

# SAILING THROUGH THE LESSER ANTILLES & BEYOND

A VOYAGE FROM BARBADOS TO FRENCH GUIANA Aboard the MS Hebridean Sky 14<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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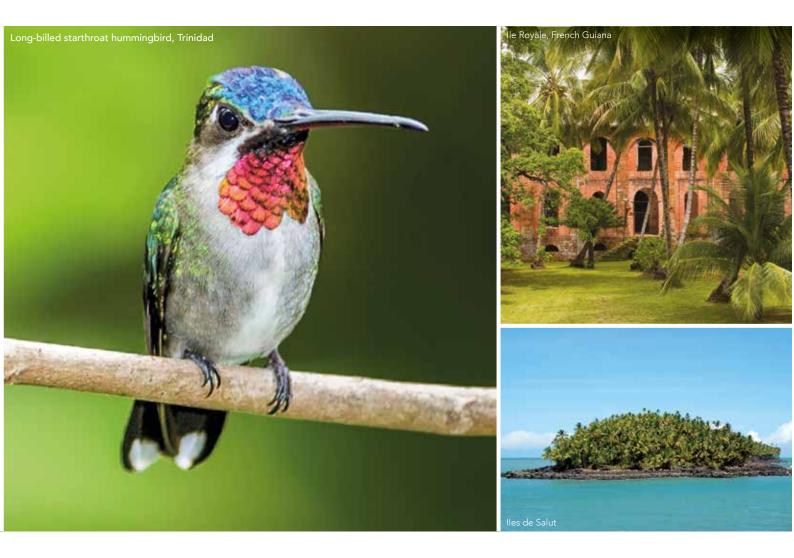
When it comes to pure escapism there are few places in the world more fitting than the Caribbean. Join the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky in Barbados and set sail on our voyage to Cayenne, French Guiana, through beautiful sub-tropical waters enjoying the perfect mix of cultural and natural wonders. Each place we visit has its own culture and this colourful mix of island personalities, varied terrain and fascinating cities makes for a marvellous break.

After island hopping from Barbados to Tobago and on to Trinidad, our unique cruise continues to Guyana, one of the least visited countries in South America which has an intriguing past and is home to a diverse array of wildlife. During our time here we will visit the magnificent Kaieteur Falls by plane, an amazing experience where you can witness the world's largest single-drop waterfall. Continuing to Paramaribo, Suriname's capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we will hear about the history of this former British settlement which was swapped with the Dutch for New York in 1667. The final country we call into is French



Guiana where we will see the infamous "Devil's Island", tour the Guiana Space Centre, visit the botanical gardens and spend time in its vibrant capital, Cayenne.

The whole region is imbued with colour and culture with a tremendous mix of natural beauty and historical sites. Such a varied and comprehensive itinerary would be difficult to comprehend or undertake by any other means than a cruise aboard a small ship like the MS Hebridean Sky, in the company of just 100 or so fellow passengers and an expert onboard team. Our voyage offers an easy and comfortable way to explore the region rather than arduous, lengthy land travel. You can relax on board as we sail between beautiful islands and interesting ports of call with days spent witnessing the wonderful flora and fauna, admiring the beautiful scenery and learning about the colonial and often turbulent history of the region, returning each evening to the comfort and excellent service aboard the MS Hebridean Sky.



#### **VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Discover the diverse flora and fauna of the beautiful island of Trinidad including the scarlet ibis.
- Explore the natural & cultural wonders of Guyana including the incredible Kaieteur Falls.
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Paramaribo, the capital of Suriname.
- Explore the Iles de Salut, site of the infamous French penal colonies.
- Tour the Guiana Space Centre from Cayenne, capital of French Guiana.

#### **EXPLORING ASHORE**

This voyage will appeal to those who enjoy the natural world and we will be exploring some off the beaten track regions in the Caribbean and South America with limited infrastructure. Many of the excursions include guided walks through the jungle and remote areas in humid conditions, especially in Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana. Our onboard team will endeavour to arrange a selection of walks to include longer and shorter options to cater for different abilities and interests. A range of modes of transport will be used for our excursions including small planes which we will charter for our excursion to the Kaieteur Falls, local boats and minibuses. We also expect to be at anchor in the lles du Salut where we will make use of the vessel's Zodiacs. To best enjoy this itinerary, we do recommend a good level of mobility and if you would like to discuss the level of fitness required, please contact us.

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 London or Manchester to Barbados.** Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

**Day 2 Tobago.** After a relaxing morning at sea we arrive in Scarborough, the capital of Tobago and home to about one third of its population. A bustling town, the friendly atmosphere that greets us hides the tumultuous past of a town that has changed hands over 30 times in the past 150 years. We will visit Fort King George, built in 1779 during the many struggles between the French and the English over ownership of the island, before continuing to Plymouth and an eco-tourism estate in Arnos Vale, where we hope to spot some of the local hummingbirds.

