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ALONG THE BARBARY COAST

A VOYAGE BETWEEN MALTA AND MALAGA INCLUDING
TUNISIA & ALGERIA ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

28TH OCTOBER TO 7TH NOVEMBER 2027
WITH GUEST SPEAKER NIGEL MCGILCHRIST &

7TH TO 17TH NOVEMBER* 2027
WITH GUEST SPEAKER DAVID STUTTARD



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Located on the North African coast, betwixt the desert and the sea are some of Ancient Rome's most magnificent sites which we will discover during this fascinating voyage between Malta and Malaga. This is a region that is best discovered by sea and from the historic port of Valletta we sail to Tunisia where we will visit the Roman amphitheatre of El Djem, the ancient city of Kairouan and Carthage with its Phoenician ruins. It is easy to imagine how daily life played out in Roman times in this great city which will transport you to another world and time. We also spend three days in Algeria where we can explore the ancient city of Tipaza, the mysterious Mausoleum of Mauretania and the city of Tlemcen in the north of the country known for its Moorish buildings including the 11th century Grand Mosque. In addition we call into the city of Oran which was founded at the beginning of the 10th century by Andalucian merchants as a base for trade with the North African hinterland and features an array of historical buildings with Arab, Ottoman and French colonial influences.



Interspersed between our calls along the North African coast will be a day in the Sardinian capital of Cagliari allowing for the opportunity to visit the ruins at Nora, one of the best preserved Roman cities in Sardinia which rises above the remains of an ancient Phoenician-Punic settlement. We will also visit the little known Spanish enclave of Melilla on the Moroccan coast, a fascinating place to spend a few hours before our voyage concludes in Malaga.

All this will be achieved with great ease aboard the MS Hebridean Sky and with just over 100 like-minded travellers, we are able to explore in a way that is impossible from aboard a large cruise vessel and being timed for late October and November, we can expect pleasant temperatures, agreeable for exploration. The magnificent sites provide an unparalleled experience of life in classical times which with the help of our knowledgeable Guest Speaker and local guides, will be brought vividly back to life.

Guest Speakers

Nigel McGilchrist – 28th October 2027 Departure



Nigel McGilchrist is an author and lecturer who has lived and worked in the Mediterranean – Italy, Turkey, Egypt, and Greece – for over forty years. He was a scholar at Winchester College and at Oxford; after graduating he began teaching at the University of Rome and subsequently worked for the Italian Superintendence of Fine Arts. His spare time was devoted to exploring the lands, coasts and the cultures of the Mediterranean world, both of North Africa and of Southern Europe. He has lectured for many years on the art and history of the Mediterranean for museums and institutions in Europe and America – among them, the Getty Museum and the Smithsonian in Washington, DC. He was formerly Dean of European Studies for a consortium of American universities.

David Stuttard – 7th November 2027 Departure



With a degree in Classics from St Andrews University followed by three years of postgraduate research, David taught for eleven years in Edinburgh, St Andrews and York. David is the author of numerous books about the ancient world, including: *A Traveler's Guide to Roman Mythology*; *31 BC, Antony, Cleopatra and the Fall of Egypt*; and *AD 410, The Year That Shook Rome*. A Fellow of Goodenough College, London, he is also a translator and theatre practitioner with a long background in drama, having toured his own productions of Greek plays throughout the UK as well as to Graeco-Roman theatres including Ephesus and Butrint. During our voyage, David's talks will explore the vivid ancient history of the region that was contested by both Romans and Carthaginians, investigating these societies' beliefs and values, considering key encounters, and discovering how commerce and ambition led to clashes that helped shape Western history.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Valletta, Malta. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and sail this evening.

Days 2 & 3 Sousse, El Djem & Kairouan, Tunisia. After a morning at sea we arrive in Tunisia at the port of Sousse which will be our base for the next day and a half of discovery. During our time here we will drive out of the city to the small village of El Djem where we will see the great Roman amphitheatre, built to accommodate 35,000 spectators and visit the excellent museum with its collection of mosaics. A tour of Sousse will include the museum, located in the ramparts of the Kasbah and housing a fine collection of mosaics; as well as the imposing Ribat, one of the finest and best conserved buildings of the series of 'fortress-monasteries' that dotted the North African coastline. We will also drive to the ancient city of Kairouan where we see the Great Mosque which is a universal architectural masterpiece and one of the most impressive and largest Islamic monuments in North Africa. Finally we will see the Aghlabid Basins, the majestic cisterns built by the Aghlabids in the 9th century which represent a highly sophisticated work of engineering from the Middle Ages.

