

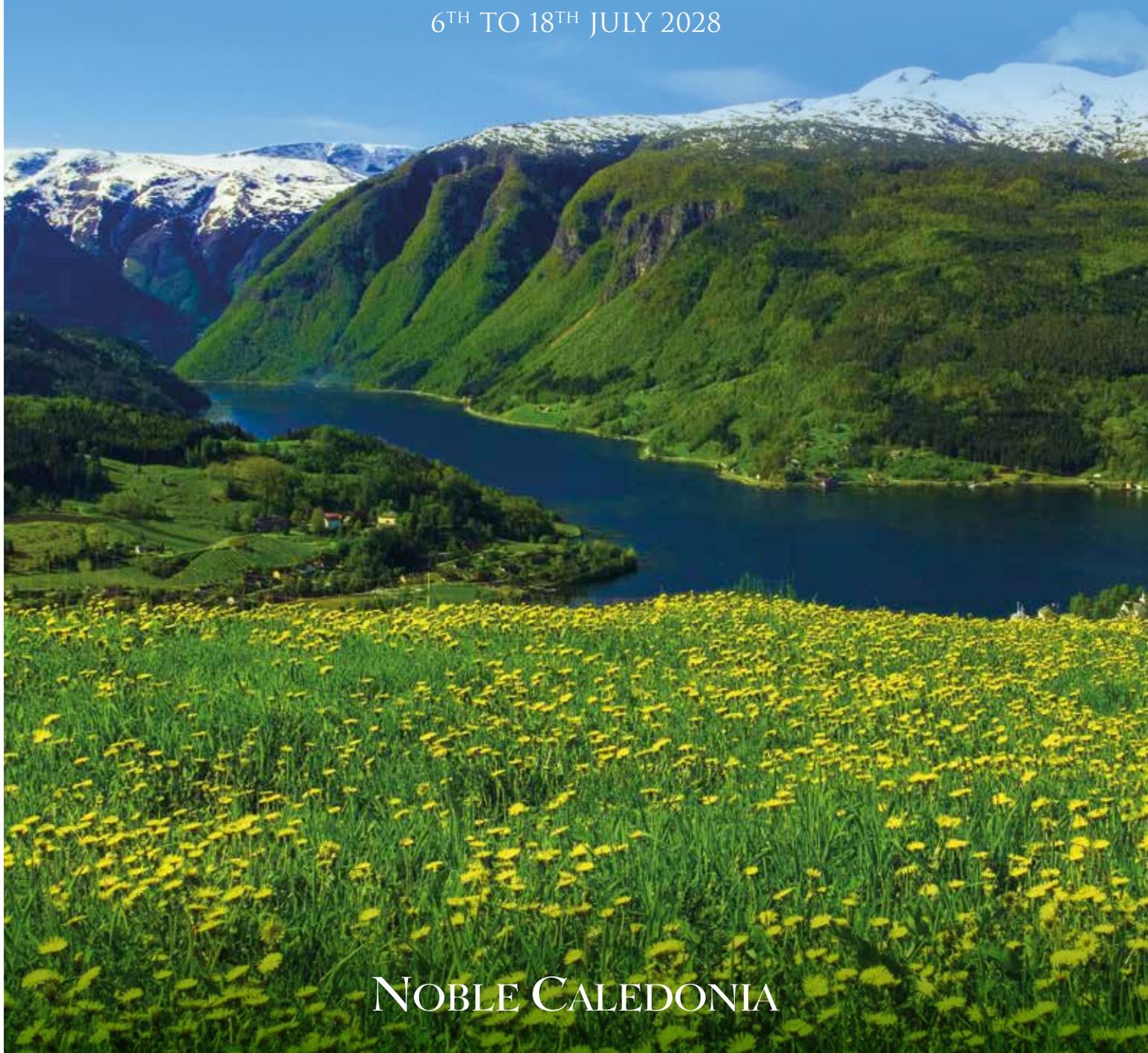
ROUND TRIP SCOTLAND TO NORWAY CRUISE – NO FLY VOYAGE

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# SUMMER IN THE ISLANDS & FJORDS OF NORWAY

