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A VOYAGE FROM ICELAND TO SCOTLAND
INCLUDING THE FAROE ISLANDS
ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

3RD TO 15TH JULY 2022





Join us for this incredible journey which combines an in-depth exploration of Iceland, one of the most extraordinary and dramatic lands on the planet with time spent discovering the remote and little visited Faroe Islands and a call into the Shetland Island of Fair Isle. A voyage by small ship is the ideal way to get up close to nature and explore areas inaccessible to larger vessels and, aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky with her expert team and fleet of Zodiacs, we will be able to land on remote islands and cruise close to shorelines and cliffs crowded with birdlife.

We will set sail from the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik and spend a week discovering the natural wonders of Iceland. Whilst exploring the island we will witness the immense scale of the landscape dominated by towering snow-capped mountains and thundering waterfalls as we learn of the centuries old legacies of a Viking and Norse heritage. We will visit some of its most dramatic areas and, whilst we sail its waters, will look out for humpback whales, orcas, white-beaked dolphins and observe the colonies of seabirds. Leaving Iceland we sail south to the Faroe Islands; once a stopping point for Viking explorers this mysterious collection of 18 islands set in the North Atlantic is a paradise for walkers and bird watchers. Here, a highlight will be seeing the many puffins and other sea birds nesting and we will spend three days exploring the villages and rolling hills of these distant isles before venturing to Fair Isle, famed for its seabirds and knitwear, before our voyage concludes in Aberdeen.

We have timed our voyage for July when we can make the most of the long days and the midnight sun, spending time on deck whilst cruising looking for wildlife that inhabits the region in summer. With just 100 travelling companions, the atmosphere on board is warm and friendly and ashore with our local experts we will divide into small groups thereby enjoying a more comprehensive and peaceful experience.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Reykjavik, Iceland. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Island Sky and embark. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Stykkisholmur. During breakfast we arrive at Stykkisholmur located in Breidafjordur Bay and surrounded by an archipelago of islands. The town is famed for its beautiful and well preserved old houses and is also the gateway to the Snaefellsnes Peninsula which is dominated by the Snaefellsjokull volcano, regarded as one of the

symbols of Iceland and known as the setting for Jules Verne's "Journey to the Centre of the Earth". A morning tour will include a drive through the lava landscape to the glacier visiting pretty fishing ports and beaches along the way. Spend the afternoon at leisure in the town.

Day 3 Vigur Island. This morning we enter the Western Fjords, an isolated but spectacular area of Iceland. We will explore Isafjardardjup with the MS Island

Sky and depending on local weather conditions, we hope to land on Vigur, a serene little island with only five residents but home to many more puffins, eider ducks, black guillemots and Arctic terns. We will also visit Iceland's only extant windmill dating from the 19th century. Set sail over lunch and maybe join a lecture as we spend the afternoon at sea.

Day 4 Akureyri & Hrisey Island. Akureyri is a delightful town on the north coast of Iceland and

not what you would expect to find in such a remote location. In the summer months the gardens and window boxes are ablaze with colour. During our morning tour we will visit the spectacular Godafoss Waterfall where water from the Skjalfandafllot River falls from a height of 12 metres over a width of 30 metres. From Godafoss we return to the charming town of Akureyri and visit the botanical garden which was founded in 1912 and grows examples of every species indigenous to Iceland as





well as an extensive collection of high-latitude and high-altitude plants from around the world. Our tour ends at the Art Alley, where artisans keep their workshops and galleries. Return to the ship for lunch and sail to Hrisey Island this afternoon which is known for its rich and diverse birdlife and approximately 40 species of birds nest on the island. There will be some nature walks on the island before we continue sail to Siglufjordur this evening where we moor overnight.

Day 5 Siglufjordur & Grimsey Island. The picturesque town of Siglufjordur enjoys an idyllic setting in a small fjord backed by mountains. Here in the early 1900s, a booming economy due to the herring industry resulted in a prosperous town with some marvellous Icelandic architecture. Stroll through the town and visit the Herring Era Museum. We spend the afternoon on Grimsey Island. The Arctic Circle bisects this island which is known for its tiny community, basalt cliffs and the large variety of birdlife. On arrival join our naturalists for a guided walk on the island.

Day 6 Husavik. Over breakfast we arrive in Husavik, known as the whale capital of Iceland. There will be a choice of excursions to choose from. Using local boats explore Skjalfandi Bay looking for one of the 15 species of whales, the most popular being humpback, minke and blue whales, as well as white-beaked dolphins and many different kinds of birds.

Alternatively, visit the Lake Myvatn-Krafla area, a fine example of the volcanic world with lava fields, boiling and steaming mud pools and steam vents of sulphur and craters. The area illustrates the sheer magnitude of Iceland's forces at work. The lake itself, with beautiful natural rock formations and hot springs, is also a unique ecosystem and the largest migratory bird sanctuary in Europe. We will offer time in the natural baths before returning to the ship. After lunch on board we have the afternoon to explore the pretty town including time at the excellent whale museum, the exploration museum and quaint local church.

