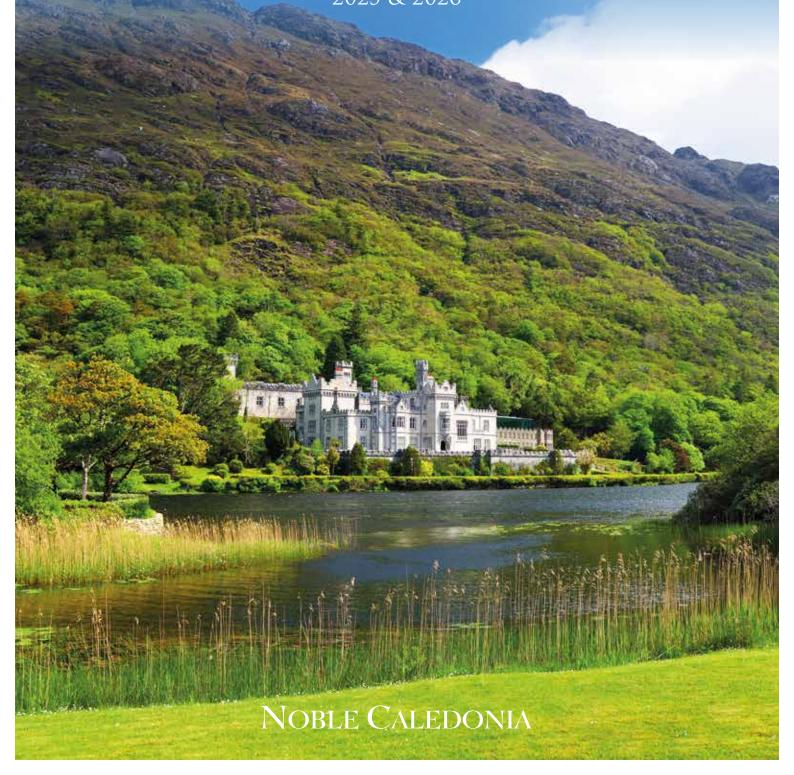


SMALL SHIP CRUISING AROUND

# IRELAND

ABOARD THE MS ISLAND SKY & MS HEBRIDEAN SKY
2025 & 2026







### MS ISLAND SKY & MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

Noble Caledonia is very fortunate to have two of the finest small ships in the world, the MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky. These ex-Renaissance Cruises sister vessels are not only two of the most comfortable and well equipped small ships, but also two of the friendliest and most efficiently run. With a maximum passenger capacity of only 118, vessels of their size are capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky benefit from unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks. Our crews of just over 75, many of whom have been with us for many years, are dedicated to offering the best possible experience. It is this gentle, kind and efficient atmosphere on board that makes our vessels so popular.









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#### Your Suite

On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a sitting area and some have private balconies (suites on the Marco Polo Deck aboard the MS Island Sky feature tinted, sliding glass doors allowing greatly enhanced viewing opportunities from your suite and quick access to the deck). The feeling of luxury is enhanced by the wood panelling and brass, which predominates throughout the vessels conveying the atmosphere of a private yacht. The passenger accommodation is arranged over five decks and all suites have outside views. Each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, a large wardrobe, 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, 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. The comfortable beds in each suite can be configured as either double or twin (with the exception of suites 601 and 602 on board the MS Hebridean Sky which feature a fixed double bed).

The impressive Island Suite aboard the MS Island Sky and the Hebridean Suite aboard the MS Hebridean Sky feature an extra large balcony stretching the length of the suite. Additional features of these marvellous suites include complimentary minibar stocked with your preference of beverages and complimentary laundry.

#### Your Dining

With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board is of a consistent superior quality that befits such vessels. Fortunately, our catering teams are well adapted to the world of small ship cruising where no two days are the same and the menus are often scheduled and tailored around the days' excursions. In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements at your leisure. Whether that be joining a table of four to six other passengers outside on the Lido Deck in the evening's sunshine or whether you prefer to enjoy meals in the à la carte restaurant. For those travelling alone, our onboard friendly restaurant staff will take care to ensure you are seated with other like-minded travellers. In the main elegant dining room, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner are à la carte with an excellent choice of dishes, and the menu reflecting the daily catch or local delicacies. You may also enjoy sumptuous barbeques on deck whilst at times, the chef will make your dish to order at special pasta or stir fry stations. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapés take place every day in the comfort of the Lounge. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. To enhance your dining experience even further a selection of wines are included with lunch and dinner and there is also a comprehensive wine list with a wide selection of new and old world wines from which to choose.

#### Your Space

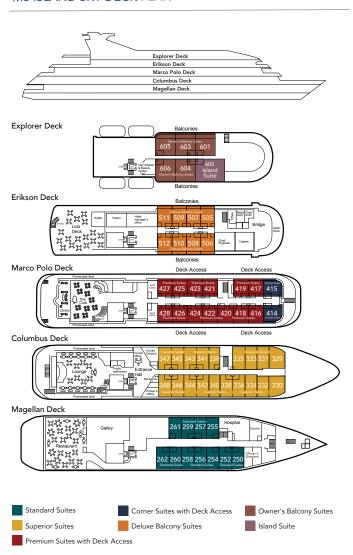
The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge featuring a selection of seating options from individual armchairs and sofas to side cushioned benches. Daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place in the Lounge and for your convenience, it is also possible to follow the onboard lectures from the comfort of your suite.







#### MS ISLAND SKY DECK PLAN



In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, which features the main bar and a 24-hour tea and coffee station. Towards the aft of the ship 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 something to read on board. A collection of games as well as 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). Further to this on the top 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.

#### Your Life On Board

If large resort-style vessels accommodating many thousands of passengers are your ideal, then our ships are not for you as you will not find endless entertainment, round the clock buffets and the people management which is so much a part of today's big ship on board style. However, if like us you prefer a more peaceful life at sea you will find our flagships the perfect vessels where high quality service and attention to detail are the order of the day.

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, culture and ancient civilisations 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 or Cruise Director and of course good food with wine included

at lunch and dinner, all contribute to make any voyage aboard these wonderful vessels a memorable and joyful experience. After a day ashore you will return to the comfort and peace of an exceedingly comfortable ship.

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. The daily programme on board is in the capable hands of our Cruise Director or Expedition Leader and staff who coordinate with the Captain and Officers to make the most of each day. Briefings and talks will be provided throughout the voyage together with a 'Daily Programme' that is distributed every evening to your suite outlining the next day's activities.

#### For your Comfort, Security & Safety

Our vessels are 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 the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessels progress by charts and learn more about your journey. There is also a dedicated channel on your television in your suite showing the routing of the vessel along with technical information and estimated times of arrival and departure from port. On board you will find a clinic and Doctor and a lift that serves all decks.

