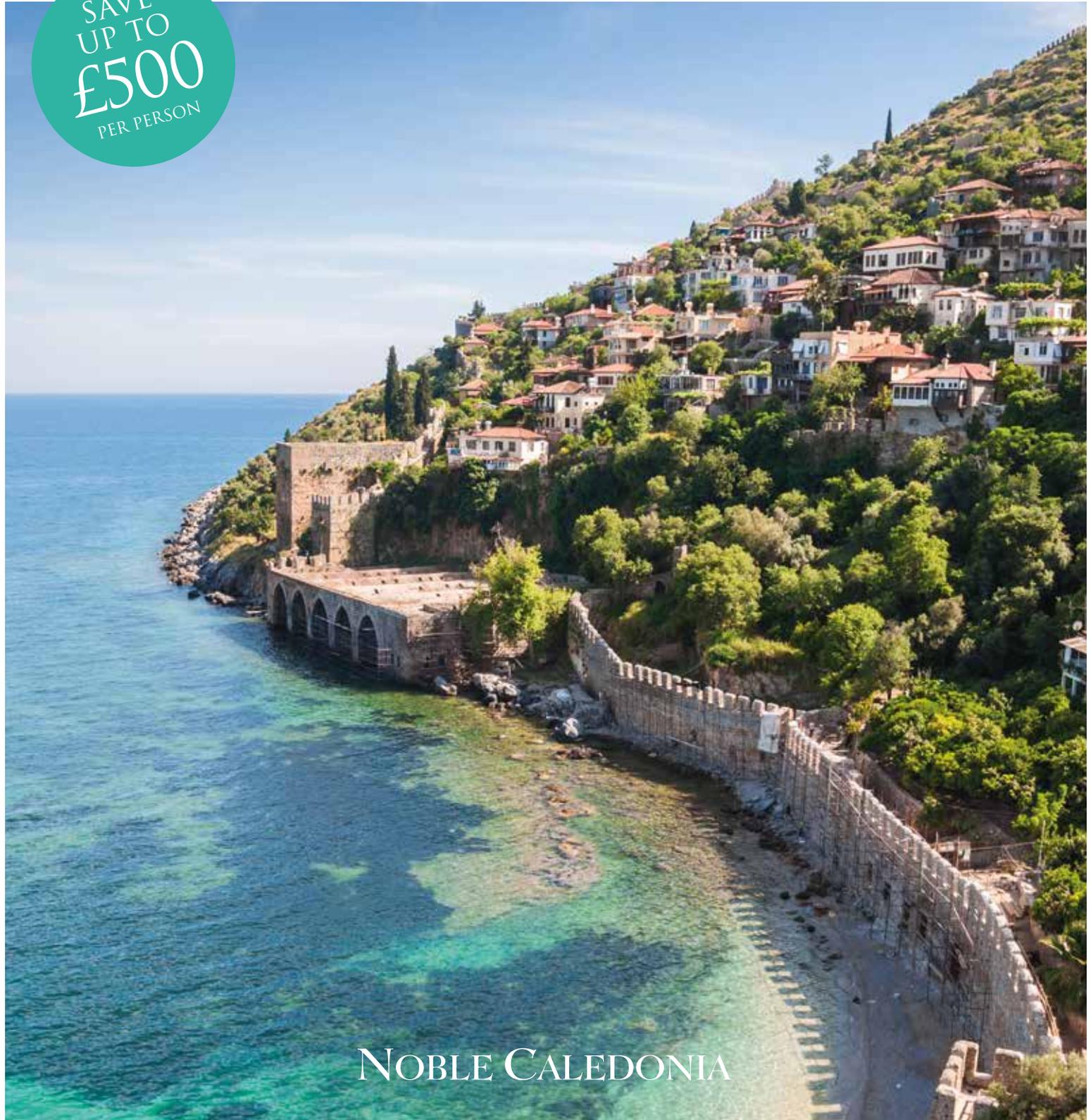


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Dear Traveller

As many of our regular passengers will be aware, the months of March and April would usually see the MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky making their way back to the British Isles or Mediterranean from long haul destinations where the vessels would ordinarily spend the winter months. However, unfortunately due to logistical issues and entry restrictions with regards to operating in Antarctica and the Indian Ocean this year, we had to take the decision to cancel our winter cruises.

Consequently we have new cruises now available for March and April 2022 aboard the vessels which visit the Mediterranean, the Canary Islands, Cape Verde and the Aegean. In contrast to when we would usually release cruises, we have a relatively short period of promotion for our new spring 2022 cruises and have therefore priced them accordingly to appeal to our regular passengers and have increased the number of suites available for single travellers. As ever, prices all include return air travel, full board accommodation inclusive of drinks with meals, all excursions, gratuities and Guest Speakers.

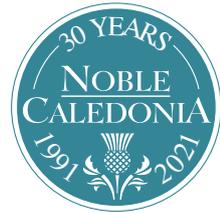
March and April are ideal months for our small ship cruises with temperatures pleasant for exploring and crowd free sites. Travelling with just 100 fellow, like-minded travellers we will be able to discover places that are otherwise inaccessible to larger cruise ships whilst our guided trips ashore will be a pleasure as we explore together in small groups. Whether your interest lies in ancient history, modern politics, botany or simply the joy of cruising through beautiful coastal scenery and experiencing new places then our journeys aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky have much to offer.

We look forward to welcoming you on board our Sky vessels as they resume operations in the spring.

Yours sincerely



Tim Cochrane
Managing Director



MS ISLAND SKY



Friendly Service



Deluxe Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

The much loved MS Island Sky is one of our two flagships and sister vessel to the MS Hebridean 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 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 seating area and some have private balconies, whilst those on the Marco Polo Deck feature tinted, sliding glass doors allowing greatly enhanced viewing opportunities and quick access to the deck. 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 each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, a large wardrobe, dressing table and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, flat screen television with inbuilt DVD/CD player and a telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a safe, hairdryer, assorted Molton Brown toiletries, air-conditioning and heating. The comfortable beds in each suite can be configured as either double or twin.

