

PASSAGE THROUGH THE
**CANARY
ISLANDS**

AN ISLAND HOPPING VOYAGE
BETWEEN TENERIFE & MADEIRA
ABOARD THE MS SERENISSIMA

10TH TO 20TH NOVEMBER &
20TH TO 30TH NOVEMBER* 2020

SPECIAL
OFFER – SAVE
£500
PER PERSON

NOBLE CALEDONIA



Mount Teide, Tenerife



Porto Santo beach, Madeira



Bird of paradise flower, Madeira

Here is a perfect voyage for those looking for some winter warmth and who enjoy small ship cruising and discovering somewhere new each day. Join us aboard the MS Serenissima and explore some of the lesser known Canary Islands, an Atlantic archipelago which consists of seven main islands that are formed from the tips of a vast volcanic mountain range that lies beneath the Atlantic Ocean and we will visit La Gomera, El Hierro and La Palma where we can enjoy nature at its very best. These volcanic islands impress with their unique flora and fauna and boast rugged, rocky landscapes, evergreen cloud forests, metre-high ferns and bizarre-looking dragon trees.

Our itinerary has been carefully designed so that we can fully explore the dramatic beauty and cultural vibrancy of these captivating and varied islands, each one having a distinct culture and landscape and on most days there will be a choice of excursion depending on your interest or how active you wish to be. Our small ship is the ideal way to make the most of the region and with the MS Serenissima as our base, we can reach the smaller islands which are inaccessible to the larger ships, the ideal way to make the most of the region. The weather should be delightful allowing us the chance to fully appreciate the diverse and intriguing topography, lunar like landscapes, verdant pine forests and stunning national parks.

After our exploration of the islands, there is a relaxing day at sea as we make our way to the archipelago of Madeira where we discover the beautiful island of Porto Santo and finally spend two days on the 'floating garden in the Atlantic', the island of Madeira.

To extend your winter break we are offering the opportunity to spend some additional time on Tenerife and Madeira before and after our voyage.



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Tenerife, Canary Islands. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Serenissima and enjoy welcome dinner and drinks as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Santa Cruz, Tenerife. This morning will be dedicated to gardens. We will start with a visit to the Jardín Botánico that was founded in 1788 by Charles III of Spain. The purpose of the gardens was to create an area where the plants, shrubs and flowers brought back from the New World could acclimatise to Spanish soil. Many of the plants are the original specimens brought back for the opening of the gardens including the centre piece, an enormous South American fig tree. In contrast to the Botanical Gardens we will then explore the Sitio Litre Garden

which boasts a luscious orchid collection. After lunch on board we will drive inland, along the base of the mountain range through beautiful pine forests to the Parque Nacional del Teide. The area was declared a National Park in 1954 and includes 14 species of plant found nowhere else in the world. Geologically the park is fascinating; of the many different types of volcanic formations examples of more than 80% can be found here. Alternatively there will be a full day tour to Mount Teide on offer for those who wish to enjoy a challenging hike, accompanied by a local guide, through this spectacular landscape.

Day 3 Valle Gran Rey, La Gomera. La Gomera is a paradise of natural beauty with lush valley and awe-inspiring cliffs dotted with

charming white washed villages and gives the impression of being lost in a time warp. On a full day tour we will explore the island including Garajonay National Park, home to the world's only surviving laurel forest and visit the villages of Hermigua, Agulo and Las Rosas before making our way to a local restaurant for lunch. Before returning to the ship we will experience a demonstration of Silbo Gomero, the island's unique whistling language, and visit the magnificent rock formations of Agando. Alternatively, you may wish to join a guided morning trek through the Garajonay National Park commencing in the village of El Cedro which offers some interesting examples of Canarias architecture. Return to the MS Serenissima for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure for individual exploration.

