



AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH COAST

2024 - 2025 VOYAGES



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AUSTRALIA'S SOUTHERN COASTLINE FOR TRUE EXPLORERS

Explore Australia's southern shores on a small ship expedition. This raw and rugged coastline is fringed by many islands and inlets, carved by the mercurial turquoise waters of the Southern Ocean. Visit islands such as Kangaroo Island, Flinders Island and the Recherche Archipelago - brimming with human and natural histories and often difficult to reach - home to wildlife such as rare wallabies, sea lions and numerous bird species.

A highlight of these itineraries are coastal walks along nature trails, often ending in ocean views or sweeping white-sand beaches. Hosted by expert guides, learn about the flora, fauna and history of these remote habitats. Along the way, enjoy the tastes of the southern coast, indulge in fresh regional seafood and hand-selected local wines.

Find freedom on Australia's southern coastline.

Expedition Note

These are expedition itineraries covering remote regions. Your Captain and Expedition Team will make changes to the daily schedule when necessary to maximise your experience. These itineraries are indicative - some variation may occur due to weather conditions, safety or local community requirements.

We recommend that you arrive to the embarkation port on the day prior to departure and schedule your own travel arrangements for the day following disembarkation due to unexpected changes that may occur in scheduling.

Voyages

- > **Wild Islands of South Australia**
10 Nights | Departs Oct & Nov 2024
- > **Across the Great Australian Bight**
14 Nights | Departs Oct 2024
- > **Bounty of the Southern Ocean**
8 Nights | Departs Dec 2024
- > **Australia's Great Southern Coastline**
15 Nights | Departs Jan 2025



WHY CHOOSE CORAL EXPEDITIONS

Our fleet of three specialised expedition ships and tenders take guests to some of the most beautiful, yet undiscovered islands and coastal regions of the world. Our guests are attracted by our relaxed small ship atmosphere and itineraries larger ships cannot replicate.

At a time when the cruise industry is moving to larger and less personal ships with more gimmicks, we have purposefully limited the size of our ships to maximise the expedition experience. Our cuisine is prepared in small batches from our onboard galley using quality Australian produce and wine. We operate to high Australian standards of safety with qualified Australian crew wherever we go. We were the first to offer interpretive programs reflective of the destinations we visit and to employ Expedition Leaders, Guest Lecturers, Marine Biologists, and SCUBA Instructors - a tradition that continues today.

- › **We focus on the destinations.** Connecting guests with nature, culture, and heritage with more time ashore in remote natural areas away from the crowds.
- › **A true expedition ethos.** Small ships mean fewer guests and more intimate and personal encounters along the way. We have deep respect and strong connections with the places we visit and maintain flexibility in our planning to make impromptu stops if extraordinary opportunities in nature present.
- › **Warm Australian hospitality.** Our all-Australian crew are passionate and proud to share the adventure with you. Always attentive and caring with a friendly and approachable style in keeping with our Australian values.
- › **Purpose built ships.** Designed for tropical expedition access, our fleet is comfortable, safe, and maneuverable enabling you to get in shallow and close to nature with ease where other operators cannot. Plenty of wide-open public spaces and all outward facing staterooms connect you with the destination.
- › **Our unique Xplorer tenders.** The safari jeeps of the sea; our Xplorers enable guests safe and easy access onto excursions into remote rivers, reef systems and isolated beaches. All guests get out on excursion at once with no queues or waiting. Shade canopy to protect from the tropical sun, comfortable seats, open sides and audio systems enhance the journey. These are supported by Zodiacs along the way.
- › **Local expertise that is unrivalled.** Our expert guides and local crew have decades of experience to draw on regarding the tides, the charts, and the seasons. We get you to the right place at the right time and always explore in a respectful and caring manner.
- › **All inclusive.** Your cruise fare covers everything that matters most including excursions, activities, meals and drinks, expert guides, taxes, and fees. Unpack once and then simply relax and enjoy the experience.
- › **Our service and care.** Our friendly staff and crew have one focus - to help you enjoy the trip of a lifetime. We will always be willing to assist and with a genuine care that is part of our culture.

This is true expedition cruising. At Coral Expeditions we have built our reputation on offering a truly immersive and authentic expedition cruise experience. It is more relevant today than ever and sets us apart from the pack.

WILD ISLANDS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE > ADELAIDE

10 NIGHTS | OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2024

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Expedition Highlights

- > Get up close to wild sea lion colony on the beach at Seal Bay, Kangaroo Island
- > Collect and shuck your own oysters fresh from the sea at Coffin Bay
- > Enjoy sunset sailing past the stunning coastal formations of Cape Jervis and Kangaroo Island
- > Discover the seafood capital of Australia, Port Lincoln, and sample freshly caught local fare at a wine tasting
- > Meet the abalone divers of Eyrewoolf Abalone and taste pan-seared green-lip abalone on the beach at Flinders Island
- > Be rewarded with striking views on South Australia's coastal walking trails on the Eyre and Yorke Peninsulas
- > Take a refreshing dip in the turquoise waters of Reevesby Island in the Sir Joseph Banks Group
- > Learn from our Guest Lecturers of the fascinating exploration history of Matthew Flinders and Nicolas Baudin
- > Visit some of South Australia's most historic lighthouses at Cape Willoughby and Cape Donington and learn their stories

