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VOYAGE TO VALLETTA

A journey along the Balkan Coast from Venice to Valletta
aboard the MS Hebridean Sky with Guest Speaker Nirvana Romell

9th to 21st October 2026

NOBLE CALEDONIA



Roman Amphitheatre, Pula

During this unique voyage aboard the 118-passenger MS Hebridean Sky we will sail from Venice to Valletta visiting Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania and Italy, cruising through turquoise waters, admiring the spectacular landscapes and visiting some of the region's greatest sites along the way. Regular travellers to this part of the world will know that autumn is one of the loveliest times of year in the region with crowd-free sites and ideal weather for touring.

After an overnight stay and full day to explore the delights of Venice, we will sail south along the stunningly beautiful Adriatic Coast where even the most jaded of travellers cannot fail to be won over by the intense blue sea and timeless quality of the towns. Our visits ashore include a day in Slovenia where we visit the pretty town of Piran, Croatia's beautiful Istrian coast, including quiet and unspoilt spots such as Rovinj and Mali Losinj island, and the enchanting city of Dubrovnik. A highlight for many will be our arrival in the 14th century walled fortress town of Kotor in Montenegro which is fronted by a sublime bay and surrounded by limestone cliffs. We also spend time in Albania which, often overlooked, is full of treasures and our visits will include the vibrant city of Tirana and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint. Crossing to the heel of Italy, we will discover Puglia's beautiful city of Lecce with its splendid Baroque architecture and, after a relaxing day at sea we reach the fascinating island of Sicily where our last day will be spent exploring beautiful Syracuse and the ancient Doric Temple of Apollo.

This is a journey very much for the connoisseur of romantic landscapes and ancient history and will be particularly enjoyable as our trips ashore will be a pleasure as we explore in small groups with our Guest Speaker and local guides who will add immeasurably to our knowledge of the region. All will be achieved with great ease from the comfort of the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky which has the advantage of being able to access many of the region's ports which the big ships simply cannot.



Guest Speaker – Nirvana Romell



Nirvana left her native Croatia during the turbulent 1990s with a degree in History of Western and Yugoslav art from the University of Zagreb as well as a MA in English Language and Literature. After a decade in South Africa, she arrived in England in 2003 where she has worked as a freelance lecturer, and on museum collections interpretations and staff training.

Recently, she has been 'commuting' between the UK and Geneva. For over 20 years she has led study tours to the places close to her heart - the Balkans, northern Italy, France, Sweden and South Africa – and is passionate about travel that expands cultural horizons and connects people, past and present. Nirvana is an Arts Society accredited speaker.



Otranto



The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Venice, Italy. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky for embarkation. Moor overnight.

Day 2 Venice. From our central berth enjoy a free morning to explore at your own pace. In the early afternoon we will take a walking tour to discover the hidden corners of Venice. An off the beaten track itinerary takes us to the Church of San Giovanni in Bragora, where Antonio Vivaldi was baptised, the San Giorgio dei Greci Church and its secret courtyard, and Campo Santa Maria Formosa, one of the city's largest squares and Marco Polo's House. After a walk to the Rialto area, we will make our way back to St Mark's waterfront via Campo San Zaccaria and its beautiful church, before ending our tour at the Chiesa della Pietà, a former convent and orphanage and an authentic masterpiece of the 18th century by Giorgio Massari. The young orphans that stayed here were encouraged to study music and their most famous teacher was Antonio Vivaldi. It was here that he composed the Four Seasons and we have arranged for an exclusive private concert of Vivaldi themed music performed by a Venetian orchestra. It will be a thrilling experience to hear the music performed where it was created.

Day 3 Koper, Piran & Lipica, Slovenia. Overnight we sail the short distance to Koper for a day in Slovenia. This morning we drive to Piran, one of the most photogenic cities in the Mediterranean. Influenced by the Venetian Republic, which left its mark on most Istrian towns, Piran has maintained the clustered Medieval structure of narrow winding streets, houses huddled close together and numerous squares and churches. Tartini Square is the gem found in the very centre of the city and named after the violinist and composer Giuseppe Tartini. After lunch on board the afternoon is free to explore Koper at your own pace or alternatively drive to Lipica, the village giving its name to the Lipizzan horse breed. We will visit the Lipica Stud Farm, one of the very first farms to develop the Lipizzan breed in the 16th century, for a guided tour and a show to learn more about their majestic horses.

