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## Jewels of the West Coast

Broome - Fremantle | Departs 22 September 2021 aboard *Le Soléal*  
 11 days / 10 nights | From \$8,430 per person\* in a Deluxe Stateroom

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Sail along the extraordinary west coast of Australia on this brand new 10-night itinerary onboard *Le Soléal*. Embarking in Broome, the pearl of North Australia, you will discover the pristine beaches, turquoise waters, and World Heritage-listed scenery the region is renowned for, including remarkable encounters with marine life, unrivalled anywhere else in the world. Your first port of call on this voyage will be the Rowley Shoals, regarded as one of the world’s most spectacular diving and snorkelling locations in Australia. Next, you will visit Burrup Peninsula where you can gain insight into the ancient world of the Aboriginal people of the Pilbra, before sailing towards the Montebello Islands, rich in natural marine diversity and human history. Your next stop, and arguably the highlight of your cruise will be Ningaloo Reef, an idyllic location to snorkel in clear turquoise waters and immerse yourself in marine life encounters. Experience some of the most spectacular underwater areas in Australia, including the chance to swim with wild bottlenose dolphins in Monkey Mia, and view breeding areas of sea lions and sea birds at the Jurien Bay Marine Park, before disembarking in the vibrant city of Fremantle, where the old blends with the new, creating an enriching cultural experience.



### Expedition Highlights:

- Visit the world heritage listed areas of Shark Bay and Ningaloo reef, home to the biggest fish in the ocean - the whale shark.
- Witness one of Australia’s best – known wildlife experiences at Monkey Mia in Shark Bay world Heritage Area.
- Discover the rare and endangered animals at Jurien Bay, found nowhere else in the world.
- Experience the colourful coral, crystal clear waters and large breeding colonies of seabirds at the Abrolhos Islands.
- Discover the highest concentration of rock engravings of any known site in the world on the Burrup Peninsula.
- Explore the remote and pristine Montebello Islands.
- Swim and snorkel in the pristine waters of the Rowley Shoals Marine Park.



## Jewels of the West Coast - Itinerary

### Day 1. Broome, Western Australia. Embarkation.

Located in the northwest of the Kimberley region and in the far north of Western Australia, the town of Broome is reputed for its history and its glorious pearling era. Broome is famous for the “Staircase to the Moon”, an optical illusion created by the Moon reflecting on the sand banks at low tide, like a staircase climbing up towards the sky, a unique spectacle provided by nature.

### Day 2-3. Rowley Shoals Marine Park, Western Australia.

Regarded as one of the world’s most spectacular diving and snorkelling locations, the Rowley Shoals lie 260 kilometres west of Broome in the Timor Sea. The three coral atolls of Mermaid, Clerke and Imperieuse reefs rise, near vertical, from the surrounding crystal-clear waters on the edge of the continental shelf. The shallow lagoons inhabited by a diverse array of corals and abundant marine life are ideal for exploration by snorkellers and divers. To take full advantage of the location, your ship will spend one and a half days at the Rowley Shoals, allowing you to swim and snorkel from your Zodiac®.

### Day 4. Burrup Peninsular, Dampier, Western Australia.

Murujuga National Park and the islands of the Dampier Archipelago showcase what is thought to be the highest concentration of rock engravings of any known site in the world. The sacred rock art’s traditional custodians are the Ngarluma-Yindjibarndi, the Yaburara-Mardudhunera and the Woon-goo-tt-oo. You will have the opportunity to visit Deep Gorge with a traditional custodian guide and marvel at the petroglyphs up close.

### Day 5. Montebello Islands, Western Australia.

Located off the Pilbara Coast 120km west of Dampier, the Montebello Islands Marine Park covers more than 58,000 hectares of ocean and over 250 low-lying limestone islands and islets. The flat limestone islands range in size from Hermite, the largest, at about 1,000 ha, to several small islets and rocks of less than one hectare. They are the remnants of an old coastal landform and have been separated from the mainland for more than 8,000 years. The area is rich in natural marine diversity and human history. You will have the opportunity to explore the marine park with our fleet of Zodiacs®.

### Day 6. Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area, Western Australia.

The Ningaloo Coast is a place of stark and spectacular contrast, between lush and colourful scenery beneath the surface of the Indian Ocean in Ningaloo Marine Park and the rugged, arid land of Cape Range National Park. Ningaloo Reef is an idyllic location to snorkel in clear turquoise waters and immerse yourself in marine life encounters. You will have the opportunity to swim and snorkel on the largest fringing coral reef in Australia and the only large reef in the world found so close to a continental land mass, making it an easy snorkel from shore.

