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MS HEBRIDEAN SKY & MS ISLAND SKY

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MS ISLAND SKY & MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

Noble Caledonia is very fortunate to have two of the finest small ships in the world, the MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky. These ex-Renaissance Cruises sister vessels are not only two of the most comfortable and well equipped small ships, but also two of the friendliest and most efficiently run. With a maximum passenger capacity of only 118, vessels of their size are capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky benefit from unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks. Our crews of just over 75, many of whom have been with us for many years, are dedicated to offering the best possible experience. It is this gentle, kind and efficient atmosphere on board that makes our vessels so popular.


The Restaurant *(MS Hebridean Sky)*


Alfresco Dining


The Lounge *(MS Hebridean Sky)*


Island Suite *(MS Island Sky)*

Your Suite

On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a sitting area and some have private balconies (suites on the Marco Polo Deck aboard the MS Island Sky feature tinted, sliding glass doors allowing greatly enhanced viewing opportunities from your suite and quick access to the deck).
The feeling of luxury is enhanced by the wood panelling and brass, which predominates throughout the vessels conveying the atmosphere of a private yacht. The passenger accommodation is arranged over five decks and all suites have outside views. Each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, a large wardrobe, 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, 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. The comfortable beds in each suite can be configured as either double or twin (with the exception of suites 601 and 602 on board the MS Hebridean Sky which feature a fixed double bed).

The impressive Island Suite aboard the MS Island Sky and the Hebridean Suite aboard the MS Hebridean Sky feature an extra large balcony stretching the length of the suite. Additional features of these marvellous suites include complimentary minibar stocked with your preference of beverages and complimentary laundry.

Your Dining

With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board is of a consistent superior quality that befits such vessels. Fortunately, our catering teams are well adapted to the world of small ship cruising where no two days are the same and the menus are often scheduled and tailored around the days' excursions. In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements at your leisure. Whether that be joining a table of four to six other passengers outside on the Lido Deck in the evening's sunshine or whether you prefer to enjoy meals in the à la carte restaurant. For those travelling alone, our onboard friendly restaurant staff will take care to ensure you are seated with other like-minded travellers. In the main elegant dining room, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner are à la carte with an excellent choice of dishes, and the menu reflecting the daily catch or local delicacies. You may also enjoy sumptuous barbeques on deck whilst at times, the chef will make your dish to order at special pasta or stir fry stations. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapés take place every day in the comfort of the Lounge. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. To enhance your dining experience even further a selection of wines are included with lunch and dinner and there is also a comprehensive wine list with a wide selection of new and old world wines from which to choose.

Your Space

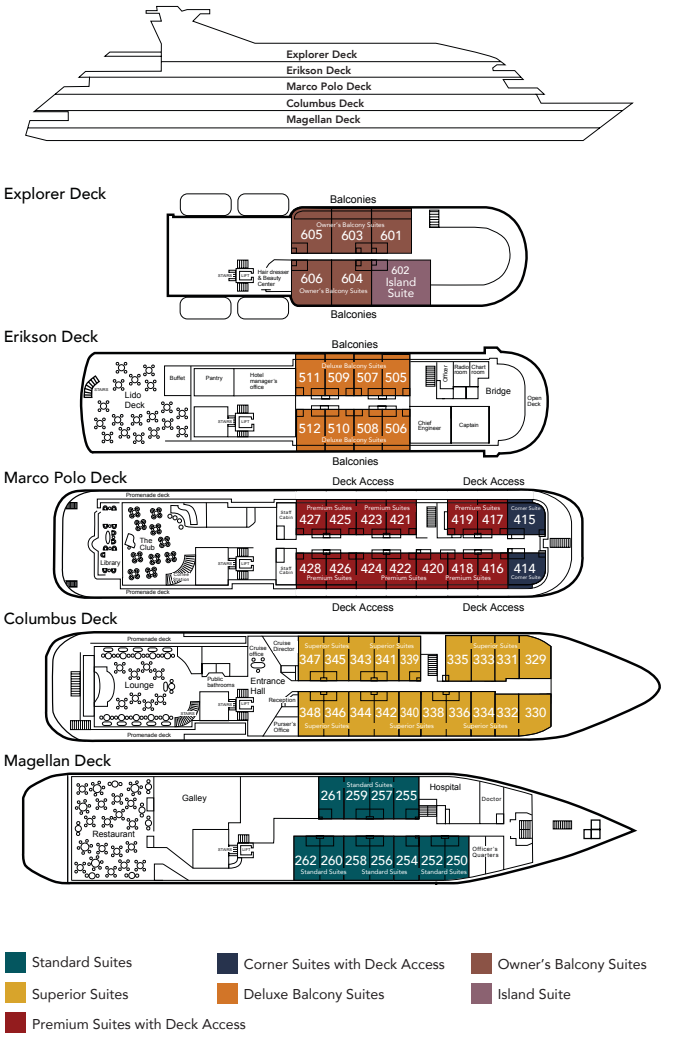
The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge featuring a selection of seating options from individual armchairs and sofas to side cushioned benches. Daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place in the Lounge and for your convenience, it is also possible to follow the onboard lectures from the comfort of your suite.


