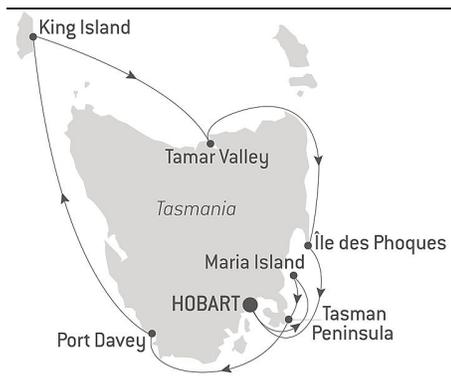


# Food, Wine & Yacht Race in Tasmania

From **23/12/2022**  
to **2/1/2023**

Ship: **LE LAPEROUSE**

From **Hobart, Tasmania**  
to **Hobart, Tasmania**



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 New Year in **Hobart** with the arrival of the **Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race**.

Starting in culture hub and Australia's second oldest city **Hobart**, start your itinerary on **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 dolerites 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 Zodiac<sup>®</sup>.

You will get a chance to reach the remote, isolated **Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area** for more natural wonders to experience, before reaching **King Island**, where you will 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**, follow the Tamar Valley Wine Route and sample some of the region's gourmet produce. Birders will revel in **Île des Phoques** or 'Seal Island' is home to several breeding seabird species including little penguins, short-tailed shearwater and fairy prion.

Back in **Hobart**, your ship will spend two days for you to enjoy the finish line 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.



The information in this document is valid as of 7/7/2022

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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### HOBART, TASMANIA

Embarkation 23/12/2022 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 23/12/2022 at 6:00 pm

**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.

### MARIA ISLAND, TASMANIA

Arrival 24/12/2022

Departure 24/12/2022

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.

### TASMAN PENINSULA

Arrival 25/12/2022

Departure 25/12/2022

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 **caples 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.

## PORT DAVEY, TASMANIA

Arrival 26/12/2022

Departure 26/12/2022

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.

## KING ISLAND, TASMANIA

Arrival 27/12/2022

Departure 27/12/2022

**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.

## TAMAR VALLEY, TASMANIA

Arrival 28/12/2022

Departure 28/12/2022

**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.

## ÎLE DES PHOQUES, TASMANIA

Arrival 29/12/2022

Departure 29/12/2022

**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.

## SAILING TASMAN PENINSULA

Arrival 30/12/2022

Departure 30/12/2022

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 Hauy, 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. You 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.

## HOBART, TASMANIA

Arrival 30/12/2022 early afternoon

Disembarkation 2/1/2023 at 7:00 am

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