#### Our All Inclusive Policy

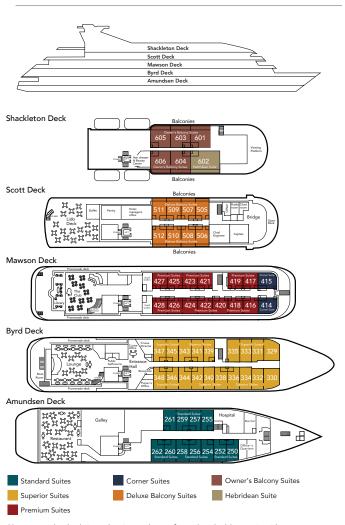
On board the MS Island Sky and the MS Hebridean Sky, you do not need to worry about tipping staff as we have included this in your holiday price. In addition we tip all our guides and drivers along the way. We also include shore excursions, drinks with meals on board and complimentary Wi-Fi.







#### 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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# SUMMER IN IRELAND

A voyage from Liverpool to Dublin around the Emerald Isle aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Diarmuid Gavin

27th July to 5th August 2025

If you have been to Ireland before and have been meaning to return or are yet to discover the appeal of what is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful countries in the world, then our summer voyage aboard the MS Island Sky offers the perfect opportunity.

Culturally rich with amazingly gifted writers, poets, musicians and actors, and historically fascinating with a past stretching back some 10,000 years, Ireland is a small isle with enormous character and much to discover, and during our nine night voyage we aim to show you its beauty and delve into its past to gain a better understanding of modern day Ireland.

Exploring in the summer, the gardens we visit including those at Mount Stewart will be at their most appealing and the countryside will be beautiful and inviting. Other highlights of our cruise will be spending time in the picturesque harbour town of Kinsale, cruising around the mystical Skellig Islands, visiting Kylemore Abbey in its stunning setting in the Connemara Mountains, exploring the magnificent scenery of County Donegal and unearthing the myths and legends of the Giant's Causeway.



However, perhaps most of all it will be the charm and warmth of the people that make any trip to Ireland most memorable. As we set sail from Liverpool, a city steeped in Irish history, we can offer an enlightening and entertaining journey sailing past and visiting some of the most enchanting scenery in the world and given the joi de vivre of the Irish we can promise, it will not be boring.



#### GUEST SPEAKER – DIARMUID GAVIN



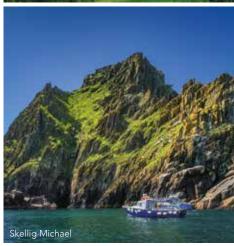
Diarmuid Gavin is an award-winning garden designer and broadcaster known for his distinctive and contemporary designs. After studying amenity horticulture at the Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin in Dublin, he established his own garden design business. After twice winning the Royal Dublin Society Gold medal for garden design during the nineties, he displayed at the prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower Show in 1995 and 1996. His modern vibrant city garden in 1996 caused quite a stir, and led to a career in television where he developed an individual style in contemporary garden design. Diarmuid has worked for all the main broadcasters on both radio and television in the UK and Ireland. He has danced on Strictly, cooked on Masterchef, ventured to the Arctic Circle in 71 Degrees North, answered questions on Mastermind, Pointless and House of Games and

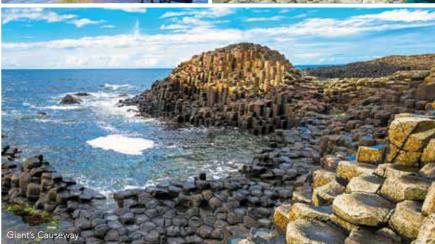
even presented an edition of Top of the Pops! He is the author of 13 books on gardening and garden design including two with Sir Terence Conran. Diarmuid lectures on garden design around the world and has served as an ambassador for the Prince of Wales Foundation for the Built Environment. In 2022 the United Nations appointed Diarmuid as an ambassador for their Food and Agriculture Organisation.











#### THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 Liverpool, England.** Embark the MS Island Sky this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Liverpool Lime Street Station at a fixed time. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail in the early evening.

Day 2 Cobh, Ireland. After a morning at sea we will arrive into the Republic of Ireland at lunchtime. From our berth in Cobh, we will take a walking tour of this pretty town with a rich history. It was here that the Titanic made its last call for passengers before setting sail on its fateful journey to New York. The town has had a long maritime tradition and many of the old port buildings have been preserved including the offices of the White Star and Cunard Lines. Walking through the town its history will be revealed by your guide. There will also be a visit to the Titanic Experience, a museum housed in the White Star Line building.

Day 3 Kinsale. As we sail into the picturesque harbour town of Kinsale we pass the impressive fortifications of Charles Fort and James Fort which were built in the 17th century to protect against invading Spanish forces. However, today Kinsale is renowned for its brightly coloured buildings and glorious harbour setting which you can explore at your own pace. Renowned as the gourmet capital of Ireland you may wish to take a break in one of the cafés, pubs or restaurants after our morning walking tour. This afternoon we will drive through the delightful countryside and coastal roads to explore the charming and colourful town of Clonakilty, filled with historic buildings, hand painted signs and warm welcomes.

Day 4 Skellig Islands & Valentia Island. Over breakfast we will arrive at the Skelligs, tiny islands just off the magnificent coast of the Dingle Peninsula. Weather permitting, we will sail around these mystical islands with their early Christian history. Skellig Michael is a World Heritage Site and atop this rugged pyramid, that rises from the sea, are the ruins of a monastery. Meanwhile at Little Skellig the sky can on occasion turn white as some of the 20,000 pairs of breeding gannets leave their roosts. Later sail to the famous Kerry (Iveragh) peninsula and anchor at the port of Knightstown on Valentia Island. Spend the afternoon exploring the island, perhaps take a coastal walk, visit the tropical gardens at Glanleam or join an island drive including the Cromwell Point Lighthouse. Alternatively visit Derrynane House, the ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell.

Day 5 Galway. From Galway we explore the beautiful region of Connemara. Here the National Park covers nearly 3,000 hectares of scenic mountains, heaths and woodland and is home to herds of ponies. During our drive along the 'Wild Atlantic Way' we will see beautiful coves, bays and traditional fishing villages where we will experience local culture in this Irish speaking part of the country. Visit Kylemore Abbey which is set on a lake against a backdrop of the Connemara Mountains and home to Ireland's only Benedictine order of nuns who have restored and cared for the Kylemore estate since 1920. Uniquely, only Victorian varieties of flowers and vegetables are grown in the walled garden.

**Day 6 Aran Islands.** Spend the morning at the Aran Islands. We will call into the largest, Inishmore, and explore some of the early Christian sites. This island was a place of monastic study from the earliest Christian times. Also, see the dramatic stone fort of Dun Aonghusa, parts of which date back some 3,000 years. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon at sea sailing north to County Donegal.

