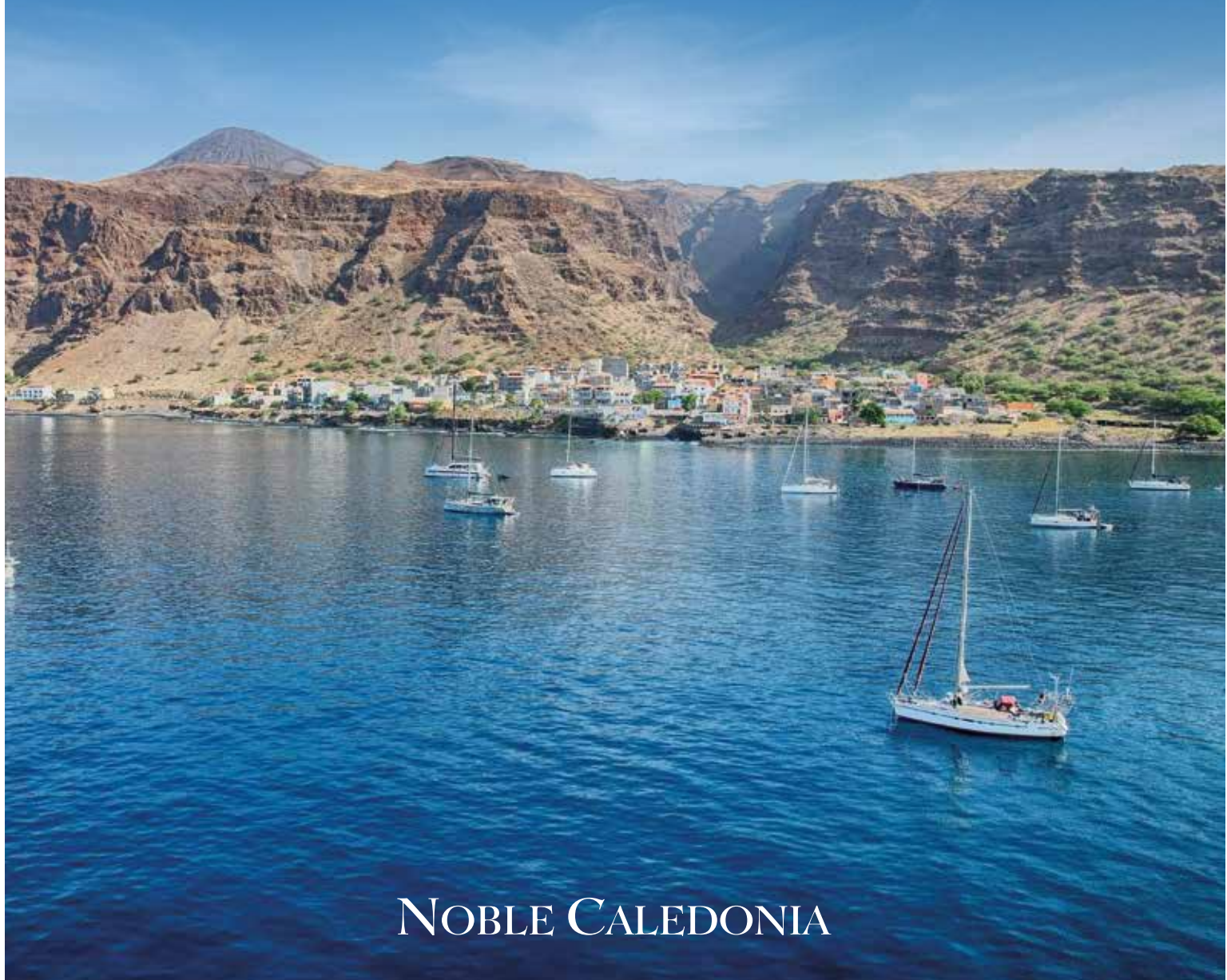


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CAPE VERDE TO CASABLANCA

DISCOVER CAPE VERDE, THE WESTERN SAHARA & MOROCCO
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY
21ST FEBRUARY TO 6TH MARCH 2028



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Like the Azores but even more remote, the Cape Verde Islands are an intriguing archipelago located off the coast of Senegal. They are an amazingly varied group of islands that have been used as a staging post by mariners through the ages. From these volcanic landscapes to the historic ports of Morocco, this fascinating voyage follows a little-travelled route along the Atlantic coast of Africa, linking vibrant island cultures with ancient trading cities and dramatic desert shores. Travelling aboard the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky, we have the privilege of exploring regions that remain refreshingly uncrowded, where centuries of maritime history, African, Portuguese and Berber influences, and striking natural beauty combine to create an endlessly rewarding journey.

