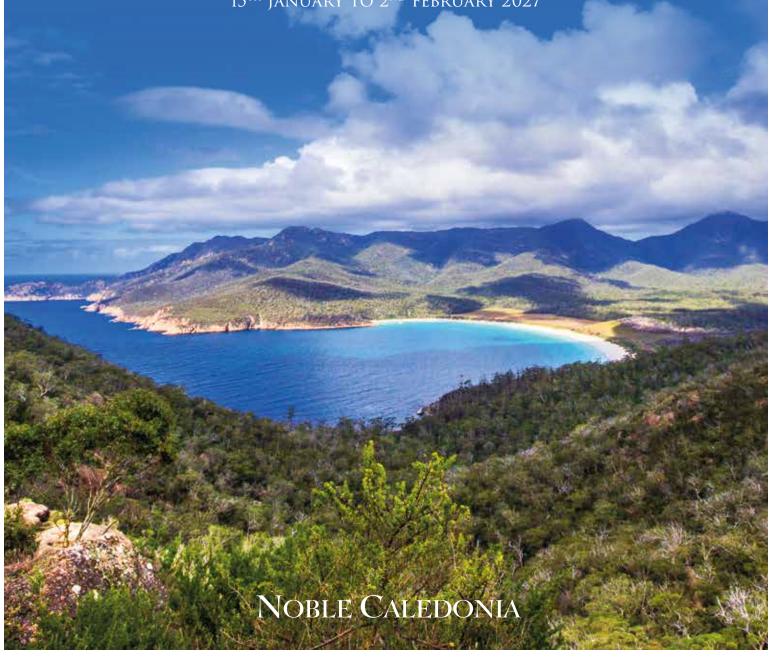


# TIMELESS TASMANIA

A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF TASMANIA ABOARD THE CORAL ADVENTURER

15<sup>th</sup> January To 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2027



# CORAL ADVENTURER – A UNIQUE SMALL SHIP FOR AUSTRALASIA



For our small ship adventures in Australia and New Zealand, we have chosen to partner with Coral Expeditions and their vessel the Coral Adventurer which was purpose built to explore the remote and tropical regions of Australasia. An Australian-owned and operated company established over forty years ago, Coral Expeditions share our passion for small ships and our aim of bringing small groups of like-minded travellers to some of most beautiful and culturally fascinating places in the world accompanied by a team of experts and in a high degree of comfort.

We have exclusively chartered the Coral Adventurer which was launched in 2019 and is simply the perfect small ship for the region. Accommodating a maximum of 120 passengers (limited to just 100 for our exclusive charters) and featuring a shallow draft and high manoeuvrability, the vessel can navigate inaccessible reef systems, rivers and shores which are out of reach to larger vessels. In addition to a fleet of Zodiacs, the Coral Adventurer carries two unique Xplorer tenders which provide guests with unrivalled access to nature with ease. The atmosphere on board is relaxed and informal with the focus being on exploration and the excellent Australian crew are dedicated to providing attentive hospitality with a warm and relaxed Australian style.

# **EXPLORING ASHORE**

An unrivalled and unique benefit of sailing aboard the Coral Adventurer are the two tender vessels which simplify travelling ashore and were designed with flexibility and guest comfort in mind. The Xplorer vessels ensure that all guests can travel to shore or explore hidden bays and inlets safely and comfortably. The Xplorers are very easy to board directly from the deck and provide comfortable seating. Onboard, a microphone and speakers assist the guides in sharing their expert commentary, a canopy overhead protects from the sun, and there is a toilet for remote convenience. The Xplorers can be boarded directly from the ship's Coral Deck, before the hydraulic platform gently lowers into the water, making it easily accessible for all guests. The twin Xplorers are equipped with 2x twin 225 horsepower engines and can reach up to 20 knots in speed. The onboard Zodiacs provide a further flexible option for shore excursions and can be paired with the Xplorers for navigating narrow inlets and waterways.





