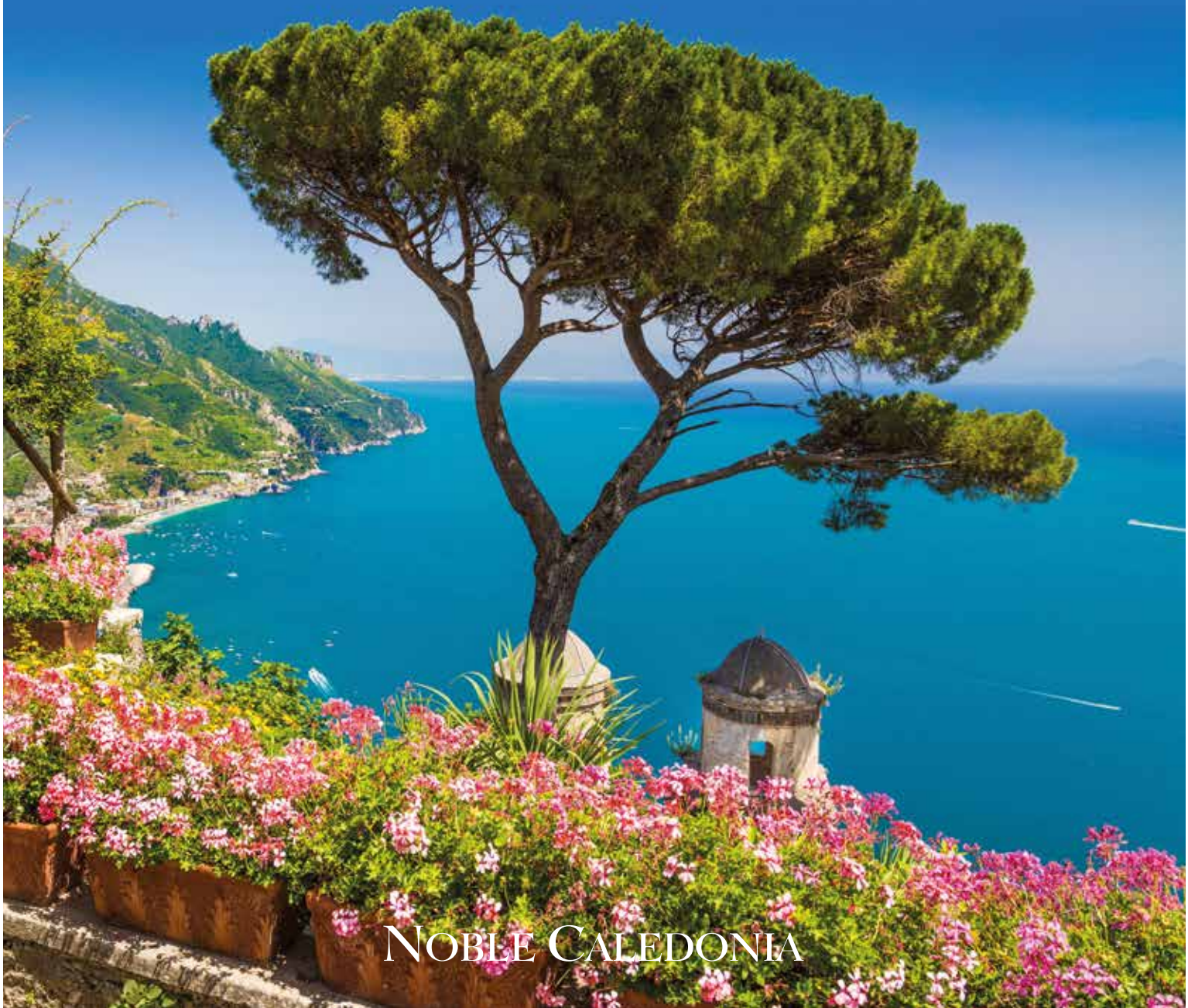


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AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF ITALY'S WONDERS
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

28TH SEPTEMBER TO 9TH OCTOBER
& 9TH TO 20TH OCTOBER* 2028



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Here is a wonderful journey which will appeal to those who have a love of Italy, enjoy a varied programme of interesting visits ashore, travelling in the company of just 100 or so like-minded travellers and sailing aboard a delightful small ship. It is difficult to imagine a better time of year or a more ideally suited vessel for our voyage; just about everything is as perfect as it can be, from the comfortable temperatures to the relatively crowd free sites.

