

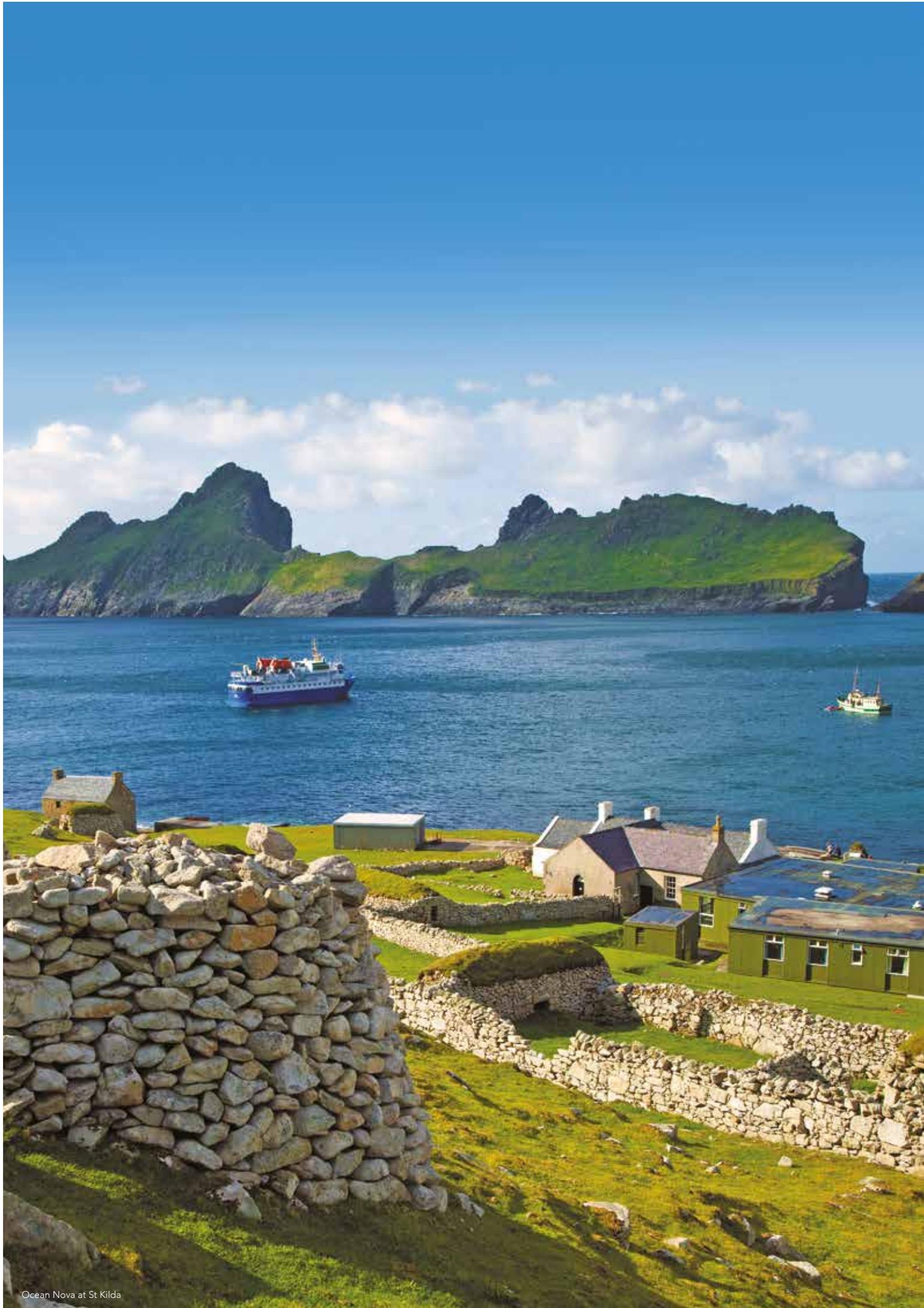
ISLAND ADVENTURES

EXPEDITIONS AROUND THE BRITISH ISLES
ABOARD **THE OCEAN NOVA**

MAY 2021



NOBLE CALEDONIA





Lounge



Category 3 Cabin



Bridge



Dining Room



Exploring by Zodiac

OCEAN NOVA

We have chartered the expedition ship, the Ocean Nova for our unique island hopping expeditions. The vessel was built in Denmark in 1992 with high ice class to serve Greenland's west coast. In 2006 she was completely refurbished and now has a career as a small and comfortable expedition ship.

