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ANDALUCIAN ODYSSEY

A VOYAGE EXPLORING THE ART, ARCHITECTURE & NATURAL WONDERS
OF ANDALUCIA & GIBRALTAR ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

5TH TO 15TH MARCH 2022

NOBLE CALEDONIA



Join the MS Hebridean Sky for a relaxing ten night cruise along the beautiful coastline of Southern Spain between Malaga and Seville. So many of Southern Spain's treasures are accessible from the coast and our leisurely cruise will take us to some of the most magnificent. There is something endlessly enchanting and timeless about this part of Spain with its landscape of azure skies and dazzling whitewashed villages, mighty citadels and snow-capped sierras. The magical cities of Seville, Granada and Cordoba are complemented by opportunities to visit such gems as Medieval Ronda, the historic port of Cadiz and the sherry town of Jerez.

Andalucia is a captivating region and one of the most attractive areas within the Mediterranean due to its climate, history and culture. The region has an intriguing past and was conquered by Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians and Romans, later by Vandals and Suevians, before the Arabs occupied the region. From the 8th to 15th centuries the region flourished under the Moors, they were the great architects of water creating green fields and gardens where once only dry plains existed. Poets compared the region to paradise and because of its mixed population of Muslims, Christians and Jews it became a place for the exchange of ideas, art and traditions. Today, we can witness their great achievements in the cities and countryside and appreciate the totally unique culture they brought to Europe.

Our in-depth travels around Andalucia will be endlessly fascinating as we explore Seville, the city of Carmen with its joyous and colourful riches including the fabulous Alcazar and the minaret of Giralda; Cordoba with its exquisite Mezquita, the grandest mosque constructed by the Moors and of course we will visit the jewel in the crown, Granada's Alhambra complex, one of Europe's greatest architectural treasures representing hundreds of years of history and set against mainland Spain's highest mountains. We will also explore Gibraltar with its own fascinating, albeit more recent history.

Andalucia is best explored in the cooler months and our comprehensive itinerary is a wonderful mix of culture, history and tradition which will be achieved with great ease aboard the MS Hebridean Sky with just 100 or so fellow like-minded passengers.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Malaga, Spain. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Malaga for Ronda. From our berth in Malaga we make our way inland to Ronda. Perched on the top of a rocky outcrop and divided by El Tajo gorge, Ronda is home to the Puente Nuevo, an 18th century viaduct-like bridge that connects the old and new parts of the city. We will start our visit at the city museum located at the Marquis of Villasierra

where you can learn about the history of the city, the region's natural parks and the local industries of cork, cheese production and saddlery. Next visit the church of Santa Maria la Mayor. Built on the foundations of an earlier mosque, this landmark church was started in 1485 and not finished until the end of the 17th century. Admire the Gothic and Baroque decoration and magnificent altar before visiting Ronda's bullring.

Day 3 Malaga. Today we will explore the historic and reinvented

city of Malaga. A morning tour will take us to the 14th century Castillo de Gibralfaro built on a hill overlooking the city and once considered the most impregnable fortress in Iberia. Continue to the Alcazaba, a citadel built by the Moors between 1057 and 1063 at the foot of the Gibralfaro Hill using materials from the nearby Roman Amphitheatre which we will see as we return to the ship. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace, the art lovers may wish to visit the house where Picasso was born as well as the

museum dedicated to his work. See the impressive cathedral, the market or watch the world go by in the local park.

Day 4 Motril for Alhambra, Spain. From Motril, we will drive inland to the UNESCO World Heritage listed Alhambra and Generalife Gardens. Alhambra's construction began in the 11th century on the red hill known as Assabika which overlooks Granada. The Alcazaba fortress was the first structure to be built, followed by the royal palace and residence of



members of the court. We will visit the most important halls and courtyards of the Alhambra, including the Alcazaba fortress, the Serrallo, the Patio of los Arrayanes (Myrtle Courtyard), the Hall of la Barca, the Salon of the Embajadores (Ambassadors Hall), the Patio of los Leones (Lions Courtyard), the Hall of the Abencerrajes, the Royal Baths and the Palace of Charles V. Next to the Alhambra, we will also visit the sumptuous Generalife Gardens, the luxurious summer retreat of the Moorish kings of Granada. The beautiful gardens feature abundant and varied flora and stunning water features.

Day 5 Gibraltar. Spend the day in Gibraltar exploring this strategic British outpost of the Mediterranean. After taking in the views from Europa Point, where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean, we continue to the Great Siege Tunnels, a labyrinth of tunnels built to defend Gibraltar from Spanish and French attacks between 1779 and 1783 and revered as one of the finest defensive systems. Also see the Gibraltar Museum where we can learn more about the Great Siege, the geological origins of the rock and also the area's natural history. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace and maybe take the cable car up the famous rock.

