

VOYAGES ABOARD
MS ISLAND SKY &
MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

2025 - 2026



NOBLE CALEDONIA



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DEAR TRAVELLER

It is our great pleasure to present our new brochure for our two much loved small ships, the MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky and the voyages they will undertake between May 2025 and June 2026. Our sister ships are intertwined with the history of Noble Caledonia; since my father founded the company in 1991, our owners have enabled us to be a truly independent family business allowing us to stay faithful to the founder's ethos and vision, that of educational and enjoyable small group touring for the like-minded. Our much-valued independence was cemented by the purchase of the MS Island Sky in 2010 followed by her sister vessel, the MS Hebridean Sky, in 2014. Owning these two all-suite vessels enabled us to implement our vision for small ship cruising, a concept that we had employed on a multitude of charters over the years, but having our own ships allowed us to plan far into the future and bring a level of consistency to our product.

There are very few, true small ships operating in the cruise industry, some claim 1000 passengers to be small and others 500, but we believe that the optimal number is 100 guests. The small ship experience is of course far removed from the mega-cruise ship experience, and it is also very different from the 200 to 1000 passenger experience; with just 100 passengers we can offer a truly individual service and can tailor our tours to the interests of the group. Our sailing schedules demonstrate that we prefer to focus on specific geographical areas rather than racing from one port or country to the next, instead we search for places of interest that the larger ships cannot reach ensuring that we can experience the local culture and allow for the time to do so.

By staying true to our founding principles, we have grown a large and loyal following of guests who return in the knowledge that they will be travelling with like-minded fellow passengers in an English-speaking environment, surrounded by those who are interested in exploration and new experiences. In order to provide the required stimulus, our voyages are accompanied by a team of specialists, be they our expedition teams who are leaders in their respective fields or our Guest Speakers who bring an area and its history to life. Since our establishment, we have focused on ensuring we have a range of interesting and unique itineraries to offer and the following pages demonstrate our belief that the itinerary is paramount. However, I also believe that the overall experience is greatly enhanced by sailing aboard our two wonderful small ships with their spacious suites, convivial atmosphere and friendly crew of 75 who are all dedicated to offering the best possible experience. Our owners have invested in the ships at a level that few in the industry would and continue to do so with major dry docks planned in November 2024 for the MS Island Sky, and November 2025 for the MS Hebridean Sky, during which amongst other works, the public areas will be upgraded on both vessels, taking into consideration and implementing suggestions and feedback we receive from our regular passengers.

I do hope you enjoy browsing through this brochure as much as we did bringing it together. We are all incredibly proud of our Sky ships and my colleagues both on board and in the office strive to constantly improve the service and experience we provide. Whether you join one of the voyages close to home in the Hebrides or circumnavigating Ireland, a journey along the French and Italian Rivièras, an exploration of Japan or Vietnam, or an island hopping adventure in the Azores, Indian Ocean or Caribbean, we are committed to providing travellers with opportunities to participate in voyages and expeditions which explore the world with a sense of discovery and we hope to welcome you aboard soon.

Yours sincerely

Tim Cochrane
Managing Director





Small Ships – Big Experiences

There was a time, not so long ago when all cruises were much the same. However, the last twenty years or so have witnessed an immense and quick evolution and today we are all spoilt for choice. Ships of all different sizes and styles make the selection of a cruise a somewhat hit and miss affair, and whilst some companies attempt to please everybody, we prefer to place our future in the realm of small ships.

For those contemplating a cruise, there is the choice of travelling on one of the vast new 4000 plus passenger vessels which offer every conceivable facility and diversion or you can opt for a journey aboard one of our small ships which offer good food and knowledgeable staff who make your cruise not only a holiday, but an educational voyage of discovery. Unlike most passenger cruise ships, the MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky are constantly on the move from region to region and continent to continent, small ships with big hearts which travel to every corner of the world, no matter how remote or seemingly inaccessible. In many ways the virtues of small ship cruising are best expressed by detailing what you will not find on board. For instance, there will be no organised entertainment and no black tie events. What there will be is a warm and peaceful atmosphere in which you can learn more about the wonders of nature, culture and ancient civilisations in the company of like-minded people in comfortable surroundings and with a high level of service.

In all the development in the cruising industry over the past few decades the priority that has changed most is the itinerary. This used to be the most significant element and deciding factor for many. However, the advent of the big ship has led to the downgrading of this important part of the cruise, mainly because large ships can only dock in large ports with all the supporting infrastructure necessary to service the vessel, and the onshore requirements of the passengers. For us, the itinerary is still paramount and our experienced team of planners continue to seek out new ports and arrange interesting and varied excursions with our local agents. With our two small ships we can still discover remote ports which are not easily accessible by any other means.

"Our Sky ships are big enough to sail the seven seas, but small enough to make port, or drop anchor, in hideaway places, off the beaten track, avoiding the regular, crowded tourist stops whenever possible."



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We have over thirty years of experience in designing trips to the hidden corners of the remotest places and yet, every year we discover something new and although we set sail with a set itinerary it is sometimes the unscheduled events that become the highlight of the journey. Our Sky vessels have the freedom of the seas and can come alongside in small docks or drop anchor in any suitable spot. After all, you do not go on holiday to be part of the all engulfing masses which descend on a town when a number of large ships dock at the same time. Arriving at a port for the first time should be an invigorating experience and can certainly be so when the right place is chosen and your arrival is on a small ship.

With a maximum of only 118 passengers on board our Sky vessels, there is no queuing to disembark for an excursion and when required there will only be three coaches waiting on the quayside to transport you to the day's attraction as opposed to a whole fleet waiting for the passengers travelling on the big ships. Our destination style cruises are carefully researched and organised to enable you to explore fascinating sights in the company of local guides. On board you will be in the company of a knowledgeable Guest Speaker who will enhance your experience by delving further into the history and cultures of the destinations visited.



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During our worldwide explorations over the years, we have come across many situations where help is desperately needed, be it following a natural disaster, civil unrest, abject poverty or to save an endangered species. To this end we established the Noble Caledonia Charitable Trust in 2013 (NCCT). It is our vision to use the Noble Caledonia framework to improve economic, social and environmental conditions in the areas we work and visit. Our onboard teams are uniquely positioned to identify projects and lead fundraising initiatives, whilst many of our guests genuinely care about the people and places we visit and want to make a difference. 100% of all donations go directly to the beneficiaries as Noble Caledonia Ltd covers all the administration costs and donates a percentage of profits annually. Details of our projects can be found on our website www.noble-caledonia.co.uk

Expedition Cruising & Zodiacs



Since time began man has felt compelled to step beyond the familiar realm and seek a new destiny. Out of this desire to explore and seek understanding, which still remains an integral part of our spirit today, came the advent of expedition cruising. Extraordinary travel requires vessels like our Sky ships which have the ability to adapt to their surroundings, land on remote atolls, follow in the wake of whales and dolphins and provide a comfortable base.

A large number of the voyages undertaken by the MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky are expeditionary in nature and therefore in place of the customary Cruise Director and accompanying staff, you will be joined by an expedition team. These hand-picked experts are naturalists, historians and ecologists who will share their knowledge and enthusiasm during forays ashore and whilst on board. They will supervise the daily programme and hold talks and briefings throughout the cruise. The expedition teams have one aim, to make your trip as enjoyable, relaxing and informative as possible.

Expedition cruising is about getting off the beaten track, out of the way of other ships, of other visitors; it is about leaving the infrastructures of civilisation behind. We may not be far from civilisation, but we will often be out of sight of it. Our two ships carry a fleet of onboard Zodiacs which are invaluable for our expeditions. These inflatable craft offer marvellous manoeuvrability allowing us access to otherwise impossible landing places. With these we can explore inlets, fjords, bird sanctuaries, land in otherwise inaccessible places and be footloose in a way that would be totally impractical for larger groups of passengers. Zodiacs are safe, reliable and convenient boats that allow us to go from ship to shore, whether we land on a beach, on rocks, or on a concrete jetty. Zodiacs can negotiate shallows, river estuaries, coral reefs and ice floes and in many places which we visit during expedition cruises, they are the only way to go ashore. They also enable the expedition team to offer Zodiac cruises during the voyage: near a seabird colony, next to a cliff or along a glacier front. On occasion, Zodiacs will also be used as platforms from where swimming and snorkelling can be conducted.

Throughout this brochure, you will find some cruises feature an expedition cruising logo indicating that Zodiacs will be integral to the operation of the itinerary. If you have any concerns or queries pertaining to expedition cruising and what it entails, please do not hesitate to contact one of our experienced travel consultants.



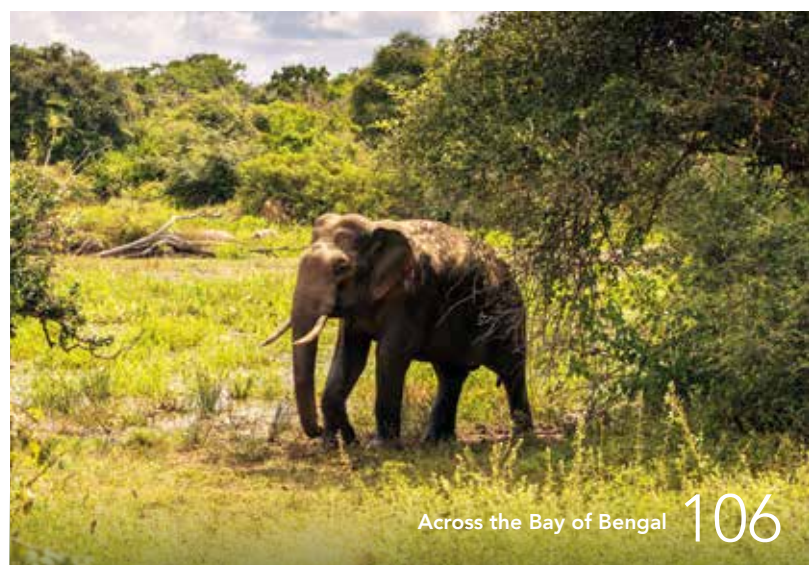
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Life On Board - MS Island Sky & MS Hebridean Sky

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 accommodate a maximum of just 118 guests and are not only two of the most comfortable and well equipped small ships, but also two of the friendliest and most efficiently run. Our crews of 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.

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.

When choosing your next voyage the choice of vessels is astounding. You can select a ship carrying in excess of 4000 passengers with impersonal service or join us aboard the MS Island Sky or MS Hebridean Sky where peace, high quality service and attention to detail are the order of the day. We promise there will be no fancy dress, deck games or any of the usual big ship experiences. Instead, the atmosphere 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.



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.

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, thereby taking away the hassle of always having to remember to have some small change with you. Shore excursions, drinks with meals and Wi-Fi are also included in the price.

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 vessel's 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. Smoking on board is restricted to a specific area on deck.



Dining On Board

It is quite a task to create a dining experience as that found on board our Sky vessels when you are cruising in far-flung corners of the globe, indeed it takes a team of highly talented chefs to deliver fresh, varied dishes no matter where you are at sea. 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. 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. Where possible and when it meets their high standards, our accomplished chefs will obtain local produce in markets. Such purchases enhance the well-stocked larders and enable the chefs on board to exhibit their culinary skills and bring a local touch to the varied menus, emphasising the international expertise of the chefs on board. Afternoon tea and pre-dinner canapés are served in The Club or in The Lounge depending on activities. Tea and coffee are also available 24 hours a day.

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, with the menu reflecting the daily catch or local delicacies. To enhance your dining experience even further a selection of wines are included with both meals and there is also a comprehensive wine list with a wide selection of new and old world wines from which to choose.

The onboard catering and restaurant staff are experienced at sea and enthuse a passion for superb service. Whether it be ensuring you have an outdoor blanket as you enjoy the crisp sea breeze on the Lido Deck or sharing their knowledge of the characteristics of the days' wine selections, you will experience a service on board like no other. 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.



Captain's Welcome Dinner

Amuse-Bouche

Pesto Arancini, Sundried Tomato, Black Olive Crumb

Appetisers & Salads

Smoked Salmon

White Radish & Horseradish Remoulade, Lemon Olive Oil, Keta Dressing

Fried Panko & Sesame Seed Coated Brie

Cucumber Ribbons, Pear Chutney

Cobb Salad

Mixed Lettuce, Avocado, Chicken Breast, Crispy Bacon, Tomato,

Red Onion, Boiled Egg

Danna Blue, Cheddar Cheese with a Choice of Dressings

Soup

Creamed Broccoli Soup with Toasted Almonds

Consommé Chicken Royale with Julienne of Vegetables

Sorbet

Citrus Sorbet & Champagne

Main Dishes

Steamed Fillet of Halibut with a Scallop & Shrimp Mousse

Herb Crushed Potato, Vegetable Ribbons, Cucumber Beurre Blanc

Tournedos Rossini

Fondant Potato, Carrot Puree, Bacon & Savoy Cabbage, Red Wine Jus

Barbeque Smoked Tofu, Spiced Banana, Glass Noodles, Sticky Korean Sauce

Dessert

Dark Chocolate & White Chocolate Truffle Tart

Blackberry Compote, Chocolate Mud, Praline Ice Cream

Pistachio Ice Cream, Chocolate Sauce, Waffles & Toasted Hazelnuts

Selection of British & International Cheeses, Condiments, Crackers
and Chefs Fruit Chutney

Petit Fours



The Restaurant, MS Island Sky

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■ Magellan Deck – Standard Suites

The Standard Suites located on the Magellan Deck measure approximately 21 square metres and feature large portholes.



■ Columbus Deck – Superior Suites

The Superior Suites located on the Columbus Deck measure an average of 22 square metres with a large window.



■ Marco Polo Deck – Premium Suites with Deck Access

The Premium Suites featured on the Marco Polo Deck measure approximately 21 square metres and feature tinted, sliding glass doors with direct deck access.



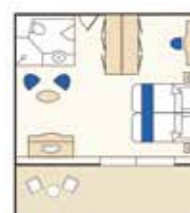
■ Marco Polo Deck – Corner Suites with Deck Access

The two magnificent Corner Suites located on the Marco Polo Deck feature tinted, sliding glass doors with direct deck access and measure 22 square metres.



■ Erikson Deck – Deluxe Balcony Suites

The Deluxe Balcony Suites located on the Erikson Deck measure 20.9 square metres and boast a 4 square metre private balcony with table and chairs.



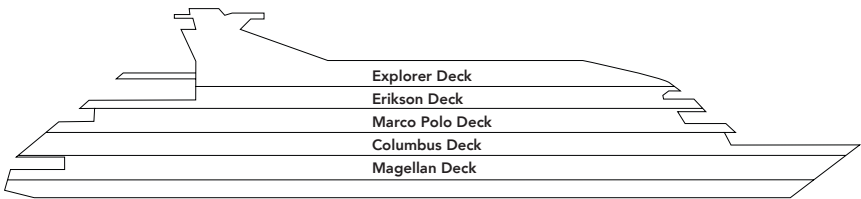
■ Explorer Deck – Owner's Balcony Suites

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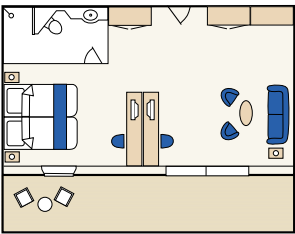
Deck and Cabin Plans

MS Island Sky



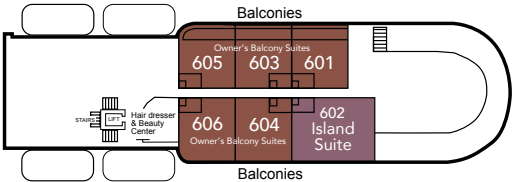
Technical Information

Cruising speed: 11.5 knots	Draught maximum: 4.2 metres	Tonnage: 4200
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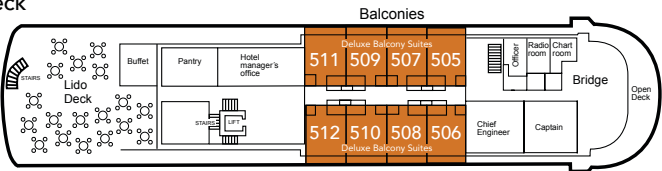


Explorer Deck – Island Suite
The spacious Island Suite located on the Explorer Deck measures approximately 32 square metres and boasts an extra large balcony with table, chairs and sun lounger.

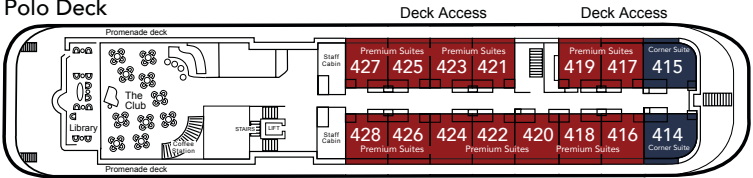
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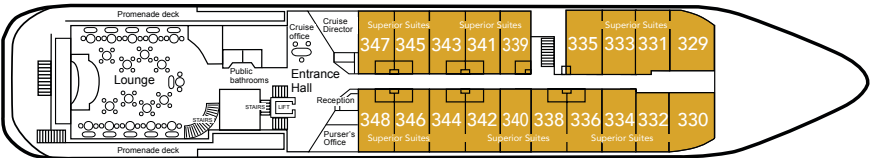
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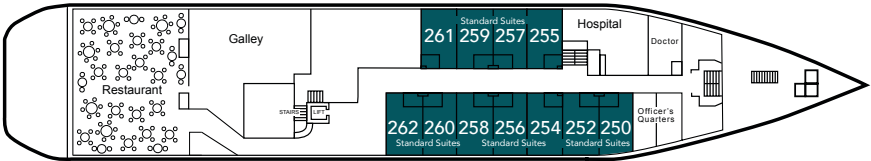
Marco Polo Deck



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Magellan Deck





The Lounge

Your Space On Board MS Island Sky

"A voyage aboard the MS Island Sky is as far removed from the traditional concept of big ship cruising as it's possible to get. Imagine a sleek little ship, more akin to a yacht, with a cosy bar where the bartender knows how many slices of lime you prefer in your G&T."

The spacious and finely decorated public rooms on board the MS Island Sky include a large lounge on the Columbus Deck featuring a selection of seating options from individual armchairs and sofas to side cushioned benches. Daily briefings and talks given by the Noble Caledonia onboard team take place in the lounge which is fitted with the highest standard of presentation equipment including multiple screens. For your convenience, it is also possible to follow the onboard lectures from the comfort of your suite.

In addition to the Main Lounge on the Columbus Deck, there is also The Club, located on the Marco Polo Deck which features the main bar where the onboard pianist plays periodically throughout the day. The Club also features a 24-hour tea and coffee station. Towards the aft of the



ship on the Marco Polo 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 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). Newspapers are also placed in the library depending on local availability.

The Dining Room which can seat all guests at one sitting is located on the Magellan Deck and outside there is a rear Lido Deck located on the Erikson Deck, complete with deck tables and chairs where meals are served in warm weather under shade. Whilst heaters and blankets make

dining al fresco comfortable in cooler climates. Further to this on the top Explorer Deck the observation area complete with sun loungers is ideal for sun bathing, relaxing with a book or spotting wildlife. The walk around promenade on the Marco Polo Deck provides a unique circular view of the passing seascapes. There is also a small hairdressers on board offering a selection of beauty treatments.

For your comfort, there is a clinic with Doctor on board and a lift which serves all decks. As is the joy of small ship cruising, we hope to offer the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the progress of the vessel (subject to weather or security conditions).



Owner's Balcony Suite



Island Suite



Premium Suite



Your Suite On Board MS Island Sky



On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a seating area and some have private balconies, whilst those on the Marco Polo Deck feature tinted, sliding glass doors allowing greatly enhanced viewing opportunities from your suite and quick access to the deck when a pod of whales or dolphins is spotted. The impressive Island Suite located on the Explorer Deck features an extra large balcony stretching the length of the suite. 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. Each affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped 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 stocked with complimentary soft drinks and beer, 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 luxury toiletries, air-conditioning and heating. The suites on each deck have their own colour theme. 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.



Superior Suite



Standard Suite

MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



Amundsen Deck – Standard Suites

Standard Suites located on the Amundsen Deck measure approximately 21 square metres and feature large portholes.



Byrd Deck – Superior Suites

Superior Suites located on the Byrd Deck measure an average of 22 square metres with a large window.



Mawson Deck – Premium Suites

The Premium Suites located on the Mawson Deck measure approximately 21 square metres and feature a large window.



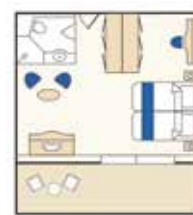
Mawson Deck – Corner Suites

The two magnificent Corner Suites located on the Mawson Deck feature dual aspect windows and measure approximately 22 square metres.



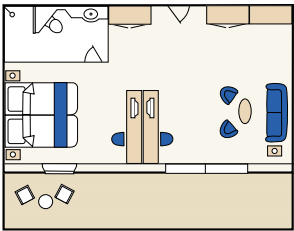
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Shackleton Deck – Owner's Balcony Suites

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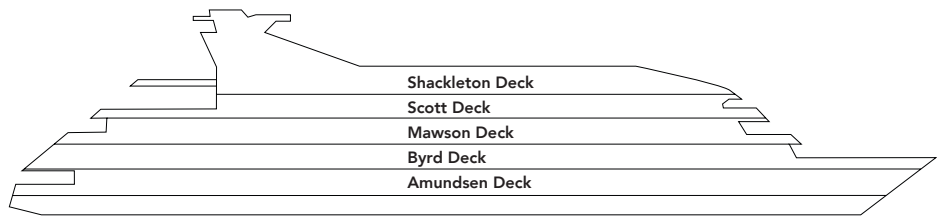


Shackleton Deck – Hebridean Suite
The spacious Hebridean Suite located on the Shackleton Deck measures approximately 24.5 square metres and boasts an extra large balcony with table, chairs and sun lounger. This suite features a fixed double bed.

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

Deck and Cabin Plans

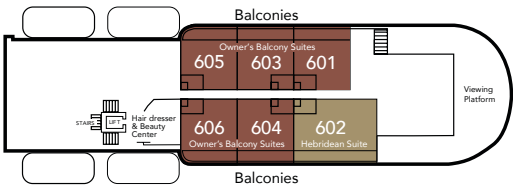
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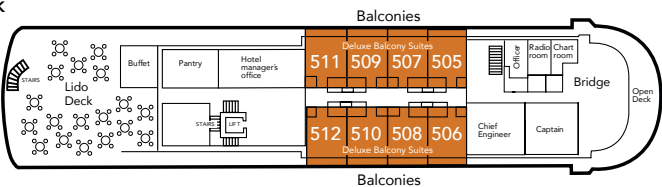
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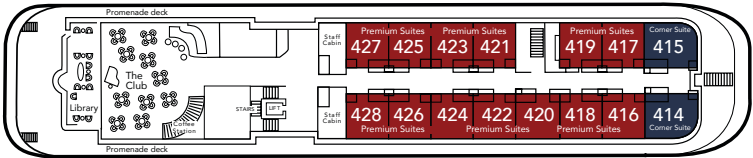
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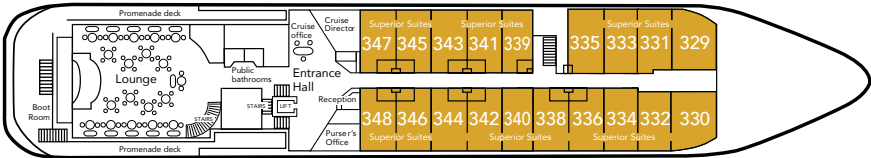
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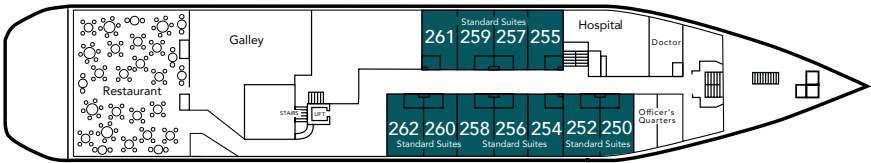
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The spacious and finely decorated public rooms on board the MS Hebridean Sky include a large lounge on the Byrd Deck featuring a selection of seating options from individual armchairs and sofas to side cushioned benches. Daily briefings given by the Cruise Director and talks from Guest Speakers and expedition staff take place in The Lounge which is fitted with the highest standard of presentation equipment including multiple screens. For your convenience, it is also possible to follow the onboard lectures from the comfort of your suite.

In addition to the 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. The Club also offers a 24-hour tea and coffee station. Towards the aft of the ship on the Mawson Deck



is The Library which is well stocked with reference books pertaining to the destinations the vessel is visiting and a selection of essential reads. 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 Dining Room which can seat all guests at one sitting is located on the Amundsen Deck and is a bright and charming setting to enjoy the delicious meals on board. Outside there is a rear Lido Deck located on the Scott Deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade. Whilst heaters and blankets make dining al fresco comfortable in cooler climates.



The Club



Observation Deck



The Lounge

Further to this, on the top Shackleton Deck there is an observation area which offers a fantastic platform for spotting wildlife complete with deck furniture, ideal for relaxing with a book or catching up with fellow travellers. You will also find a clinic and Doctor on board and a lift that serves all decks. Additionally there is a small hairdressers with appointments made on request.



Owner's Balcony Suite



Hebridean Suite



Corner Suite



Your Suite On Board MS Hebridean Sky



On board there are 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. All feature a sitting area and 14 suites 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 suites 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 rainfall shower, large wardrobes, dressing table with large mirror and stool and excellent storage. There is a minifridge stocked with complimentary soft drinks and beer, television and a telephone in each suite. Refillable water bottles, towelling dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Additional facilities include a programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted luxury 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 beds in each suite can be configured as twins or double with the exception of suite 601 and 602 which feature fixed double beds. The impressive Hebridean Suite, located on the Shackleton Deck consists of a separate bathroom and sitting room with extra large balcony stretching the length of the suite.



Deluxe Balcony Suite



Superior Suite



Your Onboard Team

On all our voyages you will find informative staff on board and whilst exploring ashore you will be accompanied by excellent English-speaking local guides. Working with the Captain and crew, our cruise staff are responsible for the day to day organisation of the itinerary and briefings and they are in regular contact with the Noble Caledonia office. We have the very best in their field and they are often also joined by Guest Speakers who are chosen for their in-depth knowledge of a specific subject or geographical area. Briefings by the cruise staff and informal talks by our Guest Speakers add an extra dimension to all we see and do. Below are just some of the excellent Guest Speakers we have lined up to join our future voyages.



Rear Admiral John Lippiett

John Lippiett had a 36 year career in the Royal Navy, serving in a large number of ships from aircraft carriers to minesweepers and deployed to all of the world's operational theatres.

He was second-in-command of the frigate HMS Ambuscade throughout the Falklands War. John commanded three ships, a Frigate Squadron, and then the School of Maritime Warfare. On promotion to Rear Admiral, he flew his Flag at sea as Flag Officer Sea Training before serving in Naples as Chief of Staff of the NATO maritime forces in the Mediterranean. His final posting was as the Commandant of the Joint Services Command and Staff College. John retired and for nearly 13 years was the Chief Executive of the Mary Rose Trust, during which time he led the project to build the award-winning new museum and ensure Henry VIII's flagship is conserved and displayed for future generations. John now spends much time back at sea as a speaker on maritime history. He much enjoys telling the stories both of exploration, often using old maps, and of naval ventures that have taken place on the world's oceans over the last two thousand years.

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Reverend Richard Coles

Richard Coles is a writer, broadcaster and an Anglican priest. He co-presents Saturday Live on BBC Radio 4 and appears, from time to time, on QI, Have I Got News For You, and Would I Lie To You as well as making documentaries about religion, the arts, and far-off places. He has won Christmas Masterchef, Celebrity Mastermind twice, and captained Leeds

to victory in Christmas University Challenge in 2019. He appears regularly in newspapers and magazines, writing major profiles for the Sunday Times Magazine, a regular column in the Sunday Times and is the author of half a dozen books. Richard has always loved to travel, preferably by ship, and has taken a special interest in the indigenous culture and religion of Asia and the church's expansion in those parts of the world. With a particular interest in monasticism, he has spent time in Buddhist monasteries in Thailand and Mongolia as well as a two year period living in an Anglican monastery in Yorkshire. He travelled through Singapore and Malaysia with his father, revisiting where he served in the British army in the 40s and 50s. In the 80s and 90s his brother worked for Save The Children, resettling Vietnamese 'boat people' in the UK, and he has been interested in Vietnamese culture ever since.



Right Reverend Nick Baines

Nick Baines has been the Bishop of Leeds since 2014. He was previously the Bishop of Bradford and the Bishop of Croydon. He read German and French at Bradford University and, before ordination, worked for four years as a Russian linguist at GCHQ. Nick is regularly heard on Radios 2 & 4, is often asked to comment nationally on

topical issues, and has written seven books on Christian faith. Nick has been a member of the House of Lords since 2014, leading on Europe, Russia, Sudan, security & intelligence. He has represented the Archbishop of Canterbury at international faith conferences and for 11 years was the English Co-chair of the Meissen Commission which develops relationships between the Church of England and the EKD (Protestant Church in Germany). He also preaches frequently in Germany - in German. He has a keen interest in music, literature, art, film, theatre and Liverpool FC.