Your Cabin

The Ocean Nova accommodates just 84 passengers. Cabins are spread over two decks and include cabins for the single traveller, double and triple cabins, all with sea-view and private facilities. The double cabins have either two lower beds or upper and lower beds. The triple cabins have upper and lower beds. In your cabin you will also find a desk with chair and ample storage space for clothes and equipment. They are well designed with typical Scandinavian light woods.

Your Space

The Panorama lounge located on the Top deck affords excellent views and is the main meeting place where you can enjoy a drink with a breathtaking view of the surrounding landscape. It is here that our expedition team will entertain and educate you with lectures on biology, history, geology or ornithology with daily briefings. There is also a library with panoramic views and a good selection of books on the area you are visiting. On board there is a satellite phone, small gym and medical doctor. Passengers are welcome on the Bridge and there is always something to see

or search for from the spacious observation decks.

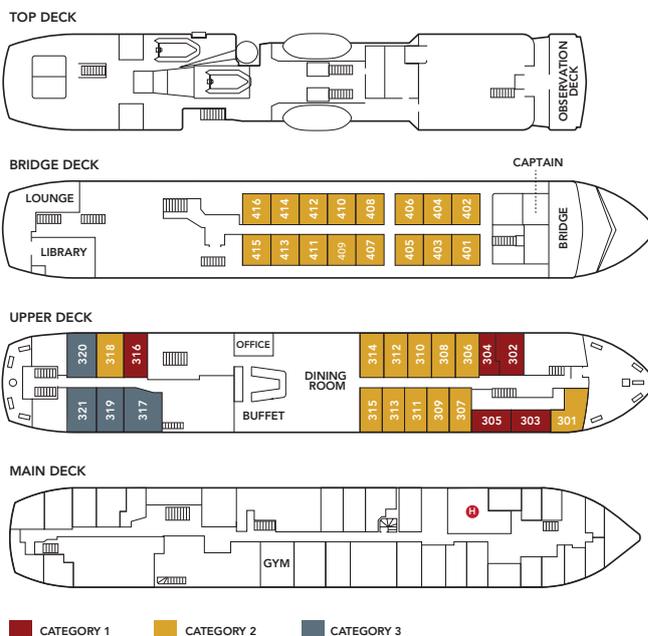
Your Dining

The comfortable dining room seats all passengers in a single sitting and offers delicious hearty meals with a mixture of table service and buffet. It is comfortable and spacious enough to accommodate all passengers and expedition staff in one seating, and the portholes allow you to take in your surroundings as you dine. The informal dining arrangement adds to the friendly atmosphere on board and meals are a great chance to discuss all you have seen with your fellow travellers, and for the expedition team to share their knowledge.

Life On Board & Exploring Ashore

The atmosphere on board is informal and time on board is often spent out on deck keeping watch for wildlife or admiring the spectacular view. The schedule can change due to weather conditions or unexpected wildlife sightings which adds to the adventure. Daily briefings from our expedition team will prepare you for each day's activities and experts in subjects such as ornithology or marine biology will give talks and accompany you ashore.

DECK PLAN



 Please note that the cruises featured in this brochure are expedition cruises and Zodiacs will be used regularly to make landings ashore. Due to the rugged nature of the islands and the lack of transportation, on many of the islands our exploration will be on foot and to make the most of this fascinating trip participants should be prepared for walks, often over uneven surfaces.

BIRD QUEST



A discovery of Britain's seabird islands
1st to 11th May 2021



The seabird islands of the western British Isles are the envy of the birding world, yet it is not easy to sample the wonderful diversity of their character and come face-to-face with seagoing inhabitants. This unusual expedition cruise will appeal to those who wish to explore our coastal waters, observe the marvellous seabird and marine life and walk across untouched coastal wilderness areas. The focus of our expedition is the prolific birdlife but the region is also rich in historical and cultural heritage and we will visit the spiritual island of Iona, Northern Ireland's walled city of Derry and the islands of the St Kilda archipelago.

