

TWO CRUISE SHIP POLICY

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TasPorts recognises the value that visiting cruise vessels and their passengers bring to Tasmania, including economic benefits to the State's tourism and hospitality industries as well as to the broader community and economy.

Respecting the need to ensure the long-term viability and sustainability of cruise tourism in Tasmania, TasPorts introduced a policy in 2019 to limit cruise vessel visits to a maximum of two cruise vessels at berth at any one time, within the Port of Hobart.

TasPorts' Two Cruise Ship Policy formalises TasPorts' articulated position relating to the limitation of visiting cruise vessels and is designed to contribute to the sustainable management of cruise tourism within Tasmania as is appropriate for the city of Hobart and its surrounding regions.

POLICY PRINCIPLES

- For the purposes of this policy, a 'cruise ship' is defined as a passenger vessel capable of carrying greater than 100 passengers.
- TasPorts will limit the berthing of cruise ships within the Port of Hobart to two cruise vessels concurrently.
- When two cruise vessels are in port, additional cruise vessels may be permitted to anchor, however will not be permitted to tender passengers ashore, other than for safety reasons.
- Allowable under this Policy, subsequent vessels are permitted to arrive in port on the same date, following the departure of other cruise vessels, on the provision that there are no more than two cruise ships are at berth within the Port of Hobart at any given time.
- This Policy recognises that small home port expedition vessels such as Coral Expeditions' Coral Discoverer vessel, are exempt from the Policy. These vessels carry less than 100 passengers and are undertaking port calls in order to carry out turnaround and resupply operations whereby passengers permanently disembark the vessel after completing their cruise, prior to new passengers boarding later in the day to commence a new cruise.
- This Policy also applies to other Tasmanian ports, noting that currently, it is extremely rare for more than one cruise vessel to be in port at any one time at other ports around the State.

Information relating to cruise ship season operations and general cruise information is available on the [TasPorts Cruise Shipping Page](#).