### Day 7. Monkey Mia, Shark Bay World Heritage Area, Western Australia.

The shallow and mostly protected bays of the Shark Bay World Heritage Area are home to over 10,000 dugongs. Wild bottlenose dolphins visit the shore at Monkey Mia Reserve, creating one of Australia’s best-known wildlife experiences. You may also see sharks, rays, turtles and a variety of fish in the water. You will have the opportunity to experience the wild bottlenose dolphins early in the morning before exploring the area’s natural and cultural history along the Wulyibidi Yaninyina trail.

### Day 8. Dirk Hartog Island, Shark Bay, Western Australia.

With its white, sandy beaches, turquoise waters, rust-red sand dunes and abundant wildlife, Shark Bay became Western Australia’s first World Heritage listed area in 1991. The colourful and diverse landscapes, rare fauna and flora, and world class examples of Earth’s ecological processes are what qualify Shark Bay for World Heritage listing, making it a truly remarkable place. You will land at Dampier’s landing before being transferred to Cape Inscription where in 1616 Dirk Hartog left evidence of his landing in the form of a pewter plate inscribed with details of his journey.

### Day 9. Abrolhos Islands Marine Park, Western Australia.

Formerly known as Houtman Abrolhos, these Indian Ocean jewels sit just 60 kilometres west of Geraldton. The Abrolhos Islands Marine Park consists of three main clusters of islands that stretch from north to south across 100 kilometres of ocean, and includes the Wallabi Group, Easter Group and Pelsaert Group. Established as a marine park in 1983, the waters of the Abrolhos are famous for colourful coral, crystal clear waters and large breeding colonies of seabirds. You will have the opportunity to explore East Wallabi Island and its fringing reefs onboard a Zodiac®.

### Day 10. Jurien Bay Marine Park, Western Australia.

Jurien Bay Marine Park surrounds dozens of ecologically important islands that contain rare and endangered animals found nowhere else in the world. The marine park and its immediate surrounds is the only major breeding area for Australian sea lions along the western coast of Australia. It is also a primary breeding ground for seabirds and is populated with a mix of temperate and tropical plants and animals, courtesy of the Leeuwin Current. You will have the opportunity to explore the marine park with our fleet of Zodiacs®.

### Day 11. Fremantle, Western Australia. Disembarkation.

The vibrant city of Fremantle blends the old with the new, creating an enriching cultural experience. Maritime, convict and colonial history can be explored in one of the best-preserved examples of a 19th century port streetscape on Earth, while buzzing markets, lively bars and casual street cafés give you a taste of 21st century life with the locals.

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## Highlights of South Western Australia

Fremantle - Fremantle | Departs 2 October 2021 aboard *Le Soléal*  
9 days / 8 nights | From \$6,130 per person\* in a Superior Stateroom

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your first voyage#

Explore the breathtaking sights along the south coast of Western Australia on this brand new 9-day itinerary with PONANT. Onboard *Le Soléal* the coast will reveal to you breathtaking views of its charming cities, untouched lands, turquoise waters and a range of historic museums, statues, and towns. Experience the breathtaking coastline of Albany with its dramatic whaling and convict history and the squeaky-clean beaches and turquoise waters of Esperance as your voyage sets off along the south west coast of Australia. The Archipelago of Recherche is a group of 105 islands where you will have the opportunity to spot breeding colonies of the Australian Fur Seal, New Zealand Fur Seal and the Australian Sea Lion as well as an abundance of land and marine birds. Discover the well-kept secret town of Augusta, home to the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia, before sailing to Busselton, the gateway to the renowned Margaret River Wine Region. On your return to Fremantle, you will have the opportunity to experience this truly enriching small town. With strong Maritime, convict, and colonial history, buzzing markets, lively bars and casual street cafes.



### Expedition Highlights:

- Experience the artisanal produce, history and scenery of Esperance.
- Explore the Recherche Archipelago, a biodiversity hotspot home to a rich diversity of marine life.
- Observe breeding colonies of Australian Fur Seal, New Zealand fur seal and the Australian Sea Lion.
- Visit the remarkable National ANZAC Centre in Albany.
- View the tallest lighthouse on Mainland Australia in Augusta.
- Enjoy the squeaky-clean beaches, turquoise waters, untouched islands and colour-filled wildflower country of Esperance.
- Savour the flavours of the Margaret River region, one of the nation's largest wine regions.



## Highlights of South West Australia - Itinerary

### Day 1. Fremantle, Western Australia. Embarkation.

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### Day 2. At Sea.