Daniel Austin

Daniel is a travel writer, naturalist, photographer and tour lecturer who specialises in the exotic Indian Ocean island of Madagascar. He visits Madagascar every year to explore and photograph its diverse wonders. His fascination with this enigmatic country extends not only to its unique flora and fauna, but also to its people, culture,

history, geology and beyond. Daniel has written three books about Madagascar and contributed words and images to countless others. He also presents occasional lectures on the country, including at the prestigious Royal Geographical Society, as well as on specialist tours of the island. His expertise is frequently consulted by filmmakers making documentaries about Madagascar. In addition, Daniel is Secretary of the Anglo-Malagasy Society, a UK-based organisation founded in 1961 to promote knowledge of Madagascar amongst British people and to foster relations between the two countries. Daniel is the founder of the Madagascar Library, a private collection of some 3,000 books, maps and other documents about the country, available for use by academics, journalists, historians and other researchers.



Dr Steve Kershaw

Dr Steve Kershaw is a tutor in Classics for Oxford University Department for Continuing Education, an accredited lecturer for The Arts Society (ex-NADFAS), and lectures for the Victoria and Albert Museum's Early Medieval: 300 - 1250 and The Classical World and Classical Revivals courses.

His publications include *The Penguin Dictionary*

of *Classical Mythology*, *A Brief Guide to the Greek Myths*, *A Brief Guide to Classical Civilization*, *A Brief History of the Roman Empire*, *A Brief History of Atlantis: Plato's Ideal State*, *Barbarians: Rebellion and Resistance to Rome*, and *Mythologica* (a children's book on the Greek myths). Steve is the author and tutor for Oxford University's online courses in Greek Mythology, The Fall of Rome, and Minoans and Mycenaeans.



Michael Buerk

Michael Buerk is one of Britain's leading broadcast journalists and has won many – if not most – of the industry's major awards. He has worked as a BBC foreign correspondent and presenter for more than thirty years. He anchored the BBC's main evening television news programme from 1989 to 2004. He continues to present documentaries and

programmes for both BBC Television and Radio as well as ITV and other networks. He currently chairs the BBC's leading ethical debate programme, "The Moral Maze". He lectures regularly on current affairs issues and chairs conferences on political, economic and ethical questions.



Suzanne Perrin

Suzanne is an independent researcher and historian specialising in Japanese History, Art & Culture, and founded Japan Interlink in 1995 to promote the understanding of Japan in the UK. Suzanne has lectured to a wide range of institutions including universities, museums and adult education groups in the UK and overseas. She taught Japanese

History & Culture at Richmond American International University in London for over ten years, lectures for the Arts of Asia course at the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, for the London Institute Universities including the School for Oriental & African Studies, the University of Cape Town and for The Arts Societies in Europe. Suzanne has organised exhibitions of Japanese arts and crafts including Kimono exhibitions for demonstration and display. She has published articles on Japanese culture and contemporary living for various magazines, and published her first book in 2016 titled: *Bridges: Anglo-Japanese Cultural Pioneers 1945-2015*. She is working on her second book on Japanese craftspeople in Kyoto, and visits Japan regularly to continue her research.



Chris Bradley

Chris Bradley is a graduate of the University of Liverpool specialising in the Middle East and North Africa having lived and worked in the region for over 40 years. As a professional tour guide and lecturer he has led many tours throughout Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Sudan

and Jordan. His books include the *Berlitz Guide to Nile Cruising*; *Cairo*; *Egypt's Red Sea & Sinai*; *Oman*; *Abu Dhabi*; plus the *Insight Guides to Egypt and Jordan*. In 2010 he was an invited consultant for the United Nations World Tourism Organisation analysis on tourism development of the Giza and Saqqara area helping to open up the rural area and attract tourists out of Cairo. He still leads several tours each year to a variety of destinations, designing many specialist itineraries. He is a lecturer to noted societies, such as the Royal Geographical Society and the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Societies. He has been a cameraman and producer on many television documentaries and films for the BBC, Channel 4 and National Geographic TV.



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.



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 VOYAGES

"It is good to have an end to journey toward;
but it is the journey that matters, in the end."

Ernest Hemingway





AZORES TO BRITAIN

A voyage from Sao Miguel to Portsmouth aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Rear Admiral Roy Clare

2nd to 16th May 2025



This wonderful island hopping itinerary aboard the MS Island Sky explores the islands of the Azores, the Iberian Peninsula and the Channel Islands visiting some marvellously scenic and historic places along the way. We have chosen the perfect time of year for our voyage and can expect verdant gardens and landscapes awash with blossoms and moderate temperatures with the absence of high season crowds.

Our journey begins far out in the Atlantic in the islands of the Azores, some 800 miles from the Portuguese coast, which are known for their spectacular volcanic scenery, abundant flora and peaceful lifestyle. Every new day brings a different vista and we will spend seven days exploring the raw beauty and cultural vibrancy of this remote and unsophisticated archipelago. Their appeal is difficult to define in words, but if you appreciate dramatic scenery, exploring islands where time appears to be standing still, watching for passing whales and learning about the local people and their customs, this could be the voyage for you.

Following our in-depth exploration of the Azores, we spend a relaxing two days at sea before we arrive in the Iberian Peninsula where we will witness some splendid Spanish 'pazos' in their springtime glory and step into the pilgrimage cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Our penultimate call will be to the 'island of flowers', Guernsey, where we have a full day to explore before sailing to our destination, Portsmouth. Our two-week voyage will be full of natural world and cultural highlights as we discover timeless islands, fabulous coastal scenery and the rich maritime history of the region in the company of just 100 or so like-minded travel companions.



Sao Miguel, Azores

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Sao Miguel, Azores. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Island Sky for embarkation.

Day 2 Terceira. This morning explore Angra do Heroismo, a charming UNESCO heritage town with a distinct Mediterranean flavour of cobblestone streets and a certain quiet charm. Enjoy a walking tour that takes in the Misericordia Church, Convent do Sao Francisco, the public gardens and museum. In the afternoon there will be free time to hike to Monte Brasil, or relax and wander the historic town at your own pace.

Day 3 Graciosa. Known as the 'White Island', Graciosa has a gentle rolling landscape, dotted with windmills and traditional whitewashed houses. Visit Fuma do Enxofre ('Cave of Sulphur'), a geologically unique phenomenon and one of the original examples of the volcanic Azores, and take the winding stairway down to the magnificent volcanic cavern and lake. Also see the village of Santa Cruz and the charming Matrix Church. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure to explore the small town of Vila da Praia.

Day 4 Flores & Corvo. Named after its abundant flora, Flores is often regarded as the prettiest of the Azores. A rugged terrain island with flowers growing in the deep canyons and waterfalls casting hues of blues and green as they splash down to the sea. Visit the vertical basalt cliffs of Rocha do Bordoies, formed by the cooling of lava. See a stunning array of natural features including calderas, fajás, rivers, waterfalls and valleys. This afternoon we will use our small ship to circumnavigate the tiny island of Corvo, the smallest island in the archipelago.

Day 5 Sao Jorge. This largely rural island is of geographical interest with its cliff shoreline marked with flat fajás sweeping to the sea. We start our full day tour on the western part of the island, Ponta dos Rosais, visiting a Forest Park and cheese factory. As we move to the north we enjoy the view over the Fajas, an area of flat land at sea level resulting from the erosion of cliffs. As we make our way to the south side towards Calheta we will stop for lunch at a local restaurant before continuing on to Urzelina to visit the remaining tower of a church buried under lava from the eruption of 1808. Upon our return to Velas we will take a walking tour of this charming old-world harbour town.

Day 6 Pico. Explore distinctive Pico, home to Portugal's highest peak and numerous black lava flows. The UNESCO-designated Lajido Acros tells the story of early winemakers who used the volcanic soil for the grapes and, on a visit to a vineyard, we will enjoy a tasting of the local product. After a typical Azorean lunch we will learn about whaling life in the Azores at the Museum of Lajes returning to the ship via the Lagoa do Capitao offering views over the north of the island.

Day 7 Faial. Our day begins with an island drive where we explore the fairly recent volcanic activity at Ponta dos Capelinhos. See how a 1957-1958 volcanic eruption transformed the area and created a new land mass. Visit the Volcano Interpretation Centre before continuing to the impressive Caldera, now a

nature reserve, which is 400 metres deep and nearly 1500 metres in diameter. This afternoon a walking tour of Horta will include the Scrimshaw Museum and Cafe Peter, a famous stopping point for sailors crossing the Atlantic.

Day 8 Sao Miguel. Enjoy a full day exploring the island of Sao Miguel. This morning we head west towards the Sete Cidades volcano from where we can enjoy excellent views over the Lagos de Canarios. We will continue our drive along the attractive northern coast before arriving in the Furnas Valley, an enormous valley and luxuriant garden in the east of the island where we enjoy lunch. We will also visit the village of Furnas and the botanical gardens before returning to the ship and sailing this evening.

Days 9 & 10 At Sea. Relax on board as we sail to the Iberian Peninsula.

Day 11 Vilagarcia de Arousa, Spain. Arriving in Galicia over lunch we will discover the 'Rias Baixas' which translates as low estuaries. This afternoon we drive the short distance to the Pazo de Rubianes which was originally founded in 1411 and was one of the three official lordships in Spain. Enjoy a guided walk through the stunning gardens. Also visit the Pazo's extensive vineyards to learn about the local Albarino wine production and enjoy a tasting before exploring the historical palace itself.

Day 12 La Coruna for Santiago de Compostela. Today we visit Santiago de Compostela, the capital of the autonomous community of Galicia. The city's cathedral is the destination of the important Medieval pilgrimage route, the Way of St James (in Spanish the 'Camino de Santiago'), which is still walked today. For those keen to walk some of the route there will be the opportunity to hike a short section towards Santiago. Otherwise transfer directly to the site where we will visit the Conventual de San Francisco, the Faculty of Medicine and the world-famous Plaza del Obradoiro. Inside the cathedral, we will visit the Romanic crypt and see the facade of Platerias; the Quintana Plaza; House of Parra; facade of Azabacheria; and the facade of San Martin Pinario. Enjoy lunch at a Parador and some free time before returning to the ship and sailing this evening.

Day 13 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we continue our journey north.

Day 14 Guernsey, Channel Islands. Arrive this morning on Guernsey, the 'Island of Flowers', and take 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. Return to the ship for lunch and the afternoon is free to explore the pretty town of St Peter Port. *Please note that we will be at anchor today and will use the vessel's Zodiacs to transfer ashore.*

Day 15 Portsmouth, England. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station and our London departure airport at a fixed time.

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
Magellan	Standard	£8395	£7895
Columbus	Superior	£8595	£8095
Marco Polo	Premium	£8895	£8395
Marco Polo	Corner	£9295	£8795
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£9595	£9095
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£9995	£9495
Explorer	Island Suite	£10395	£9895
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£8395	£7895
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£8595	£8095

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel to Sao Miguel • 14 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.

Pre-cruise Estoril Extension 29th April to 2nd May 2025



Hotel Palacio and Pool

For those who would like to spend some time in Portugal prior to embarking the MS Island Sky, we have arranged a three-night extension at the beautiful Palacio Estoril Hotel, located a short distance from Lisbon.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Estoril, Portugal. Fly by scheduled flight to Lisbon. On arrival this afternoon transfer to the Palacio Estoril Hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. We will meet tonight for dinner. (D)

Day 2 Lisbon. Set on seven hills on the banks of the River Tagus, Lisbon has been the capital of Portugal since the 13th century. It is a city famous for its majestic architecture, old wooden trams, Moorish features and more than twenty centuries of history. Following disastrous earthquakes in the 18th century, Lisbon was rebuilt by the Marquis de Pombal who created an elegant city with wide boulevards and a great riverfront and square, Praca do Comercio. Today there are distinct modern and ancient sections, combining great shopping areas with culture and sightseeing in the Old Town, built on the city's terraced hillsides. During our panoramic tour we will see the Monument to the Discoveries and Belem Tower and visit the famous Jeronimos Monastery. Return to the hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3 Sintra. This morning we will drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sintra where we will visit Sintra National Palace, famous for its magnificent painted ceilings. The palace is the only survivor of the country's Royal Halls, dating from the Middle Ages. Later enjoy some free time to explore the town which still retains much of its Medieval layout before driving back to the hotel. The remainder of the day and evening are under your own arrangements. (B)

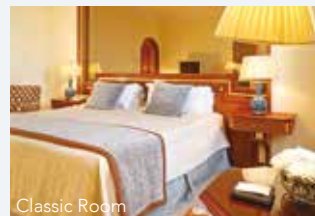
Day 4 Estoril to Sao Miguel, Azores. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to the Azores. On arrival we transfer to the MS Island Sky and embark. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£895**; Single: **£1195**

Price Includes: Three nights accommodation in a classic room at the Palacio Estoril Hotel, half day tours of Lisbon & Sintra, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.



Classic Room



The Imperial Room

ISLANDS ON THE EDGE

An island hopping voyage from Portsmouth to Aberdeen aboard the MS Island Sky
16th to 27th May 2025



This expedition voyage will appeal to those who wish to visit some of the most remote and inaccessible islands in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. We have many years of experience in designing trips to the hidden corners of our remotest places and yet, every year we discover something new. Although we set sail with a fixed itinerary it is the unscheduled events that often become the highlight of the journey.

This is a truly unique voyage visiting as it does the remarkable islands on the edge of the British Isles. With the MS Island Sky as our base we have the advantage of being able to reach these remote ports and, with the use of Zodiacs, we will be able to explore in small groups. We will sail from Portsmouth and during our cruise visit both inhabited and uninhabited islands and places of great natural beauty, rich in wildlife and mystical history. We have also included a number of gardens from the Isles of Scilly to the Hebrides and for the keen birders, there are numerous highlights including cruising past one of the largest gannetries in the world at Stac Lee.

This is not a cruise in the traditional sense, more an exploration with 100 or so fellow travellers who wish to enjoy the peace, beauty and tranquility of the islands. The sheer diversity of the landscapes and lifestyles will amaze you as will the spirit and warmth of the small communities we will encounter. Learn something of their history, see the abundant bird and marine life, but above all revel in the timeless enchantment that these islands exude to all those who appreciate the natural world.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Portsmouth, England. Embark the MS Island Sky in the afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station at a fixed time. Sail this evening for the Channel Islands.

Day 2 Guernsey & Herm, Channel Islands. Anchor this morning off Guernsey, the 'Island of Flowers'. 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, enjoy a panoramic island drive during which we will see the beautiful coastline and beaches and also visit the Little Chapel, built in 1914 as a miniature version of the famous basilica at Lourdes and covered in fragments of shattered china. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Herm, the smallest inhabited Channel Island and, at just one and a half miles long and half a mile wide, perfect for discovering on foot. You will have free time to explore, perhaps take a stroll over to Shell or Belvoir Beach. Alternatively, join our naturalists on the lookout for wildflowers and birds.

Day 3 Tresco & St Martin's, Isles of Scilly. Spend the morning on traffic-free Tresco, walking its idyllic lanes from the beach to the famous sub-tropical 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 café. This afternoon we see the northernmost island of the group, St Martin's, a small island community of just 120 residents. Enjoy time to explore independently, climb to one of the viewpoints for vistas over the islands and the offshore seal colonies, join one of our expedition team on a guided walk or make a visit to the local vineyard for a tasting.

Day 4 Lundy Island & Skomer Island, Wales. We have scheduled a morning on Lundy, a remote 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 whilst there is also a clutch of listed buildings and monuments. The towering cliffs and rocky shoreline are a haven for migrating seabirds and Sika deer, red deer and Soay sheep can also be seen as we walk along its traffic-free lanes and paths. Spend the morning being as active as you wish, maybe explore the wide bays and coves by way of hanging valleys, see ancient burial chambers, climb the lighthouse or buy the island's 'puffin stamps' at the shop. Be on deck this afternoon as we pass Skomer Island, one of the

most important wildlife sites in Northern Europe. It is a marvellously peaceful and scenic island with fantastic birdlife including 6000 pairs of puffins and the elusive Manx shearwater and storm petrel. We may also see the seal colony hauled out over the rocks and weather permitting will explore by Zodiac.

Day 5 Rathlin Island, Northern Ireland. After a morning at sea we arrive at Rathlin Island. Located just a few miles from the North Antrim coast, Rathlin Island has been settled for more than 6000 years. Today, there are only 80 or so souls, whereas before the famine there were 1200 inhabitants. History is everywhere with historic buildings and ruins. Enjoy a guided walk which will also take in the prolific sea bird life with astonishing numbers of auks, kittiwakes and grey seal. Also see the unique "upside down" Rathlin West Light, a great feat of engineering and one of the Great Lighthouses of Ireland. In the evening sail past the magnificent cliffs to the north of the island which are home to the largest sea bird colony in Ireland.

Day 6 Staffa & Iona, Scotland. Awake this morning as we approach and anchor off Staffa, where the perpendicular rock face features an imposing series of black basalt columns, known as the Colonnade, which have been cut by the sea into cathedralesque caverns, most notably Fingal's Cave. Weather permitting, we will use our Zodiacs to explore closer. We then plan to cruise the short distance to the Isle of Iona which has been occupied for thousands of years and has been a place of pilgrimage and Christian worship for several centuries. It was to this flat, Hebridean island that St Columba fled from Ireland in 563 and established a monastery. Here his followers were responsible for the conversion of much of pagan Scotland and Northern England. No less than 62 Scottish Kings are buried in the Abbey. Visit the Abbey or perhaps walk along the white sandy beaches or go in search of the corncrake amongst the irises.

Day 7 Canna & Loch Scavaig. Strategically placed between the mountains of Rum and the Outer Hebrides, the island of Canna and its adjoining neighbour Sanday are bound together like some rare text that reveals over 60 million years of Hebridean geology and history. They have an amazingly rich archaeological landscape with remains dating to all periods of settled occupation in Scotland. Canna is run as a single farm and bird sanctuary by the National Trust for Scotland and enjoys the best harbour in the Small Isles, a hornshaped haven. The fertile soil and its diversity of habitats mean



Loch Scavaig



Puffin slopes, Fair Isle



Kittiwakes, Rathlin Island



Abbey Gardens, Tresco



Exploring by Zodiac

that the island has an incredibly rich plant life with 248 native flowering plants recorded. We will see Canna House and wander across grassy basalt plateaus to the 600 foot cliffs on the north shore. Over lunch we cross to the lovely Loch Scavaig on the island of Skye. Just beyond is the freshwater Loch Corruisk with its breathtakingly beautiful view over the Cuillins. This is great walking country and our expedition team will run a series of hikes for all interests. For those who prefer a less energetic afternoon our Zodiacs will explore the coast looking out for seals.

Day 8 St Kilda & Stac Lee. We spend the morning at St Kilda, a remarkable uninhabited archipelago some fifty miles beyond the Outer Hebrides. Dominated by the highest cliffs and sea stacks in Britain, Hirta, St Kilda's main island was occupied on and off for at least two thousand years, with the last 36 Gaelic speaking inhabitants evacuated at their own request in 1930. Immediately after the evacuation, the island was bought by the Marquess of Bute to protect the island's thousands of seabirds including puffin and fulmars and in 1957 it was bequeathed to The National Trust for Scotland. St Kilda is one of the few UNESCO World Heritage Sites with dual status reflecting its natural and cultural significance. The local ranger will join us on board before our expedition staff lead guided walks on the island. Later, we will cruise past one of the largest gannetries in the world at Stac Lee. The impressive stacs rise 170 metres from the sea and are home to up to 60,000 breeding pairs of northern gannet.

Day 9 Foula, Shetland Islands. Spend the morning at sea as we sail to the Shetland Islands arriving on Foula, one of Britain's most remote inhabited islands. Apart from a narrow coastal strip of more fertile croftland, Foula is an expanse of peat and moorland rising steeply to five dramatic peaks. In summer, Foula's wildflowers provide a glorious burst of colour. Translated as "Bird Island" from Old Norse the island is designated as a Special Protection Area for birds and is home to the world's largest colony of Great skuas, known locally as bonxies, which compete fiercely with Arctic skuas for breeding territories. Join our expedition team on a series of walks on the island this afternoon.

Day 10 Lerwick. From the Shetland capital, we will visit the remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof. The site was uncovered by a violent storm in the winter of 1896/7, revealing an extraordinary settlement site embracing at least 5000 years of human history. The site contains a remarkable sequence of stone structures – late Neolithic houses, a Bronze-Age village, an Iron-Age

broch and wheelhouses, several Norse longhouses, a Medieval farmstead and the 16th century laird's house. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon to explore this historic port. Perhaps wander through its narrow stone lanes or maybe visit the excellent Shetland Museum, containing artefacts from shipwrecks and the whaling era. Tonight we will enjoy the company of local musicians on board.

Day 11 Fair Isle. This morning we arrive at the remote island of Fair Isle. Located midway between the Shetland and Orkney islands, the tiny population of sixty or so islanders always extend us a warm welcome. Enjoy a walk across the island searching out the puffin slopes, visit the community hall for a cup of tea or maybe purchase some of the famous knitwear.

Day 12 Aberdeen. Disembark the MS Island Sky after breakfast. Transfers will be provided to the Railway Station and Aberdeen Airport at a fixed time.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Magellan	Standard	£6495	£5995
Columbus	Superior	£6795	£6295
Marco Polo	Premium	£7095	£6595
Marco Polo	Corner	£7595	£7095
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£8095	£7595
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£8295	£7795
Explorer	Island Suite	£9295	£8795
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£8495	£7995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£8795	£8295

PRICE INCLUDES: 11 nights aboard the MS Island 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.

SPRING VOYAGE FROM IBERIA TO BRITAIN

Discover the history, gardens & wines of Iberia aboard the MS Hebridean Sky
25th May to 5th June 2025



Join the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky for this coastal journey along the Atlantic shores of Spain and Portugal as we sail from Valencia to the UK. These are perfect sailing waters and ashore we will be able to appreciate the contrasting cultures of the Iberian Peninsula enjoying the history, art, architecture and of course the wines. Late May is an ideal time for our voyage as we can expect moderate temperatures with the absence of the high season crowds and our itinerary has been planned to ensure that the balance is just right between exploring ashore, relaxing on board and time at leisure in picturesque ports for individual exploration.

Beginning in Valencia, we enjoy an overnight stay in this vibrant city before setting sail aboard the MS Hebridean Sky for the naval city of Cartagena and delightful Malaga. We then sail south to Morocco for our visit to the port city of Tangier, Europe's gateway to Africa where our exploration will include a visit to the newly created Donabo Gardens, a botanical oasis by the sea with ten distinct sections within the main garden. We then spend time discovering Portugal's enchanting Oporto with its splendid port wines and the beautifully preserved Medieval city of Guimaraes. Continuing to Northern Spain we will meander through the Galician countryside visiting the most beautiful Pazos and their gardens, sample the local wines and step into the pilgrimage cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Our final days are spent sailing to Portsmouth with our penultimate call in Dartmouth visiting the wonderfully historic house and tranquil garden of Greenway, the former holiday home of Agatha Christie.



Sailing in the company of just over 100 fellow travellers, we have the added benefit of excellent local guides and our knowledgeable Guest Speaker who will add much to your experience and enjoyment of this fascinating region. Few itineraries in Europe can offer such a wide ranging and endlessly fascinating cultural experience and all of this combined with the rich maritime history of the region and the sheer beauty of the coastal landscapes makes for a wonderful voyage.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Valencia, Spain. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure before we meet for dinner this evening.

Day 2 Valencia. A morning walking tour will explore this vibrant city and visit some of the fine Baroque buildings including the 15th century Gothic Silk Exchange and the old 'La Carmen' quarter. Later we visit the Colegio del Patriarca with its wonderful Renaissance courtyard, church and museum with works including 'The Last Supper' by Ribalta. After lunch we will transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky moored in the city and sail in the early evening.

Day 3 Cartagena. Over breakfast we arrive in Spain's main naval port of Cartagena. Enter the deep natural harbour through two fortified rocky headlands for a morning of exploration in this historic city that dates back to the Phoenicians. Hannibal used it as his capital city on the Iberian Peninsula and named it after Carthage in North Africa whilst the Romans used it as a strategic port and administrative centre. The city walls remained intact until the 20th century creating a dense historic centre. Take the lift or walk up to Concepcio Castle for amazing views of the city and harbour, view the Roman theatre and the archaeological site of Molinete where work continues to uncover the Roman city. Later enjoy a stroll along the tree-lined harbour promenade as we return to the MS Hebridean Sky and spend the afternoon at sea.

Day 4 Malaga. We spend the day in the historic city of Malaga where there will be a choice of tours this morning. A city tour will take us to the 14th century Castillo de Gibralfaro, built on a hill overlooking the city and once considered the most impregnable fortress in Iberia. Continue to La Merced Square where we see the birthplace of Pablo Picasso before we visit the impressive 16th century cathedral which was built on the remains of a mosque. With its mix of Renaissance and Gothic styles it has been declared a national landmark. Alternatively visit the Botanical Gardens, created in 1855

and home to more than 25,000 species of plants. After lunch on board the rest of the day is free to explore at your own pace from our central berth, you may wish to head to the market or, for the art lovers, visit the Picasso Museum.

Day 5 Tangier, Morocco. Having passed the Strait of Gibraltar we arrive in North Africa and the port of Tangier. A short drive will bring us to the Donabo Gardens, located on the coast with wonderful sea views. Divided into ten sections we can explore the Moroccan garden that celebrates the tradition of tea, the mints maze where multiple varieties blend their fragrances along the alleys, a rose garden thriving in the cool shade and the pollinators garden purposely designed to attract bees. Later we can explore the city where on a walking tour we will visit the Medina, enjoy the views from the Kasbah situated at the highest point of Tangier, and wander through the Grand Souk. Alternatively, drive across the beautiful Rif Mountains to Tetouan. Visit the unique School of Art Dar Sanaa which is situated in a former palace and teaches the most traditional of Moroccan crafts to its students before we continue to the Medina which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The ancient medina is full of narrow alleys and streets with vendors selling local handicrafts, foods and spices. Our tour will end at the old Royal Palace, a 17th century building which is itself a reflection of the Hispano-Moresque architecture, and the nearby Hassan II square. Stop to savour the Moroccan tea and fresh pastries at a local riad in the heart of the Medina before returning to the ship.

Day 6 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we sail towards Portugal. Our lecture programme continues in the lounge or maybe find a spot on deck to relax.

Day 7 Oporto & Guimaraes, Portugal. Arriving into Portugal we dock at Leixoes, the base for our day of activities around Oporto. There will be the option to join the guided tour to Oporto including the impressive St Francis Church and the Ribeira before continuing to a local port wine cellar. Here we will be able to learn all about these wines and how they are produced



Dartmouth



Braganza Palace and Castle, Guimaraes



Medina, Tangier



Pazo de Oca



Valencia

before enjoying a tasting. Alternatively, drive to Guimaraes, the birthplace of Afonso Henriques, the first independent King of Portugal. Guimaraes has beautifully preserved its illustrious past; its Medieval centre is a warren of lanes and picturesque plazas framed by 14th century edifices and on an adjacent hill stands the 1,000 year old castle and the palace built by the first Duke of Braganza in the 15th century. A third option will be a visit to the Quinta de Avela, located in the heart of the Vinho Verde Demarcated Region, which creates a young fresh wine with low alcoholic content and a lightly fruity flavour. After exploring the beautiful park and gardens with rare specimens of trees, shrubs and flowers which surround the Manor House, we will learn about the wine which has been produced here since 1947.

Day 8 Vilagarcia de Arousa, Spain. We spend the morning at some of the wonderful houses and gardens of the Galicia region. Visit the Pazo de Oca, a Baroque stately home known as the 'Galician Versailles' and 'El Generalife of the north' due to the beauty of its gardens. See Pazo de Ribadulla which dates from the 16th century and is set in a beautiful location on the shores of the Ulla Valley. The garden was developed by the Armada family in the 1870s and is today renowned for its outstanding collection of camellia trees, giant magnolias, olive trees and lirioidendron. This afternoon is free to explore the town at your own pace or alternatively visit the 15th century Pazo de Rubianes where we find one of the three official lordships in Spain. Explore the 11 hectare garden before we visit the Pazo's vineyards to learn about the local Albarino wine production and enjoy a tasting.

Day 9 La Coruna for Santiago de Compostela. Today we visit Santiago de Compostela, the capital of the autonomous community of Galicia. The city's cathedral is the destination of the important Medieval pilgrimage route, the Way of St James (in Spanish the 'Camino de Santiago'), which is still walked today. For those keen to walk some of the route there will be the chance to hike a short section towards Santiago. Otherwise transfer directly to the site where we will visit the Conventual de San Francisco, the Faculty of Medicine and the world-famous Plaza del Obradoiro. Inside the cathedral, we will visit the Romanic crypt and see the facade of Platerias, the Quintana Plaza, House of Parra, the facade of Azabacheria, and the facade of San Martin Pinario. Enjoy lunch at a Parador and some free time before returning to the ship and sailing this evening.

Day 10 At Sea. Maybe join a lecture in the lounge or watch for wildlife on deck as we spend the day at sea.

