

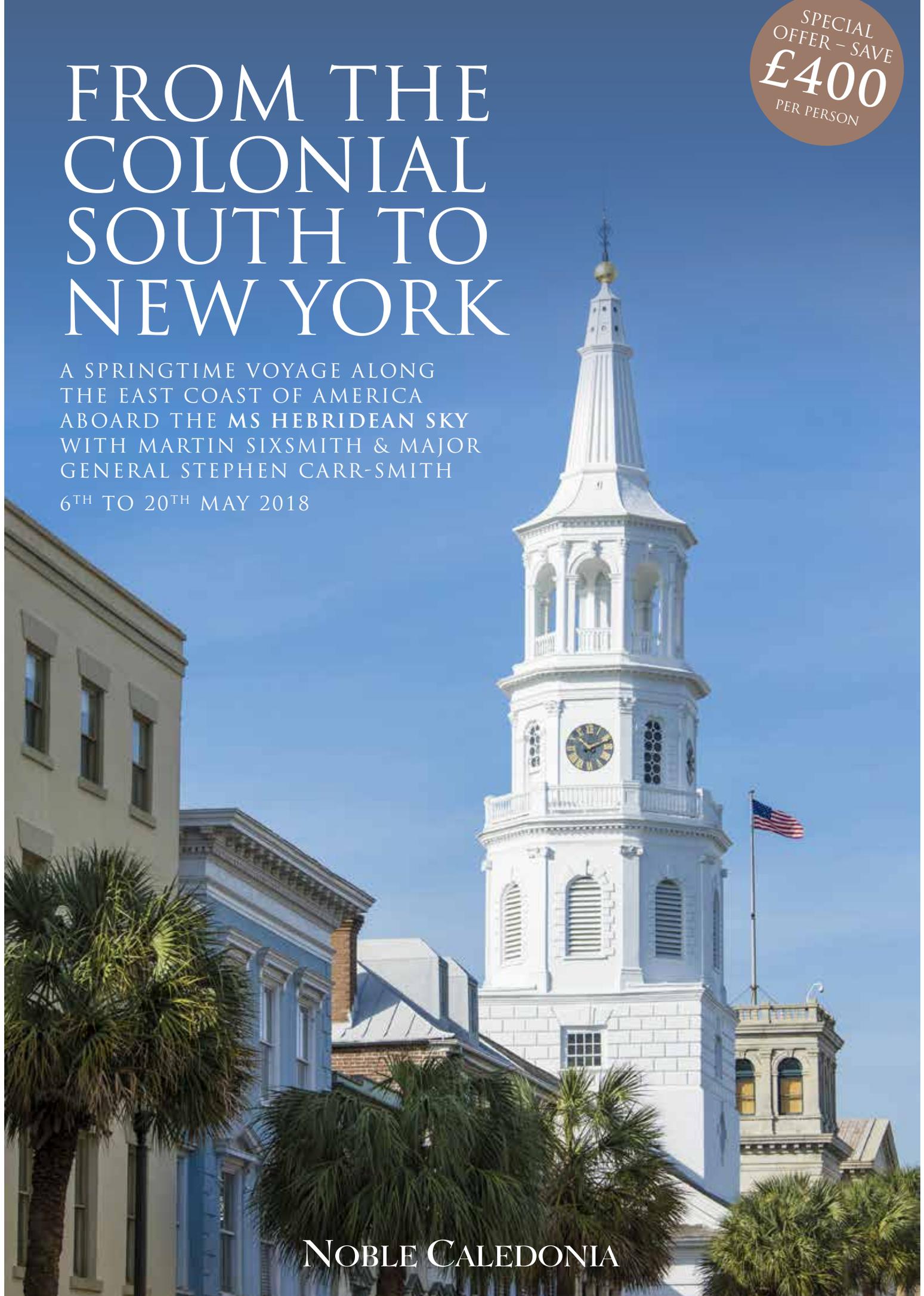
# FROM THE COLONIAL SOUTH TO NEW YORK

A SPRINGTIME VOYAGE ALONG  
THE EAST COAST OF AMERICA  
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY  
WITH MARTIN SIXSMITH & MAJOR  
GENERAL STEPHEN CARR-SMITH

6<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

SPECIAL  
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**£400**  
PER PERSON

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New York Skyline



Here is a fascinating voyage along the United States eastern seaboard and the perfect springtime journey for those who enjoy stunning coastal scenery, alluring architecture and quaint colonial towns contrasting with large metropolises – a veritable mix of culture and history. During our two week journey, the MS Hebridean Sky will traverse a great swathe of North America whilst our Guest Speaker and enthusiastic local guides will bring the history of the region to life.

