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FROM NEW YORK TO NOVA SCOTIA

A VOYAGE ALONG AMERICA'S EAST COAST TO CANADA
WITH GUEST SPEAKER, MARTIN SIXSMITH
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

19TH MAY TO 1ST JUNE 2018



NOBLE CALEDONIA



New York



Cliff Walk Mansion, Newport, Rhode Island



Church, Lunenburg

Join us for what promises to be a fascinating voyage from New York to Nova Scotia including the beautiful and dramatic coast of New England. We explore both charming coastal towns that boast the best preserved colonial architecture in North America and the sprawling metropolises of New York City and Boston, brimming with culture, history and entertainment. There is plenty for nature lovers too from the rich flora and fauna along the Connecticut River Valley to the great natural beauty of the Canadian Maritimes.

We begin our journey in the iconic city of New York from where we have the added advantage of an overnight mooring allowing you to perhaps take in a show on Broadway or dine ashore. Setting sail from New York, to name just a few highlights, we visit Martha's Vineyard, filled with charming shops, restaurants and glorious beaches upon which to take a gentle stroll and Boston, elegant and sophisticated, with cobbled streets and turn of the century homes. From here we discover Cambridge, with its plethora of arts and culture, a seat of learning like its English namesake before a relaxing journey north takes us to Portland where we explore the fascinating history of this region that played such an influential role in the settlement of the British and eventually their expulsion. We continue along the rugged and beautiful coastline of the sprawling state of Maine where we call into the charming port of Rockland.

Upon reaching Maritime Canada we witness a slower pace of life and one that honours land and sea with a cultural mix of early French, Irish, Scottish and English influences. We will visit the expansive coastal wilderness and birdlife of the Fundy Trail, the charming countryside and vineyards of the Annapolis Valley and the picturesque village of Lunenburg, in Nova Scotia, the region's only UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nestled on a hilly peninsula, this 19th century village is known for its shipbuilding, seafaring expertise and its natural beauty. We end our cruise in the bustling city of Halifax with its pretty waterfront area and centuries-old maritime heritage.

Guest Speaker - 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.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to New York, America. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. We will remain moored overnight and so have the whole evening to enjoy this iconic city.

Day 2 New York. This morning 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 set sail this evening after dinner. To stand on deck whilst we sail out of New York City past the Statue of Liberty is a truly breathtaking experience.

Day 3 New London, Connecticut. Arrive this morning into the lovely sea port city of New London. It was founded in 1646 by John Winthrop Jr, who led the first English to settle here and is named after our very own capital city of England. On our tour today we will join the Essex steam train followed by a cruise on a river boat and both rides will showcase the blooming flora and fauna along the Connecticut River Valley, enjoy close up views

of wildlife in the tidal wetlands of Pratt Cove and Chester Creek and see historic sites such as the East Haddam Swing Bridge, Goodspeed Opera House, and Gillette Castle.

Day 4 Newport, Rhode Island.

Through the years Newport has made a name for itself in a variety of manners, first as a colony founded on religious freedom, later as the summer playground for the American socialite families including Kennedy and Eisenhower, also as a key location for the United States Navy, and then as the yachting centre it is today. A principal 18th century port city, Newport now boasts amongst the highest number of surviving colonial builds of any city in the United States. Our morning tour will explore the opulent Oceanside mansions including the Breakers and Marble house designed for the Vanderbilts in the late 19th century. We return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and this afternoon is at leisure to explore independently.

Day 5 Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

Over a century ago, Martha's Vineyard was one of the world's most important whaling centres. Today, its picturesque landscape of fishing villages and beautiful beaches is home to local, summertime and celebrity residents. On a morning tour we will visit the village of West Tisbury, see the 'gingerbread cottages' of Oak Bluffs and Edgartown, an architectural gem of 18th and 19th century sea captains' houses and other historic buildings. Later, you will have the opportunity to stroll along the harbour or discover the town's fine boutiques and restaurants.

Day 6 Boston, Massachusetts.

This morning we explore Boston and Cambridge. Founded in 1630



as the first seat of government for the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Cambridge has developed into an international community, merging history, education, arts and culture. Stroll the historically elegant Brattle Street with its outstanding collection of Tory mansions including the Longfellow House National Historic Site, a treasure chest of historic artefacts. In Boston, visit the Old North Church, where Paul Revere began his famous ride, and discover the Beacon Hill neighbourhood, with lovely turn-of-the-century homes and cobblestone streets.

