

## Cruise Tasmania

**Depart Cairns 29th October at 1.15PM arrive Melbourne 5.35PM – Qantas**

Depart Melbourne 29th October at 7.30PM arrive Hobart 8.45PM – Qantas

Accommodation: Wrest Point IN: 29th October OUT: 30th October

Commence the following cruise on Ponant Le Soleal in Hobart on the 30th October and ending in Hobart on the 8th November

### **30 OCTOBER 2021 HOBART, TASMANIA**

*Embarkation 30/10/2021 from 15h00 to 16h00*

*Departure 30/10/2021 at 17h00*

**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.



### **31 OCTOBER 2021 PORT DAVEY, TASMANIA**

*Arrival 31/10/2021*

*Departure 31/10/2021*

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®.



## 1 NOVEMBER 2021 KING ISLAND, TASMANIA

*Arrival 1/11/2021*

*Departure 1/11/2021*

**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.



## 2 NOVEMBER 2021 TAMAR VALLEY, TASMANIA

*Arrival 2/11/2021*

*Departure 2/11/2021*

**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.



### **3 NOVEMBER 2021 ÎLE DES PHOQUES, TASMANIA**

*Arrival 3/11/2021*

*Departure 3/11/2021*

**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®.



## 4 NOVEMBER 2021 SWANSEA, TASMANIA

*Arrival 4/11/2021*

*Departure 4/11/2021*

**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. Established as the first municipality in Australia after Hobart and Sydney, the town centre is home to many interesting historic buildings with a rich colonial history and old world charm. Local cafes and restaurants serve Swansea's fresh harvests from land and sea - including the town's famous oysters - and nearby vineyards and farm gates offer tasty drops, fresh fruit, walnuts, olives and more. You will have the opportunity to discover the region's gourmet produce, wines, history and scenery.



## 5 NOVEMBER 2021 PORT ARTHUR, TASMANIA

*Arrival 5/11/2021*

*Departure 5/11/2021*

The **Port Arthur** Historic Site was established in 1830 as a timber station and was soon built into a small town designed for the housing and punishment of over a thousand of Tasmania's most notorious convicts. 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. Port Arthur was included in the National Heritage List on 3 June 2005 and is one of 5 World Heritage listed convict sites in Tasmania. Join your expedition team and local guides for an insight into Tasmania's tumultuous past.



## **6 NOVEMBER 2021 MARIA ISLAND, TASMANIA**

*Arrival 6/11/2021*

*Departure 6/11/2021*

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 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®.



## 7 NOVEMBER 2021 TASMAN PENINSULA

*Arrival 7/11/2021*

*Departure 7/11/2021*

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®.



## 8 NOVEMBER 2021 HOBART, TASMANIA

*Arrival 8/11/2021 early morning*

*Disembarkation 8/11/2021 at 06h00*

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Accommodation: Wrest Point IN: 8th November OUT: 9th November

Depart Hobart 9th November at 6.00AM arrive Melbourne 7.15AM – Qantas

Depart Melbourne 9th November at 9.45AM arrive Cairns 12.05PM – Qantas

Cost per person \$8657.00 and includes the following:

Airfares

Airport taxes

2 nights accommodation in Brisbane

9 night cruise in a superior cabin including all meals and beverages