From the arrival of the British to the American Revolution and beyond, we will learn of the history of the United States from early exploration through to modern times.

After embarking the MS Hebridean Sky in Nassau, there will be a relaxing day at sea before we arrive into Florida and commence our voyage along the coastline of the Southern States. We arrive into Savannah, an elegant city founded in 1733 and see some of its enchanting architecture before heading to beautifully preserved Charleston in South Carolina, the birthplace of the Civil War. Of course when planning a voyage along the eastern coast we couldn't omit the great cities of Washington, Philadelphia and New York however, for many, it will be the less well known ports of call we will visit which will be the most memorable. We will spend time exploring North Carolina's historic Wilmington and, further north, elegant Beaufort, an attractive fishing town with magnificent antebellum homes and gardens. Next we step back in time in colonial Williamsburg which is a living museum of the 18th century with its cobbled streets, reconstructed houses and authentically dressed guides.

Continuing our passage north, we explore Washington D.C. and Philadelphia before sailing along the Hudson River for Poughkeepsie where one of America's most famous sons, Franklin D Roosevelt, is immortalised in the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, and his wife Eleanor is honoured in her home Val-Kill. As our voyage approaches its end, we continue along the Hudson to the iconic city of New York, a fitting end for our voyage.

## Guest Speakers

We are delighted to be joined by two speakers for this voyage along the United States eastern seaboard.

### MARTIN SIXSMITH



Martin Sixsmith was the BBC's correspondent in Moscow, Washington, Brussels and Warsaw in the 1980s and 90s and worked as Director of Communications for the British Government from 1997 to 2002. He is now an author, presenter and journalist. His non-fiction books include *Moscow Coup*, *The Litvinenko File*, *Putin's Oil and Russia: A Thousand Year Chronicle of the Wild East*. He

worked as a consultant on the BBC2 political sitcom *The Thick of It* and the 2010 movie *In the Loop*. In 2011 he presented the BBC's 50-episode history of Russia on Radio Four. In 2013 his book *The Lost Child of Philomena Lee* was adapted into the film *Philomena*, starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan. It was nominated for four Oscars. In 2014 he presented Radio 4's 25-part history of psychology and psychiatry. His new book *Ayesha's Gift* is the story of a young woman's search to discover the truth after her father is murdered in Pakistan.

### MAJOR GENERAL STEPHEN CARR-SMITH



Major General Stephen Carr-Smith served throughout much of the Cold War in Europe and then with NATO. On leaving the Army, he worked for a company providing security and mine clearance services in remote and hostile countries; he was the Senior Military Advisor to an operational analysis company owned by British Aerospace and the Chairman

of a company developing opportunities to marry up Russian technology with western finance and production.

From 1999 to 2006, he was the Ombudsman for Estate Agents, dealing with redress and financial compensation for buyers and sellers of residential property throughout the UK. He is now a non-executive director on the Council that runs the National Land and Property Information Service (NLIS). From 1996 to 2006, he was the Honorary Colonel of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY) – an all women, uniformed volunteer body that has supported the British Army for 100 years. For the last five years, he has been the President of the Stragglers of Asia Cricket Club – and, accompanied by his wife, he led tours to Sri Lanka in 2004 and to India in 2007.



## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Nassau, Bahamas.** Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. Sail before dinner.

**Day 2 At sea.** Spend a relaxing day at sea as we make our way to the American coast.

**Day 3 Port Canaveral, Florida.** Arrive this morning in Port Canaveral, our base for the day and from where there will be a choice of tours. You can choose to either tour the Kennedy Space Centre, offering a rare and behind the scenes look at one of mankind's most fascinating and remarkable achievements – the space programme. Alternatively, enjoy an airboat trip through the fresh water marshes and wetland hammocks of beautiful St Johns River and be on the lookout for alligators and bald eagles.

**Day 4 Savannah, Georgia.** After a morning at sea we will arrive in Savannah and this afternoon discover Fort Jackson which was built in 1808 and is the oldest standing fort in Georgia. We continue to the Historic District of Savannah and explore its restored 18th and 19th century buildings and the waterfront where cotton warehouses are now restaurants, hotels, and shops. Here we find exquisite ironwork, ancient cobblestones, splendid mansions and picturesque cottages. We will visit one of the most elegant houses in Savannah and see

the magnificent Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and the Massie Heritage Centre which interprets the history of Savannah.