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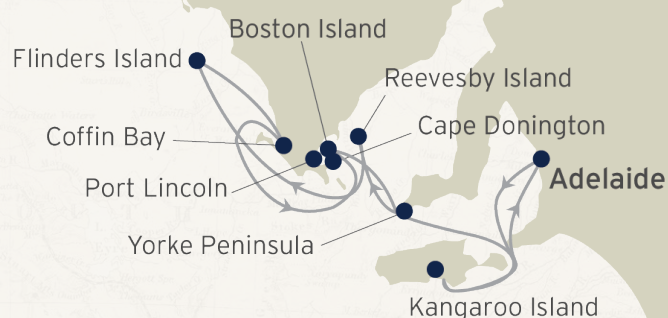
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ITINERARY: 10 NIGHTS > ADELAIDE TO ADELAIDE

DAY 1: DEPART ADELAIDE

Arrive at the Outer Harbour Adelaide for boarding at 4:00pm, with time to settle into your stateroom before our 5:00pm departure. Settle into your cabin and familiarise yourself with the ship before your first delicious dinner as we cruise towards Kangaroo Island.

The Southern Australian itinerary is designed for flexibility to suit the variable weather conditions, and changes may be made to the order of locations visited to best suit the conditions at the time. Below is a summary of the locations visited and activities offered. The Captain and Expedition Leader will craft each expedition to suit the prevailing weather conditions and maximise your experience of the South Australian Coast.

KANGAROO ISLAND - SEAL BAY (KARTA PINTINGGA)

Kangaroo Island is Australia's third largest and was once part of the Australian mainland before rising sea levels separated it some 10,000 years ago. Also known as Karta Pintingga, or 'Island of the Dead' in the local indigenous language, the island was later named Kangaroo Island by British explorer Matthew Flinders in 1802.

Today enjoy a truly unforgettable wildlife experience at Seal Bay. After traversing the scenic interior of Kangaroo Island by coach from American River, we will visit the heart of the third largest colony of endangered Australian Sea lion, and share the beach with these magnificent animals. This is the only place in the world you can see Australian sea lions at close quarters and walk on a beach where pups frolic, bulls battle for supremacy and resting mothers suckle their young.

THE YORKE PENINSULA

The Yorke Peninsula is fringed by over 700 kilometres of pristine coastline. Known for rugged beaches boasting spectacular views over the Investigator Strait and Spencer Gulf, its shoreline is studded with a number of shipwrecks. Here we will visit Dhillba-Guuranda (Innes) National Park, where emus, kangaroos and tammar wallabies are commonly spotted, as are dolphins, seals and whales in its adjacent waters. Depending on the prevailing wind and swell, we will land at Dolphin Beach and walk to the Royston Head lookout, or come ashore at Little Emu Beach in the southeast and walk to the post-card perfect Stenhouse Bay Jetty.

BOSTON ISLAND

Today we explore Boston Island, which lies between Port Lincoln and Cape Donington. Roughly 6km long, Boston Island is very hilly and has four beautiful beaches. Within the island landmass there is about 2,500 acres of grassy, hilly slopes with many sheep. Given its sheltered coastal aspect there is much birdlife on the island with sea eagles, Cape Barren geese, wedge-tailed eagles and some 40 or so other species that make the island their home. Explore this important seabird breeding area, with walks along golden sand beaches and learn of the history of this island.

PORT LINCOLN (GALINYALA)

Known as the seafood capital of Australia, Port Lincoln is a small coastal city situated on Boston Bay, one of the largest protected natural harbours in the world. The traditional home to the Barngarla people, Matthew Flinders came to the area in 1802 and named it Port Lincoln. Today we will learn about Port Lincoln's maritime history at the Axel Stenross Museum, and sample some of the region's fresh seafood paired with wines at a local vineyard.

FLINDERS ISLAND

Located around 35kms from the Eyre Peninsula Coast, Flinders Island has a long history of sealing, whaling, and farming. Owned by the Woolford family since 1979, they run an established sheep farm, abalone harvesting business and are working to establish a safe haven for vulnerable native species. Meet the Woolford family to learn about the history and conservation projects on the island.

Visit the Kapara shipwreck at Bryant's Bay, and stroll through the shearing sheds at the farm. Taste fresh abalone at Eyrewoolf Abalone.

COFFIN BAY

Bordered by sea and National Parks, Coffin Bay is a stunning destination. The pristine waters of the bays in this area are home to numerous pods of dolphins, sea lions, seals and many seabirds. The natural beauty of the turquoise sea, white sand dunes, and bright blue sky is a wonderful backdrop to our day's adventures.

Enjoy an unforgettable wild cuisine experience during a small boat cruise along the oyster beds to collect and enjoy them fresh from the sea. Later, walk through the Coffin Bay National Park at Point Sir Isaac to get an understanding of the forests and environment - enjoy the interpretation of the heathlands, mallee forest and she-oak woodlands.

