



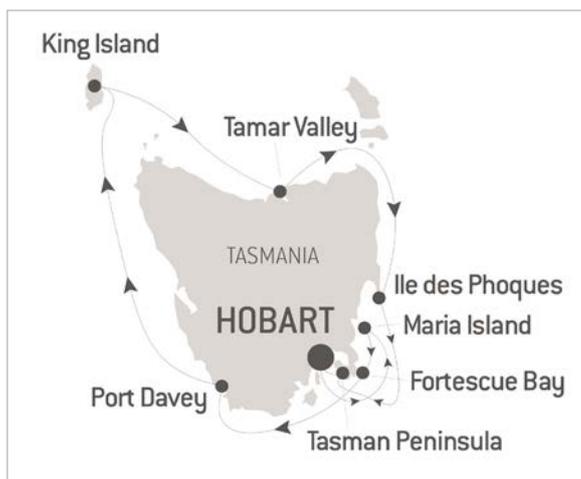
Luxury Expeditions at home

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 (AUD)

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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[®]. 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.
- 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.



Food, Wine & Yacht Race in Tasmania - Itinerary

Day 1. Hobart, Tasmania. Embarkation.

Hobart is Tasmania's capital city and the second oldest capital in Australia. 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.

Day 2. Maria Island, Tasmania.

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. It is also one of Tasmania's great bird watching hot spots. Eleven of the state's twelve endemic species can be seen here, including the endangered forty-spotted pardalote and the rare Cape Barren goose. Grassland's, open forest and tall woodland provides a home for wildlife including wombats, Forester Kangaroos and Bennetts wallabies. Join members of your expedition team for a guided walk on one of several trails on offer and if time and weather permit we will explore the shoreline with our fleet of Zodiacs®.

Day 3. 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 4. Port Davey, South West Wilderness, Tasmania.

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 5. 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 6. 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 7. Ile des Phoques, Tasmania.

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 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.

Day 11. Hobart, Tasmania. Disembarkation.

On your return to Hobart, you will have the opportunity to experience this charming 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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