Deluxe Balcony Suite *(MS Island Sky)*


Premium Suite with deck access *(MS Island Sky)*


The Library *(MS Island Sky)*

MS ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, which features the main bar and a 24-hour tea and coffee station. Towards the aft of the ship 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 something to read on board. A collection of games 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) and if required, devices to access the internet are available from Reception. Further to this on the top 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.

Your Life On Board

If large resort-style vessels accommodating many thousands of passengers are your ideal, then our ships are not for you as you will not find endless entertainment, round the clock buffets and the people management which is so much a part of today's big ship on board style. However, if like us you prefer a more peaceful life at sea you will find our flagships the perfect vessels where high quality service and attention to detail are the order of the day.

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 wonders of nature, culture and ancient civilisations in the company of like-minded people. A little music in the lounge or bar after dinner, Guest Speakers and informative port briefings from our Expedition Leader or Cruise Director and of course good food with wine included at lunch and dinner, all contribute to make any voyage aboard these wonderful vessels a memorable and joyful experience. After a day ashore you will return to the comfort and peace of an exceedingly comfortable ship.

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. The daily programme on board is in the capable hands of our Cruise Director or Expedition Leader and staff who coordinate with the Captain and Officers to make the most of each day. Briefings and talks will be provided throughout the voyage together with a 'Daily Programme' that is distributed every evening to your suite outlining the next day's activities.

For your Comfort, Security & Safety

Our vessels are equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilizers to minimise the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessels progress by charts and learn more about your journey. There is also a dedicated channel on your television in your suite showing the routing of the vessel along with technical information and estimated times of arrival and departure from port. On board you will find a clinic and Doctor and a lift that serves all decks.

Our All Inclusive Policy

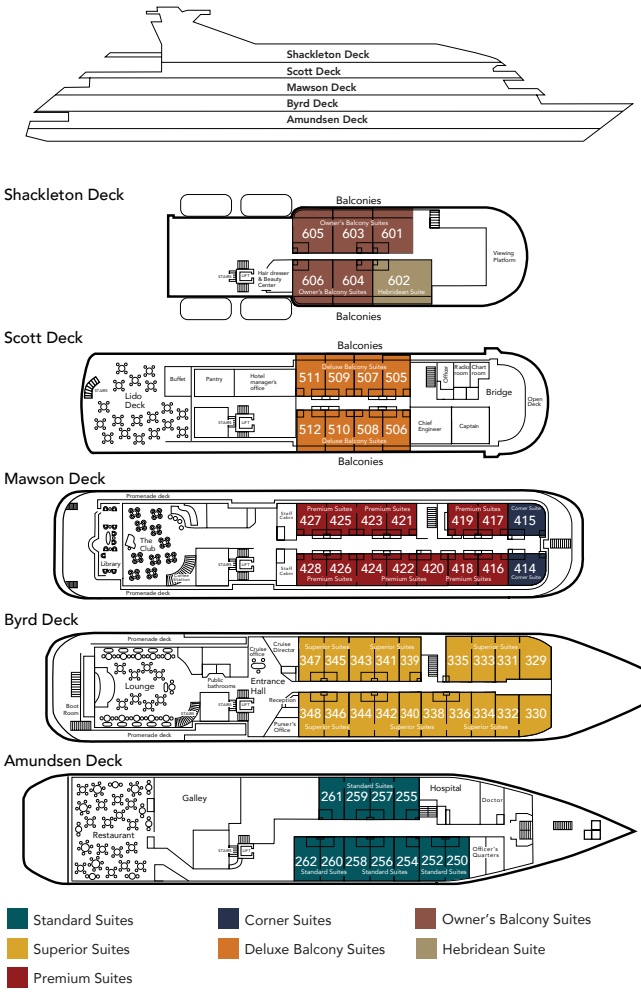
On board the MS Island Sky and the MS Hebridean Sky, you do not need to worry about tipping staff as we have included this in your holiday price. In addition we tip all our guides and drivers along the way. We also include shore excursions, drinks with meals on board and complimentary Wi-Fi.