LINCOLN NATIONAL PARK

A headland at the most northerly part of the Jussieu Peninsula on the east coast of Eyre Peninsula, Cape Donington is a great spot to enjoy refreshing sea views and rocky coastline. Take a dip at Cape Donington Beach before heading along the 2km trail over to September Beach. Keep an eye out for western grey kangaroos, emus or goannas near the Cape Donington lighthouse, or head out to Donington Island to view long-nosed fur seals or Australian sea lions from the Xplorer.

REEVESBY ISLAND - SIR JOSEPH BANKS GROUP

Head to Reevesby Island, part of the Sir Joseph Banks Group; an archipelago on the eastern coast of the Eyre Peninsula. Accessible only by boat, this island is one of the largest in the group. Women played a major role in the island's history, especially in the early days leading up to the Great Depression. Take a hike around this important seabird breeding site and visit the homestead and machinery sheds. This beautiful chain of islands offers a range of sheltered bays, golden sand beaches and reefs teeming with marine life.

KANGAROO ISLAND - CAPE WILLOUGHBY

Cape Willoughby juts into the 'Backstairs Passage' - the narrow strait between Kangaroo Island and the Fleurieu Peninsula that was named by Matthew Flinders as the 'private entrance' to the two gulfs. Lighting this 14km wide strait is the Cape Willoughby Light Station. We will visit the Lighthouse keeper's cottage and learn of its interesting stories and have opportunity to climb the light house itself. In the grounds, we will do a loop walk from the Lighthouse to the beautiful Smuggler's Cove and often the special Kangaroo Island wallaby are spotted along the way.

DAY 11: ARRIVE ADELAIDE

This morning we arrive into Adelaide for an 8:00am disembarkation. Complimentary post-cruise transfers to the airport or CBD hotels will be available. These will be organised onboard with the Purser.

ACROSS THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

FREMANTLE TO ADELAIDE

14 NIGHTS | OCTOBER 2024

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Expedition Highlights

- > Hike sections of Rottnest Island's Wadjemup Bidi and wade in its gin clear waters
- > Stroll Busselton's iconic jetty before a visit to the award-winning Leeuwin Estate for a wine tasting
- > Encounter stingrays at Hamelin Bay and walk among Margaret River's giant karri tree forests
- > Climb Cape Leeuwin lighthouse, the tallest on mainland Australia, to take in the view over the Southern Ocean, before heading underground to discover the breath-taking stalactites and stalagmites at Jewel Cave
- > Learn about Albany's WWII history during a visit to the ANZAC museum, and it's whaling industry past at Albany's Historic Whaling Station
- > See the friendly kangaroos lounging at spectacular Lucky Bay and snorkel the Shearwater trail at the Recherche Archipelago's Woody Island
- > Gain a unique perspective of the towering Bunda cliffs from the sea
- > Shuck your own delicious oysters fresh from the waters of Coffin Bay and sample fresh abalone on Flinders Island
- > Get up close to a colony of sea lions at Kangaroo Island's Seal Bay

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IMAGES 1 Cliffs of the Great Australian Bight, credit South Australian Tourism Commission | 2 Kangaroo at Lucky Bay
| 3 Strolling along the white beaches of Flinders Island | 4 Aerial view of Margaret River vineyard, credit Tourism WA

ITINERARY: 14 NIGHTS > FREMANTLE TO ADELAIDE

DAY 1: DEPART FREMANTLE

Make your way to Fremantle's Victoria Quay for boarding at 4:00pm, where there is time to settle into your stateroom. As dusk falls meet your fellow travellers, the Captain and crew for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

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ROTTNEST ISLAND (WADJEMUP)

Rottneest Island is well known for its turquoise waters, fascinating history, and, of course, the adorable marsupial, the quokka. We will visit this normally bustling island during the quieter time of the season, when humpback whales are known to be cruising past. Land on one of the island's more remote central and western beaches, walk sections of the Wadjemup Bidi to view spectacular coastal headlands, and take to the clear waters for snorkeling opportunities.

BUSSELTON & MARGARET RIVER WINERY

Enjoy free time in the charming seaside town of Busselton. Stroll its heritage listed jetty, extending almost 2 km over the protected waters of Geographe Bay, or take the jetty train to visit the underwater observatory. Spend the afternoon savouring a wine tasting at the award-winning Leeuwin Winery, with time to view the art gallery and walk the grounds of this picturesque Estate.

CAPE NATURALISTE & DUNSBOROUGH

Today we will spend the morning exploring these walking trails of Cape Naturaliste, with options to suit all levels. Spend time at the Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse grounds, or walk along the boardwalk to Sugarloaf Rock. In the afternoon we visit the stunning Meelup Beach, one of the few places in Western Australia where you can watch the moon rise over the ocean and is most attractive on a full moon!

AUGUSTA & MARGARET RIVER HIGHLIGHTS

Climb Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse on mainland Australia overlooking the point where the mighty Southern and Indian Oceans collide. We will also visit Jewel Cave, an awe-inspiring and extremely well decorated cave. This afternoon visit Hamelin Bay to see sting rays swimming in the shallows, with an option of a walk under the towering karri trees in Boranup Forest.

