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BALTIC ODYSSEY

DISCOVER THE ISLANDS & CITIES OF THE BALTIC
ABOARD THE MS SERENISSIMA

26TH JUNE TO 6TH JULY & 30TH JULY TO 9TH AUGUST* 2019



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Saint Isaac Cathedral, Moyka River, St Petersburg



If ever there was a sea perfect for exploring by ship, it is the Baltic. Join us on this summer voyage of discovery as we explore the many delights of the region. From the grandeur of St Petersburg and its surrounding estates to the newly independent Baltic states and their capitals with marvellously untouched Medieval quarters, or the sheer delight of Scandinavian ports with their colourful architecture, it is a truly fascinating region.

One of the many extraordinary experiences of the Baltic is the summer light that gives the sea and landscape a very special quality. After a long winter, the region responds to the sun unlike anywhere else and there is a calm and order even in the cities, which makes exploration so enjoyable especially when travelling aboard the MS Serenissima with less than 100 fellow, like-minded guests.

The history of the region is intriguing, with countries vying for commercial and political influence for over a thousand years. Each day will see us in a new port of call with a range of included, guided excursions and the complex past will be brought to life by our excellent local guides and onboard Guest Speakers, helping us to gain a greater understanding of both old and new Baltic nations.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Copenhagen, Denmark. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive in Copenhagen and transfer to the MS Serenissima. Enjoy Welcome Drinks and Dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Bornholm Island. We arrive into Ronne this morning which will be our base for the day. During our morning excursion we explore the highlights of northern Bornholm. Bornholm Island is a mixture of wheat fields, forests and an attractive coast dotted with fishing villages. On an island drive we will see the famous 12th century Osterlars Round Church and visit

the town of Gudjem where we can sample the smoked herring. Also see Hammerhus Castle offering fantastic views of the island's rugged coastline. The afternoon is free to explore independently.

Day 3 Gdansk, Poland. We have a full day in this charming city. This old Hanseatic port's 1000 years of history have left a collection of buildings and monuments designed in Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles. On a morning tour we will walk along the cobbled streets of the Royal Way in the old quarter and view the elaborate architecture before ending at the



15th century merchant's palace of Artus Court. Also see the pride of Gdansk, Gothic St. Mary's, which is the world's largest brick church,

accommodating some 25,000 worshippers. Situated in the centre of the Old Town, this Medieval church took 159 years to build,



and its deceptively plain exterior belies a bright, spacious interior with large windows and more than 30 beautifully decorated chapels. The afternoon is free for further independent exploration.



Klaipeda

Day 4 Klaipeda, Lithuania. Founded in 1252 by the Teutonic Knights of East Prussia, Klaipeda was annexed by Hitler in 1939 and almost destroyed towards the end of World War II. We have a choice of touring options this morning. You may wish to head into the countryside where we will experience village life and visit the Memorial Museum, dedicated to the Lithuanians sent to Siberia to fight against the Soviets during the Cold War years. Alternatively, take the scenic drive to the Zemaitija National Park, home to Lake

Plateliali and surrounded by dense forest. It was in these forests that, during the Cold War, the Soviets hid their first nuclear missile base directed at all the major European cities. Our tour will visit the Cold War Museum located in the former Soviet Missile Base. We will visit the bunkers, see the control centre and learn more about the weapons held at the site and their evolution. After lunch on board there will be some free time before we sail later this afternoon.

Day 5 Riga, Latvia. After a morning at sea we arrive in Latvia this afternoon. We will explore Latvia's capital by foot. Founded in the 13th century it became one of the most successful trading cities of the Baltic. Explore the Old Town with its Medieval streets lined with Hanseatic warehouses and punctuated with Gothic and Baroque churches including St Peter Cathedral, the largest Medieval church in the Baltic. Spend the evening at leisure to explore independently.