Day 11 Dartmouth, England. In the late morning we will sail along the River Dart to our anchorage off the town of Dartmouth. This afternoon we will 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, you may prefer to explore this historic maritime port at your own pace. It was from Dartmouth that the Mayflower sailed to the New World in 1620 and you may wish to walk one of the heritage trails which paints a picture of the town in the 17th century. *Please note that we will be at anchor today and will use the ship's Zodiacs to transfer to shore.*

Day 12 Portsmouth. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station and the London departure airport at a fixed time.

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Mawson	Premium	£6795	£6495
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Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£7495	£7195
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£7895	£7595
Shackleton	Hebridean	£8495	£8195
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£7295	£6995
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£7595	£7295

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel to Valencia • Overnight hotel accommodation in Valencia with breakfast • Dinner on day 1 • 10 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 • Airport taxes • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

ATLANTIC ISLAND ODYSSEY

An island hopping expedition through the Shetland, Faroe & Hebridean Islands aboard the MS Island Sky

27th May to 8th June & 25th June to 7th July 2025



This expedition cruise is one of our most popular and will appeal to those who prefer their islands deserted, but with abundant bird and wildlife. True, Noble Caledonia can bring you all over the world, visiting all manner of exotic and wonderful places yet it is also true that some of the finest scenery, fascinating history and most endearing people are found close to home and nowhere is this truer than the islands off Scotland's indented coastline which form stepping stones into the Atlantic. During this unique voyage, we will journey along rugged coastlines and visit once inhabited islands venturing far north to the Orkney, Shetland and Faroe Islands combined with our time in the Hebrides.

We have been operating cruises around the tip of Scotland for many years and this really is an itinerary that conveys the multiple benefits of small ship cruising. With our fleet of Zodiacs we are able to make calls into some of the remote and uninhabited islands that surround the Scottish coast and cruise close to shorelines and cliffs crowded with birdlife. Few ships make the journey to these outer islands and we are grateful to therefore be able to explore these wonderful places aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky with just 100 or so fellow passengers. To combine the small communities of North Ronaldsay, Fetlar and Unst with uninhabited St Kilda into one itinerary is rare and when combined with the towns of Lerwick and Torshavn, such an itinerary allows us to understand the history, witness the wildlife and experience the culture of these remote and beautiful islands.



THE ITINERARY

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

Day 2 North Ronaldsay, Orkney Islands. Cruise this morning to the Orkney Islands arriving in the early afternoon at the northernmost isle of North Ronaldsay. The birdlife here is prolific as the wetland habitats support the wildfowl and wader species whilst the rugged coastline provides nesting sites for seabird colonies. If weather conditions permit, a series of walks will include the bird observatory and we also hope to view the seals hauled up on the beaches. Those wishing to explore further can visit the lighthouse with views over the nearby islands or the wool mill where yarn is produced from the island's seaweed eating sheep.

Day 3 Fair Isle & Noss Head, Shetland Islands. This morning we anchor off the remote island of Fair Isle. Located midway between the Shetland and Orkney Islands, the tiny population of sixty or so islanders always extend us a warm welcome. Enjoy a walk across the island searching out the puffin slopes, visit the community hall for a cup of tea or maybe purchase some of the famous knitwear. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon we hope to sail around Noss Head. Here the cliffs will be full of nesting gannets, guillemots and fulmars whilst we may also see skuas in the skies above. This evening we moor overnight in Lerwick.

Day 4 Lerwick. From the Shetland capital, we will visit the remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof. The site was uncovered by a violent storm in the winter of 1896/7, revealing an extraordinary settlement site embracing at least 5000 years of human history. The site contains an extraordinary sequence of stone structures – late Neolithic houses, a Bronze-Age village, an Iron-Age broch and wheelhouses, several Norse longhouse, a Medieval farmstead and the 16th century laird's house. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon to explore this historic port. Tonight we will be entertained by local musicians.

Day 5 Fetlar & Unst. Spend the morning in Fetlar. Inhabited for over 5000 years the island lays claim to being the first Norse landing site in the Shetlands. Known as the most fertile of the Shetland Islands the wildflowers bring colour to the landscape whilst the birdlife on the island is prolific. Our expedition team will lead walks ashore including the Fetlar Interpretative Centre and Museum where we will learn about the wildlife and archaeological

history of the island. During lunch sail to Unst, Britain's most northerly inhabited island. At the Heritage Centre we will learn about the islanders' struggles over the centuries and the industries that have prospered whilst the Unst Boat Haven is dedicated to the history of the island's distinctive wooden boats which descend from Viking craft. We also visit Saxa Vord with views over Hermaness National Nature Reserve and Muckle Flugga stacks, home to thousands of gannets and puffins as well as rare Arctic alpine plants.

Day 6 Torshavn, Faroe Islands. After a morning at sea we arrive in the Faroe Islands. This afternoon join a guided tour through Torshavn over the hills to Kirkjubour, the island's oldest cultural centre, where we see the ruins of the 13th century St Magnus Cathedral and the 11th century church, still in use. We also visit the 900-year old "Røykstovan", the old bishopric, considered to be the oldest wooden house in Europe. For those feeling active, we will arrange a hike in the hills surrounding the town to discover the local flora and fauna. We remain moored overnight for anyone wishing to take an after dinner stroll.

Day 7 Vestmanna. Over breakfast we will sail the short distance to Vestmanna, our base as we explore the northwest corner of Streymoy and the nearby cliffs. Here we will board local boats to explore these vertical cliffs that climb almost 1500 feet, sailing into grottos carved by the surf over the years and watching the thousands of seabirds including puffins, guillemots, fulmars and kittiwakes that nest here each summer. After lunch on board, we will drive to the beautiful village of Saksun, an isolated settlement situated beneath steep majestic mountains. We visit Duvugaroar, an old farmhouse, which is now a museum and a traditional Faroese wooden church in Kollafjord.

Day 8 Tvoroyri, Suduroy. Our last call in the Faroes will be at Suduroy, the southernmost island of the group. From the port of Tvoroyri we have a choice of activities. Choose to join an island tour passing the beautiful scenery as we drive between the villages seeing the stunning geology, fjords, tunnels and architecture of the island and end at the southernmost point and the Akraberg lighthouse. In Porkeri we will take the ridge-top road which winds up the mountainside for wonderful views towards the steep cliffs on the west coast, the Beinivoro promontory to the north and the luscious grass slopes to the east. To locals, this delivers the essence of the Faroe Islands with mountains and fjords, villages and valleys, birds, sheep and nature. Alternatively those feeling active may wish to join a hike to Hvaanhagi, a beautiful, uninhabited place north of Tvoroyri on the east coast of Suduroy. The view is fantastic



towards the three islands Litla Dimun, Stora Dimun and Skuvoy. There are sheep and birds, a valley with a lake and beautiful high mountains. Spend the afternoon at sea as we return to Scotland.

Day 9 Stornoway, Isle of Lewis & Shiant Islands, Scotland. On leaving the island capital of Stornoway, we will head across the island of Lewis to the beautiful west coast. Described as Scotland's Stonehenge, the Callanish Standing Stones date from around 3000 BC. There are a total of 32 stones in a circular and avenue design. The stones stand like a petrified forest on the flat top of a peninsula which reaches out into East Loch Roag. We also visit the Dun Carloway Pictish Broch, probably built sometime in the last century BC, it would have served as an occasionally defensible residence for an extended family complete with accommodation for animals at ground floor level. Our next stop is the Gearrannan Blackhouse Village, a reconstructed settlement of traditional black houses which were made using dry stone masonry and have thatched roofs, distinctively weighted down with rocks. Visit the small museum, enjoy a display of a typical crofting activity such as weaving and take in the views of this dramatic site on the wild Atlantic coast. This afternoon we will board the Zodiacs for a cruise around the spectacular basalt cliffs of the Shiant Islands, a group of little islands located a few miles off the shores of Lewis. This is an excellent place to spot puffins, razorbills, guillemots, seals and hopefully white-tailed eagles.

Day 10 St Kilda, Outer Hebrides. This morning we arrive at St Kilda, a remarkable uninhabited archipelago some fifty miles beyond the Outer Hebrides. Dominated by the highest cliffs and sea stacks in Britain, Hirta, St Kilda's main island was occupied on and off for at least two thousand years, with the last 36 Gaelic speaking inhabitants evacuated at their own request in 1930. Immediately after the evacuation, the island was bought by the Marquess of Bute to protect the island's thousands of seabirds including puffin and fulmars, and in 1957 it was bequeathed to The National Trust for Scotland. St Kilda is one of only a few UNESCO World Heritage Sites with dual status reflecting its natural and cultural significance. The local ranger will join us on board before our expedition staff lead a number of guided walks on the island. Later, cruise past two of the largest gannetries in the world at Stac Lee and Berneray. These impressive stacs rise 170 metres from the sea and are home to up to 60,000 breeding pairs of northern gannet.

Day 11 Canna & Loch Scavaig, Inner Hebrides. Strategically placed between the mountains of Rum and the Outer Hebrides, the island of Canna and its adjoining neighbour Sanday are bound together like some rare text that reveals over 60 million years of Hebridean geology and history. They have an amazingly rich archaeological landscape with remains dating to all periods of settled occupation in Scotland. Canna is run as a single farm and bird sanctuary by the National Trust for Scotland and enjoys the best harbour in the Small Isles, a hornshaped haven. The fertile soil and its diversity of habitats

mean that the island has an incredibly rich plant life with 248 native flowering plants recorded. We will see Canna House and wander across grassy basalt plateaus to the 600 foot cliffs on the north shore. Arrive in the early afternoon at the lovely Loch Scavaig. Just beyond is the freshwater Loch Corruisk with its breathtakingly beautiful view over the Cuillins. This is great walking country, but for those who prefer a less energetic afternoon our Zodiacs will explore the coast looking out for seals.

Day 12 Staffa & Iona. At first light we arrive at Staffa where the perpendicular rock face features an imposing series of black basalt columns, known as the Colonnade, which has been cut by the sea into cathedralesque caverns, most notably Fingal's Cave. Weather permitting, we will use our Zodiacs to explore closer. Sail over lunch to Iona which has been occupied for thousands of years and has been a place of pilgrimage and Christian worship for several centuries. It was to this flat, Hebridean island that St Columba fled from Ireland in 563 and established a monastery. Here his followers were responsible for the conversion of much of pagan Scotland and Northern England. No less than 62 Scottish Kings are buried in the Abbey. Visit the Abbey or perhaps walk along the white sandy beaches or go in search of the cornrake amongst the irises.

Day 13 Oban. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Glasgow International Airport and Glasgow Central Railway station at a fixed time.

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ISLAND HOPPING IN THE HEBRIDES

A week-long expedition in the Hebrides aboard the MS Island Sky

8th to 15th June 2025



If ever an archipelago was made for expedition cruising it is the islands off Scotland's west coast. You can travel the world visiting all manner of exotic and wonderful places, however some of the finest scenery, fascinating history and most endearing people may be found close to home. Nowhere is that truer than around Scotland's magnificent coastline, an indented landscape of enormous natural splendour with offshore islands forming stepping stones into the Atlantic.

One of Europe's last remaining wilderness areas affords the traveller a marvellous island hopping journey through stunning scenery accompanied by spectacular sunsets and prolific wildlife. Over the course of a week, with our naturalists and local guides we will explore the isles, and with our nimble Zodiac craft be able to reach some of the most remote and untouched places. There is no better way to explore this endlessly fascinating and beautiful region that will cast its spell on you than by small ship. In the northern summer there is a stillness and an almost wistful feeling in the air and this is the time when the enchanted visitor will be moved and seduced by the majesty of the islands, lochs and seascapes.



With just 100 or so fellow travelling companions, the atmosphere on board the MS Island Sky is more akin to a private yacht trip and when exploring ashore we will divide into small groups thereby enjoying a more comprehensive and peaceful experience. Learn something of the island's history, see their abundant bird and marine life, but above all revel in the timeless enchantment that these islands exude to all those who appreciate the natural world.

WHAT TO EXPECT...

Flexibility is the key to an expedition cruise; sometimes the whole day's schedule may be changed to maximise your experience based on weather or wildlife sightings, something that would not be possible on a large cruise ship. Each day holds something new and below are some extracts from our vessel's logs from previous voyages which will provide you with an insight into what you can expect from this island hopping adventure:

Shiant Islands: By breakfast the ship had anchored amongst the Shiant Islands. Once more we were viewing tertiary basalt columns just like Staffa and Canna but this time several hundred feet tall and thronging with seabirds, many of whom sat on the calm sea as our Zodiacs cruised close off shore. We made first for the tall basalt cliffs where we enjoyed a fly-past of a white-tailed sea eagle which then landed near its mate on a grassy ledge. They sat side by side for the rest of our visit. We saw some grey and common seals hauled out ashore, and investigated some interesting sea caves before turning along the huge boulder scree along the east side of Garbh Eilean with its huge numbers of razorbills, puffins and shags. There were also some great skuas flying around, looking for an opportunity to rob the auks of the food they carried to feed chicks.

Lunga, Staffa & Iona: After a leisurely breakfast we boarded the Zodiacs to set off for an exploration of the island of Lunga. The approach by sea to the landing point was fantastic, large rafts of puffins, razorbills and guillemots and the sky filled with kittiwakes as well as a few Great skuas. The landing itself, into a narrow gully, was patrolled by two sentinels taking the form of two very curious Atlantic grey seals! The island was wonderful with many wildflowers. Later in the day we headed out again by Zodiac to visit the small island of Iona where we explored the abbey and the expedition team birder showed us how to identify the call of the corncrake and some guests spotted one hiding amongst the irises.



THE ITINERARY

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

Day 2 Staffa & Iona, Inner Hebrides. Awake this morning at Staffa, the south side where the perpendicular rock face features an imposing series of black basalt columns, known as the Colonnade, which has been cut by the sea into cathedralesque caverns, most notably Fingal's Cave. Weather permitting, we will use our Zodiacs to explore closer. Later this morning we sail to Iona which has been occupied for thousands of years and has been a place of pilgrimage and Christian worship for several centuries. It was to this flat, Hebridean island that St Columba fled from Ireland in 563 and established a monastery. Here his followers were responsible for the conversion of much of pagan Scotland and Northern England. No less than 62 Scottish Kings are buried in the Abbey. Visit the Abbey or perhaps walk along the white sandy beaches or go in search of the corncrake amongst the irises.

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Puffin, Lunga Island



St Kilda



Dunvegan Castle

capital of Stornoway, we will head across the island to the beautiful west coast. Described as Scotland's Stonehenge, the Callanish Standing Stones date from around 3000 BC. There are a total of 32 stones in a circular and avenue design. The stones stand like a petrified forest on the flat top of a peninsula which reaches out into East Loch Roag. We also visit the Dun Carloway Pictish Broch, probably built sometime in the last century BC, it would have served as an occasionally defensible residence for an extended family complete with accommodation for animals at ground floor level. Our final stop is the Gairrannan Blackhouse Village, a reconstructed settlement of traditional black houses which were made using dry stone masonry and have thatched roofs, distinctively weighted down with rocks. Visit the small museum, enjoy a display of a typical crofting activity such as weaving and take in the views of this dramatic site on the wild Atlantic coast.

Day 5 Canna & Isle of Skye, Inner Hebrides. Strategically placed between the mountains of Rum and the Outer Hebrides, the island of Canna and its adjoining neighbour Sanday are bound together like some rare text that reveals over 60 million years of Hebridean geology and history. They have an amazingly rich archaeological landscape with remains dating to all periods of settled occupation in Scotland. Canna is run as a single farm and bird sanctuary by the National Trust for Scotland and enjoys the best harbour in the Small Isles, a horn-shaped haven. The fertile soil and its diversity of habitats mean that the island has an incredibly rich plant life with 248 native flowering plants recorded. We will see Canna House and wander across grassy basalt plateaus to the 600 foot cliffs on the north shore. Over lunch we sail to the Isle of Skye and from our anchorage in Loch Harport we make our way to the MacLeod stronghold of Dunvegan Castle. Remarkably, the castle has been almost continuously occupied by the MacLeods for nearly eight centuries. Discover the castle, a fascinating place that contains work from at least ten building periods, before we explore the gardens, following paths through woodland glades past pools and burns fed by a waterfall. The formal gardens were laid out in the 18th century and make a wonderful contrast to the moorland hills and sea. We will also keep a look out for the seal colony on the adjoining rocks. Alternatively, spend the afternoon at leisure in the town of Carbost or make a visit to the Talisker whisky distillery.

Day 6 Loch Scavaig & Inverie. We have the morning at the lovely Loch Scavaig. Just beyond is the freshwater Loch Corruisk with its breathtakingly beautiful view over the Cuillins. This is great walking country, but for those who prefer a less energetic morning our Zodiacs will explore the coast

looking out for seals. This afternoon we arrive at the Knoydart Peninsula and the village of Inverie which is the largest settlement in mainland Britain without a road connection. Our expedition team will lead walks in the surrounding forest with great views down to Loch Nevis. Alternatively, choose to explore the town and visit the Old Forge which is listed as mainland Britain's most remote pub.

Day 7 Lunga & Tobermory. We continue to the Treshnish Isles, an archipelago of uninhabited volcanic islets. The island of Lunga is the largest and has been described as 'a green jewel in a peacock sea' and is a summer nesting place for thousands of seabirds. Our final afternoon is on the Isle of Mull and the pretty port of Tobermory. Spend the afternoon at leisure in the town walking amongst the colourful buildings, visit the town's distillery or maybe take the coastal walk to the Rubha nan Gall lighthouse.

Day 8 Oban. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Glasgow Central Railway Station and International Airport at a fixed time.

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	£4295	£3995
Columbus	Superior	£4495	£4195
Marco Polo	Premium	£4895	£4595
Marco Polo	Corner	£5395	£5095
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£5995	£5695
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£6295	£5995
Explorer	Island Suite	£6795	£6495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£6295	£5995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£6495	£6195

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Not Included: Travel insurance.

BRITAIN & IRELAND ODYSSEY

A voyage from Portsmouth to Aberdeen aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

11th to 21st June 2025



Make 2025 the year you become better acquainted with the treasures of your homeland. In the early summer the MS Hebridean Sky will undertake a voyage from the South Coast of England to Scotland by way of the Channel Islands, Isles of Scilly, the far West of Ireland and the Outer and Inner Hebrides. Travelling by small ship in the company of just 118 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 some of the loveliest places from seductive coastal towns to stunning seascapes and idyllic isles.

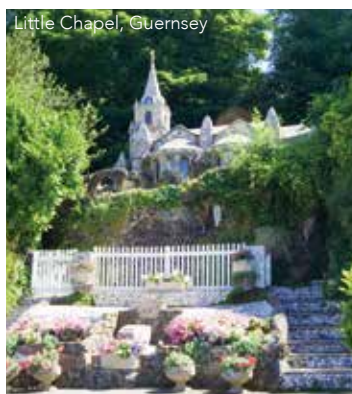
This unusual journey will take us along the edges of the United Kingdom and Ireland and offers a unique portrait of life in our islands. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some of our most beautiful places, meet some interesting inhabitants as far afield as the Isles of Scilly to John O'Groats, and learn more about both the past and present of Britain and Ireland. We will sail from Portsmouth and during our cruise visit remarkable places of great natural beauty, rich in wildlife and history. From the tiny island of St Martin's in the Isles of Scilly to the mystical Skellig Islands off the west coast of Ireland and the Hebridean outpost of St Kilda, we will explore some truly delightful spots. Being early summer, we will also visit a number of gardens including the world famous Abbey Gardens on Treseco and for keen birders there are numerous highlights including a visit to the Cape Clear Bird Observatory and sailing past one of the largest gannetries in the world at Stac Lee.

During our expedition, many of the islands, gardens and estates will be at their most appealing and the countryside will be beautiful and inviting. This, combined with the sheer diversity of the coastline, 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 places in the world.



St Kilda





Little Chapel, Guernsey



Exploring by Zodiac



St Martin's



Mizen Head



Castle of Mey

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Portsmouth, England. Embark the MS Hebridean Sky in the afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station at a fixed time. Sail this evening for the Channel Islands.

Day 2 Guernsey, Channel Islands. Anchor this morning off Guernsey, the 'Island of Flowers'. 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, enjoy a panoramic island drive during which we will see the beautiful coastline and beaches and also visit the Little Chapel, built in 1914 as a miniature version of the famous basilica at Lourdes and covered in fragments of shattered china. The afternoon is free to explore the picturesque town at your own pace before we sail in the late afternoon.

Day 3 Treco & St Martin's, Isles of Scilly. Spend the morning on traffic-free Treco, walking its idyllic lanes from the beach to the famous sub-tropical 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 café. This afternoon we discover the northernmost island of the group, St Martin's, a small island community of just 120 residents. Enjoy time to explore independently, climb to one of the viewpoints for vistas over the islands and the offshore seal colonies, join one of our expedition team on a guided walk or make a visit to the local vineyard for a tasting.

Day 4 Cape Clear & Mizen Head, Ireland. Cape Clear is the southernmost inhabited part of Ireland, 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 Keepers' Quarters including displays on the Fastnet Lighthouse, the Marconi radio room and the bird mural room, home to a spectacular mural by Jules Thomas showing the birds of the Mizen Peninsula, their habitats, nests and eggs.

Day 5 Skellig Islands. 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. Spend the afternoon at sea as we continue our journey around the Irish coast.

Day 6 Killybegs, Donegal. 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 be treated to some traditional Irish music. Alternatively a full day tour will drive through the scenic landscapes of northern Donegal to the Glenveagh National Park where we find the wonderful 19th century castle built on the shores of Lough Veagh. Surrounded by magnificent mountains, pristine lakes and native oak woods, this is a magical place. See the castle and explore the woodland gardens set in the starkly dramatic shadows of the Kinnaveagh, Dooish and Staghall Mountains.



Day 7 Iona & Lunga, Scotland. Iona has been occupied for thousands of years and has been a place of pilgrimage and Christian worship for several centuries. It was to this flat, Hebridean island that St Columba fled from Ireland in 563 and established a monastery. Here his followers were responsible for the conversion of much of pagan Scotland and Northern England. No less than 62 Scottish Kings are buried in the Abbey. Visit the Abbey or perhaps walk along the white sandy beaches or go in search of the corncrake amongst the irises. We continue to the Treshnish Isles, an archipelago of uninhabited volcanic islets. The island of Lunga is the largest of the isles and of volcanic origin has been described as 'a green jewel in a peacock sea' and is a summer nesting place for hundreds of seabirds.

Day 8 Armadale & Inverie. From our anchorage at Armadale we will visit the Clan Donald Centre, a 20,000 acre Highland estate which includes the ruins of Armadale Castle and the Museum of the Isles which showcases 1,500 years of history and culture of the area. We will also explore the restored historical gardens and the beautiful walking trails through the 40 acres of woodland which surround the castle and may see some of the resident wildlife including red deer. This afternoon we arrive at the Knoydart Peninsula and the village of Inverie which is the largest settlement in mainland Britain without a road connection. Our expedition team will lead walks in the surrounding forest with great views down to Loch Nevis. Alternatively, choose to explore the town and visit the Old Forge which is listed as mainland Britain's most remote pub.

Day 9 St Kilda & Stac Lee. We spend the morning at St Kilda, a remarkable uninhabited archipelago some fifty miles beyond the Outer Hebrides. Dominated by the highest cliffs and sea stacks in Britain, Hirta, St Kilda's main island was occupied on and off for at least two thousand years, with the last 36 Gaelic speaking inhabitants evacuated at their own request in 1930. Immediately after the evacuation, the island was bought by the Marquess of Bute to protect the island's thousands of seabirds including puffin and fulmars and in 1957 it was bequeathed to The National Trust for Scotland. St Kilda is one of the few UNESCO World Heritage Sites with dual status reflecting its natural and cultural significance. The local ranger will join us on board before our expedition staff lead guided walks on the island. Later, we will cruise past one of the largest gannetries in the world at Stac Lee. The impressive stacs rise 170 metres from the sea and are home to up to 60,000 breeding pairs of northern gannets.

Day 10 Scrabster. Sailing across the top of Scotland we arrive in Scrabster, the most northerly port on the British mainland. This morning visit the Castle and Gardens of Mey, built between 1566 and 1572 by George Sinclair, 4th Earl of Caithness. The castle was purchased by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, in 1952, who renovated and restored it and created the beautiful gardens which we will see today. Alternatively, take a drive along the coast to John O'Groats, the most northerly town on mainland Britain. After some free time here we will return to the ship via Dunnet Bay, a glorious crescent of sand and dunes, and Dunnet Head to see the lighthouse, built in 1831 by Robert Stevenson, taking in the views over the Pentland Firth to the Orkney Islands. Return to the ship for lunch and a final leisurely afternoon at sea.

Day 11 Aberdeen. Disembark the MS Hebridean Sky after breakfast. Transfers will be provided to the Railway Station and Aberdeen Airport at a fixed time.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£5995	£5495
Byrd	Superior	£6295	£5795
Mawson	Premium	£6595	£6095
Mawson	Corner	£7095	£6595
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£7595	£7095
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£8095	£7595
Shackleton	Hebridean	£8495	£7995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£7995	£7495
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£8295	£7795

PRICE INCLUDES: 10 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.



PASSAGE TO ICELAND

A voyage from Aberdeen to Reykjavik aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

21st June to 3rd July 2025



Iceland is without doubt one of the most extraordinary and dramatic lands on the planet and is certainly best explored by small ship, allowing for opportunities to get up close to nature and explore areas inaccessible to larger vessels. With the 118-passenger MS Hebridean Sky, her expert expedition team and fleet of Zodiac landing craft, we are able to land on remote islands and cruise close to shorelines and cliffs crowded with birdlife. We have timed our voyage to Iceland for June when the long summer days are ideal for exploring and to experience the spectacular midnight sun.

Join us as we sail north from Aberdeen stopping at the Orkney Islands before continuing to the little-visited Faroe Islands where our time will be spent exploring the villages and rolling hills of these distant isles before venturing further north to Iceland. We have seven days to discover the wonders of Iceland and will witness the immense scale of the landscape dominated by towering snow-capped mountains, thundering waterfalls and spontaneous erupting geysers as we learn of the centuries old legacies of a Viking and Norse heritage. Europe's least populated country offers the visitor a truly unparalleled experience of elemental forces at work and we will visit some of its most dramatic areas and, whilst we sail its waters, will look out for humpback whales, orcas, white-beaked dolphins and observe the colonies of seabirds.



Lake Myvatn

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 early this evening.

Day 2 Kirkwall, Orkney Islands. This morning we arrive at the Orkney capital of Kirkwall from where we will head into the west of Mainland, Orkney's largest island. We will pass through gentle rolling landscape and into the Neolithic Heartland of Orkney; an area designated as a World Heritage Site due to its wealth of pre-historic archaeology. We will see the Standing Stones of Stenness and the Ring of Brodgar; a huge ceremonial circle of stones dating back almost 5000 years. We continue to the 5000-year-old village of Skara Brae and see the remarkable dwellings revealed from beneath the sand dunes by storms only 150 years ago.

Day 3 Suduroy, Faroe Islands. Over lunch we will arrive at Suduroy, the southernmost island of the group. From the port of Tvoroyri we have a choice of activities. Choose to join an island tour passing the beautiful scenery as we drive between the villages seeing the stunning geology, fjords, tunnels and architecture of the island and end at the southernmost point and the Akraberg lighthouse. In Porkeri we will take the ridge-top road which winds up the mountainside for wonderful views. Alternatively you may wish to join a hike to Hvaanhagi, a beautiful, uninhabited place north of Tvoroyri on the east coast of Suduroy.

Day 4 Torshavn. From our berth this morning we will join a guided tour through Torshavn over the hills to Kirkjubour, the island's oldest cultural centre, where we see the ruins of the 13th century St Magnus Cathedral and the 11th century church, still in use. We also visit the 900-year old 'Roykstovan', the old bishopric, considered to be the oldest wooden house in Europe. For those feeling active we will arrange a hike in the hills surrounding the town to

discover the local flora and fauna. After lunch on board, we will drive to the beautiful village of Saksun, an isolated settlement situated beneath steep majestic mountains. We visit Duvugaroar, an old farmhouse, which is now a museum and visit a traditional Faeroese wooden church in Kollafjord.

Day 5 Vestmanna. Vestmanna is our base this morning as we explore the northwest corner of Streymoy and the nearby cliffs. We will board local boats to explore the vertical cliffs that climb almost 1500 feet, sailing into grottos carved by the surf over the years and watching the thousands of seabirds including puffins, guillemots, fulmars and kittiwakes that nest here each summer. Return to the ship for lunch and spend a relaxing afternoon on board sailing towards Iceland.

Day 6 Hofn, Iceland. Today we will see the shimmering white Vatnajokull Glacier, Europe's largest glacier, sometimes called an icecap. We will drive to the otherworldly glacial lagoon of Jokulsarlon, a dramatic drive through some of the finest scenery that Iceland offers. Once we reach Jokulsarlon, the 100 metre deep glacial river lagoon which is full of large icebergs, carved from the glacier Breioamerkurjokull, we will embark on a cruise on the pristine water, sailing in between the blue, white and black ice.