ALBANY

Albany is the oldest colonial settlement in Western Australia, predating Perth and Fremantle by over two years. The town has a role in the ANZAC legend, being the last port of call for troop ships departing with infantry and cavalry horses from Australia in the First World War. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the National ANZAC centre or Albany's Whaling Station, exploring an intact whale processing factory and whale chasing ship, fully restored and ready to discover. Guests also have the option to enjoy free time in Albany, with opportunity to view the Museum of the Great Southern.

WOODY ISLAND, RECHERCHE ARCHIPELAGO

Located just 15km off the coast of Esperance, Woody Island's stands of tall trees have given it its name. Surrounded by pristine, clear waters, you will have the opportunity to experience the snorkel trail in Shearwater Bay. The cool southern waters provide excellent visibility for your journey of discovery. There are several beautiful walks on the island, from easy to moderate, and you will appreciate the bird spotting opportunities and spectacular views across the archipelago along the way.

TWO SEA DAYS- BUNDA CLIFFS/ GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

Spend two days crossing the mighty Great Australian Bight. About halfway through our voyage, the Bunda Cliffs will come into view. Our crossing of the Great Australian Bight is an exciting moment for those who love the sea. The Great Australian Bight Marine Park protects southern right whales and is home to 80% of the Australian sea lion population.

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COFFIN BAY

The pristine waters of the bays in this area are home to numerous pods of dolphins, sea lions, seals, and many seabirds. Emus and kangaroos roam and the natural beauty of the turquoise sea, white sand dunes, and bright blue sky is a wonderful backdrop to our day's adventures.

Join a guided tour of a local oyster farm surrounded by crystal-clear water brimming with wildlife. A veteran oyster farmer will share with you the history of oyster farming, and describe how premium Coffin Bay oysters are produced & how the pure Coffin Bay waterways create world-renowned oysters. You'll also be taught how to shuck like a pro and enjoy fresh oysters straight from the source. Later this afternoon there is time for walks ashore at one of the many pristine beaches of the bay.

CAPE DONINGTON

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DAY 15: ARRIVE ADELAIDE

Arrive at the outer harbour of Port Adelaide at 7:00am for disembarkation at 8:00am. Complimentary post-cruise transfers to Adelaide CBD or airport will be available, organised onboard with the Purser.

AUSTRALIA'S GREAT SOUTHERN COASTLINE

MELBOURNE TO FREMANTLE

15 NIGHTS | JANUARY 2025



Expedition Highlights

- › Visit the character-filled townships of Port Fairy and Robe
- › Take a train ride along the picturesque coast between Victor Harbor and Goolwa
- › Get up close to a colony of sea lions at Kangaroo Island's Seal Bay
- › Learn to shuck your own delicious oysters fresh from the waters of Coffin Bay
- › Enjoy panoramic vistas on coastal walks at Cape Naturaliste and Cape Donington
- › Relax and enjoy sunset drinks alongside the friendly kangaroos at Lucky Bay
- › View the breathtaking Jewel Cave at Augusta and learn about its formation over thousands of years
- › Climb Cape Leeuwin lighthouse, the tallest on mainland Australia, to take in the view over the Southern Ocean
- › See the majestic stingrays and eagle rays that swim in the shallows of Hamelin Bay, and walk amongst the Boranup Forest's towering Karri trees
- › Indulge in a wine-tasting experience at the award-winning Leeuwin Estate



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IMAGES 1 Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse | 2 Southern Eagle Ray, Hamelin Bay | 3 Learn the finer techniques of oyster shucking, Coffin Bay
| 4 Jewel Cave, Augusta

ITINERARY: 15 NIGHTS > MELBOURNE TO FREMANTLE

DAY 1: DEPART MELBOURNE

Arrive at Melbourne's Station Pier Cruise Ship Terminal at 4:00pm, where there is time to settle into your stateroom before our 5:00pm departure. Take the time to become acquainted with all the facilities onboard before joining your fellow explorers on the Sun Deck for Captain's Welcome Drinks.

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PORT FAIRY

Thw Shipwreck Coast is graveyard to around 700 submerged wrecks, leaving behind their fascinating stories. Captain Matthew Flinders notably said he had never seen a 'more fearful section of coastline'. This afternoon go ashore at historic Port Fairy. Walk the heritage trail to view grand public buildings which sit side by side with restored whalers' cottages and Georgian-styled merchant homes. Or visit Griffiths Island: with its colony of shearwater seabirds, winding pathways, and the spectacular lighthouse at the eastern tip, it is a great place to explore.

ROBE

Spend time today in the historic and picturesque town of Robe. Located on the Limestone Coast, it offers incredible views and unique food, drink and shopping opportunities. One of Australia's most character-filled small towns, Robe is known for its cottage industries. Spend your day exploring through the quaint shops and craft breweries or relax on the beach and watch surfers catching a wave.

