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SAILING SOUTH TO SEVILLE

A VOYAGE FROM PORTSMOUTH TO SEVILLE
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

18TH TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018



NOBLE CALEDONIA



La Rochelle

Join us aboard the elegant MS Hebridean Sky for a voyage that will take us along the beautiful Brittany and Aquitaine coasts to Spain's remarkable Galicia and then continue around Iberia and along the Guadalquivir River to Seville. Follow in the footsteps of early seamen who undertook this classic voyage as they traded between the Mediterranean and Europe's northern realms. We will see the legacy of many civilisations and kingdoms as we visit the coastal regions and towns steeped in history. In the main we will give the large ports a wide berth, preferring to call into small islands and out of the way places. We have ensured our voyage is a well-balanced itinerary incorporating guided excursions along with time for individual exploration as well as some day time sailing.

September is the perfect time to enjoy a cruise from the United Kingdom to France, Spain and Portugal. School holidays are over, the crowds have dispersed and the weather is cooling down, making it ideal for explorations ashore. Who could fail to be enchanted by the natural splendour of the coastal scenery, the fishing villages and picturesque harbours, or by the timeless beauty of Medieval Coimbra and Lisbon. Likewise who could not be impressed as they enter the modern world of Bilbao's iconoclastic Guggenheim Museum to view some of the world's greatest works of modern art and admire the splendid Moorish and Christian treasures of Seville.

VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the small and charming islands off the coast of Brittany, Ile de Batz and Belle Ile as well as Guernsey & Herm
- Visit the cities of Oviedo and Coimbra with their rich Medieval history
- Explore the iconic cities of Lisbon and Seville
- Admire distinctive architecture from Moorish Alcazar Palace, Manueline Jeronimos Monastery to 17th century French Chateau and the modern Guggenheim Museum.
- Enjoy an exclusive Flamenco performance

The Itinerary

Day 1 Portsmouth, UK. Embark the MS Hebridean Sky in the afternoon and sail out in the evening past the historic docks and coastline of Portsmouth. Transfers will be provided from Portsmouth Harbour Railway station at a fixed time.

Day 2 Guernsey & Herm, Channel Islands. Arrive this morning on Guernsey, the 'Island of Flowers' and anchor off St Peter Port. There will be the option of a walking tour of St Peter Port including a visit to Castle Cornet, a 12th century battlement which guards the entrance to St Peter Port Harbour. Alternatively, enjoy a panoramic drive during which we will see the beautiful coastline and beaches and also visit the Little Chapel, built in 1914 as a miniature version of the famous basilica at Lourdes and covered in fragments of shattered china. Over lunch we will sail the short distance to Herm, the smallest inhabited Channel Island and at just one and a half miles long and half a mile wide, perfect for exploring on foot. You will have free time to explore, perhaps take a stroll over to Shell or Belvoir Beach.

Day 3 Ile de Batz & Roscoff, Brittany. This morning we arrive in Roscoff, on the coast of Brittany with its impressive, granite Renaissance mansions built by wealthy merchants, and the beautifully restored Gothic Church. It was here that Mary Stuart landed en-route to join the French



court. We will take a short ferry ride to the nearby charming Ile de Batz, a small traffic free island which at only three square miles, is a wonderful place to spend a morning. Wander at leisure or join us as we walk to the Jardin George Delaselle. This exotic garden was developed in 1897 and now contains more than 2500 different varieties of plants originating from as far afield as New Zealand and Chile as well as an excellent collection of palms. We return to MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and sail later in the afternoon allowing for some time to explore Roscoff at leisure.

Day 4 Lorient and Belle Ile. From the port of Lorient we travel the short distance to discover the Neolithic site at Carnac where unique rows of standing stones



Bilbao

Ile de Batz

indicate civilisations dating back to 4,000BC. We also discover the charming harbour of Saint Goustan with its half-timbered buildings. Originally a fishing port on the shores of the River Loc'h, Benjamin Franklin landed here during a storm in December 1776. Enjoy some free time wandering the quays and picturesque streets. During lunch on board we sail the short distance to Belle Ile. Lying just off the coast of Morbihan, Belle Ile the largest of all Breton islands with a dramatic coastline comprising cliffs, creeks and beaches. We land at the small port of Le Palais for some time to explore the town at leisure, maybe visit the citadel which was stormed by British troops in 1761 as they took control of the island for two years. Alternatively enjoy time to wander through the streets of the town or stop for a coffee.

