



Escape to Port Davey TRIP ESSENTIALS

Day 1

Tasmanian Boat Charters' *Escape to Port Davey* is a fly in / fly out experience departing from Par Avion, located at 115 Kennedy Drive, Cambridge, Hobart. Tasmanian Boat Charters staff meet you at the airport at the start of your tour, half an hour before departure or at your pre-arranged pickup point (Hotel etc.). All expeditions begin at 11.00am unless otherwise specified. Please check your confirmation email for the start time of your tour.

As our flight into the Southwest is on a light aircraft, weight & size limitations apply to baggage. Before departure, guests are provided with an *Odalisque* waterproof bag either the night before their expedition or at Par Avion airport upon their arrival. Any personal belongings guests wish to bring to Port Davey should be transferred into these bags. If you are to receive your waterproof bags at Par Avion on the day of departure, please arrive 15 minutes early (at 10:45am) to do so. Any items not to be taken on your trip, including travel luggage and any other personal items, can be stored at Par Avion for the duration of the adventure. For further details on baggage, refer to the 'What to pack' section.

Guests should allow 25 minutes to drive from Hobart CBD to Par Avion and 5 minutes from Hobart Airport to Par Avion. Check in time is 11:00am for an 11.30am departure. The spectacular flight from Cambridge to Melaleuca takes approximately 1 hour.

If you are driving to Cambridge Airport, there is free, unsecured parking available at this airport. If you would like secure parking there are the following nearby options:

- Airport Undercover Parking – (03) 6248 5882
<https://www.hobartairparking.com.au/>
- Hobart Park and Fly – 1300 883 836
<http://www.parkandflyhobart.com.au/>

While taxis from the Hobart CBD are available for approximately \$50.00, and Ubers for approximately \$30.00, where possible Tasmanian Boat Charters is able to assist with transport to/from Cambridge Airport.

Final Day

Your experience with us ends upon our return to Cambridge Airport. Our time of return will vary depending on flight schedules.

Arrival time back into Cambridge will generally be either 2:00pm or 7:00pm although our time of return can vary on each departure. Due to this, we do not recommend booking any onward travel until the day following your return.



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Escape to Port Davey includes:

- *Return scenic flights*
From Cambridge Airport to Melaleuca, Bathurst Harbour.
- *Accommodation aboard Odalisque*
Our expedition cruise vessel is designed for your comfort and safety. It has been purpose built by Tasmanian owner and operator Pieter van der Woude particularly for this Southwest experience. Demonstrating small group touring at its best, the *Odalisque* has three private cabins, a comfortable entertaining and dining area, and a spacious outside deck.
- *Skipper*
Our capable and experienced team of local skippers can't wait to welcome you on board *Odalisque* to show you around the South West. Pieter van der Woude, who is also the owner of the business, will be your host on the majority of our cruises. His lifetime of experience and passion for Tasmanian waters / marine life makes him the perfect person to guide you through the remote Tasmanian Wilderness and Southern Ocean coastline.
- *Expert Guide*
Expert guides, with an intimate knowledge of the area, will be your personal, walking encyclopaedias throughout your time with us. We will pair you with a guide whose areas of expertise match your personal interests.
- *Chef*
Guest chefs provide top-notch, modern Tasmanian fare. Chefs are borrowed from some of Hobart's best restaurants. You can expect meals as inspiring as the landscapes in which we dine.
- *All meals*
Breakfast, lunch, dinner and all snacks are provided for you by our onboard chef. Please let us know of any dietary requirements in advance.
- *Beverages*
A fantastic selection of Tasmanian wine & beer is included in your package. Non-alcoholic drinks are freely available.
- *Wet weather gear & other handy items*
The *Odalisque* is stocked with lots of useful items including wet weather ponchos that are ideal to be worn when in the tender vessel. See the 'What to pack' section for full details of our supplies and what you should bring.
- *Odalisque waterproof bags*
Provided either at your accommodation the night before, or at Cambridge Airport for transportation of your personal luggage during your expedition. See the 'What to pack' section for further details.
- *National Park entrance fees*



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Additional charges

There are some activities or items during your trip which will incur additional charges. These include:

- Fuel surcharges for cruises which take the *Odalisque* beyond Port Davey and into the Southern Ocean, including trips to Maatsuyker Island, Mainwaring Inlet & The Shank. These side trips are subject to a \$250 / hour fuel levy, to be shared between all guests.
- Emergency evacuation or emergency search charges.

