

A SEPTEMBER VOYAGE

A four night sailing along the coast of Portugal aboard
the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Professor Malyn Newitt

6th to 10th September 2024



Coimbra

Join us for this mini-break and discover coastal Portugal during our included guided excursions whilst also enjoying four nights of good food, company and service that the MS Island Sky is renowned for. September is the perfect time for our exploration, school holidays are over, the crowds have dispersed and the weather is cooling down, making it ideal for explorations ashore.

Guest Speaker

Malyn Newitt obtained a BA in Modern History at Oxford in 1961 and a PhD London 1967. He taught at the University of Rhodesia (1962-1965) and at the University of Exeter (1966-1998). At Exeter he served as Dean of Arts and Deputy Vice Chancellor (1995-98). In 1998 he was appointed the first Charles Boxer Professor of History at King's College London. He has specialised in Portuguese colonial history and is the author of many books including *Portugal in European and World History*, *Emigration and the Sea* and *An Alternative History of Portugal and the Portuguese*.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Vigo, Spain. Fly by scheduled flight to Oporto. On arrival we transfer to the MS Island Sky moored in Vigo. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Figueira da Foz for Coimbra, Portugal. Located at the mouth of the Mondego River, Figueira da Foz is one of central Portugal's prime beach resorts. However, the reason for our call is to visit the nearby city of Coimbra, the Medieval capital of Portugal for over 100 years. On a walking tour we will view the stunning buildings from the 16th to 18th centuries before we head to the university which was recently appointed UNESCO status. Founded in the 13th century we will see the Chapel of Sao Miguel and the Joanine Library which houses over 300,000 works dating back to the 16th century. After a local lunch, you can choose to return to Figueira da Foz or remain in Coimbra to explore further independently.

Day 3 Lisbon or Alentejo. Set on seven hills on the banks of the River Tagus, Lisbon has been the capital of Portugal since the 13th century. It is a city famous for its majestic architecture, old

wooden trams, Moorish features and more than twenty centuries of history. Following disastrous earthquakes in the 18th century, Lisbon was rebuilt by the Marquis de Pombal who created an elegant city with wide boulevards and a great riverfront and square. During our morning panoramic tour we will see the Monument to the Discoveries and Belem Tower and visit the famous Jeronimos Monastery. Alternatively, a full day tour will visit the Alentejo region. We will drive to Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where a walking tour will explore the sights and Medieval history of this enchanting city. Evora is one of the oldest towns in the Alentejo region and we will see the well preserved Roman Temple, St Francisco Church and the Chapel of Bones before exploring the charming squares. Alentejo is a highly respected wine region traditionally growing red wines from the Tempranillo and Trincadeira grapes. We will enjoy lunch in a vineyard including a tasting before we return to the MS Island Sky via the picturesque port of Setubal.

Day 4 Portimao. This morning the MS Island Sky arrives on the Algarve Coast at the fishing port of Portimao on the banks of the Arade River. During a morning call we head west to explore the more rugged Algarve and discover its place in history. We visit the historic town of Lagos, its sturdy Medieval walls testifying to its importance as a 15th century ship building and trading post. We then head to wild headland of Cabo Sao Vicente which lies at the extreme south western corner of Europe and where the 200-foot cliffs face the Atlantic waves. At nearby Sagres, Henry the Navigator built his school of Navigation and it was from here that many sailors set out to discover the New World. Spend a relaxing afternoon on board as we sail to the coast of Andalucia.

Day 5 Malaga, Spain to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. Alternatively join our optional overnight stay in Malaga.

MALAGA POST-CRUISE EXTENSION

10th to 11th September 2024

If you would like to spend a night in Malaga before returning to London, you can join our overnight stay which includes a city tour, lunch and dinner.

Twin: **£445** per person; Single: **£645**

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Deck	Suite Category	Price
Magellan	Standard	£1995
Columbus	Superior	£2095
Marco Polo	Premium	£2195
Marco Polo	Corner	£2295
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£2495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£2695
Explorer	Island Suite	£2895
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£2295
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£2395

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Four nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



MS ISLAND SKY

The much loved MS Island Sky is one of our two flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Hebridean Sky. With a maximum passenger capacity of only 118, a vessel of her size is capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Island Sky has the benefit of unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks.

Your Suite

On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a seating area and some have private balconies, whilst those on the Marco Polo Deck feature tinted, sliding glass doors allowing greatly enhanced viewing opportunities and quick access to the deck. Each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, a large wardrobe, dressing table and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, television and telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a safe, hairdryer, assorted Molton Brown toiletries, air-conditioning and heating.

Your Dining

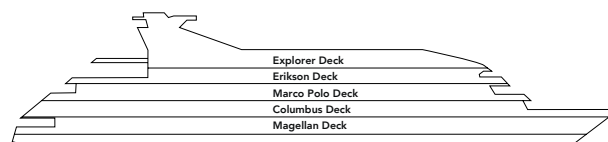
In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements and choice of restaurants at your leisure; whether that be joining a table of four to six other passengers in the elegant à la carte Restaurant or outside buffet-style on the Lido Deck in the evening sunshine. In the main Restaurant, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on

request. Lunch and dinner menus offer plenty of choice, often reflecting the daily catch and local delicacies. The Welcome and Farewell dinners are a sumptuous five course affair. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines is included with both meals. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapés take place in either the comfort of the Lounge or out on the Lido Deck when the weather is favourable.

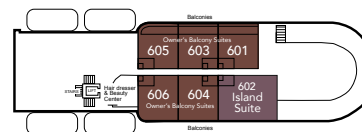
Your Space

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Columbus Deck featuring a selection of seating options from individual armchairs and sofas to side cushioned benches. Daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place in the Lounge. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Marco Polo Deck which features the main bar. Towards the aft of the ship on the Columbus Deck is the Library. A collection of games as well as devices to access the internet via the ship's satellite can be found in the Library. Access to the ship's satellite Wi-Fi via your own device is complimentary on board (signal strength varies depending on location and demand).

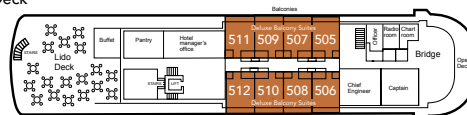
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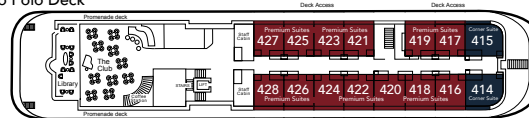
Explorer Deck



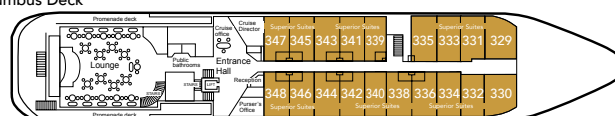
Erikson Deck



Marco Polo Deck



Columbus Deck



Magellan Deck



- Standard Suites
- Corner Suites with Deck Access
- Owner's Balcony Suites
- Superior Suites
- Deluxe Balcony Suites
- Island Suite
- Premium Suites with Deck Access



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