Day 7 Killybegs. We spend the day in County Donegal where from our base in the village of Killybegs we have a choice of excursions. Choose to drive west to the Glencolmcille area, a Gaeltacht (Irish speaking) area steeped in culture and rich in folklore and music. One of the most scenic areas in Ireland, the drive through the countryside is outstanding. The Folk Museum which opened in 1967 is a monument to Father James McDyer who came to the village in 1952 and set about infusing the local people with a spirit of self-reliance and pride in their heritage. Here we will learn about the history of the area and will enjoy some traditional Irish music. We will also offer a walk through the Bluestack Mountains. This circular 3.5 kilometre walk offers the striking beauty and peacefulness of the mountains and spectacular views. In the afternoon we stroll through Donegal town, which was invaded by Vikings in the 8th century and used as their port, giving its Gaelic name Dun na nGall, 'Fort of the Foreigners'. The walking tour will take in the town's history including the Castle and the ruined Franciscan friary.

Day 8 Giant's Causeway & Derry, Northern Ireland. Our first call in Northern Ireland is Lisahally from where we visit the Giant's Causeway which became widely known from the 1700s as the 'Eighth Wonder of the

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World' and large numbers of visitors came to view this amazing array of basalt columns of which there are estimated to be around 40,000 in total. After a stop at Dunluce Castle, we return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon we will explore Derry, a vibrant city steeped in history. Walking the walls, built over 400 years ago, you can see the city's history all around you. During the tour we will visit St Columb Cathedral which has stood on its prominent site inside the city walls since 1633.

Day 9 Belfast. Arrive in the Northern Irish capital where a morning city drive will include the Grand Opera House and the Albert Memorial before passing Queen's University and the Botanic Gardens. Our first stop is the Titanic Experience, a state-of-the-art visitor experience which tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. This afternoon is free to explore at our own pace or join a tour to the famous gardens at Mount Stewart which were planted in the 1920s by Edith, Lady Londonderry, and are of international importance. The magnificent series of outdoor 'rooms' and vibrant parterres contain many rare plants that thrive in the mild climate of the Ards Peninsula.

**Day 10 Dublin to London, Manchester or Edinburgh.** Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Dublin airport for our scheduled flight.

#### SHIP TO SHORE

Whilst we will be alongside in most ports, we will be at anchor in Kinsale, Knightstown and Inishmore where the vessel's Zodiacs will be utilised to transport passengers ashore.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

#### SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £300 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£6195	£5895
Columbus	Superior	£6395	£6095
Marco Polo	Premium	£6595	£6295
Marco Polo	Corner	£6895	£6595
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£7795	£7495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Sui	tes <b>£7995</b>	£7695
Explorer	Island Suite	£8495	£8195
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£7095	£6795
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£7295	£6995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel from Dublin to London, Manchester or Edinburgh ● Nine 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.

### Post-cruise Dublin Extension 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

If you would like to spend some time in Dublin after disembarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering a two night extension including a half day city tour of Dublin and a morning tour of Powerscourt Gardens.



#### THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Dublin, Ireland. Disembark after breakfast and join a morning city tour of Dublin which will include Merrion and Fitzwilliam Squares and the famous 'Doorways of Dublin'. We will also see the National Gallery, Dublin Castle and the city's cathedrals. See the famous Guinness Brewery before ending at Trinity College, Ireland's oldest college, founded in 1592, where we can wander through the grounds. After lunch we transfer to our hotel and have the remainder of the day and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 2 Dublin. This morning we travel south of the city to discover the magnificent gardens at Powerscourt. The gardens span 20 hectares and are a blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statuary and ornamental lakes together with secret hollows, rambling walks, walled gardens and over 200 variations of trees and shrubs. The gardens were begun in the 18th century although most of what we see today dates from the 19th century. Return to the hotel for a free afternoon and evening. (B, L)

Day 3 Dublin to London, Manchester or Edinburgh. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight. (B)

#### THE DAVENPORT



The Davenport is where history and heritage blend with modern luxury. Located in the heart of Georgian Dublin, the hotel is steps away from Merrion Square and well located for exploring the city. The spacious and elegant bedrooms feature comfortable King size or twin beds along with marble bathrooms, a seating area and ample storage. The rooms also come with all the standard amenities including tea and coffee making facilities, air-conditioning, television, Wi-Fi and toiletries. The hotel has two restaurants, the intimate 1863 Lounge and The Lady Jane where breakfast will be served.

#### **PRICES PER PERSON**

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£995** Single: **£1295** 

**Price Includes:** Two nights accommodation at The Davenport, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch), drinks with included lunches, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, shore excursions, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



# WILD IRELAND



ENGLAND

# An in-depth discovery of Ireland's wonders aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker David Hare

5<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Aske 2025 the year you become better acquainted with the treasures of Ireland. Renowned for its warm welcome, culture, literary genius and fascinating history stretching back some 10,000 years, Ireland is a small isle with enormous character. Join the MS Island Sky in summer as she undertakes a unique and comprehensive voyage to discover why this beautiful island is so beloved worldwide. Travelling by small ship in the company of just over 100 fellow guests we have the advantage of being able to reach remote islands and, with the use of Zodiacs we will be able to explore its pure unspoiled landscapes and spot rare seabirds and marine

Tory mammals along the rugged coastline.

During this circumnavigation of Ireland we will aim not only to show its beauty but to delve into its past to gain a better understanding of modern day Ireland.
Highlights will include unearthing the myths and legends of the Giant's Causeway, cruising around the mystical Skellig Islands and visiting quaint villages, harbour towns and modern cities. We will also explore the Wild Atlantic Way stopping at the little-visited Bere Island and Ireland's most remote inhabited land of Tory Island, a veritable stronghold of Irish tradition. During our summer voyage, many of the islands, gardens and estates will be at their most appealing and the countryside will be beautiful and inviting.

A cruise around the Emerald Isle makes for a most appealing sea journey whether you be an avid gardener, birdwatcher or simply enjoy sailing past and visiting some of the most enchanting scenery in the world. If you have ever promised yourself that one day you will visit Ireland, or will return for a more comprehensive exploration, this is your ideal opportunity.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER - DAVID HARE**



After graduating from Exeter University in 1986, David started working in television the traditional way as a runner for a Wardour Street production company. Four years later, and after a variety of jobs in television, he set up his own production company and has been an independent producer ever since, specialising in travel and food programmes, and historical documentaries.

David lives in Co Kerry in Ireland with his family. In 2022 his first book, 'The Great Lighthouses of Ireland' was published and in 2024 a children's lighthouse encyclopaedia will be published.

#### THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 London, Manchester or Edinburgh to Dublin, Ireland.** Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Dublin. A morning city tour will include Merrion and Fitzwilliam Squares and the famous 'Doorways of Dublin'. We will also see the National Gallery, Dublin Castle and the city's cathedrals. See the famous Guinness Brewery before ending at Trinity College, Ireland's oldest college, founded in 1592, where we can wander through the grounds. Returning to the ship for lunch we will sail south along the Irish coast this afternoon.

