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AUGUST IN THE ISLES OF SCILLY, CORNWALL & DEVON

A SUMMER EXPEDITION EXPLORING THE ISLES OF SCILLY, CORNWALL & DEVON ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

15TH TO 22ND AUGUST 2021

NOBLE CALEDONIA

St Martin's

Here is a perfect getaway for those looking for a break over the summer and who enjoy small ship cruising and the chance to explore on foot. Join the all-suite MS Island Sky in Portsmouth and visit the idyllic Isles of Scilly with their crystal clear waters and fine white sandy beaches. With two and a half days to explore the isles, we will spend time on Tresco visiting the beautiful Abbey Gardens, explore St Agnes, the most south-westerly community in the UK and tender ashore to Bryher, a rarely visited gem which is not often included on cruise schedules. We will also visit the delightful island of St Martin's and St Mary's, the largest island in the archipelago. There is so much to see on the islands whether your interest lies in botany, ornithology, horticulture, maritime history or archaeology and the joy of many of the islands we will visit are the gentle walks along car-free lanes and paths, absorbing the flora and birdsong without the background hum of traffic and modern-day life. The islands are small, the walks undemanding and, instead of hopping on and off coaches, our transport will be provided by Zodiacs or local tenders.

Following our time in the Isles of Scilly, we will have the luxury of a whole day to spend on Lundy, a remote island in the Bristol Channel which boasts a range of wildlife and a clutch of listed building and monuments. Continuing to Cornwall we will anchor in the River Fowey for our visit to the Lost Gardens of Heligan. For our penultimate day we will be at anchor in the River Dart from where you can choose to either visit 'Greenway', the wonderful historic house and garden that was once home to Agatha Christie or the 1920s country retreat of the D'Oyly Carte family at Coleton Fishacre.

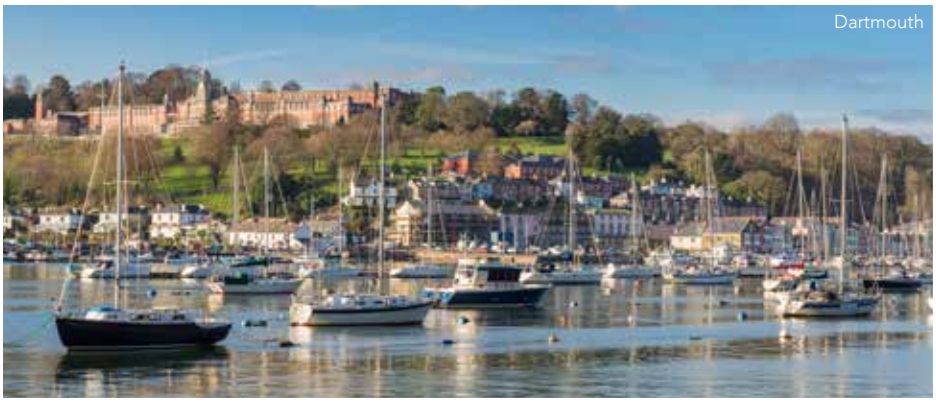
Our voyage will be a leisurely one visiting some beautiful places where you can be as active as you choose. With a maximum of just 100 or so passengers we are able to explore places otherwise inaccessible to larger ships and with our nimble Zodiac craft, we will land on out of the way coves and be footloose in a way that would be totally impractical for larger groups of passengers.

Oystercatcher, St Agnes

The Itinerary

Day 1 Portsmouth, England. Embark the MS Island Sky this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station at a fixed time. Alternatively car parking is available at the port.

Days 2 to 4 Isles of Scilly. After a relaxing morning at sea we arrive in the beautiful Isles of Scilly where we have two and a half days to explore. From our central anchorage, we will use our Zodiacs and local tenders to visit a number of the islands in the group. We will visit traffic-free Tresco, walking its idyllic lanes from the beach to the famous subtropical Abbey Gardens. Defying the Atlantic weather, this miracle of a garden is home to more than 20,000 species of plants from over 80 countries. Enjoy time to wander at your own pace along the paths, maybe visit the Valhalla collection of ship figureheads from ships wrecked on the islands or relax in the café. On St Agnes we find the most south-westerly community in the UK. Surrounded by rocks and reefs this delightful tiny island offers marvellous coastal walks. The small island of Gugh lies across a narrow sandbar and here we find a single stone monolith called the 'Old Man of Gugh' which dates back to the Bronze Age. We will tender ashore to Bryher, the smallest of the inhabited Isles of Scilly. Take the chance to wander along the tracks that cross the island amongst hedgerows and fields bursting with wildflowers. Those feeling active may wish to climb Watch Hill, where in the past islanders would keep watch for ships in distress or alternatively take a stroll to one of the beautiful beaches. See the northernmost island of the group, St Martin's, a small island community of just 120


Dartmouth

Fowey

St Agnes

Lundy

residents. Enjoy time to explore independently, climb to one of the viewpoints for vistas over the islands and the offshore seal colonies or maybe join one of our expedition team on a guided walk. On St Mary's, the largest island in the archipelago (yet still only six square miles), you can enjoy some time in the shops in Hugh Town, walk the historic Garrison Walls or visit the Iron Age burial chamber at Bant's Carn.

