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AN EPIC VOYAGE FROM FLORIDA TO
NOVA SCOTIA ABOARD MS HEBRIDEAN SKY
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Join us aboard the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky for this fascinating voyage of over 2000 miles as we cruise along the Eastern coast of the USA, all the way from Florida to the Canadian island of Nova Scotia. Over the course of 19 nights we will traverse a great swathe of North America and enjoy stunning coastal scenery, alluring architecture and quaint colonial towns contrasting with large metropolises – a veritable mix of culture and history.

During our epic voyage we will visit many historic sites that have shaped America from beautifully preserved Charleston in South Carolina, the birthplace of the Civil War to North Carolina's historic Wilmington and from Norfolk, we have the opportunity to step back in time in colonial Williamsburg, a living museum of the 18th century with its cobbled streets and reconstructed houses. In addition to the iconic cities of Washington DC, New York and Boston, we will also visit many smaller towns, ports and islands along the coast including the charming yachting centre of Newport, delightful Martha's Vineyard with its historic buildings, harbour and fine boutiques and Portland in Maine with its old port district.

Upon reaching Maritime Canada we witness a slower pace of life with a cultural mix of early French, Irish, Scottish and English influences. We will visit the expansive coastal wilderness and birdlife of the Fundy Trail, the beautiful and unspoiled island of Grand Manan and the picturesque village of Lunenburg, in Nova Scotia, the region's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nestled on a hilly peninsula, this 19th century village is known for its shipbuilding, seafaring expertise and its natural beauty. We end our cruise in the bustling city of Halifax with its pretty waterfront area and centuries-old maritime heritage.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Port Canaveral, USA. Fly by scheduled flight to Orlando and on arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky in Port Canaveral. Enjoy Welcome Dinner and Drinks as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Port Canaveral, Florida. Port Canaveral will be our base today for a choice of tours. You can choose to either tour the Kennedy Space Centre, enjoying a rare and behind the scenes look at one of mankind's most fascinating and remarkable achievements, the space programme. Here we will learn about the history of space travel as well as insight into the future of space exploration. Alternatively, enjoy an airboat trip through the fresh water marshes and wetland hammocks of beautiful St Johns River and be on the lookout for alligators and bald eagles.

Day 3 At Sea. Relax on board, maybe join a lecture in the lounge, read a book in the library or find a spot on deck.

Day 4 Charleston, South Carolina. The city of Charleston is brimming with history and culture. It was the scene of the major Revolutionary War naval battles, tales of pirates and Civil War sieges. We will moor for the day in the heart of this living museum on the banks of the Ashley River, one of the best places to appreciate the southern antebellum culture. Our tour will include a boat ride to Fort Sumter and the historic district including St Michael's Church and the Confederate Museum. This afternoon will be at leisure to explore the city independently or relax on board.

Day 5 Wilmington, North Carolina. Situated between the sea and Cape Fear River, historic

Wilmington was founded in 1739. It was named in honour of Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington, who was a patron of North Carolina's Governor at the time. To this day, visitors are reminded of its rich history by the grand old homes and tree-lined boulevards making Wilmington one of the most beautiful small cities in the south. Our visit will include the beautiful antebellum Bellamy Mansion and Thalian Hall, a working historic 1858 theatre which is listed on the national register of historic places. After lunch on board shuttle buses will be available for those who wish to explore the city independently.

Day 6 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we continue our journey north.

Day 7 Norfolk, Virginia. From the port of Norfolk we spend the day in Virginia's historic triangle. Spend



the morning in historic colonial Williamsburg. Once the political and economic centre of the Virginia colony, Williamsburg is the nation's premier living museum, offering visitors a glimpse of life as it was in the 17th and 18th centuries. A guided tour leads us along the Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg's main thoroughfare, past the Capitol, the courthouse, the Governor's Palace and the historic Bruton Parish Church, where Episcopal services have been held since 1715. After lunch in one of the local taverns we will travel along the Colonial Parkway, the scenic road built during the Great Depression, arriving at Jamestowne Island, the first permanent English settlement in America dating back to 1607. We will learn about the life of the first community here and see the 17th century church tower before returning to the vessel and sailing this evening.

