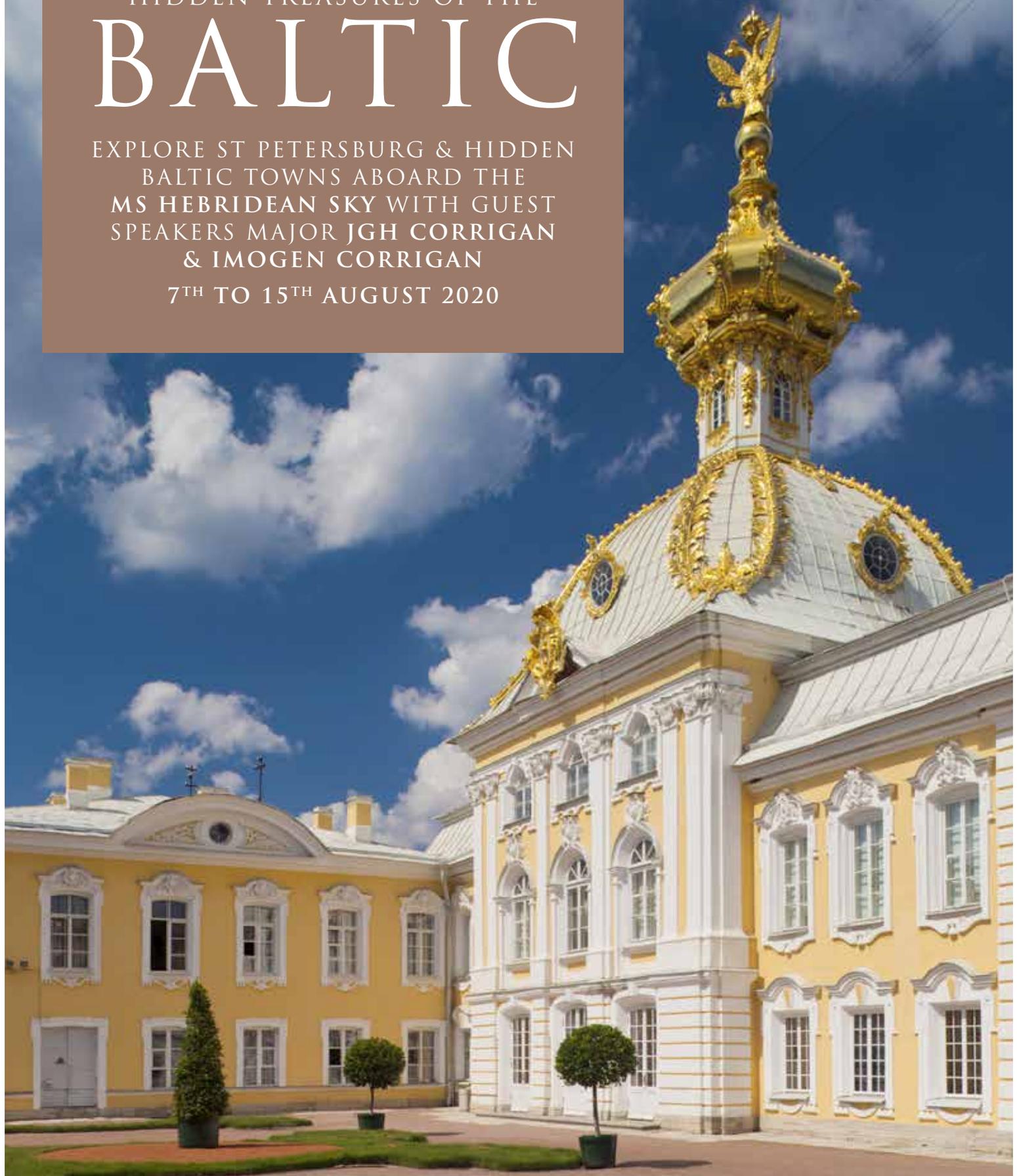


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7TH TO 15TH AUGUST 2020



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Here is the perfect summer break for those looking for a week of cultural discovery in a fascinating region accompanied by just 100 fellow like-minded travellers, excellent Guest Speakers and informative local guides combined with accommodation aboard a superbly comfortable small ship.

The Baltic offers a real cornucopia of delights especially in the summer when after a long winter the region responds to the sun unlike anywhere else and there is a calm and order which makes exploration so enjoyable. Join us aboard the MS Hebridean Sky and witness the spectacle of colour that the sun brings to the northern world. Whether your interest lies in the region's Viking and Medieval history or the more recent events of the breakaway Baltic States, it is an endlessly intriguing region.

