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Orion's Southern Australia Culinary Delights voyage

Join *Orion* on her inaugural voyage of food, wine and exploration of South Australia's Limestone Coast, Kangaroo Island and the Eyre and Fleurieu Peninsulas.

Conveniently departing from and returning to Melbourne, this 7 night voyage will provide guests with exclusive opportunities to visit some of Australia's fine South Australian wineries, taste local artisan cheeses and sample the famous oysters and crayfish that abound in these pristine waters fed from the Antarctic.

There will be plenty of opportunity to balance any excess of gourmet delights by joining Orion's specialist expedition team ashore to explore Kangaroo Island's beautiful scenery, secluded beaches and abundant wildlife, much still as it was when British navigator Matthew Flinders named this untamed wilderness in 1802.

Along with stunning coastal walks, beaches and quaint towns, the Fleurieu Peninsula is home to some of the best produce and vineyards in the country, while the Eyre Peninsula offers a range of tours and exceptional food and wine.

The Limestone Coast, responsible for 20% of Australia's premium wine production, is alluring with wild coastlines, unique wetlands and welcoming locals. Cellar doors throughout the region will test one's willpower.

Combining amazing geological features, stunning natural environments and prolific bird and marine life this truly is a voyage to tune the senses, where organic honeys and fine wines, the freshest of oysters and soft ripe cheeses mix it with yellow tailed black cockatoos, tammar wallabies and fur seals.

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Orion is widely recognised as Australia's foremost expedition cruise ship (able to visit the Antarctic, Kimberley and Papua New Guinea in equal comfort and safety) while providing her guests (106 maximum in 53 suites and staterooms, all with ocean views) with outstanding gourmet food and wine.

The Berlitz Guide to Cruising ranks *Orion* the second best purpose built expedition ship in the world.

Serge Dansereau, from Sydney's Bathers' Pavilion, is responsible for the dinner menus onboard, selecting fresh produce that reflects local specialties and suits the changing seasons. The formal dining room (with open seating so you can sit with whom you please, when you please) is complimented by relaxed alfresco meals on the aft deck. The 70 or so wines onboard represent brands from familiar Australian and New Zealand wineries as well as lesser known drops as well. The champagnes are French, of course, supplemented by a fine range of local sparkling wines.

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7 Night Southern Australia Culinary Delights Voyage
Departing 16 November 2010

Melbourne, Victoria, at Sea, Limestone Coast (Robe), Kangaroo Island, Eyre Peninsula (Port Lincoln), Fleurieu Peninsula, at Sea, Melbourne, Victoria

Fares from \$5,200 per person for an ocean view Category B Stateroom.
Suites from \$7,175 per person for a Junior Suite and Owners Suites with French Balcony are \$10,890 per person.

Expedition fares are per person twin occupancy and include accommodation, all meals, landings and selected activities ashore.

Further information on Orion Expedition Cruises can be obtained by visiting the website www.orionexpeditions.com

Visit http://www.orionexpeditions.com/ship/food_wine for examples of Orion's menus and wine list.

For reservations or to obtain a brochure call Orion Expedition Cruises: 61-2 9033 8777 (Sydney callers) 1300 361 012 (regional and interstate) or your travel agent. Email: info@orioncruises.com.au

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