Day 4 Pula & Rovinj, Croatia. Arrive in Croatia at the tip of the Istrian Peninsula at the former Roman settlement of Polensium, now known as Pula. On a walking tour we will discover one of the best preserved Roman amphitheatres left in the world. The Arena, built in the 1st century AD was designed to host gladiatorial contests with seating for up to 20,000 spectators. This afternoon is free to explore at your own pace or alternatively join a tour to the atmospheric town of Rovinj where the houses inside the old town are small and lean into each other creating a unique atmosphere. Our guided walking tour will include the Franciscan Monastery, City Palace and the 17th century clock tower before we visit the town's main landmark, St Euphemia Church, which is built on the top of a small hill. This Baroque building built in Venetian style was dedicated to the saint and martyr whose sarcophagus, according to

a legend, was miraculously washed ashore somewhere around 800 AD.

Day 5 Mali Losinj. Today we appreciate the benefits of our small ship as we cruise into Mali Losinj which sits at the foot of a protected harbour on the southeast coast of Losinj Island. It is the island's mild climate and rich flora that give Mali Losinj its reputation as one of the most fragrant islands in Croatia. The morning is free to wander along the seafront of the old town which is lined with a string of imposing 19th century houses and villas or maybe visit the fascinating Museum of Apoxyomenos. Spend the afternoon at sea as we continue our journey south along the Croatian coastline.

Day 6 Dubrovnik. Dubrovnik is a breathtaking sight and its many historic and cultural treasures have earned it the designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded by the Romans in the 7th century, it eventually came under the influence of the Byzantine Empire, then Venice, Hungary and finally Turkey. This morning our local guides will lead us through the bustling old town taking in the beautiful civic buildings, the Rector's Palace, the Romanesque-Gothic Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries and the Sponza Palace. This afternoon is free to relax on board or explore independently. Maybe take a walk on the city walls or ride the cable car up Mount Srđ for the wonderful views over the city.

Day 7 Kotor, Montenegro. Be on deck this morning as we sail through the stunning fjord-like scenery into Kotor. On arrival we will take a morning walking tour to explore this Medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares. Our tour will include the 12th century Cathedral of St Tryphon, the ancient town gates, the Maritime Museum and Romanesque churches including St Luke's. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon to explore at your own pace. Those feeling active may wish to take the strenuous climb to the Castle of San Giovanni which offers wonderful views over the bay and town below. *Please note that we may be at anchor today and if so will use local tenders to go ashore.*

Day 8 Durres & Tirana, Albania. Arrive in Albania at the coastal city of Durres which was colonised by the Greeks in 627 BC and still has the remains of a 15,000 seat amphitheatre, the second largest in the Balkans. This morning we will head inland to Tirana where we will see the fascinating nuclear bunker built by the dictator Enver Hoxha in the 1970s and only recently opened to the public. This underground building is packed with original artefacts from the communist period. Afterwards, continue walking through the city centre to see the mosque, Clock Tower and the "Bloku" area of the city. After lunch at a local farm, we return to Durres to visit the Medieval city and the Archaeological Museum before sailing late this evening.



Lecce



Tirana



'Ear of Dionysius'



Gjirokastra

Post-cruise Malta Extension

21st to 23rd October 2026

If you would like to spend some time in Malta after disembarking the MS Hebridean Sky, you can join our two night hotel stay which includes a guided tour of Valletta and Mdina.



Valletta

The Itinerary

Day 1 Valletta, Malta. After breakfast we will disembark and begin a walking tour of Valletta, the 16th century "Fortress City" built by the Knights of St John. Our morning tour will include the highlights of Valletta with its stunning views across the harbour from the Barrakka Gardens. After lunch we transfer to our hotel and check in. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free for independent exploration. (B, L)

Day 2 Mdina. A morning tour will take us to Mdina. Originally this city was given the name of "Citta Nobile", and it is now known as the "Silent City" at the heart of the island. Mdina is Phoenician in origin and was the fortified capital of the island before the arrival of the Knights. Spend the afternoon at leisure before we meet for dinner. (B, D)

Day 3 Valletta to London. Check out and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£895** Single: **£1095**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Day 9 Sarande. We continue our exploration of Albania in the southern port of Sarande from where we have a choice of excursions. Maybe visit the ancient city of Butrint, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a guided tour explore the ruins that feature the remains of many eras and cultures. From the Hellenistic period there are temples, the promenade and the 4th century BC theatre. From the Roman era are the public baths, gymnasium, and fountains. From the Byzantine era we see chapels and the large Basilica of St Peter and St Paul, whilst the Venetians are represented by a watchtower and a small castle with commanding views over the Straits of Corfu. Alternatively, drive inland to Gjirokastra, a charming hillside town which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its cobbled streets and fortified Ottoman houses have changed little over time. We will visit the interesting museum before time to explore the 17th century Ottoman Bazaar.