Your Dining

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Superior Suite



The Club



The Library

Your Space

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Your Comfort

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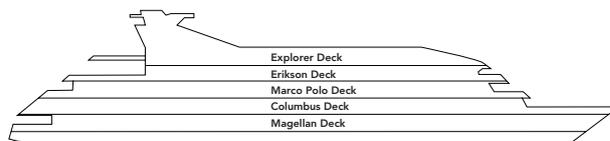


Alfresco Dining on the Lido Deck

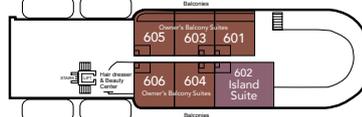
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MS ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



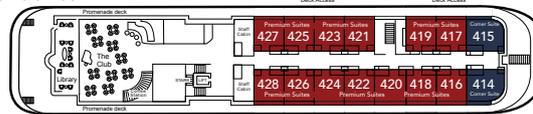
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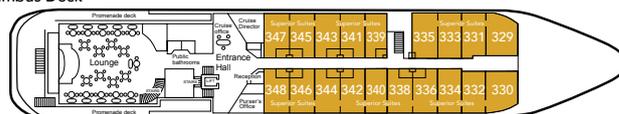
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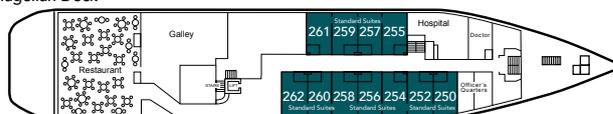
Marco Polo Deck



Columbus Deck

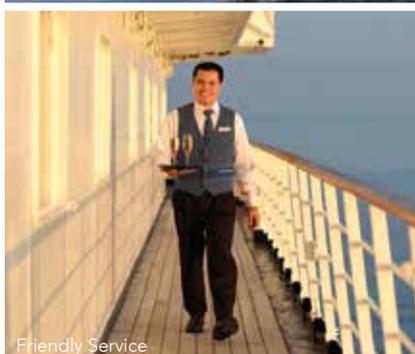


Magellan Deck



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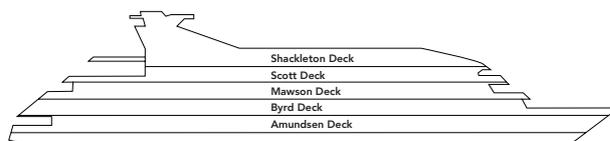


Observation Deck

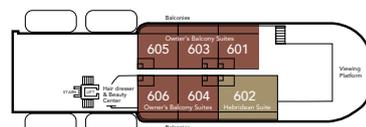


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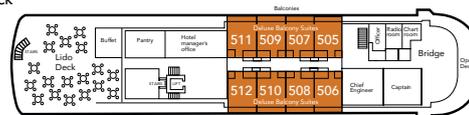
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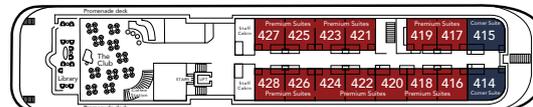
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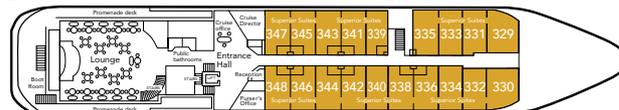
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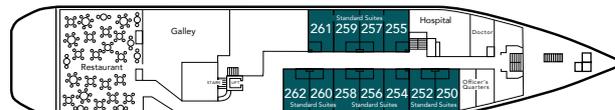
Mawson Deck



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.

Wonders of Cyprus & Israel

A passage through antiquity aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Ernest Rea
1st to 11th March & 11th to 21st March* 2022

Exploring by small ship allows us to incorporate a heady mix of fascinating places with ease into this ten night cruise, from the ancient sites of Cyprus to the biblical landmarks of Israel. Sailing in March means we have the added benefit of pleasant temperatures and crowd free sites which make spring a lovely time to explore this corner of antiquity. Dotted with ancient temples, archeological sites and Byzantine churches, Cyprus is a land steeped in ancient mythology with a fascinating history, compelling culture and lifestyle and Israel offers a plethora of famous landmarks including an extraordinary collection of classical and Biblical sites.

Our voyage begins in the Cypriot port of Limassol from where we explore Paphos, the ancient capital of Cyprus and birthplace of Aphrodite. We also visit the Temple of Apollo and the ruins of Kourion with its Greco-Roman Theatre and lovely coastal views. From Cyprus we sail to Israel for five and a half days of exploration visiting the biblical cities of Acre, Nazareth and Jerusalem and discover the ancient ruins in coastal Caesarea and Capernaum's ancient synagogue on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Here the layers of architectural and archaeological heritage come to life from the Canaanites, Egyptians, Assyrians and Babylonians to the Romans, Crusaders and Ottomans and no matter what your faith and beliefs, this land of antiquity offers an insight into a past and the greatest stories that have influenced the course of Western civilisation.

After our comprehensive exploration of the Holy Land we return to Cyprus and the port of Larnaca where we have time to explore this southern coastal town as well as to visit Nicosia, a city with a rich history that is divided between Cypriot and Turkish rule. With just over 100 passengers, our trips ashore will be a pleasure and whether your interest lies in ancient history, modern politics or simply the joy of experiencing new places, this journey aboard all-suite the MS Island Sky has much to offer.



Guest Speaker – Ernest Rea



Ernest Rea is a celebrated British broadcaster who specialises on the history of religions and the way that faith impacts on the contemporary world. His regular national radio programme, *Beyond Belief*, was awarded the prestigious Sony Gold Award for the Best Speech Programme on British Radio. He worked for the BBC for 22 years in a variety of production and editorial roles. From 1989 to 2001 he was Head of Religious Broadcasting for the BBC

responsible for all religious television and radio programmes nationally and locally. Ernest is in wide demand as a speaker at international inter faith conferences, literary festivals and academic symposia. In 1997 he was personally awarded the Gold Medal of the International Council of Christians and Jews for his contribution to Inter Faith Understanding. He has First Class Honours Degrees in Theology and in History and Politics which helped to fuel his passion for the study of world religions and the way in which they impact on the ancient and modern worlds.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London Heathrow to Limassol, Cyprus. Fly by scheduled flight to Larnaca. On arrival transfer to the MS Island Sky in Limassol and embark. Moor overnight.

Day 2 Paphos. This morning we drive to Paphos, the ancient capital of Cyprus and birthplace of Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love and Beauty symbolised by the legendary Aphrodite's Rock. We will visit the 13th century Chrysopolitissa Church which is shared by the Anglican and Catholic congregation. Saint Paul visited Paphos in 45 AD in an attempt to convert the ruler of the time to Christianity. He was successful in his efforts, but not before being tied and whipped to an otherwise unremarkable lump of stone, the Pillar of Saint Paul, which we will see during our visit. Also see the archaeological park, known as the House of Dionysus with the fabulously preserved mosaics which date back to the 2nd century AD.

Day 3 Limassol. A morning tour will include the Temple of Apollo, one of the main religious

centres of ancient Cyprus where Apollo was worshipped as God of the Woodlands. It seems that the worship of Apollo on this site began as early as the 8th century BC and continued until the 4th century AD. We will continue to the ruins of Kourion, a city built in 1200 BC. Of particular interest are the public baths, the necropolis, the Fountain House, House of Gladiators and House of Achilles. The most spectacular site at Kourion is the Greco-Roman Theatre that has been completely restored. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea as we sail to Israel.