### Day 3. Albany, Western Australia.

The breathtaking beauty of Albany's rugged coastline creates a fitting backdrop to a dramatic whaling, convict and settler history and a sensational south coast adventure. This charming city marks the spot where the first European settlers set foot in Western Australia, and much of their legacy remains today. You can also follow the extraordinary stories of the first convoy of ANZACs in the National ANZAC Centre.

### Day 4. Esperance, Western Australia.

Located 720 kilometres east-southeast of Perth, Esperance has a population of just over 12,000 people. Regarded as a beach and nature-lover's dream, Esperance is blessed with squeaky-clean beaches, turquoise waters, untouched islands and colour-filled wildflower country. Among its most famous beauty spots is Australia's whitest beach, Lucky Bay - set against a stunning seascape of 110 islands of the Recherche Archipelago.

### Day 5. Recherche Archipelago, Western Australia

The Archipelago of the Recherche is a biodiversity hotspot located off the southern coast of Esperance, Western Australia. Breeding colonies of Australian fur seal, New Zealand fur seal and the Australian Sea Lion have been recorded on various islands, including Cooper and Salisbury Islands. The archipelago has also been identified by BirdLife International as an Important Bird Area (IBA). If time and weather permit, you will have the opportunity to explore the coastal environments and view the wildlife from our fleet of Zodiacs®.

### Day 6. At Sea.

### Day 7. Augusta, Western Australia.

The town of Augusta is a well-kept secret which lies as far South West as you can go in Australia. It is home to the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia at Cape Leeuwin and the largest show cave in WA, Jewel Cave. Historic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse stands at the point where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet and is the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia. Jewel Cave comprises of three chambers showcasing a millennia of nature's finest art, including cave coral, and beautiful examples of flowstone. The nearby Boranup forest is a spectacular showpiece of towering Karri trees, some over 60m in height and provides an insight into the Southwest Australia Biodiversity hotspot. You will have the opportunity to take a coach tour showcasing the regions history and scenery.

### Day 8. Busselton, Western Australia.

Twice voted Western Australia's Top Tourism Town, Busselton is the gateway to the Margaret River Wine Region. Margaret River is one of the nation's largest wine regions, producing more than 25 percent of Australia's premium wine from more than 200 vineyards. The exceptional soils give rise to Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc varietals with the Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay globally recognised amongst the top ranking in the world. The more than 120 cellar doors range from boutique and cosy affairs to impressive large-scale operations. You will have the opportunity to take a coach tour to experience the charm of this region and visit the regions world class wineries, craft beers and gourmet produce.

### Day 9. Fremantle, Western Australia. Disembarkation.

On your return to Fremantle, you will have the opportunity to experience this truly enriching small town. With strong Maritime, convict, and colonial history, buzzing markets, lively bars and casual street cafes, it will give you a taste of 21st century life with the locals.

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## Australia's West Coast

Fremantle - Fremantle | Departs 10 October 2021 aboard *Le Soléal*  
8 days / 7 nights | From \$5,370 per person\* in a Superior Stateroom

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PONANT invites you to uncover the West Coast of Australia on this brand new 8-day itinerary onboard *Le Soléal*. Discover why this area is renowned for its spectacular coral coastlines, pristine beaches, turquoise waters, and abundant wildlife, providing guests with once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Your first stop, Geraldton, is located on Western Australia's spectacular Coral Coast, the city boasts pristine beaches, making it a popular spot soaking up the sun, as well as a strong cultural and historical connection. In Monkey Mia Reserve you may get the chance to enjoy one of Australia's best-known wildlife experiences by getting up close to wild bottlenose dolphins. You may also see dugongs, sharks, rays, turtles and a variety of fish in the water. Next, you will discover Shark Bay's Shark Bay's colourful and diverse landscapes, rare fauna and flora and world class examples of the Earth's ecological processes. Jurien Bay Marine Park and its immediate surrounds is the only major breeding area for Australian sea lions along the western coast of Australia. As well as major sea lion and seabird breeding areas, the marine park contains biological communities, populated with a mix of temperate and tropical plants and animals, courtesy of the Leeuwin Current. On your return to Fremantle, you will have the opportunity to experience this truly enriching small town. With strong Maritime, convict, and colonial history, buzzing markets, lively bars, and casual street cafes, it will give you a taste of 21st century life with the locals.



### Expedition Highlights:

- Visit the World Heritage-listed area of Shark Bay, Jurien Bay marine park and Western Australia's newest national park.
- Witness one of Australia's best – known wildlife experiences at Monkey Mia in Shark Bay world Heritage Area.
- Discover the rare and endangered animals at Jurien Bay, found nowhere else in the world.
- Experience the colourful coral, crystal clear waters and large breeding colonies of seabirds at the Abrolhos Islands.
- Walk on the beaches of Dirk Hartog Island and visit the historic site at Cape Inscription.
- Explore East Wallabi Island and its fringing reefs on the Abrolhos Islands.
- Learn about the ancient Yamaji culture in Geraldton.