Day 4 Tunis & Carthage. From the nearby port of Tunis we drive to the site of Carthage, founded by the Phoenicians in the 8th century BC it became one of the most influential cities in the Mediterranean. This prosperity led to rivalry with Rome and it was during the Third Punic War, in 146 BC, that the Roman forces destroyed the city. Due to the strategic location the Romans rebuilt Carthage in the 1st century AD to become one of the most important

cities in their empire. See the Phoenician remains of Tophet, the sanctuary of the gods Tanit and Baal as well as some interesting monuments from the Roman era including the baths and the amphitheatre. Later, we hope to explore the Bardo Museum which houses some renowned Roman mosaics from the archaeological sites of El Djem, Sousse and Dougga as well as artefacts and sculptures from Carthage.

Day 5 Cagliari, Italy. Arrive over breakfast in the Sardinian capital of Cagliari, an ancient city which dates back to the Phoenicians and Romans. From the port we drive along the south-western coast to reach Nora which was founded by the Phoenicians but also has Carthaginian and Roman ruins. After a period of Roman prosperity, there was a decline and in the 3rd century AD the city was engulfed by the sea. Still visible today are the remains of Carthaginian warehouses and various Roman buildings including the baths with splendid mosaics and the theatre. After lunch on board, there will be a guided walking tour during which we will stroll around the old town with its narrow streets running along a steep hillside. See the terraced Piazza del Palazzo and the 14th century Cathedral of St Mary.

Day 6 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we cross the Mediterranean Sea. Maybe join a lecture or find a spot on deck.

Day 7 Algiers, Algeria. Depart this morning for the ancient city of Tipaza which was probably founded by the Phoenicians but really came into being under the Romans. The city was extended by Emperor Claudius and grew



Ribat, Sousse



El Mansourah, Tlemcen



Melilla



Oran



Cagliari



El Djem

wealthy on Mediterranean trade. It was built on three small hills which overlooked the sea. There are ruins of three Basilicas, two cemeteries, the baths, the theatre, the nymphaeum and the unusual oval shaped amphitheatre. After visiting the city, we will enjoy a typical Algerian lunch before continuing to the mysterious Mausoleum of Mauretania which lies in the hills above the sea about 18 kilometres away from Tipaza. It is one of the most breathtaking sights in Algeria. The vast pyramid-like structure is named the Tomb of the Christian on account of the large crosses that decorate the tomb which predates Jesus Christ. We return to the ship via the Martyrs' Monument which offers spectacular views over the city.

Day 8 Oran. Oran is a city of architectural riches, and the Arab, Spanish, Ottoman and French influences are very noticeable. Its originality is owed much to its turbulent history during the Medieval period which profoundly changed the evolution of its landscape to such an extent that, unlike other Algerian cities, it is indelibly marked by its Hispanic past. Today, Oran can be described as an open-air museum of Western military architecture, alongside buildings with Arab and Ottoman influences as well as modern buildings dating from the French colonial period. Arriving at lunchtime we will take an afternoon guided walking tour to view some of the most striking buildings including the Cathedral, La Place d'Armes, Pasha Mosque, Sidi El Houari and the old Arab quarters followed by a drive to Mount Aidour and the Fort of Santa Cruz to take in the sweeping aerial views of Oran.

Day 9 Ghazaouet. This morning we reach the port of Ghazaouet located close to the border with Morocco. From here we drive approximately 50 miles inland to Tlemcen, an interesting and cultured city. Our visit will include the 11th century Great Mosque and the deconsecrated Sidi Bel Hassan Mosque which was transformed into a museum in 1901 and houses a selection of mosaics, carvings and pottery. After a local lunch we will continue to El Mansourah to see the remains of an old minaret and El Mechouar, which was built as a citadel in 1145 before it became the royal residence of the Zianide dynasty in the 13th century.

Day 10 Melilla, Spain. Today we visit a little bit of Spain in North Africa. Situated on the northern coast of Morocco the Spanish city occupies a rocky peninsula which juts out into the Mediterranean. It has been in

Spanish hands since 1497 and previous colonisers included the Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans. It is a fascinating place to spend a morning observing the co-existence of Catholic and Muslim faiths, the influences of Spanish and Moorish architecture and the old walled city, fortress and busy marketplace. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea.