VICTOR HARBOR

Located on the south coast of the Fleurieu Peninsula, Victor Harbor lies in the traditional lands of the Ngarrindjeri people. Rich in history, nearby Encounter Bay was so called by Captain Matthew Flinders after he and Nicolas Baudin both sheltered their vessels here and compared notes on their expeditions in 1802. Take in the natural beauty of this coastline on a train ride to Goolwa, and later follow the Kaiki Trail on Granite Island for spectacular views of Encounter Bay and the Bluff.

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TWO SEA DAYS- CROSSING THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

RECHERCHE ARCHIPELAGO- WOODY ISLAND AND CAPE LE GRAND NATIONAL PARK - LUCKY BAY

After a morning cruising through the Recherche Archipelago, we will explore Woody Island. Located just 15km off the coast of Esperance, Woody Island's stands of tall trees have given it its name. Surrounded by pristine, clear waters, you will have the opportunity to experience the snorkel trail in Shearwater Bay. The cool southern waters provide excellent visibility for your journey of discovery. There are several beautiful walks on the island, from easy to moderate, and you will appreciate the spectacular views across the archipelago along the way. Bird lovers will have the opportunity to observe a variety of species.

Along quiet Lucky Bay, kangaroos are known to laze on the whitest sand in Australia. Enjoy time on the beach meeting the friendly wildlife and the turquoise water is wonderful for a quick swim. If time permits, enjoy a walk to Thistle Cove, taking in the peaceful beauty of the national park, which is home to pygmy possums, western grey kangaroos and many colourful native wildflowers.

BREMER BAY

Bremer Bay is renowned for having some of the most beautiful beaches in Australia. This morning we will land at one of its many white sandy beaches with opportunities for swimming, before heading out to Bremer Canyon to look for pods of orcas hunting in the area.

ALBANY

Albany is the oldest colonial settlement in Western Australia. For many years, it was the colony's only deep-water port, having a place of eminence on shipping services between Britain and its Australian colonies. The town has a role in the ANZAC legend, being the last port of call for troop ships departing with infantry and cavalry horses from Australia in the First World War. Guests will have the opportunity to visit the National ANZAC centre or Albany's Whaling Station, exploring an intact whale processing factory and whale chasing ship, fully restored and ready to discover. Guests also have the option to enjoy free time in Albany, with opportunity to view the Museum of the Great Southern.

TWO DAYS - MARGARET RIVER REGION

Spend two days visiting the highlights of the Margaret River Region. Over two days we will visit its key attractions, including the breathtaking Jewel Cave and Australia's tallest lighthouse at Cape Leeuwin. See stingrays and eagle rays swim in the shallows at Hamelin Bay, and walk under towering Karri trees in the Boranup Forest. Finally enjoy some of Margaret River's best drops at the award winning Leeuwin estate.

CAPE NATURALISTE

Cape Naturaliste is the northernmost point of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste Ridge, located on the western edge of Geographe Bay. As part of the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, the Cape is known for its spectacular coastal scenery and some of the best walking tracks in the Margaret River Region. Today we will spend the day exploring these walking trails, with options to suit all levels. In the afternoon we visit the stunning Meelup Beach, ahead of Captain's Farewell Drinks looking out to a Western Australian sunset.

DAY 16: ARRIVE FREMANTLE

Arrive in Fremantle as we say goodbye to fellow travellers and crew before a 8:00am disembarkation. A complimentary post-cruise transfer to the airport or Perth/Fremantle CBDs will be available.

BOUNTY OF THE SOUTHERN OCEAN

ADELAIDE TO MELBOURNE

8 NIGHTS | DECEMBER 2024



Expedition Highlights

- > **Signature Event** - Enjoy a special 'Tastes of the Southern Ocean' dinner at anchorage off the historic fishing township of Port MacDonnell (Ngaranga) hosted by Jamie Carter, Executive Chef, Sidewood Estate, and showcasing the best of South Australian premium wines
- > Visit Kangaroo Island's artisanal producers; sample local wines and cheeses from an award winning winery with views across the bay
- > Indulge in freshly caught Australian Lobster in the quaint fishing port of Robe
- > Savour artisanal produce paired with premium wines at a local vineyard in the Limestone Coast
- > Circumnavigate a remote island seal colony on Lady Julia Percy Island
- > Discover indigenous hinterland bush food and hear how local families seek to educate on the viability of endemic species in food production
- > Partake in a coffee and roasting masterclass and enjoy morning tea crafted of regional produce
- > Sail past the 12 Apostles at sunset and raise a glass to this iconic landscape
- > Enjoy a guided walk through the RAMSAR protected wetlands of Phillip Island, understanding the importance of this sensitive and essential ecosystem
- > Hear from a passionate chef, one of the forerunners of championing wild foods as you dine on locally sourced Philip Island produce



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ITINERARY: 8 NIGHTS > ADELAIDE TO MELBOURNE

DAY 1: DEPART ADELAIDE (YARTAPUULTI)

Board *Coral Adventurer* 4:00pm at Port Adelaide Passenger Terminal and enjoy time to settle into your stateroom before our 5:00pm departure. As dusk falls, meet your fellow travelers and crew.