Day 7 Neskaupstadur & Mjoifjordur. Today we will enjoy the benefits of our small ship as we explore the lesser known fjords in the southeast of Iceland. This morning we hope to land in the small town at Neskaupstadur for a chance to visit the excellent museum which features the local art gallery, Museum of Natural History and Maritime Museum. Those feeling active can hike to the avalanche barriers behind the town, offering great views of the surrounding areas. This afternoon we cruise through Mjoifjordur where we can enjoy the wilderness of this remote area.

Day 8 Hofn. Today we will see the shimmering white

Vatnajokull Glacier, Europe's largest glacier, sometimes called an icecap. The 600 metre thick ice surmounts active volcanoes, one of which erupted in 1996, creating a crater on the surface of the glacier, a most unusual phenomenon. We will drive to the otherworldly glacial lagoon of Jokulsarlon, a dramatic drive through some of the finest scenery that Iceland offers. Once we reach Jokulsarlon, the 100 metre deep glacial river lagoon which is full of large icebergs, carved from the glacier Breioamerkurjokull, we will embark on a cruise on the pristine water, sailing in between the blue, white and black ice.

Day 9 Vestmanna, Faroe Islands. We spend the morning at sea as we cross to the Faroe Islands. Vestmanna is our base this afternoon as we explore the northwest corner of Streymoy and the nearby cliffs. We will board local boats to explore the vertical cliffs that climb almost 1500 feet, sailing into grottos carved by the surf over the years and watching the thousands of seabirds including puffins, guillemots, fulmars and kittiwakes that nest here each summer. This evening we will cruise to Torshavn where we moor overnight.

Day 10 Torshavn. From our berth this morning we will join a guided tour through Torshavn over the hills to Kirkjubour, the island's oldest cultural centre, where we see the ruins of the 13th century St Magnus Cathedral and the 11th century church, still in use. We also visit the

900-year old 'Roystovan', the old bishopric, considered to be the oldest wooden house in Europe and there will be the option to hike in the hills surrounding the town to discover the local flora and fauna. After lunch on board, we will drive to the beautiful village of Saksun, an isolated settlement situated beneath steep majestic mountains. We visit Duvugaroar, an old farmhouse which is now a museum, and a traditional Faroese wooden church in Kollafjord.

Day 11 Suduroy. Today we will arrive at Suduroy, the southernmost island of the Faroe Islands. From the port of Tvoroyri we will have a choice of activities. Choose to join an island drive passing the beautiful scenery as we drive between the villages seeing the stunning geology, fjords, tunnels and architecture of the island and end at the southernmost point and the Akraberg lighthouse. In Porkeri we will take the ridge-top road which winds up the mountainside for wonderful views towards the steep cliffs on the west coast, the Beinivoro promontory to the north and the luscious grass slopes to the east. To locals, this delivers the essence of the Faroe Islands with mountains and fjords, villages and valleys, birds, sheep and nature. Alternatively, those feeling active may wish to join a hike to Hvaanhagi, a beautiful, uninhibited place north of Tvoroyri on the east coast of Suduroy. The view is fantastic towards the three islands Litla Dimun, Stora Dimun and Skuvoy. Return to the ship for



lunch and an afternoon cruising to Scotland.

Day 12 Fair Isle, Shetland

Islands. This morning we anchor off the remote island of Fair Isle. Located midway between the Shetland and Orkney islands, the tiny population of sixty or so islanders always extend us a warm welcome. Enjoy a walk across the island searching out the puffin slopes, visit the community hall for a cup of tea or maybe purchase some of the famous knitwear. Spend a relaxing final afternoon at sea as we sail to mainland Scotland.

Day 13 Aberdeen, Scotland.

Disembark after breakfast. Transfers will be provided to

Aberdeen Railway Station and Airport at a fixed time.

SHIP TO SHORE

This voyage is a combination of both expedition style cruising and small ship destination cruising. Whilst we will be alongside most days, we will be at anchor and the vessel's Zodiacs will be utilised to transport passengers ashore when visiting Vigur Island, Hrisey Island, Grimsey and Fair Isle. The use of the Zodiacs will be key to the operation of the planned itinerary. If you have any queries pertaining to the use of Zodiacs or the level of fitness required for this voyage please do not hesitate to ask one of our experienced travel consultants.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£7395	£6995
Columbus	Superior	£7595	£7195
Marco Polo	Premium	£8095	£7695
Marco Polo	Corner	£8595	£8195
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£8995	£8595
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£8995	£8595
Explorer	Island Suite	£9995	£9595
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£8895	£8495
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£9195	£8795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel from London to Reykjavik • 12 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-cruise Reykjavik Extension
1st to 3rd July 2022



