

SUMMER IN THE ISLES

DISCOVER THE CHANNEL ISLANDS
& ISLES OF SCILLY ABOARD
THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY
31ST AUGUST TO 8TH SEPTEMBER 2020

NOBLE CALEDONIA



Here is a perfect getaway for those who enjoy visiting islands, small ship cruising and the chance to explore on foot. Join the HMS Hebridean Sky in Dover and visit some of the most idyllic islands including Alderney, Sark, Tresco and St Martin's with their crystal clear waters and fine white sandy beaches that would not disgrace a Caribbean island. We also visit Bryher and Lundy which are rarely visited gems and almost never included on cruise schedules.

During our eight night island hopping voyage, we will explore on foot amazing little contained worlds as well as the stunning sub-tropical Abbey Gardens on Tresco. Such an itinerary would be difficult to arrange independently and the MS Hebridean Sky is the perfect small ship for such a venture. A maximum of 100 passengers allows us to explore places otherwise inaccessible to larger ships and with our nimble Zodiac craft, we can land on out of the way coves and be footloose in a way that would be totally impractical for larger groups of passengers.



Our View

“The United Kingdom is surrounded by a number of island groups offering wonderful scenery, wildlife and small communities and our voyage will include time in two of these groups: the Channel Islands and the Isles of Scilly. Our small ship, the MS Hebridean Sky, is able to anchor and use local boats or the ship's Zodiacs to land at the small harbours which serve the islands and, with just 100 passengers we will not overrun the islands but instead will be absorbed into the towns and island life. Our time will be spent walking the nature trails, spotting marine wildlife and experiencing life in these remote communities.”

The Itinerary

Day 1 Dover, England. Embark the MS Hebridean Sky this afternoon in Dover. Transfers will be provided from Dover Priory Railway Station at a fixed time. Enjoy welcome dinner and drinks. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Guernsey. Enjoy a relaxing morning at sea as we make our way to Guernsey. Arrive during lunch and this afternoon there will be the option of a walking tour of St Peter Port including a visit to Castle Cornet, a 12th century battlement which guards the entrance to St

Peter Port harbour. Alternatively, join a panoramic drive during which we will see the beautiful coastline and beaches and visit the Little Chapel, built in 1914 as a miniature version of the famous basilica at Lourdes and covered in fragments of shattered china.

Day 3 Alderney & Sark. On Alderney, visit the island's only town, St Anne, which has all the old-world charm of a Normandy village with tiny squares and

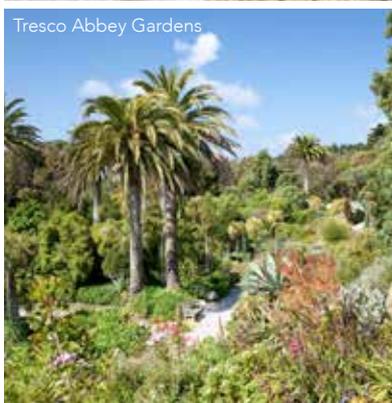


pastel shaded cottages and shops. Maybe join a short walk to see the German fortifications or a longer walk with our naturalists heading to the cliffs. At Sark we will use our Zodiacs to land on this

peaceful traffic-free island. Horse-drawn carriages take us along the narrow lanes alive with the songs of chaffinches, skylarks and mistle thrush as we see the narrow isthmus which joins Little Sark



Castle Cornet, Guernsey



Tresco Abbey Gardens



Alderney



Bryher

and Big Sark and the enchanting gardens at La Seigneurie. The more active may wish to hire a bicycle and explore independently.

Day 4 Jersey. Go ashore by Zodiac from our anchorage in Jersey. We will enjoy a morning drive to the east coast of the island viewing the magnificent landscapes before arriving at Mont Orgeuil, the impressive fortification that has witnessed island life through the Middle Ages, French Wars and German Occupation. Continue to Samares Manor Gardens. Built in 1920 by Sir James Knott these gardens include special areas for culinary and cosmetic plants as well as a "physic" garden of traditional medicinal plants along with a rose and lavender garden. We also visit the Orchid Gardens, where orchid varieties are cultivated in a specialized greenhouse beautifully appointed with flowing streams and little rock gardens. Return to the ship for lunch and spend an afternoon exploring St Helier independently.

Day 5 Tresco & Bryher, Isles of Scilly. Spend the morning on traffic free Tresco, walking its idyllic lanes from the beach to the famous subtropical Abbey Gardens. Defying the Atlantic weather, this miracle of a garden is home to more than 20,000 species of plants from over 80 countries. Enjoy time to wander at your own pace along the paths, maybe visit the Valhalla collection of ship figureheads from ships wrecked on the islands or relax in the cafe. This afternoon we

will tender ashore to Bryher, the smallest of the inhabited Isles of Scilly. Take the chance to wander along the tracks that cross the island amongst hedgerows and fields bursting with wildflowers. The active may wish to climb Watch Hill, where in the past islanders would keep watch for ships in distress or alternatively take a stroll to one of the beautiful beaches.