No two cruises with Coral Expeditions will be the same, each expedition is crafted by our experienced Masters and Expedition Team around the tides, weather and sea conditions. Below is a selection of the key destinations we visit.

ROBE (BUNGANDITJ)

Robe's history is entwined with fishing the formidable seas of Guichen Bay. Take a guided walking tour of some of the town's unique heritage with local experts, tracing their ancestry to the early days of settlement.

Sample some of the craft beers on offer at a boutique wood-fired brewery, accompanied by a selection of regional produce. If there's time, enjoy free time in this charming town or take a walk along the coastal headland trail to the Robe Obelisk.

In the evening before dinner we gather for the Captain's Welcome Drinks.

KANGAROO ISLAND (KARTA PINTINGGA) & EMU BAY

Kangaroo Island is renowned for its unique produce borne of a pristine environment and a long heritage of artisanal food innovation. Visit small specialist growers to learn of their journey into sustainability before sampling award winning wines with accompanying cheese and views across the bay.

PORT MACDONNELL (NGARANGA) - SIGNATURE DINNER

Port MacDonnell (Ngaranga) is the southernmost town in South Australia. This morning enjoy a cooking class onboard utilising produce of the region purchased along the voyage. Take a walk to Cape Northumberland, offering spectacular uninterrupted views of the Southern Ocean.

This evening we will enjoy a signature dinner onboard *Coral Adventurer* prepared by a preeminent South Australian Chef. Amble through South Australian hamlets renowned for food production along the considered 'Taste of South Australian' menu with matching South Australian wines.

LADY JULIA PERCY ISLAND (DHINMAR) & PORT FAIRY (GUNDITJMARA)

This morning, enjoy a cruise around Lady Julia Percy Island, which is 2km in length by 1km wide, surrounded by cliffs, rock platforms and reefs. This island is home to an important seal breeding colony.

After our circumnavigation of Lady Julia Percy Island we will travel to Port Fairy. Here, learn about indigenous bush foods and the entrepreneurship that aims to embed the use of sustainable bush foods across the Australian food landscape. There will also be the opportunity to take a stroll amongst the heritage of Port Fairy and stop in at an artisan chocolatier to taste the richness and unique flavours of handcrafted chocolates.

WARRNAMBOOL & TWELVE APOSTLES

Go behind the scenes to meet the farmers, makers, and creators, explore the farms, and taste all that is on offer in the hinterland region. Learn the processes involved in a variety of cheeses complete with a tasting at Apostle Whey Cheese. Sample local whiskey at a hinterland distillery, spending time with the distillers learning about their craft.

This evening soak in the spectacular view of the sun setting as we leisurely pass the 12 Apostles and head towards Apollo Bay.

APOLLO BAY (KRAMBRUK)

First inhabited by the Gadubanud (King Parrot people). Apollo Bay is situated in the foothills of the Otway Ranges surrounded by lush rainforest and towering mountains.

This morning, learn the secrets to great coffee with a coffee masterclass including morning tea. We will then enjoy a sample of the best seasonal local produce - exploring the tastes of the region. You will have the opportunity to choose between three tasting options, including beer, wine or gin.

Experience the essence of Apollo Bay's regional produce at its finest with beer tasting, where handcrafted brewing process utilizes pure rainwater from the lush rainforests, exceptional wines with insights into the winery's history, or taste boutique gins that pay homage to Apollo Bay's nautical heritage and native ingredients.

PHILLIP ISLAND (MILLOWL) & RHYLL

Explore the boardwalks of the area with your local guide, surrounded by the internationally important RAMSAR protected ecosystem vital to ocean food production and health. This area is thriving with wildlife and birdlife, including a variety of honeyeaters, parrots, thornbills, pardalotes, silvereyes, and other bush birds. After exploring the Reserve, wander through a world-renowned habitat for migratory wader birds and other wildlife species at peaceful Rhyll Inlet. You'll find boardwalks that loop through the tranquil mangroves, saltmarsh, and mudflats, where you'll spot spoonbills, oyster catchers, herons, egrets, cormorants, short, tailed shearwater, and a range of international waders rarely seen in Australia.

Sample the best of Phillip Island as we visit a local winery sampling some of the Gippland's favourite wines and ciders. Listen to the stories of one of Australia's first chefs, Jude Mayall, on how to utilise the unique bush and wild food flavours endemic to Australia and enjoy a lunch that utilises seasonal wild produce.

DAY 9: ARRIVE MELBOURNE

This morning, farewell *Coral Adventurer*, crew, and new-found friends as we arrive into the Port of Melbourne at 7:00am, to disembark at 8:00am. There will be post cruise transfers to Melbourne CBD Hotels and Melbourne Airport.