During our time in Cape Verde, we will discover Sal's salt pans, the lush mountain scenery and agricultural valleys of Sao Nicolau and Santo Antao, and the colourful colonial streets and rich musical traditions of Sao Vicente. On Santiago we can learn of the archipelago's complex past in Cidade Velha, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which was founded by the Portuguese in 1462 and is the oldest settlement in Cape Verde. Leaving the islands behind, we then cross the Atlantic waters to the seldom-visited shores of Western Sahara, where vast dune landscapes, remote settlements and a unique cultural heritage provide an intriguing contrast. Continuing north, the volcanic wonders of Lanzarote offer an extraordinary natural landscape shaped by fire and celebrated through the visionary work of César Manrique.

Our journey concludes along Morocco's Atlantic coast, where bustling souks and magnificent monuments reveal the country's rich history and enduring traditions. From Agadir's historic fortress to the artisan workshops of Safi or the atmospheric streets of Essaouira to the grand Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, our final few days are a fitting conclusion to our voyage that combines some spectacular scenery, fascinating history and authentic cultural encounters. With the MS Hebridean Sky as our base and accompanied by just 100 fellow travellers, our cruise promises to be a most memorable experience and unique opportunity for those who enjoy visiting out of the way islands and ports where tourists are a rarity.



Salt pans, Sal



Mindelo



Sal



Los Jameos del Agua, Lanzarote



Dakhla lighthouse

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Sal, Cape Verde. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky in Palmeira and embark. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Palmeira, Sal. The island of Sal was relatively undeveloped until the mid-nineteenth century when salt export business was developed and this morning we will visit one of the original sites at Pedra de Lume. We will see the salt pans, learn of the salt extraction process and even have the opportunity to float in the waters. After lunch on board there will be time to relax or join a transfer to the town of Santa Maria where you can visit the beach or explore the local shops for Cape Verdean crafts.

Day 3 Praia, Santiago. Today we explore the historic capital of Praia on the island of Santiago. Praia has a wonderful African feel and we will visit Cidade Velha, the old Portuguese capital which has a rich history and was once the centre of the slave trade. See the fort and cathedral which dominate the narrow, cobbled lanes and stone houses. Enjoy a traditional performance of Batuco dance before we continue into the green interior, climbing the steep mountains and enjoying the colours as we make our way to Rui Vaz where we enjoy a lunch of local produce in the shadow of Pico da Antonia. We will see local farms and drive past the only water dam in Cape Verde before returning to the MS Hebridean Sky and sailing this evening.

Day 4 Tarrafal, Sao Nicolau. Sao Nicolau is a charming, peaceful and attractive island of plantations, small holdings and busy farming villages. It also has impressive, almost untouched mountain scenery, friendly residents and lively traditions. During our tour we will drive through a spectacular landscape towards the historical capital of Ribeira Brava. Here we will discover the lively centre of the island which reflects the character of the people and learn why Ribeira Brava was the bedrock of Cape Verdean intellect in the 19th century. After lunch enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Day 5 Porto Novo, Santo Antao. We have a full day on the most beautiful of the islands, Santo Antao. Driving up the old trading route, we pass the volcanic crater 'Cova' with its agricultural plantations and enjoy panoramic views of the island. After lunch in the seaside village of Ponta do Sol, we will take the coastal road towards the greenest valley in the archipelago,

the valley of Paul. Here we will enjoy a coffee break whilst learning about the production of sugarcane on the island. Also discover 'Grogue', the national drink of the islands and have a taste of it at the oldest traditional Grogue distillery on the island. Drive back along the coast to the southern side of the island and the MS Hebridean Sky. This evening we sail the short distance to Mindelo where we moor overnight.