Sailing from the vibrant southern Italian port of Naples aboard the MS Hebridean Sky, we will cruise around the Amalfi Coast to Salerno and continue to Calabria followed by a call into Malta's Grand Harbour of Valletta before sailing to Sicily and then onwards to charming Puglia. We continue along Italy's Adriatic Coast to Ancona followed by time spent in the region of Emilia-Romagna before our Italian Odyssey concludes in Veneto. We will discover all aspects of this wonderfully diverse country from its art, architecture, music and ancient sites to some charming towns and stunning coastal scenery.

Our days will be varied as we explore UNESCO World Heritage Sites, walk through historic villages and towns, and discover the uniqueness of each region as well as enjoying opportunities to sample the local food and wine. Owing to the fact that our small ship can moor centrally, we have the added advantage of being able to access towns by foot in many ports of call, and we have also included time at leisure for individual exploration enabling you to soak up the atmosphere at your own pace.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Naples, Italy. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and embark. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Salerno. Overnight we will have sailed around the Amalfi coast to the ancient city of Salerno, our gateway to the Cilento region, a mix of small villages, coastal paths, archaeological sites, national parks and renowned as the home of the Mediterranean diet. There will be a choice of excursions this morning and you may choose to visit the site of Paestum, which was founded by Greeks in 600 BC. This well preserved and fascinating site was rediscovered in 1752 and during our time here we will see the impressive Temple Poseidon, the Basilica, Amphitheatre and Aethenian before spending some time in the museum adjacent to the site. Alternatively learn about one of the main exports of the region during a visit to a farm where we will hear about the production of the local Mozzarella di Bufala. This afternoon is free to explore Salerno at leisure before we sail this evening.

Day 3 Vibo Valentia. Arrive this morning into the Calabrian town of Vibo Valentia. Founded as a Greek colony known as Hipponion and part of Magna Graecia, the town has, over the centuries, fallen under the rule of the Brutti, Romans, Normans, Arabs and Byzantines. We will see the ancient Norman Castle and the bell tower of San Michele as we drive to nearby Tropea, a clifftop village voted one of the most beautiful in Italy. During our tour of the historical centre, we will see the Norman Cathedral and the Sanctuary of Santa Maria

dell'Isola, an 11th century chapel originally built on an island but now connected to the town by a causeway. We will also sample the town's famous delicacy of sweet red onions. Return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Day 4 Valletta, Malta. This morning we will sail into the Grand Harbour of Valletta and discover the significant role that Italy has played in Malta's history. From the Middle Ages onwards, Malta maintained close political, commercial, and cultural links with Italy whose merchants, artists, architects, and craftsmen contributed to the development of Maltese towns. This influence reached its height during the rule of the Knights of St John, when Malta became an important centre of European art and architecture. Italian architects helped transform Valletta following the Great Siege of 1565, while artists brought the grandeur of the Renaissance and Baroque to the islands. The celebrated Calabrian painter Mattia Preti was particularly influential, creating the magnificent paintings that adorn the interior of St John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta, whilst the Grandmaster's Palace reflects the Renaissance and Baroque styles favoured by the Knights. We will discover these sites on our morning guided walking tour of Valletta. After lunch there will be time at leisure to explore further or you may wish to join the excursion to Palazzo Parisio in Naxxar, an 18th century palace celebrated for its lavish interiors, intricate stucco work, gilded ceilings, and elegant ballrooms. Our visit will also include a tour of the palace's ornate Italianate gardens, beautifully landscaped with fountains, statues and fragrant orange trees.

Valletta



Temple of Hera, Paestum



Piazza Duomo and the Cathedral of Syracuse



Urbino

Day 5 Syracuse & Noto, Sicily, Italy. For our day in Sicily we arrive in Syracuse which was founded by the Greeks in 734 BC and by the 5th century was a political and military power throughout the Mediterranean, rivalling Athens as the largest and most beautiful city in the Greek world. This morning choose to visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park to discover the well preserved Greek theatre with seats carved from limestone. Paradise Quarry, now an attractive garden and orange grove, was the primary source of that limestone and is the site of the curious 'Ear of Dionysius', a vast grotto with an amplifying resonance. Alternatively, drive to Noto, a picturesque city built in 1703 located on the terraced slopes of Mount Iblei. A guided walk along the central streets will reveal the 18th century Palazzo Ducezio, some of the many Baroque churches and the imposing Palazzo Nicolaci di Villadorata, built in 1737. After lunch on board we have an afternoon at leisure to explore Ortigia, the historical centre of Syracuse where we find the Temple of Apollo, considered to be Sicily's most ancient Doric temple and the Baroque Cathedral, erected over the remains of the Temple of Minerva. We will meet this evening for a private concert in one of the town's palazzos accompanied by local food and wine before we sail tonight.