2024 DEPARTURES & FARES

ACROSS THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT

14 Nights - Departs Fremantle

VISIT >

Date	Departs				
16 October 2024	Fremantle				
2024 Rates: Coral Adventurer					
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$22,160	\$17,240	\$15,760	\$11,820	\$9,850
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$23,640	\$17,730	\$14,775

WILD ISLANDS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

10 Nights - Departs Adelaide

VISIT >

Date	Departs				
31 October 2024	Adelaide				
10 November 2024	Adelaide				
20 November 2024	Adelaide				
2024 Rates: Coral Adventurer					
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$14,980	\$11,480	\$10,380	\$7,860	\$6,710
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$15,570	\$11,790	\$10,065

BOUNTY OF THE SOUTHERN OCEAN

8 Nights - Departs Adelaide

VISIT >

Date	Departs				
1 December 2024	Adelaide				
2024 Rates: Coral Adventurer					
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$16,500	\$12,850	\$11,700	\$8,800	\$7,300
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$17,550	\$13,200	\$10,950

Prices are per person, listed in Australian Dollars (AUD) and include GST. Refer to website pricing at time of booking as pricing may be subject to change.*Limited sole use occupancy available.

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2025 DEPARTURES & FARES

AUSTRALIA'S GREAT SOUTHERN COASTLINE

15 Nights - Departs Melbourne

VISIT >

Date	Departs				
31 January 2025	Melbourne				
2025 Rates: <i>Coral Adventurer</i>					
	Bridge Deck Balcony Suite	Bridge Deck Stateroom	Explorer Deck	Promenade Deck	Coral Deck
Twin Share	\$23,740	\$18,460	\$16,880	\$12,660	\$10,550
Sole Use	n/a	n/a	\$25,320	\$18,990	\$15,825

CUISINE & WINE

On board you will discover a personal and relaxed atmosphere befitting our Australian heritage. We do not have formal nights, organised entertainment or designated seating. Instead, you will enjoy a convivial atmosphere shared with like-minded explorers, with our experienced and friendly crew always at hand.

Enjoy freshly prepared meals from the open galley featuring local ingredients from the regions we visit. Relax in the spacious and open atmosphere of our indoor and outdoor bars and dining areas. Enjoy craft beers, artisanal spirits and wines sourced from the Australia and New Zealand's finest terroirs at the end of a long day ashore.

Wine selections

We offer two wine packages, which guests may purchase in addition to our house selection, that feature hand-selected Australian and New Zealand wines and French champagne.

- > A Taste of Australia Selection: with seven bottles featuring one Australian sparkling, two whites, three reds and a rosé.
- > Connoisseur Selection: with six bottles featuring two Whites, three Reds and French Champagne.

INCLUSIONS

- > All excursions with our Expedition Team
- > Use of Xplorer, Zodiacs and kayaks
- > Snorkelling & equipment (SCUBA diving at an additional cost)
- > Daily lectures and briefings with Guest Lecturers
- > All meals, chef-prepared on board
- > Captain's welcome and farewell events, and open bridge access
- > Selected wines, selected beers and house spirits, juices, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner
- > 24-hour barista-style coffee and tea station
- > All entrance fees to National Parks, ports, traditional owner fees and charges imposed by governing authorities
- > Tips and gratuities
- > Use of all onboard facilities, incl. a reference library
- > Your expedition photos captured during the voyage
- > Post-cruise transfers
- > Wi-Fi access - standard speed connectivity enabling email, social image sharing, web browsing and messaging

CORAL ADVENTURER

Passengers: 120 | Staterooms: 60
Length: 93.4m | Draught: 4.5m | Tonnage: 5,516

Our expedition vessel, *Coral Adventurer*, will be your home for this voyage. *Coral Adventurer* accommodates 110 guests in 60 spacious staterooms, with all Explorer Deck staterooms, Bridge Deck staterooms and suites offering private balconies.

With over 1000sqm of open deck space including a wrap-around promenade deck with panoramic views, *Coral Adventurer* features spacious and vibrant living spaces inspired by the company's Australian ethos and the wide-open spaces the ship visits. Multiple indoor and outdoor bars, including the Xplorer bar on the sundeck, a well-equipped gym and a passenger elevator creates an environment designed for guest comfort.

Coral Adventurer is purpose-built for comfortable ocean voyages and for exploring remote areas inaccessible to larger cruise ships. The ship's lightweight dual Xplorer expedition tenders extend the capabilities of the ship by allowing deeper exploration, on shore excursions and an easy, step-on embarkation from the ship's main deck. *Coral Adventurer* also features advanced technologies and environmentally-responsible design, including anchor-free technology and efficient water and waste recycling systems.

As an Australian flagged and crewed vessel, you can expect the highest standard of service, environmental responsibility and the intimate and personal experience of small-ship cruising on *Coral Adventurer*.