## Australia's West Coast - Itinerary

### Day 1. Fremantle, Western Australia. Embarkation.

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### Day 2. Geraldton, Western Australia.

Located on Western Australia's spectacular Coral Coast, Geraldton has established itself as a contemporary coastal hub of cafés, shops, street art and galleries. The city's beaches and sunny climate make it a hot-spot for water sport enthusiasts and visitors looking to soak up the sun on pristine beaches. Cultural enlightenment can also be found if you take the time to immerse yourself in Geraldton's rich heritage. You will also be able to learn about the ancient Yamaji culture. With a range of historical activities available you can have a moments silence at the HMAS Sydney II memorial, relive the Spanish missionary era or step inside the Western Australian Museum to see the tragic stories revealed by relics of shipwrecks.

### Day 3. At Sea.

### Day 4. Monkey Mia & Cape Peron. Shark Bay WHA, Western Australia.

The shallow and mostly protected bays of the Shark Bay World Heritage Area host over 10,000 dugongs; the world's largest seagrass beds; and is home to some of the earth's oldest lifeforms, stromatolites. Wild bottlenose dolphins visit the shore at Monkey Mia Reserve, creating one of Australia's best known wildlife experiences. You may also see dugongs, sharks, rays, turtles and a variety of fish in the water. You will have the opportunity to experience the wild bottlenose dolphins early in the morning before undertaking a zodiac tour in the vicinity of Cape Peron during the afternoon.

### Day 5. Dirk Hartog Island, Shark Bay, Western Australia.

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and abundant wildlife, Shark Bay became Western Australia's first World Heritage listed area in 1991. The colourful and diverse landscapes, rare fauna and flora, and world class examples of Earth's ecological processes are what qualify Shark Bay for World Heritage listing, making it a truly remarkable place. You will land at Dampier's landing before being transferred to Cape Inscription where in 1616 Dirk Hartog left evidence of his landing in the form of a pewter plate inscribed with details of his journey.

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## Along Australia's South Coast

Fremantle - Hobart | Departs 17 October 2021 aboard *Le Soléal*  
14 days / 13 nights | From \$10,780 per person\* in a Deluxe Stateroom

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Embark on an epic exploration of Australia's wild and varied southern coastline for a taste of the many faces of this beautiful country. Starting in the heritage city of Fremantle, head south down the coast of Western Australia to the city of Albany, with its whaling, convict and settler history. Beach and nature lovers will be in paradise at Esperance, with squeaky-clean beaches, turquoise waters, untouched islands and colour-filled wildflower country, including Australia's whitest beach - Lucky Bay! Discover the beauty of the Recherche Archipelago, a biodiversity hotspot filled with marine life, breeding colonies of Australian fur seal, New Zealand fur seal and the Australian Sea Lion, as well as an abundance of bird species. Sample and savour the exceptional seafood of South Australia's Port Lincoln and the famous wine and gastronomic experiences of McLaren Vale. Continue on to Tasmania, including King Island's beautiful beaches, delicious food (from succulent beef and rich gourmet cheese, to crayfish plucked from the Island's crystal clear waters), great nature walks and unique wildlife. What better way to round out an unforgettable voyage than with a visit to the Tamar Valley, known for its award-winning wines and considered one of the world's top 10 wine routes! You'll then disembark in Hobart - Tasmania's capital, where its captivating history, picturesque waterways and rugged mountains will make sure you never want to leave.



### Expedition Highlights:

- Learn about the remarkable history of Albany at the National ANZAC Centre and the whaling museum.
- Discover Esperance's squeaky-clean beaches, turquoise waters, untouched islands and colour-filled wildflower country.
- Encounter the abundant wildlife & birdlife on the Recherche Archipelago.
- Savour the delights of Port Lincoln, the seafood and aquaculture capital of Australia.
- Experience Australia's oldest and most acclaimed wine regions, McLaren Vale with more than 100 cellar doors and a multitude of culinary offerings.
- Enjoy King Island's exceptional produce, culture, history, flora and fauna.
- Sample the gourmet produce and world renowned fine cool climate wines of the Tamar Valley.
- Hear tales of convicts, mariners and miners in Northern Tasmania.



## Along Australia's South Coast - Itinerary

### Day 1. Fremantle, Western Australia. Embarkation.

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### Day 2. At Sea.