Day 7 Neskaupstadur & Mjoifjordur. Enjoy the benefits of our small ship as we explore the lesser known fjords in the south east of Iceland. This morning we hope to land at the small town at Neskaupstadur for a chance to visit the excellent museum which features the local art gallery, Museum of Natural History and Maritime Museum. Those feeling active can hike to the avalanche barriers behind the town, offering great views of the surrounding areas. This afternoon we cruise through Mjoifjordur where we can enjoy the wilderness of this remote area.

Day 8 Husavik. Be on deck this morning as we cruise into Husavik. Our expedition team will keep an eye out for one of the many species of whales, the most popular being humpback, minke and blue whales, which are prevalent in this area. The remainder of the morning is free to explore the pretty town including time at the excellent whale museum, the exploration museum and quaint local church. After lunch we will visit the Lake Myvatn-Krafla region, a fine example of the volcanic world with lava fields, boiling and steaming mud pools and steam vents of sulphur and craters. The lake itself, with beautiful natural rock formations and hot springs, is a unique ecosystem and the largest migratory bird sanctuary in Europe. For those interested there will be an opportunity to spend time in the natural baths before returning to the ship.

Day 9 Hrisey Island & Akureyri. We will use our Zodiacs to land on Hrisey Island this morning where you can join nature walks. The island is known for its rich and diverse bird life and approximately 40 species of birds nest on the island. In the early afternoon we continue our journey down Eyafjordur, on the

lookout for whales, during our approach to Akureyri. Akureyri is a delightful town on the north coast of Iceland and not what you would expect to find in such a remote location. In summer months the gardens and window boxes are ablaze with colour. This afternoon we visit the spectacular Godafoss Waterfall where water from the Skjalfandafjot river falls from a height of 12 metres over a width of 30 metres. From Godafoss we return to the charming town of Akureyri and visit the botanical garden which was founded in 1912 and grows examples of every species indigenous to Iceland as well as an extensive collection of high-latitude and high-altitude plants from around the world. Our tour ends at the Art Alley, where artisans keep their workshops and galleries.

Day 10 Grimsey Island & Siglufjörður. Spend the morning on Grimsey Island. The Arctic Circle bisects this island which is known for its tiny community, basalt cliffs and large variety of birdlife. On arrival join our expedition team members for a nature walk on the island. Over lunch we sail to Siglufjörður, a picturesque town that enjoys an idyllic setting in a small fjord backed by mountains. Here in the early 1900s, a booming economy due to the herring industry resulted in a prosperous town with some marvellous Icelandic architecture. Stroll through the town and visit the Herring Era Museum.

Day 11 Western Fjords. This morning we enter the Western Fjords, an isolated but spectacular area of Iceland. We will explore Isafjardardjup with the MS Hebridean Sky and depending on local weather conditions, we hope to land on Vigur, a serene little island with only five residents but home to many more puffins, eider ducks, black guillemots and Arctic terns.

Day 12 Stykkisholmur. During breakfast we arrive at Stykkisholmur located in Breidafjörður Bay and surrounded by an archipelago of islands. The town is famed for its beautiful and well preserved old houses and is also the gateway to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula which is dominated by the Snæfellsjökull volcano, regarded as one of the symbols of Iceland and known as the setting for Jules Verne's "Journey to the Centre of the Earth". A morning tour will include a drive through the lava landscape to the glacier visiting pretty fishing ports and beaches along the way. Spend the afternoon at leisure in the town.

Day 13 Reykjavik to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your scheduled flight to London.

SHIP TO SHORE

This voyage is a combination of both expedition style cruising and small ship destination cruising. Whilst we will be alongside most days, we will be at anchor and the vessel's Zodiacs will be utilised to transport passengers ashore when visiting Grimsey, Hrísey Island and Vigur Island. If you have any queries pertaining to the use of Zodiacs or the level of fitness required for this voyage please do not hesitate to ask one of our experienced travel consultants.

PRICES PER PERSON

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PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel from Reykjavik to London
 • 12 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team
 • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Reykjavik Extension 3rd to 5th July 2025

Reykjavik



If you would like to spend some time in Reykjavik after your cruise, we are offering a two night extension which will include the 'Golden Circle' touring route.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Reykjavik & Golden Circle, Iceland. Disembark after breakfast as we enjoy one of Iceland's classic touring circuits, the 'Golden Circle' including three of Iceland's most iconic landmarks. We will start at Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is situated in a rift valley that offers incredible views of the Reykjanes Ridge. This is the only place in the world where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, which separates the Eurasian and North American plates, is above sea level. Also see the Gullfoss Waterfall, the most famous of the country's numerous waterfalls. Our final stop is the Geysir geothermal area where Strokkur, an explosive geyser, erupts every few minutes. After lunch we transfer to our hotel for check in and a free evening in Reykjavik. (B, L)

Day 2 Reykjavik. After breakfast in the hotel we enjoy a city tour of Reykjavik. See the Hallgrímskirkja Church that dominates the city skyline, the new Harpa Opera House and the charming old quarter before we enjoy the views of the city from Perlan. The afternoon and evening are at leisure. (B)

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

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£895**; Single: **£1195**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Reykjavik, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch), full day Golden Circle tour, half day Reykjavik tour, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



Gullfoss Waterfall

PASSAGE FROM ICELAND

A voyage from Reykjavik to Aberdeen including the Faroe & Shetland Islands aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

13th to 25th July 2025



Join us aboard the MS Hebridean Sky for an expedition which combines an in-depth exploration of Iceland with time spent exploring the remote and little visited Faroe Islands. Iceland, Europe's least populated country offers the visitor a truly unparalleled experience of elemental forces at work and during our exploration of Iceland we will witness the immense scale of the landscape dominated by towering snow-capped mountains, thundering waterfalls and spontaneous erupting geysers as we learn of the centuries old legacies of a Viking and Norse heritage. We will visit some of its most dramatic areas and, whilst we sail its waters, will look out for humpback whales, orcas, white-beaked dolphins and observe the colonies of seabirds.

Leaving Iceland we call into the Faroe Islands, once a stopping point for Viking explorers, this mysterious collection of 18 islands set in the North Atlantic, halfway between Norway and Iceland, is a paradise for walkers and bird watchers. The intriguing history of the islands can be traced back to the Irish monks who settled here in the 6th century and the 9th century seafaring explorers.

The MS Hebridean Sky is perfect for our voyage, with her expert team and fleet of Zodiacs we will be able to land on remote islands and cruise close to shorelines and cliffs crowded with birdlife. With just over 100 travelling companions, the atmosphere on board is warm and friendly and ashore with our local experts we will divide into small groups thereby enjoying a more comprehensive and peaceful experience.



Wooden church, Seydisfjörður



Siglufjörður

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London or Glasgow to Reykjavik, Iceland. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. Sail this evening.

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Puffin



Eysturoy, Elduvik



Saksun village, Faroe Islands

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Day 6 Husavik. From our berth in Husavik will visit the Lake Myvatn-Krafla region, a fine example of the volcanic world with lava fields, boiling and steaming mud pools and steam vents of sulphur and craters. The area illustrates the sheer magnitude of Iceland's forces at work. The lake itself, with beautiful natural rock formations and hot springs, is also a unique ecosystem and the largest migratory bird sanctuary in Europe. For those interested there will be an opportunity to spend time in the natural baths before returning to the ship. The remainder of the day is free to explore the pretty town including time at the excellent whale museum, the exploration museum and quaint local church. Be on deck this evening as we sail. Our expedition team will keep

an eye out for one of the many species of whales, the most popular being humpback, minke and blue whales, which are prevalent in this area.

Day 7 Seydisfjörður. We spend our last morning in Iceland in the picturesque natural harbour at Seydisfjörður which has preserved its fishing heritage from the early 19th century and its architectural style. On a walking tour we will pass brightly painted and well preserved wooden buildings and visit the shops famous for their Icelandic patterned woollens and crafts. Keen walkers might prefer to join a hike in the nearby Vestdalur Valley which is a protected nature reserve due to its remarkable flora. Walking along the river trail we will enjoy the landscape and waterfalls as well as viewing the abandoned town of Vestdalseyri. Sail in the mid-afternoon towards the Faroe Islands.

Day 8 Vestmanna, Faroe Islands. After a morning at sea we arrive in the Faroes at the port of Vestmanna, our base as we explore the northwest corner of Streymoy and the nearby cliffs. On a choice of afternoon activities you may wish to board local boats to explore these vertical cliffs that climb almost 1500 feet, sailing into grottos carved by the surf over the years and watching the thousands of seabirds including puffins, guillemots, fulmars and kittiwakes that nest here each summer. Alternatively drive to the beautiful village of Saksun, an isolated settlement situated beneath steep majestic mountains. We visit Duvugaroar, an old farmhouse which is now a museum, and a traditional Faroese wooden church in Kollafjörður.

Day 9 Elduvik. Today we enjoy the benefits of small ship cruising as we make our way to the north of the island of Eysturoy and the small traditional village of Elduvik. Located at the end of a lush valley and surrounded by mountains the village has a resident population of 12 who will welcome us ashore. Villagers will lead walks around the town including the colourful houses and the church and hear stories of the history, myths and culture of the region. Those feeling active may wish to join a strenuous yet scenic hike along the old village path through the Skoratind hills to neighbouring Oyndarfjordur, enjoying views of the nearby island of Kalsoy and the hills of Funningur.

Day 10 Runavik. Our final morning in the Faroes will be at Runavik which due to its sheltered location in the Skalaftordur has been used as a port since the Vikings. Local guides will show us around the small town including the Forni Historical Museum, Church of Glyvra and the boathouse. There will be the option to join our naturalists for a walk around Lake Toftavatn seeing the rich birdlife, Faroese flora and the statue of the shepherd and his dog. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at sea as we make our way to the Scottish Islands.

Day 11 Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland. Mid-morning we arrive into the Shetland capital and have some free time to explore the town or maybe the excellent museum. In the afternoon we visit the remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof. The site was uncovered by a violent storm in the winter of 1896/7, revealing an extraordinary settlement site embracing at least 5000 years of human history. The site contains an extraordinary sequence of stone structures – late Neolithic houses, a Bronze-Age village, an Iron-Age broch and wheelhouses, several Norse longhouse, a Medieval farmstead and the 16th century laird's house.

Day 12 Fair Isle. This morning we anchor off the remote island of Fair Isle. Located midway between the Shetland and Orkney Islands, the tiny population of sixty or so islanders always extend us a warm welcome. Enjoy a walk across the island searching out the puffin slopes, visit the community hall for a cup of tea or maybe purchase some of the famous knitwear. Sail over lunch and enjoy a final afternoon at sea.

Day 13 Aberdeen. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Aberdeen Railway Station and Aberdeen Airport at a fixed time.

SHIP TO SHORE

This voyage is a combination of both expedition style cruising and small ship destination cruising. Whilst we will be alongside most days, we will be at anchor and the vessel's Zodiacs will be utilised to transport passengers ashore when visiting Grimsey, Hrisey Island, Vigur Island, Elduvik & Fair Isle. If you have any queries pertaining to the use of Zodiacs or the level of fitness required for this voyage please do not hesitate to ask one of our experienced travel consultants.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

SPECIAL OFFER – SAVE £400 PER PERSON FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£7695	£7295
Byrd	Superior	£7895	£7495
Mawson	Premium	£8395	£7995
Mawson	Corner	£8795	£8395
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£9295	£8895
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£9495	£9095
Shackleton	Hebridean	£10395	£9995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Byrd	Superior for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel to Reykjavik • 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 • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-cruise Reykjavik Extension 11th to 13th July 2025

Strokkur Geysir



If you would like to spend some time in Reykjavik before your cruise, we are offering a two night extension which will include the 'Golden Circle' touring route.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London or Glasgow to Reykjavik, Iceland. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore independently.

Day 2 Reykjavik. After breakfast in the hotel we enjoy a city tour of Reykjavik. See the Hallgrímskirkja Church that dominates the city skyline, the new Harpa Opera House and the charming old quarter with its wooden houses and narrow streets before we enjoy the views of the city from Perlan. The afternoon and evening are at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Golden Circle. Check out after breakfast as we enjoy one of Iceland's classic touring circuits, the 'Golden Circle' including three of Iceland's most iconic landmarks. We will start at Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is situated in a rift valley that offers incredible views of the Reykjanes Ridge. This is the only place in the world where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, which separates the Eurasian and North American plates, is above sea level. Also see the Gullfoss Waterfall, the most famous of the country's numerous waterfalls. Here, a huge amount of water rushes down a stone cascade into a deep ravine with incredible force, creating a powerful spectacle. Our final stop is the Geysir geothermal area, the place where the word "geyser" originates and where Strokkur, an explosive geyser, erupts every few minutes. After lunch we transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and embark. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

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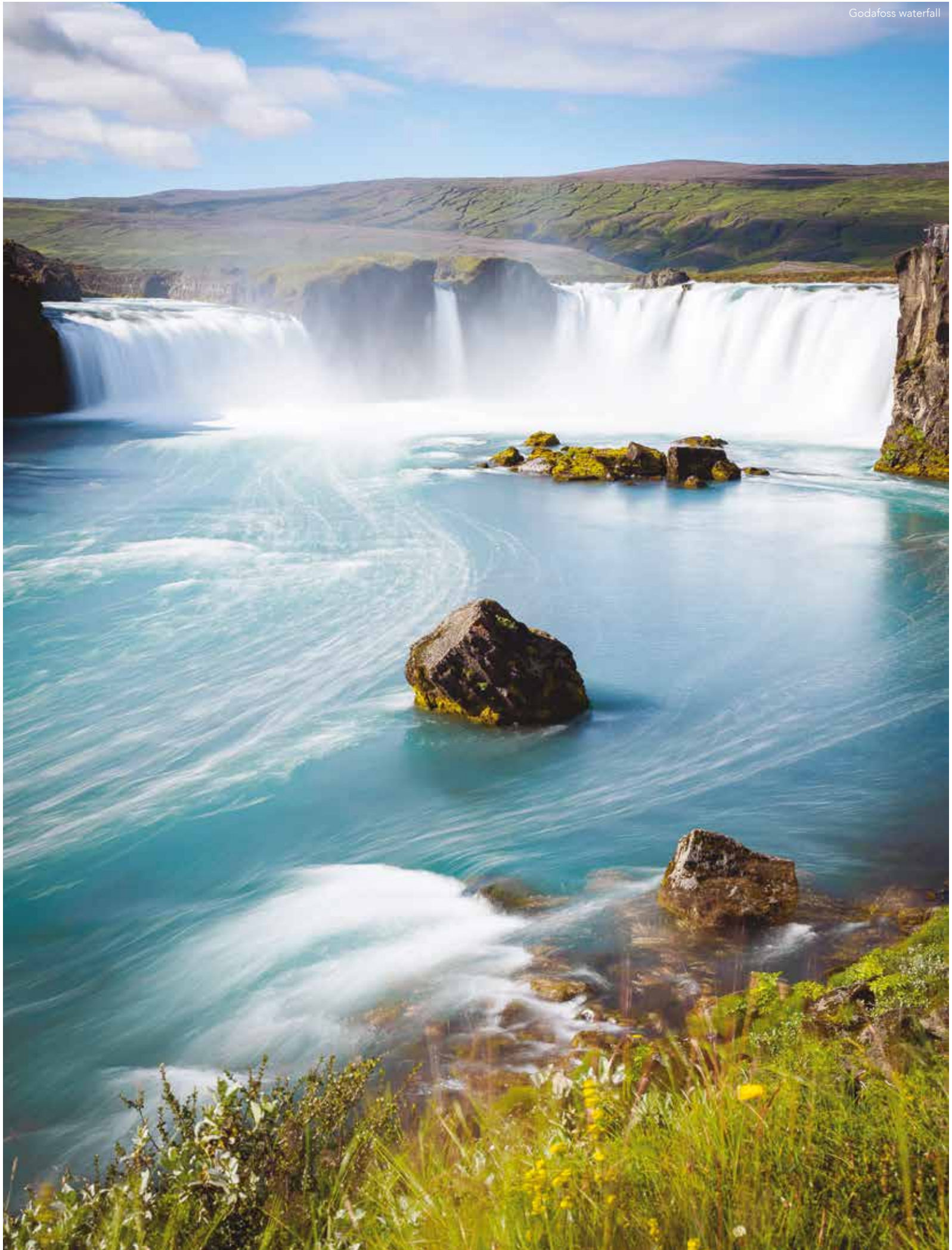
Twin: **£895**; Single: **£1195**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Reykjavik, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch), full day Golden Circle tour, half day Reykjavik tour, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



Reykjanes Ridge



CELTIC ISLAND ODYSSEY

A voyage from Aberdeen to Liverpool aboard the MS Island Sky

17th to 27th July 2025



This expedition voyage will appeal to those who wish to visit some of the most remote and inaccessible islands in Scotland as well as Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man. This is not a cruise in the traditional sense, more an exploration with 100 or so fellow travellers who wish to enjoy the peace, beauty and tranquillity of the islands and to learn about the history of the region. The sheer diversity of the landscapes and lifestyles will amaze you as will the spirit and warmth of the small communities we will encounter.

Our summer voyage aboard the MS Island Sky offers the opportunity to discover the islands off the northern coast of Scotland, venturing as far north as the Shetland Islands in addition to the magical Inner and Outer islands of the Hebrides. In addition, we will call into Rathlin Island which, just off the tip of Northern Ireland, is steeped in history and has an abundance of seabirds and to the mystical Isle of Man where a strong Norse tradition thrives. We will visit both inhabited and uninhabited islands and places of great natural beauty rich in birdlife, wildlife and mystical history, many with a long history dating back to the Iron Age.

Such a trip would be almost impossible to arrange independently but with the MS Island Sky as our base we have the advantage of being able to reach these remote islands and, with the use of Zodiacs, we will be able to explore in small groups. We will witness vibrant colours, explore deserted villages and learn of the history and ancient culture of unique island life. Whether your interest lies in the natural world, history or bird watching, or simply being there to witness the timeless beauty of the islands, this trip will lift the spirits and gladden the heart.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Aberdeen, Scotland. Embark the MS Island Sky this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Aberdeen International Airport and Aberdeen Railway Station at a fixed time. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner this evening as we sail.

Day 2 Fair Isle. After a morning at sea we anchor off the remote island of Fair Isle in the early afternoon. Located midway between the Shetland and Orkney Islands, the tiny population of sixty or so islanders always extend us a warm welcome. Enjoy a walk across the island searching out the puffin slopes, visit the community hall for a cup of tea or maybe purchase some of the famous knitwear.

Day 3 Lerwick. From the Shetland capital we will visit the remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof. The site was uncovered by a violent storm in the winter of 1896/7, revealing an extraordinary settlement site embracing at least 5,000 years of human history. The site contains a remarkable sequence of stone structures – late Neolithic houses, a Bronze-Age village, an Iron-Age broch and wheelhouses, several Norse longhouse, a Medieval farmstead and the 16th century laird's house. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a free afternoon to explore this historic port. Tonight we will be entertained by local musicians.

Day 4 Foula & Papa Stour. This morning we visit Foula, one of Britain's most remote inhabited islands. Apart from a narrow coastal strip of more fertile croftland, Foula is an expanse of peat and moorland rising steeply to five dramatic peaks. In the early summer Foula's wildflowers provide a glorious burst of colour. Translated as "Bird Island" from Old Norse, the island is designated as a Special Protection Area for birds and is home to the world's largest colony of great skuas, known locally as bonxies, which compete fiercely with Arctic skuas for breeding territories. Kittiwakes and Arctic terns return annually to nest whilst the cliffs teem with puffins, shags and fulmars. Over lunch we will sail the short distance to Papa Stour where we will use our Zodiacs to explore the stunning cliff scenery, sea stacks, arches, blowholes and coastal caves.

Day 5 Stornoway, Isle of Lewis. Spend the morning cruising to the Outer Hebrides and the Isle of Lewis. On leaving the island capital of Stornoway, we will head across the island of Lewis to the beautiful west coast. Described as Scotland's Stonehenge, the Callanish Standing Stones date from around 3000 BC. There are a total of 32 stones in a circular and avenue design.

The stones stand like a petrified forest on the flat top of a peninsula which reaches out into East Loch Roag. We also visit the Dun Carloway Pictish Broch, probably built sometime in the last century BC it would have served as an occasionally defensible residence for an extended family complete with accommodation for animals at ground floor level. Our next stop is the Gearrannan Blackhouse Village, a reconstructed settlement of traditional black houses which were made using dry stone masonry and have thatched roofs, distinctively weighted down with rocks. Visit the small museum, enjoy a display of a typical crofting activity such as weaving and take in the views of this dramatic site on the wild Atlantic coast.

Day 6 St Kilda & Stac Lee, Outer Hebrides. Arrive over breakfast at St Kilda, a remarkable uninhabited archipelago some fifty miles beyond the Outer Hebrides. Dominated by the highest cliffs and sea stacks in Britain, Hirta, St Kilda's main island was occupied on and off for at least two thousand years, with the last 36 Gaelic speaking inhabitants evacuated at their own request in 1930. Immediately after the evacuation, the island was bought by the Marquess of Bute to protect the island's thousands of seabirds including puffin and fulmars, and in 1957 it was bequeathed to The National Trust for Scotland. St Kilda is one of only a few UNESCO World Heritage Sites with dual status reflecting its natural and cultural significance. The local ranger will join us on board before our expedition staff lead a number of guided walks on the island. This afternoon we will cruise past two of the largest gannetries in the world at Stac Lee and Stac an Armin. These impressive stacs rise 170 metres from the sea and are home to up to 60,000 breeding pairs of northern gannets.

Day 7 Dunvegan & Loch Scavaig, Isle of Skye. Spend the day exploring the Isle of Skye. From our anchorage in Loch Harport we make our way to the MacLeod stronghold of Dunvegan Castle. Remarkably, the castle has been almost continuously occupied by the MacLeods for nearly eight centuries. Discover the castle, a fascinating place that contains work from at least ten building periods, before we explore the gardens, following paths through woodland glades past pools and burns fed by a waterfall. The formal gardens were laid out in the 18th century and make a wonderful contrast to the moorland hills and sea. Also keep a look out for the seal colony on the adjoining rocks. Alternatively, spend the morning at leisure in the town of Carboost or make a visit to the Talisker whisky distillery. Sail over



lunch to lovely Loch Scavaig. Just beyond is the freshwater Loch Corruisk with its breathtakingly beautiful view over the Cuillins. This is great walking country, but for those who prefer a less energetic afternoon our Zodiacs will explore the coast looking out for seals.

Day 8 Staffa & Iona, Inner Hebrides. Awake this morning at Staffa, the south side where the perpendicular rock face features an imposing series of black basalt columns, known as the Colonnade, which has been cut by the sea into cathedralesque caverns, most notably Fingal's Cave. Weather permitting, we will use our Zodiacs to explore closer. Later this morning we sail to Iona which has been occupied for thousands of years and has been a place of pilgrimage and Christian worship for several centuries. It was to this flat, Hebridean island that St Columba fled from Ireland in 563 and established a monastery. Here his followers were responsible for the conversion of much of pagan Scotland and Northern England. No less than 62 Scottish Kings are buried in the Abbey. Visit the Abbey or perhaps walk along the white sandy beaches or go in search of the corncrake amongst the irises.

Day 9 Rathlin Island, 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 on foot with our local guides. We may also see some of the prolific seabird life with astonishing numbers of auks, kittiwakes as well as grey seals.

Day 10 Peel, Isle of Man. Arrive this morning on the Isle of Man at the main fishing port of Peel. Settlements have been here since the Mesolithic Age and the island also claims to have the longest continuous parliament which was founded in 979 AD. Leaving Peel we will visit Tynwald Hill, located in the little village of St John's. This grass-topped, tiered hill is made from the soil and stones from each of the island's 17 parishes and is the point from which, each 5th of July, all the laws enacted in the year preceding are promulgated to the

gathered government officials and the public at large, both in Manx and English languages. Continue to Castletown where we board the vintage steam train for a delightful and traditional journey to Douglas. Dating from 1874, the Isle of Man Steam Railway is the island's oldest Victorian rail system and this narrow gauge railway still runs with its original locomotives and carriages. Return to the ship for lunch and a free afternoon to explore Peel at your own pace.

Day 11 Liverpool. Disembark this morning. Transfers will be provided to Liverpool Lime Street Station at a fixed time.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Magellan	Standard	£5895	£5595
Columbus	Superior	£6095	£5795
Marco Polo	Premium	£6395	£6095
Marco Polo	Corner	£6795	£6495
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£7295	£6995
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£7595	£7295
Explorer	Island Suite	£8595	£8295
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£6895	£6595
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£7095	£6795

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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

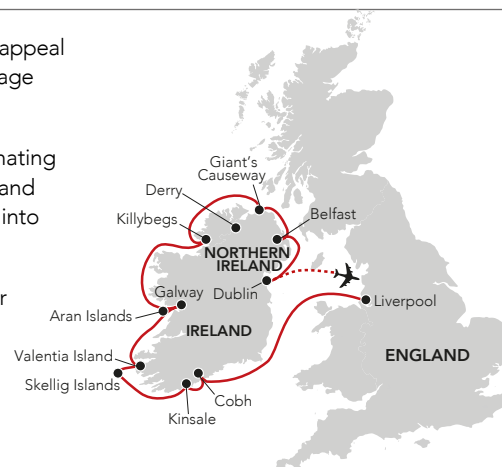
27th July to 5th August 2025

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 *joie de vivre* of the Irish we can promise, it will not be boring.



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 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 this 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

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Not Included: Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Dublin Extension 5th to 7th August 2025

Powerscourt Gardens



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

Classic King Room



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, D - Dinner), drinks with included meals, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, excursions as detailed, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

WILD IRELAND

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

5th to 16th August 2025



Make 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 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.

Valentia Island Lighthouse





Botanic Gardens, Belfast



Skellig Michael



Killybegs



Sherkin Island

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.

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



Corncrake, Tory Island



Rathlin Island



Dublin Castle



Giant's Causeway



'Doorways of Dublin'

west to the Glencolmille 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 Suites	£8995	£8695
Explorer	Island Suite	£9295	£8995
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£8995	£8695
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Not Included: Travel insurance.



BEYOND THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

A voyage around Ireland aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Martin Sixsmith

16th to 30th 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.



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 our 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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Dunluce Castle



Cliffs of Moher



Kilkenny Castle



Powerscourt House and Gardens

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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.

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Magellan	Standard for sole use	£10695	£10395
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PRICE INCLUDES: 14 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.

WHALES, DOLPHINS & SEABIRDS OF THE ATLANTIC EDGE

A voyage from Portsmouth to Oporto aboard the MS Hebridean Sky in association with ORCA
5th to 11th September 2025

We are delighted to have joined forces once again with ORCA, a UK based whale and dolphin conservation charity dedicated to the long-term protection of whales, dolphins and porpoises and their habitats worldwide. ORCA's vision is to have oceans alive with whales and dolphins, and their mission is to give everyone who cares about whales and dolphins an active role in safeguarding their future.

This six night voyage has been designed to appeal to those who enjoy being at sea and have a passion for the natural world. As part of ORCA's ongoing education work, Ocean Conservationists will be joining us on board, delivering exciting wildlife experiences and innovative education programmes, teaching guests about the marine environment whilst at the same time collecting critical scientific data about some of the richest habitats in the ocean. Monitoring in the Bay of Biscay is particularly important due to the risk of ship strike for large whales - so while on deck you will find Ocean Conservationists collecting data with the 'OceanWatchers' app which passengers can also assist with by downloading the app too.



We will be sailing through one of the world's top five best whale and dolphin locations as we pass through the English Channel and down into the Bay of Biscay, a rich feeding ground and an important migration route for many species, such as fin whales - the second largest animal on the planet. Following the continental shelf edge (a dramatic change in water depth from 150 to 4000 metres) means that we will be in the perfect mixing bowl of nutrients that promote large algal blooms that act as the basis of all life in the Bay of Biscay. Large schools of fish are found here feeding on these microscopic plants, which not only provides the perfect pit-stop for migrating fin whales, but also the perfect habitat for a variety of other whale and dolphin species, such as the common dolphin, striped dolphin, Risso's dolphin, sei whales and many more.

Journeying towards Spain, we will be met by two deep-sea canyons in which you can find the wonderful world of beaked whales. These elusive mammals are deep diving specialists and we will keep our eyes peeled for the deepest diving mammal on the planet - the Cuvier's beaked whale.

We have timed the voyage for early September when whale migrations from north to south are taking place increasing further the possibility to spot whales whilst a diverse range of bird species should also be seen during our journey. We hope you can join us and the ORCA Ocean Conservationists on what promises to be an unforgettable trip in some of the most beautiful and productive waters and discover the wonderful world of whales and dolphins for yourself.

Donation to ORCA



Noble Caledonia will be contributing £10,000 of the voyage revenue to ORCA. The donation will help ORCA to continue to monitor critical whale and dolphin habitats around the world and help drive new protections for some of the most vulnerable marine spaces on the planet.

river and see the castles and river fortifications whilst keeping an eye out for wildlife. Over lunch we sail out to the English Channel where the shallow waters are home to several species of whale, dolphin and porpoise. Regular sightings in these waters include minke whales, common dolphins, bottlenose dolphins and harbour porpoises. A few lucky spotters could even see some rarer visitors, including the second largest animal on the planet - the fin whale, long-finned pilot whales, Risso's dolphin and even the iconic humpback whale. Keep an eye out for playful bow-riding dolphins who leap in the waves made by the ship as we sail through these waters.