Features

- 2 Xplorer tenders, 6 Zodiacs • Navigator Lounge in Bridge
- Single seat dining • Three cocktail bars • Well-equipped gym
- Elevator • Anchor-free technology

Stateroom Categories

Bridge Deck Balcony Suites	• 55.8sqm • Private Balcony
Bridge Deck Balcony Staterooms	• 21.4sqm • Private Balcony
Explorer Deck Balcony Staterooms	• 21.4sqm • Private Balcony
Promenade Deck Staterooms	• 17sqm • Picture Window
Coral Deck Staterooms	• 17sqm • Porthole Window

IMAGES 1 Explorer Deck Stateroom | 2 Bridge Deck Suite Bathroom | 3 Bridge Deck lounge | 4 Easily board the Xplorer tender from the deck | 5 Xplorers are hydraulically lowered into the ocean for your safety and comfort | 6 Dining room

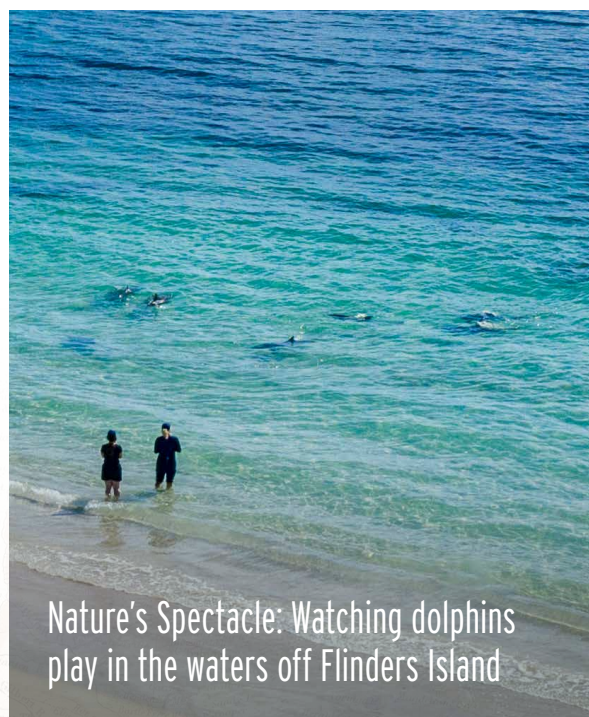


AUSTRALIA'S COASTAL WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

Explore southern Australia's coastal walking trails



An unforgettable wildlife experience - visit the third largest colony of endangered Australian sea lion.



Nature's Spectacle: Watching dolphins play in the waters off Flinders Island

Our renowned Australian team of Expedition Leaders and regular Guest Lecturers possess a wealth of knowledge about the unique landscapes, flora and fauna, and Indigenous cultures of southern Australia. Passionate explorers, marine biologists, and naturalists, they provide onboard lectures and interpretation and are always keen to chat with you and share their expertise. They will ensure your experience is as enlightening and enjoyable as possible by bringing you a new understanding and appreciation of the places you will discover on your expedition.

South Australia's islands and gulf waters are some of the best-kept secrets of the Australian coastline. This region offers a diversity of natural wilderness, including spectacular bays, remote islands, and stunning sea cliffs. Best of all, it remains wild and unspoiled. Experience a real sense of adventure and a vast array of wildlife - many of the islands are important sanctuaries for birds, kangaroos, wallabies, seals, and sea lions. Along the way, indulge in the tastes of South Australia with fresh local seafood and wines complemented by our traditional warm Australian hospitality.

Find freedom in Australia's coastal wilderness aboard our small ship expeditions.

DINING EXPERIENCE

Fresh, local and delicious!



OUR REGIONAL MENUS CHAMPION SEASONALITY

At Coral Expeditions dining is a celebration of great food and good company enjoyed in extraordinary destinations. Our approach to cuisine is about simplicity and generosity, creating dishes bursting with flavour made from fresh ingredients sourced locally and sustainably wherever possible. With a maximum of only 120 guests onboard, our chefs can freshly prepare all meals onboard in our open galley.

There is a generous daily breakfast buffet with a regular rotation of speciality hot dishes and eggs, a set course lunch with new delights each day, and a nightly three course dinner which always includes a healthy vegetarian option. In between, our chefs will welcome you back from your shore adventures with freshly baked treats or delicious canapés to accompany your sunset pre-dinner drinks. Special diets and food allergies can be well catered for with advance notice.

Complementing lunch and dinner is our selection of boutique beers and premium wines and spirits, with a strong focus on the iconic wine growing regions of Australia and local artisan producers.

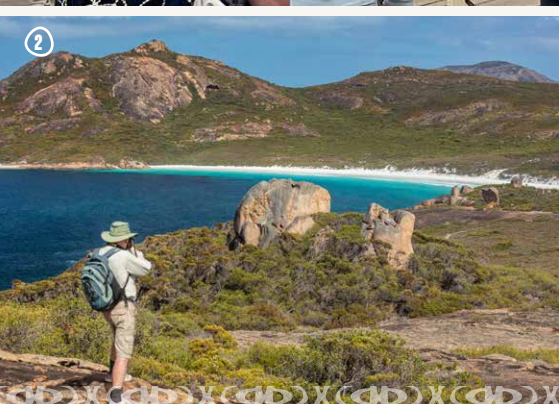
Unlike a large cruise ship, all our vessels have 'open' galleys located right next to our dining rooms, so feel free to peep in and see our friendly chefs in action!



Vista Deck Bar



Coral Adventurer's open galley



IMAGES 1 Albany's Historic Whaling Station | 2 Walking trails of Lucky Bay | 3 Orca, Bremer Canyon | 4 Sea osprey with fish

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