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PATAGONIAN ODYSSEY

AN EXPLORATION OF PATAGONIA'S NATURAL
WONDERS INCLUDING THE CHILEAN FJORDS
ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY

10TH TO 27TH MARCH 2020

NOBLE CALEDONIA

Torres del Paine National Park



Cape Horn



La Boca, Buenos Aires

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. 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 Island 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 shall 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 past expedition logs will provide you with an idea of what to expect during your voyage.

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 ship, 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.

CRUISING THE CHILEAN FJORDS

Expedition Stop at 1030 am, the sun was shining brightly, and the water was crystal clear and we spent about an hour and a half exploring the islands and rocks and their varied flora and fauna by Zodiac. The nearest island was called Isla Lilian and the nearest rock, which had cormorants and dolphin gulls on it, was called Roca Gloria. It was interesting to see that the floral composition of the forests on the banks had changed. A ringed kingfisher remained perched on a branch long enough for most Zodiacs in the area to get good views and photos. However, the fauna put on a good show too. We had good views of a large colony of sea lions, who were accompanied by adult and juvenile condors and by white-throated caracaras and turkey vultures. In a different spot, where there were overhanging cliffs, we saw king cormorants with fledglings. The most attractive flowers were prickly heath and the bush-like daisy called fashine, whilst the most common tree was Lenga (Nothofagus pumilio).

KIRKE NARROWS, PUERTO NATALES & TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

The first spectacle of the day was when MS Island Sky passed through the Kirke Narrows. Later we arrived in front of Puerto Natales with a cloudless blue sky and no wind. We boarded coaches and headed north through pre-cordillera prairies and shrubland to visit the Torres del Paine National Park. We entered the park to visit the lake formed by Grey Glacier. The beautiful lake was full of spectacular icebergs and surrounded by mature Lenga forest. Everywhere we went in the park, the view was dominated by the impressive jagged skyline of the peaks of the "Torres del Paine". Surprisingly, most of the peaks are less than 3000 metres high, but they appear huge since they are awesomely steep and rise from near sea level.



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 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 Island 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 1530 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 13 Chilean Fjords, Punta Arenas & Torres del Paine National Park, Chile. During the next eight 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 14 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 15 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 Puntiaquido. 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



Petrohue River

Lago Llanquihue with a backdrop of the Osorno volcano.

Day 16 Puerto Montt to Santiago to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for your flight to Santiago. Upon arrival transfer to the Intercontinental Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay and have the remainder of the day to explore independently. Alternatively join our post-cruise extension.

Day 17 Santiago to London. After breakfast in the hotel, transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 18 London. Arrive this morning.



Andean Condor

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£8695	£8395
Columbus	Superior	£8995	£8695
Marco Polo	Premium	£9795	£9495
Marco Polo	Corner	£10495	£10195
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£11095	£10795
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£11695	£11395
Explorer	Island Suite	£12895	£12595
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£11995	£11695
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£12595	£12295

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires on a bed and breakfast basis • Half day Buenos Aires tour • Tango show & dinner in Buenos Aires • 12 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • Wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes • Overnight hotel accommodation in Santiago on a bed and breakfast basis.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-Cruise Iguazu Falls Extension 7th to 11th March 2020



Iguazu Falls

Before joining your fellow travelers in Buenos Aires, we are offering the opportunity to join an extension to the awe-inspiring Iguazu Falls with time to explore both sides of the Falls and the wonderful Atlantic rainforest setting with its unique flora and fauna.

The Itinerary

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

Day 2 Buenos Aires. Arrive this morning and transfer to the Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay.

Day 3 Buenos Aires to Iguazu Falls. After breakfast transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Iguazu Falls. On arrival transfer to our hotel the Loi Suites (or similar) 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 (follow main itinerary from day 2).

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twinn: **£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 with breakfast daily, lunch and dinner on days 3 & 4, guided tours at the Iguazu Falls, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Post-Cruise Andes & Lake District Extension – 25th to 30th March 2020



Osorno Volcano

After disembarking the Island Sky travel across the Andes from Chile to Argentina through the majestic Three Lakes Crossing and explore Bariloche, beautifully situated on the steep, wooden shores of Lake Nahuel Huapi in the Argentinian Lake District.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Puerto Montt to Peulla.