Deluxe Balcony Suite *(MS Hebridean Sky)*


Standard Suite *(MS Hebridean Sky)*


The Club *(MS Hebridean Sky)*

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY DECK PLAN



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.

ISLANDS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

An expedition from Mauritius to Zanzibar exploring Madagascar, the Seychelles & Tanzania aboard the MS Island Sky

18th December 2027 to 4th January 2028

Here is an extraordinary cruise for those who enjoy the natural world and all its wonders and are looking for the opportunity to experience an unforgettable Christmas and New Year in the Indian Ocean. Our journey aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky incorporates some fascinating and exotic calls combining the magnificent Aldabra group of islands with the natural wonders of Madagascar.



Sailing from Mauritius we will land on its nearest neighbour, Reunion, a little bit of France in the Indian Ocean and a stunning place to spend a day. We will discover the island's truly awesome and dramatic scenery before we continue to Madagascar for four days of exploration of this incredibly verdant and beautiful island. Madagascar is unique; the animals, plants, landscapes and people that make up this thousand mile long island are unlike anywhere else. It is a country that has long remained obscure as a destination and is relatively little known even amongst the most serious of travellers. The long separation from the African mainland has given rise to its amazing number of unique species of flora and fauna.

Continuing to the Seychelles we spend time in the Aldabra group of islands. Being one of the most difficult places in the world to access and having a lack of freshwater has saved Aldabra from any tourism development and it is the last breeding ground of the giant tortoises. In addition to seeing some of these endearing creatures we should also encounter dolphins, turtles and whales as well as countless birds including the flightless rail, the last flightless bird in the Indian Ocean. Our expedition concludes in Tanzania where we visit Kilwa Kisiwani, a site of exceptional historical interest, followed by an expedition day to explore the treasure trove of islands off the coast which are rich in biodiversity. Our final full day will be spent in atmospheric Zanzibar.

The MS Island Sky is the perfect vessel for our expedition. Carrying just over 100 guests, she is a far cry from the latest breed of cruise ships and can visit small islands and backwaters that are denied to larger vessels. Your experience will be made all the more memorable by our expert crew and officers, who along with our expedition team of marine biologists, ornithologists and botanists have many years of experience in the Indian Ocean and will provide commentary on all we see. With the vessel's purpose built Zodiacs and accompanied by our expert team, we will land on otherwise inaccessible beaches, explore vast lagoons and coral reefs and encounter some of the most beautiful tropical scenery and extraordinary wildlife to be found anywhere in the world.


Masoala National Park

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Mauritius. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Mauritius. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky moored in Port Louis. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 3 Port Est, Reunion Island. Over breakfast we arrive in Reunion where we have a choice of excursions. On a full day tour we will visit the central highlands where spectacularly rugged peaks of dormant or extinct volcanoes cradle huge amphitheatres known as cirques, where mountains tower to over 10,000 feet and beautiful waterfalls plummet hundreds of feet. The rich soil and mellow climate produce a lush and verdant landscape which is dotted with villages and towns with a uniquely French atmosphere. Fields of sugar cane and plantations of tropical fruits, vanilla and all manner of spices perfume the air. We will enjoy views from the Nez des Boeuf and see the Piton de la Fournaise crater. After enjoying a Creole lunch in a local restaurant we will visit the 'Cite du Volcan' museum. Alternatively, enjoy a morning tour to a vanilla plantation in St Andre where we learn about the history and culture of this integral part of Reunion's heritage. Continue to Salazie, a verdant landscape and home to many waterfalls including the 'Voile de la Mariee' before spending some free time in St Denis on the way back to the ship. This afternoon is at leisure before we set sail this evening.

Day 4 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we sail to Madagascar. Maybe watch for wildlife on deck or join a lecture.