THE ITINERARY

The planned itinerary for our cruise is outlined below although we will keep a flexible schedule to maximise our whale sighting potential.

Day 1 Portsmouth, England. Embark the MS Hebridean Sky this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Portsmouth Harbour Railway Station at a fixed time.

Day 2 Lyme Bay & Dartmouth. At dawn we will be sailing through Lyme Bay and staff will be on deck as we look for common dolphins that can be found in these waters. Later this morning we will sail along the River Dart to our anchorage off the town of Dartmouth. Here you can choose to spend a couple of hours exploring the town or maybe join a Zodiac ride along the

Day 3 Shelf Edge, Bay of Biscay. Overnight we have sailed into the Bay of Biscay which is one of the most exciting areas in the world for whale and dolphin watching. A dramatic change in water depth from 150 to 4000 metres creates the perfect mixing bowl of nutrients that promote large algal blooms. These microscopic plants are the catalyst for drawing in ocean giants, who feed on the large schools of fish sustained by this explosion of life. We spend the day cruising in these rich feeding grounds, keeping a lookout for fin whales, sei whales, minke whales, long-finned pilot whales, Risso's dolphins, bottlenose dolphins, striped dolphins and common dolphins. Around one-third of the world's whale and dolphin species can be sighted in Biscay - with orca and blue whales being among the occasional visitors, meaning it is always an exciting area to watch for wildlife.

Day 4 Canyons & Santander, Spain. Arrive this morning in the southern Bay of Biscay. Around 2-30 kilometres off the coast of Spain, lies the Santander and



Illes des Cies



Fin Whale



Great Skua



Minke whale



Common dolphins

Torrelavega Canyons which are both more than twice the depth of the Grand canyon. These colossal trenches are the perfect habitat for some of the most elusive and interesting whale and dolphin species, such as the Cuvier's beaked whale. This mind-boggling species is the deepest diving mammal on the planet, they can hold their breath for an astonishing 3 hours and 42 minutes, and dive to an incredible 2,992 metres. Other beaked whales sighted here include the Sowerby's beaked whale, northern bottlenose whale and True's beaked whale, as well as other marine mammal species like the pilot whale and sperm whale. So keep your eyes peeled for some of the most exciting and unusual species you might spot. In the early evening we will berth in Santander where we have a few hours to stretch our legs before we sail tonight.

Day 5 Whale Watching. Spend the day cruising along and around the northern Iberian Coast which is home to around 22 whale and dolphin species including the harbour porpoise, common dolphin, bottlenose dolphin, and Risso's dolphin. Several members of the iconic "blackfish" have also been sighted in these waters, including regular sightings of the long-finned pilot whale and occasional sightings of orca and false killer whale. Further offshore species such as the striped dolphin, Cuvier's beaked whale, Sowerby's beaked whale, sperm whale, minke and fin whale can be spotted.

Day 6 Vigo & Illes des Cies. Sail this morning into the Galician port of Vigo from where local boats will take us offshore to the beautiful Illes des Cies. Part of the Atlantic Islands National Park, the Romans named them the 'islands of the gods' and we will spend time enjoying the natural beauty of the landscapes; see the stunning beaches, walk the paths to search for animal and plant life or maybe swim in the clear waters. Alternatively spend some time in Vigo itself and explore the narrow streets of the old town or visit the Castro Fortress which was built in 1665 to defend the city from the English Navy and offers views over the city. Later, we sail the waters off the coast of Portugal which are home to playful dolphin species, such as the bottlenose dolphin and common dolphin, as well as the shy harbour porpoise.

Day 7 Oporto, Portugal to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to the UK.

Post-cruise Oporto Extension 11th to 13th September 2025



Oporto

If you would like to spend some time in Oporto after disembarking the MS Hebridean Sky, we are offering a two night extension.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Oporto, Portugal. Disembark this morning and join a tour of Oporto, Portugal's second largest city and a World Heritage Site. This attractive city was originally a Celtic-Iberian settlement and became a prosperous Roman village thanks to its natural harbour. During our tour we will drive through its narrow streets to find 16th century arcaded buildings, Baroque churches and chapels, as well as the city's iconic 19th century iron bridge, built by the school of Gustav Eiffel. Our final visit will be to the city's cathedral, located on the top of the Penaventosa Hill providing an amazing view over the river. After lunch we will transfer to our hotel and the rest of the afternoon and evening are free for independent exploration. (B, L)

Day 2 Oporto. Today is free to explore the city at your own pace. (B)

Day 3 Oporto to London or Manchester. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight back to the UK. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£645**; Single: **£845**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Oporto, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch), guided tour of Oporto, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£3595	£3295
Byrd	Superior	£3795	£3495
Mawson	Premium	£3995	£3695
Mawson	Corner	£4295	£3995
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£4795	£4495
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£4995	£4695
Shackleton	Hebridean	£5295	£4995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£3795	£3495
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£3995	£3695

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel from Oporto to London or Manchester • Six 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 • Lecturers from ORCA • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

PASSAGE TO ANDALUCIA

A six night passage from Oporto to Malaga including a call in Morocco aboard the MS Hebridean Sky with Guest Speaker Rear Admiral John Lippiett

11th to 17th September 2025



Join us aboard the wonderfully comfortable MS Hebridean Sky for this voyage from Oporto to Malaga which has been timed for September when just about everything is as perfect as it can be, from the comfortable temperatures to the relatively crowd free sites. Our six night voyage promises to be a relaxing and rewarding journey allowing you to immerse yourself in some of the cultural and historical gems of Portugal, Spain and Morocco. Although only six nights, we have ensured that the itinerary is well balanced incorporating guided excursions along with time for individual exploration as well as some day time sailing.

Our journey begins in Portugal where we will discover Coimbra which was the Medieval capital of Portugal for over 1000 years before sailing to the current capital of Lisbon, a beautiful coastal city with some stunning architecture. Following a leisurely day at sea we arrive into Spain and the vibrant city of Seville with its joyous and colourful riches including the fabulous Alcazar and La Giralda, one of the most famous monuments of Moorish architecture in Spain. Sailing the short distance south to Morocco, we spend a day in Tangier, Europe's gateway to Africa where our exploration will include a visit to the newly created Donabo Gardens, a botanical oasis by the sea, and a guided walk around the atmospheric old town. Our final port is the charming Andaluican city of Malaga from where you can return to the UK or join our post-cruise extension.



Belem Tower, Lisbon



Tangier



Coimbra



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Oporto, Portugal. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Figueira da Foz for Coimbra. Located at the mouth of the Mondego River, Figueira da Foz is one of central Portugal's prime beach resorts. However, the reason for our call is to visit the nearby city of Coimbra, the Medieval capital of Portugal for over 100 years. On a walking tour we will view the stunning buildings from the 16th to 18th centuries before we head to the university which was recently appointed UNESCO status. Founded in the 13th century we will see the Chapel of Sao Miguel and the Joanine Library which houses over 300,000 works dating back to the 16th century. After a local lunch, you can choose to return to Figueira da Foz or remain in Coimbra to explore further independently.

Day 3 Lisbon or Alentejo. Set on seven hills on the banks of the River Tagus, Lisbon has been the capital of Portugal since the 13th century. It is

a city famous for its majestic architecture, old wooden trams, Moorish features and more than twenty centuries of history. Following disastrous earthquakes in the 18th century, Lisbon was rebuilt by the Marquis de Pombal who created an elegant city with wide boulevards and a great riverfront and square. During our morning panoramic tour we will see the Monument to the Discoveries and Belem Tower. Alternatively, a full day tour will visit the Alentejo region which will begin with a drive to Evora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where a walking tour will explore the sights and Medieval history of this enchanting city. Evora is one of the oldest towns in the Alentejo region and we will see the well preserved Roman Temple, St Francisco Church and the Chapel of Bones before exploring the charming squares. Alentejo is also a highly respected wine region traditionally growing red wines from the Tempranillo and Trincadeira grapes. We will enjoy lunch in a vineyard including a tasting before we return to the MS Hebridean Sky via the picturesque port of Setubal.



Alcazar Palace, Seville

Day 4 At Sea. Spend a leisurely day on board cruising. Maybe join our Guest Speaker in the lounge or find a spot on deck.

Day 5 Seville, Spain. Having sailed up the lower reaches of the Guadalquivir River in the early morning to the vibrant city of Seville, we will enjoy a morning walking tour to explore the city's greatest monuments. Enter the Alcazar Palace with its ornate Moorish interiors and exotic terraced garden. Built by Pedro the Cruel in the 14th century with the help of Moorish craftsmen, it is still used as a residence by the King of Spain. We also visit the imposing La Giralda, Seville's cathedral, reputed to be the largest Gothic style church in the world with its distinctive Moorish tower. We return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and the afternoon is at leisure to explore further at your own pace before we sail back down the Guadalquivir River in the early evening.

Day 6 Tangier, Morocco. Arrive over breakfast in North Africa and the port of Tangier. A short drive will bring us to the Donabo Gardens located on the coast with wonderful sea views. Divided into ten sections we can explore the Moroccan garden that celebrates the tradition of tea, the maze of mints where multiple varieties blend their fragrances along the alleys, a rose garden thriving in the cool shade and a pollinator's garden purposely designed to attract bees. Later we can explore the city where on a walking tour we will visit the Medina, enjoy the views from the Kasbah situated at the highest point of Tangier, and wander through the Grand Souk.

Day 7 Malaga, Spain to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

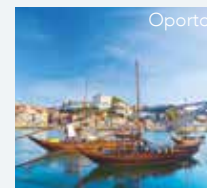
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Pre-cruise Oporto Extension 9th to 11th September 2025

If you would like to spend some time in Oporto before embarking the MS Hebridean Sky, we are offering a two night hotel extension in the city which includes a guided tour and visit to a port wine lodge.



Oporto

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Oporto, Portugal. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure before we meet for dinner this evening. (D)

Day 2 Oporto. After breakfast in the hotel we explore Oporto which is Portugal's second largest city and a World Heritage Site. During our tour we will drive through its narrow streets to find 16th century arcaded buildings, Baroque churches and chapels, as well as the city's iconic 19th century iron bridge, built by the school of Gustav Eiffel. Our final visit will be to the city's cathedral, located on the top of the Penaventosa Hill. Return to the hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore further. (B)

Day 3 Oporto. After a relaxing morning we will check out of the hotel and enjoy lunch before continuing to a nearby port wine lodge where we will see the old casks full of port and enjoy a sample of this world famous wine. Later this afternoon we will transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and embark. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £695; Single: £895

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.

Post-cruise Malaga Extension 17th to 19th September 2025

After disembarking the MS Hebridean Sky, you can join our two night hotel extension in Malaga which includes a guided city tour.



Malaga

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Malaga, Spain. Disembark in the historic city of Malaga where a morning tour will take us to the 14th century Castillo de Gibralfaro, built on a hill overlooking the city and once considered the most impregnable fortress in Iberia. Continue to La Merced Square where we see the birthplace of Pablo Picasso before we visit the impressive 16th century cathedral which was built on the remains of a mosque. After lunch we will check into our hotel for a two night stay. (B, L)

Day 2 Malaga. Today is free to explore at your own pace. Maybe head to the market, visit the botanical gardens or, for the art lovers, visit the Picasso Museum. We will meet this evening for dinner in the hotel. (B, D)

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

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £895; Single: £1295

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.

ALONG THE CAMINO

A voyage from Portsmouth to Vigo aboard the MS Island Sky combined with a three night stay in Santiago de Compostela with Guest Speaker Right Reverend Nick Baines

15th to 22nd September 2025

Here is a unique opportunity to combine a leisurely passage from the UK to Spain aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky with time spent walking along various sections of the Camino de Santiago, the renowned pilgrimage route and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Follow in the footsteps of seafaring pilgrims from centuries past who would sail from the UK to Galicia to begin their pilgrimage to the tomb of St James. Our journey promises to be an enriching experience accompanied by fellow like-minded travellers and our Guest Speaker, the Right Reverend Nick Baines who will provide a series of fascinating talks. After four nights on board the MS Island Sky sailing from Portsmouth to Vigo by way of La Coruna, we will disembark for a three night stay in the beautiful Galician city of Santiago de Compostela where we will stay in the wonderful Parador de Santiago de Compostela.

Established after the discovery of the relics of St James, the Camino de Santiago or the 'Way of James' is an extensive network of ancient pilgrim routes stretching across Europe and culminating at the magnificent cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. We have designed our itinerary to allow for the opportunity to walk along four sections of the Way of St James; the English Way, the French Way, the Portuguese Way and the Finisterre Way and the walks will be planned so that participants can walk as much or as little as they choose of the three sections on each of the days and, for those electing not to partake in the walks, there will be the option to instead join a guided excursion to the region's picturesque towns.

WALKING & EXPLORING

This tour involves a considerable amount of walking along sections of the Camino de Santiago. We will endeavour to accommodate varying levels of fitness by separating the group into different abilities, and excursions will include walking for between two to six hours a day at a steady pace. Walking will be over a mix of terrain and gradients so walking boots or shoes will be required. The walking routes and order are subject to weather and conditions. For those not wishing to walk, or those simply wishing to opt for a more leisurely day, alternative excursions are included exploring the culture and history of the area.



THE ITINERARY

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

Days 2 & 3 At Sea. Spend the next two days at sea sailing to the northern coast of Spain following in the footsteps of centuries of seafaring pilgrims from Britain and Northern Europe. During your time on board relax and perhaps take in a lecture or two by our Guest Speaker.

Day 4 La Coruna & The English Way. This morning we arrive into La Coruna. From here we will walk part of the English Way which has two starting points, La Coruna and Ferrol, La Coruna being the preferred route for British Pilgrims. Pilgrims started walking the English Way or the 'Seafaring Way' in the 12th century and it was popular with Medieval pilgrims from Scandinavia, Flanders, England, Scotland and Wales. It played host to Crusaders on their way to the Holy Land, Icelandic monks, and during the Hundred Years War pilgrims from Britain sailed as we did to the coast rather than passing through France. Vessels chartered for the purpose of pilgrimage had to receive permission from the Crown before they could set sail. The pilgrimages are well documented by ceramic pieces and coins found during excavations of the Santiago de Compostela Cathedral. The walk today will pass through Pontedeume, before walking through villages and woodlands ending in Mino. The walking today will be split into sections so that you can choose to walk as much or as little as you wish, and we will break for a picnic lunch. For those who prefer a more leisurely day there will be a morning tour of La Coruna followed by an afternoon at leisure.

Day 5 Vigo, The Portuguese Way & Santiago de Compostela. We will disembark this morning and set out to walk some of the Portuguese Way. The Camino Portugues which starts in Lisbon has been in use since the

10th century, but it was in the 12th century after the independence of Portugal that it became more prominent. The pilgrimage of Queen Isabel of Portugal in the 14th century solidified the routes for pilgrims. The walk today will be two parts, the first will be the section that crosses from Portugal into Spain starting in Valanca and walking to the Medieval town of Tui. After lunch in a local restaurant we will drive to the next section which will start in Caldas de Reis taking you through countryside, woodland and villages to Magarinos. On finishing the walk we will transfer to Santiago de Compostela. For those choosing not to walk today, there will be a guided visit to the Pazo de Faramello, an early 18th century building with strong Italian influences that convey the Genoese origin of its founder, the Marquis of Piombino. This pazo was the location of the first paper factory in Galicia and the old mills and corresponding tools can still be seen. Admire the perfectly kept French 19th century gardens spread across more than two hectares leaning out in terraces over a tiny canyon whilst we enjoy lunch. After lunch we will drive to Santiago de Compostela where we will check into the Parador Hotel for three nights. We will meet this evening for dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 6 The French Way & Santiago de Compostela. Today we will head to Melide to walk a section of the French Way, perhaps the most famous of the nine major Camino routes. Its 800 kilometres of trails have inspired many artists, writers and filmmakers. Melide is the only town where two Camino routes meet, the French Way and the Camino Primitivo (Original Way). From the 10th century, Melide grew in popularity as the Camino de Santiago did, as the number of pilgrims passing through increased so did the traders and innkeepers, allowing the town to grow in prosperity. The town has a number of impressive chapels and beautiful Medieval architecture. The route today will take us through forests and over streams passing quaint villages and farms. For those not wishing to walk today, there will be the option of

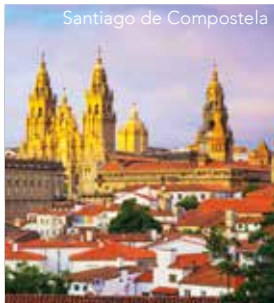
Walking the Camino de Santiago



Pazo de Oca



Santiago de Compostela



Peregrina Chapel, Pontevedra



Melide

a tour to the elegant and historic town of Pontevedra where we will see the Peregrina Chapel, the city's most emblematic building. This Baroque church has an unusual, rounded facade and was built in the late 18th century in honour of the Virgin guiding pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela. There will also be a visit to Pazo de Rubianes, an elegant country estate dating back to the late 17th century and surrounded by extensive vineyards en route back to Santiago de Compostela. (B, L)

Day 7 Santiago de Compostela. For those choosing to walk today, we will depart the hotel after breakfast to walk the final section of the Finisterre way. This is a unique route as it takes pilgrims from Santiago de Compostela to Cape Finisterre, once believed to be the 'Edge of the World'. The Camino Finisterre predates Christianity, as pagans would walk to the mythical Cape as they believed this was where the sun died. We will walk the last section of the Way into the city of Santiago de Compostela finishing at the beautiful Cathedral. On arrival at the Cathedral we will meet with our fellow passengers and enjoy a guided tour of the city of Santiago de Compostela. Visit the Conventual de San Francisco, the Faculty of Medicine and the world-famous Plaza del Obradoiro. Inside the impressive cathedral, we will visit the Romanic crypt and see the facade of Platerias, the Quintana Plaza, House of Parra, the facade of Azabacheria and the facade of San Martin Pinario. This afternoon will be at leisure before our farewell dinner this evening. (B, D)

Day 8 Santiago de Compostela to London. This morning, we will visit Pazo de Oca, usually referred to as "Galician Versailles" is the final milestone of St James's way. Originally a fortress dating from the 12th century, it was during the 18th century when Fernando Gayoso, Marquis of Camarasa transformed it into its current appearance of golden granite stone wall that evokes a forgotten paradise full of romanticism. Above all, the gardens at Oca are what astonish the most. Recently restored to its 18th century glory, the beauty here is the fusion of formal garden with working farm. After lunch we will transfer to the airport for the scheduled flight to London. (B, L)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The Parador Hotel, Santiago de Compostela



The Parador Hotel

The final three nights of our tour will be based at the Parador de Santiago de Compostela, one of the oldest hotels in Spain which was built in 1499 by order of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. Once a royal hospital, which provided lodging and shelter for many pilgrims who arrived in the city following the Camino de Santiago, the impressive building along with the Romanesque Cathedral beside it and the Plaza de Obradoiro have been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site and are proclaimed as historic jewels. The Parador itself combines Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque elements which can be seen throughout the luxurious public areas and bedrooms. The Parador features four impressive cloisters and has several lounge areas for guests to relax in. The hotel's two restaurants feature exposed stone walls and candelabras. The Dos Reis serves a range of Mediterranean cuisine, while the Enxebre specialises in seafood and traditional Galician dishes. Each of the spacious bedrooms spread over four floors offers classic decor with a private bathroom and modern comforts such as minibar, safe, satellite TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, hairdryer and telephone.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£4995	£4695
Explorer	Island Suite	£5295	£4995
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£4095	£3795
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£4195	£3895

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Four nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • Three nights hotel accommodation in Santiago de Compostela with meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner) • House wine, beer and soft drinks with included lunches and dinners • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

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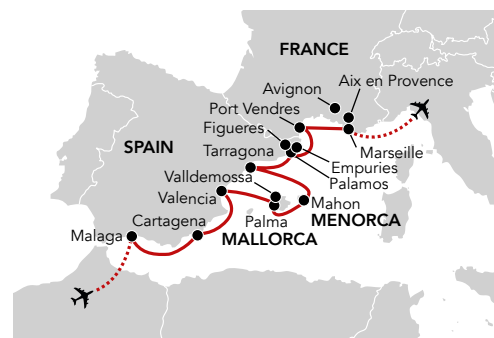
A voyage from Malaga to Marseille aboard the MS Hebridean Sky with Guest Speaker Dr Steve Kershaw

16th to 26th September 2025



Join us aboard the MS Hebridean Sky and set sail across the Mediterranean spending time in Spain, Mallorca, Menorca and France for what promises to be an informative and relaxing journey discovering the artistic, historical and cultural gems of the region. We have timed our nine night voyage for September when just about everything is as perfect as it can be, from the comfortable temperatures to the relatively crowd free sites.

Following an overnight stay in Malaga with time to discover the history and art of the city, we will embark the MS Hebridean Sky and set sail. Our explorations in Spain will include the naval port of Cartagena with its fine Roman remains and the historic city of Tarragona in Catalonia, a veritable museum-town with remains of all the civilisations that have crossed the Iberian Peninsula. We will also discover the Medieval town of Figueres, the birthplace of Salvador Dali and in the Dali Theatre Museum we can view many of his surrealist works; to balance the day the afternoon will be spent in the Graeco-Roman site of Empuries. Other highlights will include time spent on the islands of Menorca and Mallorca and upon arriving in the South of France we will explore the 'Cote Vermeille' or rocky coast, one of the most beautiful parts of the Mediterranean which has inspired some of the world's most famous artists. Finally, from Marseille you can choose to discover Aix en Provence, renowned as the home of artist Paul Cezanne, to view many of the painter's most celebrated works, or to spend the day in Avignon, the great City of the Popes.



We have devised the schedule for our voyage to include daily guided excursions with excellent local guides along with a choice of tours in many ports of call, as well as time at leisure in some of the charming towns. This itinerary with its eclectic mix of picturesque places is exactly the type of journey normally undertaken by private yachts and the 118-passenger MS Hebridean Sky is ideal for the purpose, taking us to some of the loveliest places in the Mediterranean.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Malaga, Spain. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is free before we meet for dinner this evening.

Day 2 Malaga. After breakfast in the hotel a morning tour will take us to the 14th century Castillo de Gibralfaro, built on a hill overlooking the city and once considered the most impregnable fortress in Iberia. Continue to the impressive 16th century cathedral which was built on the remains of a mosque. With its mix of Renaissance and Gothic styles it has been declared a national landmark. Alternatively, our Picasso tour will start in La Merced Plaza to view the house where he was born before we continue to the Museo Picasso which contains over 200 pieces of his works. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before we transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky moored in the city. Sail this evening.

Day 3 Cartagena. In the early afternoon we arrive in Spain's main naval port of Cartagena. Enter the deep natural harbour through two fortified rocky headlands for an afternoon of exploration in this historic city that dates back to the Phoenicians. The city walls remained intact until the 20th century creating a dense historic centre. Take the lift or walk up to Concepcio Castle for amazing views of the city and harbour, view the Roman Theatre and the archaeological site of Molinete where work continues to uncover the Roman city. Later enjoy a stroll along the tree-lined harbour promenade as we return to the MS Hebridean Sky.

Day 4 Valencia. A morning walking tour will explore this vibrant city and visit some of the fine Baroque buildings including the 15th century Gothic Silk Exchange and the old 'El Carmen' quarter where we see the Cathedral. Construction of the cathedral began in the 13th century but took nearly 300 years to complete and is a fascinating mix of Gothic, Baroque and

Renaissance styles. Alternately, visit the Fine Arts Museum, one of the best in Spain with works by Valencian, Flemish and Spanish masters including Van Dyck, Goya and Velazquez as well as interesting archaeological pieces. Later we visit the Colegio del Patriarca with its wonderful Renaissance courtyard, church and museum with works including The Last Supper by Ribalta. The afternoon is free to explore further at your own pace.

Day 5 Palma de Mallorca & Valldemossa, Mallorca. Mallorca, the largest of the Balearic Islands, has a rich history dating back to the Phoenicians when it was under the control of Carthage, the principal North African city at that time, before flourishing under Roman rule. This morning there is a choice of tours. Join us as we drive to Valldemossa, a quiet and traditional town with narrow streets and lanes constructed with blonde stone. Each doorway and street is lined with beautiful green plants and flowers making the town one of the most beautiful in Mallorca. Popular with artists, we can see some of the studios during a walking tour which will include the 13th century monastery linked with the composer Frederic Chopin, who lived here during the winter of 1838-39. Alternatively, explore Palma including the cathedral, Spain's second largest Gothic church, before we continue to the lovely Plaza Mayor. Later take in the impressive views from Bellver Castle, a unique structure in Spain due to the fact that the building is entirely round. For many centuries the castle was used as a prison but today it houses Palma's History Museum containing artefacts and pottery from the Talaotic, Roman, Arab and Spanish periods. After lunch on board the afternoon is free to explore further at your own pace.

Day 6 Mahon, Menorca. Over breakfast we arrive in Menorca, the most northerly of the Balearics and the least dedicated to tourism. This morning choose to join an island drive including the mysterious rock mounds (talayots) and megalithic stone monuments which were erected some 4,000 years ago



before making our way to aristocratic Ciudadella, the architectural showpiece of Menorca. Situated at the head of a long channel from the sea, the city has had its share of disputes over sovereignty, and its character reflects the influence of Moorish, Turkish and Spanish rule. Alternatively, enjoy a few hours exploring the pretty harbour town of Mahon at your own pace before we sail in the early afternoon.

Day 7 Tarragona. During the second Punic War in 218 AD the city of Tarraco was established as a garrison which developed into the main military base for the Roman army in Spain. Today we can still see remnants of the Roman period as we explore the city by foot. See the impressive walls that once surrounded the city, the 2nd century amphitheatre and the Roman Circus where chariot races were held. After lunch on board there will be time to explore more of Tarragona at your leisure.

Day 8 Palamos, Figueres & Empuries. Arriving on the Costa Brava and the port of Palamos, we travel inland to Medieval Figueres, an impressive town of Modernist and Neoclassical architecture that is most renowned as the birthplace of Salvador Dali. Our tour includes the impressive 18th century castle of St Ferran and the old city walls before continuing to the Dali Theatre Museum. Designed by Dali himself, the museum takes us through the life of the artist. After lunch in the city you can choose to return to the ship and spend the afternoon at leisure or drive along the coast to the archaeological site of Empuries. Founded by Greek merchants in the 6th century BC as Emporion, it became a major port. In 218 BC the town was taken by the Romans who built an even greater city above the Greek town.

Day 9 Port Vendres, France. The 'Cote Vermeille', or rocky coast, is one of the most beautiful parts of the Mediterranean and has inspired some of the world's most famous artists. We will drive the short distance to Collioure which has always been a source of inspiration for artists. Here we will have time to explore the colourful streets and visit the local artist studios and the 12th century Royal Castle. This afternoon choose to explore the historic town of Port Vendres independently or join a tour to the charming town of Ceret located in the foothills of the Vallespir Mountains. After a walking tour of the town we visit the wonderful Musee d'art Moderne containing works from Picasso, Chagall and Dali as well as pieces drawn in Collioure by Matisse.

Day 10 Marseille for Aix en Provence & Avignon. From our berth in Marseille, we will offer a choice of excursions today. You can choose to head inland to Aix en Provence which was founded by the Romans in the 1st century and is renowned as the home of artist Paul Cezanne. We will visit his studio which still houses his equipment and the objects he used for models and the Jas de Bouffan estate, Cezanne's parents' country house which

contains many of the painter's celebrated works. We will continue to the 'Terrain des Peintres' which is located on the heights of Aix en Provence, a few hundred metres from the Atelier Cezanne. It is famous for the wonderful views of the Montagne Sainte Victoire which Cezanne often painted in the latter part of his life. After lunch in a local restaurant we will spend some time in Aix with its leafy boulevards and public squares lined with 17th and 18th century mansions. Alternatively spend the day in Avignon, the great City of the Popes which boasts a number of splendid museums, churches and palaces. Our guided walking tour will include the Palais des Papes, one of the wonders of Provence and the largest and most important Medieval Gothic buildings in Europe, built in the 14th century as a fortified palace for the pontifical court. We also visit the cathedral and the famous Pont Saint-Benezet, a bridge that spans the Rhone between Villeneuve les Avignon and Avignon, and the Pont du Gard, one of the wonders of antiquity, built by Agrippa in 19 BC in order to provide the city of Nimes with fresh water from the Uzes area.