A VOYAGE FROM ABERDEEN TO THE NORWEGIAN COAST  
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

6<sup>TH</sup> TO 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2028



NOBLE CALEDONIA



By any measure, Norway ranks among Europe's most beautiful and awe-inspiring countries. Its unspoilt landscape and pristine wilderness promise to delight those with a love for the natural world, and its beautiful coastline offers the traveller scenery on an epic scale. Join us for a no-fly cruise as we explore the western shores of this remarkable country, where dramatic fjords, bustling coastal towns, thriving fishing communities, and seemingly endless beaches combine to create an unforgettable journey.

Our roundtrip voyage sails from the port of Aberdeen on the east coast of Scotland, and after a day at sea, we catch our first glimpse of Norway. Here our days will be spent on guided excursions with local guides, on walks with our naturalists, and on the deck of the MS Hebridean Sky as we cruise amongst the fjords. This itinerary uniquely combines the wonders of the natural world with the historical and cultural highlights of the area and we will visit Alesund, where we will marvel at the Art Nouveau architecture; spend time exploring Hardangerfjord with its magnificent Langfoss waterfall; visit the charming small island of Smola; and witness the prolific birdlife at Runde, home to more than 240 species of birds. A highlight for many will be our scenic journey aboard the Rauma Railway, passing towering peaks, cascading waterfalls and iconic landmarks.

There is no better way to explore this endlessly fascinating region than aboard the 118-passenger MS Hebridean Sky and joining you on board will be an expert team who have been selected for their enthusiasm, professionalism and knowledge of the natural world. With our small ship we are able to access some of the more remote harbours that are simply not accessible to the larger cruise ships and ferries, allowing us to get up close to see nature at its rawest, cruise rugged coastlines, witness vibrant colours and admire the prolific birdlife of this wonderful region.





Kristiansund



Likholefossen waterfall



Alesund

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 Aberdeen, Scotland.** Embark the MS Hebridean Sky this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Aberdeen Airport and Railway Station at a fixed time. Sail this evening.

**Day 2 At Sea.** Spend a relaxing day at sea as we cross to Norway.

**Day 3 Runde & Alesund, Norway.** Arrive in Norway this morning as we cruise by the bird cliffs at Runde, one of the largest nesting cliffs in the country and home to half a million birds. More than 240 different species have been observed here including puffins, gannets, razorbills and northern fulmar. Continue to Alesund, one of the most beautiful towns in Norway. It is a great place to spend an afternoon as we explore the streets with their Art Nouveau buildings. Those feeling active can take a walk up Mount Aksla taking the 418 steps for magnificent views of the town, islands and Sunnmore Alps.

**Day 4 Andalsnes.** Sail this morning through Romsdalsfjord to Andalsnes, a small village idyllically located in the Romsdal Valley at the mouth of the River Rauma. Here we embark the Rauma Railway for what is regarded as one of Europe's most scenic train journeys combining spectacular fjords, mighty mountains, dramatic waterfalls and beautiful views. During our return journey between Andalsnes and Bjorli we pass Trollveggen, Europe's highest vertical rock face, the 380 metre high Verma waterfall and 15th century Kors Church before crossing the iconic Kylling Bridge. After lunch on board, enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore further at your own pace. Maybe take a stroll in the village or alternatively take the Romsdalen Gondola which climbs 708 metres to the top of the Nesaksla Mountain and offers stunning views of the surrounding peaks and fjords.