Day 11 Malaga to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

*Please note that the 7th November 2027 itinerary operates in the reverse direction to that shown, from Malaga to Malta. The full itinerary can be viewed on our website.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£6295	£5995
Byrd	Superior	£6595	£6295
Mawson	Premium	£6995	£6695
Mawson	Corner	£7295	£6995
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£7995	£7695
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£8295	£7995
Shackleton	Hebridean	£8595	£8295
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£7795	£7495
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£8295	£7995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the MS Hebridean 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, Algeria visa.

Malta Extension

26th to 28th October 2027 –

Pre-cruise in conjunction with 28th October cruise

17th to 19th November 2027* –

Post-cruise in conjunction with 7th November cruise

If you would like to spend some time in Malta, we are offering a two night hotel stay including a guided tour of Valletta and Mdina.

Valletta



The Itinerary (pre-cruise)

Day 1 London to Valletta, Malta. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to our hotel and check in for a two night stay. After some time at leisure we will meet for dinner this evening. (D)

Day 2 Valletta. Enjoy a morning walking tour of Valletta, the 16th century 'Fortress City' built by the Knights of St John. Our morning tour will include the highlights of Valletta with its stunning views across the harbour from the Barakka Gardens. We will explore Merchants Street, containing the surviving auberges built by the Knights of St John of Jerusalem, together with the palace where Napoleon Bonaparte is believed to have stayed in 1798. Our final stop will be at St John's Cathedral. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Mdina. This morning we will tour the city of Mdina. Known as the 'Silent City' at the heart of the island, Mdina was the fortified capital of the island before the arrival of the Knights. Enjoy a local lunch before transferring to the MS Hebridean Sky which will be moored in Valletta. (B, L)

**Please note that the post-cruise itinerary for the November extension can be viewed on our website.*

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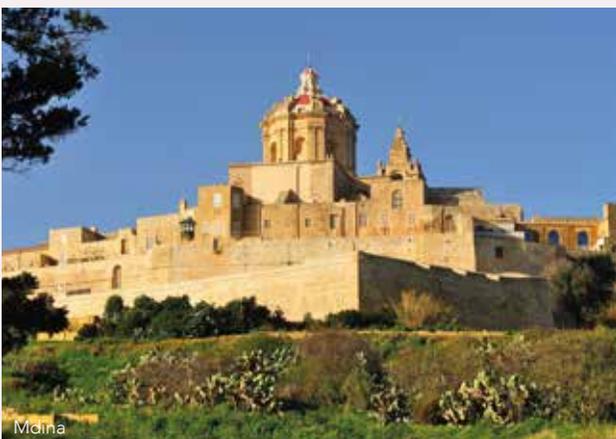
Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£945** Single: **£1245**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Valletta, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Mdina



Gibraltar Extension

7th to 9th November 2027 –

Post-cruise in conjunction with 28th October cruise

5th to 7th November 2027* –

Pre-cruise in conjunction with 7th November cruise

If you would like to spend some time in Gibraltar we are offering a two night hotel stay including a guided tour.

Gibraltar



The Itinerary (post-cruise)

Day 1 Malaga to Gibraltar. Disembark this morning and transfer to Gibraltar to discover this strategic British outpost in the Mediterranean. After taking in the views from Europa Point, we continue to the Great Siege Tunnels, a labyrinth of tunnels built to defend Gibraltar from Spanish and French attacks between 1779 and 1783. Also see the Gibraltar Museum. After lunch we will transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. (B, L)

Day 2 Gibraltar. Enjoy a day at leisure for independent exploration. Maybe take the cable car up the famous rock, see the Botanical gardens or visit the Garrison Library. (B)

Day 3 Gibraltar to London. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

**Please note that pre-cruise itinerary for the November extension can be viewed on our website.*

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£695** Single: **£895**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Gibraltar, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), half day tour, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Cable car, Gibraltar



MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



Alfresco Dining



Owner's Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

The much loved MS Hebridean Sky is one of our two flagships and sister vessel to the MS Island 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 Hebridean 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, television and a telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, towelling dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted Noble Isle 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 the Club. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. Special diets can be catered for with sufficient notice.