After breakfast we disembark and travel by coach to Petrohue at the foot of the Osorno Volcano in the Perez Rosales National Park. Discover the impressive waterfalls before embarking a local boat to cross the emerald waters of Todos Los Santos Lake. On arrival at Peulla, later in the afternoon, we transfer to our Eco Lodge, Hotel Natura (or similar) for an overnight stay.

Day 2 Peulla to Bariloche. Enjoy a full day, spectacular drive across the Andes including crossing two lakes by local boat, Lake Frias and Lake Nahuel Huapi, before reaching Bariloche in the Argentinian Lake District. Here we check in for our two night stay and dinner at Llao Llao Hotel (or similar).

Day 3 Bariloche. After breakfast enjoy a scenic sightseeing tour or alternatively a hike with typical outdoor lunch before spending an afternoon at leisure. Dinner

will be served at the hotel.

Day 4 Bariloche to Buenos Aires. Transfer to the airport for our internal scheduled flight to Buenos Aires. Overnight at the Sheraton Hotel (or similar). Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 5 Buenos Aires to London. After breakfast transfer to the airport for our flight to London

Day 6 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twinn: **£1795** Single: **£2295**

Price Includes: Four nights accommodation on bed and breakfast basis as described (or similar), dinner on days 1, 2 & 3, excursions, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers, taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

NB. This extension involves considerable overland travel with a mixture of private and public buses as well as public ferries. Changeable mountain weather can be expected.

MS ISLAND SKY



Friendly Service



Owner's Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

The much loved MS Island Sky is one of our three flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Hebridean 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 Island 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. Each affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped 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 Island 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.



Standard Suite



The Club



The Library

Your Space

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Columbus 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 Marco Polo 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 Columbus 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 Magellan Deck, and outside there is a rear Lido Deck located on the Erikson Deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. Further to this on the top Explorer Deck there is an observation area ideal for spotting wildlife, complete with sun loungers for sunbathing, relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. The Promenade Deck wraps around the whole ship giving 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.

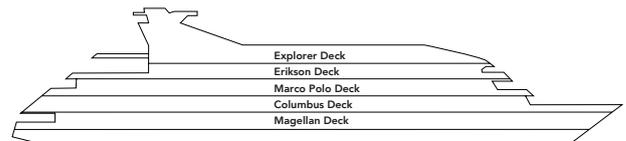
Your Comfort

The MS Island 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.

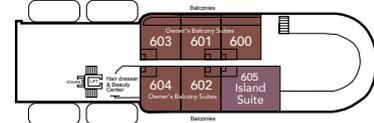
Your Life On Board

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 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 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.

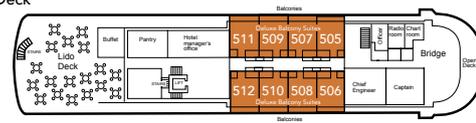
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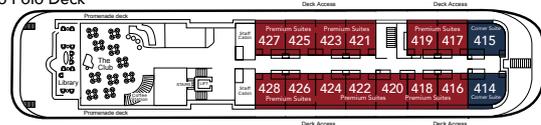
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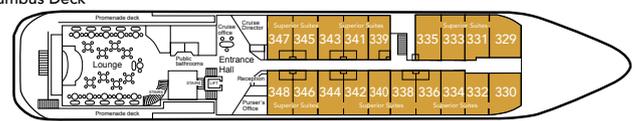
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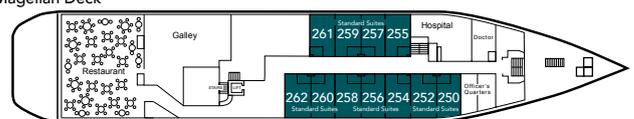
Marco Polo Deck



Columbus Deck



Magellan Deck



- Standard Suites
- Corner Suites with Deck Access
- Owner's Balcony Suites
- Superior Suites
- Deluxe Balcony Suites
- Island Suite
- Premium Suites with Deck Access



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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