Day 6 Saaremaa, Estonia. After a relaxing morning at sea we arrive at Estonia's largest island which offers a glimpse of a bygone age. Untouched by industry it is a green

and very pleasant land dotted with attractive villages in a rolling forested landscape. During an afternoon drive we will visit the lovely capital Kuressaare with its magnificent Medieval castle and stroll through the streets of the enchanting old town. Continue inland on a journey that will take you back in time through a countryside of stone walls, thatched roofs, traditional villages and windmills.



Bornholm Island

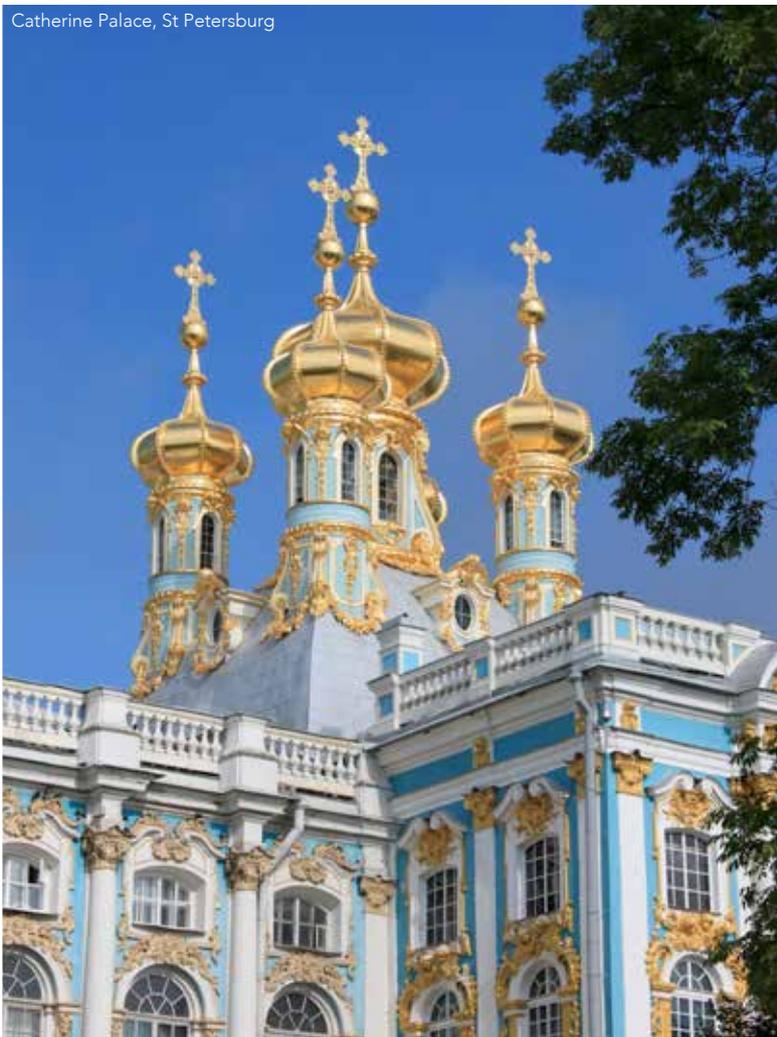
Day 7 Tallinn. Arrive this morning in the historic maritime city of Tallinn with its awe inspiring city walls and fortifications, narrow Medieval streets and the gateways which remain remarkably well preserved. In the Upper Town we will enjoy the views from Dome Hill with the extraordinary vista of domes, spires and gables and see Toompea Castle, once a fortress, and now

the seat of the Estonian Parliament. Walking to the Lower Old Town we will visit the main square where we will find the oldest pharmacy in Europe, the Gothic Cathedral and the 15th century Town Hall. After lunch on board there will be some free time before we sail later this afternoon.

Days 8 & 9 St Petersburg, Russia.

We have two days to explore this most endlessly captivating of Russian cities. Founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, St Petersburg is a fascinating mix of classic and Baroque architecture on a network of canals. We will be offering a number of tours for you to choose from during our time here including visits to the Peter and Paul Fortress, the wonderful Peterhof Palace and Gardens and Catherine's Palace.

