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# REMOTE ATLANTIC ISLANDS

A UNIQUE EXPEDITION THROUGH  
THE SOUTH ATLANTIC ISLANDS  
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY  
11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021



Join us on this epic expedition which will begin at the world's southernmost city and end some 33 days later in Senegal. A voyage of many thousands of miles that will include some of the most remote and fascinating islands in the southern Atlantic. Our natural world encounters will be extraordinary whether your interest lies in birds, marine life or wildlife; as will the botany and cultural life of the islands.

Exploration, trade and colonial ambitions over many centuries have created unique island communities and lifestyles as islands became stepping stones across the South Atlantic Ocean. With just 100 or so fellow travellers you can enjoy the small ship experience and travel slowly with an expert expedition team who also relish the chance to undertake such a unique journey and share their knowledge and enthusiasm with you.

This island odyssey begins with two days in the Falkland Islands where we will discover both the natural and cultural heritage of the islands before continuing to the extraordinary island of South Georgia, one of the world's natural wonders - 'the Alps in mid-ocean', offering remarkable concentrations of shoreline wildlife against a dramatic backdrop of glaciers and snow covered mountains. Here also is the last resting place of the great explorer Shackleton.

Our onward passage will take us to what will perhaps be the highlight of the journey for many, the island of Tristan da Cunha, the world's most remote island and home to a hardy population of around 250. Tristan was ignored by early explorers as a possible home due to its rugged landscape and harsh climate. It took an extraordinary breed of people, ready to live on the margins of life, to settle and eventually thrive in the world's most isolated community. We will discover the main settlement on the island, Edinburgh of the Seven Seas, and explore the island on a series of walks. We continue to St Helena which, like Tristan da Cunha has relatively little contact with the outside world. Colonised in the 17th century by the East India Company as an important staging post for their vessels, it is perhaps best known as Napoleon's final home. We also visit Ascension, situated less than 500 miles from the Equator. We will land on the important military air base island and explore the lowland arid and lunar like landscape. By contrast the highest point, Green Mountain is covered in lush vegetation.

We end our remote islands adventure in the Bijagos Archipelago which comprises a group of 88 small islands, several of which are uninhabited, and most of which are very rarely visited by foreigners. Here we will enjoy Zodiac cruising and landings ashore for beachcombing or swimming.

For those who love the sea and long voyages, enjoy travelling off the beaten track and escaping from the world for a few weeks this is a marvellous trip and an adventure. Our days at sea will be punctuated by calls to little visited islands and we will see amazing sea bird life, travel with whales, set foot in places where few have trodden before and enjoy good company, some fascinating onboard lectures, marvellous food and one of the most comfortable expedition vessels in the world.





Humpback whale



Buenos Aires



Falkland Islands



Brown Booby, Ascension Island

## Our View

*“This is a unique opportunity to visit some of the most remote inhabited islands in the world and meet the people that call these places home. This would be an impossible trip to create independently and we have the added benefit of our all-suite vessel to provide a base as we sail between these island groups. Our onboard lectures will further our understanding of these waters whilst our naturalists will ensure they keep an eye out for any wildlife we encounter on the way. Travelling from the tip of South America, across the equator to West Africa we will see a range of wildlife, different cultures and experience a world away from our own.”*



Tristan da Cunha



Exploring by Zodiac

## Travelling with you

In addition to the excellent officers and crew, you will be joined on board by our expedition team composed of experts in the culture, history and wildlife of the region. The expedition team will add greatly to your experience through informal talks on board, guided Zodiac landings and during the small group explorations ashore. The daily programme will be in the capable hands of the Expedition Leader who will coordinate with the Captain and Officers on board to make the most of each day, the weather and wildlife sightings. Members of the expedition team joining you for this voyage include:



### Guest Speaker - Rear Admiral Roy Clare CBE DL

In addition to our expert expedition team, we will be joined on board by Guest Speaker, Rear Admiral Roy Clare. Roy first visited islands in the Atlantic on ships of the Union Castle Line. A childhood recollection is landing by boat in Jamestown, St Helena and climbing the 700 steps to the summit of Jacob's Ladder. From junior seaman to Rear Admiral, Roy served in the Royal Navy on a dozen ships worldwide. He navigated the Atlantic using a sextant, sailing as Mate in the navy's yacht Adventure from Rio de Janeiro to Portsmouth. His commands included destroyers and the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible. Roy retired early from the navy twenty years ago to develop his passion for maritime history. He has since been accountable for extensive museum collections of international significance; and many of relevance to the Atlantic. His executive appointments have included: Director of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich; and Director of Auckland War Memorial Museum, New Zealand. Roy has competed in the Fastnet and Sydney-Hobart ocean races, but now sails purely for pleasure. He and his wife Sarah, an Anglican Priest, live in Tollesbury where they keep a boat. In 2007 Roy was made CBE 'for services to museums'. In 2018 he was commissioned as a Deputy Lieutenant for Essex.