### Day 3. Albany, Western Australia.

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### Day 4. Esperance, Western Australia.

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### Day 5. Recherche Archipelago, Western Australia.

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### Day 6-7. At Sea.

### Day 8. Port Lincoln, South Australia.

The pristine waters of the Eyre peninsula are home to thriving aquaculture industries for Kingfish, Mussels and the famous Coffin Bay oysters. The peninsula also boasts a boutique food industry producing honey, olives, fudge, dried fruits, sea salts and capers, just to name a few. With more than 2,000km of pristine coastline, quality seafood is

the region's hero. You will have the opportunity to take a coach tour showcasing the regions gourmet produce.

### Day 9. Victor Harbour, South Australia.

Victor Harbour overlooks the beautiful Encounter Bay and is the Gateway to the Fleurieu Peninsula offering some of South Australia's finest coastal, scenic and culinary experiences. At the heart of one of Australia's oldest and most acclaimed wine regions is McLaren Vale, boasting more than 100 cellar doors and a multitude of culinary offerings, from handmade cheeses and chocolates to olives and almonds. You will have the opportunity to take a coach tour to discover the fine wines and gourmet produce of this region.

### Day 10. At Sea.

### Day 11. King Island, Tasmania.

Anchored in the middle of the Bass Strait between Victoria and Tasmania's North West coast and 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. There is 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 walk of the island's produce, culture, history, flora and fauna.

### Day 12. Tamar Valley, Tasmania.

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. There's also the Tamar Valley Arts Trail, a unique space where you can meet the artist in their studio and 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 13. At Sea.

### Day 14. Hobart, Tasmania. Disembarkation.

Hobart is Tasmania's capital city and the second oldest capital in Australia, after Sydney. Combining heritage and charm with a modern lifestyle, Hobart has been listed as one of the top ten spots to visit in the world. With its captivating history, picturesque waterways, rugged mountains and gourmet experiences, the city has something for everyone.

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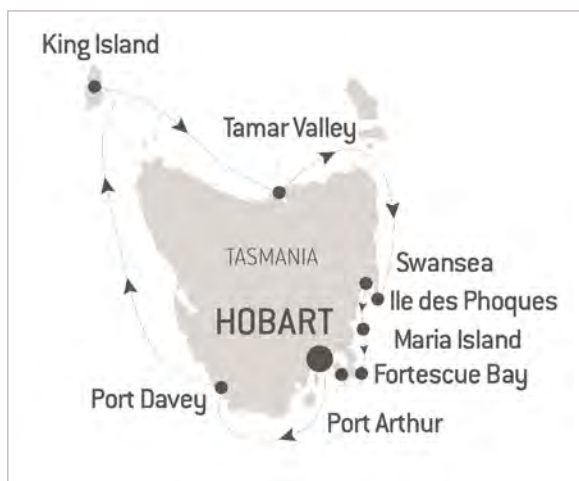
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## Tasmania Circumnavigation

Hobart - Hobart | Departs 30 October & 8 November 2021 aboard *Le Soléal*  
 10 days / 9 nights | From \$7,460 per person\* in a Deluxe Stateroom

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Discover the wonders that await tucked away at the bottom of Australia on this exciting circumnavigation of Tasmania, Australia's island state. Filled with varied landscapes, culinary delights and unrivalled nature, this is the voyage for those wanting a complete Tasmanian experience. Starting and finishing in the cosmopolitan but charming city of Hobart, this voyage will make its first stop in Port Davey, arguably one of the highlights of the trip. Only accessible by foot, boat or light aircraft, be one of the few to take in its unspoilt scenery, rugged peaks, wild rivers, unique flora and fauna, and breathtaking coastline. Continue to King Island, the outcrop known for its gastronomic delicacies, crystal-clear waters and unique flora & fauna. After savouring the lavish flavours of the Tamar Valley's award-winning wines, explore the Ile des Phoques (Seal Island) by Zodiac<sup>®</sup>, home to breeding colonies of seabirds and hordes of Australian fur seals. Marvel at the majestic painted cliffs, historic ruins and natural wildlife sanctuary of Maria Island, before enjoying a refreshing swim in the pristine waters of Fortescue Bay while taking in the striking dolerite spires that rise from the Tasman Sea, culminating in capes Huay, Pillar, and Raoul. Before heading back to Hobart, learn about Tasmania's tumultuous colonial history at the Port Arthur Historic Site.