Any additional charges incurred while on a charter can be paid for upon your return to Hobart.

Itinerary

Our itineraries are as changing as the weather in this remote & wild country. Quite often, we will plan each day's activities with our guests over dinner the night before. Our guide & skipper will put together a daily itinerary based on your own interests, whether that be hiking, beachcombing, bird spotting, sightseeing from the jet boat or simply relaxing aboard the *Odalisque*.

To give you an idea of how you might spend your days with us in the southwest, we have put together an example itinerary. Please note, this is a sample itinerary only—what you do on your trip may vary.

[Sample Itinerary](#)

<http://tasmanianboatcharters.com.au/port-davey-sample-itinerary/>

Weather

The dynamic weather is one of the many attractions of this unique World Heritage Area wilderness. Daytime summer temperatures can range from 10°C to 35°C and at least one day of rain or drizzle is to be expected. Evening temperatures regularly drop below 10°C. Take a look out our 'What to pack' section for suggestions as to what you might need to be comfortable in any weather.

Deposit & Final Payment

A 20% non-refundable deposit is required to confirm your booking. No bookings will be guaranteed until a deposit has been received and availability on dates requested has been confirmed by us. Final balance of payment is due 60 days prior to departure. If a booking is made 60 days or less from the date of charter, full payment is due at the time of the booking.

Payment is available by Bank Transfer or Credit Card. We accept Visa, Mastercard & Amex. There is a credit card surcharge of 1.55% for all credit card payments for our charters.



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Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Guest

- If your booking is cancelled less than 60 days prior to departure Tasmanian Boat Charters shall retain the full charter fee paid.
- If a booking is cancelled more than 60 days prior to departure the deposit paid is non-refundable but transferable to another charter date within 18 months of original dates.
- The date of cancellation is the date Tasmanian Boat Charters receives written notice of cancellation.
- Cancellation also applies if guests fail to show at the arranged venue for departure. Tasmanian Boat Charters will retain the full charter fee paid.
- No refund will be paid if guests choose, for whatever reason, to leave the charter after it has commenced.

Cancellation by Tasmanian Boat Charters

Tasmanian Boat Charters reserves the right to cancel any trip due to weather conditions, insufficient numbers or other circumstances outside of its control. In such a case, guests will be given a choice of

- Transferring payments towards another trip date
- Receiving a full refund including deposit and payments paid to Tasmanian Boat Charters.

Please note that we will not be liable for any flight or insurance costs guests may have incurred and therefore we strongly recommend travel insurance be taken out.

Tasmanian Boat Charters reserves the right to cancel any trip with insufficient numbers up to 60 days prior to departure. All trips are guaranteed to depart once a minimum of 4 guests are confirmed. No trip will be cancelled for insufficient numbers inside 60 days and every effort will be made to consolidate numbers so that the booked trip will successfully depart. All trips with a minimum of 2 international guests are guaranteed to depart.

Delays & Changes to Scheduled Flight Departure Times

On the *Escape to Port Davey* cruise expedition, our access to the Southwest wilderness area is by light aircraft. These planes cannot operate in extremes of weather or poor visibility. Whilst it is unusual, changes to scheduled flight departure times can occur on both inward and outward flights. Due to this we highly recommend that guests do not arrange onward travel for at least 24 hours after the trip's scheduled finish time.

Tasmanian Boat Charters will not be responsible for any expenses incurred for flight delays that are out of our control, including those caused by weather. We highly recommend that you purchase travel tickets that can be rebooked and obtain travel insurance to cover any expenses associated with such delays.

Delayed departure

Delays of several hours to flight departure times due to weather are not unexpected. This is the nature of travelling to such a remote area.

