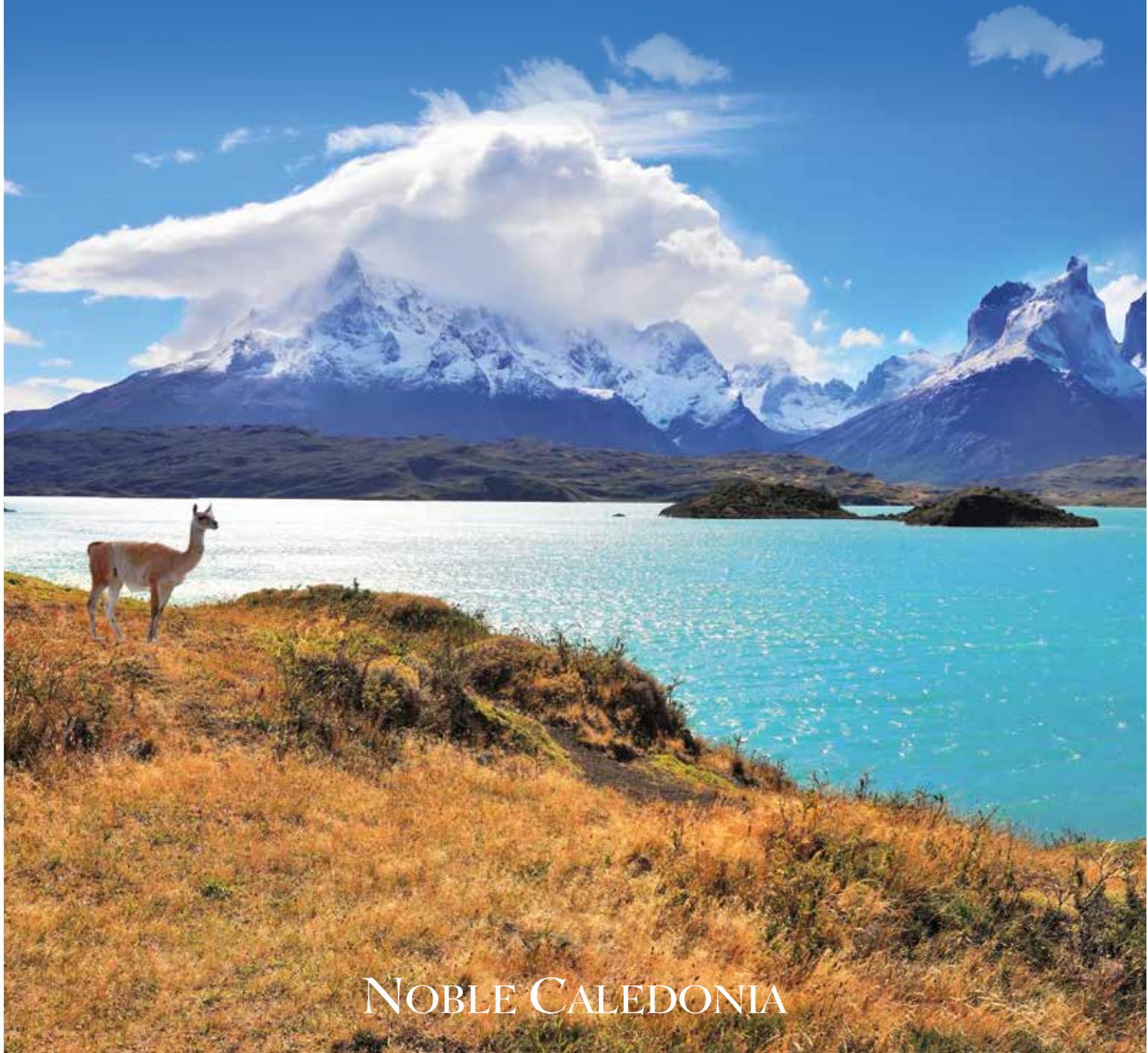


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PATAGONIA & THE CHILEAN FJORDS

AN EXPLORATION OF THE LAND OF FIRE & ICE
FROM USHUAIA TO VALPARAISO
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY
8TH TO 26TH MARCH 2020



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Those who have a passion for the wilder places on our planet usually have Patagonia on their must do list. Shaped by fire and ice, this rugged, yet hauntingly beautiful land of windswept pampas, hanging glaciers and cloud piercing peaks, remains today as enticing and fascinating as it did to Magellan, Drake and more latterly Darwin. We will be sailing these waters exactly 500 years after Ferdinand Magellan became the first European to navigate what is now known as the Magellan Strait in 1520.