### Naturalist & Stargazer - Ian Bullock

Ian Bullock is a British biologist who lives in St. Davids, Pembrokeshire, on the south-western seaboard of Wales. From childhood seaside holidays in Cornwall to his university training as a zoologist in Bangor, North Wales he has always been drawn to wilder shores of the world. Since 1978 he has specialised in seabird surveys, habitat management for endangered species and the conservation of remote island nature reserves. For 25 years he worked for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, as both research biologist and reserve warden, censusing seabird colonies, establishing new reserves for conservation and managing offshore islands. This has led him to work in many far-flung and exotic locations, from Arctic Tern populations in Shetland, via reserve management in Seychelles, to penguin research in Antarctica. He has worked as naturalist on expedition cruise vessels since 1990 in temperate, tropical and polar environments, from Alaska via St. Helena and Tristan da Cunha to Zanzibar. He is a keen stargazer, and even chose his house so that he could enjoy the heavens far from light pollution. He loves the sea, wildlife and wilderness and feels very privileged to be able to share that enthusiasm with fellow adventurers prepared to voyage to remote locations.

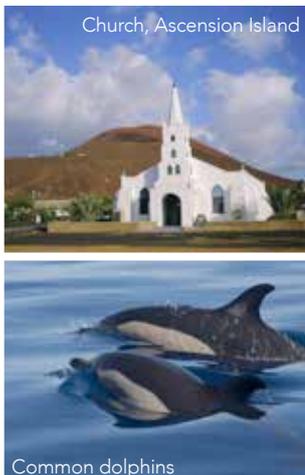


### Photographer - Sue Forbes

Sue has been creating wildlife, landscape and travel photos for more than 20 years, travelling to over 80 countries on all seven continents. She has combined this passion with an unusual career including everything from the Royal Air Force to various executive roles in Silicon Valley, California. Sue left her last job, at Motorola, to focus solely on wildlife and travel photography and her work has been published in newspapers, magazines and books in the UK and US since then. She spends most of the time on various Noble Caledonia ships as a member of the expedition staff helping passengers take home great photos and learn more about their cameras / smartphones. Sue is an avid naturalist looking at wildlife behaviour from a photographer's perspective and has taught about wildlife and photography on expeditions ships around the world. Sue's philosophy in photographing wildlife is to capture their behaviours so that the viewer is transported into their world and understands more than just a visual representation of the animal. She can also be found driving the odd Zodiac! Sue has a BSc in Electronic Engineering from Warwick University, UK and an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business, California.



Jacob's Ladder, St. Helena



Church, Ascension Island

Common dolphins



Georgetown, Ascension Island

## The Itinerary

Please note that flexibility is key to a successful expedition. This voyage will include several days at sea on ocean passages. Our landings will be weather dependent and we have factored in more than one day in each remote island group to optimise our chances of getting ashore. Our exact route and landings will depend on weather and sea conditions and wildlife encountered.

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

**Day 2 Buenos Aires.** Arrive this morning and transfer to our centrally located hotel for an overnight stay. This afternoon you can choose to relax at the hotel or join an orientation tour of the city which will include the Plaza de Mayo, the Cathedral, the Cabildo (Old City Hall) and the most traditional neighbourhood of Buenos Aires, San Telmo which is characterised by its old colonial houses and cobblestoned streets. The tour will end in La Boca with time to look around the colourful zinc houses. This evening there will be the opportunity to attend a Tango show with dinner in a local restaurant.

**Day 3 Buenos Aires to Ushuaia.** After breakfast in the hotel we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Ushuaia. On arrival in the world's southernmost city we will transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and sail this evening.

**Day 4 At Sea.** Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Wildlife spotting opportunities as we sail across the ocean will include albatrosses, prions and petrels that frequently follow the ship. Our expedition team will be out on deck looking for whales and dolphins that may also be seen in the area. During

our crossing to the Falkland Islands our onboard experts will begin their presentations with informative and entertaining talks on the wildlife, history and geology of the Falkland Islands and Southern Ocean.

