

GARDENS BY THE SEA

A SPRINGTIME VOYAGE OF ENGLAND'S
SOUTHERN COAST INCLUDING THE
ISLES OF SCILLY, GUERNSEY AND BRITTANY
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

5TH TO 11TH MAY 2022

SPECIAL
OFFER - SAVE
£300
PER PERSON

NOBLE CALEDONIA



During this springtime voyage aboard the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky and in the company of just over 100 fellow travellers, we will visit charming towns, historic homes with cultivated grounds and idyllic isles where wildflowers line the roads and pathways. Benefiting from the gulf-stream, the gardens on England's south west coast and islands are home to a vast array of varieties that do not survive in other parts of the country and in May the flowers will be in full bloom. We have devised the itinerary to ensure that we have a full day for each call and, in addition to the guided excursions, there will also be free time to explore individually, take in the vistas and sit and wonder at what nature and man have created. Everything about this captivating corner of the kingdom is to be relished and our voyage will provide you with the opportunity to revel in the timeless enchantment, peace and serenity that so often evades us in this modern way of life.



Setting sail from Portsmouth and making good use of our Zodiacs, we will explore the Devon and Cornish Coast where authors such as Daphne du Maurier and Agatha Christie found inspiration before arriving at the beautiful Isles of Scilly with their crystal clear waters and fine white sandy beaches. During our time here we will visit the world-famous Abbey Gardens on Treско and tender ashore to Bryher, a rarely visited gem that is not often included on cruise schedules. Our final days are spent discovering Brittany's tiny Ile de Batz where we visit the exotic Jardin George Delaselle and Guernsey, the 'Island of Flowers' where there is the option to visit Sausmarez Manor with its wonderful subtropical gardens. Our exploration of the coastal waters and idyllic isles promises to delight those with an interest in gardens and the natural world and who enjoy discovering awe inspiring places without the hassle of extensive travel.



Green Bay, Bryher, with Treско Island in the distance

The Itinerary

Day 1 Portsmouth, England.

Embark this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station at a fixed time. Alternatively car parking facilities are available at the port. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Dartmouth. Early this morning we will sail along the River Dart to our anchorage off the town of Dartmouth. From here there will be a choice of excursions, and you may decide to visit 'Greenway', the wonderful historic house and garden that was once home to Agatha Christie. Visit the gardens, including the Camellia Garden, a wonderful place to sit and ponder

on the history of the house and the notable residents and visitors that have included Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake. Alternatively, visit the 1920s country retreat of the D'Oyly Carte family at Coleton Fishacre. Lose yourself in the RHS accredited garden by the sea as we wander the paths through glades and past tranquil ponds. Meanwhile, the house interior is imbued with 1920s elegance and Art Deco features. The afternoon is free to explore Dartmouth at your own pace.

Day 3 Fowey. Anchor this morning in the River Fowey, our base for a day exploring this picturesque part of Cornwall. We will make our way



to Caerhays Castle and Garden. Situated between St Mawes and Mevagissey in a secluded valley above Porthluney Cove, this is one of the great gardens of Cornwall. The estate is one of the oldest in the country and home to a National Magnolia Collection. The origins of the historically important collection of magnolias can be traced back to the work of the great plant hunters, Ernest Wilson and George Forrest and the 120 acre woodland gardens are a springtime wonderland. This afternoon you may wish to join one of our expedition team on the Fowey Hall Walk, a circular four mile hike through woodland and across the tranquil Pont Creek which offers wonderful views over Fowey Harbour. We will also pass through the villages of Polruan and Bodinnick that were the home of the Du Maurier family from 1926. Alternatively, we hope to explore the river with our Zodiacs and heading north we will see the town of Golant and tranquil Penpol Creek where the woodland is home to one of the largest heron nesting sites in Cornwall.

Day 4 Tresco & Bryher, Isles of Scilly. From our central anchorage, we will use our Zodiacs to visit traffic-free Tresco, walking its idyllic

lanes from the beach to the famous subtropical Abbey Gardens. Defying the Atlantic weather, this miracle of a garden is home to more than 20,000 species of plants from over 80 countries. Enjoy time to wander at your own pace along the paths, maybe visit the Valhalla collection of ship figureheads from ships wrecked on the islands or relax in the café. This afternoon we tender ashore to Bryher, the smallest of the inhabited Isles of Scilly where you can wander along the tracks that cross the island amongst hedgerows and fields bursting with wildflowers. Those feeling active may wish to climb Watch Hill where in the past islanders would keep watch for ships in distress or alternatively, take a stroll to one of the beautiful beaches.