Day 3 Baltimore & Sherkin Island. This morning we will anchor off the picturesque and historical village of Baltimore. This now peaceful village has had a long and occasionally turbulent history, most notably the 'Sack of Baltimore' in 1631 when much of the population was abducted by pirates. We will explore the village on a walking tour, taking in its 800 year old castle and learning about the maritime history. There will be free time to explore independently before we return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon we will travel the short distance across the bay to Sherkin Island, Ireland's art island. This 100 resident strong island offers an array of landscapes from Atlantic views from the hilltops to fuchsia scented

paths and sandy beaches. There will be various walks on offer taking in the beautiful scenery including a route on the artist trail where many artists have open galleries dotted throughout the island. You can also enjoy the island at your own leisure, perhaps taking in the Abbey, a ruined Medieval monastery that sits by the pier.

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Sherkin Island

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Aran Islands

Day 4 Bere Island. Docking in Castletownbere we will take the ferry across to Bere Island which lies at the entrance to the deep, sheltered waters of Bantry Bay. The small island, roughly 10 kilometres by three kilometres, has a population of about 200 people but its place in history is assured. After the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921, the island became one of three Irish ports retained by the British because of its strategic value. Evidence remains of earlier visitors too with megalithic standing stones, wedge tombs and ring forts. We will explore on a choice of island walks, spend time at the Heritage Centre which showcases island life and meet the islanders. We will sail late this evening, so there will be the opportunity to go ashore in Castletownbere after dinner.

Day 5 Skellig Islands & Valentia Island. Over breakfast we will arrive off The Skelligs, tiny islands just off the magnificent coast of the Dingle Peninsula. Weather permitting, we will sail around these mystical islands with their early Christian history. Skellig Michael is a World Heritage Site and atop this rugged pyramid, that rises from the sea, are the ruins of a monastery. Meanwhile at Little Skellig the sky can on occasion turn white as some of the 20,000 pairs of breeding gannets leave their roosts. We will continue along the famous Kerry (Iveragh) Peninsula and anchor at the port of Knightstown on Valentia Island. Spend the afternoon exploring the history of the island, including the Cromwell Point Lighthouse or perhaps take part in a birding tour. Alternatively visit Derrynane House, the ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell, known as the 'Liberator' and a key player in the emancipation of Irish Catholics in the early 19th century.

Day 6 Galway. From Galway we explore the beautiful region of Connemara. Here the National Park covers nearly 3000 hectares of scenic mountains, heaths and woodland and is home to herds of ponies. During our drive along the 'Wild Atlantic Way' we will see beautiful coves, bays and traditional fishing villages where we will experience local culture in this Irish speaking part of the country. Visit Kylemore Abbey which is set







on a lake against a backdrop of the Connemara Mountains and home to Ireland's only Benedictine order of nuns who have restored and cared for the Kylemore estate since 1920. Uniquely, only Victorian varieties of flowers and vegetables are grown in the walled garden which contains two distinct areas: the kitchen garden and the flower garden. We will be entertained by Irish musicians this evening and will dock overnight for anyone wanting to go ashore after dinner.

Day 7 Cliffs of Moher & Aran Islands. This morning we will cruise by the magnificent Cliffs of Moher which rise to 213 metres and are over five miles long. A little further up the coast and some 30 miles from the Galway Coast are the Aran Islands. We will call into the largest, Inishmore, and explore some of the early Christian sites. This island was a place of monastic study from the earliest Christian times. Also, see the dramatic stone fort of Dun Aonghusa, parts of which date back some 3.000 years.

Day 8 Killybegs. Spend the day in County Donegal where from our base in the village of Killybegs we have a choice of excursions. Choose to drive west to the Glencolmcille area, a Gaeltacht (Irish speaking) area steeped in culture and rich in folklore and music. One of the most scenic areas in Ireland, the drive through the countryside is outstanding. The Folk Museum which opened in 1967 is a monument to Father James McDyer who came to the village in 1952 and set about infusing the local people with a spirit of self-reliance and pride in their heritage. Here we will learn about the history of the area and will enjoy some traditional Irish music. We will also offer a walk through the Bluestack Mountains. This circular 3.5 kilometre walk offers the striking beauty and peacefulness of the mountains and spectacular views. In the afternoon there will be the option to take a stroll through Donegal town, which was invaded by Vikings in the 8th century and used as their port, giving its Gaelic name Dun na nGall, 'Fort of the Foreigners'. The walking tour will take in the town's history including the Castle, the ruined Franciscan friary as well as the 'The Diamond' or centre of town where markets were held until 1967. This evening we will enjoy some Irish dancing after dinner.

Day 9 Tory Island. Sailing this morning we will head to Tory Island, located off the northwest coast of Ireland and home to 150 or so Gaelic speakers. It is the most remote inhabited Irish island; although only 14 miles offshore it feels like many more and island life here is full of traditions. We will meet some of the local community in the village hall and enjoy some of their legendary storytelling, music and dance. Tory Island is also famous for its migratory birds and we hope to hear the calls of the corncrake for which the island is known.

Day 10 Rathlin Island & Larne, Northern Ireland. Located just a few miles from the North Antrim coast, Rathlin has been settled for more than 6,000 years. Today, there are only 80 or so souls, whereas before the famine there were 1,200 inhabitants. History is everywhere with historic buildings and ruins which we will explore with our local guides. Returning to the ship we will sail towards Larne on the Antrim Coast. Arriving late afternoon, we will drive to the Giant's Causeway which became widely known from the 1700s as the 'Eighth Wonder of the World' and large numbers of visitors came to view this amazing array of basalt columns of which there are estimated to be around 40,000 in total. We will enjoy a

private entrance to the Giant's Causeway once it is closed to the general public. Return to the ship in the evening for dinner on board.

Day 11 Larne for Belfast. This morning we will head to Belfast and start our exploration of the city including the Titanic Experience, located right beside the historic site of this world-famous ship's construction. Housed in an iconic, six-floor building, this state-of-the-art visitor experience tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. Continue on to the Grand Opera House and the Albert Memorial before passing Queen's University and the Botanic Gardens. Return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon we will explore the dramatic Causeway Coastal Route with its landscape of soaring cliffs, swooping glens, rolling waves and silver sands. Along the Antrim coast we will stop at Glenariff Forest which covers over 1,000 hectares. Here we will walk some of its timber walkways to take in this beautiful area. This evening we will sail for Liverpool.

**Day 12 Liverpool, England.** Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Liverpool Lime Street Station and Manchester Airport at a fixed time.

#### **SHIP TO SHORE**

Whilst we will be alongside in some ports, we will be at anchor for the majority of calls including Baltimore, Sherkin Island, Valentia Islands, Galway, the Aran Islands, Tory Island and Rathlin Island. The vessel's Zodiacs will be utilised to transport passengers ashore and for Zodiac cruising to explore the more remote places we will be visiting. The use of Zodiacs will be key to the operation of the itinerary shown.