Day 5 Toamasina, Madagascar. Our first call in Madagascar is Toamasina, the country's main port and second largest city as well as the gateway to the Ivoloina Zoological Parc, a 282 hectare property combining a small zoo where we will see up to a dozen species of lemur as well as indigenous tortoises and chameleons. In the surrounding forest we can see free roaming wild lemurs and other wildlife along the various lakeside walking trails. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon cruising.

Days 6 & 7 Nosy Mangabe & Masoala National Park. Spend two days exploring from our anchorage in Antongil Bay. Discover Nosy Mangabe, a 520-hectare island reserve and one of Madagascar's most diverse areas of virgin rainforest. The island has served as an important research centre since the mid-1960s when several aye-ayes and other lemurs were released into the forest. Using our Zodiacs we will land on a beach next to the forest and enjoy guided nature walks looking at the varied trees, plants and ferns and we hope to spot chameleon, lizards and black and white ruffed lemur. For the birders, we will keep an eye out for Madagascar buzzard, kingfisher, and paradise flycatchers. We will also explore Madagascar's largest protected National Park, the Masoala Peninsula, which comprises of coastal rainforest, flooded forests, marsh and mangroves. With luck, we may encounter the endemic red-ruffed lemur. The park is also home to various species of brightly coloured Mantella frogs, all manner of extraordinary chameleons and is a refuge for the endangered Madagascar red owl, Madagascar serpent eagle and many endemic bird species. A range of


Ring-tailed lemur


Cosmoledo by Zodiac


Dhow, Tanzania


Stone Town, Zanzibar

walks for all levels will be on offer, as well as a visit to the local village.

Day 8 At Sea. Celebrate Christmas Day on board as we continue our journey sailing around the coast of Madagascar.

Day 9 Diego Suarez. This morning we will enter the dramatic harbour of Diego Suarez, also known as Antsiranana. The town has a cosmopolitan mix of inhabitants, including Creoles, Indians, Chinese, Comorans and Arabs. The city tour will include the Commonwealth Cemetery, the faded colonial grandeur of Place Joffre, and a baobab viewpoint at French Mountain. Alternatively, drive up to the Amber Mountain National Park at an elevation of 3,200 feet, where we will divide into short and long walking parties to explore the pristine rainforest. Amid the towering vegetation, we may encounter Sanford's brown and crowned lemurs, as well as chameleons, stunningly well camouflaged leaf-tailed geckos, and an array of endemic birds. We will depart late this afternoon, continuing our voyage towards the Seychelles.

Days 10 to 12 Aldabra Islands. Arriving in the Outer Seychelles we have two and a half days to enjoy the remarkable Aldabra group of islands. Our itinerary will be in the hands of our Expedition Leader and Captain, who will monitor the local conditions to ensure we maximise our time here. Whilst our itinerary is flexible, we hope to call at the island of Assumption which was ruthlessly plundered for its vast deposits of guano in the early 20th century. Happily, peace has returned, and the wildlife of rare birds and green turtles are once again in abundance. Our time here will be spent beachcombing, on nature walks or snorkelling. We will also plan time on Aldabra, the island referred to by Sir Julian Huxley as "One of nature's treasures and should belong to the whole world". Aldabra is truly unique, and every time we call at what is believed to be the world's largest atoll we find something new of interest. Sightings have included the extremely rare white-throated rail, while the atoll is also home to the world's second largest colony of frigate birds and the largest crab, the coconut crab. Whilst exploring by Zodiac it is difficult to know in which direction to look first. The clear blue seas abound with life, the skies are alive with varied birdlife and ashore giant tortoises forage as they have done for millions of years. We hope to explore Picard Island with a short walk to see some of the numerous tortoises and robber crabs or swim in the lagoon, a vast 17 mile stretch of shallow clear water. From our Zodiacs we can watch the ever-changing undersea world and snorkel in colourful coral waters. Meanwhile at Cosmoledo a huge ring of twelve islands circles a lagoon. Many of the atolls are still to be surveyed and we will explore some of them by Zodiac. This is an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area with all three species of booby found in the Seychelles including the last breeding site for the brown booby. We also hope to spot sooty terns and great frigate birds on land and have the opportunity to see turtles as we swim and snorkel in the lagoon.

Day 13 At Sea. Spend a leisurely day on board as we continue our journey towards the African mainland.