Day 5 Lundy Island. We have scheduled a whole day on Lundy, a remote island in the Bristol Channel. Although small, just three miles long by half a mile wide, its isolation has made it a home for a range of wildlife whilst there are also a clutch of listed buildings and monuments. The towering cliffs and rocky shoreline are a haven for migrating seabirds and Sika deer, red deer and Soay sheep can also be seen as we walk along its traffic-free lanes and paths. Spend the day being as active as you wish, maybe explore the wide bays and coves by way of hanging valleys, see ancient burial chambers, climb the lighthouse, have a drink or lunch at the tavern or buy the island's 'puffin stamps' at the shop.

Day 6 Fowey. Arriving into Cornwall we will anchor in the River Fowey from where we visit the Lost Gardens of Heligan. The seat of the Tremayne family for 400 years, the garden fell into disrepair after World War I and was lovingly restored between 1990 and 2000. The extensive grounds include a Victorian Kitchen Garden and atmospheric paths lead through the Pleasure Grounds. After lunch on board, spend the afternoon in the picturesque port of Fowey where we have time to wander its historic alleys and lanes. Steeped in history we will see the castles that guarded the harbour from the Spanish fleets as well as the 14th century church in the heart of the town. Those feeling active may wish to head to the cliff paths or over to neighbouring Polruan.

Day 7 Dartmouth. Early this morning we will sail along the River Dart to our anchorage off the town of Dartmouth. From here there will be a choice of excursions, and you may decide to visit 'Greenway', the wonderful historic house and garden that was once home to Agatha Christie. Visit the gardens, including the Camellia Garden, a wonderful place to sit and ponder on the history of the house and the notable residents and visitors that have included Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake. Alternatively, visit the 1920s country retreat of the D'Oyly Carte family at Coleton Fishacre. Lose yourself in the RHS accredited garden by the sea as we wander the paths through glades and past tranquil ponds. Meanwhile, the house interior is imbued with 1920s elegance and Art Deco features. Return to the MS Island Sky for lunch and this afternoon enjoy some time at leisure in Dartmouth.

Day 8 Portsmouth. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station at a fixed time.

During this voyage you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

Tresco Abbey Gardens

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£4195	£3895
Columbus	Superior	£4495	£4195
Marco Polo	Premium	£4695	£4395
Marco Polo	Corner	£4995	£4695
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£5595	£5295
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£5995	£5695
Explorer	Island Suite	£6495	£6195
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£4895	£4595
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£5195	£4895

PRICE INCLUDES: Seven nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • Wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Gratuities • Transfers • 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, 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 Molton Brown toiletries, air-conditioning and heating.

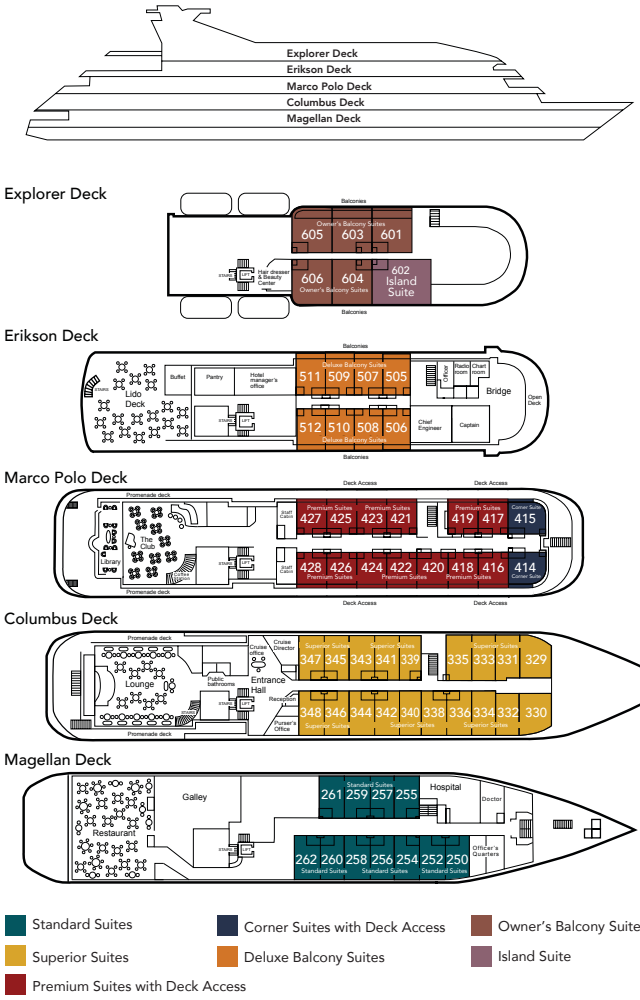
Your Dining

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)*.

MS ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



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