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PASSAGE NORTH

A VOYAGE FROM SCOTLAND TO ICELAND
INCLUDING THE FAROE ISLANDS
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY
3RD TO 16TH JUNE 2019



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Torshavn



Akraberg Lighthouse, Faroe Islands



Vestmanna

Here is a voyage for those who want to see nature in the raw and one which combines an in-depth exploration of the remote and little visited Faroe Islands with time spent exploring Iceland, one of the most extraordinary and dramatic lands on the planet.

We set sail from Aberdeen, enjoying a morning on Fair Isle before sailing north to the Faroe Islands, once a stopping point for Viking explorers, this mysterious collection of 18 islands set in the North Atlantic, halfway between Norway and Iceland, is a paradise for walkers and bird watchers. The intriguing history of the islands can be traced back to the Irish monks who settled there in the 6th century and the 9th century seafaring explorers who traversed the North Sea and claimed Orkney, the Shetland Islands, Iceland and Greenland. Here, a highlight will be seeing the many puffins and other sea birds nesting and we will spend four days exploring the villages and rolling hills of these distant isles before venturing further north to Iceland.

Whilst in Iceland we will witness the immense scale of the landscape dominated by towering snow-capped mountains, thundering waterfalls and spontaneous erupting geysers as we learn of the centuries old legacies of a Viking and Norse heritage. Europe's least populated country offers the visitor a truly unparalleled experience of elemental forces at work and 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.

Such a journey can of course only be taken by a small ship and with the use of our nimble Zodiacs we can get up close to nature and explore some of the most remote and untouched places. With just over 100 travelling companions, the atmosphere on board is more akin to a private yacht trip and ashore with our local experts we will divide into small groups thereby enjoying a more comprehensive and peaceful experience.



The Itinerary

Day 1 Aberdeen, Scotland. Embark this afternoon, transfers will be provided from Aberdeen Airport and rail station at a set time.

Day 2 Fair Isle. 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, perhaps visiting the Bird Observatory, searching out the puffin slopes, or meet the local community and maybe purchase some of the famous knitwear. Spend the afternoon at sea as we continue our journey north to the Faroe Islands.

Day 3 Suduroy, Faroe Islands. Over breakfast we will arrive at Suduroy, the southernmost island of the Faroe Islands. From the port of Tvoroyri we have a choice of activities. Choose to join an island drive and travel 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 mountain side for wonderful views towards the steep cliffs on the west coast, the Beinisvoro promontory to the north and the luscious grass slopes to the east. Alternatively the active may wish to join a hike to Hvaanagi, a

beautiful, uninhibited place north of Tvoroyri on the east coast of Suduroy where the view is fantastic towards the three islands Litla Dimun, Stora Dimun and Skuvoy.

Day 4 Vestmanna. Spend the day in Vestmanna, our base as we discover the northwest corner of Streymoy and the nearby cliffs. This morning 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 sea birds including puffins, guillemots, fulmars and kittiwakes that nest here each summer. After lunch on board we will drive to the beautiful village of Saksun,

an isolated settlement situated beneath steep majestic mountains. Call at Duvugaroar, an old farmhouse, which is now a museum and visit a traditional Faeroese wooden church in Kollafjord. This evening we sail the short distance to Torshavn where we moor overnight allowing the opportunity for an after dinner stroll.



Lake Myvatn

Wooden church, Seydisfjordur

Humpback whale breaching

Day 5 Torshavn. We have the day to explore the capital of the Faroe Islands and surrounding area. There will be a choice of tours including 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 which is still in use. We also visit the 900-year old 'Roykstovan', the old bishopric, considered to be the oldest wooden house in Europe. Alternatively join a hike in the hills surrounding the town to discover the local flora and fauna or visit the island of Nolsoy situated just five kilometres from the capital. Enjoy time to explore the small village or visit some of the craft shops whilst the keen birders may join a walk with our onboard team to see one of Europe's largest colonies of storm petrels as well as Atlantic puffins and black guillemots.