Day 4 Puerto de la Estaca, El Hierro. Probably the least known of the Canary Islands, and once considered to be the end of the world, El Hierro is unique and utterly captivating. On our morning island tour it will be impossible not to be entranced by the island's slow pace and simple style; by its craggy coast, where waves hurl themselves against lava sculpted rock faces; by the pretty farmland and flower meadows of the interior; by the eerily beautiful juniper groves and by the desolate volcanic badlands that stretch out like moonscapes in the south. We will also have the opportunity to sample some of El Hierro's excellent wine and visit the lizard house where the island's unique giant lizards are bred; near extinction they are protected by international law. Alternatively, opt for the La Llanía hiking excursion



Monte Palace Tropical Garden



La Gomera

which will take us through primeval forests, along ancient cisterns and mythical witches dance floors to El Hierro's top viewing point affording spectacular views of the western parts of the island. This afternoon will be at leisure allowing for time to wander around the local harbour.

Day 5 Santa Cruz, La Palma. Arrive over lunch in La Palma which is known by locals as the 'Beautiful Island', and it is easy to see why. It is a simply stunning, peaceful and most importantly un-spoilt destination that has deservedly been declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve. This afternoon drive inland to the beautiful village of El Paso and visit the Silk Museum. This is the only place in Europe where the 500-year-old tradition and processes have been preserved. From here we will continue onto the Caldera de Taburiente, a massive depression eight kilometres wide which scientists agree was a majestically tall volcanic mountain that collapsed on itself. Explore on foot and whilst all may seem stoic and still, the forces of erosion are hard at work and some geologists estimate that it will finally disappear in just 5000 years. Alternatively, for those who would prefer a more energetic excursion there will be a guided trek on offer through the El Pilar area; see remains of volcanic eruptions, the magnificent views of the Valley of Aridane and the crater wall that surrounds the Taburiente National Park.

Day 6 Arrecife, Lanzarote. Arrive in the early afternoon in Arrecife, a pleasant town with a modern seafront and colourful gardens. A volcanic island designated a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Lanzarote's dramatic landscapes

were shaped by an explosive past, but today the dazzling white salt flats of Janubio, the rugged terrain of Fire Mountain and an array of unspoilt fishing villages scattered around the coast combine to make it a hugely successful tourist destination. Following lunch on board we will experience the world of Cesar Manrique, celebrated painter, landscape conservationist and one of Lanzarote's best-known citizens, who left an indelible imprint on the island. Cross the northeastern part of the island to Jardin del Cactus, an unusual botanical garden where many species of cacti have been carefully arranged in a natural setting by Manrique himself. Then visit Manrique's former home, designed by Manrique and which combines his interest in traditional local architecture with his concerns about environmental protection.

Day 7 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we sail to Madeira.

Day 8 Porto Santo, Madeira. Today we arrive in Porto Santo. Although one of the islands constituting the archipelago of Madeira, Porto Santo and Madeira could not be more different. Whilst lush green predominates Madeira, Porto Santo is arid and the southern coast is bordered by a nine kilometres long beach of golden sand. Our morning tour will introduce us to the island and will include some beautiful vistas, a tasting of Porto Santo wine and a visit to the Christopher Columbus museum, where he once lived. After lunch on board perhaps enjoy some time on the beach, explore the local town or the more active may join a hike to the summit of Pico do Castelo offering spectacular views of the island.

Days 9 & 10 Funchal, Madeira.

We have two days on Madeira and will offer a choice of excursions including a visit to Monte, a charming village high in the hills overlooking Funchal. We will reach Monte by cable car experiencing wonderful views along the way and visit the Monte Palace Tropical Gardens. This garden collection has been enriched with plants from all over the world and about 100,000 plant species have been planted. The garden also features a collection of cycads (encephalartos) which, because of their age, are considered living fossils. We will also plan a visit to the Botanical Gardens. Situated in the grounds of a former private house, the gardens are host to a profusion of plants and flowers, from all parts of the world, which thrive in the island's temperate climate. The active may wish to join a Levada walk. Levada are irrigation channels that were created by the Portuguese settlers in the 19th century, who

painstakingly carved them out of the rock by hand. Designed to carry fresh water from the north to the drier southern regions of the island, they helped to create many of the lush landscapes that can be seen today. The walk will follow the course of 'levadas' for over three miles, seeing the verdant plants, mountain views and green farmland that cover Madeira. We will also dine ashore at a traditional restaurant and enjoy a performance by a local folklore group.