#### **PRICES PER PERSON**

Based on double occupancy

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Magellan	Standard	£6995	£6695
Columbus	Superior	£7295	£6995
Marco Polo	Premium	£7595	£7295
Marco Polo	Corner	£7995	£7695
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£8495	£8195
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suit	tes <b>£8995</b>	£8695
Explorer	Island Suite	£9295	£8995
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£8995	£8695
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£9295	£8995

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel from London, Manchester or Edinburgh to Dublin • 11 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

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# BEYOND THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

A voyage around Ireland aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Martin Sixsmith  $16^{th}$  to  $30^{th}$  August 2025

If you have been to Ireland before and have been meaning to return to explore in greater depth, or are yet to discover the appeal of what is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful countries in the world, then our circumnavigation offers the perfect opportunity. Culturally rich with amazingly gifted writers, poets, musicians and actors, and historically fascinating with a past stretching back some 10,000 years, Ireland has so much to discover. Join us aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky for this unique and comprehensive itinerary that promises to be a most enjoyable and informative experience.

During this circumnavigation of Ireland, we will learn much of Ireland's forgotten past from the arrival of Christianity in the 5th century, followed by the Vikings and the Anglo Normans to the more recent and often troubled history. A republic and independent nation for barely 100 years it has witnessed enormous changes particularly in the last couple of decades. With a population of less than Yorkshire, it has achieved so much to be proud of and during our in-depth exploration we will aim not only to show its beauty but delve into its past to gain a better understanding of modern day Ireland.



For many the highlight will be our visits to some of Ireland's grandest houses and gardens set amidst stunning and uniquely Irish landscapes. However, perhaps most of all it will be the charm and warmth of the people that make any trip to Ireland most memorable. As we set sail from Liverpool, a city steeped in Irish history, we can offer an enlightening and entertaining journey and given the joie de vivre of the Irish we can promise, it will not be boring.

#### GUEST SPEAKER - MARTIN SIXSMITH



Martin Sixsmith is a writer, presenter and former television correspondent. He was the BBC's Western Europe Correspondent for four years in the 1980s, reporting on the development and enlargement of the European Union. In the 1990s, Martin was the BBC's correspondent in Warsaw, Moscow and Washington. Between 1997 and 2002 he worked for the British Government as Director of Communications and Press Secretary to several cabinet ministers. He worked as a consultant on the BBC2 political sitcom The Thick of It and the 2010 movie In the Loop. In 2013, his book *The Lost Child of Philomena Lee* was adapted into the film Philomena, starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan. It was nominated for four Oscars. His book *Ayesha's Gift*, the story of a young woman's search to discover the truth after her father is murdered in Pakistan, is in development as

a film. His non-fiction books include Moscow Coup; The Litvinenko File; Putin's Oil; Russia, A Thousand Year Chronicle of the Wild East and The War of Nerves – Inside the Cold War Mind. In 2011, he presented the BBC's 50-episode history of Russia on Radio Four and in 2014 a 25-part history of psychology and psychiatry.











#### THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 Liverpool, England.** Embark the MS Island Sky this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Liverpool Lime Street Station at a fixed time. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Dublin, Ireland. We start our exploration of Ireland in Dublin where a city tour will include Merrion and Fitzwilliam Squares and the famous 'Doorways of Dublin'. We will also see the National Gallery, Dublin Castle and the city's cathedrals. See the famous Guinness Brewery before ending at Trinity College, Ireland's oldest college, founded in 1592, where we can wander through the grounds. This afternoon we travel south of the city to discover the magnificent gardens at Powerscourt. The gardens span 20 hectares and are a blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statuary and ornamental lakes together with secret hollows, rambling walks, walled gardens and over 200 variations of trees and shrubs.

Day 3 Warrenpoint, Northern Ireland. This morning we will sail into the small harbour town of Warrenpoint where the Mountains of Mourne meet the sea. Today we will explore this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty driving along the coastal road and taking in the majestic sweeping Mournes that have influenced poets, singers and writers including C.S. Lewis. Our drive today will take us to Downpatrick where there will be time to visit the St Patrick Centre which shares the story of Ireland's patron saint. From here we will head to Down Cathedral which stands on a fortified hill and has been continuously occupied since neolithic times and to nearby Saul which is the first ecclesiastical site in Ireland, a church has stood here since 432 AD when St Patrick landed in Ireland. Continue to the coast heading towards the coastal town of Newcastle. There will be time to wander its wonderful seaside promenade after lunch, while taking in the Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland's highest peak.

Day 4 Belfast. This morning we will head to Belfast and start our exploration of the city with the Titanic Experience, located right beside the historic site of this world-famous ship's construction. Housed in an iconic, six-floor building, this state-of-the-art visitor experience tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end.

Continue on to the Grand Opera House and the Albert Memorial before passing Queen's University and the Botanic Gardens. Return to the ship for lunch. This afternoon is free to explore at own pace or join a tour of the famous gardens at Mount Stewart which were planted in the 1920s by Edith, Lady Londonderry, and are of international importance. The magnificent series of outdoor 'rooms' and vibrant parterres contain many rare plants that thrive in the mild climate of the Ards Peninsula.

Day 5 Giant's Causeway & Derry. From our berth in Lisahally we will visit the Giant's Causeway which became widely known from the 1700s as the 'Eighth Wonder of the World' and large numbers of visitors came to view this amazing array of basalt columns of which there are estimated to be around 40,000 in total. After a stop at Dunluce Castle, we return to the ship for lunch followed by an afternoon to explore Derry, a vibrant city steeped in history. Walking the walls, built over 400 years ago, you can see the city's history all around you.

Days 6 & 7 Killybegs, Ireland. Spend the next day and a half in County Donegal where from our base in the village of Killybegs we drive west to the Glencolmcille area, a Gaeltacht (Irish speaking) area steeped in culture and rich in folklore and music. One of the most scenic areas in Ireland, the drive through the countryside is outstanding. The Folk Museum which opened in 1967 is a monument to Father James McDyer who came to the village in 1952 and set about infusing the local people with a spirit of self-reliance and pride in their heritage. Here we will learn about the history of the area and be treated to some traditional Irish music. In the afternoon visit the charming Salthill Gardens. Located some 200 yards from the sea, this old walled garden has been gradually transformed by Elizabeth Temple into something very special. Alternatively spend some time at leisure exploring the picturesque village of Killybegs. Irish dancers will come aboard in the evening to perform after dinner. The following morning take a stroll through Donegal town, which was invaded by Vikings in the 8th century and used as their port, giving its Gaelic name Dun na nGall, 'Fort of the Foreigners'. The walking tour will take you through the town's history taking in the Castle and the ruined Franciscan friary.

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Day 8 Galway. From Galway we explore the beautiful region of Connemara. Here the National Park covers nearly 3,000 hectares of scenic mountains, heaths and woodland and is home to herds of ponies. During our drive along the 'Wild Atlantic Way' we will see beautiful coves, bays and traditional fishing villages where we will experience local culture in this Irish speaking part of the country. Visit Kylemore Abbey which is set on a lake against a backdrop of the Connemara Mountains and home to Ireland's only Benedictine order of nuns who have restored and cared for the Kylemore estate since 1920. Uniquely, only Victorian varieties of flowers and vegetables are grown in the walled garden.

