



WINEGLASS BAY, TASMANIA

# AUSTRALIA

## Pristine Australia: Tasmania & Great Ocean Road

15 DAYS | Choose your dates | Best season to travel: **SEP - JUN**

*Experience the natural beauty of untouched Australia on this immersive 15-day coastal journey over land and sea. Take in the spectacular views of the Great Ocean Road and the Twelve Apostles set against a magnificent backdrop of huge limestone cliffs. In Tasmania, embark on a 7-day expedition voyage and become immersed in the region's breathtaking national parks, from the perfect circular formation of Wineglass Bay to the dramatic peaks of pink granite at Freycinet. Get up-close looks at iconic Australian wildlife like koalas, wallabies, wombats, and kangaroos, learn about the country's colonial history, and try a taste of local cheese, vodka, and oysters. Indulge in your sense of adventure as you discover one of the most pristine and beautiful landscapes on earth!*

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk along the paths of the Great Ocean Road with spectacular views of the Southern Ocean.
- Take a bushwalk in You Yangs Regional Park to observe koalas, wallabies, kangaroos, and emus.
- Enjoy delicious local produce and Tasmanian wine.
- Be guided on a behind-the-scenes tour of Port Arthur.
- Hike the breathtaking Wineglass Bay Track.
- Experience the diverse wildlife and history of Maria Island.
- Spot fur seals hauling up rocky cliffs.
- Explore the World Heritage Wilderness of Port Davey and Bathurst Harbour.
- Marvel at the shipbuilding heritage at the Wooden Boat Centre in Franklin.



CORAL DISCOVERER

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Bilingual local guide
- Driver
- Accommodations
- Activities
- Private transportation
- Meals
- Beverages with meals
- Carbon offsetting



TWELVE APOSTLES

## ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

### DAYS 1 & 2 - DEPART U.S.

Overnight flight crossing international dateline. Arrive in Melbourne, Australia.

### DAY 3 - MELBOURNE

Upon arrival at Melbourne Airport, shuttle to our central-city hotel. This afternoon rest from your flight or explore central Melbourne on your own with its trendy walkways, historic buildings, parklands, the Yarra River and precincts. This evening we gather for a briefing in the lobby of our hotel, followed by welcome dinner. *Overnight at Clarion Suites. (D)*



KOALAS

### DAY 4 - GREAT OPEN ROAD

Enjoy breakfast, check out of our hotel and depart to the bushland for a close view of Australian wildlife at You Yangs Park. This area is of great significance to the local Aboriginal People of the Wathaurong Tribe; the granite rock formations of the You Yangs have served as a meeting place for Aboriginal People from all over southeastern Australia. The park is also home to a population of wild koalas that are researched and monitored to ensure the best possible sightings. Our naturalist guide begins with a

detailed introduction to Australian wildlife starting with a visit to a Koala Research site where we search for Koalas in the wild followed by a walk with wild Kangaroos in a nearby woodland. After a bush lunch, explore the Great Ocean Road with spectacular views of the coastline before finishing the day in the pretty coastal town of Lorne. Local guide services during tours. This evening dinner is on your own. *Overnight at Mantra Lorne or similar. (BL)*

### DAY 5 - GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel, today we continue our exploration of the spectacular coastal scenery, and rainforest area. We stop for a talk at the Memorial Arch where we learn about the history of the Great Ocean Road – how the road was built by hand with picks and shovels by WWI soldiers who returned and how the road is dedicated to all those who died in battle. As a group we take time to enjoy the wildlife of the Great Ocean Road, including wallabies, parrots, koalas, kangaroos, Rufous Bristlebirds and waterbirds. *Overnight at Mantra Lorne or similar. (BLD)*

### DAY 6 - PORT CAMPBELL

This morning we visit Cape Otway for a view of Australia's oldest mainland lighthouse. We walk to the scenic lookout and the historic Signal Station, followed by a walk along a section of the Great Ocean Walk to view the historic



GREAT OCEAN ROAD MEMORIAL ARCH

Lightstation cemetery. We pause to enjoy spectacular views of the Southern Ocean. Later this afternoon continue to Port Campbell National Park looking for echidnas, wallabies, lizards, and birds; and view Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge. *Overnight at Southern Ocean Motor Inn. (BL)*

## DAY 7 - HOBART

After breakfast, check out and return to Melbourne for an afternoon flight to Hobart. Upon arrival transfer to Hobart's Macquarie Wharf at 3:00pm ahead of our 4:00pm departure. Cruise the River Derwent with views of the city and the mighty Tasman Bridge. Enjoy the Captain's Welcome Drinks and sample Tasmanian cheeses, Bruny Island oysters and sparkling wines as we make our way through the scenic D'Entrecasteaux Channel. 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 favorable weather conditions, and immerse you in the very best of Tasmania's flora, fauna and wild coastline. *(BLD)*