**Days 5 & 6 Falkland Islands.** The Falkland Islands are isolated, windswept, a haven for wildlife and our base for a couple of days of exploration. Our visit in March should coincide with the end of the breeding season for the many seabirds that make these islands their summer home including Gentoo, Magellanic and rockhopper penguins and black-browed albatross. We hope to see the flurry of activity associated with fledging seabirds and adults departing the islands before the autumn closes in. We will use our Zodiacs to find a suitable location to land for a closer look. We also plan to call at Port Stanley, the charming capital of the Falkland Islands, and discover some of the historic sites there from the museums to the battlefields.

**Days 7 & 8 At Sea.** As we cruise towards South Georgia the richness of these waters will be evident in the marine mammal life, especially the fur seals on fishing forays. We have a good chance of spotting humpback and fin whales whilst the birds circling our stern will be outstanding, especially the large albatrosses and numerous breeds of petrels.

**Days 9 to 11 South Georgia.** We have three days of expedition cruising in and around South Georgia, a paradise island with snow-clad mountain peaks rising 9000 feet and with 165 glaciers tumbling down towards the sea. It is the large colonies of king penguins that make South

Georgia's animal kingdom one of our planet's greatest wonders. The king penguins raise their young in the sub-Antarctic summer and our visit will be in the autumn when fluffy brown chicks crowd the shores like a huge kindergarten. We hope to catch the wandering albatross and migrating whales as the wildlife starts to prepare for the upcoming winter. Witness incredible scenes of this unique animal paradise on walks, hikes and Zodiac rides whilst our onboard team of biologists and geologists increase your knowledge of this unique natural experience. Meanwhile in Grytviken we will visit the old whaling station and of course pay our respect at the grave of 'the boss' – Ernest Shackleton.

**Days 12 to 16 At Sea.** Our lecture programme will continue as will opportunities to watch for wildlife from the deck as we sail towards the most remote inhabited archipelago of islands in the world at Tristan Da Cunha.

**Days 17 & 18 Tristan da Cunha.** First sighted in the early 16th century and settled in the early 1800s, Tristan da Cunha was frequented by naval ships, whalers and sealers throughout the 19th century. Today it is home to some 250 hardy souls who make their living from the sea. With our two days here there will be plenty of time to spend visiting the main settlement of Edinburgh of the Seven Seas where local guides will tell us about the island's history and culture. Maybe take a hike to the volcano where we learn about the 1961 eruption and the impact on the local population, ending at the Thatched House Museum which preserves a home from that time. Other walks will include the cliffs and the potato patches where

we can hear about the islander's subsistence farming. We also hope to visit Nightingale Island, one of the most unique wildlife strongholds in the world and home to thousands of seabirds.

**Days 19 to 22 At Sea.** Leaving Tristan da Cunha we continue our journey north towards St Helena. Our onboard naturalists will search for wildlife whilst we hope for clear skies to enjoy stargazing in the evenings.

**Days 23 to 25 St Helena.** Discovered by the Portuguese in 1502 the island of St Helena has been both a Dutch and British possession. In the late 17th century the island became a strategically important port of call in the British Empire and was controlled by the East India Company for over 200 years. However, the island is perhaps best known as Napoleon's last place of exile. He died here in 1821 after a six year exile and we will visit Longwood House, Napoleon's residence. Explore the tiny capital of Jamestown and see the courthouse, government buildings and library. Those feeling active may want to climb the 699 steps of Jacob's Ladder with views over Jamestown. During a range of walks for all levels, there will be time to explore the surrounding countryside, experience some amazing views and witness the prolific birdlife, including the endemic St Helena wirebird. Keen coffee lovers may want to try the rare 'Green Tipped Bourbon Arabica' grown on the island since 1732 whilst a visit to the most remote distillery in the world will provide the opportunity to taste the local gin, rum and 'Tungi' made from local prickly pears. Being here on Easter Sunday we also hope to offer the chance to join the church service.



Penguins surfing



Tristan da Cunha



Egret and weaverbirds, Bijagos Archipelago



Falkland Islands

**Days 26 & 27 At Sea.** Enjoy a relaxing couple of days aboard the MS Hebridean Sky as we continue our journey to the next group of remote islands of the Atlantic Ocean.

**Days 28 & 29 Ascension Island.** Named after the day it was discovered and first inhabited in 1815 by a British Garrison, today Ascension Island plays an important role in supplying British forces and scientists based in the South Atlantic. It is also a huge marine reserve to protect the unique ecosystem which is home to huge marlin, green turtles and the endemic frigate bird. We hope to take the opportunity to climb Green Mountain, explore the small capital of Georgetown and if time and conditions allows circumnavigate Boatswain Bird Island.

