

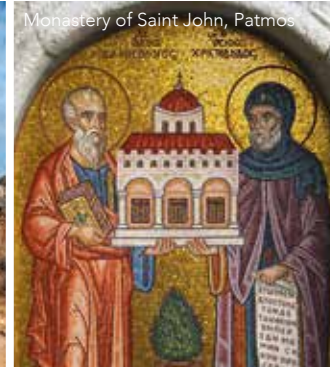
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CLASSICAL TREASURES OF THE AEGEAN

A voyage from Istanbul to Cyprus aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

13th to 21st October 2024

NOBLE CALEDONIA



Come with us on a relaxing and informative voyage through some of the most historic and scenically beautiful places in Turkey and Greece. After many years of experience of operating cruises in the region, we believe we have the perfectly balanced itinerary with a mix of guided excursions and time at leisure to discover the charming towns independently. Sailing in October means we have the added benefit of pleasant temperatures and crowd free sites making it a lovely time to explore this corner of antiquity.

We begin our voyage in Istanbul from where we explore some of Turkey's most fascinating places such as Troy, Pergamon and the ancient city of Ephesus, a stunning site where digging has been taking place for over a century. Sailing on to Greece, we will spend time on the island of Patmos where we visit the grotto of St John and we also call in to the island of Rhodes from where we will explore the ancient Acropolis of Lindos. Returning to Turkey, we visit the Turquoise Coast, an astoundingly beautiful stretch of azure coastline backed by the lush, forested hills where we will discover several ancient sites including Perge, the Amphitheatre of Aspendos and Side before our arrival in the Cypriot port of Limassol.

In the company of just 100 or so fellow travellers, our trips ashore will be a pleasure as we explore with local guides, adding immeasurably to our knowledge of the region. Whether you are interested in ancient historical sites, discovering new places and islands, or simply enjoy cruising through beautiful regions aboard a small ship, our exploration of the Turquoise Coast and the islands of the Aegean has something for everyone.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Istanbul, Turkey. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Canakkale & Troy. Spend the morning cruising through the Dardanelles before we arrive over lunch into the port of Canakkale, our gateway for Troy. Ongoing archaeological excavations have revealed nine different layers of cities superimposed in rings on a massive mound rising above the Plain of Ilium. It was at one of these cities, as legend has it, that the Greeks fought the Trojans as told by Homer in the Iliad. Our tour follows the excavations made by Heinrich Schliemann, the archaeologist who discovered Troy and 'Priam's Treasure', the jewels that, Schliemann claimed, were worn by Helen of Troy. We will walk the walls that held Helen of Troy and look down at the plain where Achilles dragged the dead body of Hector. We can also visit the on-site Troy Museum.

Day 3 Pergamon. From our berth in Dikili we will drive inland, past fertile fields and olive trees, to the present day modern town of Bergama, once known as Pergamon, a great centre of culture. Today Pergamon is one of Turkey's finest

archaeological sites. We will visit the Asclepion, a healing centre from the 4th century BC and one of the most important sites of Pergamon. Discover the Temple of Asclepius, the amphitheatre, and walk through the sacred corridor and down the ancient, arcaded, marble-paved boulevard. Continue into the town of Bergama and visit the Archaeological Museum which houses relics discovered during the excavations of Pergamon. En-route we will see the Basilica which was one of the earliest of the Seven Churches of Asia Minor. Take a cable car up to the Acropolis to explore the remains of the citadel and the city walls, the foundations of the Zeus Altar, and the Royal Palace. Lunch will be served ashore.

Day 4 Kusadasi & Ephesus. Moor this morning at Kusadasi, our base to explore the nearby ancient city of Ephesus, a stunning and partially excavated site where digging has been taking place for over a century. Broad streets are lined by impressive buildings including the Library of Celsus and the temples of Serapis and Hadrian. Once the capital of Ionia, St Paul preached here on his second missionary journey and we will see the Church of the Virgin Mary, the most important Christian monument in Ephesus. Also see the spectacular Grand Theatre, originally built in the 3rd century BC by the Greeks, and later



Lindos



Old Fortress, Alanya



expanded by the Romans to its present capacity of 24,000. We will enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Kusadasi.

Day 5 Patmos, Greece. Of all the Greek islands, Patmos is the most sacred to Christians both Orthodox and Western and it was here that St John received his revelation. This morning we will make our way to the grotto of St John. This small cave, now converted into the beautiful chapel, is where the Saint lived, had his revelation and wrote 'Book of the Apocalypse'. From here continue to the village of Chora, with its simple houses and Byzantine churches and climb to the Monastery of St John the Theologian. Upon entering into the courtyard, admire the intricate pebbled laid floor, decorated arches and frescoes adorning the entrance to the chapel of Christodoulos. This afternoon and evening are at leisure to explore the picturesque town of Skala or maybe enjoy a swim at a nearby beach.

Day 6 Rhodes. Our final call in Greece is the island of Rhodes from where we visit the ancient Acropolis of Lindos. From here the views of the Pelagus and St Paul's Bay, where the apostle anchored during his voyage to Ephesus, are stunning. The Medieval walls which guard Lindos were constructed by the Knights of St John. Alternatively take a walk through the old town visiting the Grand Masters Palace, built to reflect the Papal Palace of Avignon and planned to serve as a fortress in times of war, a peacetime residence for the Grand Master of the Hospitallers, the Knights of St John, and a meeting place for senior knights. Later we walk past the impressive houses on the "Avenue of the Knights". Maybe join our speaker for a lecture in the lounge as we spend the afternoon at sea.