Day 7 Portland, Maine. Arrive this morning into Portland's historic Old Port district brimming with charming boutiques and quaint cafes. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow immortalized Portland when he wrote 'My Lost Youth.' We will enjoy a tour of the city highlights including a stop at the Portland Head Light, America's first lighthouse. It was commissioned by George Washington and built in 1787 to guard what was then the state's busiest harbour. The Old Port Exchange with its cobblestone streets is the core of the cultural revival that extends to the art district with its marvellous museum and art school. Alternatively, we hope to be able to offer a full day tour to the summit of Mount Washington, offering spectacular views, spanning the mountains and valleys of New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont and north into Canada.

Day 8 Rockland, Maine. Called Catawanteak, meaning "great landing place" by the Abenaki Indians, Rockland harbour is one of the finest shipping and recreational boating harbours on the East Coast. Rockland combines historic preservation with chic stores and is a great place to spend a day. On a morning tour our local Rockland guide will inform us of the history of this harbour town as we visit the highlights including the famous Farnsworth Art Museum including the permanent collection called "Maine in America," which focuses

on Maine artists and The Wyeth Centre. After the tour you may wish to return to the ship or alternatively continue to Sharp's Point South Marina, situated on the grounds of the historic Snow Shipyard, where before the turn of the last century, more schooners were built than anywhere in New England. Upon arrival watch the unveiling of a traditional, old-fashioned lobster bake luncheon and enjoy music performed by a local band while you dine before returning to the MS Hebridean Sky and setting sail for Canada.

Day 9 St John, New Brunswick, Canada. Arrive this morning into St John, the only city on the shore of the Bay of Fundy and home to the world's highest tides. Saint John is Canada's first incorporated city, a celebrated wooden shipbuilding centre with a colourful history. Today, the quaint "Uptown" area is laden with Victorian-influenced architecture, brick walkways, historic churches, town squares and flowers blooming around old-fashioned lamp posts. On our morning tour we will have the opportunity to see the Reversing Rapids, a unique phenomenon created by the collision of the Bay of Fundy's monstrous tides and the mighty St John River. After lunch choose to discover St John at leisure or join a scenic drive to the picturesque hamlet of St Martins, an area of great natural beauty and the gateway to the Fundy Trail, the last undeveloped stretch of wilderness coast in North America. Famous for its red cliffs, echo caves and birdwatching there will be time to explore the area before we return to the ship.

Day 10 Digby, Nova Scotia. Arrive this morning into Digby, a small town nestled in a protected inlet off the Bay of Fundy. Digby will be our base for today and from where we will visit the Annapolis Valley, an area of great natural beauty and rich history, including the expulsion in 1755 of the Acadians, descendants of French colonists. The main breadbasket for colonial Canada,

it still produces much of Nova Scotia's fresh produce and with a climate and soil that favours unique and distinctive grape varieties, Annapolis Valley is now producing several of Canada's award winning wines. We will visit one of the wineries and enjoy a tasting before returning to the MS Hebridean Sky.

Day 11 Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. After a relaxing morning at sea we will arrive into Lunenburg during lunch. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour through the UNESCO World Heritage awarded town of Lunenburg. Established in 1753, the Old Town is the best surviving example of a planned British colonial settlement in North America. Named in honour of King George II who was also the Duke of Braunschweig-Lunenburg, the architecture of this seaside town reflects a strong European influence due to the settlement of 'Foreign Protestants' from Germany, France, Switzerland and the Netherlands. We visit stunning historical buildings and stately heritage homes as we explore the Old Town and visit the aquarium at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic.

Day 12 Halifax. The capital of Nova Scotia and the largest city in Canada's Atlantic Provinces, Halifax was once Great Britain's major military bastion in North America. The beautifully restored waterfront buildings of Halifax's Historic Properties recall the city's centuries-old maritime heritage. Our morning tour will include the Halifax citadel which lies on a natural drumlin overlooking the entire city with superb views of the harbour. Explore the restored barrack, magazine and corridors before continuing to the Fairview Lawn Cemetery where 121 victims of the Titanic disaster are buried and finally see the Victorian Public Gardens, an oasis in the centre of the bustling city. Return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and this afternoon is free to relax on board or return to further explore Halifax.

