



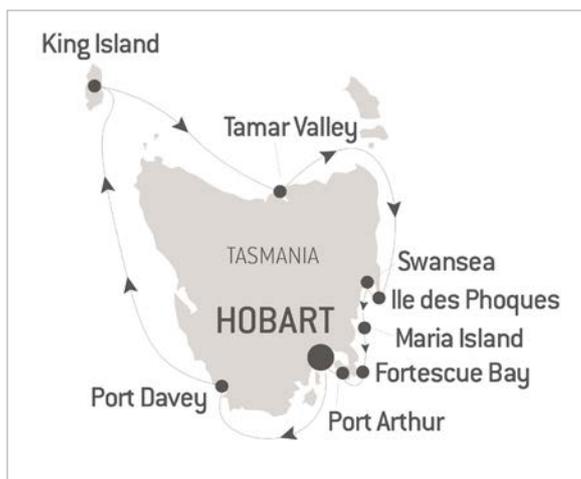
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## Tasmania Circumnavigation

Hobart - Hobart | Departs 30 October & 8 November 2021 aboard *Le Soléal*  
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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

### 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. 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 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.

### Day 4. 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 5. 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 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.

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 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.

Contact your Travel Agent:

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