Within a relatively accessible area and over the course of just eight nights we will discover a diverse collection of ports in Sweden, Estonia, Russia and Finland. With the exception of the magnificent city of St Petersburg, which no voyage in the Baltic could omit, we will avoid the major ports in the region and instead head for some charming towns such as Visby on the Swedish island of Gotland, and Mariehamn, the capital of the Åland Islands in the very heart of the Baltic Sea. We also visit the beautiful Estonian island of Saaremaa with its Medieval Episcopal Castle and timeless countryside and picturesque Kotka in southern Finland. In each port of call there will be included guided excursions and in addition we have ensured there are also opportunities to explore independently.



Guest Speakers



Major JGH Corrigan

Commissioned from The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1962, Gordon Corrigan was an officer of the Royal Gurkha Rifles before retiring from the Army in 1998. He served mainly in the Far East but also in Berlin, Cyprus, Belize and Northern Ireland. He is now a military historian and author. His most recent book,

'A Great and Glorious Adventure', explores the Hundred Years War and the birth of Renaissance England. His television appearances include The Gurkhas, Napoleon's Waterloo and Battlefield Detectives, and so far he has presented five series on various aspects of military history.



Imogen Corrigan

Imogen Corrigan served for twenty years in the British Army, retiring in the rank of Major. In 2004 she graduated from the University of Kent with a 1st Class Honours degree in Anglo-Saxon and Medieval History and has recently submitted for an MPhil at Birmingham University. She runs study tours and has

lectured extensively on Anglo-Saxon and Medieval subjects in Britain and Europe. She is a NADFAS lecturer as well as being a speaker for the Kent Federation of History, the National Trust and U3A amongst other lecturing agencies and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Stockholm, Sweden. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive in Stockholm and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail in the early evening through the many islands of the Swedish archipelago.

Day 2 Visby. Spend the day visiting this once important Hanseatic port. Best explored on foot, the beautifully preserved Medieval town snuggles inside 13th century walls, housing 44 watchtowers. In Viking times and several centuries after, the Swedish island of Gotland and especially the city of Visby, became a centre of trade in the Baltic Sea and is a World Heritage Site. Walk its streets from the Middle Ages and see its gardens ablaze with flowers, earning the city its nickname 'the city of ruins and roses'. Later, visit the Viking exhibits at the Fornsal Museum and wander the paths of the botanical gardens. Spend the afternoon at leisure to explore further and maybe enjoy an after dinner stroll as we sail late this evening.

Day 3 Saaremaa, Estonia. Enjoy a leisurely morning at sea before arriving at lunchtime at Estonia's largest island of Saaremaa which offers a glimpse of a bygone age. Untouched by industry it is a green and very pleasant land dotted with attractive villages in a rolling forested landscape. During an afternoon drive we will visit the lovely capital Kuressaare with its magnificent Medieval castle and stroll through the streets of the enchanting old town. Continue inland on a journey that will take you back in time through a countryside of stone walls, thatched roofs, traditional villages and windmills.

Day 4 Tallinn. During breakfast we arrive in the historic maritime city

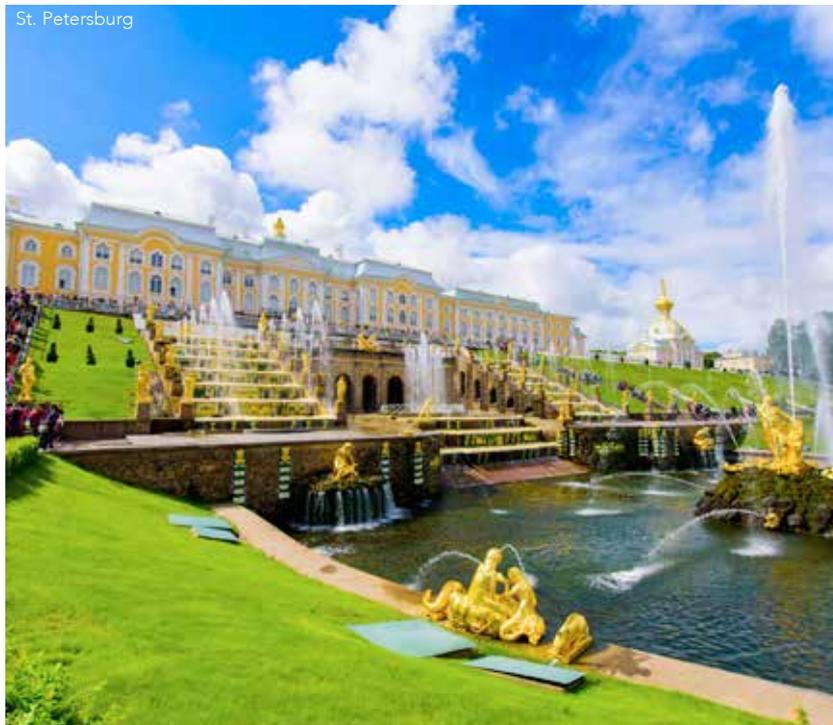
of Tallinn with her awe-inspiring city walls and fortifications, narrow Medieval streets and the gateways which remain remarkably well preserved. In the Upper Town we will enjoy the views from Dome Hill with the extraordinary vista of domes, spires and gables and see Toompea Castle, once a fortress, and now the seat of the Estonian parliament. Walking to the Lower Old Town we will visit the main square where we will find the oldest pharmacy in Europe, the Gothic Cathedral and the 15th century Town Hall. After lunch on board the afternoon will be at leisure for you to explore further before sailing at tea time.