**Day 5 Smola Island.** Today we enjoy the benefits of our small ship as we visit the archipelago of over 5,000 islands and islets off the Norwegian coast. We hope to anchor off the island of Smola and use our Zodiacs to visit the beautiful former fishing village of Brattvær. Once a thriving fishing community, with a population of around 300, the last inhabitant left in 2012. On a guided walk we can visit the well preserved buildings, including homes, the school and the prayer house for a glimpse into the past. Alternatively visit the charming fishing village of Veiholmen which has a population of around 300 inhabitants

and is located at the northernmost tip of Smola Island. Here we will meet members of the lively community and visit the town museum. These islands also have the densest population of white-tailed eagles in the world which we hope to spot whilst ashore. Sail this evening to Kristiansund where we moor overnight.

**Day 6 Kristiansund.** Spend the day in Kristiansund, a colourful town spread over four islands where we have a choice of excursions. You may want to experience the Atlantic Ocean Road, a unique stretch of road that takes you right to the ocean's edge, winding across an archipelago of small islands and islets. Enjoy the views as we continue to the Kvernes Stave Church, beautifully perched above the Kvernes Fjord. Dating back to 1630, it is Norway's only stave church built after the Middle Ages, making it truly one of a kind. Step inside to see the ornate Baroque pulpit, and 15th century altarpiece. Alternatively, join the local ferry to the enchanting island of Grip. Located 14 kilometres off the coast of Kristiansund, this tiny, beautiful island was a thriving fishing village as far back as Medieval times. Today, it is a peaceful summer paradise, with quaint, narrow streets, colourful houses and the world's northernmost stave church. On a guided walk, we discover the rich history of this small island and gain an insight into the lives of those who braved the elements to live and work here in the past. The remainder of the day is free to explore the town from our central berth before we sail in the late afternoon.

**Day 7 Loen, Nordfjord.** Today we leave the charming village of Loen and take a drive to the Kjenndalen valley where we board a small boat to experience the lovely Loen Lake, passing through tall mountains covered by protruding glacier arms. We finally end up at the Kjenndalsbre Fjellstove where we enjoy a short break with homemade Norwegian waffles. We continue our visit to the Kjenndalsbreen glacier viewpoint, an arm of the mighty Jostedal Glacier, the largest in mainland Europe. After lunch on board enjoy some free time in Loen, maybe take a trip on the cable car which rises 1100 metres and offers wonderful views over the fjord below. Sail in the early evening to enjoy the scenery of Nordfjord.

**Day 8 Dalsfjord & Bygstad.** Dalsfjord lies at the heart of Western Norway with its starkly contrasting fjord scenery, halfway between Bergen and Alesund. This little-known fjord arm has a gentler landscape where powerful



Kylling bridge



Hopperstad Stave Church, Vikoyri



White-tailed eagle



Stavanger

and diverse watercourses have left their impression on the scenery and settlements. Today's tour will take us through this beautiful environment and over to Sunnfjord with its magnificent waterfalls and mountains. We will visit Sunnfjord Museum, which provides an insight into how life was in local settlements in the mid 1800s, before taking a scenic drive to the region known as 'the waterfall country'. Here we will stop at the Huldefossen and Likholefossen waterfalls before returning via the Hestadjord where we find the 19th century Hestad Church located in idyllic surroundings.

**Day 9 Vikoyri.** Overnight we will have sailed to the small village of Vikoyri located in Sognefjord. A local walk will include the richly decorated Hopperstad Stave Church which was built in 1130 and is the oldest stave church in existence. We also see the 12th century Hove stone church and the nearby Moahaugane burial mounds which originate from 200-400 AD. Try the local cheese delicacy of "gamal ost". The recipe originated from the Vikings and it is still in production at the dairy in Vikoyri. Return to the ship via picturesque homes and bathhouses. We sail in the early afternoon for a scenic cruise in the fjords.