Cruising aboard the 84-passenger Ocean Nova, we will be able to enjoy expedition cruising at its best. Although we will set sail with a schedule, it will not be set in stone. The Captain and expedition team keep a flexible approach allowing you the opportunity to fully experience the unexpected, whether it be a sighting of dolphins, a whale or any unusual event. Our exploration of inlets, estuaries and protected coastal waters will be made all the more enjoyable by the use of our Zodiac landing craft which enable us to land in remote places such as St Kilda and Lunga, providing for an unusual perspective and making the otherwise inaccessible readily available. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of our most beautiful places and view some of the extensive birdlife. No matter your level of expertise you will find a warm welcome and a cornucopia of stunning sights and sounds.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Plymouth, England. Embark this afternoon. A transfer will be provided from Plymouth Railway Station at a fixed time. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Isles of Scilly. Spend the morning on 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 along the paths, maybe visit the Valhalla collection of ship

figureheads from ships wrecked on the islands or relax in the café. We spend the afternoon on St Agnes, the most south-westerly community in the UK. Surrounded by rocks and reefs this delightful tiny island offers marvellous coastal walks. The small island of Gugh lies across a narrow sandbar and here we find a single stone monolith called the 'Old Man of Gugh' which dates back to the Bronze Age. En route we plan to sail past the nearby island of Annet, the second largest of the uninhabited islands and a bird sanctuary. We will cruise by to see the coastline alive with puffins, European storm petrels and shag.



Saint Columba's Abbey, Iona



Gannets



South Stack Lighthouse, Holyhead



Basalt columns of Fingal's Cave, Staffa



Puffins, Lunga Island

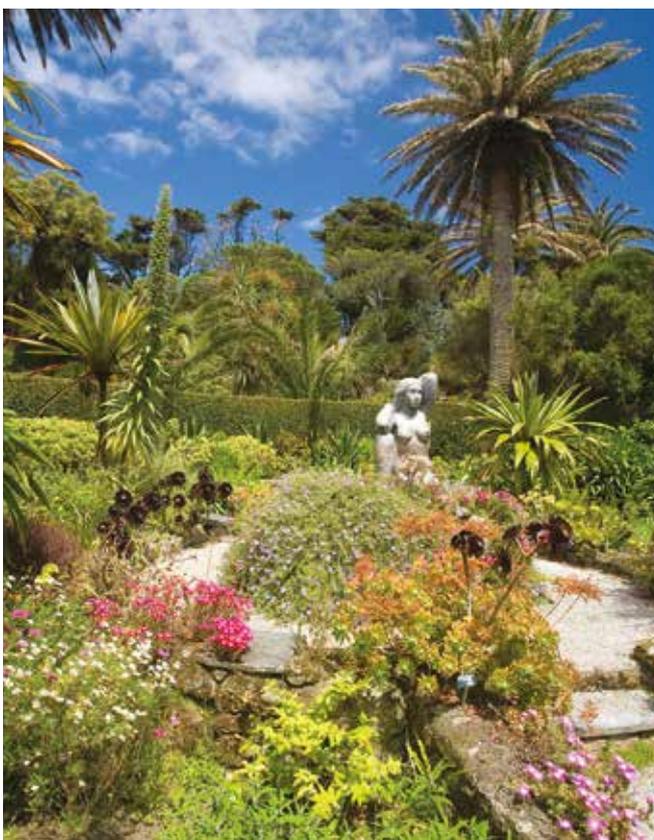
Day 3 Lundy, Skomer & Grassholm Islands. This morning we will explore Lundy, a remote island in the Bristol Channel. Walk along its traffic-free lanes and paths, explore the wide bays and coves by way of hanging valleys, observe the puffins nesting in abandoned rabbit warrens, have a drink at the inn and buy the islands 'puffin stamps' at the island's shop. In the afternoon we will sail on to Skomer Island and discover the coastline on a Zodiac cruise. One of the most important wildlife sites in Northern Europe, this island has fantastic birdlife including 6000 pairs of puffins, countless numbers of guillemots, fulmar, kittiwakes and the elusive Manx shearwater and storm petrel. Return to the ship and we will sail around Grassholm; be on deck to view one of the world's largest gannetries with over 34,000 breeding pairs.