Day 9 Cliffs of Moher & Skellig Islands. This morning we will cruise by the magnificent Cliffs of Moher which rise to 213 metres and are over five miles long. Spend the day cruising and in the late afternoon we arrive off The Skelligs, tiny islands just off the magnificent coast of the Dingle Peninsula. Weather permitting, we will sail around these mystical islands with their early Christian history. Skellig Michael is a World Heritage Site and atop this rugged pyramid, that rises from the sea, are the ruins of a monastery.

Day 10 Bere Island. Docking in Castletownbere we will take the ferry across to Bere Island which lies at the entrance to the deep, sheltered waters of Bantry Bay. The small island, roughly 10 kilometres by three kilometres, has a population of about 200 people but its place in history is assured. After the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921, the island became one of three Irish ports retained by the British because of its strategic value. Evidence remains of earlier visitors too with megalithic standing stones, wedge tombs and ring forts. We will explore on a choice of island walks, spend time at the Heritage Centre which showcases island life and take the chance to meet the islanders.

Day 11 Cape Clear Island & Mizen Head. Cape Clear is Ireland's southernmost inhabited place, located eight miles from the Cork coast and home to 120 Gaelic speaking residents. It is a great place to spend a morning and there will be options to visit the Cape Clear Bird Observatory, the Heritage Centre with archive information on the island, or to join a series of island walks where we may see some of the active birdlife and enjoy the views over the Atlantic. Later we hope to use the Zodiacs to land at the quaint village of Schull from where we will take the road to Mizen Head, the most southwesterly point of Ireland. Here we find the famous signal station and there will be a choice of walks, all offering stunning views along the west coast and a great chance to see kittiwakes, gannets and choughs as well as seals on the rocks below. Those feeling active may also want to climb down to the Keeper's Quarters including displays on the Fastnet lighthouse, the Marconi radio room and the bird mural room, home to a spectacular mural by Jules Thomas

Day 12 Kinsale. Kinsale is renowned for its brightly coloured buildings and glorious harbour setting which you can explore at your own pace. Renowned as the gourmet capital of Ireland you may wish to take a break in one of the cafés, pubs or restaurants after our morning walking tour. This afternoon we will drive through the delightful countryside and coastal roads to explore the charming and colourful town of Clonakilty, filled with historic buildings, hand painted signs and warm welcomes.

Day 13 Waterford & Kilkenny. From our berth in Belview, Waterford we will drive inland to the Medieval city of Kilkenny. The great building prowess of the Normans is very evident in the 11th and 12th century buildings bestowed on the city. Characterised by many beautifully restored buildings, the most splendid is Kilkenny Castle which was until recently a stronghold of the Butler family. The castle began life as a Norman fortress and gradually became more domesticated through the centuries. After exploring the interior, including the gallery with portraits by Van Dyck and Lely we will wander in the surrounding 21 hectares of gardens. On the famous Medieval mile which leads from the castle to the city we can see the St Canices Round Tower, the 13th century St Mary's Church and the enchanting Rothe Gardens. Return to the MS Island Sky for lunch and in the afternoon there will be a visit to Waterford, Ireland's oldest city. Join a tour to the House of Waterford Crystal to learn about the world-renowned crystal ware and see how it is made or, alternatively, enjoy a leisurely afternoon to explore at your own pace.

Day 14 At Sea. Today enjoy a leisurely day at sea as we sail towards Portsmouth.

**Day 15 Portsmouth, England.** Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station at a fixed time.

#### **SHIP TO SHORE**

We will be at anchor for a number of calls including Galway, Schull and Kinsale. The vessel's Zodiacs will be utilised to transport passengers ashore and for Zodiac cruising to explore the more remote places we will be visiting.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

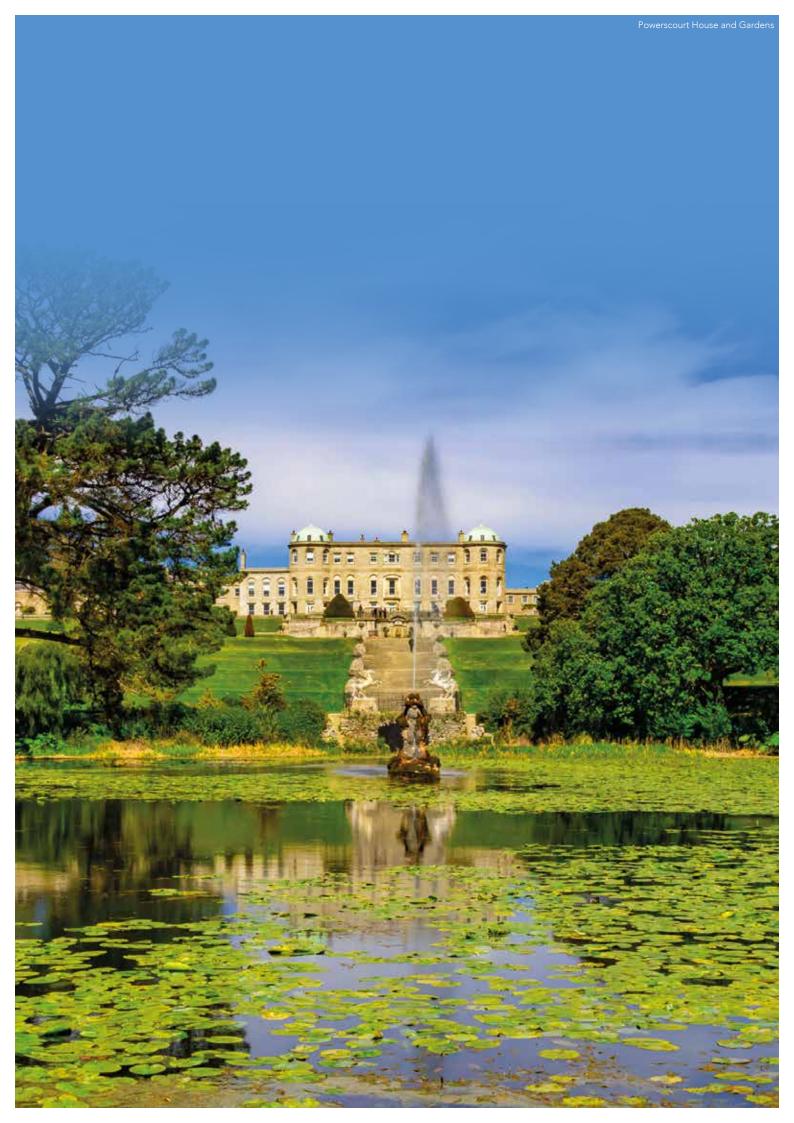
### SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £300 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£8695	£8395
Columbus	Superior	£8995	£8695
Marco Polo	Premium	£9295	£8995
Marco Polo	Corner	£9795	£9495
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£10295	£9995
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Sui	tes <b>£10595</b>	£10295
Explorer	Island Suite	£10995	£10695
Magellan	Standard for sole us	£10695	£10395
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£10995	£10695

PRICE INCLUDES: 14 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis

- $\bullet$  House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner  $\bullet$  Noble Caledonia
- onboard team including Guest Speaker Shore excursions Gratuities
- Transfers Port taxes

Not Included: Travel insurance.



