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ACROSS THE BAY OF BENGAL

A VOYAGE FROM SRI LANKA TO THAILAND INCLUDING
THE ANDAMAN ISLANDS ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY
WITH GUEST SPEAKER RIGHT REVEREND TIM STEVENS

26TH FEBRUARY TO 12TH MARCH 2026

NOBLE CALEDONIA

Join the MS Island Sky and escape to warmer climes for this unique journey from Sri Lanka and across the Bay of Bengal, to Thailand. We will discover Sri Lanka in some depth before sailing to the tropical Andaman Islands and on to Phuket, returning each evening to all the comforts of the MS Island Sky. Such a trip by land would be a continuous connection of hotels, long road journeys and domestic flights whereas with our small ship we can journey along the coast through beautiful scenery enjoying a wonderful mix of cultural and natural wonders along the way.

During our time in Sri Lanka we will explore Colombo with its Buddhist and Hindu temples and old colonial buildings and Galle Fort, the fortified old city founded by the Portuguese colonists in the 16th century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In addition we visit Polonnaruwa, the 5th century ancient city considered to be one of the best planned archaeological sites in the country. There will also be opportunities to discover some natural world wonders with visits to Yala National Park, renowned for its rich wildlife, most notably its many elephants, and Bundala National Park, a haven for birdwatchers and Sri Lanka's first designated wetland site of international importance.

After a week of exploration in Sri Lanka, we will spend a leisurely two days at sea as we head east across the Bay of Bengal allowing for time to catch up with fellow travellers and the onboard team regarding all you have seen and experienced. Arriving in the enchanting yet little known Andaman Islands, some 852 miles from mainland India, we have three days to explore these tropical islands with their pristine beaches and untouched primeval jungle. During our time here we will visit Port Blair, the capital which has a number of museums showcasing the lives of the indigenous population, Ross Island where we will discover the island's rich history with remnants of the colonial era and also spend time on Havelock Island where there will be the opportunity to relax on the beach and swim in the inviting turquoise waters. Continuing on to Thailand and the island of Phuket, our final day will be spent exploring this 'pearl of the Andaman Sea' with its Buddhist temples, beautiful coastal scenery and characterful capital.



Guest Speaker – Right Reverend Tim Stevens



Tim Stevens read Classics and English at Cambridge. In 1968 he joined BOAC as a graduate trainee and entered the Foreign Office in 1972 working in the South Asian Dept until starting training for ordination in Oxford. He was a parish priest in East London and Essex before being appointed Archdeacon of West Ham, Bishop of Dunwich and eventually Bishop

of Leicester where, from 1999 to 2015, he was heavily engaged in interfaith relations and a visiting professor in Church and Society at De Montfort University. Tim was chair of the Children's Society between 2004 and 2010 and Convener of the Bishops in the House of Lords, between 2009 and 2015, where he spoke regularly on public policy issues especially on Welfare Reform and inter-faith relations. In 2015 he was responsible for planning and leading the events surrounding the re-interment of Richard III in Leicester Cathedral. Tim is now on the global governance board of St John International and a trustee of the Woolf Institute in Cambridge which researches and supports understanding between Jews, Christians and Muslims.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Colombo, Sri Lanka. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Colombo. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 3 Colombo. Sri Lanka's commercial capital and largest city dates back over 600 years having been a trading hub for sea merchants and colonial rulers. Buddhist temples, Hindu temples, mosques and churches reflect the various beliefs practised all over the island and the beautiful facades of the old, colonial buildings contrast with the modern but elegant shopping arcades that have been developed inside. There will be a choice of activities today including a cultural tour visiting the Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple, the National Museum and Independence Square. Alternatively, visit the Kelaniya Buddhist Temple, located on the outskirts of the city. It is said that Buddha visited and preached his doctrine to a gathering of serpent-kings. Today worshippers come to lay sprigs of lotus flowers around the great white dagoba, light oil lamps, and sprinkle the base of the Tree of Enlightenment with purifying water. We can see the fine carvings and lovely frescoes, fascinating geometrically patterned ceiling paintings, and three important images of Buddha.

