information and knowledge’ brought it to life. Your guest lecturer was excellent! A living treasure of the areas visited; she gave our experience so much depth! The scenery was remarkable.”

Jane & Col W. | Tasmania, November 2015
Our expert Expedition Team are a hallmark of every Coral Expeditions voyage. On our Tasmania trips, our Expedition Team will accompany you on all shore excursions and provide expert commentary. Our outdoor activities are designed to suit a variety of physical fitness levels. No athletic ability is presumed.

**EXPERT EXPEDITION TEAM**

On each voyage, our Expedition Team bring guests the depth of experience required to put together daily programmes given prevailing weather and local conditions. They are complemented by a Guest Lecturer and a Tasmania Specialist, who are experts in the geology, history or flora and fauna of the Tasmanian region.

**ALL-INCLUSIVE EXCURSIONS**

With a strong focus on remote destinations, our shore excursions are designed to promote local interaction and in-depth experiences. Our small group size ensures that our shore excursions are comfortable and enjoyable, but also have minimal impact on the environments we visit.

**FEATURED EXPEDITION STAFF**

Steve Cox  
**Senior Expedition Leader**  
Steve has been with Coral Expeditions for over five years, and is also a qualified Dive Instructor. Highly skilled at interpretation and an avid photographer, his favourite animal is the Whale Shark. Steve is a strong advocate for the conservation of the world’s oceans.

David Keech  
**Expedition Leader**  
David has spent the past nine years working in some of Australia’s most renowned protected areas including two previous seasons with Coral Expeditions in Tasmania. He is passionate about the environment and conservation, and loves sharing his knowledge with our guests.

Tom Collis  
**Guest Lecturer**  
Holding a B App Science (Natural History) and a Dip Ed, Tom loves interpreting the natural world. On the Tasmania voyage Tom cites his favourite experience as “seeing several critically endangered Orange-bellied Parrots in the Melaleuca Wilderness area”.

Mike Sugden  
**Tasmania Specialist / Guest Lecturer**  
Mike has extensive experience working as a marine biologist and underwater photographer around Tasmania. His services have previously been enlisted by the world-renowned institutes of CSIRO and IMAS.
EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

› SPEND TWO FULL DAYS EXPLORING PORT DAVEY WORLD HERITAGE WILDERNESS AREA AND BATHURST HARBOUR (CONDITIONS PERMITTING)
› HIKE THE BREATHTAKING WINEGLASS BAY TRACK IN FREYCINET NATIONAL PARK
› EXPERIENCE THE DIVERSE WILDLIFE AND HISTORY OF MARIA ISLAND
› BE IN AWE OF 300 METRE HIGH SEA CLIFFS AT TASMAN NATIONAL PARK
› HIKE THE REMOTE MOUNT BEATTIE TRACK, PORT DAVEY WORLD HERITAGE AREA
› TASTE EWES’ MILK CHEESE AND VODKA AT GRANDVEWE CHEESES
› ENJOY THE CAPTAIN’S PRIVATE AFTERNOON DRINKS IN HISTORIC PORT ARTHUR
› SPOT FUR SEALS HAULING UP TO TASMANIA’S ROCKY CLIFFS
› MARVEL AT THE PROUD SHIPBUILDING AND MARITIME HERITAGE AT THE WOODEN BOAT BUILDING CENTRE IN FRANKLIN

As adaptable as the original explorers to this rugged area, our itinerary is crafted to be flexible, allowing the Captain and Expedition Team to respond quickly to favourable weather conditions and pick from a menu of attractions that include the following destinations.

FREYCINET, WITH WINEGLASS BAY AND COLES PENINSULA

The spectacular peninsula of Freycinet is crafted from pink granite peaks - the Hazard mountains - surrounded by azure bays, and backed by dry eucalypt forest. At Freycinet National Park, guests can join an optional guided hike (approx. two hours) to the Wineglass Bay beach via the lookout or Isthmus Track, consistently voted one of the most breathtaking beaches in the world.

MARIA ISLAND NATIONAL PARK

Walk amongst the historic ruins, secluded bays and rugged cliffs of Maria Island National Park, and you can expect to meet local endemic wildlife such as Forester Kangaroos, Bennett’s Wallabies and Wombats.

Visit World Heritage-listed Darlington; take in the dramatic Painted and Fossil Cliffs, walk to the convict ruins of Point Lesueur at Long Point.

TASMAN NATIONAL PARK

Feel small again as you stand beside the 300 metre sea cliffs and monumental rock formations of Tasman National Park.

See sea stacks - tall dolerite formations - stand tall, and view the Tasman Arch, The Candlestick and Cathedral from perfect positions at sea.

An area of huge natural diversity, it is possible guests may come across Australian Fur Seals “hauling out” on the rocky shore at Tasman Island, as well as dolphins and albatross which are often sighted in this region.

PORT DAVEY AND BATHURST HARBOUR

A marine reserve, and part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, Port Davey is Tasmania untouched. If conditions allow, guests will spend two full days exploring this pristine wilderness, and enjoy the unforgettable experience of kayaking in Bathurst Harbour. Otherwise accessible only via a seven-day hike or charter flight, Port Davey feels like an endless unchartered wilderness, full of sheltered bays filled with endemic marine life.