Day 4 Holy Island, Wales. This morning we arrive at Holyhead, adjacent to Anglesey with its spectacular sea cliffs. Here we will visit the RSPB's reserve at South Stack, a beautiful but fragile maritime sward and heathland which is home to a large population of guillemots and razorbills. If we are lucky, we might also see some choughs. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon on board as we cruise through the Irish Sea. Maybe join a lecture in the lounge or find a spot on deck to watch for wildlife.

Day 5 Ailsa Craig, Scotland & Rathlin Island, Northern Ireland. In the early morning we will anchor off the granite island of Ailsa Craig. This tiny island, just 2.5 miles in circumference was once a refuge for sailors and base to a 19th century lighthouse. Today it is an RSPB reserve and home to the third largest gannet colony in Britain. We will use the Zodiacs and cruise the coastal waters for a closer look searching for puffins, guillemots and gulls. Sail in the late morning towards Rathlin Island. Located just a few miles from the North Antrim coast, Rathlin has been settled for more than 6000 years. Today, there are only 80 or so inhabitants, whereas before the famine there were 1200. Enjoy a guided walk which will take in the prolific seabird life with astonishing numbers of auks, kittiwakes and grey seals. In the evening sail past the magnificent cliffs to the north of the island which are home to the largest sea bird colony in Ireland.

Day 6 Derry. Berth this morning in the historic city of Derry, renowned as one of the finest examples of a walled city in all of Europe. Derry is our base for a morning at the Inch Wild Fowl Reserve, Ireland's premier wetland site, a Special Protected Area and an important staging ground for migrating birds. On a guided walk we will search for grebes, herons

and tern and we may also see otters in the water. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon choose to either independently explore the city of Derry, walking the 17th century walls and visiting St Columb's Cathedral, or alternatively join an afternoon tour to the Giant's Causeway. Widely known from the 1700s as the 'Eighth Wonder of the World' large numbers of visitors come to view this amazing array of basalt columns, it is estimated that there are around 40,000 in total.



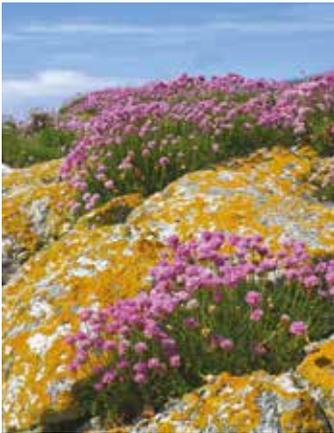
Tresco Abbey sub-tropical gardens



Arctic Tern



Giant's Causeway



Wild Thrift, Coll Island



The granite island of Ailsa Craig



Harbour Seal

Day 7 Colonsay & Iona, Scotland. Today we will visit two lovely islands in the Inner Hebrides. Colonsay with her craggy, heather-backed hills, picturesque beaches and sparse woodland, has an impressive array of plant and birdlife. Lying between Mull and Islay, we can explore this island on a choice of walks. At Colonsay House, built in 1722 by Malcolm MacNeil and bought by Lord Strathcona in 1904, we hope to visit the attractively dilapidated wooded gardens, which protect the tiny, enigmatic 8th century St Oran's Cross. We will enjoy lunch on board as we sail the short distance between the isles. For more than 1000 years the island of Iona has been a place of deep spiritual significance and no less than 62 Kings of Scotland are buried here. St Columba came here from Ireland in 563 AD and early Christianity spread through northern Britain from this remote island community. After exploring the Abbey, time permitting you may care to take a short walk on the wild side to the 'Bay at the Back of the Ocean'.

Day 8 Staffa, Lunga & Coll. In the early morning we anchor off Staffa, where the perpendicular rock face features an imposing series of black basalt columns, known as the Colonnade, which have been cut by the sea into cathedralesque caverns, most notably Fingal's Cave. Weather permitting, we will use our Zodiacs to explore closer. We will also sail to Lunga, the largest of the Treshnish Isles. Of volcanic origin, Lunga has been described as a 'green jewel in a peacock sea'. Populated until the 19th century, the island still bears the remains of black houses. There is prolific birdlife on the island including storm-petrels, puffins, kittiwakes and Manx Shearwaters. Later in the afternoon we plan to land on Coll. This rocky, wild and virtually treeless island of Coll was first settled in the Stone Age. Dotted with ruined cottages, this bird haven is picturesquely clad with machair grasslands and moors. It is also a good place to try and see the corncrake and listen out for the repetitive rasping call of the male.