Chile is made for cruising. Its shape and geographic location is just perfect; thousands of miles of coastline that you can of course explore aboard one of the many huge cruise vessels calling at the major cities of South America, or alternatively join us aboard the MS Hebridean Sky and enjoy the wonders of this magical country, some of which only small ships have access to. With our fleet of onboard Zodiacs we will be able to explore deep into the fjord system away from the larger cruise vessels which may be in the region.

Wildlife abounds here and the skies are filled with the cries of seabirds. Albatross and petrels wheel overhead and sea lions bark from their rocky outcrops. Helping us understand all the wonders we will encounter will be our experts and expedition staff who will accompany us ashore and our highly adaptable Zodiac craft will allow us to enter tiny inlets and explore fjords and stretches of magnificent coastline.

What to Expect...

Flexibility is the key to an expedition cruise; sometimes the whole day's schedule may be changed to maximise your experience. Each day holds something new and the below extracts from a past expedition log will provide you with an idea of what to expect during your voyage.

FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2018 – CAPE HORN

The night had passed smoothly and we awoke to a promising day as the sun rose over relatively calm waters at our anchorage off Cape Horn. Not many can say they have anchored off Cape Horn and enjoyed a quiet breakfast but today we had been blessed. A scouting Zodiac returned from the shore with the great news that a landing was possible so we all prepared for the first outing of our voyage. Remembering the details given in the Zodiac briefing the evening prior we boarded the Zodiacs for the short crossing from ship to shore to land on a boulder beach on the sheltered side of the island. The two main objectives of the visit were the Chilean Naval Station, encompassing the lighthouse and chapel, and the monument honouring all the sailors who lost their lives sailing around the Horn. The climb to the top of the stairs proved to be unexpectedly very interesting botanically. The morning grew warmer as we traced the helpful, but occasionally rickety, boardwalk to the ingeniously crafted steel albatross monument. The on duty Chilean custodian of the lighthouse seemed pleased to welcome company on their isolated island. The sun continued to shine as we explored the lighthouse and environs. All too soon it was time to return to the MS Hebridean Sky, but lunch awaited, so life was not too bad. We were destined to travel back north, but as time and weather conditions permitted Captain Niklas Peterstam was able, and willing to take us on an anticlockwise circumnavigation of the whole island, completing the tour with a blast of the ship's horn to salute this very special place we had been privileged to visit.



SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2018 – PUNTA ARENAS AND MAGDELENA ISLAND

It was an early start to the day as we embarked in the Zodiacs at 7.30am on a calm but decidedly cool morning. Our objective for the day was Magdelana Island to visit the penguin colony that is home to maybe 58,000 pairs of Magellanic penguins. We took a short journey by coach to board our exclusively chartered ferry which reached the island in under two hours. Our arrival coincided with the tail end of the penguin breeding cycle. Before us were many adult birds in the process of moulting. The birders amongst us took interest in the menacing looking skuas that were lurking with intent and also some ever active waders skipping along the tide line. The stars of the show though were undoubtedly the penguins which never fail to delight the eye, even when exhausted by family duties. Back aboard the MS Hebridean Sky Sebastian gave his second presentation entitled Shackleton in Chile, a stirring tale of derring-do from the early 1900s. Having only short experience of life in an open boat we marvelled once again at the exploits and fortitude of the stout bunch of men under the command of Sir Ernest Shackleton. Continuing our passage through the convoluted channels of the Chilean Fjords we rounded the southernmost tip of mainland South America. The ever changing lighting was fabulous as the angle of the sun's rays decreased casting bright and bluish search light shafts of light onto the white cross marking the Cape, and the surface of the sea and land beyond.



Chilean Fjords and Glaciers

Sea lion and pup

Chiloe Island

Santiago

Magellanic Penguins

Valparaiso



Palermo with 741 acres of gardens and artificial ponds surrounded by elegant buildings. This afternoon is free to relax before we meet this evening for a tango show and dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4 Buenos Aires to Ushuaia. Enjoy breakfast in the hotel before we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Ushuaia. On arrival, transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and sail this evening. Enjoy the scenery as we enter the Beagle Channel, named after the HMS Beagle which Robert Fitzroy piloted through this extraordinarily beautiful channel with naturalist Charles Darwin in the 1830s.