In Port Davey, you’ll disembark to explore the ‘Narrows’ aboard our tender and take a guided hike of Balmoral Hill or the Mount Beattie Track. Take in the surrounds of Melaleuca and the Needwonnee Walk, named after the tribe whose homelands extended throughout this area.
**INCLUSIONS**

- 7-night Expedition Voyage aboard Coral Discoverer
- Expert Expedition Team, including a Guest Lecturer and a Tasmanian Specialist
- Daily guided excursions on the Xplorer and Zodiac tender vessels, and kayaks where conditions allow
- Small batch local dining, prepared fresh onboard: 7 buffet breakfasts, 6 buffet lunches and 7 table d'hote dinners
- Showcase wines, selected beers and soft drinks with lunch and dinner service
- 24 hour speciality coffee and selection of teas
- Captain's Welcome and Farewell Events, and Open Bridge Access with the Captain
- Comprehensive and fully guided sightseeing in each destination
- All entrance fees to National Parks and Ports

**WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED**

- Pre and post flights and accommodation
- Entry visas to Australia
- Travel insurance
- Personal sundries such as souvenirs
- Alcoholic drinks including beer and wine outside of lunch and dinner service
- Telephone, fax and internet services (available at a cost)
- Laundry service (available at a cost)

**FARES & SAILING SCHEDULE**

**CORAL DISCOVERER STATEROOM CATEGORY**

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*Prices are listed in Australian Dollars (AUD). *Limited sole use occupancy available.

**DEPARTURE DATES**

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Note on fitness levels: this trip is suitable for passengers of all fitness levels, though reasonable mobility is required to enjoy all it has to offer. Our Xplorer tender permits easy boarding without climbing any stairs. Hikes vary in intensity and where possible we split groups to suit easy and moderate walkers. Guests are welcome to opt out of any excursion and relax onboard. The ship has no elevator. As the itinerary covers remote regions, it is not suitable for passengers with serious medical conditions. There will be a daily briefing onboard to advise guests on the upcoming day’s activities. Time of departure and return are fixed – the rest is an adventure! Note the summer temperature can still be very cool especially with the wind chill so warm layered clothing is essential.
In 2018, Tasmania is set to welcome a new arrival to its shores, the recently refurbished and state-of-the-art Coral Discoverer.

Coral Discoverer underwent a major refurbishment in November 2016 and now boasts a brand new Sun Deck Explorer Bar as well as Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms with private balconies. All Staterooms and public areas aboard the ship have received upgraded soft furnishings.

A true open-ocean expedition ship, Coral Discoverer will take 72 guests to the farthest reaches of Tasmania’s rugged coast. Her shallow draught and manoeuvrability are ideal for this itinerary, and allow her an unmatched ability to enter the shallow bays and inlets of Tasmania’s otherwise virtually inaccessible West coast.

Latest technology including active stabilizers, modern safety and navigation equipment ensure comfortable cruising in open waters.

Onboard Coral Discoverer, there are no queues, long waits or assigned seatings. At mealtimes, you will return to the comfort of your ship to enjoy an outstanding menu of Tasmanian produce and local specialties. This is complemented by a specially curated wine list featuring a selection of Tasmania’s finest cool-climate varietals.

FACILITIES ON BOARD CORAL DISCOVERER

› Wireless internet available* for laptops, mobile devices or via onboard guest computer (additional costs apply).
› Three fully stocked cocktail bars
› Indoor/outdoor lounge areas
› Outside communal workout area
› Reference library
› Small gift shop with souvenirs and personal items available for purchase
› Limited laundry facilities available
FEATURED SUITE: BRIDGE DECK BALCONY STATEROOM
Located on the exclusive Bridge Deck close to the Lounge and Bridge, our six elegantly furnished Bridge Deck Balcony staterooms feature a private balcony, along with a sofa, desk, telephone and your choice of Junior King or Twin Bedding.
These newly refurbished premier staterooms measure a spacious 20 sqm. Step out of the French windows to your private balcony to admire the Tasmanian scenery go by.
All staterooms are serviced daily, and have private ensuites, as well as a desk and telephone.

Please note that the category “Cabin”, available previously on Coral Expeditions I, will not exist aboard Coral Discoverer. Therefore this category and rate has been discontinued.

*Internet access is available in public areas but not guaranteed in cabins due to the steel structure of the ship.
GET ACTIVE: HIKING IN TASMANIA

The Tasmanian wilderness is recognised by UNESCO for its ancient forests, and the best way to experience it is on foot. Sometimes our guests feel daunted by the idea of a hike in Tasmania, but the walks included in this itinerary are very accessible, and often become the highlight of the voyage. At Freycinet National Park, guests can walk to the Wine Glass Bay lookout, one of the world’s most photographed locations. The Fluted Cape Trek, at the southern end of the picturesque Adventure Bay, takes about two hours return and includes stunning views of Storm Bay. Another beautiful trek is the walk along the Mt Beattie track which rewards walkers with incredible views over Bathurst Harbour, Bathurst Channel and Melaleuca Inlet.

THE AUSTRALIAN FUR SEAL (ARCTOCEPHALUS PUSILLUS DORIFERUS)

The largest of all fur seals is found on Tasman Island. It has distinctive long, backward sweeping whiskers, and can grow to 227cm in length and up to 360kg in weight. They can also easily walk about over the rocks using all four flippers. These hefty guys love to eat bony fish, squid and octopus.

EWE-NIQUE CHEESE: WOODBRIDGE, TAS

Meet “The Girls” at Australia’s only organic sheep cheesery. Taste four different Gold Medal winning cheeses and view the process of cheese making from paddock to palate. Sample Primavera and White Pearl. Bon appetit!

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