Day 9 St Kilda. Arrive this morning at St Kilda, a remarkable uninhabited archipelago some 50 miles beyond the Outer Hebrides. After breakfast, spend time on deck and enjoy a morning at sea while we cruise past two of the largest gannetries in the world at Stac Lee and Boreray. These impressive stacs rise 170 metres from the sea and are home to up to 60,000 breeding pairs of northern gannet. Dominated by the highest cliffs and sea stacks in Britain, Hirta, St Kilda's main island was occupied on and off for at least 2000 years, with the last 36 Gaelic speaking inhabitants

evacuated at their own request in 1930. Immediately after the evacuation, the island was bought by the Marquess of Bute to protect the island's thousands of seabirds including puffin and fulmars, and in 1957 it was bequeathed to the National Trust for Scotland. St Kilda is one of the few UNESCO World Heritage Sites with dual status reflecting its natural and cultural significance. This afternoon the local ranger will join us on board before our expedition staff lead several guided walks on the island.

Day 10 Handa & Shiant Islands. Spend the morning at Handa where we will use our Zodiacs to explore the magnificent sea cliffs of Torridonian sandstone which rise from the Atlantic. The island comes alive each summer when nearly 100,000 seabirds gather to breed, including internationally important numbers of guillemot, razorbill, puffins and great skua. Spend the afternoon exploring the Shiant Isles. Anyone who has read Adam Nicholson's captivating book 'Sea Room' will want to visit these lonely little islands located a few miles off the shores of Lewis. We will use our Zodiacs to explore the coastline and see the abundant birdlife and seals.

Day 11 Oban. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Glasgow Central Station and Glasgow International Airport to arrive in the late morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Cat	Cabin Description	
1	Bunk bedded cabin for twin use	£3995
2	Standard Twin	£4395
3	Superior	£4695
1	Bunk bedded cabin for sole use	£4795
2	Standard Twin sole use	£5195

PRICE INCLUDES: 10 nights aboard the Ocean Nova on a full board basis

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- Noble Caledonia expedition team
- Gratuities
- Transfers
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ISLAND HOPPING IN THE HEBRIDES



An exploration of the beautiful Hebridean Islands

11th to 18th May 2021

Words do not do justice to the spectacular beauty, rich wildlife and fascinating history of the Inner and Outer Hebrides which we will explore during this expedition aboard the Ocean Nova. One of Europe's last true remaining wilderness areas affords the traveller a marvellous island hopping journey through stunning scenery accompanied by spectacular sunsets and prolific birdlife. With our naturalists and local guides, and our fleet of nimble Zodiacs, we are able to visit some of the most remote and uninhabited islands that surround the Scottish coast including the Shiant Isles, St Kilda and the small island community of Iona.

Having arranged hundreds of small ship cruises around Scotland, we have realised that everyone takes something different from the experience. Learn something of the history of the islands, see their abundant bird and marine life, but above all revel in the timeless enchantment that these islands exude to all those who appreciate the natural world. We are indeed fortunate in having such marvellous places so close to home. Now, more than ever there is a great appreciation for the peace, beauty and culture of this special corner of the UK. Whether your interest lies in horticulture or the natural world, history or bird watching or simply being there to witness the beauty of the islands, this trip will lift the spirits and gladden the heart.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Oban, Scotland. Embark this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Glasgow Central Railway Station and Glasgow International Airport at a fixed time. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Tiree & Coll. Today we will visit the most westerly of the Inner Hebrides, Tiree and Coll. Boasting one of the sunniest locations in the UK, Tiree is a wildflower and birdlife haven with shell-sand blown machair grasslands and white beaches known for their natural beauty and colour. We will also visit Coll, first settled in the Stone Age this rocky, wild and virtually treeless island is dotted with ruined cottages and offers good birding opportunities including the possibility to spot or hear the corncrake amidst the grasslands and moors. We will arrive at Loch Scavaig this evening and will anchor here overnight.

Day 3 Loch Scavaig & Wiyay Island. This morning we will explore lovely Loch Scavaig on the island of Skye. Just beyond is the freshwater Loch Corruisk with its breathtakingly beautiful view over the Cuillins. This is great walking country and our expedition team will run a series of hikes for all interests. For those who prefer a less energetic morning, our Zodiacs will explore the coast looking out for seals. Enjoy lunch on board as we enjoy a picturesque cruise along the coast of Skye. We plan to stop in Loch Bracadale and enjoy a Zodiac cruise around the coast of Wiyay Island in search of black guillemots and nesting shags

whilst exploring the many inlets and arches in the basaltic lava which makes up the island.