Days 4 to 6 Haifa, Israel. From the port of Haifa we have three days to explore the north of Israel. During our time we will visit Nazareth, the childhood home of Jesus. Called the City of Annunciation, Nazareth is revered as the spot where the Angel Gabriel appeared before Mary to tell her she was to bear the Son of God. Enjoy panoramic views of the city and visit the Church of the Annunciation, which is built where Mary is said to have lived. Maybe visit the shores of



Archbishop's Palace, Nicosia



Ruins of Kourion



Mount Carmel and Bahai Gardens, Haifa



Church of the Annunciation, Nazareth

the Sea of Galilee where we find Capernaum's ancient synagogue and Peter's House before stopping in Tabgha, home to the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Leaves, with its 5th century mosaic floor. We will drive up Mount Carmel for a breathtaking view over the bay from the top of the city's famous Bahai Gardens. We also plan to visit Acre, one of the oldest continuously inhabited sites of the region and once the chief port of the Crusaders. Visit the underground city seeing the Crusader halls, crypt and tunnels used as a secret route to the port. Also visit the bazaar and the UNESCO site of Kahn El Umdan (Inn of the Columns), one of the best-preserved caravanserais in Israel. The last option is to drive to Caesarea – the impressive ruins rest on the coast halfway between Haifa and Tel Aviv. This grand ancient city and harbour, named after the Roman Caesar Augustus, had all the amenities of a splendid Roman city and we can explore the remains in the archaeological park.

Days 7 to 9 Ashdod. This morning we arrive in Ashdod from where we spend the next two and a half days exploring the south of Israel. Drive inland to Jerusalem including a visit to the Mount of Olives from where we can enjoy spectacular views over the 'Golden City' of Jerusalem. Follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you walk through the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus spent the last moments before his arrest.

Wander the streets of the Old City from Jaffa Gate to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and continue through the Christian Quarter to the bazaar, passing the Roman Cardo in the Jewish Quarter and the Western (or Wailing) Wall. See Jaffa, the ancient port city from which Tel Aviv developed. Famous for its association with the biblical stories of Jonah, Solomon and St Peter, it has a fascinating history stretching back over four thousand years. We will explore the highlights including the Clock Tower, Flea Market and the renovated alleys and buildings of the city. Another full day excursion takes us to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Masada and the Dead Sea. Visit the Masada Fortress which looms high above the Dead Sea's desolate landscape and is often described as the most spectacular archaeological site in Israel. Among the fascinating sights you will see are the casement wall, the bathhouse, the magnificent three-tiered Northern Palace, the synagogue, the Western Palace, the Roman ramp and siege camps. Following lunch we transfer to the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth, where you will have the opportunity to take an "unsinkable" dip in its salty waters. On our final day we sail after lunch and have an afternoon at sea as we return to Cyprus.

Day 10 Larnaca & Nicosia, Cyprus. From our berth in Larnaca we visit Nicosia, the only divided city left in the world today, split

between Cypriot and Turkish rule. We visit a handicraft centre where we can see the traditional skills still performed, and then continue to the 'Green Line' which divides the city. We will have a panoramic view of the capital passing in front of the Venetian Walls, the Famagusta Gate, the Statue of Liberty and finally we will stop in front of the Archbishop's Palace. We will visit Saint John's Cathedral which was built in 1662 and is the only church

in Nicosia in which the internal wall paintings have survived in their entirety. Then on to the Byzantine Museum, to admire its remarkable collection of icons. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon to explore Larnaca.

Day 11 Larnaca to London Heathrow. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

***Please note** that the 11th March departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown from Larnaca to Limassol. Full itinerary can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk

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Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£7095	£6795
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£7295	£6995
Explorer	Island Suite	£8195	£7895
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£5295	£4995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£5495	£5195

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 10 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Andalucian Odyssey

A voyage exploring the art, architecture & natural wonders of Andalucia & Gibraltar
aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

5th to 15th March 2022

Join the MS Hebridean Sky for a relaxing ten night cruise along the beautiful coastline of Southern Spain between Malaga and Seville. So many of Southern Spain's treasures are accessible from the coast and our leisurely cruise will take us to some of the most magnificent. There is something endlessly enchanting and timeless about this part of Spain with its landscape of azure skies and dazzling whitewashed villages, mighty citadels and snow-capped sierras. The magical cities of Seville, Granada and Cordoba are complemented by opportunities to visit such gems as Medieval Ronda, the historic port of Cadiz and the sherry town of Jerez.

Andalucia is a captivating region and one of the most attractive areas within the Mediterranean due to its climate, history and culture. The region has an intriguing past and was conquered by Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians and Romans, later by Vandals and Suevians, before the Arabs occupied the region. From the 8th to 15th centuries the region flourished under the Moors, they were the great architects of water creating green fields and gardens where once only dry plains existed. Poets compared the region to paradise and because of its mixed population of Muslims, Christians and Jews it became a place for the exchange of ideas, art and traditions. Today, we can witness their great achievements in the cities and countryside and appreciate the totally unique culture they brought to Europe.

Our in-depth travels around Andalucia will be endlessly fascinating as we explore Seville, the city of Carmen with its joyous and colourful riches including the fabulous Alcazar and the minaret of Giralda; Cordoba with its exquisite Mezquita, the grandest mosque constructed by the Moors and of course we will visit the jewel in the crown, Granada's Alhambra complex, one of Europe's greatest architectural treasures representing hundreds of years of history and set against mainland Spain's highest mountains. We will also explore Gibraltar with its own fascinating, albeit more recent history.

Andalucia is best explored in the cooler months and our comprehensive itinerary is a wonderful mix of culture, history and tradition which will be achieved with great ease aboard the MS Hebridean Sky with just 100 or so fellow like-minded passengers.



The Itinerary

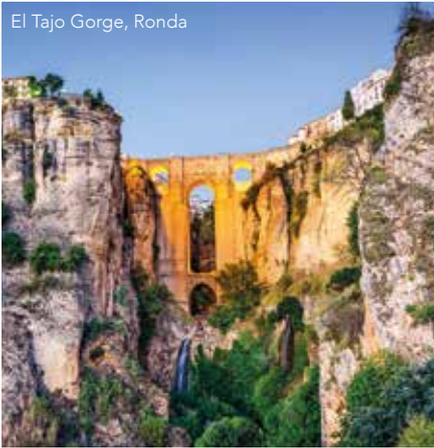
Day 1 London to Malaga, Spain.

Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Malaga for Ronda. From our berth in Malaga we make our way inland to Ronda. Perched on the top of a rocky outcrop and divided by El Tajo gorge, Ronda is home to the Puente Nuevo, an 18th century viaduct-like bridge that connects the old and new parts of the city. We will start our visit at the city museum located at the Marquis of Villasierra where you can learn about the history of the city, the region's natural parks and the local industries of cork, cheese production and saddlery. Next visit the church of Santa Maria la Mayor. Built on the foundations

of an earlier mosque, this landmark church was started in 1485 and not finished until the end of the 17th century. Admire the Gothic and Baroque decoration and magnificent altar before visiting Ronda's bullring.