**Day 3 Trinidad.** Due to its location close to the South American mainland, Trinidad has a unique diversity of plant and animal species which we will discover today. From our berth at Port of Spain we will drive inland to the Maracas Valley and Yerette, home of the hummingbird. After an introductory talk we will explore the gardens where we can often find fourteen of the island's eighteen species of hummingbird. Return to the ship for lunch and later this afternoon we head to the Caroni Nature Sanctuary, a mangrove swamp covering an area of 40 square miles. On arrival at the sanctuary, we will board a flat-bottomed boat and slowly travel along the peaceful waterways and lagoons admiring the beauty of the landscape and the variety of birds including the scarlet ibis, a large bright red bird which feeds and nests here and we hope to catch them as they return to their nests at sunset.

Day 4 At Sea. Spend a day at sea as we cruise towards the South American coast.

**Days 5 to 7 Georgetown, Guyana.** We will spend two and a half days in Guyana, South America's only English speaking country. Georgetown was called Longchamps under the French and Stabroek under the Dutch, so it comes as no surprise that the tree-lined streets are a wonderful mix of colonial styles. During our time here we will enjoy a half day city tour which will include



St Georges Cathedral, St Andrew's Kirk and the Stabroek Market. Once described as a 'bizarre bazaar', the market offers every conceivable item from household goods and gold jewellery to fresh meat and vegetables brought to town on the river daily. We will also fly to the Kaieteur National Park where the mighty Kaieteur Falls plunge 822 feet to the bottom of a rocky gorge. Five times the height of Niagara Falls, an amazing 30,000 gallons of water per second crashes to the depths below and witnessing this spectacle is an amazing experience. There will also be the opportunity to tour the extensive botanical gardens where we may see many of the resident birds including the blood-coloured woodpecker, pearl kite and red-bellied macaws.

Days 8 & 9 Paramaribo, Suriname. Spend a day and a half in the capital of Suriname, Paramaribo, located on the banks of the Suriname River. The city has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and during our guided tour we will see the many historic colonial buildings and tree-lined avenues. This is a city of many colours and cultures and one of the few places in the world where mosques, Hindu temples, synagogues and Christian churches coexist peacefully side by side. Visit the city's leafy park, Palm Garden which was created in 1682 and is home to more than 1000 palms, the waterfront and Fort Zeelandia, originally named Fort Willoughby by the British in 1651. We will also drive to the Commewijne District just outside of Paramaribo, a beautiful agricultural area of creeks, rivers and former plantations. Here we will take nature walks on the lookout for birds, monkeys and lizards before visiting the museum at Nieuw Amsterdam, an 18th century fort built to protect the city where we can also see the resident giant lilies.

Day 10 lles de Salut, French Guiana. Today we anchor off the lles de Salut, an archipelago of three small islands and the site of the infamous French penal colonies. One prisoner, Henri Charrière, described the inhumane treatment and his escape in his autobiography "Papillion". The most notorious of all the islands was the lle du Diable, or "Devil's Island", where political prisoners including Alfred Dreyfus were held captive. Its rocky boundary and rough waters made it so naturally impregnable that even now it is completely inaccessible to visitors. We will spend the afternoon here and use our Zodiacs to visit Isle St Joseph or Ile Royale where many of the old prison buildings are still standing such as the guard's quarters, prisoner's cells and hospital. **Day 11 Cayenne.** Sail this morning into the capital of French Guiana, Cayenne, a melting pot of French, Asian, African and Brazilian cultures. From our berth we will drive to the Guiana Space Centre, also known as "Europe's Spaceport", which occupies a site of 75,000 hectares and employs more than 1,500 people. The location was chosen by the French Government in 1964, due to its proximity to the equator, and the site is still used for launching satellites and rockets for the European Space Agency. A tour of the site will include the control centre and the nearby space museum.

**Day 12 Cayenne to London or Manchester.** Disembark this morning and drive to Cayenne where we will explore the historic city and the botanical gardens. After lunch we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight.

Day 13 London or Manchester. Arrive this morning.

#### PRICES PER PERSON Based on double occupancy

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

Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£8995	£8495
Byrd	Superior	£9295	£8795
Mawson	Premium	£9495	£8995
Mawson	Corner	£9895	£9395
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£10995	£10495
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£11395	£10895
Shackleton	Hebridean	£11795	£11295
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£9995	£9495
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£10495	£9995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 11 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team
• Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

# MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



The much loved MS Hebridean Sky is one of our two flagships and sister vessel to the MS Island Sky. Both vessels were built in the same shipyard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them two 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, 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 Noble Isle 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 in the Club. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. Special diets can be catered for with sufficient notice



#### 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. 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.

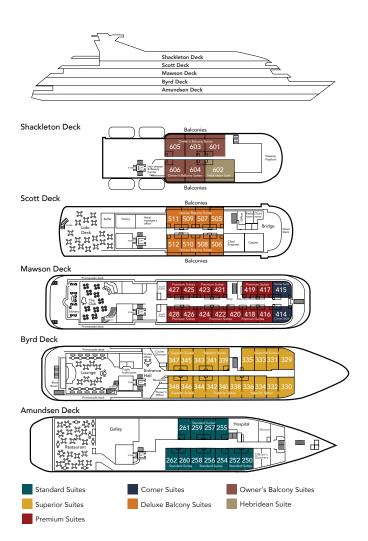
#### Your Comfort

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 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



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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