### **YOUR SPACE**

Public areas throughout the ship are open, light and airy with large picture windows to take in the surrounding vistas. The comfortable lounge on the Bridge Deck is a place to relax with a good book, attend lectures and presentations and enjoy evening films and activities. The elegant Dining Room on the Promenade Deck features indoor and outdoor seating and operates an open seating arrangement meaning you can sit with whom you like each evening. In addition to the Dining Room and Bridge Lounge Bar there are two additional outdoor bar areas. A much-loved aspect of the onboard experience is the open bridge policy which allows you to spend time with the Captain and Officers learning about all aspects of navigation and trip planning. In addition, for those intrigued by the inner

workings of the vessel, engine room tours provide fascinating access below decks. For guests seeking to maintain their wellness routine while at sea there is access to onboard fitness equipment and a small gym, enabling active guests to make the most of their days at sea. There is also a resource library on board with a selection of books covering natural history, geology, local cultures, and flora & fauna, as well as fictional novels and games to enjoy. Outside there is over 1000 square metres of open deck space with a wrap-around promenade deck providing panoramic views. Another unique attribute of the Coral Adventurer is the wonderful indigenous artworks which you will discover throughout the vessel.







Open Bridge

### YOUR DINING

The culinary experience on board emphasises freshness, seasonality, and sustainability and is inspired by the regions being discovered. Meals are prepared daily in small batches in the open galley, maximising freshness and minimising waste. There is a generous daily breakfast buffet which offers a wide choice of hot and cold options, cereals, pastries, fruit and juices. Lunches on board feature a selection of hot and cold dishes including freshly prepared salads, local seafood and seasonal tropical fruits whilst dinner is a three course affair. In between meals, chefs will welcome you back on board with freshly baked treats and will prepare delicious canapés to accompany pre-dinner drinks. Complementing lunch and dinner are a selection of included wines, beers and soft drinks. There is also a 24-hour tea and coffee station with biscuits, cake slices and fresh fruit always available.

# YOUR LIFE ON BOARD

On board you can expect laid-back Australian hospitality and a relaxed convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded explorers. With no designated seating and few formalities, a spirit of camaraderie and friendship flourishes. You will be accompanied by an expert team who will inform and entertain through their presentations and each evening the Expedition Leader will provide an overview of the next day's activities. A Daily Newsletter outlining excursion information, meal hours, and onboard activities for the following day will be also delivered to your cabin each evening during turn down. The Australian crew enjoy a high level of interaction with the guests and after a day of exploration, guests are invited each evening to gather on deck for pre-dinner drinks.



Bridge Deck & Bar



Restaurant



On Deck

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### **YOUR CABIN**

All cabins are outside facing with ensuite bathroom, premium amenities, wardrobe, desk, armchair and many feature a private balcony allowing you to enjoy the spectacular vistas from your cabin. With the exception of the two suites on board, all staterooms feature a junior king sized bed which can be separated into twin beds. Staterooms on the Coral and Promenade Decks measure 17 square metres with those on the Coral Deck featuring portholes whilst those on the Promenade Deck feature a large picture window. Staterooms on the Explorer and Bridge Decks measure 21.4 square metres and feature a private balcony with seating for two. There are two very spacious suites on the Bridge Deck which measure 55.8 square metres and are equipped with a super king sized bed, lounge area, private balcony, minibar, personal coffee machine and a large bathroom which features a bath and separate shower.



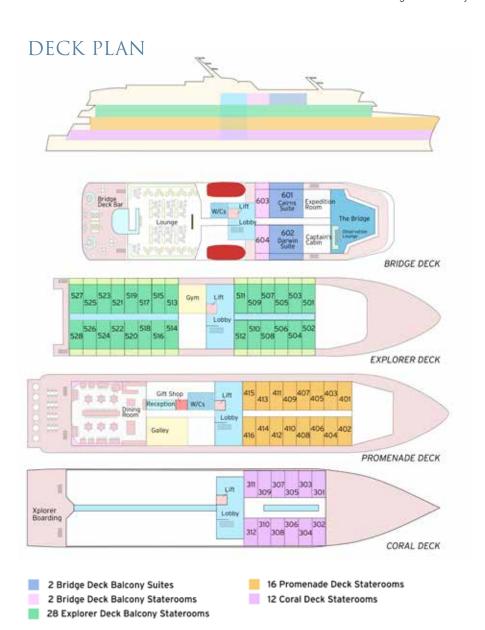
Promenade Deck Stateroom



Explorer Deck Stateroom



Bridge Deck Balcony Suite



# CORAL ADVENTURER VIDEO ONLINE



For further information on the vessel and what to expect, you can view a video tour of the Coral Adevnturer on our website www.noble-caledonia.co.uk



Gym



Open Galley



Promenade Deck

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# TIMELESS TASMANIA

The oldest and smallest continent has it all, extraordinary wildlife, unique flora, forests which appear to go on forever, rolling pastureland, vineyards, plantations, mountains, rivers, and dramatic coastal scenery. Nowhere is this more true than on the island of Tasmania which, due to its isolated position, has retained a refreshingly 'untouched' feel both in its landscape and heritage. The old cliché of 'more British than the British' sits easily with Tasmania, where the predominant settlers were Anglo Saxon in origin. Due to its small population and isolation, the island has been by-passed by any massive economic development and the result for the visitor is sheer bliss.