Day 13 Halifax to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our return scheduled flight to London.

Day 14 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£7795	£7395
Byrd	Superior	£7995	£7595
Mawson	Premium	£8295	£7895
Mawson	Corner	£8595	£8195
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Shackleton	Hebridean	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£9795	£9395
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£9995	£9595

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 12 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis, wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, shore excursions, onboard team including Guest Speaker, gratuities, transfers, port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas.

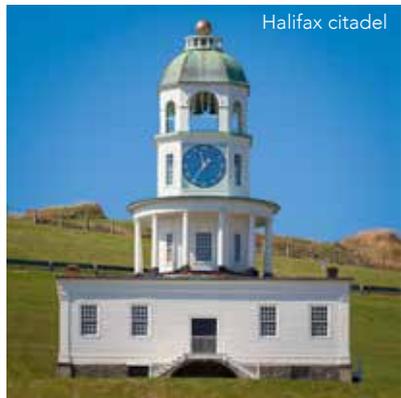
Ship to Shore: Please note that we will be at anchor at the following ports and will use local boats to tender ashore: Newport, Martha's Vineyard, Rockland, Digby and Lunenburg.



Marthas Vineyard



Lunenburg, Nova Scotia



Halifax citadel

Pre & Post Cruise Extensions



Central Park, New York

New York Pre-Cruise Extension - 16th to 19th May 2018

If you would like to spend some time in New York before embarking 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. A transfer will be provided from the airport to the hotel for your three night stay when the time is yours to explore independently until the group transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky.

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



Waterfront



Fresh lobster



West Point Lighthouse

Post-Cruise Prince Edward Island Extension - 31st May to 4th June 2018

After disembarking, if you would like to explore the magnificent scenery of Prince Edward Island, the land of Anne of Green Gables, we are offering a three night hotel extension during which we will see the island's lush landscapes, historic lighthouses and visit a local winery.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Halifax & Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Disembark the MS Hebridean Sky and travel to Peggy's Cove for a guided tour. We will return to the city of Halifax for lunch at a local restaurant before departing to the province of Prince Edward Island. Enjoy a brief tour of the city of Charlottetown before checking in to your hotel (The Holman Grand or similar). The remainder of the day will be at leisure with dinner under your own arrangements.

Day 2 Prince Edward Island. After breakfast depart on a full day guided excursion of Prince Edward Island which will include time to explore Cavendish Beach, Anne of Green Gables Museum and Green Gables Heritage Place before stopping at the Prince Edward Island Preserve Company for a lobster lunch and some free time. Enjoy a scenic drive back to the hotel

with a photo stop in North Rustico. Later this evening there will be the opportunity to attend a performance of Anne & Gilbert: The Musical.

Day 3 Prince Edward Island. After breakfast enjoy a half day tour visiting two of the provinces many lighthouses, Point Prim Lighthouse and Wood Island Lighthouse. We will continue to a local winery and after a wine and cheese tasting will return to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure with lunch and dinner under your own arrangements.

Day 4 Halifax to London. Check out after breakfast and depart for the province of New Brunswick. We will travel over the Confederation Bridge to Hopewell Rocks, these bizarre sandstone erosion formations rise magnificently from the ocean floor resembling mushrooms

and ice cream cones. From here head back to Nova Scotia for a visit to Joggins Fossil Cliffs, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will enjoy both lunch and dinner during our tour at local restaurants and later this evening transfer to the airport for our return scheduled flight to London.

Day 5 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1095** Single: **£1395**

Price includes: Three nights hotel accommodation including breakfast, guided excursions as described, lunch on days 1, 2 and 4, dinner on day 4, gratuities. **Not Included:** Travel insurance, visa, meals other than those stated.



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

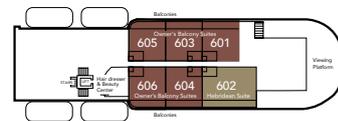
The MS Hebridean Sky is equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilizers to minimise the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer you the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessel's progress by charts 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.



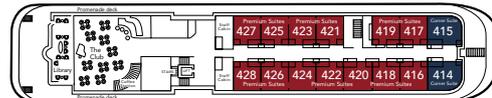
Shackleton Deck



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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