

Expedition Fact Sheet – East Coast

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

Expedition inclusions:

- Daily guided walks, shore excursions & wilderness cruises by tender
- Tailored itinerary including walking, historic sites, birdwatching, photography, beachcombing...
- Luxury accommodation onboard expedition-vessel Odalisque
- 4-night voyage from Hobart to Freycinet Peninsula (or reverse)
- Land transfer from Freycinet Peninsula to Hobart (or reverse)
- Expert local crew including interpretive guide, 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

Meeting and Finishing Points

This experience includes a one-way voyage from Hobart to the Freycinet Peninsula with a return land transfer to Hobart (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 10:00 am. Guests should arrive at the meeting point between 9:30 am and 9:45 am.
- The finishing point is at Coles Bay Jetty. A land transfer back to Hobart is provided.

If the cruise leg of your experience begins on the Freycinet Peninsula:

- The meeting point is at Coles Bay Jetty (just next to Wineglass Bay Cruises' office). Unless otherwise specified, the experience begins at 2:00 pm. Guests should arrive at the meeting point between 1:30 pm and 1:45 pm. A transfer from your accommodation in Hobart CBD to the meeting point is available. Guests can also opt to make their own way to the meeting point.
- The finishing point is at Elizabeth St Pier.

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.

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

Due to space and weight limitations in the aircraft, guests are limited to a total 12kg of personal luggage per person.

Guests are required to transport their luggage to Port Davey in a soft duffel-style bag. Guests may use their own soft bag if they have something suitable. Alternatively, a purpose-made soft, weatherproof canvas bag can be borrowed from On Board. On Board's expedition bags are approximately 48cm long with a diameter of 34cm and a capacity of 45l. If you would like to borrow one, please let us know.

For the flight, guests can take a small bag or backpack as carry-on. All remaining luggage is stowed in the baggage compartment of the aircraft. All luggage, including carry on, will be weighed upon check-in.

Any belongings not travelling with guests to Port Davey can be left with On Board's 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.
- Gloves.
- Beanie.
- 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).

- Long pants for walking (some of the tracks can be overgrown and the bushes scratchy).
- Relaxed, casual attire for lounging aboard Odalisque or as a fresh change for dinner.
- A small day pack (to carry a water bottle and raincoat on excursions).

Optional:

- Bathers (yes, really!).
- Camera.
- Book (there is a small library on board too).
- 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.
- Hairdryer.
- Walking sticks.

Safety & Medications

The remote nature of this experience is part of what makes it a great adventure. It also means that we need to be prepared for the unexpected. If you are taking any medications, please let us know prior to departure, and bring a week's extra supply with you (just in case). 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. For this reason, expedition vessel Odalisque III has internet available for guest use. To not interfere with other guests' experience of this wild place, we respectfully ask that the internet is only accessed in the privacy of your cabin and that all devices are kept on silent for the duration of the expedition.

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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