Australia's island state is poised at the edge of the world, where the Southern and Pacific Oceans collide. Pristine World Heritage wilderness and national parks teem with native wildlife and Tasmania's natural beauty sees rugged mountain ranges culminate in soaring coastal cliffs and crescent shaped beaches. Amidst this stunning natural backdrop, Tasmania's intriguing history is displayed in compelling convict heritage and historic sites. In addition the fertile pastures and verdant valleys produce a bounty of world-renowned food and wine.

Such beauty and diversity is best explored by small ship and we have chartered the Coral Adventurer for this fascinating expedition which will circumnavigate Tasmania. The itinerary is brimming with highlights and includes a wonderful balance of history, culture, flora, fauna and architecture. Working with the Australian owners of the Coral Adventurer, we have planned our unique voyage to include seldom visited World Heritage Sites and pristine wilderness areas of Tasmania, a place renowned for its amazing diversity.

With the Coral Adventurer we can drop anchor in remote bays, navigate channels and call into harbours both large and small and with the unique Xplorer tender vessels and the Zodiac landing craft we will be able to land in otherwise inaccessible places, making the most of Tasmania's extraordinary natural attractions. At the end of each day we return to the Coral Adventurer and include in the delights of the celebrated cuisine and wine along with the convivial company of just 100 fellow passengers. We will be joined on board by an expedition team including guest speakers, some of whom call Tasmania home and have a wealth of knowledge of the flora, fauna and indigenous cultures.

## **VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Explore the beautiful Freycinet National Park. Stroll the sweeping white sand of Wineglass Bay and hike to the lookout for a spectacular view.
- Spend time on Maria Island witnessing the endemic wildlife and learning about the island's history as a penal colony.
- Visit remote Flinders Island. Experience one of Tasmania's 'Great Short Walks' in Strzelecki National Park.
- Witness the 300 metre high sea cliffs at Tasman National Park, the highest in the Southern hemisphere.
- Hike the Fluted Cape Track at Bruny Island.
- Encounter iconic wildlife including wombats, wallabies, kangaroos, the Tasmania Devil and fur seals.
- Taste cool climate wines at the vineyards of Tamar Valley and Bangor Vineyard.



# THE ITINERARY

Days 1 & 2 London or Manchester to Melbourne, Australia. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

**Day 3 Melbourne.** Arrive this morning and transfer to our central hotel for a two night stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after your journey or explore the city independently.

Day 4 Melbourne. After breakfast in the hotel you can choose to take a morning city tour including Federation Square, the Botanical Gardens and Melbourne Museum. Alternatively join a full day tour of the Great Ocean Road. On this glorious coastal drive we will visit Bells Beach, spot koalas in the wild, enjoy a guided tour of the Otways rainforest and marvel at the amazing rock formations of the Port Campbell National Park, including the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge. Along the way we will see pristine beaches and rugged rocky outcrops of the Great Ocean Road. Return to the hotel for an evening at leisure.

**Day 5 Melbourne to Hobart.** Enjoy some time at leisure this morning before we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Hobart. On arrival we will transfer to the Coral Adventurer and embark before we sail in the early evening.

Day 6 Maria Island. Arrive this morning at Maria Island National Park which is perhaps best known as the site of Tasmania's second penal settlement which opened in 1821. By the early 1830s it was decided that the site was too expensive to be viable so the convicts were returned to the penitentiaries of the mainland and the whalers, sealers, farmers and smugglers moved in. Today the only reminder is the remains of the penal settlement in Darlington, however Maria Island is also home to diverse flora and fauna including reintroduced animals such as forester kangaroos, Bennetts wallabies, Tasmanian native hens and Cape Barren geese that had been wiped out during the European occupation. The very things that made the island a convict settlement now make it an ideal refuge for plant and animal species that are under threat elsewhere. Join a nature walk, stroll amongst the ruins and beautifully restored buildings of the Darlington convict settlement or take a walk to the striking formations of

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the Painted Cliffs, where rich iron deposits have stained the sandstone cliffs with coloured streaks of red, purple and orange.