**Day 10 Rosendal.** Sail this morning into Hardangerfjord, the third largest fjord in the world. We will anchor and use our Zodiacs to land at Rosendal from where we drive along the fjord towards the small part of the Hardangerfjord called Maurangerfjord, experiencing the idyllic scenery and farms along the way and viewing the magnificent Langfoss waterfall. When we arrive at the small village of Sunndal we will walk to Bondhus Lake which is surrounded by a fascinating landscape of fjords and mountains. After lunch on board there will be some free time to explore the town, maybe visit the 12th century Kvinnherad Church, Stone Park or see the gardens at Barony Rosendal.

**Day 11 Lysefjord & Stavanger.** Awake today in picturesque Lysefjord which measures 23 miles end to end. Spend the morning cruising past Preikestolen (Priest Rock) and Kjerag Mountain which both tower above the fjord. Afterwards we sail to Stavanger and have the chance to stroll in the small harbour with its multi-coloured traditional wooden buildings. Old Stavanger is a cluster of 173 small white wooden houses built in the 19th century which house craft shops, galleries and museums. We sail late tonight for anyone wishing to enjoy a final evening ashore in Norway.

**Day 12 At Sea.** Enjoy a relaxing day at sea as we return to Scotland.

**Day 13 Aberdeen, Scotland.** Disembark after breakfast. Transfers will be provided to Aberdeen Airport and Railway Station at a fixed time.

### SHIP TO SHORE

This cruise is not classified as an expedition cruise; however, Zodiac landing craft will be used to transfer guests from ship to shore in Rosendal, Smola, Vikoyri and Loen where the ship will be at anchor.

### PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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

Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£8295	£7795
Byrd	Superior	£8495	£7995
Mawson	Premium	£8995	£8495
Mawson	Corner	£9495	£8995
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£10295	£9795
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£10495	£9995
Shackleton	Hebridean	£10995	£10495
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£10495	£9995
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£10895	£10395

**PRICE INCLUDES:** 12 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis  
 • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.  
**Not Included:** Travel insurance.

# MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



Alfresco Dining



Owner's Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

The much loved MS Hebridean Sky is one of our two flagships and sister vessel to the MS Island Sky. Both vessels were built in the same shipyard in Italy at similar times and share the same excellent attributes that make them two of the finest small ships in the world. With a maximum passenger capacity of only 118, a vessel of her size is capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Hebridean Sky has the benefit of unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks.

## Your Suite

On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a sitting area and some have private balconies. The feeling of luxury is enhanced by the wood panelling and brass, which predominates throughout the vessel conveying the atmosphere of a private yacht. The passenger accommodation is arranged over five decks and all suites have outside views with those on the Scott and Shackleton Decks featuring private balconies. Each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, large wardrobes, dressing table with large mirror and stool and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, television and a telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, towelling dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted Noble Isle toiletries and individually controlled air-conditioning and heating. Soft hues and blended tones enhance the traditional maritime style making the passenger accommodation an inviting and relaxing place to be.

## Your Dining

With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the cuisine on board the MS Hebridean Sky is of a consistent superior quality that befits such a vessel. In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements and choice of restaurants at your leisure; whether that be joining a table of four to six other passengers in the elegant à la carte Restaurant or, outside buffet-style on the Lido Deck in the evening sunshine. In the main Restaurant, breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner menus offer plenty of choice, often reflecting the daily catch and local delicacies. The Welcome and Farewell dinners are a sumptuous five course affair. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines is included with both meals. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapés take place in either the comfort of the Lounge or in The Club. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day. Special diets can be catered for with sufficient notice.



The Library



Superior Suite



The Club

### Your Space

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Byrd Deck featuring a selection of seating options from individual armchairs and sofas to side cushioned benches. Daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place in the Lounge. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Mawson Deck which features the main bar. The Club also features a 24-hour tea and coffee station. Towards the aft of the ship on the Mawson Deck is the Library. Well stocked with reference books pertaining to the destinations the vessel is visiting and a selection of essential reads, you will not find yourself short of excellent literature on board. A collection of games and devices to access the internet via the ship's satellite can also be found in the library. Access to the ship's satellite Wi-Fi via your own device is complimentary on board (*signal strength varies depending on location and demand*). The main Restaurant, which can seat all guests at one sitting, is located on the Amundsen Deck, and outside there is a rear Lido Deck located on the Scott Deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. Further to this on the top Shackleton Deck there is an observation area, complete with sun loungers for sunbathing, relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. The Promenade Deck wraps around the whole ship providing outstanding views. There is also a small beauty salon on board with appointments made on request.