## DAY 8 - TASMANIA CRUISE

Learn about the process of sheep cheese-making at the family-run Grandveve Cheeses, and at the cellar door enjoy a taste of their 'ewenique' sheep's whey vodka. Visit either the Woodbridge Marine Discovery Centre or Pepperberries Garden Café and Art Farm for a walk through lavender fields, enjoying their fine collection of sculptures. Cruise the Huon River and visit the township of Franklin and the Wooden Boat Centre. *Overnight aboard Coral Discoverer. (BLD)*

## DAY 9 - TASMANIA CRUISE

A marine reserve, and part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, Port Davey is Tasmania untouched. If conditions allow, guests will spend one to 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 uncharted 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. *Overnight aboard Coral Discoverer. (BLD)*

## DAY 10 - TASMANIA CRUISE

Experience the rugged beauty of the Fluted Cape as you walk along the sheer coastal cliffs or cruise in our Xplorer vessel for a closer look around Penguin Island under the spectacular dolerite formations. Learn about the rich maritime history of Adventure Bay as you meander past the ruins of old whaling stations under the shade She Oaks on the way to Grassy Point. *Overnight aboard Coral Discoverer. (BLD)*

## DAY 11 - TASMANIA CRUISE

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. Witness numerous fur seals lounging on the rocks on the Ile des Phoques, a small rocky island between Freycinet Peninsula and Maria Island. 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, Bennetts 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. *Overnight aboard Coral Discoverer. (BLD)*

## DAY 12 - TASMANIA CRUISE

Feel small as you stand beside the 300 meter 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 a 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. *Overnight aboard Coral Discoverer. (BLD)*

## DAY 13 - TASMANIA CRUISE

A unique experience awaits at the UNESCO World Heritage listed Port Arthur Historic Site. Australia's most intact convict site,

between 1833 and 1877 the penal colony housed Britain and Australia's worst criminals, and was considered inescapable. Today, the Historic Site has over 30 buildings, ruins and restored period homes set in 100 acres of landscaped grounds. In the company of Port Arthur's resident Archaeologist, join an exclusive 'behind the scenes tour' of the site, which includes access to private collections and historic buildings not accessible to the general public and a private reception to enjoy Tasmanian wines and canapes made from locally sourced ingredients. *Overnight aboard Coral Discoverer. (BLD)*

## DAY 14 - HOBART-MELBOURNE

We disembark at Hobart's Macquarie Wharf at 08:00am. Transfer to the airport for our flight to Melbourne International Airport for your homebound flight. *(B)*

## DAY 15 - ARRIVE IN U.S.

Arrive home after crossing the international dateline.





PORT ARTHUR RUINS BY CORAL EXPEDITIONS



## OPTIONAL EXTENSION



SNORKELING BY TOURISM QUEENSLAND

### Great Barrier Reef

4 days/3 nights for \$1125

Experience one of the world's most spectacular natural wonders up close on your 4-day extension to Australia's Great Barrier Reef!

Set sail via catamaran on picturesque Michaelmas Cay to explore its pristine sands, turquoise waters, and colorful coral. The full day includes optional snorkeling (with equipment), marine biology presentation and coral tour, and buffet lunch.

You'll also explore Daintree National Park, a World Heritage Site "where the rainforest meets the reef." Go on a river cruise, take in vistas of the stunning Coral Sea, and hike along elevated boardwalks in search of wildlife. End with time to stroll along nearby Cape Tribulation Beach.

## LAND PRICING

**\$8,975** (10 participants + 1 leader)

**\$8,475** (15 participants + 1 leader)

Price includes accommodations, meals, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, private transportation unless otherwise noted in itinerary, non-alcoholic beverages with meals, local guides in each region for duration of program, and carbon offset.

International airfare, gratuities, or items of a personal nature are not included.

## TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants traveling in 2018 or beyond. These plans help provide coverage once the trip has departed and offer benefits for Baggage/Personal Effects, Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses, Emergency Evacuation and more. Refer to the Plan Document for more details.

Optional additional coverage is available in the form of the Group Deluxe Plan, which offers benefits for Trip Cancellation/Interruption, in addition to many other insurance benefits and non-insurance assistance services. If interested in this optional plan, we can provide you with rates and plan details.

## THE FINE PRINT

*A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form is due to secure your reservation. This deposit is refundable until 95 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Final payments are due no later than 95 days prior to departure. Non-refundable final payment is due at 95 days prior to departure.*

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