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GLORIOUS GARDENS & CITIES OF THE ATLANTIC EDGE

A VOYAGE FROM CASABLANCA TO PORTSMOUTH
INCLUDING PORTUGAL, GALICIA & CORNWALL
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

14TH TO 23RD MAY 2028

NOBLE CALEDONIA

Join us aboard the MS Hebridean Sky in Casablanca for this springtime voyage along the Atlantic coasts of Portugal and Spain before sailing across to the idyllic Isles of Scilly and Cornwall. Our journey combines historic cities, beautiful gardens and captivating coastal scenery with time to explore ashore as well as some time relaxing at sea.

Setting sail from Casablanca, we have the joy of a relaxing day at sea before we arrive in Lisbon where you can visit the magnificent Fronteira Palace with its remarkable collection of seventeenth-century azulejos. Alternatively you may venture inland to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Evora, where Roman, Medieval and Renaissance monuments reflect more than two thousand years of history, before sampling the renowned wines of the Alentejo. Continuing north, we arrive in Oporto, famed for its riverside setting, Baroque architecture and centuries-old wine traditions. Next is the Spanish region of Galicia we will explore some of the region's finest historic houses and gardens, sample local wines and visit the great pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela. After a busy few days of exploration, we have a relaxing day at sea before our call in the Isles of Scilly where we hope to visit traffic-free Tresco and its famous subtropical Abbey Gardens, as well as the small island community of St Martin's. Our final call is the Cornish port of Falmouth from where we will visit the exotic woodland valley garden of Glendurgan before we sail along the River Fal and on to Portsmouth.

With the MS Hebridean Sky as our comfortable base and accompanied by just 100 or so fellow travellers, this voyage offers a wonderful mix of horticultural splendours, fascinating history, and the timeless beauty of the Atlantic coast at the most rewarding time of year.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Casablanca, Morocco. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and embark. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 At Sea. Spend the day on board as we cruise to Portugal.

Day 3 Lisbon, Portugal. Set on seven hills on the banks of the River Tagus, Lisbon has been the capital of Portugal since the 13th century and is a city famous for its majestic architecture, Moorish features and more than twenty centuries of history. Our guided morning tour will visit the beautiful Fronteira Palace located in the heart of the city. Built in 1670 the palace holds the largest collection of seventeenth-century 'azulejos' (Portuguese tiles) preserved in situ and is classified as a national monument. The palace is surrounded by a romantic garden with lush greenery, colourful flower beds and beautiful fountains, whilst at the Galeria das Artes we see an extraordinary tile decoration on the surrounding walls. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon to explore further at your own pace. Alternatively, there will be a full day tour to the Alentejo region. We will drive to Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and explore the sights and Medieval history of this enchanting city during a walking tour. Evora is one of the oldest towns in the Alentejo region and we will see the well



Oporto



Pazo de Rubianes



St Martin's, Isles of Scilly



Pazo de Oca



Tower of Hercules, La Coruna

preserved Roman Temple, St Francisco Church and the Chapel of Bones before exploring the charming squares. Alentejo is a highly respected wine region traditionally producing red wines from the Tempranillo and Trincadeira grapes. We will enjoy lunch in a vineyard including a tasting before we return to the MS Hebridean Sky.

Day 4 Oporto. After a leisurely morning at sea we will arrive in Oporto, Portugal's second largest city and a World Heritage Site. On an afternoon tour we will drive through the city's narrow streets to find 16th century arcaded buildings, Baroque churches and chapels, as well as the city's iconic 19th century iron bridge, built by a pupil of Gustav Eiffel. See the city's cathedral, located on the top of Penaventosa Hill with an amazing view over the river before some free time to stroll and explore the riverfront promenade of Cais da Ribeira with its pastel buildings, restaurants and buzzing atmosphere. Alternatively, visit Quinta de Villar d'Allen, the last living example of the 19th century bourgeoisie properties near Oporto. The house has been the Allen family's mansion for more than 180 years following the family's involvement in the port and wine industry. We can view the historical artefacts in the house as well as exploring the tranquil gardens which feature several centenary trees and a collection of more than 600 camellias.