Day 11 Madeira to London.

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

**The 20th November departure operates in the reverse direction from Madeira to Tenerife and includes the excursions. The full itinerary can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk*

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £500 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
2	Standard Stateroom	£3795	£3295
3	Classic Stateroom	£3995	£3495
4	Superior Stateroom	£4295	£3795
5	Deluxe Stateroom	£4495	£3995
6	Junior Suite	£4895	£4395
7	Owner's Suite	£5495	£4995
8	Serenissima Suite	£5495	£4995
10	Standard Single	£3795	£3295

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the MS Serenissima on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Tenerife Extension

8th to 10th November & 30th November to 2nd December* 2020



Tenerife scenery

Extend your time in the Canary Islands with our two night extension and enjoy time at leisure to relax and explore independently.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Tenerife. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the Hotel Botanico for a two night stay. Enjoy time at leisure before dinner in the hotel this evening.

Day 2 Tenerife. A day at leisure to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities or make independent touring arrangements. Dinner is included in the hotel this evening.

Day 3 Tenerife. Check-out of the hotel in the late morning and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant followed by an orientation drive which will include the Mirador del Lance Viewpoint, the Orotava Valley, the agricultural areas of La Guancha and the villages of Tacoronte and La Laguna. Continue to the MS Serenissima for embarkation this afternoon.

**The 30th November extension is a post-cruise extension to be taken in-conjunction with the 20th November voyage. Full itinerary can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk.*

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£485**
Single: **£645**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation on a half board basis at Hotel Botanico, one lunch, orientation drive, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



La Laguna

Madeira Extension

20th to 22nd November & 18th to 20th November* 2020



Camara de Lobos

If you would like to spend some additional time on the island of Madeira we are offering a two night extension.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Funchal, Madeira. Disembark this morning and head west to the village of Camara de Lobos, made famous by the paintings of Winston Churchill and then continue on to Cabo Girao for stunning views from the second highest sea cliff in the world. After exploring the northern coast, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before we transfer to the Hotel Melia Madeira Mare for a two night stay. Dinner is included in the hotel this evening.

Day 2 Funchal. A day at leisure to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities or make independent touring arrangements.

Day 3 Funchal to London. After breakfast check out of the hotel and transfer to airport for our scheduled flight to London.

**The 18th November extension is a pre-cruise extension to be taken in-conjunction with the 20th November voyage. Full itinerary can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk*

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£385**
Single: **£485**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation at the Hotel Melia Madeira Mare with breakfast, tour as described, one lunch & one dinner as detailed in itinerary, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



View from Cabo Girao

MS SERENISSIMA



Harald Jarl Lounge



Andrea Lounge



The Restaurant

The charming MS Serenissima began her career as the Harald Jarl, cruising the Norwegian coastline and fjords. Since 2003, when she was extensively renovated, she has been operating as a classic cruise ship. Previously known as the MS Andrea, she was upgraded again in 2013 and started her new life as the MS Serenissima. With her small size she can navigate into small, remote ports inaccessible to the big cruise ships and appears an impressive sight when moored. With her fleet of Zodiacs, she is capable of both destination and expedition cruising.

Your Cabin/Suite

Accommodating no more than 95 passengers, there are eight different grades of cabin arranged over five decks, and all feature either windows or portholes. The cabins are attractively designed for comfort and convenience. All cabins are fully air conditioned with an en-suite bathroom with shower (please note cabins 601 - 605 and 507 have a bath with shower attachment) and a selection of toiletries in addition to a hairdryer, robes and slippers. All cabins come equipped with telephone, flat screen television, safety deposit box and other thoughtful appointments. Bottles of still and sparkling water are replenished daily. Due to the very nature of the ship, the cabins vary in shape and size, adding to the vessel's overall charm.