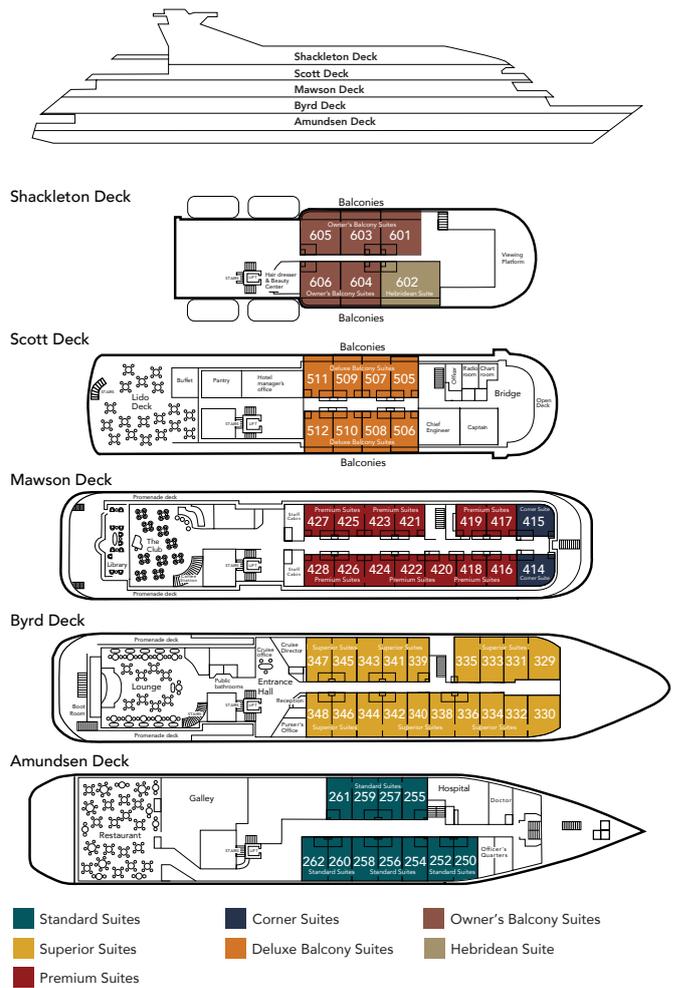
### Your Comfort

The MS Hebridean Sky is equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilisers to minimise the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer you the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessel's progress by charts and learn more about your journey. On board you will also find a clinic and Doctor and a lift that serves all decks. When at anchor our nimble Zodiacs will ferry you ashore or, on select cruises, enjoy Zodiac cruises getting you closer to the natural world.

### Your Life On Board

The atmosphere on board is warm and convivial and more akin to a private yacht or country hotel in which you can learn more about the wonderful destinations you are visiting in the company of like-minded people. There is a high ratio of crew to passengers and our friendly crew of 75 are mainly Filipino and Eastern European and our Captains are experienced mariners. After a day ashore you will return to the comfort and peace of a well-run and exceedingly comfortable ship where peace, high quality of service and attention to detail are the order of the day. A little music in the Lounge or bar after dinner, Guest Speakers and informative port briefings and of course good food, all contribute to make any voyage aboard this wonderful vessel a memorable and joyful experience.

### MS HEBRIDEAN SKY DECK PLAN



Please note that beds in each suite can be configured as double or twin with the exception of suites 601 and 602 which feature a fixed double bed.



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