Day 5 Cape Horn. We will make our way around Cape Horn, one of the best known maritime landmarks in the world. Magellan was the first European visitor here in 1520 and prior to the opening of the Panama Canal it was an important staging post. Weather permitting we hope to use our Zodiacs to land and enjoy a walk to the monument. This afternoon we return to the Beagle Channel. Here the mountains, still partly unmapped, drop as sheer, densely wooded cliffs into the channel and six glaciers flow from the 8000 foot Mount Darwin into the sea. Penguins, dolphins and the South American sea lions abound here in the channel.

Days 6 to 12 Chilean Fjords, Punta Arenas & Torres del Paine National Park, Chile. During the next seven days we will enjoy some of the most stunning scenery imaginable. This vast area of mountains, glaciers, islands, lakes and waterfalls is untouched by man except for a few fishing villages which perch at 'the end of the world'. We will make good use of our time exploring the

beautiful protected waters, enjoying the renowned fjords of southern Chile which rival those of southeast Alaska in their raw beauty and prolific wildlife. Crystal clear reflections of vertical walls and hanging glaciers are broken only by the ripples of dolphins and whales, whilst overhead, the sky is alive with seabirds. See how quickly you run out of suitable adjectives to describe all you are witnessing. Our route will be managed by our experienced Captain and Expedition Leader alongside the local pilots. As well as stunning scenic cruising, the area is ideal for Zodiac forays. From Punta Arenas we will travel to Magdalena Island to see the Magellan penguins that return each year to mate and live in large groups on the beach. This is now a protected area and the colony numbers are up to 10,000. As we continue our journey we hope to navigate the Kirke Narrows, a remarkable channel leading between lush, forested shores, so narrow it can only be sailed at low tide. Dropping anchor at Puerto Natales, we enjoy a full day in South America's largest national park, the Torres del Paine. This is one of the most spectacular places on earth, a vast uninhabited wilderness of glacier-draped mountains, windswept pampas, turquoise glacial lakes and verdant valleys. Look out for herds of guanacos (a smaller version of the llama), rheas, Patagonian hares, foxes and rich birdlife and see the stunning rock formations of the Horns of Paine. We also hope to operate Zodiac excursions ashore in some of the remote fjords we pass on our journey.

Day 13 Chiloe Island. Chile's second largest island, Chiloe Island was one of the first Spanish strongholds

in the Pacific Southern South America. Once the island had been conquered, it was hard for indigenous uprisings to reconquer and as a result it became a major link in the Spanish trade route around Cape Horn. The island was also visited by Darwin aboard the HMS Beagle in 1831. Our visit ashore on this mainly forested island will include Castro, one of the oldest towns in the Americas, known for its unique wooden architecture and stilted houses, see the wooden cathedral of St Francis and the historic old quarter.

Day 14 Puerto Montt. Just when you thought you had seen the best Chile has to offer, we land at picturesque Puerto Montt, a resort town in the Lake District. Settled by German colonists in the mid-19th century, much of its early Middle-European styled architecture remains, rendering a slightly bizarre feel in such an obviously un-European setting. Leaving the ship we will head to the Vicente Perez Rosales National Park which is the oldest in Chile and contains three commanding volcanoes in Osorno, Calbuco and Puntiagudo. We will see the mighty Petrohue River and the rapids that crash through lava channels creating a series of magnificent waterfalls. We will return to the ship via Puerto Varas situated in a stunning location on Lago Llanquihue with a backdrop of the Osorno volcano.

Day 15 Valdivia. After a morning at sea we arrive in Niebla the port that serves the nearby colonial city of Valdivia, one of the oldest European settlements in Chile. An afternoon excursion will include

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Buenos Aires. Arrive this morning and transfer to the Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) for a two night stay. Rooms will be available on arrival and the remainder of the day and evening are free to relax and explore independently.

Day 3 Buenos Aires. During our guided morning tour we will visit the Plaza de Mayo, the Cathedral and the Cabildo (Old City Hall) before we continue towards the most traditional neighbourhood of Buenos Aires, San Telmo which is characterised by its old colonial houses and the cobblestoned streets. We will continue to the neighbourhood of La Boca to look around the colourful zinc houses which used to be the refuge and home for the first immigrants and popular artists. We will see the woods of



Petrohue River

time visiting Niebla Fort, one of the largest strongholds in Valdivia, it played a vital role in the city's defence thanks to its strategic positioning and unhindered views of the Pacific Ocean. Learn how Lord Cochrane expelled the Spanish troops from the forts on behalf of the newly formed Chilean governments in the 1920s. We will spend some time exploring the anthropological museum and enjoy a beer tasting at the Kunstmann Brewery.