If you would like to explore Reykjavik and the iconic landmarks of the 'Golden Circle' before embarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering a two night pre-cruise extension.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Reykjavik, Iceland. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 2 Reykjavik. After breakfast in the hotel we enjoy a city tour of Reykjavik. See the Hallgrímskirkja Church that dominates the city skyline, the new Harpa Opera House and the charming old quarter with its wooden houses and narrow streets before we enjoy the views of the city from Perlan. The afternoon and evening are at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Reykjavik & Golden Circle. After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy one of Iceland's classic touring circuits, the 'Golden Circle' including three of Iceland's most iconic landmarks. We will start at Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is situated in a rift valley that offers incredible views of the Reykjanes Ridge. This is the only place in the world where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, which separates the Eurasian and North American plates, is above sea level. Also see the Gullfoss Waterfall, the most famous of the country's numerous waterfalls. Here, a huge amount of water rushes down a stone cascade into a deep ravine with incredible force, creating a powerful spectacle. Our last stop is the Geysir geothermal area, the place where the word "geyser" originates and where Strokkur, an explosive geyser, erupts every few minutes. After lunch we transfer to the pier for embarkation. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£895** Single: **£1295**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Reykjavik, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch), full day Golden Circle tour, half day city tour, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

MS ISLAND SKY



Friendly Service



Deluxe Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

The much loved MS Island Sky is one of our two flagships and sister vessel to the MS Hebridean 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 Island 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 seating area and some have private balconies, whilst those on the Marco Polo Deck feature tinted, sliding glass doors allowing greatly enhanced viewing opportunities and quick access to the deck. 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 each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, a large wardrobe, dressing table and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, flat screen television with inbuilt DVD/CD player and a telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a safe, hairdryer, assorted Molton Brown toiletries, air-conditioning and heating. The comfortable beds in each suite can be configured as either double or twin.

Your Dining

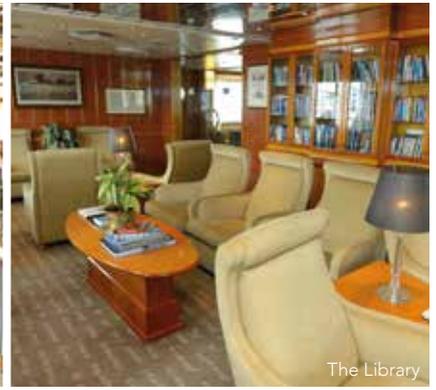
With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board the MS Island Sky is of a consistent superior quality that befits such a vessel. In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements and choice of restaurants 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.



Superior Suite



The Club



The Library

Your Space

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Columbus 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 Marco Polo 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 Columbus 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 as well as 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 Magellan Deck, and outside there is a rear Lido Deck located on the Erikson Deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. Further to this on the top Explorer Deck there is an observation area ideal for spotting wildlife, complete with sun loungers for sunbathing, relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. The Promenade Deck wraps around the whole ship giving outstanding views. There is also a small beauty salon on board with appointments made on request.

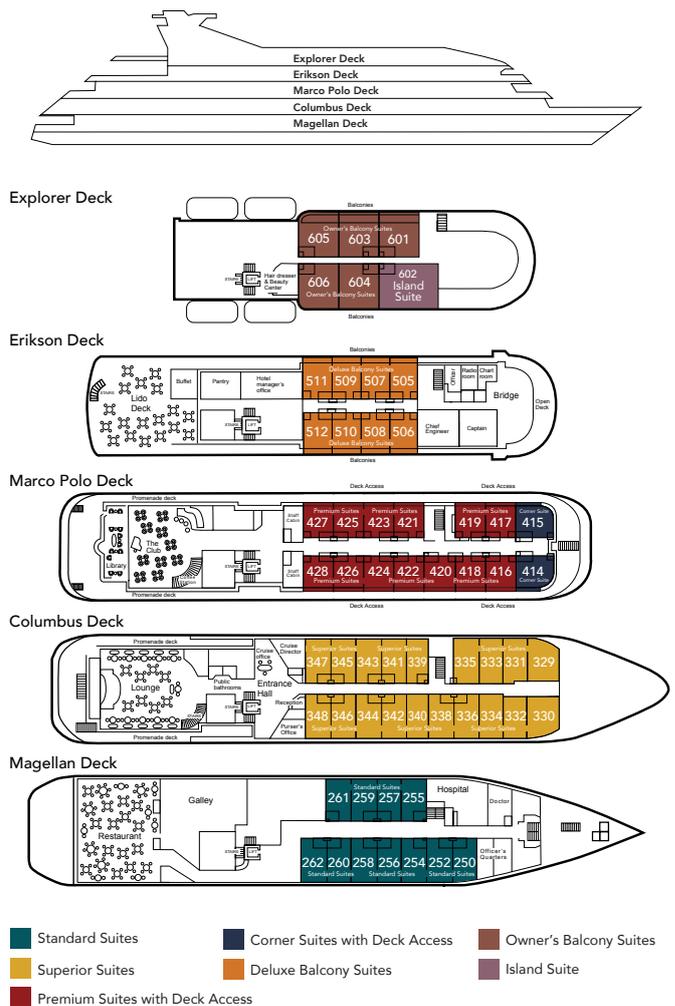
Your Comfort

The MS Island 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 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 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 ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



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