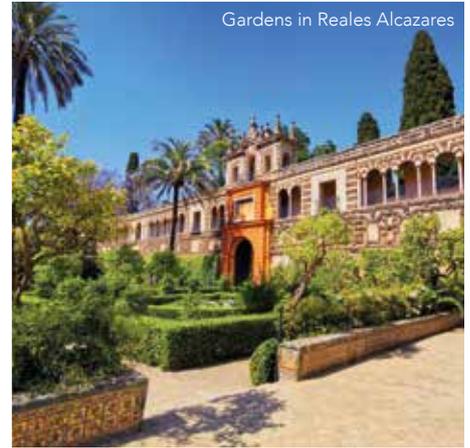
Day 3 Malaga. Today we will explore the historic and reinvented city of Malaga. A morning tour will take us to the 14th century Castillo de Gibralfaro built on a hill overlooking the city and once considered the most impregnable fortress in Iberia. Continue to the Alcazaba, a citadel built by the Moors between 1057 and 1063 at the foot of the Gibralfaro Hill using materials from the nearby Roman Amphitheatre which we will see as we return to the ship. The afternoon is free to explore at



El Tajo Gorge, Ronda



Cadiz



Gardens in Reales Alcazares

your own pace, the art lovers may wish to visit the house where Picasso was born as well as the museum dedicated to his work. See the impressive cathedral, the market or watch the world go by in the local park.

Day 4 Motril for Alhambra, Spain. From Motril, we will drive inland to the UNESCO World Heritage listed Alhambra and Generalife Gardens. Alhambra's construction began in the 11th century on the red hill known as Assabika which overlooks Granada. The Alcazaba fortress was the first structure to be built, followed by the royal palace and residence of members of the court. We will visit the most important halls and courtyards of the Alhambra, including the Alcazaba fortress, the Serrallo, the Patio of los Arrayanes (Myrtle Courtyard), the Hall of la Barca, the Salon of the Embajadores (Ambassadors Hall), the Patio of los Leones (Lions Courtyard), the Hall of the Abencerrajes, the Royal Baths and the Palace of Charles V. Next to the Alhambra, we will also visit the sumptuous Generalife Gardens, the luxurious summer retreat of the Moorish kings of Granada. The beautiful gardens feature abundant and varied flora and stunning water features.

Day 5 Gibraltar. Spend the day in Gibraltar exploring this strategic British outpost of the Mediterranean. After taking in the views from Europa Point, where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean, we continue to the Great Siege Tunnels, a labyrinth of tunnels built to defend Gibraltar from Spanish and French attacks between 1779 and 1783 and revered as one of the finest defensive systems. Also see the Gibraltar Museum where we can learn more about

the Great Siege, the geological origins of the rock and also the area's natural history. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace and maybe take the cable car up the famous rock.

Day 6 Baelo Claudia & Tarifa, Spain. Over breakfast we sail the short distance to Algeciras from where we depart for a tour to Baelo Claudia, one of Andalusia's most significant and well-preserved Roman archeological sites. The extensive ruins are situated on the Costa de la Luz, 14 miles north of Tarifa, by the small town of Bolonia and its beautiful beach. The site's important history rests on the former city having been a strategic point for trade routes between Europe and North Africa. The remains of the impressive temple, Forum, basilica, baths, aqueduct, and large fish-salting factory in particular provide an insight into the former glory of the city. We then continue to Tarifa, where we enjoy a walking tour through the charming old town. Return to the vessel for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Day 7 Cadiz & Jerez de la Frontera. Arrive this morning in Cadiz. Situated on a peninsula jutting out into a bay and almost entirely surrounded by water, it is amongst the oldest surviving cities in Spain which was founded by the Phoenicians in 1100 BC and was later occupied by the Carthaginians, Romans, Visigoths and Moors. During our guided tour we will discover the most beautiful monuments and landmarks of the city including the Santo Domingo Church, the Santa Catalina Fortress and finally the cathedral of Cadiz and Diocesan Museum in the old city. After lunch on board we travel to Jerez de la Frontera, the home of Spain's sherry and brandy industry

which grew in the 18th and 19th centuries. After a visit to the old centre of Jerez we will continue to one of the bodegas to learn about the sherry production and enjoy a tasting.

Days 8 to 10 Seville, Cordoba & Carmona. We have three days exploring Seville and the surrounding area. On a walking tour we will discover Seville'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. A full day excursion will take us to Cordoba; the city was both the Roman and the Moorish capital of Spain, and its Old Town, clustered around its famous mosque (Mezquita), remains one of the best examples

of Moorish heritage in Andalusia. We will start our tour crossing the Roman bridge and visit the Mezquita-Cathedral which was built between the 8th and 10th centuries and is one of the earliest and most breathtakingly beautiful examples of Spanish Islamic architecture. After our visit we will take a walk through the fascinating Jewish Quarter. We will also visit Carmona, a picturesque, small town with a magnificent 15th century tower built in imitation of Seville's Giralda. Not surprisingly given its proximity, Carmona, once an important Roman city, shares a similar history with Seville. See the partly excavated amphitheatre and enjoy a walk through the enchanting town before we return to the ship via an olive oil farm where we learn about the production processes. We will also ensure there is some free time to explore Seville independently.

Day 11 Seville to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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Amundsen	Standard	£4495	£3995
Byrd	Superior	£4695	£4195
Mawson	Premium	£4895	£4395
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Andalucia to the Canary Islands

A voyage from Seville to Tenerife including Morocco, Madeira & the lesser known Canary Islands aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

15th to 28th March 2022

Celebrate the end of winter and arrival of spring by joining the MS Hebridean Sky for our voyage from Seville to the sub-tropical Atlantic islands of Madeira and the Canary Islands. To begin our voyage we have the benefit of two full days to discover the vibrant Andalusian city of Seville where our exploration will include visits to the Alcazar Palace and historic Cordoba, as well as time to explore independently before we set sail for the coast of North Africa.

After spending a relaxing day at sea we arrive in Morocco's port city of Casablanca to discover its wonders including the exquisitely decorated Hassan II Mosque and then sail to Safi for our exploration of charming Essaouira. Leaving Morocco, we head out into the Atlantic bound for the Madeiran archipelago where we spend the day exploring the tiny and relatively undiscovered island of Porto Santo with its dramatic desert-like landscapes and vast sandy beach. Then follows two days on the delightful island of Madeira, the "floating garden in the Atlantic", visiting the wonderful gardens and experiencing the breathtakingly beautiful scenery on offer. Our next island group, the Canary Islands, is an archipelago consisting of seven main islands that are formed from the tips of a vast volcanic mountain range that lies beneath the Atlantic Ocean. We will visit three of the lesser known islands: La Palma, El Hierro and La Gomera where we can enjoy nature at its very best. These volcanic islands impress with their unique flora and fauna and boast rugged, rocky landscapes, evergreen cloud forests, metre-high ferns and bizarre-looking dragon trees.