Day 5 La Rochelle, France. Explore the western shores of France with a call to the port of La Pallice from where we have a choice of morning activities. Maybe choose a tour to Ile de Re, the light and landscapes here have attracted artists over the centuries. After a sightseeing drive stop at the picturesque harbour town of St Martin de Re where there will be some time to explore at leisure. Alternatively drive inland and discover the splendid Chateau La Roche Courbon. Built in the 15th century, this fortified castle was transformed into a comfortable residence in the 17th century by Jean-Louis de Courbon. Inside the Chateau, there is a Louis XII room with painted beams, a kitchen

typical of the local style and a guard's room with vaulted roof and beautiful furniture. Outside, the double half turn stairs will lead you to the French styled gardens with terraces, flowerbeds, orchards, statues and an ornamental lake. During the afternoon enjoy some time at leisure to discover La Rochelle's old town and the harbour before we sail this evening.

Day 6 Bilbao, Spain. Spend the morning relaxing on board and enjoy a talk by our Guest Speaker. We arrive at noon to discover Bilbao, the centre of the Basque Country, lying along the banks of the Nervion River. The Romans discovered iron ore here which paved the way for the region's industrial heritage. We will drive inland to Artxanda viewpoint looking down across the river to Bilbao followed by a visit to the impressive Guggenheim Museum which includes an unparalleled collection of twentieth century art including Picasso, Cezanne, Kandinsky and Warhol. We will also enjoy a walk in the old quarter, a labyrinth of stone lanes filled with bars and restaurants before returning to the MS Hebridean Sky and sailing in the early evening.

Day 7 Gijon & Oviedo. Gijon is the largest city in Asturias and our base for exploring nearby Oviedo, the modern capital of the Asturias region. Oviedo is recognised as the most culturally significant and historically interesting city of the province with many buildings dating back to the 8th and

9th century when Asturias first developed as a kingdom. After a panoramic drive inland we begin a walking tour where we will see the Gothic San Salvador Cathedral before exploring the restored Old Town decorated with beautiful sculptures. Return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon to explore Gijon before sailing later in the evening.

Day 8 At Sea. Enjoy a day at sea as we cruise around the coast of Galicia. Relax with a book from the Library and listen to enlightening talks from our Guest Speaker.

Day 9 Figueira da Foz for Coimbra, Portugal. Located at the mouth of the Mondego River, Figueira da Foz is one of central Portugal's prime beach resorts. However our reason for coming is actually inland and the nearby city of Coimbra, the Medieval capital of Portugal for over 100 years, and the site of the country's greatest university for the past five centuries. On a walking tour we will view the stunning buildings from the 16th to 18th centuries, including the Paço das Escolas (Royal Palace) and the Monastery of Santa Cruz before we head to the university with its recently appointed UNESCO status. Founded in the 13th century we will see the Chapel of Sao Miguel and the Joanine Library which houses over 300,000 works dating back to the 16th century. We will have lunch here and this afternoon you can choose to return to Figueira da Foz or stay in Coimbra for some free time.

Day 10 Lisbon. Set on seven hills on the banks of the River Tagus, Lisbon has been the capital of Portugal since the 13th century. Today there are distinct modern and ancient sections, combining great shopping areas with culture and sightseeing in the Old Town, built on the city's terraced hillsides. During a morning tour we will see the famous landmarks and places of interest such as the Monument to the Discoveries, Belem Tower, Jeronimos Monastery as well as the renowned Azulejo (Tile) Museum. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in this historic city.

Day 11 Portimao. This morning the MS Hebridean Sky arrives on the Algarve Coast at the fishing port of Portimao on the banks of the Arade River. During a morning call we head west to explore the more rugged Algarve and discover its place in history. We visit the historic town of Lagos, its sturdy Medieval walls testify to its importance as a 15th century ship building and trading post. We then head to wild headland of Cabo Sao Vicente, its 200 foot cliffs face the Atlantic waves and it lies at the extreme south western corner of Europe. At nearby Sagres, Henry the Navigator built his school of Navigation and it was from here that many sailors set out to discover the New World. Spend the afternoon on board as we approach the coast of Andalucia.