Day 10 Helsinki, Finland. This morning a guided city tour will take us to the colourful Market Square and the impressive architecture of Senate Square including the Lutheran Cathedral of Finland. We continue to the Sibelius Monument dedicated to the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius. Before returning to the vessel we also visit the shipyards. Ship construction is one of the main industries in



Finland and many cruise ships and icebreakers have been built at this shipyard.

Day 11 Stockholm, Sweden to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

**Please note that the 30th July departure operates in the reverse direction from Stockholm*

to Copenhagen. Full itinerary can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk

SHIP TO SHORE

This cruise is not classified as an expedition cruise, however Zodiac landing craft may be integral to the operation of the voyage due to the small ports we will be visiting where we may be at anchor.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
2	Standard Stateroom	£4895	£4695
3	Classic Stateroom	£4995	£4795
4	Superior Stateroom	£5495	£5295
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£6295	£5895
6	Junior Suite	£6795	£6395
7	Owner's Suite	£7195	£6995
8	Serenissima Suite	£7995	£7795
10	Standard Single	£6295	£6095

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Russian Group Visa • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Copenhagen Extension

24th to 26th June & 9th to 11th August 2019



Little Mermaid Statue, Copenhagen

If you would like to spend some time in Copenhagen we are offering a two night hotel extension. Our stay will include a city tour of the Danish capital, exploring its 850 years of recorded history. Our guided excursion includes passing by the City Hall, Glyptotek Art Museum and Christiansborg Palace, home of the Danish Parliament and the Queen's Reception Rooms. We also visit the colourful canal area of Nyhavn and pass by the royal winter residence of Amalienborg. The remainder of the time will be at leisure for you to explore independently.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£495** Single: **£795**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation on a bed & breakfast basis, city tour, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Stockholm Extension

6th to 8th July & 28th to 30th July 2019



Stockholm

If you would like to spend some time in Stockholm we are offering a two night hotel extension. Our stay will include a city tour with a visit to the Vasa Museum. The museum was built around the 17th century warship which sank in Stockholm's inner harbour on her maiden voyage in 1628; its discovery in 1956 and subsequent salvage in 1961 is one of the most important events in marine archaeology. In addition to the well-preserved, elaborately decorated hull, thousands of items from the ship, including hundreds of sculptures, have been recovered. We return to the city and take a drive through old Stockholm and past the Parliament Building and Royal Palace which overlooks the inner Harbour. The remainder of the time will be at leisure for you to explore independently.

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MS SERENISSIMA



Harald Jarl Lounge



On Deck



The Restaurant

The charming MS Serenissima began her career as the Harald Jarl, cruising the Norwegian coastline and fjords. Since 2003, when she was extensively renovated, she has been operating as a classic cruise ship. Previously known as the MS Andrea, she was upgraded again in 2013 and started her new life as the MS Serenissima. With her small size she can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to the big cruise ships and appears an impressive sight when moored. With her fleet of Zodiacs, she is capable of both destination and expedition cruising. In December 2018, the vessel will once again undergo a significant refurbishment and, after a re-configuration of the deck plan will accommodate a maximum of just 95 guests.

Your Cabin/Suite

Accommodating no more than 95 passengers, the cabins are attractively designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins are fully air conditioned with an en-suite bathroom with shower, (please note cabins 601-605 and 507 have a bath with shower attachment) and a selection of toiletries in addition to a hairdryer, robes and slippers. All cabins come equipped with telephone, flat screen television, safety deposit box and other thoughtful appointments. Bottles of still and sparkling water are provided and replenished daily. From December 2018, there will be eight different grades of cabin arranged over five decks, and all feature either windows or portholes. Because of the very nature of the ship, the cabins do vary in shape and size, adding to the vessel's overall charm.