**Days 30 to 32 At Sea.** During our time at sea we will cross the equator as we continue our

voyage north and towards the West African coast.

**Days 33 & 34 Bijagos Archipelago, Guinea Bissau.** We end our remote islands adventure in the Bijagos Archipelago which comprises a group of 88 small islands, several of which are uninhabited, and most of which are very rarely visited by foreigners. From our Zodiacs we will cruise among the mangroves and land ashore for beachcombing or swimming. Our programme by Zodiac and ashore will be determined by tidal and weather conditions but one thing is for sure, you will not be disappointed by these extraordinary islands.

**Day 35 Dakar, Senegal to London.** Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. Arrive this afternoon.

**PRICES PER PERSON**  
Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£11995	£11495
Byrd	Superior	£12295	£11795
Mawson	Premium	£12595	£12095
Mawson	Corner	£12995	£12495
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£14495	£13995
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£14995	£14495
Shackleton	Hebridean	£16995	£16495
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£11995	£11495
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£12295	£11795

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires with breakfast • 32 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia expedition team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Use of waterproof boots on board • Port taxes.  
**Not Included:** Travel insurance, Guinea Bissau visa.

**Pre-cruise Iguazu Falls Extension**  
8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Iguazu Falls

Before joining our group in Buenos Aires, 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, Argentina.** Fly by scheduled flight.
- Day 2 Buenos Aires.** Arrive this morning and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. Remainder of the day and evening at leisure.
- Day 3 Buenos Aires to Iguazu Falls.** After breakfast at the hotel we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Iguazu Falls. On arrival check in to the hotel and this afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the falls. Today we will explore the Brazilian side of the falls walking through the tropical rainforest.
- 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. Highlights today include the 80 metre fall "Garganta del Diablo" (Devil's Throat).
- 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 hotel and join our fellow travellers (follow main itinerary from day 2).

**PRICES PER PERSON**  
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Twin: **£1795** Single: **£2245**

**Price Includes:** Economy class scheduled air travel, overnight hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires and two nights hotel accommodation in Iguazu Falls with breakfast daily, lunch and dinner on days 3 & 4, guided tours at the Iguazu Falls, transfers, airport taxes. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

# MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



Staff On Board



Owner's Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

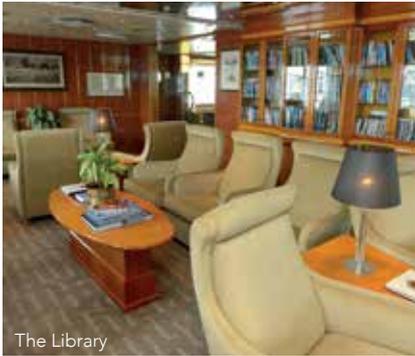
The MS Hebridean Sky is one of our three flag ships and sister vessel to the MS Island Sky and MS Caledonian Sky. All three vessels were built in the same ship yard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them three of the finest small ships in the world. With a maximum 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. 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



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 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 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.

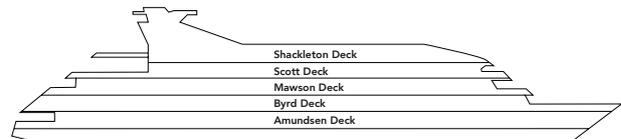


During this voyages you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

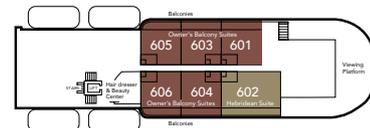


Alfresco Dining

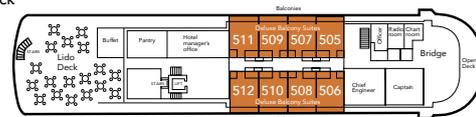
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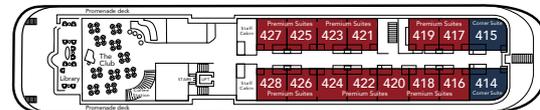
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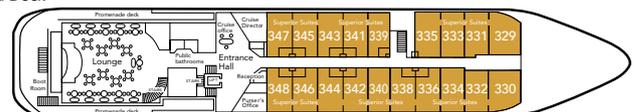
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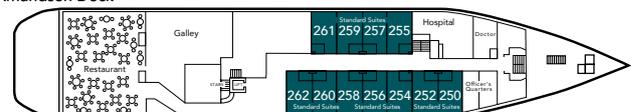
#### Mawson Deck



#### 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.



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