**Day 5 Charleston, South Carolina.** The city of Charleston is brimming with history and culture. It was the scene of the major Revolutionary War naval battles, tales of pirates and Civil War sieges. We will moor for the day in the heart of this living museum on the banks of the Ashley River, one of the best places to appreciate the southern antebellum culture. Our tour will include a boat ride to Fort Sumter and the historic district including St Michael's Church and the Confederate Museum. The afternoon will be at leisure to explore the city independently or relax on board.

**Day 6 Wilmington, North Carolina.** Situated between the sea and Cape Fear River, historic Wilmington was founded in 1739. It was named in honour of Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington, who was a patron of North Carolina's Governor at the time. To this day, visitors are reminded of its rich history by the grand old homes and tree-lined boulevards making Wilmington one of the most beautiful small cities in the south. Our visit will include the beautiful antebellum Bellamy Mansion and Thalian Hall, a working historic 1858 theatre which is listed on the national register of historic places. After lunch on board shuttle buses will be available for those who wish to explore the city independently.

**Day 7 Morehead City for Beaufort, North Carolina.** Arrive this morning in Morehead City from where we travel across to elegant Beaufort, a quaint fishing town with magnificent antebellum homes and gardens. There will be an opportunity to tour the North Carolina Maritime Museum and stroll around the old town or visit the wild horses of Shackleford Banks, a unique historic and cultural legacy, where their descendants reportedly swam ashore from a sinking Spanish ship in the 16th century. Return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and spend the afternoon at sea sailing south to Norfolk, Virginia.

**Day 8 Norfolk, Virginia.** From the port of Norfolk, our excursion this morning leads to historic Colonial Williamsburg, the capital of the Virginia colony from 1699 to 1780. Once the political and economic centre of the Virginia colony,

Williamsburg is the nation's premier living museum, offering visitors a glimpse of life as it was in the 17th and 18th centuries. A guided tour leads us along the Duke of Gloucester Street, Williamsburg's main thoroughfare, past the Capitol, the courthouse, the Governor's Palace and the historic Bruton Parish Church, where Episcopal services have been held since 1715.

**Days 9 & 10 Baltimore, Maryland.** Arrive this morning in Baltimore, a truly great American city full of colonial and maritime history and our base for the next two days. Join a full day tour to Washington D.C. and Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington. For more than forty years, George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the American forces in the Revolutionary War and the first President of the United States, called Mount Vernon home. We will visit the Mansion, more than a dozen original structures, Washington's Tomb, and nearly 50 acres of his extensive plantation. The estate also includes a working blacksmith shop and the George Washington: Pioneer Farmer site. After lunch we will set off for Washington, D.C., enjoying a drive around the US capital including the Capitol Building, Washington Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and the White House. Return to the MS Hebridean Sky in the late afternoon and remain moored overnight. The following day our morning tour will include Fort McHenry, best known for its role in the War of 1812 and now a National Monument and the vibrant hub of Fells Point, steeped





Statue of Liberty



in maritime history. We will end at the inner harbour where we climb to the "Top of the World" observation deck with views over the harbour and beyond. This afternoon will be at leisure to explore Baltimore at leisure, relax on board or shuttle buses will be provided for those who wish to return to Washington.

**Day 11 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** Philadelphia is where Americans defended their liberty, achieved technological success and forged the ideals of the American Dream. The city was once the second largest in the British Empire and the social centre of the original 13 American colonies. Furthermore, it was the home of many ideas and actions which gave birth to the American Revolution and American independence, and it is where the Declaration of Independence was written in 1776. Spend the morning exploring the city including Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell Centre before we set sail for Poughkeepsie during lunch.

**Day 12 Poughkeepsie.** Spend a relaxing morning on board as we sail along the Hudson River for Poughkeepsie where we arrive after lunch. Our afternoon tour will include a visit to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, conceived by Franklin D. Roosevelt to house the many historic papers, books and memorabilia he accumulated throughout his life. After privately raising funds to build the site, he donated it to the National Archives to ensure that the public would have access to such important documents. We

also visit Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill, a National Historic Site. Wander the bucolic grounds and visit the cottage where Eleanor lived until her death.

**Day 13 New York.** To stand on deck whilst we sail into New York City past the Statue of Liberty is a truly breathtaking experience. On arrival into New York, enjoy the city highlights of Manhattan as we pass the Empire State building, Central Park and Times Square. The afternoon is free to explore independently. Maybe visit the legendary artists and writers' quarter of Greenwich Village, enjoy shopping on Fifth Avenue, visit one of the world famous galleries such as the Guggenheim in the Upper East Side or the Museum of Natural History. If you prefer to escape from the hubbub, enjoy a stroll around Central Park or along the Highline. We will remain moored overnight and so have the whole evening to enjoy this iconic city.