Day 6 Mindelo, Sao Vicente. Enjoy a full day in Mindelo, one of the most attractive of all the Cape Verde towns with its colonial buildings, cobbled streets, cafes and lively restaurants. This morning we will depart on a morning discovery tour of the lively markets and the secret corners of the harbour town followed by a coffee break in a typical Cape Verdean bar. The afternoon is free to further explore the vibrant town independently. Before we sail this evening, we will be entertained by local music and capoeira on board.

Days 7 & 8 At Sea. Spend two relaxing days at sea as we continue our journey north. Take the opportunity to find a spot on deck, join a lecture in the lounge or relax with a book in the library.

Day 9 Dakhla, Western Sahara. Over breakfast we arrive on the African mainland at the port of Dakhla. The town occupies a long peninsula which juts out into the Atlantic. During our morning ashore we will drive past stunning sand dunes before arriving at this friendly town with its white-washed houses and learn about some of the traditions of this remote region. Return to the ship as we continue our journey north with an afternoon at sea.

Day 10 El Marsa. From the port of El Marsa we will drive across the sand dunes to the city of Laayoune. There are not many travellers who can boast of a visit to the territory of Western Sahara. Mostly consisting of flat desert, it is one of the least populated regions in the world. Surprisingly, it makes for a really interesting visit as we spend an afternoon taking in the unique Spanish-Saharan architecture in the old town including the Catholic cathedral, the camel market and the craft workshops.

Day 11 Arrecife, Lanzarote, Canary Islands. The easternmost corner of the Canary Islands, the island of Lanzarote features a bizarre landscape, born of volcanic activity over many millennia, having a rare beauty that is not unlike



the surface of the moon. Few places on earth can offer such diverse natural phenomena in such a small area, from eerie formations of petrified lava to beaches of black volcanic sand and fertile fields to vineyards growing in the depths of volcanic craters. It was this landscape that inspired artist Cesar Manrique, a multifaceted artist who knew how to combine art and nature like nobody else. He left part of his artistic legacy in Lanzarote and perhaps the greatest exponent is Los Jameos del Agua. This volcanic tunnel, with its famous, spectacular natural auditorium, is home to a highly singular geological formation. The Mirador del Rio is another creation of his, a natural vantage point offering spectacular views of the Chinijo Archipelago.

Day 12 Agadir, Morocco. We make our first call in Morocco in the vast Bay of Agadir for our exploration of the city. Almost completely destroyed in the 1960 earthquake, some of the city's heritage did survive including the hilltop Kasbah. We will take a scenic cable car ride to the Kasbah Oufella, offering panoramic views of the bay. After viewing this historic fortress we continue to Souk El Had, the city's vibrant central market and the Talborjt Mosque, before we end at the charming artisan village of the Coco Polizzi Medina with its unique architecture and local art. Return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon on board as we sail to Safi.

Day 13 Safi for Essaouira. Arrive this morning in Safi, one of the ancient cities in Morocco. Founded by the Almohades, the city became an important religious and cultural centre and is still the largest of five historic Atlantic ports. You may choose to explore the city on a morning tour, taking in the views from the Sidi Bouzid promenade before visiting the Ceramic Museum and the heart of the medina. Visit the stalls in the 'Rue du Souq' before continuing to the pottery quarter to see the local craftsmen creating brightly coloured ceramics by traditional methods. Alternatively a full day tour will head along the coast to Essaouira. Founded in the 18th century, Essaouira was built to be a rival city to Agadir. Formerly known as Mogador, meaning small fortress, it was designed as a fortified town surrounded by Vauban-style ramparts and played a major role as an international trading seaport, linking Morocco and sub-Saharan Africa with Europe and the rest of the world. We will see the amazing mixture of Portuguese and Berber architecture, the 16th century sea bastions built to protect the city, the 18th century Medina, and in the Mellah we will find the souks dedicated to gold, spices and fish. Enjoy

lunch near the beach before returning to the MS Hebridean Sky. Sail this evening.

