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SAILING TO THE ISLES OF SCILLY

A LATE SUMMER EXPLORATION OF THE ISLES OF SCILLY, LUNDY ISLAND
& THE ISLE OF PORTLAND ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

30TH AUGUST TO 6TH SEPTEMBER & 6TH TO 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Join us aboard the MS Hebridean Sky for our summer voyage to the idyllic Isles of Scilly, the remote island of Lundy and the ruggedly beautiful Isle of Portland, some of the most bewitching of places in England.

Embarking in Portsmouth, we will sail along the coast and along the River Dart to our anchorage off the town of Dartmouth from where you can choose to either visit 'Greenway', the wonderful historic house and garden that was once home to Agatha Christie or the 1920s country retreat of the D'Oyly Carte family at Coleton Fishacre. Continuing to the Isles of Scilly, the grey Atlantic dissolves miraculously into turquoise, and white sandy beaches give way to verdant islands and palm trees. The nurturing warm waters of the Gulf Stream have helped to create a microclimate endowing the islands with great botanical and ornithological diversity. With three days to explore the isles, we will spend time on Tresco visiting the beautiful Abbey Gardens, explore St Agnes, the most south-westerly community in the UK and tender ashore to Bryher, a rarely visited gem which is not often included on cruise schedules. We will also visit the delightful island of St Martin's and St Mary's, the largest island in the archipelago. There is much to see on the islands and we will enjoy gentle walks along car-free lanes, absorbing the flora and birdsong without the background hum of traffic and modern-day life. The islands are small, the walks undemanding and, instead of hopping on and off coaches, our transport will be provided by Zodiacs or local tenders.

Following our time in the Isles of Scilly, we will spend a morning on Lundy, a remote island in the Bristol Channel which boasts a range of wildlife and a clutch of listed buildings and monuments. Our penultimate call is the Isle of Portland where we will visit Minterne House and tour the secluded woodland garden with its many rare trees and beautiful flowers followed by an afternoon exploring the fascinating Jurassic Coast where we will witness the unique geology of Durdle Door and enjoy a picturesque coastal walk to Lulworth Cove.

Our voyage will be a leisurely one visiting some truly idyllic places where you can be as active and footloose as you choose. Sailing distances are short allowing us to visit multiple isles and on each island there will be organised walks with members of our expedition team as well as ample time for you to explore independently. This is not a cruise which could be offered aboard a large cruise ship, but is an ideal itinerary for one the size of the 118-passenger MS Hebridean Sky with her ability to drop anchor and transfer guests ashore by Zodiac or local tender.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Portsmouth, England.

Embark the MS Hebridean Sky this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station at a fixed time. Alternatively car parking is available at the port.

Day 2 Dartmouth. Early this morning we will sail along the River Dart to our anchorage off the town of Dartmouth. From here there will

be a choice of excursions, and you may decide to visit 'Greenway', the wonderful historic house and garden that was once home to Agatha Christie. Visit the gardens, including the Camellia Garden, a wonderful place to sit and ponder on the history of the house and the notable residents and visitors that have included Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake. Alternatively,

visit the 1920s country retreat of the D'Oyly Carte family at Coleton Fishacre. Lose yourself in the RHS accredited garden by the sea as we wander the paths through glades and past tranquil ponds. Meanwhile, the house interior is imbued with 1920s elegance and Art Deco features. Return to the ship for lunch and have some time at leisure in Dartmouth.

Days 3 to 5 Isles of Scilly. We have three days to explore the Isles of Scilly. From our central anchorage, we will use our Zodiacs and local tenders to visit a number of the islands in the group. We will visit traffic-free Tresco, walking its idyllic lanes from the beach to the famous subtropical Abbey Gardens. Defying the Atlantic weather, this miracle of a garden is home to more than





20,000 species of plants from over 80 countries. Enjoy time to wander at your own pace along the paths, maybe visit the Valhalla collection of ship figureheads from ships wrecked on the islands or relax in the café. On St Agnes we find the most south westerly community in the UK. Surrounded by rocks and reefs this delightful tiny island offers marvellous coastal walks. The small island of Gugh lies across a narrow sandbar and here we find a single stone monolith called the 'Old Man of Gugh' which dates back to the Bronze Age. We will tender ashore to Bryher, the smallest of the inhabited Isles of Scilly. Take the chance to wander along the tracks that cross the island amongst hedgerows and fields bursting with wildflowers. Those feeling active may wish to climb Watch Hill, where in the past islanders would keep watch for ships in distress or alternatively take a stroll to one of the beautiful beaches. See the northernmost island of the group, St Martin's, a small island community of just 120 residents. Enjoy time to explore independently, climb to one of the viewpoints for vistas over the islands and the offshore seal colonies or maybe join one of our expedition team on a guided walk. On St Mary's, the largest island in the archipelago (yet still only six square miles), you can enjoy some time in the shops in Hugh Town, walk the historic Garrison Walls or visit the Iron Age burial chamber at Bant's Carn.