# VOYAGE TO THE EMERALD ISLE

An in-depth exploration of Ireland's wonders aboard the MS Hebridean Sky 27<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026

If you have been to Ireland before and have been meaning to return to explore in greater depth, or are yet to discover the appeal of what is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful countries in the world, then our voyage offers the perfect opportunity. Renowned for its warm welcome, culture, literary genius and fascinating history stretching back some 10,000 years, Ireland is a small isle with enormous character. Join the Hebridean Sky in late summer as she undertakes a unique and comprehensive voyage to discover why this beautiful island is so beloved worldwide.

Setting sail from Oban to Northern Ireland, during our voyage around the west coast of Ireland we will aim not only to show its beauty but to delve into its past to gain a better understanding of modern day Ireland. Highlights will include unearthing the myths and legends of the Giant's Causeway, cruising around the mystical Skellig Islands and visiting quaint villages, harbour towns and modern cities. We will also explore the Wild Atlantic Way stopping at the little-visited Bere Island, witness the rugged beauty of the Aran Islands at Inishmore and our final morning will be spent in the remote Isles of Scilly where nature abounds. During our summer voyage, many of the islands, gardens and estates will be at their most appealing and the countryside will be beautiful and inviting. However, perhaps most of all it will be the charm and warmth of the people that make any trip to Ireland most memorable.

A cruise around the Emerald Isle makes for a most appealing sea journey whether you be an avid gardener, birdwatcher or simply enjoy sailing past and visiting some of the most enchanting scenery in the world. Travelling by small ship in the company of just over 100 fellow guests we have the advantage of being able to reach remote islands and, with the use of Zodiacs we will be able to explore its pure unspoiled landscapes and spot rare seabirds and marine mammals along the rugged coastline.

ENGLAND

Portsmouth



#### GUEST SPEAKER - GARY SHEFFIELD



Professor Gary Sheffield is one of the UK's leading historians. He is Professor of War Studies at the University of Wolverhampton, and is renowned for successfully bridging the gap between academic and popular history. Gary has written many acclaimed books, including Forgotten Victory – the First World War: Myths and Realities. Gary frequently appears on radio and television, and he writes for the national press, the BBC History Magazine, and History Today. He is a Fellow of both the Royal Historical Society and the Royal Society of Arts, a Freeman of the City of London, and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Curriers. Educated at the University of Leeds (BA and MA) and King's College London (PhD), Gary began his academic career at the Department of War Studies, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst before moving to King's College London

where he was awarded a Professorial Chair. In 2006 Gary was appointed to a Chair at Birmingham University, moving to a newly-created Chair at the University of Wolverhampton in 2013.









#### THE ITINERARY

**Day 1 Oban, Scotland.** Embark the MS Hebridean Sky this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Glasgow International Airport and Central Railway station at a fixed time. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner this evening as we sail to Ireland.

Day 2 Giant's Causeway & Derry, Northern Ireland. From our berth in Lisahally we will visit the Giant's Causeway which became widely known from the 1700s as the 'Eighth Wonder of the World' and large numbers of visitors came to view this amazing array of basalt columns of which there are estimated to be around 40,000 in total. After a stop at Dunluce Castle, we return to the ship for lunch followed by an afternoon to explore Derry, a vibrant city steeped in history. Walking the walls, built over 400 years ago, you can see the city's history all around you. During the tour we will visit St Columb Cathedral which has stood on its prominent site inside the city walls since 1633, as well as the Tower Museum which charts the city's history.

Day 3 Killybegs, Ireland. Spend the day in County Donegal where from our base in the village of Killybegs we have a choice of excursions. Choose to drive west to the Glencolmcille area, a Gaeltacht (Irish speaking) area steeped in culture and rich in folklore and music. One of the most scenic areas in Ireland, the drive through the countryside is outstanding. The Folk Museum, which opened in 1967, is a monument to Father James McDyer who came to the village in 1952 and set about infusing the local people with a spirit of self-reliance and pride in their heritage. Here we will learn about the history of the area and enjoy some traditional Irish music. We will also offer a walk through the Bluestack Mountains. This circular  $3.5\,$ kilometre walk offers the striking beauty and peacefulness of the mountains and spectacular views. In the afternoon there will be the option to take a stroll through Donegal town, which was invaded by Vikings in the 8th century and used as their port, giving its Gaelic name Dun na nGall, 'Fort of the Foreigners'. The walking tour will take in the town's history including the castle, the ruined Franciscan friary as well as the 'The Diamond' or centre of town where markets were held until 1967. This evening we will enjoy some Irish dancing after dinner.

Day 4 Aran Islands & Galway. After a morning at sea we arrive off the Galway Coast at the Aran Islands. We will call into the largest, Inishmore, and explore some of the early Christian sites. This island was a place of monastic study from the earliest Christian times. Also, see the dramatic stone fort of Dun Aonghusa, parts of which date back some 3,000 years. We sail in the late afternoon towards Galway. Arrive in the early evening and maybe enjoy an after-dinner stroll or find some local music as we moor overnight.

Day 5 Galway. From Galway we explore the beautiful region of Connemara. Here the National Park covers nearly 3,000 hectares of scenic mountains, heaths and woodland and is home to herds of ponies. During our drive along the 'Wild Atlantic Way' we will see beautiful coves, bays and traditional fishing villages where we will experience local culture in this Irish speaking part of the country. Visit Kylemore Abbey which is set on a lake against a backdrop of the Connemara Mountains and home to Ireland's only Benedictine order of nuns who have restored and cared for the Kylemore estate since 1920. Uniquely, only Victorian varieties of flowers and vegetables are grown in the walled garden which contains two distinct areas: the kitchen garden and the flower garden.

Day 6 Valentia Island & Skellig Islands. Today we arrive at the famous Kerry (Iveragh) Peninsula and anchor at the port of Knightstown on Valentia Island. Spend the morning learning about the history of the island, with visits to the Cromwell Point Lighthouse and Transatlantic Cable Museum or alternatively visit the Portmagee distillery for a tasting of the local whiskey. Later, we will arrive off The Skelligs, tiny islands just off the magnificent coast of the Dingle Peninsula. Weather permitting, we will sail around these mystical islands with their early Christian history. Skellig Michael is a World Heritage Site and atop this rugged pyramid, that rises from the sea, are the ruins of a monastery. Meanwhile at Little Skellig the sky can on occasion turn white as some of the 20,000 pairs of breeding gannets leave their roosts.