Day 6 Klaksvik. Our last morning in the Faroe Islands will be spent exploring the island of Borooy in the north of the group. During our morning excursion we will learn more about the Faroese and Viking traditions as we make our way via a three mile long tunnel 500 feet under the sea to Leirvik on the island of Eysturoy. Here we will see the archaeological excavations of a thousand year old Viking farm before continuing to Gota, located at the head of the broad Gotuvik fjord. This historic area was the home of the famous Viking chieftain, Trondur i Gotu, who defied the old Viking ways against the desire of the Norwegian king and the Faroese

chieftain, Sigmundu Brestisson, to convert the Faroese to Christianity. Ruins of his farm are found in Gota, whilst the Blasastova Museum provides an insight into the culture and way of life in the Faroes in past centuries. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at sea as we continue our voyage to Iceland.

Day 7 Seydisfjordur, Iceland.

After a morning at sea we arrive this afternoon in Iceland at the natural harbour of Seydisfjordur which has preserved its fishing heritage from the early 19th century and its architectural style. On a walking tour we will pass brightly painted and well preserved wooden buildings and visit the shops famous for their Icelandic patterned woollens. The keen walkers might prefer an energetic hike up the river trail through a verdant landscape of wildflowers.

Day 8 Husavik. Over breakfast we arrive in Husavik, known as the whale capital of Iceland. This morning we will use local boats to 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. 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 9 Grimsey Island & Siglufjordur. Spend the morning on Grimsey Island. The Arctic Circle bisects this island which is known

for its tiny community, basalt cliffs and large variety of birdlife. On arrival join our expedition team for a nature walk on the island. Over lunch we sail to Siglufjordur, a picturesque town that 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. Be on deck early this evening as we sail down Eyafjordur, on the lookout for whales, during our approach to Akureyri.

Day 10 Akureyri. This delightful town on the north coast of Iceland is not what you would expect to find in such a remote location. In summer months the gardens and window boxes are ablaze with colour and on a morning tour we will explore the botanic garden where we find species from Africa, China and the Mediterranean growing alongside the Alaskan, Greenlandic and indigenous specimens. We will also have time to explore the town and visit Art Alley, where artisans keep their workshops and galleries, or the local church with its beautiful views over the fjord. Our tour ends at the imposing Godafoss Waterfall. You can then choose to either return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon in the town or continue to 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

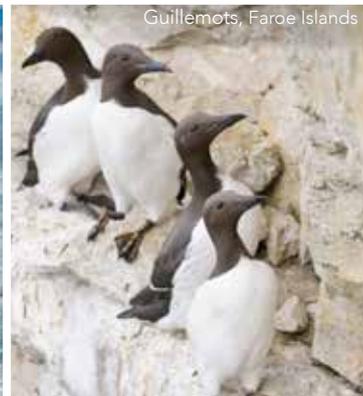
magnitude of Iceland's forces at work. The lake itself, with beautiful natural rock formations and hot springs, is also a unique ecosystem and the largest migratory bird sanctuary in Europe. We will offer time in the natural baths or on a bird watching walk before returning to the ship later this afternoon.

Day 11 Hornbjarg & Vigur Island.

In the early morning we will arrive at the Hornbjarg Cliffs. These stunning cliffs rise 534 metres from the sea and are one of the largest centres for puffins in Iceland. We will use our ship to view this wonderful sight before continuing to the Western Fjords, an isolated but spectacular area of Iceland. Arriving in the early afternoon we will explore Isafjordur with the MS Hebridean 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 can also visit Iceland's only extant windmill dating from the 19th century.

Day 12 Latrabjarg & Breidafjordur.

During breakfast we will cruise past the Latrabjarg cliffs, the westernmost point of Europe and home to a huge number of birds including puffins, northern gannets, guillemots and razorbills. If time and weather permits we hope to launch the Zodiacs for a closer look. Later on we see the advantages of our small ship as we start to explore the fjords north of Reykjavik. We will start in Breidafjordur where we hope to make a landing at the quaint



little island of Flatey with its old village, painted houses, church and the oldest and smallest library in Iceland.

Day 13 Snaefellsnes. Our final day in Iceland sees us at the Snaefellsnes Peninsula which is dominated by the Snæfellsjökull volcano, regarded as one of the symbols of Iceland. Again we will use our Zodiacs to land in some of the more remote areas. Arnastapi is known as the setting for Jules Verne's 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth' and is a stunning location with columnar basalt, ravines and grottoes and magnificent lava formations. The

cliffs between Arnastapi and Hellnar became a Natural Reserve in 1979 and are home to Arctic tern, kittiwake and fulmar. We will explore local fishing villages, walk on the beaches and see the black lava that dominates the area whilst the active may enjoy a walk inside the Vatnshellir Cave, a lava cave accessible by a long staircase deep underground and where our guide will inform us of the geology, history and folklore associated here.