Where weather delays a departure by 12 hours or more, guests will be given the option of



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a) Extending trip end date to keep original duration

In the eventuality of a delayed departure, Tasmanian Boat Charters will endeavour to provide a complete itinerary where circumstances allow. This includes extending the trip end date & time so that the trip is of the same, or similar, duration. This does however require guests to have flexibility in their own schedule to allow for such an extension. As such, Tasmanian Boat Charters recommends that guests do not arrange onward travel for at least 24 hours after the trip's scheduled finish time.

b) A shortened trip at a reduced rate

Should the initial departure date be cancelled, guests may have the option to start a shortened version of their original trip at a later date. In most cases, weather allowing, this will generally be the day after the original intended departure date.

In this case, guests will be compensated for the shortened duration of the trip. A refund will be calculated based on a per day rate less 25% and offered for each 24-hour period the trip duration has been shortened by. The day rate is calculated by dividing the expedition's total cost by the total duration in days.

c) Transferring payments to another available trip date

Delayed return

Variation in scheduled flight departure times by several hours are not unexpected. This includes situations where a flight time is brought forward to account for expected inclement weather at the original scheduled flight time.

If the weather does not permit travel out of Port Davey on the scheduled trip end date and guests are required to stay an extra night(s) aboard Odalisque, guests will be charged a per day rate at a 25% discount. The day rate is calculated by dividing the expedition's total cost by the total duration in days.

We will request details of any onward flights or accommodation upon your return to Hobart, so that in the case of any delays, alternative arrangements can be made on your behalf.

Safety & Medications

The remote nature of this trip is part of what makes it a great adventure, but it also means that we need to be very careful that everyone is prepared for the unforeseen. If you are taking any medications please be sure to let Tasmanian Boat Charters staff know and to include an extra supply. It is also important that you let us know if you have any pre-existing medical conditions or injuries. Our supplies of non-prescription medications are limited. If this is a concern, feel free to bring your own.

Our skipper and all our guides hold either a wilderness or marine first aid qualification. An extensive first aid kit, satellite communication, location beacon, marine radio and flare kits are always carried.



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Power & Phones

There is no mobile phone coverage in the area where we will be travelling. We see this as an opportunity for complete escape from the hustle and bustle of day-to-day life.

However, we do understand that in some special situations you may need some communication with the outside world. In these circumstances, it is possible to send and receive text messages and to receive calls only via our satellite phone. Please ask the skipper to use the phone if necessary.

In case of emergency, family and friends can make contact with guests via the Tasmanian Boat Charters' phone: 0477 100 119. This phone is tended by Hobart staff, who will then pass on the message to staff in Port Davey.

Power is available on board to charge up any devices.

Age of Guests

The minimum age of guests for any overnight charters into Port Davey is 8 years. The parent / guardian is to take full responsibility for the child. In the case where the whole vessel is chartered by a single group of people, the age limit does not apply.

Disability access

There is no disability access aboard the *Odalisque*.

What to pack

Due to space and weight limitations in the aircraft, guests are limited to 12kg of personal luggage only. This luggage will need to fit in a soft waterproof canvas bag provided to you by Tasmanian Boat Charters. The bag is approximately 48cm long with a diameter of 34cm and a capacity of 45L.

We will make every effort to provide you with this bag the night before your trip starts, so that you can pack at your leisure. Alternatively, there is time and space available to transfer your belongings into this bag at the airport at the start of your trip. Any of your belongings not travelling with you to Port Davey can be left with Tasmanian Boat Charters for safekeeping for the duration of your trip.

Some essential items. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list

- Lightweight and sturdy hiking boots (note: some tracks are muddy, rutted and overgrown)
- Shoes suitable for beach landings in tender.
- Dry & clean footwear for wearing aboard *Odalisque* (something that's comfortable and easy to get on & off e.g. Sneakers or 'boat shoes')
- Hat & Sunglasses
- Warm polar fleece or down jacket & other warm layers
- Waterproof clothing
- Personal medications
- Comfortable clothes suitable for a range of activities – from hiking to cruising in the tender – suitable for the range of weather conditions we'll be exposed to – from hot, sunny and still, to cold, windy and wet.



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Optional Items

- Bathers
- Camera
- Book (there is a small library on board too!)
- Day pack
- Gaiters

Aboard the Odalisque, for your use:

- Drink bottle (you get to keep this!)
- Towels & linen
- Wet weather poncho - ideal for tender vessel usage
- Life jacket
- Small library with a variety of reference books
- First aid & emergency safety equipment
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Bathroom essentials including shampoo, conditioner & body wash