### Expedition Highlights:

- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Port Davey, Maria Island and Port Arthur
- Experience the Mining and Maritime History of Tasmania's North West.
- Enjoy some of the finest award-winning wines of the Tamar Valley.
- View Australia's highest sea cliffs at Cape Huay.
- Marvel at dramatic scenery of the South West Wilderness at Port Davey.
- Witness Australian Fur seals in their natural environment.
- Taste the world renowned cool climate wines and artisanal produce of Tasmania's East Coast.
- Gain an insight into the history, culture, and incredible diversity of life from your expert expedition team.



## Tasmania Circumnavigation - Itinerary

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The charms of Port Davey are 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, and is home to wildlife that includes the little blue penguin and Australian fur seal. If time and weather permits, you will have the opportunity to explore the coastal environments and view the wildlife from our fleet of Zodiacs®.

### Day 3. King Island, Tasmania.

Anchored in the middle of the Bass Strait between Victoria and Tasmania's North West coast and 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. There is 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 walk of the island's produce, culture, history, flora and fauna.

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Ile des Phoques, or Seal Island, is a small rugged granite island, forming part of the Schouten Island Group, lying close to the east coast of Tasmania. 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. 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 Zodiacs®.

### Day 6. Swansea, Tasmania.

Swansea is a quiet, friendly and laid back seaside village nestled on the shores of Great Oyster Bay with breathtaking views across the bay to the Hazards Mountains of Freycinet National Park. The town centre is home to many interesting historic buildings with a rich colonial history and old world charm. You will have the opportunity to discover the region's gourmet produce, wines, history and scenery.

### Day 7. Maria Island, Tasmania.

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### Day 8. Fortescue Bay, Tasman Peninsula, Tasmania.

The park's varied coastline and offshore islands provide abundant habitats for marine life. 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 forrests, and Australia's highest sea cliffs. 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 Zodiacs®.

### Day 9. Port Arthur, Tasman Peninsula, Tasmania.

Over its long history, Port Arthur has been a place of hardship and punishment, a place of opportunity, and a place of leisure. Now it is one of Australia's most important heritage destinations, where the story of Australia's colonial history is written in stone and brick. Join your expedition team and local guides for an insight into Tasmania's tumultuous past.

### Day 10. Hobart, Tasmania. Disembarkation.

On your return to Hobart, you will have the opportunity to experience this popular town. Award-winning restaurants offer fine dining experiences using the best Tasmanian produce recognised by the world's best chefs, while on the waterfront fishmongers sell the freshest seafood straight from the Southern Ocean.

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# Luxury Expeditions at home

## Queensland's Islands & Reefs

Cairns - Brisbane | Departs 8 December 2021 aboard *Le Lapérouse*  
8 days / 7 nights | From \$4,670 per person\* in a Deluxe Stateroom

**BOOK EARLY & SAVE UP TO 30%<sup>^</sup>**  
**New to PONANT? Receive \$800 off**  
**your first voyage<sup>#</sup>**

Enjoy a soft expedition adventure along Australia's East coast on board *Le Lapérouse*. Starting in Cairns, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef, set sail towards Willis Islets in the Coral Sea Territories. Featuring not less than 30 separate reefs along with the spectacular Coral Sea Marine Park, as well as Willis Island where a monitoring station was established in 1921 to provide cyclone early warnings services to Queensland. Continuing on to Hardy Reef, you'll have the chance to explore the underwater environment either by semi-submersive, underwater viewing chambers, snorkelling or diving. On Percy Island, enjoy some relaxation time as your Zodiac<sup>®</sup> takes you to picturesque West Bay for a swim in the crystal-clear waters or a nature walk alongside your expedition team. Next on your itinerary, experience world-class snorkelling on Lady Musgrave Island and its incredibly diverse and rich marine life including the endangered green turtles and loggerhead turtles, before reaching Brisbane, your disembarkation port.



### Expedition Highlights:

- Explore the Coral Sea Marine Park, Australia's largest single marine park and one of the world's largest protected areas.
- View the remote Willis Islets and their associated cays.
- Take a glass bottom boat tour and learn about the diversity of the Great Barrier Reef.
- Experience snorkelling on an outer barrier reef at Hardy Reef.
- Relax on the picture perfect Percy Island.
- Take a guided walk on the spectacular Lady Musgrave Island.
- Gain an insight into the incredible bio diversity and natural heritage of the region from your expert naturalist team.



## Queensland's Islands & Reefs - Itinerary

### Day 1. Cairns, Queensland. Embarkation.

Washed by the Coral Sea, the harbour town of Cairns is located on Australia's north-east coast. The seafront esplanade is a popular place for locals and visitors to walk, swim and picnic under the shade of swaying palm trees. The hills surrounding Cairns form the gateway to the Queensland Rainforests, proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage site for their fauna and flora from the Gondwana era.