Day 4 Galle. Awake this morning in Galle where we take a walking tour of the impressive Galle Fortress. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the port where the Portuguese first landed in Sri Lanka in the 16th century and was then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century. Also see the maritime museum, which is housed in an old Dutch house, the lighthouse, mosque, and church before taking a stroll through the narrow streets with its shuttered mansions and cloistered courtyards. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Galle further at your own pace or alternatively join a tour to a nearby tea plantation where we will learn about the growing processes and enjoy a tasting.

Days 5 & 6 Hambantota for Bundala National Park, Yala National Park & Kataragama. We have one and a half days in Hambantota from where we will visit some of the region's highlights. We explore Bundala National Park, a haven for birdwatchers and Sri Lanka's first declared Ramsar wetland. Located in the deep south of the island, the diversity of the park lies in its landscape, from dry thorny scrubland to sand dunes and salt marshes, to mangroves and lagoons. Take a jeep through the park and discover close to 200 species of bird as well as many species of butterflies, crocodiles, elephants and deer. Also known as Ruhunu, Yala National Park was designated as a wildlife sanctuary in 1900 and is now home to 44 varieties of mammals and 215 bird species. This vast region of arid scrub interspersed with pockets of dense forest and open patches of grassland hosts one of the highest densities of leopards in the world. On a Jeep safari we also hope to see sloth bears, jackals, wild boar, and elephants. In addition, there will be a chance to visit Kataragama, one of the three most important religious sites in Sri Lanka and a popular place of pilgrimage for Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and the indigenous Vedda communities of Sri Lanka and South India. According to Buddhists, this was one of the 16 places visited by Buddha during his visits to Sri Lanka. We will explore the religious complex built across the Menik Ganga which contains buildings from all three religions including the mosque, temple, the small archaeological museum, and the principal shrine of the god Kataragama.

Day 7 Trincomalee & Polonnaruwa. Sailing to the northeast coast of Sri Lanka we arrive in Trincomalee, one of the finest deep water harbours of the world. Choose to join a morning excursion of Trincomalee which includes Fort Frederick built by the Portuguese in 1623, a walk to Swami Rock and a visit to Koneswarum Kovil, one of the five most holy Shaivite temples in the country. The afternoon will be free to relax on board or maybe visit one of the nearby beaches. Alternatively join a full day tour to Polonnaruwa. This 5th century ancient city was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1982 and is considered to be one of the best planned archaeological sites in the country. The entire landscape of the region is punctuated by high man-made reservoirs, the most famous of which is Parakrama Samudra or the Sea of Parakrama, built during King Parakramabahu's reign in 1164-1196 AD. The monuments in the ancient city are relatively well preserved and highlights are



Polonnaruwa ruins, Sri Lanka



Koneswarum Kovil, Trincomalee



Leopard, Yala National Park



Bundala National Park



The Lighthouse, Galle Fort



Wat Chalong Temple, Phuket

the Royal Palace complex, including the King's Palace and Audience Hall and the spectacular Gal Vihare complex of four massive images of the Buddha cut from a single slab of granite.

Days 8 & 9 At Sea. Spend a relaxing two days at sea as we cross the Bay of Bengal.

Days 10 to 12 Andaman Islands, India. Located 1,000 kilometres off the East Coast of India in the Bay of Bengal, the Andaman Islands are an archipelago of approximately 300 islands renowned for their palm lined beaches, mangroves, tropical rainforests and coral reefs that support multiple species of marine life. Our two days of exploration will include Port Blair, the largest town, capital and main entry point of the islands where we will visit the 19th century Cellular Jail, the Naval Marine Museum and the Anthropological Museum which showcases the lives of the aboriginal tribes that populate some of the outer islands. On Ross Island we discover the former capital and administrative centre which was used by the British from 1857 until being abandoned after an earthquake in 1941. Exploring the island by foot we will see the ruins of the Chief Commissioner's House, church, hospital and former troops barracks surrounded by a protected forest which is a sanctuary to a variety of birds. Also visit the small museum where we can see photographs of the island from its heyday. Meanwhile on Havelock Island we can spend some time relaxing on one of the sandy beaches or swimming in the clear waters.