Day 6 Baelo Claudia & Tarifa, Spain. Over breakfast we sail the short distance to Algeciras from where we depart for a tour to Baelo Claudia, one of Andalusia's most significant and well-preserved Roman archeological sites. The extensive ruins are situated on the

Costa de la Luz, 14 miles north of Tarifa, by the small town of Bolonia and its beautiful beach. The site's important history rests on the former city having been a strategic point for trade routes between Europe and North Africa. The remains of the impressive temple, Forum, basilica, baths, aqueduct, and large fish-salting factory in particular provide an insight into the former glory of the city. We then continue to Tarifa, where we enjoy a walking tour through the charming old town. Return to the vessel for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Day 7 Cadiz & Jerez de la Frontera. Arrive this morning in Cadiz. Situated on a peninsula jutting out into a bay and almost entirely surrounded by water, it is amongst the oldest surviving cities in Spain which was founded by the Phoenicians in 1100 BC and was later occupied by the Carthaginians, Romans, Visigoths and Moors. During our guided tour we will discover the most beautiful monuments and landmarks of the city including the Santo Domingo Church, the Santa Catalina Fortress and finally the cathedral of Cadiz and Diocesan Museum in the old city. After lunch on board we travel to Jerez de la Frontera, the home of Spain's sherry and brandy industry which grew in the 18th and 19th centuries. After a visit to the old centre of Jerez we will continue to one of the bodegas to learn about the sherry production and enjoy a tasting.

Days 8 to 10 Seville, Cordoba & Carmona. We have three days exploring Seville and the surrounding area. On a walking

tour we will discover Seville's greatest monuments. Enter the Alcazar Palace with its ornate Moorish interiors and exotic terraced garden. Built by Pedro the Cruel in the 14th century, with the help of Moorish craftsmen, it is still used as a residence by the King of Spain. We also visit the imposing La Giralda, Seville's cathedral, reputed to be the largest Gothic style church in the world with its distinctive Moorish tower. A full day excursion will take us to Cordoba; the city was both the Roman and the Moorish capital of Spain, and its Old Town, clustered around its famous mosque (Mezquita), remains one of the best examples of Moorish heritage in Andalusia. We will start our tour crossing the Roman bridge and visit the Mezquita-Cathedral which was built between the 8th and 10th centuries and is one of the earliest and most

breathtakingly beautiful examples of Spanish Islamic architecture. After our visit we will take a walk through the fascinating Jewish Quarter. We will also visit Carmona, a picturesque, small town with a magnificent 15th century tower built in imitation of Seville's Giralda. Not surprisingly given its proximity, Carmona, once an important Roman city, shares a similar history with Seville. See the partly excavated amphitheatre and enjoy a walk through the enchanting town before we return to the ship via an olive oil farm where we learn about the production processes. We will also ensure there is some free time to explore Seville independently.

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

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£4495	£3995
Byrd	Superior	£4695	£4195
Mawson	Premium	£4895	£4395
Mawson	Corner	£5095	£4595
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£5495	£4995
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£5995	£5495
Shackleton	Hebridean	£6495	£5995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£4995	£4495
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£5195	£4695

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



Lido Deck



Superior Suite

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

The MS Hebridean Sky is one of the finest small ships in the world and sister vessel to our MS Island Sky. 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 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. Refillable water bottles, towelling 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.

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

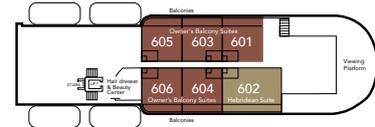
sunshine. In the main Restaurant, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner menus offer plenty of choice, often reflecting the daily catch and local delicacies. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines is included with both 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

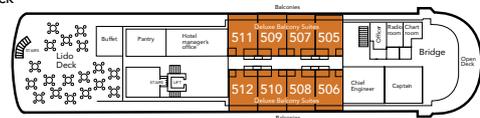
The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Byrd Deck where daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Mawson Deck which features the main bar. Towards the aft of the ship on the Mawson Deck is the Library which is well stocked with reference books along with a collection of games and devices to access the internet via the ship's satellite. Access to the ship's satellite Wi-Fi via your own device is complimentary on board (signal strength varies depending on location and demand). On the top Shackleton Deck there is an observation area.



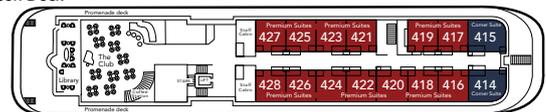
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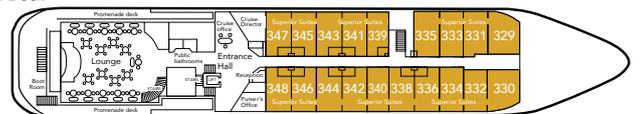
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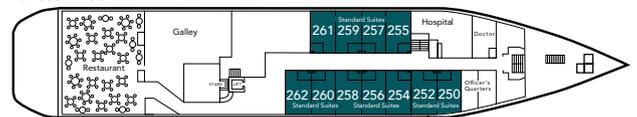
Mawson Deck



Byrd Deck



Amundsen Deck



- Standard Suites
- Corner Suites
- Owner's Balcony Suites
- Superior Suites
- Deluxe Balcony Suites
- Hebridean Suite
- Premium Suites

Please note that beds in each suite can be configured as double or twin with the exception of suites 601 and 602 which feature a fixed double bed.



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