Day 7 Freycinet Peninsula. This morning we will explore the Freycinet National Park. The majestic beauty of Freycinet's granite mountains and white, sandy beaches fringed by eucalypts have long been admired by naturalists, artists and writers and the area was reserved as a National Park in 1916. From our anchorage in Promise Bay we will land at Hazards Beach from where we can see the stunning red and pink granite peaks known as The Hazards. From here we take the isthmus track across the iconic Wineglass Bay where there will be the chance to swim in the cool azure waters. Those feeling active may wish to take the hike up to the lookout.

Day 8 Flinders Island. Awake this morning off wild and rugged Flinders Island, one of the 52 islands in the Furneaux Group dotted across the Bass Strait. Here we find a combination of white sandy beaches, the pink and gray granite mountain ranges of Strzelecki National Park and a landscape of lagoons and wetlands. We will land on the picturesque Trousers Point beach, the starting point for one of 'Tasmania's Great Short Walks', as we follow the coastal track to Fotheringate Beach with its fascinating granite caves and rock formations and views over to the other Bass Strait islands. Meanwhile, as we explore the island we learn of the sombre history of the Wybalenna Settlement. It was to here that Aboriginal people from the Tasmanian mainland were exiled in the 1830s and 1840s, however most died from disease on the island before being transferred back to Tasmania's south. Also, see relics of Flinders maritime past at the Furneaux Museum and pass by the seaside villages.

Day 9 Launceston & Tamar Valley. One of Australia's oldest cities, Launceston is situated at the meeting of the North and South Esk rivers, where the Tamar River begins its journey to Bass Strait, and has one of the best preserved early cityscapes in Australia with its elegant colonial and Victorian architecture and century-old parks. On a full day tour we have the morning to enjoy some sightseeing around the city taking in the architecture of the historical buildings and the gardens that lace the streets. Also see the magnificent Cataract Gorge and learn about the fascinating collection of history, fauna and people of this region. We will return to the ship via one of the vineyards of the Tamar Valley which is renowned as one of the premium cool climate wine growing regions of Tasmania and where we will enjoy a tasting.

Day 10 Burnie. Continuing our journey along the north coast we arrive at Burnie. Settled as an industrial port by the Van Diemans Land company in the early 19th century it was a centre for the timber industry. Today, whilst many of the bigger firms have moved away, the town retains a number of artisans producing delicious foods, hand-made paper and single malt whiskey. Today you can choose to take a morning tour to the nearby Emu Valley Rhododendron Gardens and Fern Glade Nature Reserve before some free time to explore Burnie at your own pace, maybe visiting the Makers Workshop which honours the town's history. Alternatively join a full day tour to Cradle Mountain National Park, part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and one of the island's iconic sites. Here we find rich vegetation including grasslands and rainforest with many endemic plants and trees offering a rich habitat for wildlife including Tasmanian devils and birds. We will have time to walk at Dove Lake to see the wonderful views of Cradle Mountain whilst those feeling active may wish to tackle the summit.

Day 11 Stanley. Overnight we sail the short distance to Stanley. This is a town of well-preserved colonial buildings sheltering in the shadow of 'the Nut', an imposing volcanic plug which rises 150 metres above the town. This old volcanic land formation created from dried magma has steep sides and a flat top and we can either take the steep walking path or a more leisurely chairlift ride to the top to enjoy the views. Afterwards we will learn more about the region's history on a town tour including Highfield House, where European settlers first established themselves in Tasmania. Built in 1834 as a residence for Edward Curr, chief agent for the British Van Diemen's Land Company, the estate is a rare example of residential architecture and graceful design from the Regency period. Alternatively drive to the Tarkine Wilderness a 447,000 hectare area which includes Australia's largest patch of temperate rainforest as well as sand dunes, mountain ranges, moorland, wild rivers, caves and coastal heathland. Wildlife here includes wombats, platypus, bandicoot, giant crayfish and the Tasmanian devil as well as rare birds such as the orange bellied parrot and grey goshawk.

