



SAFFIRE FREYCINET COLES BAY, TASMANIA

The concept is simple: provide the pinnacle of luxury at a coastal sanctuary that is in harmony with the rugged environment and deliver flawless, memorable service. It is a tall order, but **Saffire Freycinet** on Tasmania's east coast nicely fills it. With only 20 suites, the staff-to-guest ratio provides singular attention to your holiday experience, including "signature experiences" that transport you via yacht to a private island or exclusive guided hikes among the pink granite Hazards Mountains or along the roiling sapphire waters. Kayak, mountain bike, or lounge on Wineglass Bay Beach to really connect with the ethereal surroundings. A day of sea and sun should be followed by a restorative spa session personally tailored to each guest (the first treatment is complimentary). By now you have worked up an appetite, so enjoy sunset cocktails at the eclectic, mid-century lounge with floor-to-ceiling windows and 16-foot fireplace, before you adjourn to the restaurant, Palate. Innovative Tasmanian cuisine takes advantage of the freshest ingredients from land and sea with degustation or full menus from Chef Hugh Whitehouse. Such full days make returning to your suite one of the best parts of this getaway. Local stone is paired with steel and leather for a vast oasis of streamlined design featuring furnishings that blend classic and contemporary chic, plus all the technology you'd expect from world-class accommodations. Premium suites even boast private courtyards and plunge pools as well as a kitchen so you can have a visiting private chef prepare sumptuous meals. US\$1,230-\$2,220. 2352 Coles Bay Rd, Tasmania. Tel: 011-61-3-6256-7888. www.saffire-freycinet.com.au