Every day brings a different vista and our itinerary has been carefully designed so that we can fully explore the dramatic beauty and cultural vibrancy of the coast and islands. In the company of just 100 or so like-minded travel companions we will be able to make the most of the region and in our small groups we can explore places that are otherwise inaccessible to the larger ships. Whether your interests lie in botany, geology, history or walking this cruise has something for everyone.



Plaza de Espana, Seville



Porto Santo beach

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Seville, Spain.

Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky where we enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Days 2 & 3 Seville. We have two days in the wonderful city of Seville and will include a number of activities. A walking tour will 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. A full day excursion will take us to

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Day 4 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we sail south to the coast of North Africa. Enjoy a lecture and spend time on deck.

Day 5 Casablanca, Morocco. Arriving in Casablanca at breakfast we will visit the city's most

important sights including the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Olive Market. The highlight of our tour, however, is a visit to the Hassan II Mosque, one of the largest religious monuments in the world after Mecca. It took 3300 traditional Moroccan artisans to create the beautiful mosaics, marble floors and splendid wood ceilings. The mosque also has one of the world's tallest minarets, soaring 200 metres above the city.

Day 6 Safi for Essaouira. From our berth in Safi we head along the coast to Essaouira. Founded in the 18th century, Essaouira was built to be a rival city to Agadir. Formerly known as Mogador, meaning small fortress, it was designed as a fortified town surrounded by Vauban-style ramparts and played a major role as an international trading seaport, linking Morocco and sub-Saharan Africa with Europe and the rest of the world. On our full day tour we will see the amazing mixture of Portuguese and Berber architecture, the 16th century sea bastions built to protect the city, the 18th century Medina, and in the Mellah we find the souks dedicated to gold, spices and fish.

Day 7 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we cruise to the islands of Madeira. Perhaps find a spot on deck or join a talk in the lounge from one of the onboard naturalists.

Day 8 Porto Santo, Madeira. Although one of the islands constituting the archipelago of Madeira, Porto Santo and Madeira could not be more different. Whilst lush green predominates Madeira, Porto Santo is arid and the southern coast is bordered by a nine kilometre long beach of golden sand. Our morning tour will introduce us to the island and will include some beautiful vistas, a tasting of Porto Santo wine and a visit to the Christopher Columbus Museum where he once lived. The afternoon is free to explore further at your own pace.

Days 9 & 10 Funchal. Spend the next two days on Madeira Island where there will be a choice of excursions including a visit to Monte, a charming village high in the hills overlooking Funchal. We will reach Monte by cable car experiencing wonderful views along the way and visit the Monte Palace Tropical Gardens. This garden collection has been enriched with plants from all over the world and about 100,000 plant species have been planted. We

also plan to visit the Botanical Gardens. Situated in the grounds of a former private house, the gardens are host to a profusion of plants and flowers, from all parts of the world, which thrive in the island's temperate climate. We will learn about the production of Madeira wines at one of the lodges whilst those feeling active may wish to join a Levada walk. Levada are irrigation channels that were created by the Portuguese settlers in the 19th century, who painstakingly carved them out of the rock by hand. Designed to carry freshwater from the north to the drier southern regions of the island, they helped to create many of the lush landscapes that can be seen today. The walk will follow the course of 'levadas' for over three miles, seeing the verdant plants, mountain views and green farmland that cover Madeira.

Day 11 La Palma, Canary Islands. Spend the morning at sea before we arrive into the Canary Islands at La Palma, which is known by locals as the 'Beautiful Island' and it is easy to see why. It is a stunning, peaceful and most importantly an un-spoilt destination that has deservedly been declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve. This afternoon drive inland to the beautiful village of El Paso and visit the Silk Museum. This is the only place in Europe where the 500-year-old tradition and processes have been preserved. From here we will continue onto the Caldera de Taburiente, a massive eight kilometre wide depression which scientists agree was a majestically tall volcanic mountain that collapsed in on itself. Explore on foot and whilst all may seem stoic and still, the forces of erosion are hard at work and some geologists estimate that it will finally disappear in just 5000 years. Alternatively, for those who would prefer a more energetic excursion there will be a guided trek on offer through the El Pilar area; see remains of volcanic eruptions, the magnificent views of the Valley of Aridane and the crater wall that surrounds the Taburiente National Park.

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Botanical Gardens, Funchal

the interior; by the eerily beautiful juniper groves; and by the desolate volcanic Badlands that stretch out like moonscapes in the south. We will also have the opportunity to sample some of El Hierro's excellent wine and visit the lizard house where the island's unique giant lizards are bred; near extinction, they are protected by international law. Alternatively, opt for the La Llania hiking excursion which will take us through primaeval forests, along ancient cisterns and mythical witches dance floors to El Hierro's top viewing point affording spectacular views of the western parts of the island. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon will be free to explore at leisure or relax on board.

Day 13 La Gomera. La Gomera is a paradise of natural beauty with lush valleys and awe-inspiring cliffs dotted with charming, whitewashed villages and gives the impression of being lost in a

time warp. On a full day tour we will explore the island including Garajonay National Park, home to the world's only surviving laurel forest and visit the villages of Hermigua, Agulo and Las Rosas before making our way to a local restaurant for lunch. Before returning to the ship experience a demonstration of Silbo Gomero, the island's unique whistling language, and visit the magnificent rock formations of Agando. Alternatively, you may wish to join a guided morning trek through the Garajonay National Park commencing in the village of El Cedro which offers some interesting examples of Canarias architecture. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon will be at leisure for individual exploration.

Day 14 Tenerife to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our specially chartered flight to London.

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Shackleton	Hebridean	£7495	£6995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£5995	£5495
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£6295	£5795

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Spring in Antiquity

A passage from Cyprus to the Turquoise Coast & the Islands of the Aegean
aboard the MS Island Sky

21st March to 1st April 2022

Come with us on a relaxing and informative voyage through some of the most historic and scenically beautiful places in Turkey and Greece. After many years of experience of operating cruises in the region, we believe we have the perfectly balanced itinerary with a mix of guided excursions and time at leisure to discover the charming towns independently. Sailing in March means we have the added benefit of pleasant temperatures and crowd free sites which make spring a lovely time to explore this corner of antiquity.