Day 6 Crotone. After a leisurely morning at sea we return to Calabria and the port of Crotone which is on the site of the ancient Greek City of Kroton. Whilst little remains of the Greek city it was one of the most important settlements of Magna Graecia, where Pythagoras set up a school in 530 BC and whose athletes were very successful at the Olympic Games. We will take a scenic drive inland this afternoon to Santa Severina, one of Italy's prettiest towns overlooking the Neto River valley. We will explore the majestic Carafa Castle, which was built by the Normans in 1076 and is surrounded by strong, crenellated walls with a moat on three sides and contains intricate underground labyrinths and stables, with the remains of Medieval frescoes. We will also see the cathedral, the beautiful Byzantine baptistery and there will be the opportunity to wander the town's tangled streets. On our return journey to the ship, we will stop at a local farmhouse for a tasting of typical Calabrian food served with local wine.

Day 7 Otranto for Lecce. From our berth in Otranto we will drive to Lecce, often referred to as 'The Florence of the South' with its amazing collection of Baroque architecture. A guided walk will include a visit to the beautifully decorated Santa Croce Basilica and Piazza Duomo, considered one of the finest and most impressive squares in southern Italy. We return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon to explore Otranto independently where the highlight is the wonderful cathedral with its Medieval mosaic floor created by the monk, Pantaleone, between 1163 and 1165.

Day 8 Monopoli for Alberobello or Ostuni. This morning there will be a choice of excursions. You may wish to join the tour into the Puglian countryside which is scattered with 'trulli', limestone dwellings built with dome or conical roofs. Enjoy a pleasant walk in Alberobello, a fairy-tale trulli village and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we will also visit St Anthony Church, built in the same distinctive style. Alternatively, travel to the 'White City' of Ostuni, so called due to the dazzling sunlight reflected on the walls of its whitewashed dwellings. Ostuni has a privileged position as it was built on three hills and from the top of the town you can enjoy a stunning view of the Adriatic coast from which Ostuni is separated by an ocean of centuries-old olive trees. The town has retained much of its Medieval charm, which we will experience as we wander through the narrow, winding streets of the old town which lead to the impressive 15th century cathedral, a beautiful example of Apulian Romanesque architecture. After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Monopoli to explore the historic centre.

Day 9 At Sea. After a busy few days we have a relaxing day at sea as we cruise up the Italian Adriatic coast. Spend time on deck or maybe join a lecture in the lounge.

Day 10 Ancona for Urbino or Loreto. Arrive this morning at the busy port of Ancona, from where we will have a choice of excursions. A full day tour will head inland to the UNESCO city of Urbino which features a historic centre that appears little changed since the 15th century, when it became a centre of culture attracting artists and scholars from all over Italy. See the Duomo, the house where the artist Raphael was born in 1483, which is now a museum, as well as the impressive Palazzo Ducale, built under Federico da Montefeltro, where we find the National Gallery of Marche containing a stunning collection of Renaissance art. Alternatively, join a morning tour to the renowned Marian pilgrimage site of Loreto to visit the small town, its lovely piazza and the church of the 'Holy House', built for enshrining the house in which the Blessed Virgin Mary is believed by some Catholics to have lived, which was transported all the way to Marche from Palestine. This afternoon is at leisure to relax on board or explore Ancona at your own pace.

Day 11 Ravenna & Bologna. From our berth in Ravenna there will be a choice of tours today. Ravenna has a rich history being the capital of the Western Roman Empire and capital of the Ostrogoth Kingdom of Italy whilst the port of Classe was one of the largest in the Roman world. From the 4th to 6th century, the city became a hub for skilled craftsmen who covered the city's churches in stunningly beautiful mosaics which were described by Dante as a 'symphony of colour'.



Bologna

Monopoli

A morning tour of the city will include the Basilica di Sant Apollinare which is named after Ravenna's patron and features mosaics of biblical figures such as Abraham and Emperor Constantine IV. Meanwhile, at the Basilica di San Vitale we will see mosaics representing Old Testament scenes and the Byzantine Emperor Justinian. Alternatively join a full day tour to Bologna, considered as one of the most beautiful cities in Italy, dominated by spectacular architecture from the Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque periods. We will see the iconic Fountain of Neptune in Piazza Maggiore, the San Petronio Basilica and Archiginnasio university building before enjoying lunch in a local restaurant.

Day 12 Chioggia to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to Venice airport for our scheduled flight to London.