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

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Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£7295	£6995
Shackleton	Hebridean	£7795	£7495
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£6995	£6695
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£7195	£6895

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Overnight hotel accommodation in Malaga with breakfast • Dinner on day 1 • Lunch on day 2 • Nine 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.
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GREAT BRITISH MILITARY HEROES

A journey from Oporto to Gibraltar with a focus on the Peninsular War aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Kate Jamieson & Battlefield Guide Mark Crathorne

17th to 25th September 2025

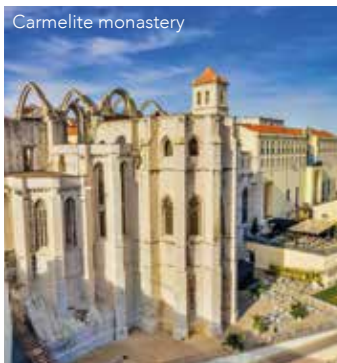
This journey along the Iberian Coast will appeal to those who have a genuine lust for travel and who will enjoy connecting with the history of this fascinating region that has played such a major part in the destiny of Britain. Our ideally sized vessel, the MS Island Sky will enable us to enter past worlds of great naval and land battles and at the same time we will be able to appreciate the contrasting cultures, timeless beauty and fabulous coastal scenery of the Iberian Peninsula. As we sail down the Atlantic coast to Gibraltar, we will delve into the rich history of the region focusing on its captivating military and maritime past, whilst enjoying the company of just over 100, fellow like-minded travellers. Along this stretch of coast there have been many battles on land and sea, and military sites and references will come thick and fast.



Our journey begins with a two night stay in Oporto where we will have time to explore this enchanting city and learn of the highlights of the Second Invasion of Portugal by the French in May 1809 during the Peninsular War when the British and Portuguese troops risked crossing the Douro River and succeeded in expelling 25,500 French troops. The British had a major military presence in Iberia since the 1140s when they played a key role in driving the Moors from Lisbon, the most important episode in the Portuguese section of the Reconquista. Since the 14th century, British troops and/or warships were deployed to help protect Portugal from Spanish pressure. Then in 1808-13, the threat was French and we will explore the British commitment in the Peninsular War.

From our base of Figueira Da Foz we will head to Bussaco, the only major battle of Marshal Massena's third invasion of Portugal in September 1810. The virtual stalemate pitted 65,000 French against the Anglo-Portuguese Army of 51,000, many of whom had no battle experience. By the end of November that same year the French retreated after having been stopped by the impressive Lines of Torres Vedas and we will visit these defensive lines created by Wellington in 1809 from Lisbon. Our voyage ends in Gibraltar which the British besieged in 1704 after the Spanish allied with France and then held it against a series of sieges. Then there is of course the Battle of Trafalgar, one of the most famous naval battles in British history when Nelson led Britain to victory over Napoleon's combined Spanish and French fleets.

In addition to learning of the fascinating military and maritime history of the Iberian Peninsula, there will be opportunities to sample some splendid ports, visit the historic city of Coimbra and spend time in Lisbon where we will have a wonderful drinks reception within the Maritime Museums' Galeotas Pavilion which houses historic sea faring vessels. Helping us understand more of all we will see, and experience will be our expert guide and speaker and we have ensured that the itinerary has an enjoyable mix of culture and history as well as time at leisure to relax on board or explore under your own steam.



Carmelite monastery



Rock of Gibraltar



Europa Point Lighthouse, Gibraltar

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Oporto, Portugal. Fly by scheduled flight to Oporto.

On arrival transfer to our hotel and check in for our two night stay. Meet for dinner this evening at a local restaurant. (D)

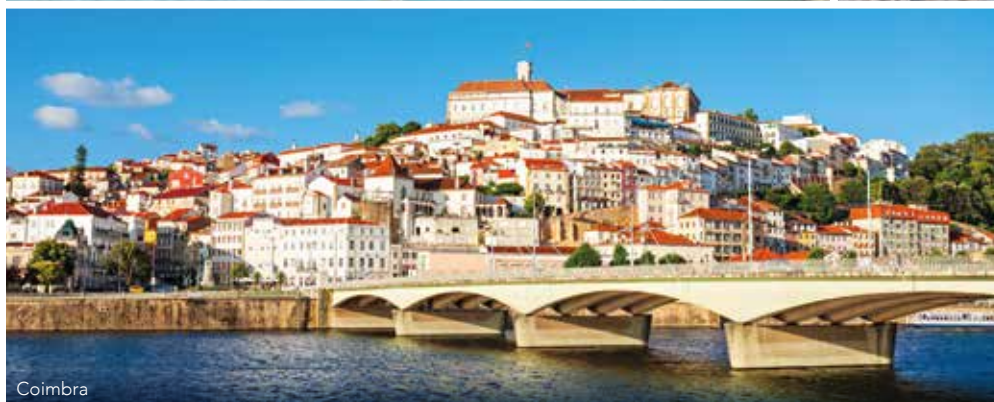
Day 2 Oporto. Today there will be a choice of excursions. You may wish to travel back to 1809 when the French mounted a second invasion of Portugal during the Peninsular War and retrace the steps of the crossing of the river Douro, on the 12th May 1809 by Wellesley, and the Battle of Oporto. We will start on the south bank of the river Douro and the Serra do Pilar convent where Wellesley commended the battle and from here visit the Bishop's Seminary, the scene of fierce fighting after 600 men crossed the river in port wine barges. Also visit the nearby Military Museum and board a boat to sail along the river taking in views of the city. The tour concludes with a visit to the Peninsular War monument on the way back to the hotel followed by an afternoon at leisure. Alternatively, spend time in the attractive city of Oporto which was originally a Celtic-Iberian settlement and became a prosperous Roman village thanks to its natural harbour. During our tour we will drive through its narrow streets to find 16th century arcaded buildings, Baroque churches and chapels, as well as the city's iconic 19th century iron bridge, built by the school of Gustav Eiffel. Our final visit will be to the city's cathedral, located on the top of the Penaventosa Hill. Inside are beautiful examples of golden carved altarpieces and paintings from the Nasoni period, whilst outside we will enjoy the amazing view over the river. The tour will conclude with a visit to a port wine lodge where we will see the old casks full of port and enjoy a sample of this delicious world-famous wine. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore at your own pace. (B)



Oporto



Monument of the Discoveries, Lisbon



Coimbra



Belem Tower, Lisbon

Day 3 Oporto to Vigo, Spain. This morning we depart Oporto and head north along the coast to the town of Viana do Castelo where we will visit the Gil Eannes, a century old vessel that has served as a supply ship, floating hospital and icebreaker and is now a museum. Learn about this fascinating ship's history and the part it has played in Portugal's maritime history. After lunch there will be some free time to explore this charming town before transferring to Vigo to embark the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening. (B, L)

Day 4 Figueira da Foz, Portugal. Located at the mouth of the Mondego River, Figueira da Foz is one of central Portugal's prime beach resorts. However, our reasons for visiting are actually inland and we have a choice of excursions today. We will drive to the site of the Battle of Bussaco which occurred in September 1810 in the heart of a national park and explore the battle from both the French and Allied perspectives. Our tour begins with a visit to Massena's headquarters at Moura from where we head to Santo Antonio do Cantero past a 10 mile long ditch where over 2,500 French soldiers were killed or wounded. After lunch we will visit the Military Museum and the chapel used as a 'Blood Hospital' and our final stop before returning to the ship will be in Carmelite and the monastery that Wellington spent the night at before and after the battle. Alternatively, visit the nearby city of Coimbra, the Medieval capital of Portugal for over 100 years, and the site of the country's greatest university for the past five centuries. On a walking tour we will view the stunning buildings from the 16th to 18th centuries, including the Paco das Escolas (Royal Palace) and the Monastery of Santa Cruz before we head to the university which was recently appointed UNESCO status.

Day 5 Lisbon. Set on seven hills on the banks of the River Tagus, Lisbon has been the capital of Portugal since the 13th century. It was in nearby Sintra that the controversial "Convention of Sintra" was signed in 1808 and the city became the site of further conflict during the Peninsular War. Today there will be a choice to join a tour to the Line of Torres Vedras, a defensive system constructed by Wellington between 1809 and 1812 in the hills that surround the city including the Fort of San Vicente. Also see Wellington's headquarters at Pero Negro and Beresford's headquarters at Casal Cochim. Alternatively, a morning tour of Lisbon includes the famous landmarks and places of interest such as the Monument to the Discoveries, Belem Tower and Ajuda National Palace. This evening we have arranged for a private drinks reception to be held in the Galeotas Pavilion at the Maritime Museum of Lisbon. Enjoy a drink while exploring the vast collection of sea going vessels from throughout the centuries. Return to the ship for dinner and sail.

Day 6 At Sea. Join our lecturer in the lounge or find a spot on deck as we spend a relaxing day at sea.

Day 7 Gibraltar. Disembark this morning and discover this strategic British outpost in the Mediterranean. After taking in the views from Europa Point, we continue to the Great Siege Tunnels, a labyrinth of tunnels built to defend Gibraltar from Spanish and French attacks between 1779 and 1783. Also see the Gibraltar Museum. After lunch we transfer to our hotel for our two night stay. (B, L)

Day 8 Gibraltar. Enjoy a day at leisure for independent exploration. Maybe take the cable car up the famous rock, see the Botanical Gardens or visit the Garrison Library. This evening we will meet for dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 9 Gibraltar to London. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£4295	£3995
Columbus	Superior	£4495	£4195
Marco Polo	Premium	£4795	£4495
Marco Polo	Corner	£4995	£4695
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£5195	£4895
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£5495	£5195
Explorer	Island Suite	£5795	£5495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£4795	£4495
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£4795	£4495

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights hotel accommodation in Oporto • Four nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • Two nights hotel accommodation in Gibraltar • Meals as indicated for hotel stays (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner) • House wine, beer and soft drinks with included lunches & dinners • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speakers • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

SEPTEMBER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Island Hopping from Gibraltar to Rome aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Major General Patrick Cordingley

23rd September to 1st October 2025



The seas between Gibraltar and Italy offer access to a wealth of ancient sites, unspoiled islands and traditional towns and during this delightful voyage we will focus on the islands spending time on Mallorca, Menorca, Sardinia, Corsica and Elba. This itinerary with its eclectic mix of picturesque places is exactly the type of journey normally undertaken by private yachts and the 118-passenger MS Island Sky is ideal for the purpose, taking us to some of the loveliest places in the Mediterranean.

We have ensured that each day has an enjoyable mix of culture with some time at leisure to explore under your own steam or time relaxing at sea. Added to our fascinating itinerary we have the pleasure of cruising aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky. From time to time we may pass a huge cruise liner and at moments like this we can be thankful that with just over 100 fellow, like minded travellers, we are able to visit atmospheric ports and towns which the big ships cannot access. We will discover timeless islands with their aura of history, unique island lifestyles and spectacular beauty which will capture our hearts as we travel a less well trodden path across the Mediterranean.

Late September is the perfect time for our voyage when the crowds of August have dispersed and the weather is ideal for touring. There will be ample time to relax on board as we sail between our ports of call during which time you will be able to attend the informative talks by our onboard Guest Speaker.



Portoferraio, Elba



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Gibraltar. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Sail this evening.

Day 2 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we start our journey across the Mediterranean.

Day 3 Palma de Mallorca, Mallorca. Mallorca, the largest of the Balearic Islands, has a rich history dating back to the Phoenicians when it was under the control of Carthage, the principal North African city at that time, before flourishing under Roman rule. From our berth in Palma we will take the beautifully maintained vintage train that connects Palma with the pretty town of Soller on the island's west coast and enjoy splendid mountain views of the Serra de Tramuntana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Over the course of

just seven kilometres the railway rises 199 metres, runs through 13 tunnels and crosses several bridges. There will be some time to explore Soller before taking a scenic drive to the village of Valldemossa, a quiet and traditional town with narrow streets and lanes. We will take a walk around the town followed by lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Palma where we will have time to explore at our own pace and perhaps take the opportunity to visit the impressive Gothic style cathedral.

Day 4 Mahon, Menorca. Over breakfast we arrive in Menorca, the most northerly of the Balearics and the least dedicated to tourism. The island offers pastoral countryside, historic towns and superb beaches. This morning choose to join an island drive including the mysterious rock mounds (talayots) and megalithic stone monuments which were erected some 4,000 years ago before making our way to aristocratic Ciudadella, the architectural showpiece of Menorca. Situated at the head of a long channel from the sea, the city has had its share of disputes over sovereignty, and its character reflects the influence of Moorish, Turkish and Spanish rule. We have the afternoon at leisure in the pretty harbour town of Mahon before we sail this evening.

Day 5 Porto Torres for Alghero, Sardinia. After a morning at sea we arrive in Sardinia at Porto Torres. A panoramic drive takes us to Nuraghe Palmavera with its main tower of the Nuraghe, which still has its dome shaped ceiling that dates back to 1100 BC. The complex, which was abandoned in the 5th century BC due to fire, shows the different phases of social life and political organisation of the tribal community. Continue to the Medieval city of Alghero which was colonised by the Catalans in the 14th century. Today there is still a strong Catalan identity throughout the town and it is often even referred to as "Barceloneta". There will be some free time to walk through the Medieval streets and along the city walls or maybe visit the archaeological museum.

Day 6 Bonifacio, Corsica. Be on deck this morning as we arrive in Corsica at Bonifacio's stunning natural harbour. Well known by Odysseus as the home of the savage and giant laestrygonians, today Bonifacio's breathtaking clifftop setting and relaxed pace make it one of the most welcoming ports in the Mediterranean. On our morning tour we will explore the narrow streets and the historical heart of the town. We will discover the Bosco quarter with the



St Francis Convent, the 14th century church of St Marie Majeure and take in the views from the clifftop on which the city is built. Afterwards maybe take a walk in the nearby Marine Park which offers some stunning views.

Day 7 Bastia & St Florent. Situated on the north of the island of Corsica, Bastia was the old Genoese capital and is now a busy port. Its setting is handsome, the classic Mediterranean allure of pale, sunlit streets flanked with tall colourful buildings. Our walking tour of the historic quarter will include the 15th century cathedral, chapels and Baroque buildings such as the Oratoire St Roch, Oratoire de l'Immaculee Conception and the Roccoco church, St Jean Baptiste, famous for its twin campaniles. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon or maybe join an excursion to the small fishing port of St Florent. Our drive will take us through the Nebbio which takes its name from the thick mist that sweeps over the region and is now reputed for its fine wines from Patrimonio. On arrival in St Florent we will have time to wander the maze of narrow streets and take a coffee in one of the waterfront cafes whilst watching the yachts in the marina.

Day 8 Portoferraio, Elba, Italy. Today we call into the enchanting island of Elba, best known as Napoleon's island of exile from 1814 to 1815. Departing from the island's busy capital Portoferraio, we set out for a delightful drive exploring the southern region of this charming island with superb views over the coastline. The first stop will be Villa San Martino which was the summer residence of Napoleon Bonaparte and has been transformed into a museum. Later enjoy some time at leisure in Porto Azzurro with its picturesque harbour. Our drive continues along the coast to the 17th century country wine farm, La Chiusa, which is beautifully nestled in a vineyard estate surrounded by olive trees and overlooking the ocean. As any self-respecting mansion on Elba, La Chiusa claims to have once housed Napoleon during his exile here. Experience the estate's interesting cellar to learn how the wine is handled and produced and in the estate's garden facing the sea we will enjoy a delicious sampling of the local wine. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Portoferraio.

Day 9 Civitavecchia to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Rome airport for the return scheduled flight.

Pre-cruise Gibraltar Extension 21st to 23rd September 2025



If you would like to spend some time in Gibraltar before embarking the MS Island Sky we are offering the opportunity to enjoy a two night stay including a half day tour.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Gibraltar. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to The Rock Hotel for a two night stay. Meet this evening for dinner. (D)

Day 2 Gibraltar. Enjoy a day at leisure for independent exploration. Maybe take the cable car up the famous rock, see the Botanical Gardens or visit the Garrison Library. (B)

Day 3 Gibraltar. This morning during our guided tour we will discover this strategic British outpost in the Mediterranean. After taking in the views from Europa Point, we continue to the Great Siege Tunnels, a labyrinth of tunnels built to defend Gibraltar from Spanish and French attacks between 1779 and 1783. Also see the Gibraltar Museum. After lunch transfer to the MS Island Sky for embarkation. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£795**; Single: **£995**

Price Includes: Two nights accommodation at the Rock Hotel in Gibraltar, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), half day tour, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£5595	£5295
Columbus	Superior	£5795	£5495
Marco Polo	Premium	£5995	£5695
Marco Polo	Corner	£6295	£5995
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£6795	£6495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£6995	£6695
Explorer	Island Suite	£7395	£7095
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£6595	£6295
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£6795	£6495

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Eight 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.
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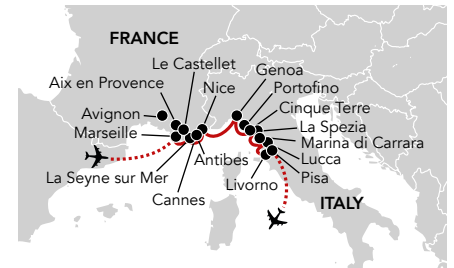
LATE SUMMER IN THE FRENCH & ITALIAN RIVIERAS

A voyage between Marseille & Livorno aboard the MS Hebridean Sky
with Guest Speaker Rear Admiral Roy Clare

26th September to 5th October 2025

The British love affair with the French and Italian Riviera dates back to the 18th century and the days of the Grand Tour. It is not surprising when you consider the charms on offer ranging from stunning coastal scenery, artistic gems, charming villages and atmospheric harbour towns coupled with the wonderful late summer climate.

Join us aboard the MS Hebridean Sky in the cosmopolitan port city of Marseille, our gateway to discover the artistic riches of Aix en Provence or to explore Avignon, the great City of the Popes with its Palais des Papes, one of the largest and most important Medieval Gothic buildings in Europe. We will then call into the pretty Provencal maritime town of La Seyne sur Mer for a stroll around the picturesque harbour and a boat trip around the hidden bays of Les Calanques. Continuing along the Côte d'Azur, we call into Cannes for our visit to the beautiful resort town of Antibes before sailing the short distance to Nice with its old-world opulence and stunning seaside location.



Upon reaching the Italian Riviera we call into the Ligurian capital of Genoa, rich in maritime history and an archaeological heritage that speaks of its former glory and where we have arranged an exclusive evening visit to a private palazzo for a classical concert. From Genoa we will also visit Portofino with its colourful harbour. In addition, we have included the picturesque region of Cinque Terre and the lovely Tuscan town of Lucca.

This itinerary is very much a classic that has been enjoyed over the decades but with some interesting variations. It combines some 'must see' sites together with some smaller places and, with so many experiences on offer, we have planned our time carefully to ensure there is adequate opportunity to relax onboard, join the guided excursions and explore under your own steam.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Marseille, France. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive in Marseille and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner on board and moor overnight.

Day 2 Marseille for Aix en Provence or Avignon. From our berth in Marseille, we will offer a choice of excursions today. You can choose to head inland to Aix en Provence which was founded by the Romans in the 1st century and is now more renowned as the home of artist Paul Cezanne. We will visit his studio which still houses his equipment and the objects he used for models and the Jas de Bouffan estate, Cezanne's parents' country house which contains many of the painter's celebrated works. We will continue to the 'Terrain des Peintres' located on the heights of Aix en Provence, a few hundred metres from the Atelier Cezanne, and famous for the wonderful views of the Montagne Sainte Victoire which Cezanne often painted in the latter part of his life. After lunch in a local restaurant, we spend some time in Aix with its leafy boulevards and public squares lined with 17th and 18th century mansions. Alternatively spend the day in Avignon, the great City of the Popes which boasts a number of splendid museums, churches, and palaces. Our guided walking tour will include the Palais des Papes, one of the wonders of Provence and the largest and most important Medieval Gothic buildings in Europe, built in the 14th century as a fortified palace for the pontifical court. We also visit the cathedral and famous Pont Benezet, a bridge that spans the Rhone between Villeneuve les Avignon and Avignon and the Pont du Gard, one of the wonders of antiquity, built by Agrippa in 19 BC. This imposing aqueduct bridge was built by the Romans in order to provide the city of Nimes with fresh water from the Uzès area. Return to the MS Hebridean Sky for dinner and set sail late this evening.

Day 3 La Seyne sur Mer. Today we will berth in the maritime town of La Seyne sur Mer, fantastically located at the foot of Cap Sicie. Spend the morning at leisure relaxing on board or exploring the town independently. This afternoon there will be the choice of a boat trip to Les Calanques,

stunning fjord like inlets carved into the limestone that stretch along the coast from Marseille to Cassis or alternatively join an excursion inland to the hilltop Medieval village of Le Castellet. This remarkable stronghold, formerly owned by the Lords of Les Baux, has well preserved ramparts, a carefully restored 12th century church and a castle dating back to the 11th century. We will have time to explore the village and its winding streets before enjoying a wine tasting at one of Le Castellet's centuries-old vineyards.

Day 4 Cannes & Nice. Our base for today will be Cannes and on our morning excursion we will drive along the beautiful coastline to Antibes. Founded by the Greek merchants in the 5th century it is one of the oldest cities in France. On a walking tour we will explore the historic part of the city which is a maze of small, flower-bedecked streets with Roman and Medieval sections. Its 16th century ramparts overlook the Mediterranean Sea and still protect the heart of the Old Town. Our visit will also include the famous Picasso Museum, located inside the Medieval castle of Grimaldi. Just after the second world war Picasso was invited to Antibes by his friend Dor de la Souchière where he spent a few months, and it was during his stay he painted one of his masterpieces 'Happiness'. There will be some free time in Antibes before we return to MS Hebridean Sky for lunch. This afternoon is at leisure to relax on board or explore Cannes independently. Just before dinner we sail the short distance to Nice where we will moor overnight. *Please note that we will be at anchor today and will use the vessel's Zodiacs or local tender to transfer ashore.*

Day 5 Nice. This morning enjoy a choice of tours. There will be the opportunity to explore two of the area's finest museums in the exclusive Cimiez Hill District. We will begin with a visit to the Musée National Marc Chagall. Established by the artist himself, the collection features the most important permanent exhibition of his work. The main focus is a series of 17 canvases comprising his colourful 'Biblical Message'. We will continue to the Musée Matisse which is housed in the 17th century Arena Villa. The exquisite collection details the great master's development from the late 19th century



Vernazza



Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild



Lucca



Pont du Gard



Antibes

through to 1954 when he died. Alternatively visit the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. Built in 1900 in Italian palazzo style and surrounded by magnificent gardens, it houses an unbelievable collection of works including tapestries, furniture, candelabras, terracottas, porcelains and Chinese vases. We will return to the vessel for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Nice independently. Perhaps walk amongst the charming architecture of the old city, explore Place Massena, or enjoy a stroll along the palm tree lined Promenade des Anglais.

Day 6 Genoa, Italy. Many regard Genoa as having the largest historic city centre in Europe as a result of having been, for centuries, a powerful commercial seaport and city-state. It was the birthplace of Christopher Columbus and its maritime roots have fostered a dialect that has absorbed elements of Neapolitan, Calabrese and Portuguese over the centuries. Our morning walking tour through the historic town centre will include the Piazza de Ferrari and the Palazzo Ducale. We will visit the Cisterne del Ducale, the ancient cellars of the palace, where we will enjoy a tasting of typical Genoese fare such as bruschetta and focaccia accompanied by some local wine. This afternoon will be at leisure to explore independently or relax on board. After an early dinner we will make the short walk to a local palazzo for a private visit which will include a classical music concert and cocktail before we return to the MS Hebridean Sky.

Day 7 Genoa for Portofino. This morning drive along the gentle winding coastal road to the delightful village of Santa Margherite Ligure with its cobbled streets flanked by Medieval churches and intricately adorned Liberty (Art Nouveau) buildings. Here we will board a local boat and cruise the short distance to Portofino. Located in a beautiful cove surrounded by lush hills, olive groves and with a stunning colourful harbour we will enjoy a walking tour followed by free time before we continue our journey to San Fruttuoso. Not much more than an indentation along a mountainous coastline, surrounded by the hills and forests of the Portofino Regional Park, and only accessible by boat or foot, it is a stunning location. From our boat we will have the opportunity to admire the enchanting Benedictine Abbey positioned directly on the beach and learn about its history. Cruise back to Santa Margherite Ligure and choose to return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch or enjoy lunch in a local restaurant in the town of Recco, the gastronomic capital of Liguria.

Day 8 La Spezia for the Cinque Terre. From the port of La Spezia today we will explore the Cinque Terre, a series of five villages along the coast which until recently were accessible only from the sea or via an ancient network of footpaths. We will board local boats and sail past the villages of Riomaggiore,

Corniglia and Manarola before we step ashore and explore the picturesque villages of Vernazza and Monterosso. Lunch today will be served in a local restaurant before we return to the MS Hebridean Sky.

Day 9 Marina di Carrara for Lucca. Today we will have a choice of excursions. On a full day tour we will make our way inland to the lovely town of Lucca. Hidden behind imposing Renaissance walls it boasts delightful, cobbled streets, handsome piazzas and shady promenades. Our tour will include the San Martino Cathedral and the Puccini Museum. After lunch in a local restaurant, we will be treated to a private concert in the Santa Caterina Church before we return to the MS Hebridean Sky. Alternatively on a morning tour we will make our way to the delightful town of Torre del Lago, overlooking the Lake of Massaciuccoli. After a boat trip on the lake visit Puccini's villa which is now a museum and has been preserved almost exactly as it was during his residence. Return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Day 10 Livorno to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to Pisa airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Amundsen	Standard	£5995	£5695
Byrd	Superior	£6295	£5995
Mawson	Premium	£6595	£6295
Mawson	Corner	£6895	£6595
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£7595	£7295
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£7995	£7695
Shackleton	Hebridean	£8495	£8195
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Byrd	Superior for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Nine 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 • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

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LOST EMPIRES

A voyage from Venice to Athens aboard the MS Island Sky

12th to 21st October 2025



For thousands of years southeastern Europe has been a crossroads of empires. Greeks, Persians, Romans, Byzantines and Ottomans all left their mark on the culture, philosophy, art and architecture of this region. In more recent times, some of the countries that occupy this strategic part of Europe have been at the centre of conflict as world powers continue to contend for influence and control. During our journey from Venice to Athens, we will sail along the stunning Adriatic Coast to the Ionian Sea and cruise through turquoise waters, admire rugged landscapes and visit some of the region's greatest sites. We have designed the voyage for October when the crowds of summer have departed and the temperatures are perfect for exploration.

This is not an itinerary that a large cruise ship could operate but one that is ideal for the 118-passenger MS Island Sky. During our exploration of the area we will experience the beauty and charm of Venice, Croatia's delightful Istrian coast, Montenegro's Kotor, a 14th century walled fortress town fronted by a sublime bay and surrounded by limestone cliffs, and the tranquil Ionian island of Kefalonia. We also discover some of the fascinating ancient sites in the region including Diocletian's Palace in Split, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint, Albania, whose ruins span some 2,500 years, and the ancient Sanctuary of Apollo in Delphi, Greece. Finally, before arriving in Athens, ensure you are on deck as we transit the Corinth Canal, a wonderful end to our cruise and only possible on a small ship.

The rich legacy of multiple civilisations, each building atop another, is evident everywhere during our itinerary and our guided tours ashore will be a pleasure as we explore in small groups with our excellent local guides and knowledgeable Guest Speaker. Whether your interest lies in ancient history, modern politics or simply the joy of experiencing new places, this journey has much to offer.



THE ITINERARY

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

Day 2 Venice. This morning is free to explore Venice at your own pace from our central berth. Lunch will be served on board and in the early afternoon a guided walking tour will discover the hidden corners of Venice. An off the beaten track itinerary takes us to the San Giorgio dei Greci Church and its secret courtyard; Campo Santa Maria Formosa, one of the city's largest squares, and Marco Polo's House. We end 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. Return to the ship as we sail tonight.

Day 3 Pula & Rovinj, Croatia. Arrive this morning at the tip of the Istrian Peninsula and the former Roman settlement of Polensium, now known as Pula. Here 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 you can remain in Pula to explore independently or join a drive to Rovinj where 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 4 Split. After a morning at sea we arrive into Split. Our guided walk includes the Diocletian's Palace, built by the emperor in 295-305 AD as his retirement villa. Much of this large building is well preserved and the palace contains Split's old town within its walls, making it the only Roman palace that has been continuously inhabited since Roman times. It is a wonderful spot to wander the maze of streets. Alternatively, join us as we drive the short distance to the ancient site of Salona, the Roman capital of Dalmatia and a city that was once home to over 40,000 people. Archaeologists have excavated remains of temples, amphitheatres, early Christian churches, burial grounds, and baths which we can explore with our local guides.

Day 5 Kotor, Montenegro. Over breakfast we enter the Gulf of Kotor and sail up the fjord-like entrance to the Medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kotor. This really is an extraordinary place full of marvellous architecture and pretty town squares. Our walk will include the 12th century Cathedral of St Tryphon, the ancient town gates, the Maritime Museum and Romanesque churches including St Luke's. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy the afternoon exploring at your own pace.

Day 6 Sarande, Albania. Spend the morning at sea as we cruise to Albania and the port of Sarande, our base to discover 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.

Day 7 Preveza, Greece. Today we arrive into Greece at the port of Preveza from where we head for the little known ancient city of Nikopolis, one of the largest and most important sites in the whole of Greece. Built by the Roman Emperor Octavianus Augustus following his victory at Aktium in 31 BC over Antony and Cleopatra, inside its extensive walls are the Odeum, the Theatre, the Nymphaeum and the monument to Augustus. Later, the city flourished in the early Christian period as the seat of the archbishop of old Epiros, but earthquakes and invading Goths and Vandals led to its demise. Return to the ship for lunch and a free afternoon to explore this pretty, yacht lined harbour town.