Day 14 Kilwa Kisiwani, Tanzania. Arriving in Tanzania we anchor off Kilwa Kisiwani, a site of exceptional historical interest, where the atmospheric ruins represent a wide sweep of East African coastal history, from the heights of the Swahili and Shirazi trading civilisation to the darker days of slavery and the uprisings against German rule. Once one of Africa's wealthiest towns, Kilwa Kisiwani is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and contains the world's most extensive and best-preserved Swahili ruins. We will spend the morning on a walking tour and see the prominent fort and the Great Mosque which stood at the heart of this ancient city which was once the largest in East Africa. This afternoon we hope to find a local beach to offer the chance to swim, snorkel or take a stroll. Tonight we will welcome in the New Year on board.

Day 15 Expedition Day, Tanzanian Islands. Today we start the new year in the hands of our Captain and Expedition Leader as we explore the islands off the coast of Tanzania. We hope to use the Zodiacs to land on one of the beaches and offer nature walks or swimming opportunities in the clear waters.

Day 16 Zanzibar. Zanzibar's harbour, crowded with dhows, very much sets the scene for our visit to this Arab-style city with its long narrow streets, bazaars, houses with overhanging balconies and intricately carved doorways. On a morning walking tour, soak up the timeless atmosphere of Stone Town including Livingstone House, Sultan's Palace, the slave market and the Old Fort. This afternoon there will be a tour to Jozani Forest which sustains a variety of wildlife and birds, including the rare red colobus monkey, indigenous to the island.

Day 17 Zanzibar to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 18 London. Arrive this morning.



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.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£12995	£12495
Columbus	Superior	£13495	£12995
Marco Polo	Premium	£13995	£13495
Marco Polo	Corner	£14395	£13895
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£14995	£14495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony	£15495	£14995
Explorer	Island	£15995	£15495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£13995	£13495
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£14495	£13995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 15 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance, Madagascar visa, Seychelles Travel Authorisation, Tanzania visa, Zanzibar mandatory insurance.

ST HELENA & BEYOND

A voyage from Accra to Cape Town over Christmas & New Year aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

21st December 2027 to 10th January 2028

Here is an epic voyage and marvellous adventure for those who love the sea and long voyages, enjoy travelling off the beaten track and the opportunity to be away from home for the festive period. Sailing aboard the 100-passenger MS Hebridean Sky we will journey from the shores of West Africa, crossing the equator and tracing historic maritime routes to the remote outpost of St Helena before continuing to Namibia and onwards to Cape Town where our journey will conclude.



Far beyond the familiar sea lanes of the South Atlantic lies St Helena, one of the world's most remote and compelling islands which has long captured the imagination of travellers, historians and naturalists alike. Colonised in the 17th century by the East India Company as an important staging post for their vessels, it is perhaps best known as Napoleon's final home. Our voyage offers the rare opportunity to experience the island in some depth, combining its remarkable history, dramatic landscape, unique culture and wildlife with a wider exploration of West and Southern Africa.

Our journey begins in Accra, where the vibrancy of modern Ghana blends with reminders of its complex past. From here, you can choose to explore the cultural highlights of the capital or the natural beauty of the Shai Hills Game Reserve, before visiting the poignant Elmina Castle, one of the most significant and moving historical sites along the West African coast. Leaving Ghana we begin our journey south and cross the equator as we sail towards St Helena. During our time at sea you can relax on board, attend lectures, watch for wildlife on deck with our onboard naturalists and of course enjoy some Christmas festivities.

Arriving at St Helena, we will spend three days in and around Jamestown, the charming capital. Steeped in history, its narrow streets and Georgian buildings tell the story of centuries of maritime endeavour. The island's isolation has fostered a rich natural environment, home to endemic species found nowhere else on Earth, including the delicate St Helena wirebird. During our guided walks, you will discover a diversity of landscapes, from lush highlands to rugged coastal cliffs and there will also be encounters with local traditions, from tasting the island's distinctive coffee to sampling its artisanal spirits. We will of course also visit Longwood House which offers a poignant glimpse into Napoleon's life on the island.

Leaving St Helena, we continue southeast across the Atlantic towards the starkly beautiful coastline of Namibia. In Walvis Bay, we experience the meeting of desert and ocean, with opportunities to explore the atmospheric seaside town of Swakopmund, where German colonial architecture lends a distinctly European charm. We will also explore the Namib-Naukluft National Park with its vast sand dunes and ancient desert flora. Further along the coast, Luderitz offers a glimpse into Namibia's colonial past, as well as access to the ghost town of Kolmanskop, slowly being reclaimed by the encroaching sands. Our voyage concludes in one of the world's most spectacular settings, Cape Town, where the iconic Table Mountain rises dramatically above the city. Here, we will explore both the natural beauty and cultural richness of the region, from the renowned Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden to the celebrated vineyards of the surrounding Cape Winelands.