Day 14 Reykjavik to London Heathrow. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your 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	£7395	£6995
Byrd	Superior	£7695	£7295
Mawson	Premium	£8095	£7695
Mawson	Corner	£8695	£8295
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£9695	£9295
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£10395	£9995
Shackleton	Hebridean	£11895	£11495
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£10645	£10245
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£11545	£11145

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel from Reykjavik to London • 13 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Flight to Aberdeen: If you would like us to book a flight to Aberdeen from London Heathrow to join the cruise on 3rd June, we can do so at a cost of £90 per person (subject to availability).

Post-Cruise Reykjavik Extension

16th to 18th June 2019



If you would like to spend some time in Reykjavik after disembarking the MS Hebridean Sky, we are offering a two night optional extension staying at a centrally located hotel on a bed and breakfast basis. During your stay there will be a half day Reykjavik city orientation tour and a full day tour to the Golden Circle including the Geysir geothermal area, Gullfoss Waterfall and Thingvellir National Park.

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Twin: **£725**; Single: **£1095**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Reykjavik on a bed and breakfast basis, ship to hotel and hotel to airport transfers, full day Golden Circle tour, half day city tour, Tour Manager.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



Alfresco Dining



Owner's Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

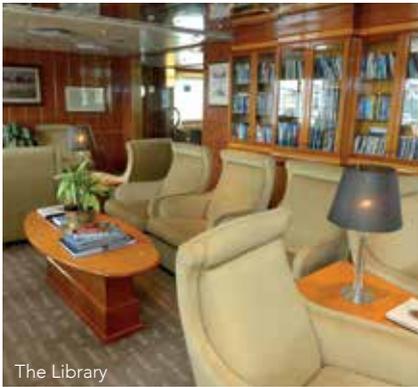
The MS Hebridean Sky is one of our three flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Island Sky and MS Caledonian Sky. All three vessels were built in the same ship yard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them three of the finest small ships in the world. With a maximum passenger capacity of only 118, a vessel of her size is capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Caledonian 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, flat screen television and a telephone in each suite. Bottled water, Egyptian cotton sheets, 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



Superior Suite



The Club

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 where the onboard pianist plays periodically throughout the day. 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 selection of games and two computers offering complimentary internet access can also be found in the Library. 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. Throughout the vessel, carefully chosen artwork and photos reflect the destinations we sail to.

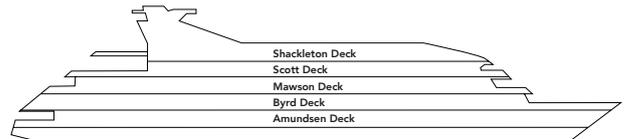
Your Comfort

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.

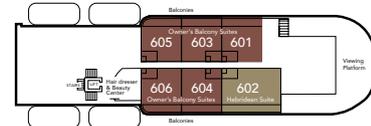
Your Life On Board

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 Scandinavian 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.

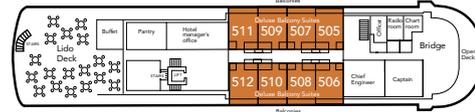
MS HEBRIDEAN SKY DECK PLAN



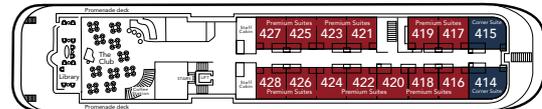
Shackleton Deck



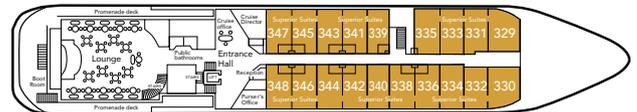
Scott Deck



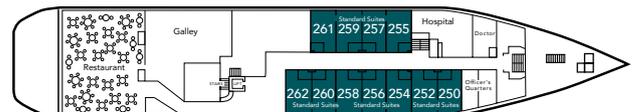
Mawson Deck



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.



During this voyage you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

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