Days 5 & 6 St Petersburg, Russia. We have two days to explore this most endlessly captivating of Russian cities. Founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, St Petersburg is a fascinating mix of classic and Baroque architecture on a network of canals. We will be offering a number of tours during our time here including visits to the Peter and Paul Fortress, Catherine Palace, the wonderful Peterhof Palace and Gardens and a canal cruise through the city. On our first evening we will enjoy an exclusive private tour and concert at the Hermitage Museum.

Day 7 Kotka, Finland. Built on the site where the River Kymijoki meets the Baltic Sea, picturesque Kotka has a long seafaring tradition. This morning we will explore the history of the region and visit the Langinkoski Imperial Fishing Lodge which was built in 1889 for Alexander III, the future Emperor of Russia who used it as a summer home. It is now a living museum situated in a stunning nature reserve on the river. Continue to the Maritime Centre Vellamo where local guides will enlighten us about the maritime and cultural heritage



Sapokka Water Garden, Kotka



St. Petersburg



Tallinn



Finnish archipelago



Saaremaa

of the region. The afternoon is free to explore the old city from our central berth or maybe enjoy some of the many green spaces nearby such as the Sibelius Park or Sapokko Water Garden.

Day 8 Mariehamn. After a morning at sea we arrive over lunch into the attractive town of Mariehamn on the island of Aland in the Finnish archipelago. It is a charming little town, founded in 1861 by Tsar

Alexander II and named after his wife Maria. On an afternoon drive we will head into the beautiful countryside along scenic roads, stopping at Badhausberget with panoramic views over the archipelago. Return to the ship for dinner as we sail to Stockholm.

Day 9 Stockholm to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£4195	£3995
Byrd	Superior	£4595	£4395
Mawson	Premium	£5095	£4895
Mawson	Corner	£5495	£5295
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£5995	£5795
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£6495	£6295
Shackleton	Hebridean	£7495	£7295
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£5995	£5795
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£6195	£5995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Eight nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • Wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Gratuities • Transfers • Russian Group Visa • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, optional excursions in St Petersburg.

Pre-Cruise Stockholm Extension 5th to 7th August 2020



If you would like to spend some time in Stockholm we are offering a two night hotel extension. This will be an independent stay allowing the opportunity to explore at leisure before embarking MS Hebridean Sky.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£625** Single: **£975**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Stockholm with breakfast, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers from the airport to hotel and hotel to MS Hebridean Sky.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

The MS Hebridean Sky is one of the finest small ships in the world and sister vessel to our MS Island Sky and MS Caledonian 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,

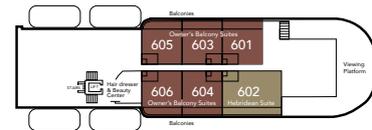
breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner menus offer plenty of choice, often reflecting the daily catch and local delicacies. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines is included with both meals. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapés take place in either the comfort of the Lounge or out on the Lido Deck when the weather is favourable.

Your Space

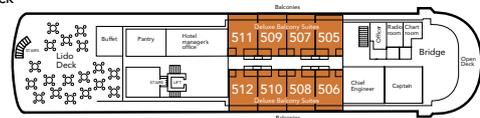
The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Byrd Deck where daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Mawson Deck which features the main bar where the onboard pianist plays periodically throughout the day. 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.



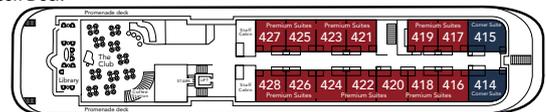
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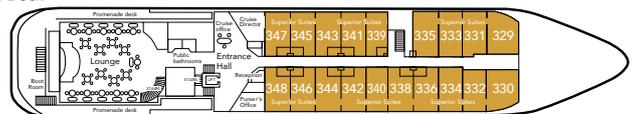
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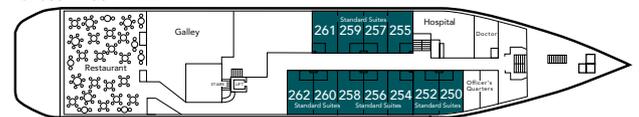
Mawson Deck



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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