Day 13 At Sea. Enjoy a leisurely day on board.

Day 14 Phuket, Thailand. Arriving in Thailand over breakfast we will have a choice of excursions this morning. An island drive will include Wat Chalong, the largest and most strikingly ornamented of Phuket's 29 Buddhist temples. Its intriguing history features a monk believed to have formidable healing powers. To this day, Thais from all over the country flock to Wat Chalong to pay homage to the monks and regain their physical and spiritual powers. Later see the Big Buddha Temple located at the top of Nark Kerd mountain. Alternatively, join a local speedboat to visit Phang Nga Bay, renowned for the limestone islands rising dramatically from the sea including the famous backdrop to the James Bond film "The Man with the Golden Gun". Spend the morning enjoying the scenery in the bay before we visit Koh Panyi, a settlement built over 200 years ago with houses built on stilts above the water. This afternoon is free to explore Phuket Town at your own pace as we moor overnight.

Day 15 Phuket to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. Arrive this evening. Alternatively join our two night extension in Bangkok, details of which can be viewed online.

EXPLORING ASHORE

This voyage will appeal to those who enjoy the natural and cultural world and includes activities which will require walking around large archaeological sites, such as Polonnaruwa. In addition, in the National Parks of Yala and Bundala, the safaris will be in 4x4 vehicles travelling on unsealed roads. During our visit to the Andaman Islands, we expect to be at anchor in Havelock Island where we will make use of the vessel's Zodiacs which will require a beach landing. Throughout the journey our onboard team will endeavour to arrange a selection of walks to include longer and shorter options to cater for different abilities and interests. However, many days will involve walking for extended periods in hot and humid conditions. To best enjoy this itinerary, we do recommend a good level of mobility and if you would like to discuss the level of fitness required, please contact us.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£9495	£8995
Columbus	Superior	£9795	£9295
Marco Polo	Premium	£10195	£9695
Marco Polo	Corner	£10495	£9995
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£11795	£11295
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£12295	£11795
Explorer	Island Suite	£12995	£12495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£10495	£9995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£10795	£10295

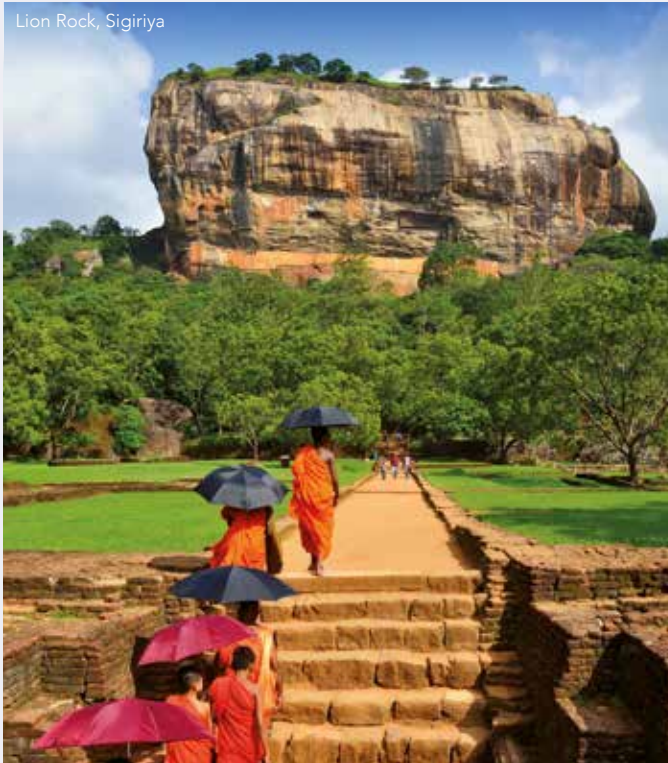
PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 13 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, Indian visa, Sri Lankan visa.

Pre-cruise Sri Lanka Extension – 20th to 27th February 2026

If you would like to discover more of Sri Lanka, you can join our escorted tour visiting some of the country's highlights prior to embarking the MS Island Sky.