Day 4 Shiant Isles & Inverewe. This morning we will spend time exploring the Shiant Isles. Anyone who has read Adam Nicholson's captivating book 'Sea Room' will want to visit these lonely little islands located a few miles off the shores of Lewis. We will use our Zodiacs to explore the coastline and see the abundant birdlife and seals. Over lunch we will sail the short distance to Inverewe where we will have the opportunity to visit one of Scotland's premier gardens. This botanical garden in the northwest Highlands presents an amazing collection of exotic trees and shrubs that are sheltered by well-positioned windbreaks of native pine. After a guided tour of the gardens, we will return to the ship and set sail before dinner.

Day 5 Isle of Lewis. Wake up today on the Isle of Lewis. On leaving the island capital Stornoway, we will head across the island to the beautiful west coast. Described as Scotland's Stonehenge, the Callanish Standing Stones date from around 3000 BC, there are a total of 32 stones in a circular and avenue design which stand like a petrified forest on the flat top of a peninsula which reaches out into East Loch Roag. We will also visit the Dun Carloway Pictish Broch, probably built sometime in the last century BC, it would have served as an occasionally defensible residence for an extended family complete with accommodation for animals at ground floor level. Our final stop is the



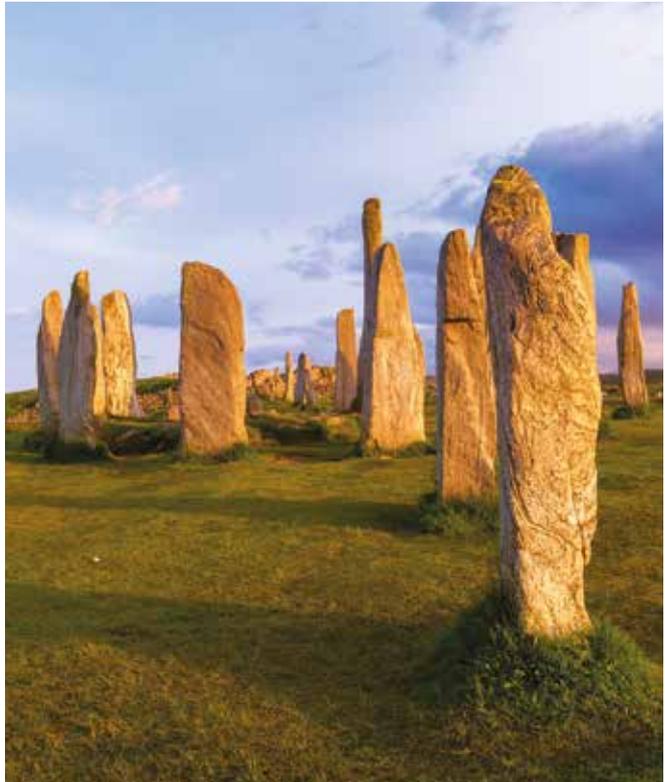
The island of Iona

Gearranan Blackhouse Village, a reconstructed settlement of traditional black houses which were made using dry stone masonry and have thatched roofs, distinctively weighted down with rocks. Visit the small museum, enjoy a display of a typical crofting activity such as weaving and take in the views at this dramatic site on the wild Atlantic coast. There will be the chance to enjoy some time at leisure before we return to the ship for dinner.

Day 6 St Kilda. Arrive over breakfast in St Kilda, a remarkable uninhabited archipelago some 50 miles beyond the Outer Hebrides. Dominated by the highest cliffs and sea stacks in Britain, Hirta, St Kilda's main island was occupied on and off for at least 2000 years, with the last 36 Gaelic speaking inhabitants evacuated at their own request in 1930. Immediately after the evacuation, the island was bought by the Marquess of Bute to protect the island's thousands of seabirds including puffin and fulmars, and in 1957 it was bequeathed to the National Trust for Scotland. St Kilda is one of only two dozen UNESCO World Heritage Sites with dual status reflecting its natural and cultural significance. The local ranger will join us on board before our expedition staff lead a number of guided walks on the island. Later, cruise past two of the largest gannetries in the world at Stac Lee and Boreray. These impressive stacs rise 170 metres from the sea and are home to up to 60,000 breeding pairs of northern gannet.