Your Dining

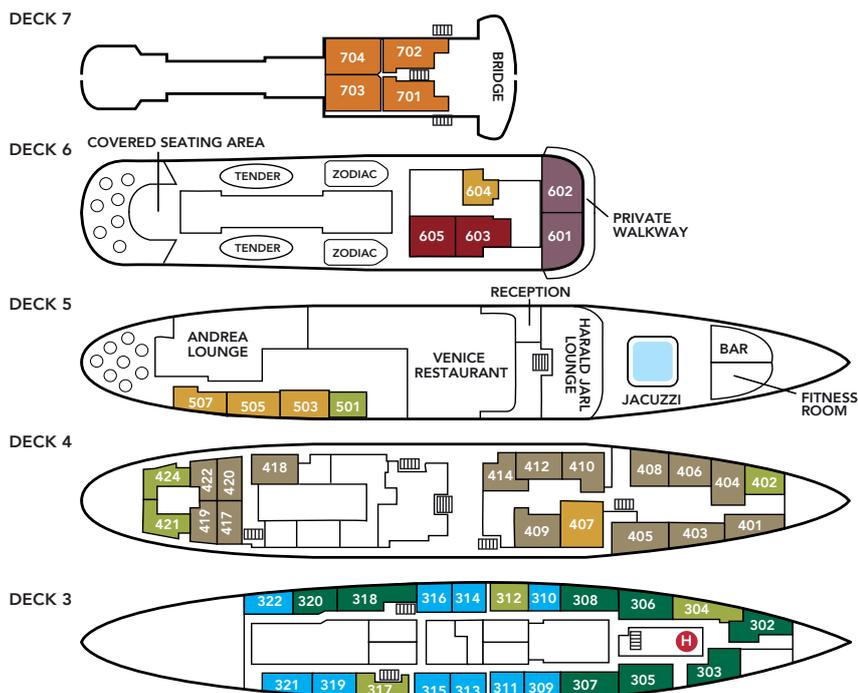
The free seating Venice Restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting and, with its Deck 5 location, all of the tables benefit from great views. The picture windows also make the restaurant wonderfully light and airy. Breakfast is served buffet-style with cooked dishes available and eggs to order by the ship's accomplished chef. Lunch is also served buffet-style with hot and cold dishes

available. Dinner is served a la carte and is four courses, except at the Captain's Dinner, which is a six course affair. Where possible, local produce is sourced for an authentic dining experience. A choice of red or white wine, beer, soft drinks, and water is included at lunch and dinner. In good weather there are al fresco dining facilities available and tea and coffee are available around the clock in the Andrea Lounge.

Your Space

The facilities on board include two lounges – the larger Andrea Lounge is comfortable and spacious and the smaller Harald Jarl Lounge is more intimate. There is also a small library and Wi-Fi is available at an extra cost throughout the vessel. The outside areas really are something special. A spacious observation deck allows 360 degree views of the passing scenery. From here, step down to the lido area with Jacuzzi and outside bar. The covered seating area at the back of Deck 6 is ideal for relaxing with a drink in hand. Perhaps, one of the best known and loved features of this vessel is its unique style. During the major refit in Sweden the then owners commissioned Swedish interior designers to create a Gustavian style interior. This bright Swedish 18th century influenced, country house style works particularly well on a vessel of this vintage, providing intimacy and a classic nautical sensibility often lacking in larger vessels.

MS SERENISSIMA DECK PLAN & CABINS



Lido Deck



SERENISSIMA SUITE
(25 square metres)



OWNER'S SUITE
(22 square metres)

NB. Please note cabin sizes vary in each category and measurements shown are approximate.



DELUXE STATEROOM
(15 to 25 square metres)



SUPERIOR STATEROOM
(11.5 to 18 square metres)



JUNIOR SUITE
(21 square metres)



STANDARD STATEROOM
(10 to 11.5 square metres)



STANDARD SINGLE
(7 to 12.5 square metres)



CLASSIC STATEROOM
(14 to 19 square metres)

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