Day 8 Argostoli, Kefalonia. The largest of the Ionian Islands, Kefalonia is immortalised in the novel Captain Corelli's Mandolin and has great charm. From our berth in Argostoli we have a choice of excursions today. A half day tour will drive to the famous lighthouse of Agioi Theodori, the remarkable Venetian castle of Saint George and the 16th century Monastery of Agios Gerasimos. St Gerasimos is the patron saint of Kefalonia, and his relic is kept in the monastery, in a silver urn. Near to the monastery we find the Robala vineyards. Wines have been grown here since the 12th century and we will learn about the processes and enjoy a tasting before we return to the ship. The afternoon is free to explore the town of Argostoli. Alternatively, a full day tour will drive to the north of the island passing the famous Myrtos beach as we drive to the village of Assos. With just 100 residents it is one of the most charming spots on the island. After time to wander the streets viewing the traditional architecture, pretty harbour and pebbled beaches we continue to the small port of Fiskardo which curves serenely beside coral-blue waters, gazing out towards Ithaki. After lunch in the port and some free time to explore we return to the MS Island Sky.

Day 9 Delphi & Corinth Canal. The port of Itea is our gateway to the sacred site of Delphi, one of Greece's most important sites of antiquity. The hillside ruins here are exceptional and we will explore the Sanctuary of Apollo, the site of the sacred Delphic Oracle and walk along Delphi's Sacred Way, visiting the Treasury of the Athenians and the 5,000 seat theatre dating from the 4th century BC. Alternatively, visit the picturesque harbour town of Galaxidi which is built on the site of the ancient town of Oianthi. Only accessible by boat until 1963 and once a major boatbuilding centre the town played a major role in Greece's maritime history. Walking the cobblestoned streets we will see the Neoclassical Captains mansions, Agios Nikolaos Church, with its splendid and unique wooden temple, and the Nautical Museum. Sail over lunch and in the late afternoon we transit the Corinth Canal. Completed in 1893 and only 6.4 kilometres long and 21.5 metres wide, it is only small ships like ours which can now make this journey. We will arrive into Piraeus late this evening and berth overnight.

Day 10 Athens to London or Manchester. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for the return scheduled flight.

Post-cruise Athens Extension 21st to 23rd October 2025



Temple of Poseidon, Cape Sounion

If you would like to spend some time in Athens after disembarking the MS Island Sky we are offering the opportunity to join our two night extension.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Athens, Greece. Disembark after breakfast and drive to the Acropolis, a symbol of the glory of ancient Greece. Following our exploration of the fascinating site, a brief walk will bring us to the new Acropolis Museum. After our visit we will make our way to Plaka for a traditional Greek lunch. This afternoon we will check into our hotel and the remainder of the day will be at leisure. (B, L)

Day 2 Cape Sounion. Leaving the city we drive south to Cape Sounion and visit the majestic Temple of Poseidon which sits atop a craggy rock overlooking the sea. Nearby, see the Temple of Athena and a fortress built in 413 BC during the Peloponnesian War against the Spartans. After lunch we return to our hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3 Athens to London or Manchester. After breakfast we check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for our return scheduled flight. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£895**; Single: **£1045**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Athens, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch), Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, tours as described, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

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	£5995	£5695
Columbus	Superior	£6195	£5895
Marco Polo	Premium	£6395	£6095
Marco Polo	Corner	£6595	£6295
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£6995	£6695
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£7295	£6995
Explorer	Island Suite	£7795	£7495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£6995	£6695
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£7195	£6895

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 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.

CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF SICILY

An in-depth exploration of the wonders of Sicily aboard the MS Hebridean Sky with Guest Speaker David Stuttard

15th to 23rd October 2025

Join us aboard the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky for this circumnavigation of Sicily and all its wonders in the company of just 118 fellow guests. This unique island has an incredible wealth of treasures and a geography which lends itself beautifully to exploration by sea with most points of interest located close to the coast. Owing to its benevolent climate and superb strategic position, Sicily has been coveted, fought over and colonised numerous times with the Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Normans, Byzantines and Bourbons having all made their mark. With our circumnavigation of the island aboard the MS Hebridean Sky we have the luxury of time allowing us to explore Sicily's rich heritage at a relaxing pace.

From magnificent Doric temples to great Byzantine cathedrals and bizarrely styled villas, there is so much to explore during our circumnavigation of the island which we have timed for October, when the temperatures will be pleasant for our guided tours and the sites will be free of the summer crowds. We will visit the Roman mosaics of Villa Romana di Casale, the Valle dei Templi, the superbly well-preserved Greek temples of Segesta, Byzantine Monreale Cathedral from Palermo and the stunning Greek theatre at Taormina. We have planned some late departures from port which afford the opportunity to enjoy dining ashore or an after dinner stroll in some towns which are particularly atmospheric in the evening. In addition, local guides and our onboard Guest Speaker will contribute greatly to your enjoyment and understanding of Sicily.



Temple of Venus, Segesta



Day 3 Agrigento for Valley of the Temples. Although handsome in its own right and awash with Medieval atmosphere, Agrigento is not our main reason for calling at this southern coast port. Close by is the Valle dei Templi, a series of Doric temples and the most captivating of Sicilian Greek remains, a grouping unique outside Greece. Surrounded in greenery of olive and almond trees, admire the Temple of Hera, the Temple of Concordia, the Dioscuri Temple, the Temple of Olympic Jove and the Temple of Hercules. After lunch on board the afternoon is free to explore Agrigento and shuttles will run from the port to the town and the excellent archaeological museum.

Day 4 Trapani. Trapani was the landing point for Peter of Aragon in 1282 to start the Spanish occupation of Sicily. This morning there is the option to travel inland to explore Segesta, one of the grandest Doric monuments to survive. See the unfinished temple dating from 424 BC as well as the theatre from where you can enjoy excellent views of the countryside and distant coastline. Alternatively visit Erice, famed in antiquity for its temple dedicated to the goddess of love, the Phoenician Astarte, Greek Aphrodite or Roman Venus. Our tour will take us to this stunning site high above the sea and to the beautifully preserved Medieval town characterised by its winding cobblestone streets and beautiful courtyards. Both tours will then enjoy a Sicilian lunch at a nearby olive oil farm. We return to the ship later in the afternoon where you can wander around Trapani at leisure as we plan to sail later in the evening.

Day 5 Palermo. Arrive this morning in the Sicilian capital of Palermo. After breakfast we will explore the city, famous for its jumbled and picturesque streets punctuated with ornate Baroque churches, domed Arab mosques and the glittering Byzantine mosaics that reveal a unique and diverse heritage. We visit the impressive 12th century cathedral which houses the royal tombs of Henri VI and King Ruggiero. Return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon either enjoy some time to explore independently or join an excursion to Monreale Cathedral, said to be the most beautiful Norman Church in Italy, designed and completed by William the Good in 1174.

Day 6 Messina for Taormina. From the nearby port of Messina we will visit Taormina, a walled town lying in the shadow of Mount Etna, Europe's highest volcano. The town has been a popular tourist destination since the 19th century and our guided tour will include walking the characteristic alleys before visiting the 15th century Palazzo Corvaja and the impressive Greek Theatre from where

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Valletta, Malta. Fly by scheduled flight to Malta. On arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Licata for Piazza Armerina, Sicily. From the port of Licata we travel inland to what is regarded as the finest Roman site in Sicily, the Imperial Roman Villa of Casale, which is located close to Piazza Armerina amidst wooded rolling countryside. This huge villa was built in the 3rd century and has some stunning floor mosaics. Our return drive takes us through the province of Caltanissetta, recognised today as one of the best winemaking regions in Italy thanks above all to its production of high quality, prestigious red wines including Nero D'Avola. We will break our journey at one of these vineyards and enjoy a chance to sample some wine over a Sicilian lunch.



there are marvellous views over the town and coast. Those who wish to spend longer here will be able to take lunch independently in one of the local restaurants and spend an afternoon exploring at leisure before our coach returns to Messina. Alternatively, return to the ship for lunch and enjoy free time in Messina.

Day 7 Syracuse. 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 meet this evening for a private concert in one of the town's palazzos accompanied by local food and wine.

Day 8 Pozzallo for Noto & Ragusa. From our berth in Pozzallo we will explore the Baroque villages of Noto and Ragusa. Built in 1703 Noto is a picturesque city located on the terraced slopes of Mount Iblei among olive groves and almond trees. A quiet walk along the central streets will reveal the 18th century Palazzo Ducezio and some Baroque churches. We return to the ship for lunch and this afternoon continue to charming Ragusa. It has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage list for its artistic architectural heritage with its Baroque palaces, churches, squares, stairways and winding narrow streets, all of which create an evocative and ancient atmosphere. We will discover the wonderful Ragusa Ibla: the "Pearl of the Baroque", the gardens, the magnificent palaces, the splendid church of San Giuseppe and the Dome of San Giorgio, built in the 18th century on the site where an older church stood before the earthquake of 1693.

Day 9 Valletta, Malta to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Pre-cruise Malta Extension 13th to 15th October 2025



If you would like to spend some time in Malta before embarking the MS Hebridean Sky we are offering a two night hotel stay inclusive of a guided tours of Valletta and Mdina.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Valletta, Malta. Fly by scheduled flight. On arrival transfer to our hotel and check in for a two night stay. After some time at leisure we will meet for dinner this evening. (D)

Day 2 Valletta. Enjoy a morning 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 Barakka Gardens. We will explore Merchants Street, containing the surviving auberges built by the Knights of St John of Jerusalem, together with the palace where Napoleon Bonaparte is believed to have stayed in 1798. Our final stop will be at St John's Cathedral. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Valletta. This morning we will tour the city of Mdina. Known as the "Silent City" at the heart of the island, Mdina was the fortified capital of the island before the arrival of the Knights. Enjoy a local lunch before transferring to the MS Hebridean Sky moored in Valletta. (B, L)

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.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Amundsen	Standard	£5495	£5195
Byrd	Superior	£5795	£5495
Mawson	Premium	£5995	£5695
Mawson	Corner	£6295	£5995
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£6795	£6495
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£7095	£6795
Shackleton	Hebridean	£7995	£7695
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Byrd	Superior for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Eight 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 • Airport taxes • Port taxes.
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MOROCCO, MADEIRA & THE CANARY ISLANDS

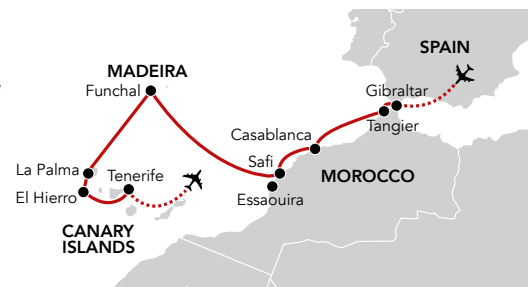
A voyage from Gibraltar to Tenerife including Morocco & Madeira
aboard the MS Hebridean Sky with Guest Speaker Michael Buerk

2nd to 11th November 2025



Whilst winter is approaching the UK, Morocco and the sub-tropical Atlantic islands still have many months of sunshine ahead and this delightful voyage aboard the MS Hebridean Sky offers the opportunity to escape to warmer climes, and fully appreciate the fascinating history, dramatic beauty and cultural vibrancy of the region.

Embarking in Gibraltar, we head for Morocco and the port of Tangier which has been a strategic gateway between Africa and Europe since Phoenician times. We continue to Casablanca and discover the wonders of the city before we sail to Safi for our exploration of charming Essaouira. Leaving Morocco we head out into the Atlantic bound for the 'floating garden in the Atlantic' of Madeira before we make our way to the Canary Islands.



Located some 700 miles off Saharan Africa, far from being a sun and fun package destination, there is much to see in this delightful Atlantic Archipelago. In fact, you do not have to stray far from the resorts to discover some marvellously varied landscapes and an absorbing, multifaceted culture. Exploring the hinterlands, back roads and villages brings you in touch with a unique side of Spanish culture, much removed from the mainland. The melting pot of Andalusian, Berber, Portuguese, Italian, French and British migration, together with los Guanches, the original inhabitants who were displaced by the Spanish conquest in the 15th century, have all left their mark, making this a unique destination. We will explore two of the lesser known islands, only accessible by a small ship such as the MS Hebridean Sky: La Palma and El Hierro where we can enjoy nature at its very best. These volcanic islands impress with their unique flora and fauna and boast rugged rocky landscapes, evergreen cloud forests, metre high ferns and bizarre looking dragon trees.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Gibraltar. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. Sail this evening.

Day 2 Tangier, Morocco. Having passed the Strait of Gibraltar we arrive in North Africa and the port of Tangier. A short drive will bring us to the Donabo Gardens located on the coast with wonderful sea views. Divided into ten sections we can explore the Moroccan garden that celebrates the tradition of tea, the mint maze where multiple varieties blend their fragrances along the alleys, a rose garden thriving in the cool shade and a pollinators garden purposely designed to attract bees. Later we can explore the city where on a walking tour we will visit the Medina, enjoy the views from the Kasbah situated at the highest point of Tangier, and wander through the Grand Souk. Alternatively drive across the beautiful Rif Mountains to Tetouan. Visit the unique School of Art Dar Sanaa which is located in a former palace and teaches the most traditional of Moroccan crafts to its students before we continue to the Medina which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The ancient medina is full of narrow alleys and streets with vendors selling local handicrafts, foods and spices. Our tour will end at the old Royal Palace, a 17th century building which is itself a reflection of the Hispano-Moresque architecture, and the nearby Hassan II square. Stop to savour the Moroccan tea and fresh pastries at a local Riad in the heart of the Medina before returning to the ship.

Day 3 Casablanca. Arriving in Casablanca at lunchtime we will visit the city's most important sights including the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Olive Market. The highlight of our tour will be our visit to the Hassan II Mosque, one of the largest religious monuments in the world after Mecca. It took 3,300 traditional Moroccan artisans to create the beautiful mosaics, marble floors and splendid wood ceilings.

Day 4 Safi for Essaouira. This morning we will depart the port of Safi and head along the coast to Essaouira. Founded in the 18th century, Essaouira was built to be a rival city to Agadir. Formerly known as Mogador, meaning small fortress, it was designed as a fortified town surrounded by Vauban-style ramparts and played a major role as an international trading seaport, linking Morocco and sub-Saharan Africa with Europe and the rest of the world. On our full day tour we will see the amazing mixture of Portuguese and Berber architecture, the 16th century sea bastions built to protect the city, the 18th century Medina, and in the Mellah we will find the souks dedicated to gold, spices and fish. Enjoy a seafood lunch near the beach before returning to the MS Hebridean Sky.

Day 5 At Sea. Spend the day at sea as we sail towards Madeira. Our lecture programme will continue in the lounge or maybe find a spot on deck to relax.

Days 6 & 7 Madeira. Spend the next day and a half on Madeira where there will be a choice of excursions, including a beautiful panoramic exploration of the western part of the island taking in Ribera Brava and Porto Moniz. There will also be the opportunity to visit the Botanical gardens which cover an area of over 35,000 square metres and has more than 2000 exotic plants from all continents, some of which are endangered species. This fantastic garden has several ornamental trees and shrubs, an orchid area, lawns, and lovely viewpoints. Those feeling more active may wish to join a Levada walk. Levadas are irrigation channels that were created by the Portuguese settlers in the 19th century, who painstakingly carved them out of the rock by hand. Designed to carry freshwater from the north to the drier southern regions of the island, they helped to create many of the lush landscapes that can be seen today. The walk will follow the course of 'levadas' for over three miles, seeing the verdant plants, mountain views and green farmland that cover Madeira.



Day 8 La Palma, Canary Islands. La Palma is known by locals as the 'Beautiful Island', and it is easy to see why. It is a simply stunning, peaceful and most importantly an un-spoilt destination that has deservedly been declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve. Arriving at lunchtime we drive inland taking in the beautiful scenery to Santuario Virgen de Las Nieves, after visiting the small, whitewashed church we travel through mountain roads to La Caldera de Taburiente. Located within the National Park Caldera de Taburiente, a massive depression eight kilometres wide which scientists agree was a majestically tall volcanic mountain that collapsed on itself. We will explore on foot and whilst all may seem stoic and still, the forces of erosion are hard at work and some geologists estimate that it will finally disappear in just 5000 years.

Day 9 El Hierro. Probably the least known of the Canary Islands, and once considered to be the end of the world, El Hierro is unique and utterly captivating. This morning will be free to explore the town at your own pace. Later, during our afternoon island tour it will be impossible not to be entranced by the island's slow pace and simple style; by its craggy coast, where waves hurl themselves against lava sculpted rock faces; by the pretty farmland and flower meadows of the interior and by the desolate volcanic badlands that stretch out like moonscapes in the south. We will also have the opportunity to sample some of El Hierro's excellent wine and visit the lizard house where the island's unique giant lizards are bred; near extinction, they are protected by international law. Alternatively, opt for the La Llania hiking excursion which will take us through primeval forests, along ancient cisterns to El Hierro's top viewing point affording spectacular views of the western parts of the island.

Day 10 Tenerife to London. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£5995	£5695
Byrd	Superior	£6295	£5995
Mawson	Premium	£6595	£6295
Mawson	Corner	£6895	£6595
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£7595	£7295
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£7995	£7695
Shackleton	Hebridean	£8495	£8195
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Byrd	Superior for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Nine 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 • Gratuities • Shore excursions • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.
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Pre-cruise Gibraltar Extension 31st October to 2nd November 2025

The Rock Hotel, Gibraltar



If you would like to spend some time in Gibraltar before embarking the MS Hebridean Sky we are offering the opportunity to enjoy a two night stay at The Rock Hotel which has been the landmark and most historic luxury hotel in Gibraltar since 1932.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Gibraltar. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to The Rock Hotel for a two-night stay. Meet this evening for dinner. (D)

Day 2 Gibraltar. Enjoy a day at leisure for independent exploration. Maybe take the cable car up the famous rock, see the Botanical Gardens or visit the Garrison Library. (B)

Day 3 Gibraltar. This morning during our guided tour we will discover this strategic British outpost in the Mediterranean. After taking in the views from Europa Point, we continue to the Great Siege Tunnels, a labyrinth of tunnels built to defend Gibraltar from Spanish and French attacks between 1779 and 1783. Also see the Gibraltar Museum. After lunch transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky for embarkation. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

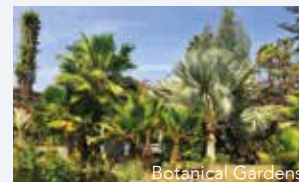
Based on double occupancy

Twin: £795; Single: £995

Price Includes: Two nights accommodation at the Rock Hotel in Gibraltar, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch), half day tour, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Tenerife Extension 11th to 13th November 2025

After our cruise we are offering the opportunity to join a two night hotel stay on the island of Tenerife staying at the Hotel Botanico.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Tenerife. Disembark after breakfast this morning and enjoy a morning tour to explore the beautiful gardens of Tenerife. We will start with a visit to the Botanical Gardens which were founded by Charles III of Spain in 1788. From here we will visit the Orchid Gardens which is abundant with colour and tranquility. After lunch in a local restaurant we will transfer to the Hotel Botanico in Puerto de la Cruz for our two night stay. (B, L)

Day 2 Tenerife. Your day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or maybe explore the local area at your own pace. (B)

Day 3 Tenerife to London. After breakfast in the hotel we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £795; Single: £995

Price Includes: Two nights accommodation at Hotel Botanico, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch), tours as described, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

MADAGASCAR COASTAL ODYSSEY

Discover the wildlife & wonders of Madagascar aboard the MS Island Sky

2nd to 19th December 2025 & 16th December 2025 to 3rd January 2026*



The term 'unique' is an often overused description in the travel world but certainly applies to the island of Madagascar. The animals, plants, landscapes and people that make up this thousand mile long island are unlike anywhere else in the world. This extraordinary country long remained obscure as a destination and is still relatively unknown amongst even the most serious of travellers. There is minimal infrastructure in many parts of the island and for those wishing to explore in some depth, doing so by small ship, especially one as well-suited as the MS Island Sky is far preferable to exploring by any other means.

Our unique voyage focuses on the wonders of the island of Madagascar with opportunities to explore forests full of wildlife including lemurs, chameleons and indigenous birdlife as well as witnessing the underwater world and village life. Our days will be spent exploring ashore, often traversing over rugged terrain and walking through spectacular forests and each evening we will have the benefit of returning to our comfortable ship to relax and look forward to the next adventure. With the vessel's fleet of Zodiacs for forays ashore, allowing access to some wonderful places denied to larger ships, you can enjoy encounters with fabulous endemic wildlife in this immensely rich and timeless corner of the Indian Ocean. Our onboard experts will greatly enrich your experience and ensure that we make the most of our time on the world's "eighth continent".



WHAT TO EXPECT...

Flexibility is the key to an expedition cruise; sometimes the whole day's schedule will be changed to maximise your experience, something that would not be possible on a large cruise ship. Each day holds something new and below is an extract from the ship's log of a previous expedition which will provide you with an idea of what to expect.

Nosy Tanihely: Coming ashore after lunch, some of us headed off for a naturalist walk with the expedition team and local guides. We soon learned that the timing of our visit was perfect: the weather was excellent, but recent rain had brought out all the wildlife. As a result, the leaf litter in the island's forested interior was crawling with skinks, plated lizards, millipedes, hermit crabs and land snails. In the trees, we discovered huge blue panther chameleons, bright day geckos and common brown lemurs feeding on fruit. Bird life was in evidence too, with white-tailed tropicbirds, Malagasy kestrels and a Humblot's heron amongst the main highlights. Dating back to 1908, a small lighthouse at the island's 200 metre peak provided some historical interest before we turned and headed back down to the beach for refreshments. Several sampled the excellent local rum or sipped fresh juice from freshly harvested coconuts. Many donned their snorkelling gear and headed into the sea, where they were treated to a kaleidoscope of corals interspersed with sponges and anemones, all augmented with myriad colourful reef fish. Even a few rays and turtles were seen during an afternoon of world-class snorkelling in calm waters that offered excellent visibility.

Nosy Hara



Nosy Hara: Before breakfast, the ship entered the picturesque Nosy Hara archipelago and anchored just off one of the dozen or so stunning rocky islands. Impressive formations of jaggedly eroded limestone karst, known locally as tsingy, towered above picture-postcard beaches of white sand. As the tides were not in favour of going ashore at the main island of Nosy Hara before lunch, we landed in the early part of the morning on Nosy Anjambavola instead, where most people snorkelled or swam off a small beach of alluring soft sand. Others enjoyed the sun and explored the coastline. The remainder of the morning was spent Zodiac cruising around the nearby small islands with sightings of white-tailed tropicbirds and Madagascar black swifts soaring in the sky, not to mention the cherry on the cake: good views of the incredibly rare Madagascar fish eagle. Straight after lunch, snorkelling from a Zodiac platform in a different part of the reef was on offer. The coral here turned out to be some of the healthiest and most diverse seen so far on the trip, with many colourful reef fish weaving in between. Mid-afternoon, we landed on Nosy Hara for wildlife walks. Top of the list of target species here was the Nosy Hara stump-tailed chameleon, *Brookesia micra*, and we were successful in locating a specimen of this extraordinary minute creature, which measures 29mm fully grown. Amongst other wildlife found were a variety of geckos, several kinds of crabs, the Madagascar coucal, souimanga sunbirds, a scorpion, a young Madagascar ground boa, and countless green mantella frogs. Plants of note included Suarez aloes, flame trees, orchids, and *Amorphophallus ankarana*.





THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Mauritius. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Mauritius. Arrive this morning and transfer directly to the MS Island Sky. Settle into your suite and spend a leisurely day on board. This evening enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we set sail.

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Reunion Island



Crested Coua



Chameleon, Nosy Mangabe

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Day 11 Nosy Tanihely. We spend the morning at the Nosy Tanihely Island Marine Reserve, an uninhabited island which offers snorkelling opportunities and wonderful beaches. We will take the opportunity to either swim in the clear waters or snorkel over the corals keeping an eye out for reef fish, turtles and morays. Alternatively explore the island where we may see the resident lemurs, skinks, fruit bats and hermit crabs and enjoy fantastic views from the 1908 lighthouse on the island's highest point.

Day 12 Mahajanga. Mahajanga is a major port in northwest Madagascar situated on the Betsiboka River and is our base for a full day tour of the surrounding area. We will commence with a drive to Lake Mangatsa, a sacred site of many legends where we will learn about local traditions as we search for lemurs, chameleons and birds in the trees. Lunch will be served at the Antsanitia Resort, set in 22 hectare of grounds and located on a stunning section of coastline, and there will be an opportunity to swim or enjoy a walk along the beach, see the local fishing boats and visit the village before we return to the MS Island Sky.

Day 13 At Sea. Spend a leisurely day on board as we continue our journey around the Madagascan Coast.

Day 14 Morondava. From our anchorage off the town of Morondava, capital of the Menabe region, we will use the Zodiacs to land on the local beach. From here there will be a choice of excursions to explore the local region. This morning we will explore Zazamalala Forest, a protected area that is home to a number of species of lemurs, birds, reptiles and plants, and also the base for a breeding centre for critically endangered species of turtles and tortoises. It was initially set up in 2000 as a reforestation project and to promote sustainable use of the forest. We will then head to the Avenue des Baobabs. Of the eight baobab species in the world, six are endemic to Madagascar and here we will marvel at the majestic Grandidier's baobabs, a couple of dozen of which form a natural avenue. We will learn about the trees and their spiritual significance, as well as having the opportunity to contribute to local reforestation efforts by planting a young baobab ourselves. Alternatively, join a full day excursion to Kirindy Forest (subject to road conditions at time of visit). Situated approximately a two hour drive from Morondava, we will pass the Avenue des Baobabs as we travel north. Kirindy is a 10,000 hectare, dry deciduous forest, one of the most endangered in the world where the flora and fauna includes many endemic species. Here we find three species of baobab, many birds and reptiles including snakes, tortoises and lizards. Eight species of lemur reside here including the pale form marked lemur.

Day 15 Andavadoaka & Nosy Hao. The vessel will anchor this morning off the small fishing community of Andavadoaka, home to the Vezo fishing people. The area offers the most diverse marine ecosystem on the southwest coast. It is also the flagship project for Blue Ventures, a marine conservation society that has helped the local villagers invest in their community. We hope to learn more

about the local projects before sailing over lunch to Nosy Hao to discover the sandy white beaches where we can enjoy a swim in the warm waters.

Day 16 Tulear. Our final call will be at Tulear from where we have a choice of tours this morning. Maybe visit the Antsokay Arboretum which is entirely devoted to the conservation of the plants from the southwest of Madagascar and, after more than 30 years of hard work, offers a densely kept selection of flora presenting a typical sub-arid thicket with baobab trees towering over the smaller plants. We will see the four hectare botanical garden which comprises over 900 species of plants of which 90% are endemic to the region. Alternatively, visit the Reniala Private Reserve, a small area of just 60 hectares but containing a spiny forest which is unique to southeastern Madagascar. The park is home to 200 plant species including baobabs as well as being a haven for birders with sightings of paradise flycatchers, Madagascar hoopoe and Madagascar crested drongo. This afternoon is free for independent exploration as we moor overnight.

Day 17 Tulear to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our specially chartered flight to Johannesburg. Connect here with our scheduled flight to London.

Day 18 London. Arrive this morning.

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ISLANDS & ATOLLS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN



A voyage from Mauritius exploring Madagascar, Aldabra & Tanzania aboard the MS Island Sky
2nd to 18th January 2026

Here is an extraordinary cruise for those who enjoy the natural world and all its wonders and are looking for the opportunity to escape the British winter. Join us aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky and enjoy the warmth and beauty of the Indian Ocean as she undertakes exactly the type of itinerary that suits her many talents best. With the vessel's purpose built Zodiacs we will land on otherwise inaccessible beaches, explore vast lagoons and coral reefs and encounter some of the most extraordinarily beautiful tropical scenery to be found anywhere in the world.

Sailing from Mauritius we will land on its nearest neighbour, Reunion, a little bit of France in the Indian Ocean and a stunning place to spend a day. We will discover the island's truly awesome and dramatic scenery before we continue to Madagascar for five days of exploration of this incredibly verdant and beautiful island with its unique flora and fauna. During our time here there will be ample opportunity to discover the forests which are full of wildlife including the iconic lemur, chameleons and indigenous birdlife as well as to see the underwater world and village life. Continuing to the Seychelles we have a day and a half scheduled in the Aldabra islands. Aldabra is the last breeding ground of the giant tortoise and in addition to seeing some of these endearing creatures you should also encounter dolphins, turtles and whales as well as countless birds including the flightless rail, the last flightless bird in the Indian Ocean. Our expedition concludes in Tanzania where we visit Kilwa Kisiwani, a site of exceptional historical interest and discover atmospheric Zanzibar.



This expedition really is a veritable feast of beauty, the natural world and island culture. You will witness the bounty of the islands, the wildlife from the lemurs of Madagascar to the giant tortoises of Aldabra and an amazingly prolific birdlife.