Day 16 At sea. Enjoy a relaxing day on board as we continue our journey north along the Chilean coast.

Day 17 Valparaiso to Santiago. Disembark this morning and enjoy

a morning in Valparaiso. Visit Fisherman's Wharf, the Plaza Sotomayor and the Naval Academy before heading to the Casablanca Valley which is now one of the country's premier wine areas and we will enjoy a tasting and lunch at one of the vineyards. This afternoon on arrival in Santiago we transfer to the Intercontinental Hotel (or similar) and have the remainder of the day to explore independently.

Day 18 Santiago to London. After breakfast in the hotel transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 19 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£8695	£8495
Byrd	Superior	£8995	£8795
Mawson	Premium	£9495	£9295
Mawson	Corner	£9995	£9795
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£10995	£10795
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£11495	£11295
Shackleton	Hebridean	£12895	£12695
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Byrd	Superior for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires and overnight in Santiago on a bed & breakfast basis • Half day Buenos Aires tour • Tango show & dinner in Buenos Aires • 13 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • Wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-Cruise Iguazu Falls Extension

5th to 9th March 2020



Iguazu Falls



Buenos Aires

Before joining your fellow travellers in Buenos Aires, prior to the cruise, we are offering the opportunity to visit the Iguazu Falls, considered by many to be the most dramatic waterfalls in the world.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Buenos Aires. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Buenos Aires, Argentina. Arrive this morning and transfer to the Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay. Rooms will be available on arrival and the remainder of the day and evening are free to relax and explore independently.

Day 3 Buenos Aires to Iguazu Falls. After breakfast in the hotel transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Iguazu Falls. On arrival transfer to our hotel the Loi Suites (or similar) for our two night stay and this afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the Brazilian side of the falls.

Day 4 Iguazu Falls. Enjoy a full day at the Iguazu Falls on a series of guided walks seeing the upper and lower circuits and also the Triple Frontier the meeting point of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay.

Day 5 Iguazu Falls to Buenos Aires. Return to the airport this morning and join our scheduled flight to Buenos Aires. On arrival transfer to the Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) and join our fellow travellers (follow main itinerary from day 2).

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1545**; Single: **£1995**

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, overnight hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires and two nights hotel accommodation in Iguazu Falls at the Loi Suites, breakfast daily, lunch and dinner on days 3 & 4, guided tours at the Iguazu Falls, gratuities, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



Alfresco Dining



Owner's Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

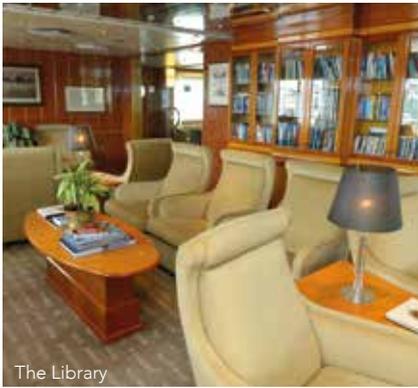
The MS Hebridean Sky is one of our three flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Island Sky and MS Caledonian Sky. All three vessels were built in the same ship yard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them three of the finest small ships in the world. With a maximum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

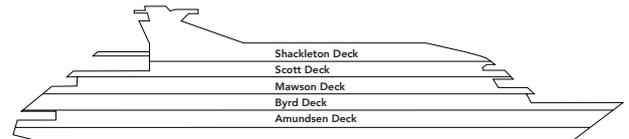
Your Comfort

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



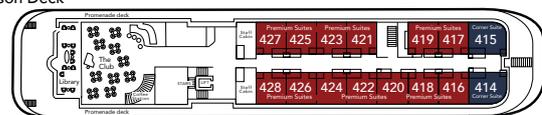
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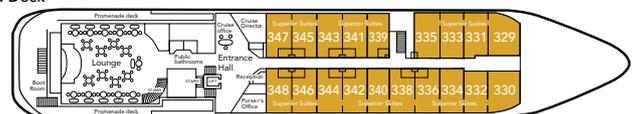
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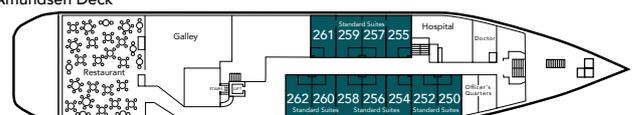
Mawson Deck



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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