### Day 2. Willis Island, Coral Sea Territory.

The Coral Sea Islands Territory is a territory of Australia extending east and south from the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef, with 51 islets and cays along with 30 separate reefs and atolls, Willis Island being the only permanently inhabited island. The Willis Island weather monitoring station was established in 1921 to provide a cyclone early warning service for Queensland, and four weather observers usually live on the island. The recently established Coral Sea Marine Park is one of the world's largest marine parks, and protects 16 different seafloor, 15,000 km<sup>2</sup> of reef systems an abundance of corals, reef fishes, sea stars, clams and sea cucumbers. Whilst landings are prohibited. If time and weather permit, guests will have the opportunity to explore the Willis Islets from our fleet of Zodiacs®.

### Day 3. At Sea.

### Day 4. Hardy Reef, Great Barrier Reef, Queensland

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system composed of over 2,900 individual reefs and 900 islands stretching for over 2,300 kilometres along Australia's tropical East Coast. It supports a wide diversity of marine life and was selected as a World Heritage Site in 1981. Hardy reef is home to the innovatively designed Reef world pontoon, ideally situated in shallower waters with protection from the surrounding sea conditions. You will be transferred by Zodiac® to the pontoon which provides easy access to the aquatic realm either by semi-submersible, underwater viewing chamber, snorkelling or diving. There is also undercover seating and tables, sun decks, freshwater showers and change rooms available.

### Day 5. Percy Island, Great Barrier Reef, Queensland

The explorer Matthew Flinders described the cove at West Bay on Middle Percy Island as "one of the prettiest little places imaginable". The largest of the three islands in the group, Middle Percy, is a favourite stop for cruising yachtsmen on route between the tropical north and southern seas. An A-frame hut on the beach at West Bay is decorated with memorabilia and souvenirs from these yachts. After a short Zodiac® ride to the beach at West Bay you will be able to relax on this picture postcard beach or take a refreshing swim in the clear waters. For the more energetic, there are walking trails where you may catch a glimpse of some of the native and introduced wildlife.

### Day 6. Lady Musgrave Island, Great Barrier Reef, Queensland.

Located on Australia's Great Barrier Reef, Lady Musgrave Island is the second most southerly cay of the Great Barrier Reef and forms part of the Capricornia Cays National Park. Contained within the cay is a large lagoon supporting a diverse array of fish and corals, providing ideal snorkelling conditions. The island supports a major breeding population of vulnerable green turtles and a minor breeding population of endangered loggerhead turtles. It is also an important site for several species of coastal birds forming part of the Capricornia Cays Important Bird Area. You will have the opportunity to swim and snorkel in the lagoon, take a glass bottom boat tour as well as a guided walk on the Island.

### Day 7. At Sea.

### Day 8. Brisbane, Queensland. Disembarkation.

As the capital of the Sunshine state, Brisbane enjoys almost 300 days of sunshine per year making it the perfect destination to enjoy a subtropical alfresco lifestyle with a laid-back charm. Major cultural attractions, world class arts and entertainment facilities and impressive natural wonders combine to make Brisbane an exciting destination. *Le Lapérouse* will be alongside the Brisbane's cruise terminal at portside wharf and disembarkation will commence after breakfast.

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# Luxury Expeditions at home

## Highlights of Australia's East Coast

Brisbane - Hobart | Departs 15 December 2021 aboard *Le Lapérouse*  
9 days / 8 nights | From \$5,330 per person\* in a Deluxe Stateroom

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**New to PONANT? Receive \$800 off your first voyage<sup>#</sup>**

Step onboard *Le Lapérouse* for this soft expedition between Brisbane and Hobart highlighting the best of the South East coast. Starting in the Sunshine State Capital Brisbane, you will sail towards the Hawkesbury River region in New South Wales, famous for its colourful cliffs and historic townships, join your expedition team to explore the area in our fleet of Zodiacs<sup>®</sup>. Next on your itinerary, Eden on the New South Wales south coast will reveal its long-associated history with whales and let you explore the region's stunning National Parks and scenic coastline. Reaching Maria Island in Tasmania, discover the region's history and extraordinary wildlife sanctuaries alongside your team of expedition experts, and on the Tasman Peninsula, navigate the rugged coastline and spot the various local marine life including Australian Fur Seals, little penguins and whales. Explore the beautiful inland woodland and forrests. Your voyage will finish in Hobart, Australia's second oldest capital filled with intriguing history and gourmet experiences.