We begin our voyage in the Cypriot port of Limassol from where we visit the Temple of Apollo and the ruins of Kourion with its Greco-Roman Theatre before continuing to Turkey's Turquoise Coast, an astoundingly beautiful stretch of azure coastline backed by the luscious, forested hills. Here we will discover several ancient sites including Side, Perge, the Amphitheatre of Aspendos and the ancient city of Kaunos with its famous Lycian rock tombs of the kings. Sailing on to Greece, we will explore the Aegean in some depth visiting charming islands, delightful towns, sleepy villages and some truly fascinating sites. We will spend time on the island of Patmos where we will visit the grotto of St John and from the delightful port of Nafplio we visit Epidaurus, famed as a place of miraculous healing. Also see the Temple of Poseidon and the Temple of Aphaia, two of the major monuments of the Golden Age of Athens.

In the company of just 100 or so fellow travellers, our trips ashore will be a pleasure as we explore with local guides, adding immeasurably to our knowledge of the region. Whether you are interested in ancient historical sites, discovering new places and islands, or simply enjoy cruising through beautiful regions aboard a small ship, our exploration of the Turquoise Coast and the islands of the Aegean has something for everyone.

Acropolis, Lindos



Aspendos



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Limassol, Cyprus. Fly by scheduled flight to Larnaca. On arrival transfer to the MS Island Sky in Limassol and embark. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Limassol. A morning tour will include the Temple of Apollo, one of the main religious centres of ancient Cyprus where Apollo was worshipped as God of the Woodlands. It seems that the worship of Apollo on this site began as early as the 8th century BC and continued until the 4th century AD. We will continue to the ruins of Kourion, a city built in 1200 BC. Of particular interest are the public baths, the necropolis, the Fountain House, House of Gladiators and House of Achilles. The most spectacular site at Kourion is the Greco-Roman Theatre that has been completely restored and is used today for open-air musical and

theatrical performances. Return to the ship for lunch and maybe take in a lecture on board as we spend the afternoon at sea.

Day 3 Alanya, Turkey. Arriving in Turkey this morning we drive through Alanya with views of the Taurus Mountains in the east, and then westwards towards Incekum. We will pass citrus and banana plantations along the way and visit Damlatas Cave which is a masterpiece of nature, known for its curative effect on asthma. Drive along the beautiful Turkish Riviera towards the ancient city of Side which was one of the leading Pamphylian cities on the south coast of Anatolia. Visit the Grand Theatre, a perfect example of a Roman theatre built on vaults on flat land. Walk through the town, view the old harbour and see the remains of the Apollo Temple. After lunch on board enjoy the afternoon at leisure

to explore the town of Alanya with its Medieval fort.

Day 4 Antalya. Over breakfast we will arrive in Antalya from where we explore the principal Roman ruins along Turkey's southern coast. We pass the modern city of Antalya en-route to the ancient city of Perge which dates back to 1000 BC and was founded by Mopsus and Calchas after their retreat from Troy. See the Basilica of Perge, which played an important role in the spread of Christianity, the 2nd century AD stadium, the baths complex and two magnificent round towers of the Greek Gate. We drive further east for a visit to Aspendos, whose amphitheatre built in the 2nd century AD is considered the best preserved in the Mediterranean. After lunch in a local restaurant continue to Antalya to visit the excellent Archaeological Museum.

Day 5 Marmaris. Spend the morning cruising arriving into Marmaris over lunch. This afternoon we will drive inland to Kaunos which was a city of ancient Caria and said to have been founded by Kaunos, son of Miletos and Kyane. Located at the foot of Mount Tarbelos, its acropolis was called Imbros and it exported highly prized figs chiefly to Rome. It was the home of the painter Protogenes and was a member of the Chrysaorian League. The ruins of the city are near Dalyan, on the right bank of the ancient Kalbis (Dalyan River) and include a theatre, a large rectangular building that may have been a temple, a Roman bath, a Byzantine church, and rock-hewn tombs. Accessible only by river we will take local boats to the site.

Day 6 Rhodes, Greece. Our first call in Greece is the island of Rhodes from where we visit the ancient Acropolis of Lindos. From here the views of the Pelagus and St Paul's Bay, where the apostle anchored during his voyage to Ephesus, are stunning. The Medieval walls which guard Lindos were constructed by the Knights of St John. This afternoon there will be the opportunity to relax on board, explore at leisure or join a guided walk through Rhodes Town before sailing in the late evening.

Day 7 Kos. According to myth, Kos was the homeland of the Giants. The island has given to the world Hippocrates, father of

medicine, Pythagoras, and the 4th century painter Apelles. We will drive the short distance to the Asklepion, the infirmary of Antiquity, which was constructed in the 4th century BC. Among the ruins are part of the Doric temple, the altar and the Stoa which housed the famous Hippocrates Medical School. After lunch on board you have the afternoon to explore Kos Town at your own pace, maybe head to the once impregnable Castle of the Knights, the 3rd century BC Agora, see the museum housing fine mosaics or simply relax at one of the cafes in the squares.

Day 8 Patmos. Of all the Greek islands, Patmos is the most sacred to Christians both Orthodox and Western and it was here that St John received his revelation. This morning we will make our way to the grotto of St John. This small cave, now converted into the beautiful chapel, is where the Saint lived, had his revelation and wrote 'Book of the Apocalypse'. From here continue to the village of Chora, with its simple houses and Byzantine churches and climb to the Monastery of St John the Theologian. Upon entering into the courtyard, admire the intricate pebbled laid floor, decorated arches and frescoes adorning the entrance to the chapel of Christodoulos. The afternoon and evening are at leisure to explore the picturesque town of Skala at your own pace.

Day 9 Syros & Paros. We arrive in the Cyclades and the island of Syros which was the largest cultural and trade centre of the Aegean in the 19th century and the capital Ermoupolis was Greece's principal port. We take a walk in the town of Ermoupolis, the capital of the Cyclades. The prosperity of the island in the 19th and early 20th century created through commerce and shipping is reflected in the architecture with a beautiful square, town hall and theatre. Overlooking Ermoupolis stands the hill-top Ano Syros, the original Medieval district with narrow lanes and white washed houses. In the early afternoon we arrive at the island of Paros, famed for the marble that is drawn from the island's interior and used in the Venus de Milo statue. We moor at Parikia, a beautiful village of whitewashed houses and labyrinthine streets. Explore the 4th century Panagia Ekatondayiliani, one of the finest churches in the Cyclades and the fine Byzantine Museum, housing



Temple of Aphaia, Aegina

icons from the churches and monasteries of the island.

Day 10 Nafplio & Epidaurus. Looking out across the translucent water of the bay towards the Arcadian Mountains, Nafplio's sheltered location below a rocky headland and large natural fortress crowned by a Venetian castle is perhaps unrivalled in Greece and this afternoon we will visit one of the most renowned of Greece's ancient sites. Situated on the slopes of a beautiful and wooded valley, Epidaurus was known throughout the Hellenic world for its unique medical facilities and healing treatments. Dedicated to Asclepius, the god of healing, the city was filled with curative spas and baths and only priests had access to certain secret sites. Most of the ruins of Epidaurus have been reduced to their foundations which is in an admirable state of preservation. Built into the ground, rather than above it, it is known for its fantastic acoustics, which we will observe during our visit. Return to Nafplio and enjoy time wandering

the twisting labyrinthine streets, view the Venetian and Turkish architecture and maybe enjoy a pre-dinner drink ashore.