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Standing Stones of Callanish



Storm Petrel, Treshnish Islands



Inverewe Gardens



The elusive Corncrake, Coll Island



Loch Scaivaig and the Cullin Mountains

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2	Standard Twin	£3195
3	Superior	£3695
1	Bunk bedded cabin for sole use	£3995
2	Standard Twin sole use	£4195

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Abandoned blackhouses of Hirta Village, St Kilda

WILD SCOTLAND



An in-depth exploration of the remote islands of Scotland
18th to 27th May 2021

You can travel the world visiting all manner of exotic and wonderful places without realising that some of the finest scenery, fascinating history and most endearing people may be close to home. Nowhere is this truer than around Scotland's magnificent coastline, an indented landscape of enormous natural splendour with offshore islands forming stepping stones into the Atlantic.



This unique voyage will appeal to those who prefer their islands deserted, but with abundant bird and wildlife. If you have always had a hankering to visit some of the remotest and most inaccessible islands in Scotland, this is the ideal opportunity. Join us aboard the Ocean Nova as we sail from the port of Oban to the islands on the edge, visiting both inhabited and uninhabited islands and places of great natural beauty, rich in wildlife and mystical history, many with a long history dating back to the Iron Age.

Few cruise ships offer the chance to explore in-depth the islands off the northern coast of Scotland. This unique expedition includes the remote, uninhabited outposts of St Kilda and North Rona with the inhabited island of Foula and the northernmost point of the United Kingdom at Unst. Such a trip would be almost impossible to arrange independently and requires a small ship with the expeditionary qualities of the Ocean Nova. With just over eighty travelling companions, the atmosphere is more akin to a private yacht trip and ashore with our local experts and expedition members we will divide into small groups thereby enjoying a more comprehensive and peaceful experience.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Oban, Scotland. Embark in the afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Glasgow Central Railway Station and Glasgow International Airport at a fixed time. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Mingulay & Pabbay. This promises to be a most memorable day as we circumnavigate the uninhabited islands at the very tip of South Uist. Making good use of our Zodiacs we will explore the islands and make beach landings. These islands are a nature reserve with important breeding populations of razorbills, guillemots, black guillemots, puffins, fulmars and shags. There are also five species of gull, all the seabirds being attracted by the cliffs and caves which offer safe nesting sites. The islands also have significant historical sites with there being a continuous population on Mingulay for at least 2000 years before evacuation began in 1907 and the island was completely abandoned in 1912. Ruins of the village remain close to the shore which we will explore on a guided walk.

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Day 4 North Rona & Sula Sgeir. Spend the day around North Rona, an isolated island some 50 miles north of Cape Wrath. The last islanders left North Rona in 1844 and today it is home to 13 species of breeding seabirds including large colonies of great black-backed gulls, great skuas and puffins. There is also a large population of grey seals which we hope to observe on a Zodiac cruise. If weather permits, we will also visit the gannet colony on Sula Sgeir, home to over 5,000 breeding pairs and renowned as the least visited national nature reserve in Britain.



Atlantic Grey Seal, North Rona



Gannets and Great Skua, Hermaness Nature Reserve, Unst



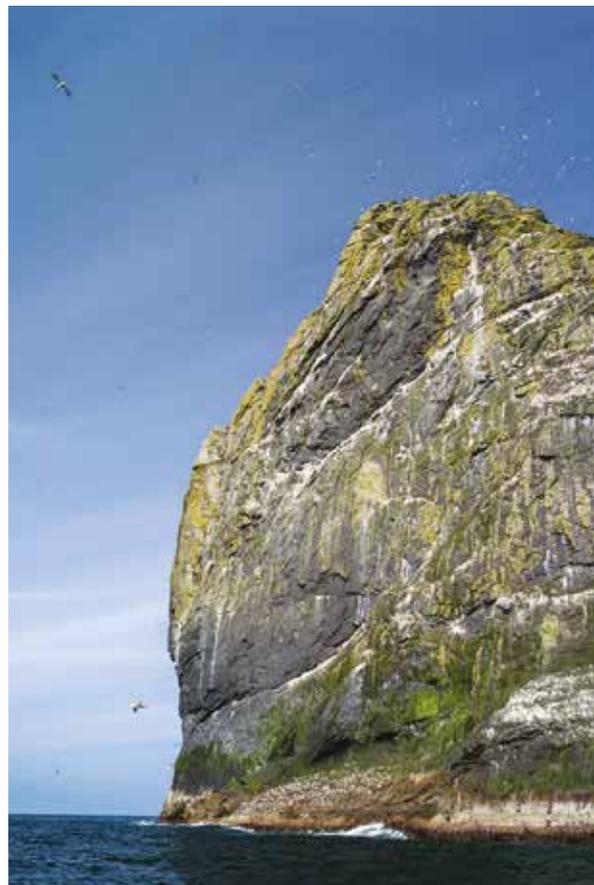
Prehistoric settlement of Jarlshof, Shetland Islands