### Expedition Highlights:

- Explore Ben Boyd National Park with its rugged coastlines, vivid rock formations, pristine beaches, and intriguing history.
- Visit the UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site and spectacular painted cliffs of Maria Island.
- Explore the three arms, of the estuary of the Hawkesbury River region in our fleet of Zodiacs<sup>®</sup>.
- Explore Eden's long-associated history with the whales and the fascinating story of 'Old Tom'.
- Delve into Tasmania's colonial history.
- View Australia's highest sea cliffs at Cape Huay.
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## Highlights of Australia's East Coast - Itinerary

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### Day 2. At Sea.

### Day 3. Hawkesbury River, New South Wales.

The tranquil Hawkesbury River has its origin at the confluence of the Nepean and Grose Rivers, flowing past honeycomb-coloured cliffs, historic townships and riverside hamlets for approximately 120 kilometres to its mouth at Broken Bay. The Bay comprises three arms, the estuary of the Hawkesbury River in the west, Pittwater to the south, and Brisbane Water to the north. Taking in over 100km of coastline along the southern edge of Broken Bay Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park is a classic mix of sandstone, bushland and water vistas. You will have the opportunity to view the coastline and bays from our fleet of Zodiacs®.

### Day 4. Jervis Bay, New South Wales.

Best known for its white sand beaches and clear turquoise waters, considered amongst the safest and most beautiful in the world, Jervis Bay is a popular seaside escape. In the surrounding region, unspoiled coastal and country villages have local produce markets, boutique shops, art galleries and a museum. Jervis Bay is home to Booderee and Jervis Bay National Parks and the Jervis Bay Marine Park. Birdlife International have identified areas on both sides of the Bay as Important Bird Areas. will have the opportunity to undertake a tour showcasing the regions history and scenery.

### Day 5. Eden, New South Wales.

Eden is situated on the New South Wales South Coast, nestled amongst beautiful national parks and rugged coastline. Set in the magnificent Twofold Bay, the third deepest natural harbour in the southern hemisphere, Eden has a long-associated history with whales. Recorded in the fascinating displays at the Eden Killer Whale Museum are the tales of the wild killer whales who hunted with the Yuin people,

and later with European settlers. From Pambula Beach in the north to historic Green Cape lighthouse in the south, Ben Boyd National Park features rugged coastlines, vivid rock formations, pristine beaches, extensive areas of coastal heath and intriguing history. Today you will have the opportunity to take a coach tour to explore the regions history.

### Day 6. At Sea.

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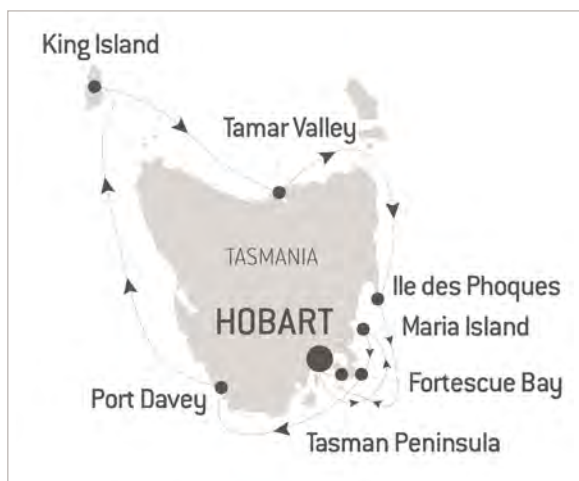
# Luxury Expeditions at home

## Food, Wine & Yacht Race in Tasmania

Hobart - Hobart | Departs 23 December 2021 aboard *Le Lapérouse*  
 11 days / 10 nights | From \$8,250 per person\* in a Deluxe Stateroom

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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 the New Year in Hobart with the arrival of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. Starting in Australia's second oldest city Hobart, you will sail on to 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 dolerite 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 Zodiacs<sup>®</sup>. You will get a chance to reach the remote, isolated Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area to experience more natural wonders, before reaching King Island, where you'll 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, you will have the opportunity to 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', home to several breeding seabird species including short tailed shearwater and fairy prion. Back in Hobart, your ship will spend two days alongside the port for you to enjoy the finish line and celebrations 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.



### Expedition Highlights:

- 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.
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## Food, Wine & Yacht Race in Tasmania - Itinerary

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### Day 8. Sailing the 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 Huay, 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. Today guests 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.

### Day 9-10. Alongside Hobart Wharf, Tasmania.

*Le Lapérouse* will spend two days alongside the wharf in Hobart to allow guests to enjoy the festivities associated with the finish of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race and New Year's Eve celebrations. There will also be the opportunity to experience Australia's biggest and longest running food and wine festival, Taste of Tasmania.

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