**Please note that the 9th October 2028 departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown, from Chioggia to Naples. Full itinerary can be viewed on our website.*

PRICES PER PERSON

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£8295	£7795
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Mawson	Corner	£9295	£8795
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£9995	£9495
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£10495	£9995
Shackleton	Hebridean	£11495	£10995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£10295	£9795
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£10495	£9995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 11 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.

Naples Extension

26th to 28th September 2028

Pre-cruise in conjunction with 28th September cruise

20th to 22nd October 2028*

Post-cruise in conjunction with 9th October cruise



Naples

If you would like to spend some time in Naples we are offering a two night hotel stay including a city tour and visit to Herculaneum.

The Itinerary (pre-cruise)

Day 1 London to Naples, Italy. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to our hotel. Meet for dinner tonight. (D)

Day 2 Naples. After breakfast in the hotel we explore Naples including the Piazza del Plebiscito with its range of buildings including the Galleria Umberto I, the Maschio Angioino and the Palazzo Reale. Also see the Teatro San Carlo which was built in 1737 and is the oldest opera house in Europe. After lunch the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3 Herculaneum. This morning we visit Herculaneum, a wealthy Roman town which was completely submerged by volcanic mud following the 79 AD eruption of Vesuvius. Since its rediscovery in 1709, excavations have revealed beautiful public baths, villas and gardens. After lunch we will transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. (B, L)

**Please note that the post-cruise itinerary for the October extension can be viewed on our website.*

PRICES PER PERSON – Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1195** Single: **£1495**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation, 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.

Verona Extension

9th to 11th October 2028

Post-cruise in conjunction with the 28th September cruise

7th to 9th October 2028

Pre-cruise in conjunction with the 9th October cruise



Verona

If you would like to spend some time in Verona, we are offering a two night hotel stay including a city tour of both Padua and Verona.

The Itinerary (post-cruise)

Day 1 Padua & Verona, Italy. Disembark in Chioggia this morning and drive to Padua. See the Piazza delle Erbe and Piazza dei Frutti, home to a daily produce market that has operated for centuries. Also see the famous palazzo, the Basilica of Sant'Antonio and the Prato della Valle, a 90,000-square-metre elliptical square, one of the largest in Europe. After lunch we will continue to Verona and check into our hotel. (B, L)

Day 2 Verona. After breakfast at the hotel enjoy a guided walking tour of Verona, a fascinating Medieval city. Visit Piazza Bra with the Arena which was completed in the year 30 AD and is the third largest in Italy. We will also see the nearby Piazza delle Erbe, Juliet's balcony and many examples of Romanesque architecture. After our tour, the remainder of the day is at leisure before we meet for dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 3 Verona to London. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

**Please note that the pre-cruise itinerary for the October extension can be viewed on our website.*

PRICES PER PERSON – Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£995** Single: **£1395**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation, 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.

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.

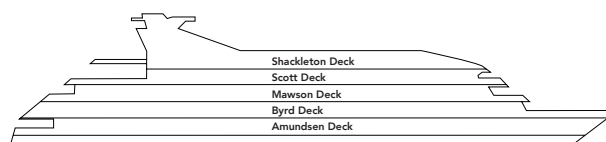
Your Comfort

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.

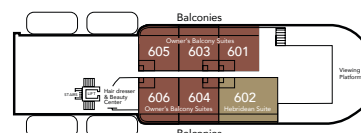
Your Life On Board

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.

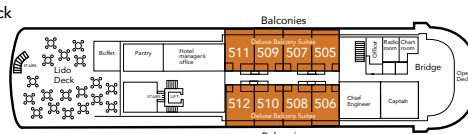
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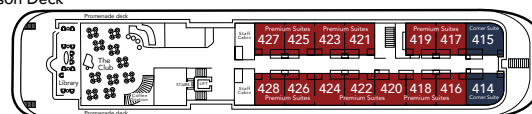
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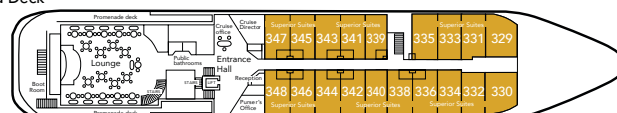
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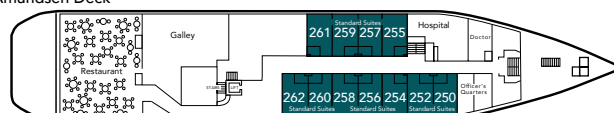
Mawson Deck



Byrd Deck



Amundsen Deck



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

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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