Day 5 Roscoff & Ile de Batz, France. This morning we arrive in the Brittany port of Roscoff from where we take a short boat ride to the nearby charming Ile de Batz. This small, traffic-free island is only three square miles and is home to the Jardin George Delaselle. This exotic garden was developed in 1897 and now contains more than 2,500 different varieties of plants originating from as far afield as New Zealand, California and Chile as well as an excellent collection of palms. Afterwards you can see the remains of the 6th century monastery, the semaphore station and the 44 metre high lighthouse. Alternatively explore Roscoff and its environs. See the impressive Renaissance mansions, such as Maison de Marie Stuart, built by wealthy ship owners around the church and harbour. Continue to Saint Vougay and see the 'Chateau de Kerjean', one of the finest

Renaissance buildings in Brittany with a fine collection of traditional Leon furniture. Built in the second part of the 16th century, the castle also has a park covering a total area of around 25 acres, complete with a Renaissance fountain.

Day 6 Guernsey, Channel Islands.

We spend the day on Guernsey, the 'Island of Flowers' where there will be the option of a walking tour of St Peter Port including a visit to Castle Cornet, a 12th century battlement which guards the entrance to St Peter Port harbour. Alternatively drive to Sausmarez Manor to view the house and subtropical gardens where we will find a multitude of exotic plants set around two small lakes and ancient woodland. The garden is also home to a renowned sculpture park. After our visit we continue with a scenic drive around the west

coast of Guernsey to view this glorious coastline. This afternoon is free to explore at your own pace or those feeling active may wish to join a cliff walk where, if the weather is fine, we should be able to see the nearby Channel Islands and possibly the French coast.

Day 7 Portsmouth. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station at a fixed time.



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
Amundsen	Standard	£3595	£3295
Byrd	Superior	£3895	£3595
Mawson	Premium	£4095	£3795
Mawson	Corner	£4395	£4095
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£4895	£4595
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£5295	£4995
Shackleton	Hebridean	£6295	£5995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£4595	£4295
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£4895	£4595

PRICE INCLUDES: Six nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.



Lido Deck



Superior Suite

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

The much loved MS Hebridean Sky is one of our two flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Island Sky. 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 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, flat screen 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.

Your Dining

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

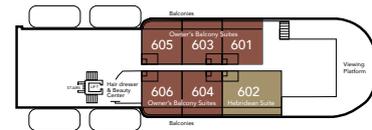
sunshine. In the main Restaurant, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner menus offer plenty of choice, often reflecting the daily catch and local delicacies. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines is included with both 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.

Your Space

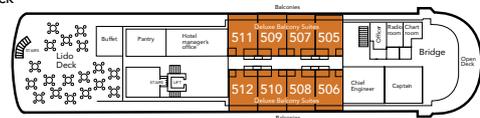
The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Byrd Deck where daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Mawson Deck which features the main bar. Towards the aft of the ship on the Mawson Deck is the Library which is well stocked with reference books along with a collection of games and devices to access the internet via the ship's satellite. Access to the ship's satellite Wi-Fi via your own device is complimentary on board (signal strength varies depending on location and demand). On the top Shackleton Deck there is an observation area.



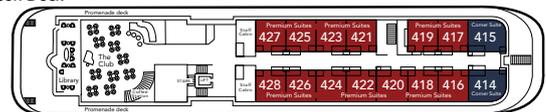
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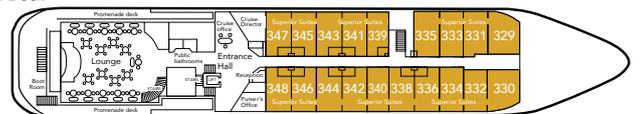
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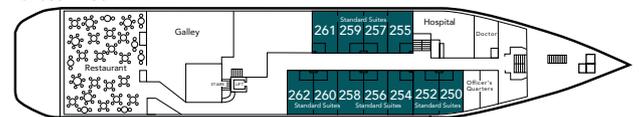
Mawson Deck



Byrd Deck



Amundsen Deck



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

Please note that beds in each suite can be configured as double or twin with the exception of suites 601 and 602 which feature a fixed double bed.



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