**Day 14 New York to London.** We will disembark after breakfast and will take one of the ferries at Battery Park to enjoy a morning at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Here we will see the location where around 12 million steerage and third class steamship passengers were processed for immigration into the USA between 1892 and 1954. Now a museum, we will get a fascinating insight into the immigrant's experience. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before we transfer to the airport for our return scheduled flight to London.

**Day 15 London.** Arrive this morning.

## New York Post-Cruise Extension

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If you would like to spend more time in New York after disembarking the MS Hebridean Sky we are offering a three night extension staying at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Located in the Midtown district near Grand Central Station, the hotel is in the perfect location for individual exploration. After the tour and lunch on day 14, you will be transferred to the hotel for your three night stay when the time is yours to explore. A transfer will be provided to the airport for your return flight to London.



### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£785**; Single: **£1295**

**Price Includes:** Three nights accommodation at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on breakfast only basis, transfers, portage.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, visa.

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#### LIMITED AVAILABILITY – SAVE £400 PER PERSON

Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	<b>£7795</b>	<b>£7395</b>
Byrd	Superior	<b>£7995</b>	<b>£7595</b>
Mawson	Premium	<b>£8295</b>	<b>£7895</b>
Mawson	Corner	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Shackleton	Hebridean	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	<b>£9795</b>	<b>£9395</b>
Byrd	Superior for sole use	<b>£9995</b>	<b>£9595</b>

**Price Includes:** Economy class scheduled air travel, 13 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis, wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch dinner, shore excursions, gratuities, onboard team including Guest Speaker, transfers, port taxes.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance, visas.



## MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

The MS Hebridean Sky is one of our three flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Island Sky and MS Caledonian Sky. All three vessels were built in the same ship yard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them three of the finest small ships in the world. Formerly known as the Sea Explorer, the vessel underwent a multi-million pound refurbishment in Sweden in Spring 2016 before being re-launched as the MS Hebridean Sky.

### Your Cabin/Suite

On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a sitting room 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 suites on the Scott and Shackleton Decks featuring private balconies. Each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped 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, flat screen television and a telephone in each suite. Bottled water, 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 will enhance the traditional maritime style making the passenger accommodation an inviting and relaxing place to be.

### 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 which is fitted with the highest standard of presentation equipment including multiple screens. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Mawson Deck which features the main bar where the onboard pianist plays periodically throughout the day. 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 selection of games and two computers complete with internet access can also be found in the Library. The main dining room 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 ideal for sun bathing, relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. There is also a small hairdressers on board with appointments made on request.



The Library



Deluxe Balcony Suite



Restaurant



Lido Deck



The Club



Standard Suite

**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. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapes take place in either the comfort of the Lounge or out on the Lido Deck when the weather is favourable.

In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements at your leisure. In the main elegant dining room, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner are an à la carte five course affair, with the menu often reflecting the daily catch or local delicacies. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines are included with both meals.

**Your Comfort**

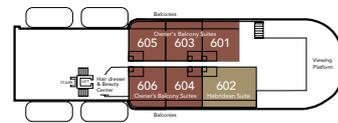
The MS Hebridean Sky is equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilizers to minimise the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer you the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessel's progress by charts and learn more about your journey. On board you will also find a clinic and Doctor and a lift that serves all decks.

**Your Life On Board**

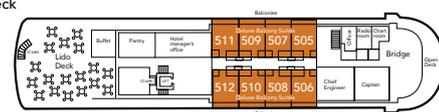
The atmosphere on board is warm and convivial and more akin to a private yacht or country hotel in which you can learn more about the wonders of nature in the company of like-minded people. A little music in the lounge or bar after dinner, Guest Speakers and informative port briefings from our Expedition Leader and of course good food, all contribute to make any voyage aboard this wonderful vessel a memorable and joyful experience.



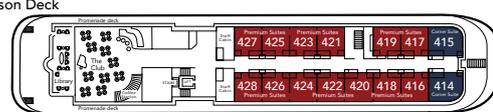
Shackleton Deck



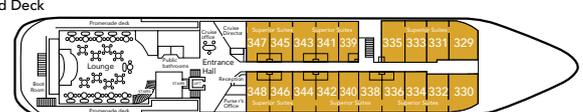
Scott Deck



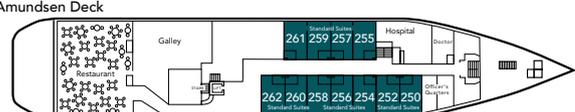
Mawson Deck



Byrd Deck



Amundsen Deck



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

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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