Day 14 Casablanca. Over lunch we arrive in Casablanca and on a guided afternoon tour we will visit the city's most important sights including the Notre Dame Cathedral and the market. The highlight of our tour is a visit to the Hassan II Mosque, the largest religious monument in the world after Mecca. It took 3300 traditional Moroccan artisans to create the beautiful mosaics, marble floors and splendid wood ceilings. The mosque also features the world's tallest minaret, soaring 200 metres above the city. Dinner is served on board as we moor overnight.

Day 15 Casablanca to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£9495	£8995
Byrd	Superior	£9795	£9295
Mawson	Premium	£9995	£9495
Mawson	Corner	£10295	£9795
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£10995	£10495
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£11495	£10995
Shackleton	Hebridean	£11995	£11495
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£10895	£10395
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£11795	£11295

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 14 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance, Cape Verde Airport security fee.

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 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.



The Library



Superior Suite



The Club

Your Space

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Byrd 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 Mawson Deck which features the main bar. The Club also features a 24-hour tea and coffee station. Towards the aft of the ship on the Mawson Deck is the Library. Well stocked with reference books pertaining to the destinations the vessel is visiting and a selection of essential reads, you will not find yourself short of excellent literature on board. A collection of games and devices to access the internet via the ship's satellite can also 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*). The main Restaurant, which can seat all guests at one sitting, is located on the Amundsen Deck, and outside there is a rear Lido Deck located on the Scott Deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. Further to this on the top Shackleton Deck there is an observation area, complete with sun loungers for sunbathing, relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. The Promenade Deck wraps around the whole ship providing outstanding views. There is also a small beauty salon on board with appointments made on request.

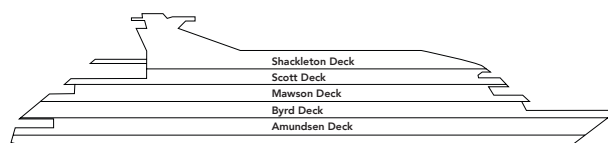
Your Comfort

The MS Hebridean Sky is equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilisers to minimise the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer you the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessel's progress by charts and learn more about your journey. On board you will also find a clinic and Doctor and a lift that serves all decks. When at anchor our nimble Zodiacs will ferry you ashore or, on select cruises, enjoy Zodiac cruises getting you closer to the natural world.

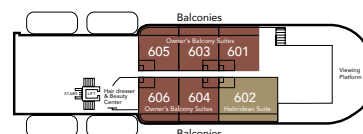
Your Life On Board

The atmosphere on board is warm and convivial and more akin to a private yacht or country hotel in which you can learn more about the wonderful destinations you are visiting in the company of like-minded people. There is a high ratio of crew to passengers and our friendly crew of 75 are mainly Filipino and Eastern European and our Captains are experienced mariners. After a day ashore you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable ship where peace, high quality of service and attention to detail are the order of the day. A little music in the Lounge or bar after dinner, Guest Speakers and informative port briefings and of course good food, all contribute to make any voyage aboard this wonderful vessel a memorable and joyful experience.

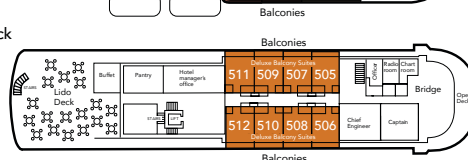
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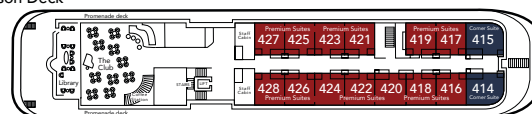
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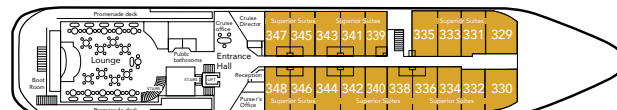
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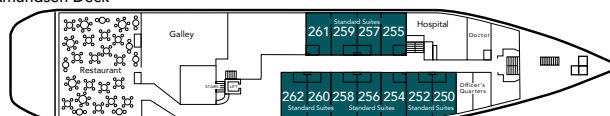
Mawson Deck



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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