

Expedition Fact Sheet – East Coast

The Expedition Fact Sheet provides essential pre-departure information about the East Coast Expedition.

Expedition inclusions:

- Daily tender and shore excursions
- Tailored itinerary including walking, historic sites, birdwatching, photography, beachcombing...
- An Intimate wilderness experience with maximum of 12 guests
- Accommodation onboard brand-new boutique-cruiser Odalisque
- A 4-night voyage from Hobart to Freycinet Peninsula (or reverse)
- Interpretive guide, expert skipper, host and chef
- All meals featuring gourmet Tasmanian produce
- A curated range of wine, beers, spirits and non-alcoholic beverages
- National Park entrance fees
- Weatherproof rain poncho for tender excursions
- Waterproof expedition bag for luggage transfer
- Meeting and finishing point transfers within the Hobart area

Meeting and Finishing Points

This experience includes a one-way voyage from Hobart to the Freycinet Peninsula, or reverse.

If you are boarding boutique-cruiser Odalisque in Hobart, the meeting point is at Elizabeth St Pier. Unless otherwise specified, the experience begins at 10:00am. Guests should arrive at the meeting point between 9:30am and 9:45am.

If the cruise leg of your experience begins on the Freycinet Peninsula, the meeting point is at the Coles Bay Jetty (just next to Wineglass Bay Cruises' office). Unless otherwise specified, the experience begins at 2:00pm. Guests should arrive at the meeting point between 1:30pm and 1:45pm.

To either meeting point (Coles Bay or Elizabeth St Pier), a transfer from your accommodation in Hobart CBD is available. We will be in touch closer to the departure date to confirm pick-up arrangements

Guests can also opt to make their own way to the meeting point.

Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend that guests obtain comprehensive travel insurance at the time of booking.

Expedition Itineraries & Highlights

Itineraries and anchorages are fluid, shaped by wind and weather, time and tide. Daily shore and tender excursions are immersive and tailored to the interests of our guests – whether that be hiking, beachcombing, bird spotting, history lessons or simply soaking up the scenery from Odalisque. Every experience is unique.

To give you an idea of how you might spend your days ashore and afloat, check our [East Coast highlights](#).

Upon booking, please advise us of your particular interests in the area so that we may accommodate them.

On Board Dining Experience

Meals are an indulgent culinary experience made from fresh seasonal Tasmanian produce. Our specialist chefs have been borrowed from some of Hobart's top restaurants. Expect perfect picnics, freshly baked cookies pulled from the oven just as hungry hikers return, and flavoursome feasts in what is quite possibly the most remote restaurant in Tasmania.

Choose from a splendid selection of cool climate wines, crisp craft beers, slow-sipping spirits and non-alcoholic beverages. Additional alcoholic beverages, from a top-shelf list, may be purchased on board and charged to your account.

COVID-19 Booking Guarantee & Safety Measures

On Board's COVID-19 [Booking Guarantee](#) provides the peace of mind to book your next great adventure, whilst providing the flexibility should travel restrictions or COVID-19 impact your travel arrangements in the future. If COVID-19 directly impacts your capacity to travel, you may postpone your cabin booking for up to 24 months, with no additional charges. See our COVID-19 [Booking Guarantee](#) for more information.

On Board has implemented COVID-19 safety measures to keep our guests and crew safe and well. Our approach includes minimising the risk of COVID-19 positive individuals embarking on expeditions via:

- Vaccination Policy: All guests must be fully vaccinated.
- Testing Protocols: All guests must return a negative Rapid Antigen Test within the 24 hours prior to departure, or a negative PCR test within the 72 hours prior to departure.

For more detail, please review our [COVID-19 Safety Measures](#).

Weather

Tasmania's east coast has a temperate maritime climate. From June to November, mean temperatures range between 6°C and 19°C. It can be moderately cool when windy. As with all of Tasmania, expect a mix of wind, rain, deliciously warm sunshine – and weather conditions that change quickly. Whatever the temperature, Odalisque offers a welcoming and sheltered home in the wilderness.

Luggage

When packing for your expedition we recommend that all guests pack lightly. For convenience and protection against the elements, On Board provides a waterproof expedition bag made of soft, weatherproof canvas for guest use. The bag is approximately 48cm long with a diameter of 34cm and a capacity of 45L. Guests may also like to bring a small bag or backpack

On Board will make every effort to provide the waterproof expedition bag to guests the day before the experience commences, to allow ample time for repacking. Guests can also choose to transfer their personal belongings into the waterproof expedition bag at the meeting point. Any belongings not travelling with you on the expedition cruise can be left with Hobart staff for safekeeping.

What to Pack

Essentials:

- Sturdy hiking boots or walking shoes (please note, some tracks are muddy, rutted and overgrown).

- Shoes suitable for wet beach landings in tender e.g. Crocs or sandals.
- Footwear for wearing aboard Odalisque. Something comfortable, and easy to get on and off e.g. Sneakers or 'boat shoes'. You're also welcome to move around in socks or bare feet, if that's more your style.
- Hat and sunglasses.
- Polar fleece or down jacket.
- Warm thermal layers.
- Raincoat.
- Personal medications.
- Active, comfortable clothes suitable for excursions (from hiking to cruising in the tender) in a range of weather conditions (from hot, sunny and still, to cold, windy and wet).
- Relaxed, casual attire for lounging aboard Odalisque or as a fresh change for dinner.

Optional:

- Bathers (yes, really!).
- Camera.
- Book (there is a small library on board too).
- Day pack.
- Gaiters.
- Waterproof overpants.

Aboard the vessel, for your use:

- Drink bottle (which you can take home with you).
- Weatherproof rain poncho for use on tender excursions.
- Life jacket, first aid & emergency safety equipment.
- A small library with a variety of reference books.
- Bathroom essentials including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, sunscreen & insect repellent.

Safety & Medications

The remote nature of this experience is part of what makes it a great adventure. It also means that we need be prepared for the unexpected. If you are taking any medications, please let us know prior to departure, and bring an extra supply with you. It is also important to advise us of pre-existing medical conditions or injuries.

Guest safety is paramount, and our standards, protocols and high level of staff training ensure our visitor and staff safety while visiting remote areas on our main vessel and tenders. Our crew hold wilderness or marine first aid qualifications. An extensive first aid kit, satellite communication, location beacon, marine radio and flare kits are on board.

Power & Communications

There is limited phone reception in Tasmania's coastal waters, with reception patchy at best. We see this as an opportunity to disconnect from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. So put your out of office on and get back to what's really important.

We understand though that in some situations guests may need to communicate with the outside world. In these cases, it is possible to send and receive text messages and to receive calls only via the vessel's satellite phone.

In case of emergency, family and friends can contact our Hobart team on **0477 100 119**. The Hobart team will then pass any messages onto the vessel via the satellite phone.

240v power and USB outlets are available in guest cabins and lounge areas for the charging of personal devices.

Terms and Conditions

Please be sure to read our complete [terms and conditions](#)

Have more questions?

Have a look through our [frequently asked questions](#) or [get in touch](#).



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