Lion Rock, Sigiriya



Dambulla Cave Temples



Temple of the Tooth, Kandy

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Colombo, Sri Lanka. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Negombo. Arrive and transfer to Negombo Beach where we will have an afternoon to relax in the hotel or at the nearby beach before we meet for dinner at the hotel. (D)

Day 3 Negombo to Habarana. Check out this morning and transfer to the centre of Sri Lanka and Habarana. After lunch we check into our hotel and have a free afternoon before meeting for dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Anuradhapura & Minneriya National Park. A UNESCO World Heritage Site predominantly influenced by Buddhism; Anuradhapura was Sri Lanka's first Capital Kingdom. According to the ancient Sinhalese Chronicle 'Mahavamsa' the Kingdom was founded in the fifth century BC. Upon arrival see the brilliant white dome shaped Ruwanwelisaya and Jethawanarama stupas or dagobas (religious monuments). These two stupas have survived over two millennia and the mighty Jethawanarama is equal in size to the pyramids in Giza. Next, admire the 'Samadhi' Buddha statue, a granite statue of Buddha in a meditative pose and a true masterpiece of sculpture. After lunch near the site we will continue to the Minneriya National Park, a wildlife reserve where during a safari we will witness the animals that call this park home such as sambar deer, birds and of course elephants. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Sigiriya. Easily the most iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site in Sri Lanka, Sigiriya Rock dramatically rises up out of the surrounding jungle, standing at nearly 200 metres tall. This incredible rock fortress was built by King Kashyapa I in the 5th century AD and served as a royal citadel for more than 18 years. Arriving at the fortress in the morning and with every step we climb, marvel at its beauty in the sun, pausing occasionally during our ascent to admire the mirror wall, the great lion paws, and the famous Sigiriya frescoes. Legend states that King Kashyapa's harem threw themselves off the rock when he fell but live forever in the form of frescoes found on the inner cave walls. Once at the top, enjoy the unparalleled views of the natural jungle that surrounds you. Return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Dambulla to Kandy. Check out this morning before we visit the Dambulla Cave Temples. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a vast cave complex that dates back to the 1st century BC when it was converted into a temple and it is still regarded as one of the most important Buddhist monasteries. As we explore the complex of five caves, admire the rock ceiling which is the largest collection of paintings in Sri Lanka within a cave temple and wander between the 150 Buddhist statues that stand so well preserved within the cave walls. After lunch we will drive to the hill capital of Kandy, the last kingdom of Sri Lanka. After checking into our hotel the remainder day is at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Kandy. Kandy is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the famed Temple of the Tooth. This iconic monument was built during the 16th century AD and is one of the most important temples for Buddhists as it houses the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha and is one of the most revered sites in this cultural capital. Later we continue to the Royal Botanical Gardens. With 147 acres and over 4,000 species of plants, it is the largest and most impressive botanical garden in Sri Lanka. As we take a leisurely walk, admire the beautiful giant bamboo and double palm trees, both of which are imports to the island and many are over a century old, and the fine collection of orchids, for which the garden is famous. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Kandy to Colombo. Check out after breakfast and transfer to the MS Island Sky moored in Colombo. (B, L)

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Twin: **£3495** Single: **£4295**

Price Includes: Overnight hotel accommodation in Negombo, three nights hotel accommodation in Dambulla, two nights hotel accommodation in Kandy, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, tours as described, gratuities, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, Sri Lankan visa.

MS ISLAND SKY



Friendly Service



Deluxe Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

The much loved MS Island Sky is one of our two flagships and sister vessel to the MS Hebridean Sky. Both vessels were built in the same shipyard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them two of the finest small ships in the world. 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. The feeling of luxury is enhanced by the wood panelling and brass, which predominates throughout the vessel conveying the atmosphere of a private yacht. The passenger accommodation is arranged over five decks and 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, flat screen television with inbuilt DVD/CD player and a telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a safe, hairdryer, assorted Noble Isle toiletries, air-conditioning and heating. The comfortable beds in each suite can be configured as either double or twin.