Day 8 Baltimore, Maryland. Spend the day in Baltimore, a truly great American city full of colonial and maritime history. On a morning tour we visit Fort McHenry. Strategically placed at the entrance to the harbour, this imposing star shaped barrack is best known for its role in the War of 1812 and is now a National Monument. Continue to the B&O Railroad Museum, an historic national landmark with a collection of locomotives set amongst historic buildings which document the impact and growth of the rail industry and its impact on the culture of the country. After lunch on board the afternoon is free to relax or maybe make your way to Baltimore's inner harbour where you can climb to the "Top of the World" observation deck with views over the harbour and

beyond or alternatively visit Fells Point which is steeped in maritime history. We remain moored in Baltimore overnight.

Day 9 Washington DC & Mount Vernon. After breakfast on board we embark on a full day tour to Washington D.C. and Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington. For more than forty years, George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the American forces in the Revolutionary War and the first President of the United States, called Mount Vernon home. We will visit the mansion, more than a dozen original structures, Washington's Tomb and nearly 50 acres of his extensive plantation overlooking the Potomac River. The estate also includes a working blacksmith shop and the George Washington: Pioneer Farmer site. After lunch we will set off for Washington D.C., enjoying a drive around the US capital including the Capitol Building, Washington Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and the White House.

Day 10 At Sea. In the early hours we will transit the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal before spending the remainder of the day at sea.

Day 11 Poughkeepsie & Hudson River. This morning we arrive at our mooring on the Hudson River at Poughkeepsie, our base for a visit to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. This museum was conceived by Franklin D. Roosevelt to house the many historic papers, books and memorabilia he accumulated throughout his life. After privately raising funds to build the site, he donated it to the National Archives

to ensure that the public would have access to such important documents. We also visit Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill, a National Historic Site. Wander the bucolic grounds and visit the cottage where Eleanor lived until her death. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon on board as we cruise along the Hudson towards New York.

Day 12 New York City. To stand on deck whilst we sail into New York City past the Statue of Liberty is a truly breathtaking experience. We have a full day to explore the city and will offer a choice of activities. Maybe join a morning city highlights of Manhattan tour as we pass the Empire State building, Central Park and Times Square. You will then have an afternoon at leisure to explore independently. Alternatively visit the legendary artists and writers' quarter of Greenwich Village, enjoy shopping on Fifth Avenue, visit one of the world famous galleries such as the Guggenheim in the Upper East Side or the Museum of Natural History. If you prefer to escape from the hubbub, enjoy a stroll around Central Park or along the Highline. You can also join a full day tour to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island and see the location where around 12 million steerage and third class steamship passengers were processed for immigration into the USA between 1892 and 1954. Now a museum, we will get a fascinating insight into the immigrant's experience as well as enjoying magnificent views across to the Manhattan skyline.

Day 13 Newport, Rhode Island. Through the years Newport has made a name for itself in a variety

of manners, first as a colony founded on religious freedom, later as the summer playground for the American socialite families including Kennedy and Eisenhower, also as a key location for the United States Navy, and then as the yachting centre it is today. A principal 18th century port city, Newport now boasts amongst the highest number of surviving colonial builds of any city in the United States. Our morning tour will explore the opulent Oceanside mansions including the Breakers and Marble house designed for the Vanderbilts in the late 19th century. We return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure to explore independently.

Day 14 Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Over a century ago, Martha's Vineyard was one of the world's most important whaling centres. Today, its picturesque landscape of fishing villages and beautiful beaches is home to local, summertime and celebrity residents. On a morning tour we will visit the village of West Tisbury, see the 'gingerbread cottages' of Oak Bluffs and Edgartown, an architectural gem of 18th and 19th century sea captains' houses and other historic buildings. Later, you will have the opportunity to stroll along the harbour or discover the town's fine boutiques and restaurants.

Day 15 Boston, Massachusetts. This morning we explore Boston and Cambridge. Founded in 1630 as the first seat of government for the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Cambridge has developed into an international community, merging history, education, arts and culture. Stroll the historically elegant Brattle Street with its outstanding collection



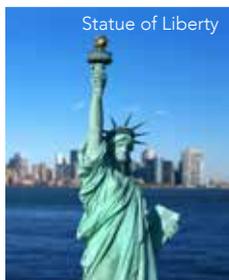
Lunenburg



Martha's Vineyard



Washington DC



Statue of Liberty



St. Martins New Brunswick

of Tory mansions including the Longfellow House National Historic Site, a treasure chest of historic artefacts. In Boston, visit the Old North Church, where Paul Revere began his famous ride, and discover the Beacon Hill neighbourhood, with lovely turn-of-the-century homes and cobblestone streets. The afternoon is free to explore the city independently.