Day 7 Antalya, Turkey. Over breakfast we will arrive in Antalya from where we explore the principal Roman ruins along Turkey's southern coast. We pass the modern city of Antalya en-route to the ancient city of Perge which dates back to 1000 BC and was founded by Mopsus and Calchas after their retreat from Troy. See the Basilica of Perge, which played an important role in the spread of Christianity, the 2nd century AD stadium, the baths complex and two magnificent round towers of the Greek Gate. We drive further east for a visit to Aspendos, whose amphitheatre built in the 2nd century AD is considered the best preserved in the Mediterranean. After lunch in a local restaurant continue to Antalya to visit the excellent Archaeological Museum or return to the ship for some free time.

Day 8 Alanya. From our berth in Alanya we have the option to drive along the beautiful Turkish Riviera towards the ancient city of Side which was one of the leading Pamphylian cities on the south coast of Anatolia. Visit the Grand Theatre, a perfect example of a Roman theatre built on vaults on flat land. Walk through the town, view the old harbour and see the remains of the Apollo Temple. Alternatively spend time to explore the town of Alanya with its Medieval fort at your own pace. We will sail over lunch and have an afternoon at sea as we sail towards Cyprus.

Day 9 Limassol, Cyprus to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.



The amphitheatre at Aspendos

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£4495	£4295
Byrd	Superior	£4795	£4595
Mawson	Premium	£4895	£4695
Mawson	Corner	£4995	£4795
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£5595	£5395
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£5895	£5695
Shackleton	Hebridean	£6195	£5995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£5495	£5295
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£5695	£5495

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



Patmos

Pre-cruise Istanbul Extension
11th to 13th October 2024

If you would like to spend some time exploring Istanbul before embarking the MS Hebridean Sky we are offering a two night extension.



Topkapi Palace

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Istanbul, Turkey. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for our two night stay. After free time to explore we meet tonight for dinner. (D)

Day 2 Istanbul. After breakfast at the hotel we start our exploration of Istanbul at the Hippodrome, the centre of civic life in the capital of the Ottoman Empire and the site of speeches, chariot races, and riots. Next, see the nearby Blue Mosque, named for its glorious 17th century painted tiles; and the Hagia Sophia, first a Byzantine patriarchal basilica and now an imperial mosque. Known for its massive domed roof and colourful mosaics, this structure is widely regarded as the world's finest example of Byzantine architecture. After lunch in a local restaurant a short walk brings us to the Basilica Cistern, which dates back to the 6th century and is supported by 336 Corinthian columns making it one of the most magnificent covered cisterns in Istanbul. Return to the hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3 Istanbul. Today we visit the impressive Topkapi Palace, a complex of buildings and annexes that was used as the Imperial residence of the Ottoman Sultans for nearly 400 years. Since 1924 it has been preserved as a museum, and it is noted for its beautiful shaded courtyards and elegant architecture. After lunch we transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky moored in the city. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £895 Single: £995

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Istanbul, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Cyprus Extension
21st to 23rd October 2024

If you would like to spend some time exploring Cyprus after disembarking the MS Hebridean Sky we are offering the opportunity to enjoy a two night stay in Limassol.



Kourion

The Itinerary

Day 1 Limassol & Paphos, Cyprus. Disembark this morning for our tour to Paphos. After a brief stop at the most famous landmark in Cyprus - Aphrodite's Rock, we continue to Saint Neophytos Monastery, founded by the Cypriot hermit and writer Neophytos. Continue to Paphos where we will visit the 13th century Chrysopolitissa Church which is shared by the Anglican and Catholic congregation and the Pillar of Saint Paul. St Paul visited Paphos in 45 AD in an attempt to convert the ruler of the time to Christianity. After lunch and some free time in the picturesque fishing harbour of Paphos, we continue to the archaeological park, known as the House of Dionysos, with the fabulously preserved mosaics and the Tombs of the Kings. Return to Limassol to check into the hotel before meeting for dinner tonight. (B, L, D)

Day 2 Limassol. This morning we drive to the Temple of Apollo, one of the main religious centres of ancient Cyprus. We will continue to the ruins of Kourion, a city built in 1200 BC. The most spectacular site at Kourion is the Greco-Roman Theatre which has been completely restored and is used today for open-air musical and theatrical performances. We will also visit Kolossi Castle. The remainder of the day is at leisure before we meet for dinner in the hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 3 Limassol to London. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £895 Single: £995

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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.

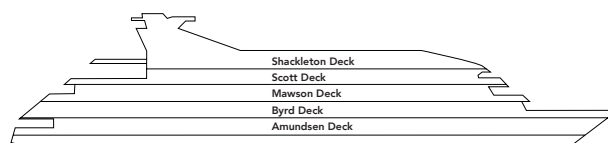
Your Comfort

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.

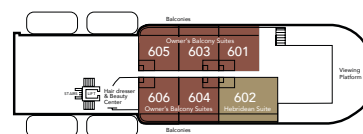
Your Life On Board

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.

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY DECK PLAN



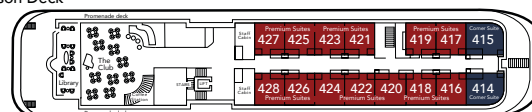
Shackleton Deck



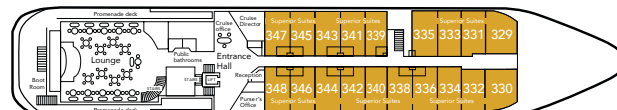
Scott Deck



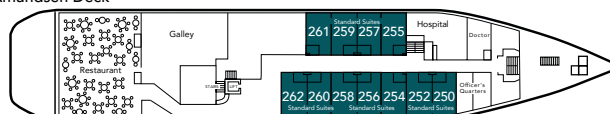
Mawson Deck



Byrd Deck



Amundsen Deck



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