Day 10 Otranto & Lecce, Italy. From our berth in Otranto we will drive to Lecce, often referred to as 'The Florence of the South' with its amazing collection of Baroque architecture. A guided walk will include a visit to the beautifully decorated Santa Croce Basilica and Piazza Duomo, considered one of the finest and most impressive squares in southern Italy. We return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon to explore Otranto independently, maybe walk the winding streets or along the seaside promenade. The highlight is the wonderful cathedral with its Medieval mosaic floor created by the monk, Pantaleone, between 1163 and 1165. You can also see the Chapel of the Dead which shows the bones and skulls of 813 martyrs killed by the invading Turks in 1480.

Day 11 At Sea. Enjoy a day at sea with time to relax on deck or perhaps join a lecture in the lounge.

Day 12 Syracuse, Sicily. Syracuse was founded by the Greeks in 734 BC and by the 5th century was a political and military power throughout the Mediterranean which rivalled Athens as the largest and most beautiful city in the Greek world. On leaving the vessel we visit the Neapolis Archaeological Park where we will find a well preserved Greek theatre with seats carved from limestone. Paradise Quarry, now an attractive garden and orange grove, was the primary source of that limestone and is the site of the curious 'Ear of Dionysius', a vast grotto with an amplifying resonance. We will continue to explore the island of Ortigia where we will find the Temple of Apollo, considered to be Sicily's most ancient Doric temple and the Baroque Cathedral, erected over the remains of the Temple of Minerva. The afternoon is free to explore independently before we sail tonight.

Day 13 Malta to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£8495	£7995
Byrd	Superior	£8795	£8295
Mawson	Premium	£8995	£8495
Mawson	Corner	£9495	£8995
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£9995	£9495
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£10495	£9995
Shackleton	Hebridean	£11495	£10995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£10195	£9695
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£10495	£9995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 12 nights aboard the MS Hebridean 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.

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 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.

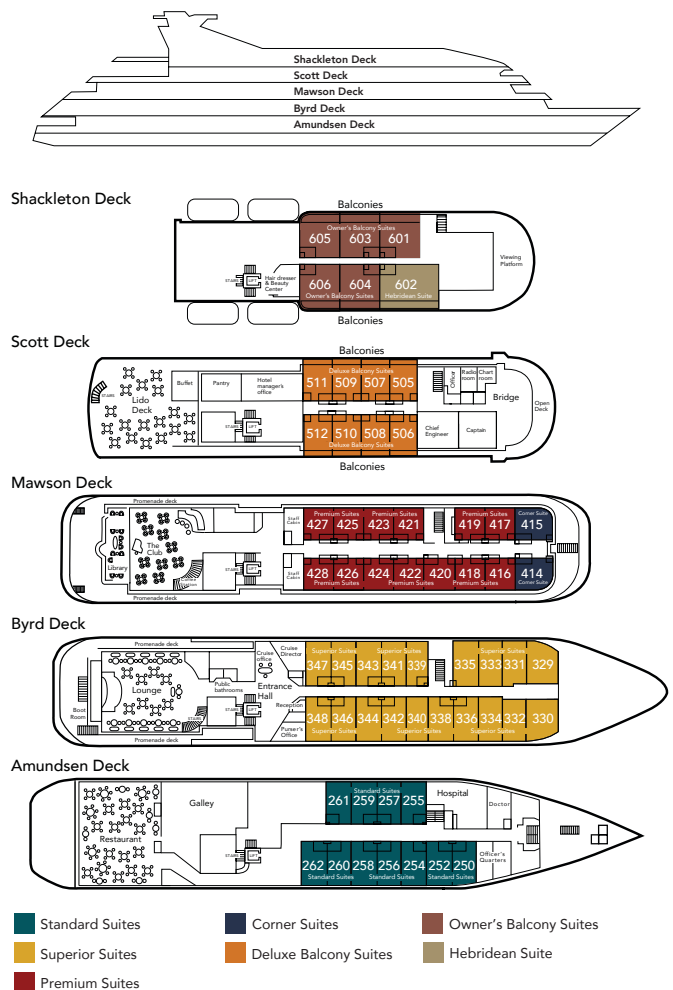
Your Comfort

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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