Your Dining

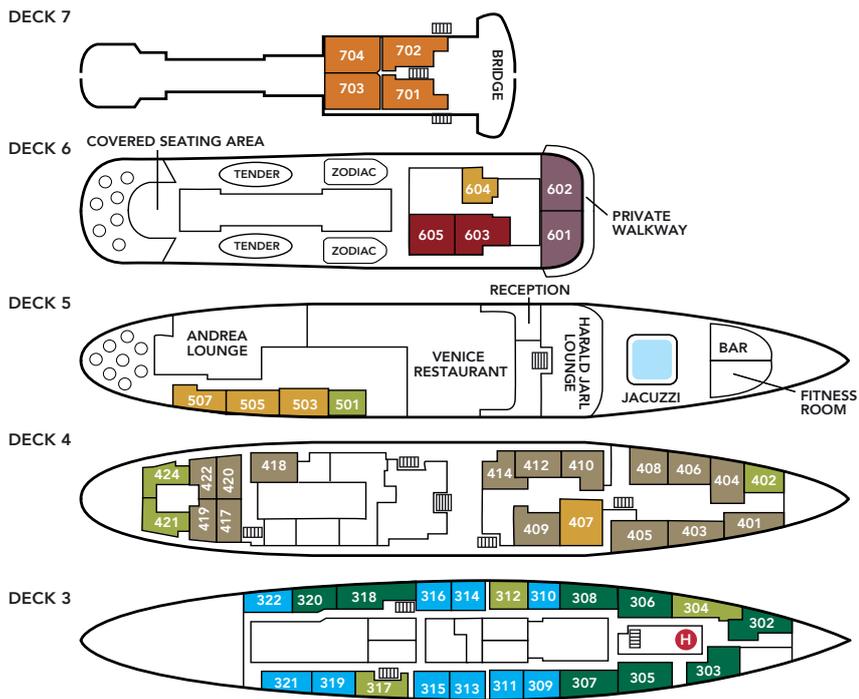
The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting and, with its Deck 5 location, all of the tables benefit from great views. The picture windows also make the restaurant wonderfully light and airy. Breakfast is served buffet-style with cooked dishes available and eggs to order by the ship's accomplished chef. Lunch is also served buffet-style with hot

and cold dishes available. Dinner is served a la carte and is four courses, except at the Captain's Dinner, which is a six course affair. Where possible, local produce is sourced for an authentic dining experience. A choice of red or white wine, beer, soft drinks, and water is included at lunch and dinner. In good weather there are al fresco dining facilities available and tea and coffee are available around the clock in the Andrea Lounge.

Your Space

The facilities on board include two lounges – the larger Andrea Lounge is comfortable and spacious and the smaller Harald Jarl Lounge is more intimate. There is also a small library and Wi-Fi is available at an extra cost throughout the vessel. The outside areas really are something special. A spacious observation deck allows 360 degree views of the passing scenery. From here, step down to the lido area with Jacuzzi and outside bar. The covered seating area at the back of Deck 6 is ideal for relaxing with a drink in hand. Perhaps, one of the best known and loved features of this vessel is its unique style. During the major refit in Sweden the then owners commissioned Swedish interior designers to create a Gustavian style interior. This bright Swedish 18th century influenced, country house style works particularly well on a vessel of this vintage, providing intimacy and a classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.

MS SERENISSIMA DECK PLAN & CABINS



- STANDARD STATEROOM
- SUPERIOR STATEROOM
- CLASSIC STATEROOM
- DELUXE STATEROOM
- JUNIOR SUITE
- SERENISSIMA SUITE
- STANDARD SINGLE
- OWNER'S SUITE

NB. Please note cabin sizes vary in each category and measurements shown are approximate.



SERENISSIMA SUITE
(25 square metres)



OWNER'S SUITE
(22 square metres)



DELUXE STATEROOM
(15 to 25 square metres)



SUPERIOR STATEROOM
(11.5 to 18 square metres)



JUNIOR SUITE
(21 square metres)



STANDARD STATEROOM
(10 to 11.5 square metres)



STANDARD SINGLE
(7 to 12.5 square metres)



CLASSIC STATEROOM
(14 to 19 square metres)

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