Your Dining

With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board the MS Island Sky is of a consistent superior quality that befits such a vessel. 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. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. Special diets can be catered for with sufficient notice.



Superior Suite



The Club



The Library

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. The Club also features a 24-hour tea and coffee station. Towards the aft of the ship on the Columbus Deck is the Library. Well stocked with reference books pertaining to the destinations the vessel is visiting and a selection of essential reads, you will not find yourself short of excellent literature on board. A collection of games as well as devices to access the internet via the ship's satellite can also 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*). The main Restaurant, which can seat all guests at one sitting, is located on the Magellan Deck, and outside there is a rear Lido Deck located on the Erikson Deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. Further to this on the top Explorer Deck there is an observation area ideal for spotting wildlife, complete with sun loungers for sunbathing, relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. The Promenade Deck wraps around the whole ship giving outstanding views. There is also a small beauty salon on board with appointments made on request.

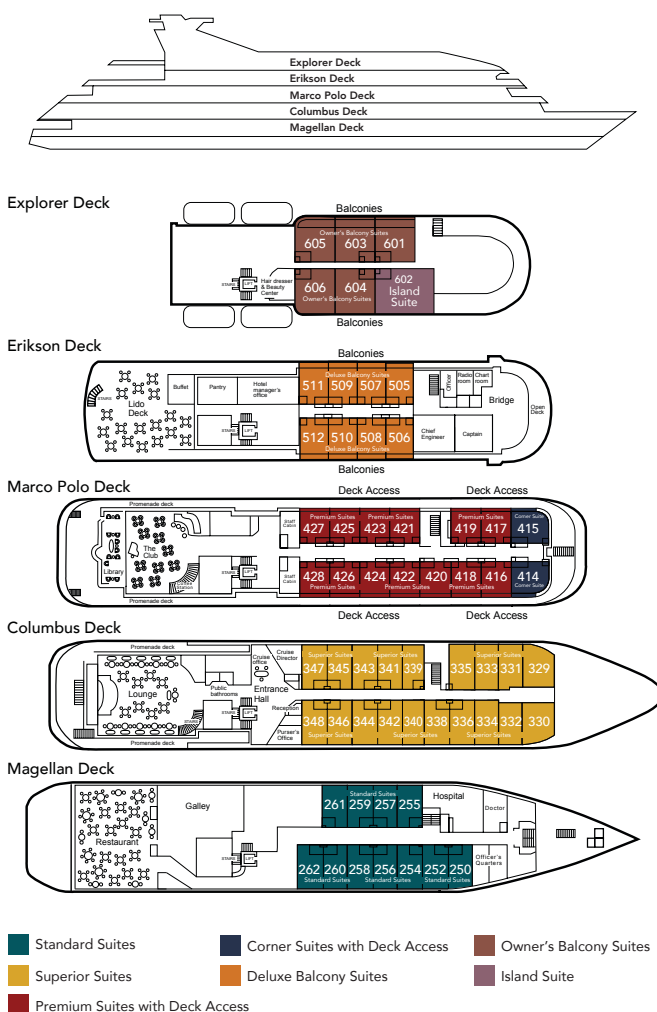
Your Comfort

The MS Island Sky is equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilisers to minimise the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer you the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessel's progress by charts and learn more about your journey. On board you will also find a clinic and Doctor and a lift that serves all decks. When at anchor our nimble Zodiacs will ferry you ashore or, on select cruises, enjoy Zodiac cruises getting you closer to the natural world.

Your Life On Board

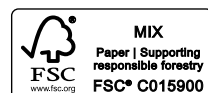
The atmosphere on board is warm and convivial and more akin to a private yacht or country hotel in which you can learn more about wonderful destinations you are visiting in the company of like-minded people. There is a high ratio of crew to passengers and our friendly crew of 75 are mainly Filipino and Eastern European and our Captains are experienced mariners. After a day ashore you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable ship where peace, high quality of service and attention to detail are the order of the day. A little music in the Lounge after dinner, Guest Speakers and informative port briefings and of course good food, all contribute to make any voyage aboard this wonderful vessel a memorable and joyful experience.

MS ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



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