Great Skua in flight



Wild Western Marsh Orchid, Fair Isle



Stac Lee, St Kilda

Day 5 Foula & Papa Stour, Shetland Islands. This morning we visit Foula, one of Britain's most remote inhabited islands. Apart from a narrow coastal strip of more fertile croftland, Foula is an expanse of peat and moorland rising steeply to five dramatic peaks. In the long midsummer days, Foula's wildflowers provide a glorious burst of colour. The world's largest colony of great skuas compete fiercely with many parasitic jaegers for breeding territories. Over lunch we will sail the short distance to Papa Stour where we will use our Zodiacs to explore the stunning cliff scenery, sea stacks, arches, blowholes and coastal caves.

Day 6 Unst & Fetlar, Shetland Islands. We continue our exploration of the Shetlands in the northern islands of Unst and Fetlar. Unst is Britain's most northerly inhabited island and at the Heritage Centre we will learn about the islanders' struggles over the centuries and the industries that have prospered. The Unst Boat Haven is dedicated to the history of the island's distinctive wooden boats which descend from Viking craft. We also visit Saxa Vord with views over Hermaness National Nature Reserve and Muckle Flugga stacks and home to thousands of gannets and puffins as well as rare arctic-alpine plants. Over lunch we sail to Fetlar, inhabited for over 5,000 years the island lays claim to being the first Norse landing site in the Shetlands. Known as the most fertile of the Shetland Islands the wildflowers bring colour to the landscape whilst the birdlife on the island is prolific. Our expedition team will lead walks ashore and at the Fetlar Interpretative Centre and Museum we will learn about the wildlife and archaeological history of the island.

Day 7 Lerwick. Spend the day in the Shetland capital of Lerwick. This morning enjoy a visit to the remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof which was uncovered by a violent storm in the winter of 1896, revealing an extraordinary settlement site embracing at least 5,000 years of human history. The site contains a remarkable sequence of stone structures – late Neolithic houses, a Bronze-Age village, an Iron-Age broch and wheelhouses, several Norse longhouses, a Medieval farmstead, and the 16th century laird's house. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon to explore this historic port. Perhaps wander through its narrow stone lanes and maybe visit the excellent Shetland Museum, containing historical artefacts from shipwrecks and the whaling era. This evening we will be entertained by local musicians on board the ship as we moor overnight.

Day 8 Noss Head & Fair Isle. In the early morning we pass by the mile-long seabird cliffs of Noss, home to thousands of gannets, guillemots and kittiwakes before sailing onto Fair Isle where we arrive in the early afternoon. Here the tiny population of sixty or so islanders always extend us a warm welcome. This afternoon enjoy a walk across the island and meet the local community; maybe purchasing some of the famous knitwear. Return to the ship for dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 9 Papa Westray, Orkney Islands. Spend the morning on the Orkney Island of Papa Westray. Here you have time to stretch your legs on a number of island walks or maybe meet the local residents at the nearby community centre. You can choose to visit the 3,500 year old Knap of Howar, a Neolithic farm building that claims to be the oldest standing house in Europe and the 12th century St Boniface Kirk. In the north of the island is the North Hill reserve, an area of maritime heath and home to Arctic terns and skuas and also the extremely rare Scottish primrose. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at sea as we sail back to mainland Scotland.

Day 10 Aberdeen. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Aberdeen Airport and Train Station at a fixed time.

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Hirta, St Kilda

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