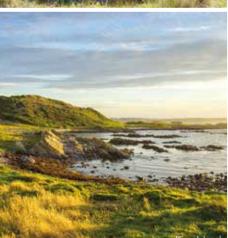
Day 12 King Island. Located in the Bass Strait which separates Tasmania with Victoria lies King Island, a peaceful paradise with rugged coastlines, beautiful beaches and wonderful nature walks. King Island's largest town is Currie which is home to 700 residents and set on a scenic harbour with amazing views of the vast Southern Ocean. Currie has a history of shipwreck salvage, agriculture and fishing, with a sleepy seaside village atmosphere. During our tour we will see the Currie Lighthouse which was built in the

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1870s to help prevent shipwrecks in a dangerous stretch of water known as the 'Eye of the Needle' and still stands guard over the ocean today. Also see the calcified forest which is made up of hundreds of weirdly shaped limestone features. The structures that make up the forest were created when calcium carbonate attached to the deep roots of coastal vegetation and have since been exposed when the surrounding sand has blown away.

**Day 13 At Sea.** Spend a leisurely day at sea as we cruise along the west coast of Tasmania. Home to striking mountain ranges, ancient pines and untamed rivers, the wild west coast is the heart of Tasmania's wilderness and a true frontier. Relax on board and take in the dramatic scenery from the deck and join one of the lectures.

Day 14 Bruny Island. Arrive this morning off the southern Tasmania coast at Adventure Bay which is on the east coast of Bruny Island. Here, those feeling active have the option to join a strenuous walk along the dramatic coastal cliffs of Fluted Cape where we hope to see Bennett's Wallabies. If weather permits, we will cruise the base of these near-vertical dolerite cliffs using the Xplorer tender vessels or Zodiacs. We will also learn about how southern right whales were almost hunted to extinction and Adventure Bay housed four whaling stations before the industry's decline in the mid-1840s. We can see the ruins of these stations on a walk to Grass Point.

Day 15 Tasman National Park & Bangor Vineyard. The Tasman Peninsula is known for its fascinating geological formations like the Tessellated Pavement, Tasman Arch, and the soaring 300 metre high dolerite sea cliffs of Cape Raoul, Cape Pillar and Cape Hauy – the tallest in the southern hemisphere. Watch fur seals hauling out on the rocks, as well as playful dolphins feeding and magnificent albatross soaring amongst the updrafts created by the sea cliffs. This afternoon we will drive to the Bangor Vineyard. After strolling through the vines we will learn about the cultivation of the wines and the history of the property before enjoying a tasting.

Day 16 Port Arthur. Named after Van Diemen's Land Lieutenant Governor, George Arthur, Port Arthur started as a timber station in 1830, but it is best known for being a penal colony. From 1833, until 1877, it was the destination for the hardest of convicted British and Irish criminals, those who were secondary offenders having re-offended after their arrival in Australia. Today, the Historic Site has over 30 buildings, ruins and restored period homes set in 100 acres of landscaped grounds which we

will discover with Port Arthur's knowledgeable guides. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before we make our way back to Hobart.

Day 17 Hobart. Tasmania's capital was founded in 1804 as a penal colony but today Hobart is a cosmopolitan city. After we disembark this morning, you can choose to learn more about the history of the city built by the early convicts. See the cathedral, the old jail and treasury and end up in the Salamanca Wharf area, a historic docks area which was built for the whaling industry. Alternatively take a journey to the summit of Mount Wellington measuring 4000 feet with wonderful views over the city returning via the Royal Botanical Gardens built along the Derwent River. Created in 1818 they are home to an extensive collection of native flora. After lunch in a local restaurant we will transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay and the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 18 Hobart to London or Manchester. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London or Manchester.

Day 19 London or Manchester. Arrive this morning.

# PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY			
DECK	CABIN DESCRIPTION	BROCHURE PRICE	SPECIAL OFFER PRICE
Promenade	Stateroom with picture window	£12995	£12495
Explorer	Stateroom with private balcony	£14395	£13895
Bridge	Stateroom with private balcony	£15395	£14895
Bridge	Suite with private balcony	£16795	£16295

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PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights hotel accommodation in Melbourne & overnight hotel accommodation in Hobart with breakfast • 12 nights aboard the Coral Adventurer on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Onboard Expedition Team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, Australia ETA, dinner on days 3, 4 & 17.

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