Day 11 Aegina & Lavrion. Sail this morning into Aegina which, from 1827 to 1829, served as the temporary capital of the newly formed Greek state. Here we see the Temple of Aphaia which is one of the major monuments of the Golden Age of Athens and one of the "sacred triangle" of temples alongside the Parthenon in Athens and the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion. Explore the site before we wander the narrow alleys and Neoclassical buildings of the harbour town. Sail over lunch to Lavrion from where it is a short drive to Cape Sounion and the Temple of Poseidon. Also see the Temple of Athena and a fortress built in 413 BC during the Peloponnesian War against the Spartans.

Day 12 Athens to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£6995	£6695
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Island Hopping in the Canary Islands & Cape Verde

Discover the Atlantic Archipelagos aboard the MS Hebridean Sky
28th March to 10th April & 9th to 21st April* 2022

Join us aboard the MS Hebridean Sky for this wonderful island hopping itinerary visiting the diverse islands of the Atlantic with their mountainous landscapes, intriguing topography, lunar like landscapes, verdant pine forests and stunning national parks. Every new day brings a different vista and in the company of just 100 like-minded travel companions, we will be able to fully explore the dramatic beauty and cultural vibrancy of these amazingly varied groups of islands.

We will begin our voyage in the Canary Islands and during our four days of exploration here will visit Santa Cruz de Tenerife, where there will be the opportunity to explore the beautiful gardens of the city and spectacular Mount Teide. We also discover the lesser known islands of El Hierro, La Gomera and La Palma where we can enjoy nature at its very best. These volcanic islands impress with their unique flora and fauna and boast rugged, rocky landscapes, evergreen cloud forests, metre-high ferns and bizarre-looking dragon trees. After a relaxing two days at sea we arrive in our next island group, the remote and intriguing Cape Verde archipelago whose islands have been used by mariners as a staging post through the ages, and there is no better way to explore their dramatic beauty and cultural vibrancy than by small ship. Each island is a little world of its own; some are arid and flat with extraordinary beaches and sand dunes whilst others by contrast are more mountainous and verdant.



Cape Verde and the Canary Islands have something to appeal to everyone and we have therefore designed our itinerary to offer a choice of excursion, or time at leisure to explore independently at each port of call. Whether your interests lie in gardens, geology or walking our island hopping voyage will surely appeal.

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Tenerife, Canary Islands. Fly by exclusive charter flight. On arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky in Santa Cruz where we moor overnight.

Day 2 Tenerife. This morning will be dedicated to gardens. We will start with a visit to the Jardín Botánico that was founded in 1788 by Charles III of Spain. The purpose of the gardens was to create an area where the plants, shrubs and flowers brought back from the New World could acclimatise to Spanish soil. Many of the plants are the original specimens brought back for the opening of the gardens including the centrepiece, an enormous South American fig tree. In contrast to the Botanical Gardens, we will then explore the Sitio Litre Garden which boasts a luscious orchid collection. After lunch on board we will drive inland, along the base of the mountain range through beautiful pine forests to the Parque Nacional del Teide.

The area was declared a National Park in 1954 and includes 14 species of plants found nowhere else in the world. Geologically the park is fascinating; of the many different types of volcanic formations examples of more than 80 percent can be found here. Alternatively, there will be a full day tour to Mount Teide on offer for those feeling active who may wish to enjoy a challenging hike, accompanied by a local guide, through this spectacular landscape.

Day 3 El Hierro. Probably the least known of the Canary Islands, and once considered to be the end of the world, El Hierro is unique and utterly captivating. On our morning island tour it will be impossible not to be entranced by the island's slow pace and simple style; by its craggy coast, where waves hurl themselves against lava sculpted rock faces; by the pretty farmland and flower meadows of the interior; by the

eerily beautiful juniper groves; and by the desolate volcanic Badlands that stretch out like moonscapes in the south. We will also have the opportunity to sample some of El Hierro's excellent wine and visit the lizard house where the island's unique giant lizards are bred; near extinction, they are protected by international law. Alternatively, opt for the La Llania hiking excursion which will take us through primaevial forests, along ancient cisterns and mythical witches dance floors to El Hierro's top viewing point affording spectacular views of the western parts of the island. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon will be free to explore at leisure or relax on board.

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Mount Teide, Tenerife



La Gomera



Porto Novo

most importantly an un-spoilt destination that has deservedly been declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve. This morning drive inland to the beautiful village of El Paso and visit the Silk Museum. This is the only place in Europe where the 500-year-old tradition and processes have been preserved. From here we will continue onto the Caldera de Taburiente, a massive eight kilometre wide depression that scientists agree was a majestically tall volcanic mountain that collapsed on foot and whilst all may seem stoic and still, the forces of erosion are hard at work and some geologists estimate that it will finally disappear in just 5000 years. Alternatively, for those who would prefer a more energetic excursion there will be a guided trek on offer through the El Pilar area; see remains of volcanic eruptions, the magnificent views of the Valley of Aridane and the crater wall that surrounds the Taburiente National Park. Spend the afternoon at sea as we start our journey towards the Cape Verde Islands.

Days 6 & 7 At Sea. Spend two days relaxing at sea as we sail to the Cape Verde Islands. Maybe join one of the onboard lectures, enjoy a book in the library or find a spot on deck.

Day 8 Sal, Cape Verde Islands. Arrive this morning in the Cape Verde Islands, a varied archipelago off the West African coast. The island of Sal was relatively undeveloped until the mid-nineteenth century when the salt export business was established and we will visit one of the original sites at Pedra de Lume. We will see the salt pans, learn of the salt extraction process and even have the chance to float in the waters. After lunch on board the afternoon is at leisure and shuttle buses will run to the town of

Santa Maria where you can swim from the beaches or explore the local shops for Cape Verdean crafts.

Day 9 Tarrafal, Sao Nicolau. Sao Nicolau is a charming, peaceful and attractive island of plantations, smallholdings and busy farming villages. It also has impressive, almost untouched mountain scenery, friendly residents and lively traditions. On our tour we will drive through a spectacular landscape towards the historical capital Ribeira Brava. Here we will discover the lively centre of the island which reflects the character of the people and learn why Ribeira Brava was the bedrock of Cape Verdean intellect in the 19th century. After lunch enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Day 10 Porto Novo, Santo Antao. We have a full day on the most beautiful of the islands, Santo Antao. Driving up the old trading route we pass the volcanic crater 'Cova' with its agricultural plantations and enjoy panoramic views of the island before arriving in the tiny, picturesque mountain village of Fontainhas, on the northern side of the island. After lunch in the seaside village of Ponta do Sol, we will take the coastal road towards the greenest valley in the archipelago, the valley of Paul. Here we will enjoy a coffee break whilst learning about the production of sugarcane on the island. We will also discover 'Grogue', the national drink of the islands and have a taste of it at the oldest traditional Grogue distillery on the island. Drive back along the coast to the southern side of the island and our waiting ship. This evening we will make the short hop over to Mindelo and after dinner we will be entertained by local music and capoeira on board.

