

Orion Expedition Cruises

Orion is a purpose built vessel designed to access the inaccessible, all in a 5-star luxury. The ship combines the best and the latest in design with maritime and environmental technology, comfort and casual elegance. From the ice-strengthened hull to the chilled champagne and superb cuisine, this is expedition cruising at its finest.

Discover *Orion's* path less travelled.

Sample areas of cruising

Great Barrier Reef

Orion's exploration of Australia's World Heritage Great Barrier Reef is designed to ensure your experience of the Barrier Reef is like no other. *Orion's* Zodiac safaris allow guests to snorkel and swim over a pristine and seldom visited section of Hardy reef, alive with corals and teeming with myriads of tropical fish. Hayman Island is Australia's most celebrated private island destination, where guests will have access to many of the facilities of this luxury resort. On Percy Island you will enjoy kayaking in this idyllic setting whilst our attentive crew prepares a seafood beach BBQ you will never forget.

Australia's Wild South-East - Voyage of Discovery

Our East coast expedition will embark in Sydney sailing down the coast into the beauty of Jervis Bay and the surrounding natural bush land. *Orion* will continue south stopping at Phillip Island with its famous Little Penguins and arrive in Melbourne for the first time ever.

Southern Australia Culinary Delights - Voyage of Discovery

Departing Melbourne, *Orion* will sail west to South Australia - a first for *Orion*. This Food and Wine-focused voyage is perfectly timed as a prelude to Christmas, and with visits to the Limestone Coast, Kangaroo Island, Eyre Peninsula and Fleurieu Peninsula you will return home with plenty of culinary inspiration.

National Parks of Tasmania

Over one third of the state is reserved in a network of National Parks and in November 2010, *Orion* will visit this pristine wilderness. Spend time amongst the magical rugged landscape and plentiful wildlife on Flinders Island. You can hike at Wineglass Bay, explore convict history on Maria Island or sample the local oysters at Coles Bay. Join *Orion* as she explores a path less travelled.

Wild Tasmania

In December, *Orion* ventures into Tasmania, a place renowned for its amazing diversity. On our 7 night voyage you'll discover World Heritage and Wilderness areas of Tasmania as you land by Zodiac along this rugged and magnificent coastline. The Port Davey region is one of the most spectacular in Australia. The area has experienced little human impact and as a result remains a pristine World Heritage destination. Maria Island is a special place with historical ruins, sweeping bays, rugged cliffs and mountains and remarkable wildlife. Created with convict labor Port Arthur presents impressive architecture, delightful gardens and chilling prison facilities - this is a must to explore.

Kimberley Expedition

Orion's Expedition Team will lead your exploration of secluded beaches and river inlets - waters famous for an abundance of wildlife. From spectacular waterfalls and awe inspiring gorges, to ancient cultural history and indigenous rock art, the only way you can access the best of the Kimberley is from the sea onboard *Orion*.

This itinerary has recently been enhanced to include complimentary flight seeing over the famous Bungle Bungle ranges and the 2010 itineraries will also include one night's complimentary accommodation in one of Broome's finest hotels including breakfast and transfers. Please note this voyage will be ticketed as two international voyages.

Kimberley Highlights

2011 Departure - September 3

Our 10-night Kimberley Highlights showcase the breathtaking splendors of Australia's wild and remote Kimberley Coast. This expedition explores ancient cultural rock art, towering sandstone cliffs and spectacular waterfalls like the 80m high King George Falls. This voyage embarks and disembarks in Darwin, affording wonderful touring opportunities in the Top End and the most convenient air connections to northern Australia. Please note this voyage will be ticketed as two international voyages.

Art of Arnhem Land

2011 Departure - September 13

Hosted by Australia's pre-eminent collectors of indigenous art, this voyage will undertake an in-depth exploration of the remote art communities along Australia's Arnhem Land coastline. This will be the perfect voyage for experienced and novice collectors alike. Please note this voyage will be ticketed as two international voyages.