Travelling with just 100 or so fellow travellers aboard the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky, you can enjoy the small ship experience and the festive celebrations. Also joining you on board will be our expert onboard team who also relish the opportunity to undertake such a unique journey and share their knowledge and enthusiasm through some fascinating talks.


Elmina Castle, Ghana


Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, Ghana


Longwood House, St Helena


St Helena


Parrot, Shai Hills Game Reserve

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Accra, Ghana. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival in Accra we transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky in Tema and moor overnight.

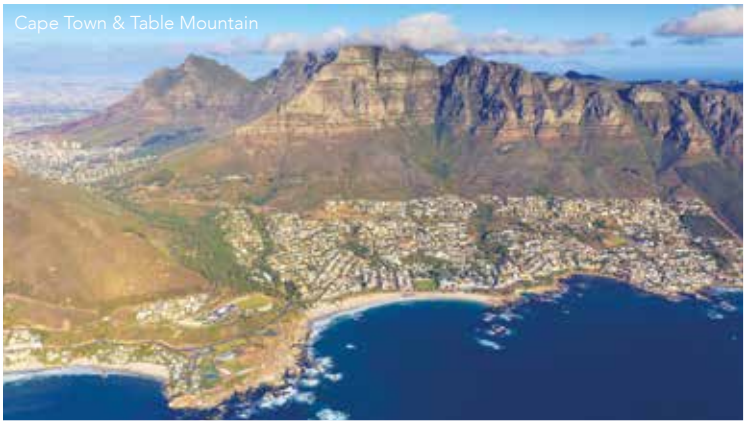
Day 2 Accra & Shai Hills Game Reserve. Today there will be a choice of excursions. You may wish to visit the capital city of Accra including the National Museum of Archaeology and Ethnography with artefacts showcasing the heritage of Ghana throughout history. We will continue to the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum and Memorial Park before enjoying lunch with a view of the ocean at a beachside resort. Return to the MS Hebridean Sky via the Artists Alliance Gallery which has a wide range of artworks including woodcarvings, paintings and sculptures by renowned Ghanaian artists. Alternatively, drive to the Shai Hills Game Reserve and embark on a trek through the reserve's savannah plains to view antelopes, bushbucks, kobs, baboons, monkeys and many bird species including the Senegal parrot, swallow-tailed bee-eater, Vieillot's barbet, piapiac and red-shouldered cuckooshrike. After lunch with views over the evergreen valley and plains of the surrounding Akwapim mountain range, we will continue to the Aburi Botanical Gardens. Established in 1890 as a convalescent for the British Colonial officers governing the then Gold Coast (now Ghana), the garden has over the years cultured a variety of tropical plants which attract many birds and butterflies. After a walk through the gardens we will return to the MS Hebridean Sky.

Day 3 Elmina. From our anchorage off the historic town of Elmina, we will use our Zodiacs today to visit one of the largest and earliest slaving forts, Elmina Castle, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built by the Portuguese in 1482 and captured by the Dutch in 1637 it was expanded when slaves replaced gold as the major export with storerooms converted into cells. A guided tour of the castle will take us through its history, from a Portuguese fort and slave trading post, to in more recent years, a Police Training Centre, secondary school and now a historical museum. We will sail this evening and start our journey towards St Helena.

Days 4 to 7 At Sea. Leaving Ghana we begin our journey south and cross the equator as we sail towards St Helena. During our time at sea you can attend some of the lectures in the lounge and join our onboard naturalists on deck as they search for wildlife. We also hope for clear skies to enjoy stargazing in the evenings. During our passage to St Helena we will celebrate Christmas on board.