Day 16 Portland, Maine. Arrive this morning into Portland's historic Old Port district brimming with charming boutiques and quaint cafes. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow immortalised Portland when he wrote 'My Lost Youth.' We will enjoy a tour of the city highlights including a stop at the Portland Head Light, America's first lighthouse. It was commissioned by George Washington and built in 1787 to guard what was then the state's busiest harbour. The Old Port Exchange with its cobblestone streets is the core of the cultural revival that extends to the art district with its marvellous museum and art school. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon cruising to Canada.

Day 17 Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. Arrive this morning into Saint John, the only city on the shore of the Bay of Fundy and home to the world's highest tides. Saint John is Canada's first incorporated city, a celebrated wooden shipbuilding centre with a colourful history. Today, the quaint "Uptown" area is laden with Victorian-influenced architecture, brick walkways, historic churches, town squares and flowers blooming around old-fashioned lamp posts. On our morning tour we will have the

opportunity to see the Reversing Rapids, a unique phenomenon created by the collision of the Bay of Fundy's monstrous tides and the mighty Saint John River. After lunch choose to discover Saint John at leisure or join a scenic drive to the picturesque hamlet of St Martins, an area of great natural beauty and the gateway to the Fundy Trail. Famous for its red cliffs, echo caves and birdwatching there will be time to explore the area before we return to the ship.

Day 18 Grand Manan. Located in the Bay of Fundy, the island of Grand Manan is a wonderful way to see the unspoiled natural surroundings of New Brunswick. The rich waters of the bay are home to an abundant variety of marine life that has kept island fisheries thriving for generations. Beneath the surface of the water lie many a testament of the ocean's unforgiving side as we hear about the 300 vessels that have been wrecked around the island over the past two centuries. We will visit the fascinating Grand Manan Museum, which includes rich displays and history of life on the island and tour along the breathtaking coastline, seeing the lighthouses that have guided fishermen into Grand Manan's harbours for decades. If we are lucky we may see whales or dolphins whilst the island is a breeding ground for thousands of seabirds.

Day 19 Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. Arrive in Lunenburg at lunchtime and spend the afternoon on a walking tour through the UNESCO World Heritage town, known as one of the prettiest towns in Canada. Established in 1753, the Old Town is the best surviving example of a planned British colonial settlement

in North America. Named in honour of King George II who was also the Duke of Braunschweig-Lunenburg, the architecture of this seaside town reflects a strong European influence due to the settlement of 'Foreign Protestants' from Germany, France, Switzerland and the Netherlands. We see some stunning historical buildings and stately heritage homes as we explore the Old Town and visit the aquarium at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic.

Day 20 Halifax to London. The capital of Nova Scotia and the largest city in Canada's Atlantic Provinces, Halifax was once Great Britain's major military bastion in North America. The beautifully restored waterfront buildings of Halifax's Historic Properties recall the city's centuries-old maritime heritage. After we disembark this morning we will leave the city and head to Peggy's Cove, a quaint

fishing village in a preservation area on the south shore of Nova Scotia and home to the iconic Peggy's Point Lighthouse. We will return to Halifax for lunch and have a free afternoon where you may wish to explore the Halifax citadel which lies on a natural drumlin overlooking the entire city with superb views of the harbour, visit the Fairview Lawn Cemetery where 121 victims of the Titanic disaster are buried or see the Victorian Public Gardens, an oasis in the centre of the bustling city. This evening we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 21 London. Arrive this morning.

SHIP TO SHORE

Please note that during this voyage, we will be at anchor in Poughkeepsie, Martha's Vineyard and Grand Manan and will use the vessel's Zodiacs to access the shore.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£11895	£11295
Byrd	Superior	£12095	£11495
Mawson	Premium	£12595	£11995
Mawson	Corner	£13195	£12595
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£15495	£14895
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£15995	£15395
Shackleton	Hebridean	£16995	£16395
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£14795	£14195
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£14995	£14395

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 19 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • Wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Transfers • Gratuities • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



Alfresco Dining



Owner's Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

The MS Hebridean Sky is one of our three flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Island Sky and MS Caledonian Sky. All three vessels were built in the same ship yard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them three 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 Caledonian 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 sitting area and some have private balconies. 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 all suites have outside views with those on the Scott and Shackleton Decks featuring private balconies. Each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, large wardrobes, dressing table with large mirror and stool and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, flat screen television and a telephone in each suite. Bottled water, Egyptian cotton sheets, dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted Molton Brown toiletries and individually controlled air-conditioning and heating. Soft hues and blended tones enhance the traditional maritime style making the passenger accommodation an inviting and relaxing place to be.

Your Dining

With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board the MS Hebridean 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.