Day 12 Seville, Spain. Having sailed up the lower reaches of the Guadalquivir River in the early



morning, we will disembark this morning in the centre of vibrant Seville and enjoy a morning walking tour to explore the city's greatest monuments. Enter the Alcazar Palace with its ornate Moorish interiors and exotic terraced garden. Built by Pedro the Cruel in the 14th century with the help of Moorish craftsmen, it is still used as a residence by the King of Spain. We also visit the imposing La Giralda, Seville's cathedral, reputed to be the largest Gothic style church in the world with its distinctive Moorish tower. We return to the MS Hebridean

Sky for lunch and in the afternoon continue our exploration of Seville with an orientation drive passing the Tobacco Factory, made famous in the opera 'Carmen', and also visit Casa de Pilatos, one of the finest civil palaces in Seville with magnificent patio and mudejar decoration. Later in the afternoon we will enjoy an exclusive, typical Andalusian flamenco show.

Day 13 Seville to London.
Disembark and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£5595	£5395
Byrd	Superior	£5790	£5590
Mawson	Premium	£5990	£5790
Mawson	Corner	£6195	£5995
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£6595	£6195
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£6795	£6395
Shackleton	Hebridean	£7295	£6895
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£5990	£5790
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£6290	£6090

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 12 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis, wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, shore excursions, Noble Caledonia onboard team, group transfers, port taxes, gratuities.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Ship to Shore: Please note that we will be at anchor at St Peter Port, Herm and Belle Ile where we will utilise the vessel's Zodiacs to transport guests ashore.

Post Cruise Extension



Post Cruise Seville Extension

30th September to 2nd October 2018

If you would like to extend your trip with an independent two night stay in Seville to further explore and soak up the atmosphere in this vibrant Andalusian city, we have arranged a two night extension staying at the Gran Melia Colon (or similar) on a bed and breakfast basis. We have included a full day tour to Cordoba, an historic city which demonstrates a past in which Jews, Christians and Muslims peacefully coexisted and left a beautiful legacy of architecture. We will visit the Mezquita with its exquisite interior decorations and arches.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Twin: **£475**; Single: **£695**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation on bed and breakfast basis, full day excursion to Cordoba with lunch, group transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

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. Formerly known as the Sea Explorer, the vessel underwent a multi-million pound refurbishment in Sweden in Spring 2016 before being re-launched as the MS Hebridean Sky.

Your Cabin/Suite

On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a sitting room 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 suites on the Scott and Shackleton Decks featuring private balconies. Each suite 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, 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 will enhance the traditional maritime style making the passenger accommodation an inviting and relaxing place to be.

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 which is fitted with the highest standard of presentation equipment including multiple screens. 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 complete with internet access can also be found in the Library. The main dining room 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 ideal for sun bathing, relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. There is also a small hairdressers on board with appointments made on request.





Deluxe Balcony Suite



Restaurant



Lido Deck



The Club



Standard Suite

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. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapes take place in either the comfort of the Lounge or out on the Lido Deck when the weather is favourable.

In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements at your leisure. In the main elegant dining room, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner are an à la carte five course affair, with the menu often reflecting the daily catch or local delicacies. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines are included with both meals.

Your Comfort

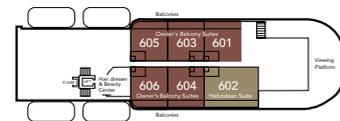
The MS Hebridean Sky is equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilizers to minimise the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer you the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessel's progress by charts and learn more about your journey. On board you will also find a clinic and Doctor and a lift that serves all decks.

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 wonders of nature in the company of like-minded people. A little music in the lounge or bar after dinner, Guest Speakers and informative port briefings from our Expedition Leader and of course good food, all contribute to make any voyage aboard this wonderful vessel a memorable and joyful experience.



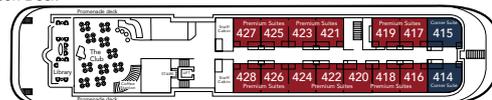
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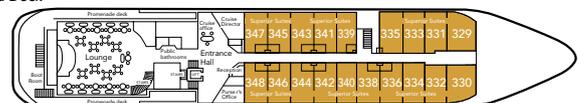
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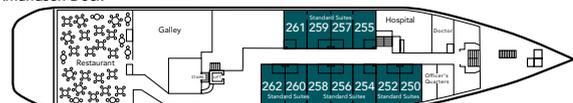
Mawson Deck



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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