Day 5 Vilagarcia de Arousa, Spain. Arrive in Galicia this morning from where we have a choice of excursions. There will be a half day tour to some of the wonderful houses and gardens of the Galicia region. Visit the Pazo de Oca, a Baroque stately home known as the 'Galician Versailles' and 'El Generalife of the north' due to the beauty of its gardens. Continue to Pazo de Ribadulla, dating from the 16th century and set in a beautiful location on the shores of the Ulla Valley. The garden was developed by the Armada family in the 1870s and is today renowned for its outstanding collection of camellia trees, giant magnolias, olive trees and liriodendrons. Return to the vessel for lunch and an afternoon at leisure. Alternatively enjoy a full day discovery of 'Rias Baixas' which translates as low estuaries. Visit the 15th century Pazo de Rubianes, one of the three official lordships in Spain. Visit the 11 hectare garden and a nearby cellar to learn about local wine production and enjoy a tasting. After a tapas lunch we will drive to El Grove and board a catamaran for a journey along the estuary towards the bateas, the floating docks used for mussel farming. Learn about the local industry before enjoying some freshly harvested mussels on the way back to the vessel.

Day 6 La Coruna for Santiago de Compostela. From our berth in La Coruna our full day tour will visit Santiago de Compostela, the capital of the autonomous community of Galicia. The city's cathedral is the destination of the important Medieval pilgrimage route, the Way of St James (in Spanish the 'Camino de Santiago'), which is still walked today. For those keen to walk some of the route there will be the chance to hike a short section towards Santiago. Otherwise, we will transfer directly to the site where we will visit the Conventual de San Francisco, the Faculty of Medicine and the world famous Plaza del Obradoiro. Inside the cathedral, we will visit the Romanesque crypt and see the facade of Platerias, the Quintana Plaza, House of Parra, the facade of Azabacheria, and the facade of San Martin Pinario. Enjoy lunch at a Parador before returning to the ship. Alternatively you can join a morning tour of La Coruna which will include a drive along the promenade stopping at the Tower of Hercules. We will then explore the old city, passing by the convent of Santo Domingo, which contains a chapel dedicated to La Coruna's patron 'La Virgen del Rosario', and the church of Santa Maria del Campo, built between the 12th and 15th centuries. Also see the churches of Santiago and Santa Barbara, Azcarraga Square and Maria Pita Square, where the town hall stands. We will return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure.

Day 7 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we cross the Bay of Biscay and sail towards the English coast.

Day 8 Isles of Scilly, England. Arrive this morning in the Isles of Scilly, an archipelago of five inhabited islands and around 140 uninhabited islets, located 30 miles off the coast of Cornwall. Our day will depend on weather and sea conditions. From our anchorage we will use the local tenders to visit traffic-free Treco, walking along 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 the paths, perhaps visit the Valhalla collection of ship figureheads recovered from ships wrecked on the islands, or relax in the café. Later we hope to visit the northernmost island of the group, St Martin's, a small island community of just 120 residents. Enjoy time to explore independently, climb to one of the viewpoints for vistas over the islands and the offshore seal colonies or maybe visit the vineyard.



Falmouth



Glendurgan sub-tropical woodland gardens

Day 9 Falmouth. Over breakfast we sail into Cornwall and the historic port of Falmouth. A morning tour will head to Glendurgan for a tour of the sub-tropical woodland gardens created by the Fox family in the early 1800s. Three valleys can be explored at their springtime best with thousands of wildflowers carpeting the slopes amid displays of camellias and rhododendrons. Those who wish may stroll through the gardens to the hamlet of Durgan on the Helford River. Alternatively, spend the morning exploring Falmouth independently or perhaps take the local ferry to St Mawes and walk to the castle and charming chapel. In the early afternoon we will depart for a scenic cruise along the River Fal before continuing our journey to Portsmouth.

Day 10 Portsmouth. Disembark this morning after breakfast. Transfers will be provided to Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station and our departure London airport at a fixed time.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£5295	£4995
Byrd	Superior	£5495	£5195
Mawson	Premium	£5795	£5495
Mawson	Corner	£5995	£5695
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£6295	£5995
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£6595	£6295
Shackleton	Hebridean	£6895	£6595
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£5295	£4995
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£5495	£5195

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel to Casablanca

- Nine nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Marrakech Pre-cruise Extension