Day 6 St Agnes & St Martins. This morning we will visit St Agnes, the most south-westerly community in the UK. Surrounded by rocks and reefs this delightful tiny island offers marvellous coastal walks. The small island of Gugh lies across a narrow sandbar and here we find a single stone monolith called the 'Old Man of Gugh' which dates back to the Bronze Age. After lunch tender ashore to the northernmost island of the group, St Martin's, a small island community of just 120 residents. Enjoy time to explore independently, climb one of the viewpoints for vistas over the islands and the offshore seal colonies or maybe join one of our expedition team on a guided walk.

Day 7 Lundy. We have scheduled a morning on Lundy, a remote and absolutely delightful island in the Bristol Channel. Although small, just three miles long by half a mile wide, its isolation has made it a home for a range of wildlife and a clutch of listed buildings and monuments. Walk along its traffic free lanes and paths, explore the wide bays and coves by way of hanging valleys, have a drink at

the inn or buy the islands 'puffin stamps' at the island's shop.

Day 8 Dartmouth. Sail this morning along the River Dart to our anchorage off the town of Dartmouth. If time permits, we hope to explore ashore before lunch on board. On a choice of excursions this afternoon you may decide to visit 'Greenway', the wonderful historic house and garden that was once home to Agatha Christie. Visit the gardens, including the Camellia Garden, a wonderful place to sit and ponder on the history of the house and the notable residents and visitors that have included Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Francis Drake. Alternatively visit the 1920s country retreat of the D'Oyly Carte family at Coleton Fishacre. Lose yourself in the RHS accredited garden by the sea as

we wander the paths through glades and past tranquil ponds. Meanwhile the house interior is imbued with 1920s elegance and Art Deco features.

Day 9 Plymouth. Disembark this morning after breakfast. Transfers will be provided to Plymouth Train Station at a fixed time.



During this voyage you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be

accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price
Amundsen	Standard	£3995
Byrd	Superior	£4295
Mawson	Premium	£4595
Mawson	Corner	£4895
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£5195
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£5495
Shackleton	Hebridean	£6395
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£5595
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£5995

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

Not Included: Travel insurance.



Lido Deck



Superior Suite

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

The MS Hebridean Sky is one of the finest small ships in the world and sister vessel to our MS Island Sky and MS Caledonian Sky. With a maximum passenger capacity of only 118, a vessel of her size is capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Hebridean Sky has the benefit of unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks.

Your Suite

On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a sitting area and some have private balconies. The passenger accommodation is arranged over five decks and all suites have outside views with those on the Scott and Shackleton Decks featuring private balconies. Each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, large wardrobes, dressing table with large mirror and stool and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, flat screen television and a telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, towelling dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted Molton Brown toiletries and individually controlled air-conditioning and heating.

Your Dining

In keeping with the informal atmosphere on board, when dining you are able to choose your seating arrangements and choice of restaurants at your leisure; whether that be joining a table of four to six other passengers in the elegant à la carte Restaurant or, outside buffet-style on the Lido Deck in the evening sunshine. In the main Restaurant,

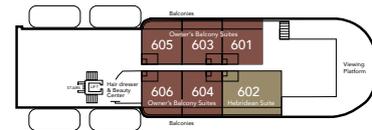
breakfast is served buffet-style, with certain items cooked to order on request. Lunch and dinner menus offer plenty of choice, often reflecting the daily catch and local delicacies. To enhance your dining experience further a selection of wines is included with both meals. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapés take place in either the comfort of the Lounge or out on the Lido Deck when the weather is favourable.

Your Space

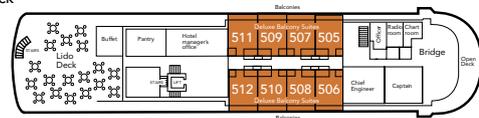
The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large Lounge on the Byrd Deck where daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place. In addition to the main Lounge, there is also The Club, located on the Mawson Deck which features the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



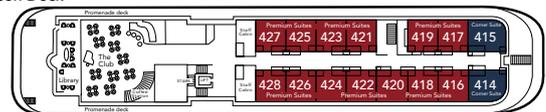
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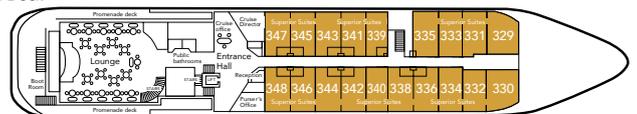
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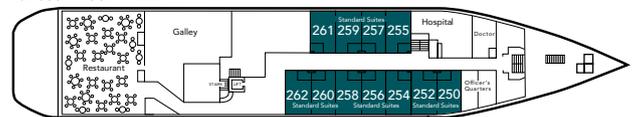
Mawson Deck



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.



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