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Day 7 Bere Island. Awake at anchor off Bere Island which lies at the entrance to the deep, sheltered waters of Bantry Bay. The small island, roughly 10 kilometres by three kilometres, has a population of about 200 people but its place in history is assured. After the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921, the island became one of three Irish ports retained by the British because of its strategic value. Evidence remains of earlier visitors too with megalithic standing stones, wedge tombs and ring forts. We have the whole day to explore on a choice of island walks, spend time at the Heritage Centre which showcases island life and take the chance to meet the islanders.

Day 8 Waterford & Kilkenny. From our berth in Belview, Waterford, we will drive inland to the Medieval city of Kilkenny. The great building prowess of the Normans is very evident in the 11th and 12th century buildings bestowed on the city. Characterised by many beautifully restored buildings, the most splendid is Kilkenny Castle which was until recently a stronghold of the Butler family. The castle began life as a Norman fortress and gradually became more domesticated through the centuries. After exploring the interior, including the gallery with portraits by Van Dyck and Lely we will wander in the surrounding 21 hectares of gardens. On the famous Medieval mile which leads from the castle to the city, we can see the St Canices Round Tower, the 13th century St Mary's Church and the enchanting Rothe Gardens. Return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and in the afternoon there will be a visit to Waterford, Ireland's oldest city. Join a tour to the House of Waterford Crystal to learn about the world-renowned crystalware and see how it is made or, alternatively, enjoy a leisurely afternoon to explore at your own pace and perhaps visit the excellent Medieval Museum and the Viking built Reginald's Tower.

Day 9 Isles of Scilly, England. Spend the morning in the Isles of Scilly, an archipelago of five inhabited islands and up to one hundred and forty uninhabited islets, located 30 miles off the coast of Cornwall. Our time will depend on weather and sea conditions but we hope to visit St Mary's, the largest island in the archipelago (yet still only six square miles), where you can enjoy some time in the shops in Hugh Town or walk the historic Garrison Walls. Return to the ship for a final afternoon at sea.

**Day 10 Portsmouth.** Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Portsmouth Harbour railway station at a fixed time.

#### SHIP TO SHORE

Whilst we will be alongside in some ports, we will be at anchor for the calls to the Aran Islands, Galway, Valentia Island and Bere Island. The vessel's Zodiacs will be utilised to transport passengers ashore in the locations. We will also be at anchor in the Isles of Scilly where we will use local boats to transfer ashore.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

### **SPECIAL OFFER** – SAVE £300 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

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Amundsen	Standard	£6195	£5895
Byrd	Superior	£6395	£6095
Mawson	Premium	£6595	£6295
Mawson	Corner	£6895	£6595
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£7795	£7495
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£7995	£7695
Shackleton	Hebridean Suite	£8495	£8195
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	<b>£7095</b>	£6795
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£7295	£6995

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Not Included: Travel insurance.

# Pre-cruise Argyll Extension 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2026

If you would like to spend some time in the Scottish Highlands before your cruise, we are offering a two night extension based at Loch Melfort Hotel, a unique retreat set in 17 acres of gardens and beach on the romantic coast of Argyll.



#### THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Loch Melfort, Scotland. Check into our hotel this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Glasgow International Airport and Glasgow Central Railway station at a fixed time. After time to settle in we meet for dinner tonight. (D)

Day 2 Arduaine Gardens & Loch Melfort. After breakfast we make our way to nearby Arduaine Garden, a delightful woodland garden which enjoys the benefits from the warming effect of the North Atlantic Drift and a paradise for plant lovers. Take a walk through the woodland to the coastal viewpoint and enjoy superb views of the Sound of Jura. The afternoon is free to relax before dinner in the hotel this evening. (B, D)

**Day 3 Oban.** After a free morning we will check out of the hotel and drive to Oban via the hilltop McCaig's Tower which overlooks the harbour. We will have lunch and some time to explore the town before we embark the MS Hebridean Sky in the late afternoon. (B, L)

#### LOCH MELFORT HOTEL



The Loch Melfort Hotel has a truly stunning location with idyllic surrounds. As you step into the warmth, comfort and tranquillity of this comfortable country family home, you cannot fail to notice the uniquely informal and relaxed atmosphere. The family-owned hotel which is surrounded by the enchanting Arduaine Gardens has beautiful views to the Sound of Jura and the Inner Hebrides and beyond. Dinners will be taken at the hotel's acclaimed restaurant, where the greatest care is taken when choosing the produce, ensuring it is as local and fresh as possible.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

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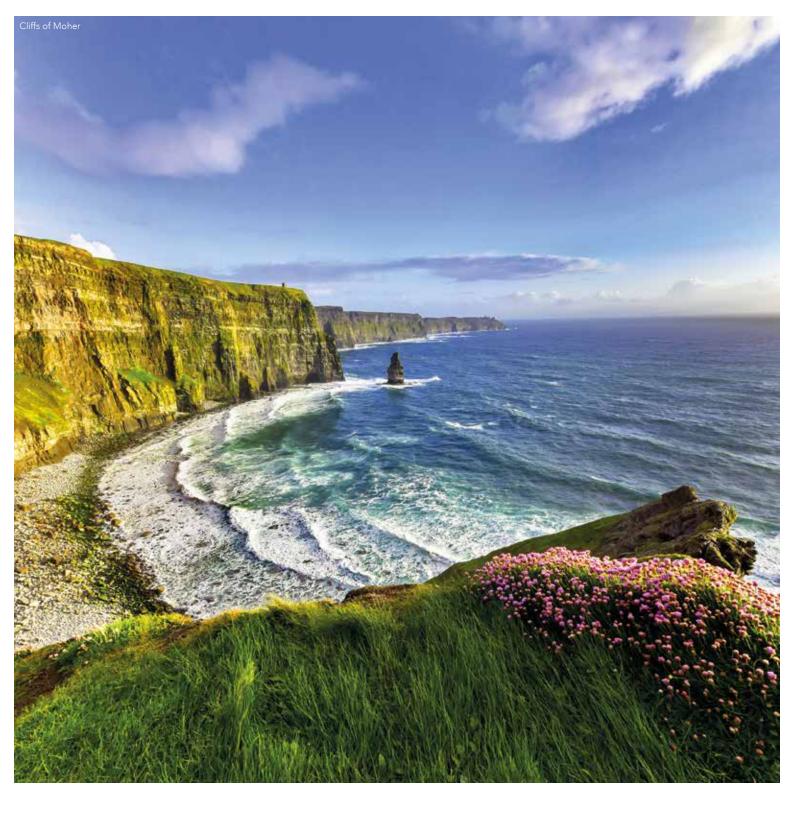
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 Garden View Room:
 £645
 £795

 Sea View Room:
 £695
 £845

**Price Includes:** Two nights accommodation at The Loch Melfort Hotel, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), drinks with included meals, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, shore excursions, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.









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