11th to 14th May 2028



Koutoubia

If you would like to spend some time in Morocco before embarking the MS Hebridean Sky, you can join our three night hotel stay, which includes guided tours of Marrakech and Casablanca. We have chosen the five-star Le Naoura Hotel for our base. Located at the gateway to the medina just a few minutes from the bustling Jemaa el-Fna Square and the souks, Le Naoura is an oasis of luxury and greenery with wonderful restaurants, a sumptuous spa and heated outdoor pool.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Marrakech, Morocco. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. On arrival transfer to Le Naoura Hotel for a three night stay. After check-in we will have a light dinner in the hotel. (D)

Day 2 Marrakech. After breakfast we will set out to explore the historic city of Marrakech. Start at the Koutoubia, a 250-foot minaret that has been standing guard over the city since the 12th century and is today one of Marrakech's most famous landmarks. Continue to the Arsat Moulay Abdeslam Garden, built in the 18th century and once a private royal orchard and garden. Today it is a public park that combines tradition with modernity, and we will wander the paths taking in the vibrant flowers, fragrant orange trees and soothing fountains. We end at the famous Medina of Marrakech. With our local guide we will explore the maze-like souks taking in the sounds and smells whilst browsing the array of local goods on sale. After lunch we return to the hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3 Marrakech. This morning we visit the iconic Majorelle Gardens, a vibrant and enchanting garden created by French painter Jacques Majorelle in the 1920s and 1930s and then purchased by Pierre Berge and Yves Saint Laurent in the 1980s to save it from developers. The garden spans over two and a half acres and is divided into different sections, each offering a different experience. Afterwards there will be a visit to the Yves Saint Laurent Museum, a small but beautiful example of contemporary architecture in Marrakech. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure before we meet for dinner. (B, D)

Day 4 Marrakech to Casablanca. Check out this morning and drive to Casablanca. After lunch at a local restaurant we will visit the Hassan II Mosque, one of the largest religious buildings in the world after Mecca. In the late afternoon we will transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky for embarkation and sail this evening. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1895** Single: **£2495**

Price Includes: Three nights accommodation at Le Naoura Hotel, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), local beer, wine and soft drinks with included meals, tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. Extension is subject to minimum numbers.

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



The Restaurant



Deluxe Balcony Suite



Alfresco Dining

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



Standard Suite



The Lounge

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.

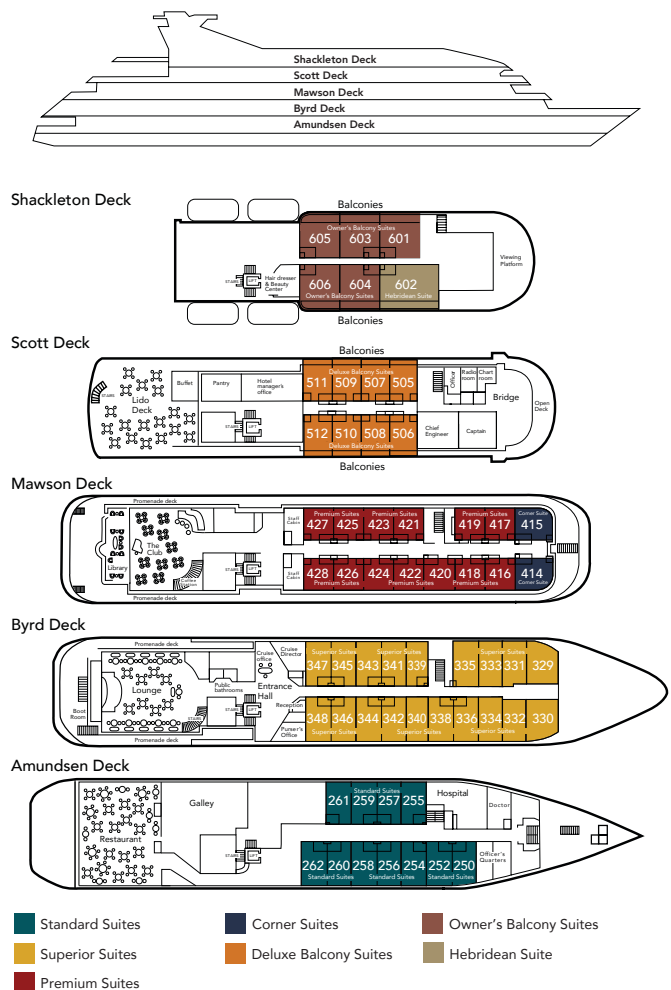
Your Comfort

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



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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