Day 11 Mindelo, Sao Vicente. Enjoy a full day in Mindelo, one of the most attractive of all the

Cape Verde towns with its colonial buildings, cobbled streets, cafes and lively restaurants. Depart on a morning discovery tour of the lively markets and the secret corners of the harbour town. After a coffee break in a typical Cape Verdean bar, learn about the life of the local artists and their works by visiting the national museum of handicraft. The afternoon is free to further explore the vibrant town independently.

Day 12 Praia, Sao Tiago. Today we explore the historic capital of Praia on the island of Sao Tiago. Praia has a wonderful African feel and we will visit Cidade Velha, the old Portuguese capital with a rich history which was once the centre of the slave trade. See the fort and cathedral which dominate the narrow, cobbled lanes and stone houses. Enjoy a

traditional performance of Batuco dance before we continue into the green interior, climbing the steep mountains and enjoying the colours as we make our way to Rui Vaz where we enjoy a lunch of local produce in the shadow of Pico da Antonia. We will see local farms and drive past the only water dam in Cape Verde before returning to the ship where we moor overnight.

Day 13 Praia. Disembark this morning and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. Spend a relaxing day enjoying the hotel's facilities before we meet this evening for dinner.

Day 14 Praia to London. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our specially chartered flight to London Heathrow. Arrive this afternoon.

***Please note** that the 9th April departure operates in the reverse direction to that shown from Praia to Tenerife and does not include an overnight stay in Praia. The overnight stay is necessary on the 28th March departure to allow the flight crew from our charter flight to rest. Full details can be viewed online at www.noble-caledonia.co.uk

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PRICE INCLUDES: Exclusive charter flights • 12 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • Overnight hotel accommodation in Praia with breakfast and dinner (28 March departure only) • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
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Ostuni



Epidaurus Theatre



Olympia

of healing, the city was filled with curative spas and baths and only priests had access to certain secret sites. Most of the ruins of Epidaurus have been reduced to their foundations, with the exception of the astonishing theatre which is in an admirable state of preservation. Built into the ground, rather than above it, it is known for its fantastic acoustics, which we will observe during our visit. Spend the afternoon at sea as we cruise around the Peloponnese coast.

Day 4 Kalamata & Mystras. We arrive in Kalamata this morning from where we discover Mystras, a remarkably intact Byzantine hillside town that once housed a population of 20,000 people. Here we visit the Cathedral of Agios Dimitrios, where the two-headed eagle which is the symbol of the Palaeologos Dynasty is carved into a plaque on the floor. According to tradition, this is where Constantine XII stepped when he was crowned king. Strolling through the narrow lanes of the dead city, we will also visit the Church of Agia Sophia, the Palace of the Despots and the Monastery of Pantanassa with its brilliant frescoes. Before returning to the vessel for lunch, refreshments will be served at the picturesque tavern located just beneath the site offering sweeping views over the local terrain. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure and perhaps explore Kalamata old town or stroll along the promenade.

Day 5 Olympia. Arrive this morning at the port of Katakolon, our base for an excursion to Olympia. Pastoral and lush, Olympia's plentiful ruins are shaded by Aleppo pines and olive trees. The fame of Olympia rests upon the Olympic Games and we will see the gymnasium, the stadium and the palestra or wrestling school. We will also explore the Altis, or sacred precinct of Zeus, which houses

structures including the Temple of Zeus, one of the largest temples on the Greek mainland, and the Archaeological Museum which houses some fine sculptures and artefacts from the site. After our visit you may wish to return to the ship for lunch or stay in Olympia to explore further independently.

Day 6 Corfu. Today we explore the island of Corfu, one of the most richly endowed of all the Greek Isles. Praised by Homer in 'The Odyssey' and selected by Shakespeare as the setting for 'The Tempest', the island retains evidence of cultural heritage from each of its past rulers - Byzantium, Venice, France, Russia and Great Britain. Our guided tour will include the famous Byzantine Monastery of the Virgin at Paleokastritsa which is still inhabited by a community of monks. The small museum houses some priceless Byzantine icons. Spend some time in the serene monastery gardens that afford a splendid view over the turquoise waters of the bay. Continue to Mon Repos Palace, the summer residence of the British Governors of Corfu which now houses a museum including many Ionian treasures and is surrounded by a large park. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon is free to explore Corfu Town at your own pace.

Day 7 Brindisi, Italy. Arrive at the heel of Italy and the Puglian port of Brindisi. From here we drive to Lecce, often referred to as 'The Florence of the South' with its amazing collection of Baroque architecture. A guided walk will include a visit to the beautifully decorated Santa Croce Basilica and Piazza Duomo, considered one of the finest and most impressive squares in southern Italy. After lunch on board you may choose to visit the "White City" of Ostuni, so called due to the almost blinding sunlight reflecting on the walls of its whitewashed

dwellings. Ostuni has a privileged position as it was built on three hills and from the top of the town you can enjoy a stunning view of the Adriatic coast from which Ostuni is separated by an ocean of centuries-old olive trees. The town has maintained its Medieval atmosphere which we will see as we walk through the meandering, narrow and picturesque streets of the old town which lead to the impressive 15th century cathedral, a beautiful example of Apulian Romanesque style. Alternatively spend the afternoon at leisure in Brindisi, maybe take a stroll along the waterfront promenade and see the Roman Arch which marks the end of the Roman Road "Via Appia" used by pilgrims, soldiers and traders as they travelled to Greece and the Holy Land. Perhaps also visit the 12th century Tempio di San Giovanni al Sepolcro or wander the palm-tree lined Corso Garibaldi.

Day 8 Kotor, Montenegro. Be on deck this morning as we enter the Gulf of Kotor and sail up the fjord-like entrance to the Medieval town and UNESCO World

Heritage Site of Kotor. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares. Our walk will include the 12th century Cathedral of St Tryphon, the ancient town gates, the Maritime Museum and Romanesque churches including St Luke's. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon to explore at your own pace. Those feeling active may wish to take the strenuous climb to the Castle of San Giovanni which offers wonderful views over the bay and town below.

Day 9 Korcula, Croatia. Spend the morning cruising to the Croatian island of Korcula, the reputed birthplace of the explorer Marco Polo. Here a guided tour will include a walk along Korcula's crooked Medieval streets revealing elegant squares flanked with palaces of the old nobility.

Day 10 Split to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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