Days 8 to 10 Jamestown, St Helena. Discovered by the Portuguese in 1502, the island of St Helena has been both a Dutch and British possession. In the late 17th century the island became a strategically important port of call in the British Empire and was controlled by the East India Company for over 200 years. However, the island is perhaps best known as Napoleon's last place of exile. He died here in 1821 after a six year exile and we will visit Longwood House, Napoleon's residence. In addition there will be much to occupy us during our time on the island. We will explore the tiny capital of Jamestown and see the courthouse, government buildings and library. Those feeling active may want to climb the 699 steps of Jacob's Ladder with views over Jamestown. During a range of walks for all levels, there will be time to explore the surrounding countryside, experience some amazing views and witness the prolific birdlife, including the endemic St Helena wirebird. Keen coffee lovers may want to try the rare 'Green Tipped Bourbon Arabica' grown on the island since 1732, whilst a visit to the most remote distillery in the world will provide the opportunity to taste the local gin, rum and 'Tungi' made from local prickly pears.


Jacob's Ladder, Jamestown, St Helena


Cape Town & Table Mountain


Luderitz


Cable Car to Table Mountain


Kolmanskop (ghost town)


Walvis Bay

Days 11 to 14 At Sea. We have four relaxing days at sea as we sail back to the African mainland. We will welcome in the New Year along the way and our team will arrange an array of activities as we head for Namibia.

Days 15 & 16 Walvis Bay, Namibia. Arrive today in Namibia at the main coastal town of Walvis Bay which will be our base for a day and a half. During our time here we will have the option to visit Swakopmund, Namibia's seaside resort on the west coast, and a place of singular charm. It resembles a small Bavarian village nestling between the desert and the sea and enjoys a restful and relaxing atmosphere. The source of Swakopmund's continental vibe is the graceful Art Nouveau buildings, many of which, including the Lutheran Church and old railway station, are national monuments. We will also have the opportunity to drive past the imposing sand dunes to the Welwitschia Plains in the Namib-Naukluft Park and we hope to see the prehistoric Welwitschia mirabilis plants, unique to this region, as we drive through the lunar landscape. Those feeling active may wish to take 4x4 vehicles to Sandwich Harbour, a tidal lagoon located in the Namib-Naukluft Park surrounded by huge sand dunes which run into the ocean. Here we can experience the isolation and scenery which the Skeleton Coast is famous for.

Day 17 Luderitz. Sandwiched between the Namib desert and the South Atlantic, Luderitz is an isolated settlement and one of the few towns and sheltered harbours on the Namibian coast. First landed by Portuguese mariners in the 15th century, it was not until 1883 when the land was bought by a wealthy merchant, Adolf Luderitz, that the town developed as part of German colonisation of the region. An afternoon walking tour includes the Luderitz Museum and the colonial buildings such as the Goerke Haus and Felsenkirche. Nearby, visit the ghost town of Kolmanskop where the first diamonds were found in Namibia in 1908. Sparking a "diamond rush" the town grew in the ensuing years, peaking in the 1920s, until the discovery of richer deposits further south. By the 1960s the population had left and the town is now at the mercy of the weather and encroaching sand dunes.

Day 18 At Sea. We continue our journey along the Atlantic coast today with a day at sea as we sail towards Cape Town.

Day 19 Cape Town, South Africa. In the late morning we sail into the beautiful city of Cape Town where we have a choice of excursions this afternoon. If weather permits, we will take the cableway to the top of the iconic Table Mountain, one of the city's most celebrated landmarks. From the summit we can enjoy the views down to the city below or take a walk along one of the trails amongst the endemic flora and fauna. Alternatively you may prefer to take the opportunity to visit one of the region's excellent vineyards where, after learning about the production techniques, we can enjoy a tasting.

Day 20 Cape Town to London. After breakfast we visit Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens which are spread over 560 hectares on the eastern slopes of Table Mountain and contains over 8500 species of indigenous plants. Take a leisurely stroll through these beautiful surroundings before returning to the ship for lunch. This afternoon we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 21 London. Arrive today.

SHIP TO SHORE

Please note that we expect to be alongside in Tema, Walvis Bay, Luderitz and Cape Town. We will be at anchor for our visit to Elmina Castle and during our time in St Helena where we will use the vessel's Zodiacs to transfer ashore. Please note that our shore visits on St Helena will be weather dependent and subject to sea conditions.

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Byrd	Superior	£14495	£13995
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Mawson	Corner	£14995	£14495
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£16495	£15995
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£16995	£16495
Shackleton	Hebridean	£17495	£16995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£14995	£14495
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Not Included: Travel insurance, visas for Ghana & Namibia, entry permit for St Helena.



Swallow-tailed bee-eater


Giant tortoise, Aldabra

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