Day 6 Lundy Island. Spend the morning on Lundy, a remote island in the Bristol Channel. Although

small, just three miles long by half a mile wide, its isolation has made it a home for a range of wildlife as well as a clutch of listed buildings and monuments. The towering cliffs and rocky shoreline are a haven for migrating seabirds, whilst Sika deer, red deer and Soay sheep can also be seen as we walk along its traffic-free lanes and paths. Spend the morning being as active as you wish, maybe explore the wide bays and coves by way of hanging valleys, see ancient burial chambers, climb the lighthouse, have a drink at the tavern or buy the island's 'puffin stamps' at the shop. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea.

Day 7 Portland. Arrive this morning at the "isle" of Portland. The area's unique geology and its position are ideal for a wide variety of birds, animals and plant life whilst many parts of the island, including the whole of the coastline, are designated as Sites of Special Scientific Interest. A morning excursion will take us to Minterne House, home of the Churchill and Digby families since 1620. Here the 20 acre woodland garden is landscaped in the manner of Capability Brown containing a unique collection of Himalayan rhododendrons and azaleas, with spring bulbs, cherries, maples and many fine and rare trees. Wander the trail with its small lakes, waterfalls and streams. After lunch on board we will discover the fascinating Jurassic Coast visiting the natural limestone arch of Durdle Door before walking the coastal path to the charming

village of Lulworth Cove. See the panoramic views of Portland Bill as we return to the ship.

Day 8 Portsmouth. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station at a fixed time.



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.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£4195	£3895
Byrd	Superior	£4495	£4195
Mawson	Premium	£4695	£4395
Mawson	Corner	£4995	£4695
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£5595	£5295
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£5995	£5695
Shackleton	Hebridean	£6495	£6195
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£4895	£4595
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£5195	£4895

PRICE INCLUDES: Seven nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • Wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

The MS Hebridean Sky is one of the finest small ships in the world and sister vessel to our MS Island Sky. 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 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.

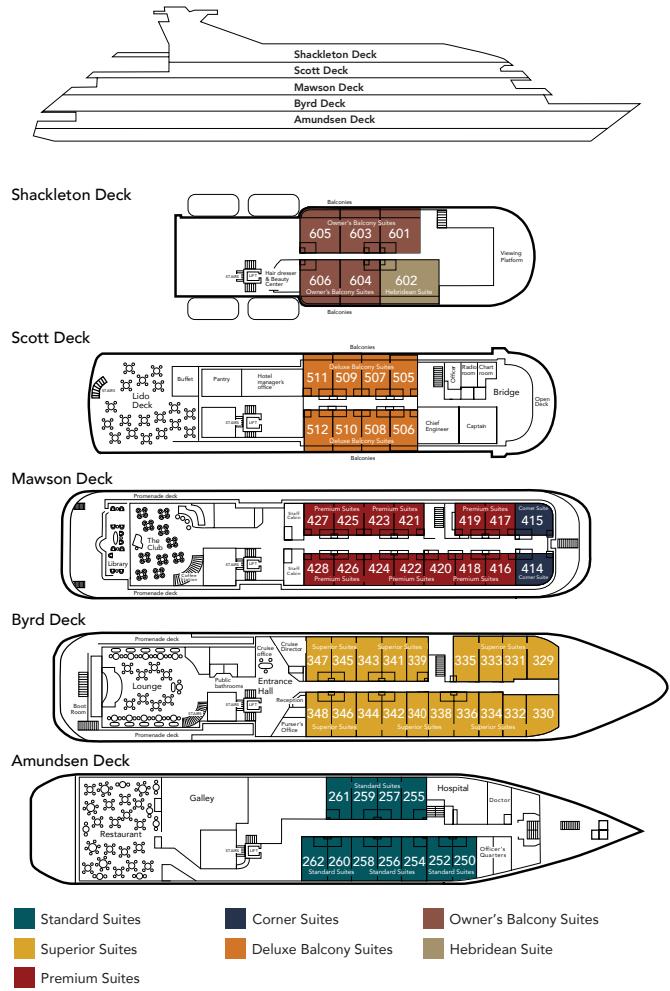
Your Dining

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. 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.

Your Space

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Byrd Deck where daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Mawson Deck which features the main bar. Towards the aft of the ship on the Mawson Deck is the Library which is well stocked with reference books along with a collection of games and devices to access the internet via the ship's satellite. Access to the ship's satellite Wi-Fi via your own device is complimentary on board (*signal strength varies depending on location and demand*). On the top Shackleton Deck there is an observation area.



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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