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Nosy Hara: Before breakfast, the ship entered the picturesque Nosy Hara archipelago and anchored just off one of the dozen or so stunning rocky islands. Impressive formations of jaggedly eroded limestone karst, known locally as *tsingy*, towered above picture-postcard beaches of white sand. As the tides were not in favour of going ashore at the main island of Nosy Hara before lunch, we landed in the early part of the morning on Nosy Anjambavola instead, where most people snorkelled or swam off a small beach of alluring soft sand. Others enjoyed the sun and explored the coastline. The remainder of the morning was spent Zodiac cruising around the nearby small islands with sightings of white-tailed tropicbirds and Madagascar black swifts soaring in the sky, not to mention the cherry on the cake: good views of the incredibly rare Madagascar fish eagle. Straight after lunch, snorkelling from a Zodiac platform in a different part of the reef was on offer. The coral here turned out to be some of the healthiest and most diverse seen so far on the trip, with many colourful reef fish weaving in between. Mid-afternoon, we landed on Nosy Hara for wildlife walks. Top of the list of target species here was the Nosy Hara stump-tailed chameleon, *Brookesia micra*, and we were successful in locating a specimen of this extraordinary minute creature, which measures 29mm fully grown. Amongst other wildlife found were a variety of geckos, several kinds of crabs, the Madagascar coucal, *souimanga* sunbirds, a scorpion, a young Madagascar ground boa, and countless green mantella frogs. Plants of note included Suarez aloes, flame trees, orchids, and *Amorphophallus ankarana*.

Nosy Mangabe: Our afternoon Zodiac landing was made onto the picturesque beach of coarse orange sand in a protected bay on the eastern side of the island. We were greeted by the rich sounds, sights and scents of the rainforest – the chirps and beeps of myriad frogs echoing through the

trees from every direction. From here we split into groups, with a challenging longer walk heading to *Plage des Hollandais* (Dutch Beach), a beach with some fascinating 17th-century Dutch sailors' inscriptions carved on the rocks. The majority of guests opted for a gentle amble through the rainforest along a flat path following the curve of the bay southwards and ending at a fishermen's hut. Wildlife was much in evidence in every corner of the island. The forest echoed with the cacophonous alarm calls of black-and-white ruffed lemurs. Green-backed mantellas – Madagascar's answer to the poison dart frogs of the New World – hopped around in the leaf litter on the forest floor or perched atop the flooded stumps of giant bamboo that they use as nurseries for their offspring. Perhaps most astounding of all were the fimbriated leaf-tailed geckos resting head-downwards on thin trunks. These superbly well camouflaged reptiles can exceed 25cm in length but blend in so extraordinarily well with their surroundings that some guests were convinced the guides were pulling their leg when pointing them out! A panther chameleon was spotted resting on a branch. Madagascar forest nymphs and other pretty butterflies flitted around the understory in search of patches of sunlight in which to rest and warm up. Those with an ornithological bent were particularly elated to see the elegant Madagascar paradise flycatcher among other avian forest residents.





Nosy Hara



Giant tortoise, Aldabra



Frigate, Aldabra



Ring-tailed lemur



Kilwa Kisiwani

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PASSAGE TO THE SEYCHELLES

Island hopping through Tanzania & the beautiful Seychelles aboard the MS Island Sky
16th to 31st January 2026



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Setting sail from Tanzania, we have a full day to explore atmospheric Zanzibar before we spend time discovering Latham Island, an important seabird breeding site with spectacular reefs, and the historic sites of Kilwa Kisiwani. Continuing to the Seychelles, our journey will include all aspects of this extraordinary island nation from the lesser known and rarely visited Outer Seychelles where we visit the Aldabra Islands, the world's largest coral atoll and a World Heritage Site to the developed Inner Seychelles with staggeringly beautiful islands such as Aride and Praslin. For many the highlight of the voyage will be our time spent exploring the Aldabra Island Group, the breeding ground of the giant tortoise and in addition to seeing some of these endearing creatures we should also encounter dolphins and turtles as well as countless birds including the flightless rail. To explore the abundant crystal clear waters of the vast lagoon and to set foot on atolls which have never been exploited by the hand of man is a rare experience.



Obviously, such beauty and serenity are best enjoyed with a small number of travelling companions and the MS Island Sky is an ideal vessel. With a maximum of just over 100 passengers she offers all the comforts of a larger vessel but with the added luxury of a small number of fellow, like-minded travellers and an expert expedition team who will add much to your enjoyment. With our fleet of Zodiacs we can reach the unreachable, landing on remote beaches, walking through verdant rainforest and national parks and getting close to some unique flora and fauna.

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Aride: The intrepid birders set out early and were rewarded with the sight of birds that were totally unafraid of man, many of them at very close range. The birds were certainly friendly as were the two species of skink. White-tailed tropicbirds swooped through the woodland and crash-landed in the shrubbery on their way to their nests, their landing technique a stark contrast to their grace in flight. The fairy terns sat on their branches and met us eye to eye. Most people got to see the fluffy little chicks, hatched on a bare branch and now moving around, waiting for their feathers to grow so that they could fly. Seychelles fodies were everywhere while common moorhens ran around in the undergrowth, far away from water.

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Day 5 Kilwa Kisiwani. This morning we anchor off Kilwa Kisiwani, a site of exceptional historical interest, where the atmospheric ruins represent a wide sweep of East African coastal history, from the heights of the Swahili and Shirazi trading civilisation to the darker days of slavery and the uprisings against German rule. Once one of Africa's wealthiest towns, Kilwa Kisiwani is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and contains the world's most extensive and best-preserved Swahili ruins. We will spend the morning on a walking tour and see the prominent fort and the Great Mosque which stood at the heart of this ancient city which was once the largest in East Africa. This afternoon we hope to find a local beach to offer the chance to swim, snorkel or take a stroll.



Day 6 At Sea. Spend a leisurely day on board as we continue our journey through the Indian Ocean en-route to the Seychelles.

Days 7 to 9 Aldabra Islands, Seychelles. Arriving in the Outer Seychelles we have two and a half days to enjoy the Aldabra group of islands and our itinerary will be in the hands of our Expedition Leader and Captain who will monitor the local conditions to ensure we maximise our time here. Whilst our itinerary is flexible, we hope to call at the island of Assumption which was ruthlessly plundered for its vast deposits of guano in the early 20th century. Happily, peace has returned and the wildlife of rare birds and green turtles are once again in abundance. Our time here will be spent beachcombing, on nature walks or snorkelling. We also hope to reach Cosmoledo where a huge ring of twelve islands circle a lagoon. Many of the atolls are still to be surveyed and we will explore some of them by Zodiac. This is an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area with all three species of booby found in the Seychelles including the last breeding site for the brown booby. Also spot sooty terns and great frigate birds. In addition we will plan time on Aldabra, the island referred to by Sir Julian Huxley as "One of nature's treasures and should belong to the whole world". Aldabra is unique and every time we call we find something new of interest. Our exploration will be guided by the tides and sightings have been made of the extremely rare white throated rail and the atoll is also home to the world's second largest colony of frigate birds and to the largest crab, the coconut crab. Whilst exploring by Zodiac it is difficult to know in which direction to look. The clear blue seas abound with life, the skies are alive with varied birdlife and ashore giant land tortoises forage as they have done for millions of years. We hope to explore Picard Island with a short walk to see some of the numerous tortoises and robber crabs or swim in the lagoon, a vast 17 mile stretch of shallow clear water. From our Zodiacs we can watch the ever-changing undersea world and snorkel in colourful coral waters.

Day 10 Farquhar Group. This morning we anchor off Farquhar where we will use our Zodiacs to explore the sparkling lagoon of this remote atoll and its islands covered in coconut trees, palms and scaevola sea lettuce plants. Hawksbill and green sea turtles come to the atoll to nest and several of the Farquhar Group's islands are Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas. The island is a haven providing us with a delightful morning of bird watching or snorkelling before we sail this afternoon.

Day 11 Alphonse Islands. There are three islands in the Alphonse group and as we approach the islands over lunch you will understand why they are regarded by many to be the most beautiful of the 115 islands in the Seychelles archipelago. Our plan is to land on the tiny and idyllic island of Bijoutier. Rarely visited, it is a safe haven for a variety of seabirds. There will be the opportunity to swim and we hope to offer a snorkel platform in the crystal clear waters. Bijoutier sits between two larger atolls so the ocean current flows passing Bijoutier replenishing the corals reefs and making them especially rich in biodiversity.

Day 12 Amirante Islands. This morning we arrive at the 28 islands in the Amirante Group which were discovered by Vasco de Gama in 1501 and are considered to be some of the most pristine and untouched islands in the

world. If conditions permit we will visit the huge sand spit on African Banks and join nature walks with our naturalists, beachcombing and spotting seabirds. In addition we hope to offer Zodiacs cruises in the lagoon of one of the atolls and also the opportunity for swimming and snorkelling.

Days 13 & 14 Inner Seychelles. Our final two days are spent in the Inner Seychelles islands where we hope to visit Aride, one of the finest and most important seabird islands in the Indian Ocean. Over one million seabirds breed on the island including tropical shearwater, lesser noddy, frigatebirds and roseate tern and also five species unique to the Seychelles such as the Seychelles warbler and Seychelles magpie robin. The island is largely covered in native woodland including the endemic Wright's gardenia, a shrub with beautifully scented flowers found nowhere else in the world. We plan to land on Curieuse, a rugged island which was once home to a leper colony and now houses an eco-museum and visitor centre. The island is an important nesting site for hawksbill turtles and boasts endemic vine and mangroves which we explore on an island walk. Meanwhile on La Digue, huge granite boulders lie like giant sculptures on the brilliant white beaches of the island. Maybe visit the forested nature reserve and the L'Union Estate, a superbly restored 19th century colonial house, or swim from one of the beaches.

Day 15 Mahe to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight.

Day 16 London or Manchester. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£10495	£9995
Columbus	Superior	£10795	£10295
Marco Polo	Premium	£11095	£10595
Marco Polo	Corner	£11495	£10995
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£12795	£12295
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£13295	£12795
Explorer	Island Suite	£13795	£13295
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£12495	£11995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£12795	£12295

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 13 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, Tanzanian visa.

EAST & WEST OF PANAMA

Discover the natural wonders of Costa Rica, Panama & Colombia including a transit of the Panama Canal aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

26th January to 9th February 2026



Here is a perfect voyage for those who have a passion for the natural world. Join us aboard the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky as we sail from Costa Rica's Caribbean shores to the country's Pacific coast spending time in Panama, transiting the iconic Panama Canal and visiting Colombia along the way. Our flexible itinerary and knowledgeable onboard team will enable us to make the most of each day, whether we are landing on remote beaches by Zodiac, searching for endemic flowers, mammals and birds with our naturalists or swimming from the local beaches.

Our voyage begins and concludes in Costa Rica which, although small in size has a particular topography and position between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans which results in it being one of the most biologically diverse places on earth with teeming rainforest, cloud forest, hot volcanoes and a remarkably diverse landscape and culture. Added to this is the famous wildlife of the region: spider, howler and capuchin monkeys, coatimundis and over 300 species of birds including brilliant toucans and scarlet macaws which we will discover during our guided walks through some stunning national parks including the Cahuita National Park, Golfito National Wildlife Refuge and the Carara National Park. In addition to our time in Costa Rica and Panama, we have the added advantage of time to discover the magnificent natural wonders of Colombia where we find the Utria National Park, a tropical forest which reaches down to the sandy beaches.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2 San Jose to Puerto Limon. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to Puerto Limon, enjoying lunch on the way before embarking the MS Hebridean Sky this afternoon. Moor overnight.

Day 3 Puerto Limon. This morning we head to the Cahuita National Park. The area is filled with wildlife that includes howler monkeys, white-faced capuchin monkeys, raccoons, sloths, otters, coatis, agoutis, armadillos and porcupines. Several avian species also live in the swamp forest including the green ibis, the green kingfisher, the yellow crowned night-heron, the frigate bird and the boat-billed heron among others. Our naturalist guides will lead us through the trails of the rainforest, sharing their vast knowledge of this fragile ecosystem. Alternatively, take a boat ride through the scenic Tortuguero canals, known as the Costa Rican Amazon as the surrounding rainforest supports a wide range of flora and fauna. Here we can hopefully sight waterfowl, monkeys, lizards, sloths and toucans. We return to the ship via a banana plantation where we learn about this staple of the local economy.

Day 4 Bocas del Toro, Panama. Arriving in Panama we have a day in the Bocas del Toro archipelago, pristine islands which are now part of a national marine park. We spend the day surrounded by astounding beauty with the option to visit the small town of Bocas del Toro and have free time to wander amongst the fine old Spanish buildings or maybe visit one of the local beaches for a swim in the clear waters.

Day 5 Panama Canal Transit. After a morning at sea we spend the afternoon and evening transiting the Panama Canal.

Day 6 Panama City. This morning we arrive at Panama City, a combination of the historic old town, declared a UNESCO Historical Site, and the ultra-modern new town. We head out to stroll along the cobblestone streets of the Casco Antiguo visiting the colonial mansions and 17th century churches and convents before continuing to Panama Viejo and the original ruins of the city founded in 1517 which was burnt to the ground by British pirate Henry Morgan. The many changes in the city can be identified by its

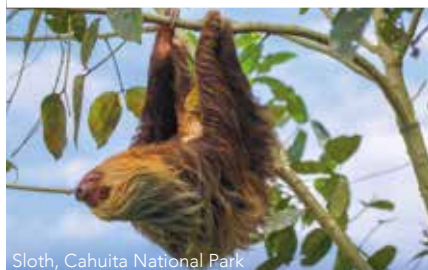
unique architecture, influenced by a wonderful blend of French, Spanish and Italian styles. Return to the ship for lunch and a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Days 7 & 8 Bahia Solano & Utria National Park, Colombia. Today we land on the Pacific coast of Colombia and have a day and a half to explore this beautiful area which is well off the traditional cruise routes. Here we find the Utria National Park, a tropical forest which reaches down to the sandy beaches. Using our Zodiacs to get ashore we will enjoy hikes and nature trails and observe the flora and fauna with our local guides. In Bahia Solano we will visit the small town whilst those feeling active may wish to join a guided walk to a private rainforest reserve which runs alongside the Rio Mecana and is part of a 170 hectare nature reserve. Made up of mangroves, tropical forest, native plants and trees of the Choco region, our local guides will point out the indigenous plants and birdlife and highlight the ongoing reforestation programmes. We also hope to offer a chance to swim from one of the beaches.

Day 9 At Sea. Enjoy a relaxing day at sea.

Day 10 Chiriqui Gulf Marine Park, Panama. Return to Panama and the Chiriqui Gulf Marine Park which spreads over 36,000 acres and comprises of 25 islands and numerous coral reefs. Created in 1994 the Marine Park's aim is to aid the preservation of the region's ecosystems, diverse flora and fauna, scientific conservation projects and protect the islands' endangered inhabitants. We will land on one of the islands where you may choose to take a nature walk or find a spot on the beach and take a swim.

Day 11 Golfito & Puerto Jimenez, Costa Rica. Spend the morning in one of Costa Rica's most famous National Parks, the Golfito National Wildlife Refuge. Spread out over 2,810 hectares the refuge is home to many species of birds whilst common mammal sightings include white-faced capuchins, spider monkeys, howler monkeys and many species of snakes and butterflies. Over lunch we sail across Golfo Dulce to Puerto Jimenez from where we will visit one of the nearby Finca that specialise in cacao production. The crop has been grown in this region since the Mayans and we will learn about the cultivation of the crops and after walking through the plantation see how it is transformed into chocolate. Alternatively join a walk in La Perica Sloth Garden where we will have the opportunity to spot the animals in their natural environment.



Day 12 Playa Herradura. From our anchorage in Herradura there will be a choice of excursions this morning. Maybe choose to visit the Carara National Park, which covers an area of over 5,000 hectares and more than three different vegetation zones. After exploring the forest we continue to the Tarcoles River, a place that provides a great habitat for many endemic birds. Boarding our local boat we will keep an eye out for some of the many species of birds including hummingbirds, vireo, flycatchers, herons and egrets. We may also see mammals and insects, whilst the shores of the Tarcoles River are home to one of the country's largest crocodile colonies. Alternatively you may wish to visit the Pura Vida Gardens which contain spectacular flora, fauna, waterfalls and views of the Pacific.

Day 13 Curu National Park & Tortuga Island. We spend the morning exploring the Curu National Wildlife refuge which boasts a rich and diverse wildlife in five different habitats ranging from marine zones, including a wide beach area, mangrove swamps and tropical forests. Here on a range of walks we will find a number of species of birds, howler and capuchin monkeys and turtles. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Tortuga Island where we have the chance to spend the afternoon relaxing on the white sand beaches or swimming in the clear waters.

Day 14 Puerto Caldera to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to San Jose for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 15 London. Arrive this afternoon

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£10295	£9795
Byrd	Superior	£10495	£9995
Mawson	Premium	£10695	£10195
Mawson	Corner	£10995	£10495
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£12195	£11695
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£12395	£11895
Shackleton	Hebridean	£12995	£12495
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT
Byrd	Superior for sole use	SOLD OUT	SOLD OUT

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 12 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • Overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose with breakfast • Lunch on day 2 • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Costa Rica Extension 8th to 14th February 2026



If you would like to discover more of Costa Rica after your cruise, you can join our five night extension which includes the Monteverde Cloud Forest and Arenal.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Puerto Caldera to Monteverde, Costa Rica. Disembark this morning and transfer to Monteverde enjoying lunch along the way. On arrival check into our hotel for a two night stay and enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 2 Monteverde. Today we will experience the hanging bridges of Monteverde Cloud Forest Sky Walk which cross the canyons below and bring us face to face with the upper level of the forest canopy. Biologists now know that about 90 percent of all organisms in a rainforest are found in the canopy. The trails extend for slightly over a mile and a half and we will be accompanied by local guides. We will also have the opportunity to make our way up to one of the highest mountains in the area by Sky Tram, a tranquil way to take in the natural beauty of the forest. After lunch we will enjoy further exploration of the forest with a walk in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve. Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Monteverde to Arenal. This morning we will begin our journey to Arenal. On the way we will stop at the El Silencio de Los Angeles private reserve where the rangers will introduce the variety of fauna and flora in this tropical biosphere. After lunch we continue to Arenal and check into our hotel for our two night stay. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Arenal. After breakfast, we depart for a guided visit to Arenal Park. Here, we will take a walk through the area where the Arenal volcanic eruption took place in 1968, learning about the destruction this caused and the subsequent rebirth of life via the rich mineral deposits the eruption provided to the region. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy a treetop cable car ride and for the more adventurous, to participate in a zip-line adventure, providing an exhilarating bird's eye view of the park. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Arenal to San Jose. Today we will make our way to San Jose, visiting the Poas Volcano National Park this morning. After a short walk, we will be treated to spectacular 180-degree views of the volcano's crater and the picturesque surrounding area. We will also visit the Doka Estate for an insight into one of Costa Rica's prime exports, coffee. Upon arrival into San Jose check into our hotel for an overnight stay. (B, L, D)

Day 6 San Jose to London. Check out from the hotel after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

Day 7 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £2595; Single: £3195

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Arenal, two nights hotel accommodation in Monteverde, overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), excursions, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

PASSAGE FROM MAHE TO MUMBAI

A voyage from the Seychelles to India's Malabar Coast including the Maldives & Lakshadweep Islands aboard the MS Island Sky

29th January to 16th February 2026

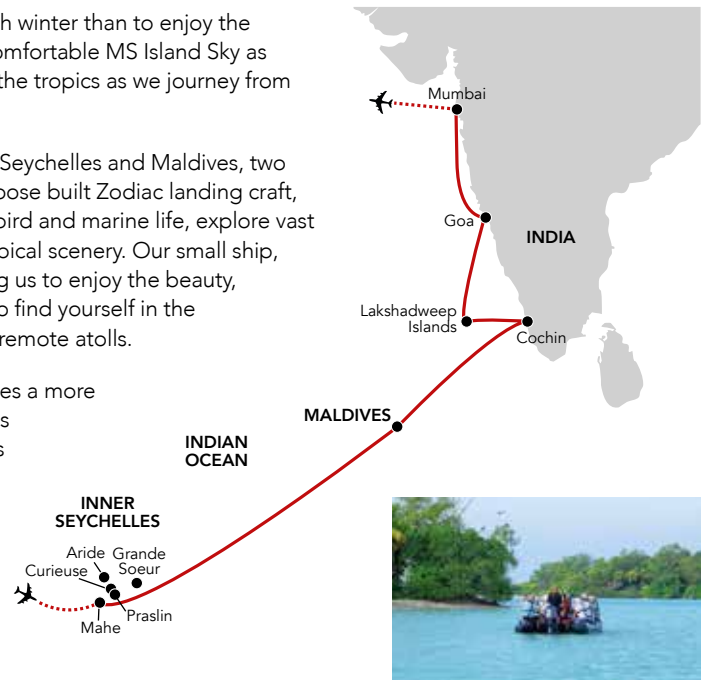


We find it difficult to imagine a more perfect way to escape the British winter than to enjoy the warmth and beauty of the Indian Ocean aboard the wonderfully comfortable MS Island Sky as she undertakes exactly the type of itinerary that suits her best. Join us in the tropics as we journey from the islands and atolls of the Indian Ocean to India's Malabar Coast.

Our journey to Mumbai first allows us to explore the idyllic islands of the Seychelles and Maldives, two of the world's most pristine and picturesque archipelagos. Using our purpose built Zodiac landing craft, we will land on otherwise inaccessible beaches, witness the magnificent bird and marine life, explore vast lagoons and coral reefs and encounter some extraordinarily beautiful tropical scenery. Our small ship, the MS Island Sky is the perfect means of discovering the region, allowing us to enjoy the beauty, peace and tranquillity of the islands, after all, it would be disappointing to find yourself in the company of hundreds on what was a deserted beach or whilst exploring remote atolls.

Contrasting well with this natural world exploration, our itinerary then takes a more cultural focus as we reach the Indian state of Kerala. Our first port of call is Cochin, an ancient city of islands which has for centuries attracted traders and adventurers from Europe and the far Orient and from here we can explore the serene 'backwaters', a network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals. Continuing west, we spend two days in the beautiful and serene Lakshadweep Islands with opportunities to swim and snorkel in the atoll's shallow waters abundant with marine life and corals. Finally, we will spend time in Goa with its interesting blend of Indian and Portuguese cultures and Mumbai, the perfect city in which to observe the colourful day to day life and the general hubbub of India.

This unusual itinerary will appeal to those looking for something different, incorporating explorations of the natural world with a more expedition focus, followed by a fascinating look at southern India. With the MS Island Sky as our base and travelling with just over 100 fellow passengers and our expert onboard team, we can enjoy great food, good company and a convivial atmosphere.



Old Goa





THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Mahe, Seychelles. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Mahe. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky for embarkation. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail the short distance to our overnight anchorage.

Days 3 & 4 Inner Seychelles. Spend two days exploring the islands of the Inner Seychelles group. We hope to include time on Aride which is one of the finest and most important seabird islands in the Indian Ocean. Over one million seabirds breed on the island including tropical shearwater, lesser noddy, frigate birds and roseate tern in addition to five species unique to the Seychelles such as the Seychelles warbler and Seychelles magpie robin. The island is largely covered in native woodland, including the endemic Wright's gardenia, a shrub with beautifully scented flowers found nowhere else in the world. See Curieuse, a rugged island which was once home to a leper colony and now houses an eco-museum and visitor centre. The island is an important nesting site for hawksbill turtles and boasts endemic vine and mangroves which we explore on an island walk. Maybe relax on Grande Soeur, an idyllic uninhabited island. Walk the island trails which link the white sand beaches and perhaps catch sight of some of the island's giant Aldabra tortoises or take a swim in the turquoise waters. Our last call in the Seychelles will be at Praslin where we explore the 'Vallee de Mai', the last remnant of the original high canopied Seychelles palm forest and home to the coco de mer. We will walk its paths looking out for the rare black parrot and enjoying its natural beauty. This evening we will clear custom formalities as we start our journey to the Maldives.

Days 5 to 7 At Sea. Relax on board, enjoying our time at sea sailing between the islands of the Seychelles and the Maldives. Watch out for the bird and marine life and listen to the intriguing talks by our expedition team. We are assured of warm weather so make the most of the fresh air and enjoy all the comforts of the MS Island Sky.

Days 8 to 11 Maldives. We spend four days exploring the whole archipelago. This vast area of ocean is scattered with staggeringly beautiful dots of land surrounded by a cerulean sea. It offers some of the finest lagoons, beaches and coral reefs in the world. Our day to day schedule will be left in the capable hands of the Captain and Expedition Leader and we hope to include visits to a number of atolls as we sail from the southern islands to the north. Our expedition team will be on hand to lead guided walking tours to explore the birds and wildlife on land whilst our Snorkel Master will take us to some stunning reefs to view the wonderful coral and marine life.

Day 12 At Sea. Our lecture programme continues as we make our way across the Laccadive Sea to India.

Day 13 Cochin, India. Our first call in India is Cochin, an extraordinary city with strong influences of Portuguese, Chinese, Arab, Dutch and British cultures still much in evidence today. From our berth you can choose to visit the serene Kerala backwaters at Alleppey where we will board a local boat for a cruise past colonial warehouses and coconut thatched houses. For centuries, these canals provided a safe and efficient means of transportation for goods and people moving between the heartland of Kerala and the port



towns along the coast. Even today, traditional barges, or kettuvallams, haul coconut, pepper, rice and other goods along the waterways. Alternatively stay in Cochin to explore the diverse mix of cultures and religions that together, with its strong trading past in spices and silks, make for a fascinating city. Discover Mattancherry Palace with its ornately decorated rooms including some marvellous ancient murals and also see the oldest European church in India, St Francis, and the ruins of the fort.

Days 14 & 15 Lakshadweep Islands. Situated about 200 miles east of Cochin, the idyllic Lakshadweep archipelago comprise the smallest Union Territory of India, totalling just 11 square miles of land. Stunning lagoons, colourful birds, profuse marine flora and fauna, swaying palms and pristine beaches make these an island paradise. During our day and a half here we will stroll along lovely, unspoiled beaches and explore the underwater realm. Weather and tide conditions will determine our course but we hope to land for walks as well as explore the clear waters that surround these pristine islands which are perfect for swimming and witnessing the colourful hard and soft corals which teem with many marine species.

Day 16 Goa. In the 15th century Goa was the largest trading centre on India's west coast and when the Portuguese arrived in the early 16th century they planned to set up a colony to seize control of the spice trade. Goa remained a Portuguese colony until 1961 when it became the 25th state of the Indian Republic. Whilst famous for her beautiful beaches Goa also offers wonderful architecture with a mixture of Hindu and Catholic styles, unique history, rich culture and pretty natural scenery. Arriving over lunch we spend the afternoon exploring Old Goa with its fine Basilica of Bom Jesus and the Neo-Classical Church of St Cajetan. Afterwards choose to return to the ship or continue to a spice plantation where the cultivation of cardamom, chilli, cloves and coriander can be seen. We will enjoy the smells and tastes whilst we learn about their uses in Indian life.

Day 17 At Sea. Relax on board as we make our way to our final destination of Mumbai.

Day 18 Mumbai. This morning we sail into Mumbai, a cluster of seven islands which were first home to the 'Koli' fisherman, who still occupy parts of the city shoreline today. Mumbai was derived from 'Mumba' the name of the Hindu goddess 'Mumbadevi' and 'Aai' – mother in the local Marathi language. First

ceded to the Portuguese, the British Government took possession of the islands in 1665 before leasing them to the East India Company who founded the port and saw the city grow in size and importance. Choose to explore the city and see the prominent landmarks visiting the Gateway of India, Mani Bhavan, the former residence of Mahatma Gandhi when he stayed in Mumbai from 1917 to 1934 and Dhobi Ghat where we can observe the vast open air Indian laundry. Alternatively, travel to Gharapuri Island, better known as Elephanta Island and view the remarkable caves designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This labyrinth of cave temples features courtyards, shrines, remarkable statues and vibrant sculptures that date from the 5th to 7th century AD. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace.

Day 19 Mumbai to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. Arrive this afternoon.

PRICES PER PERSON

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Not Included: Travel insurance, Indian visa.

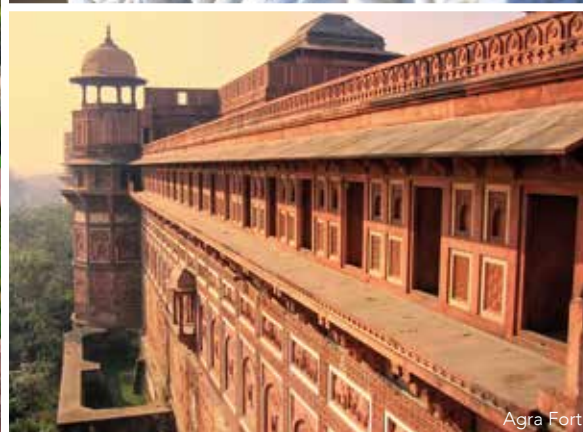
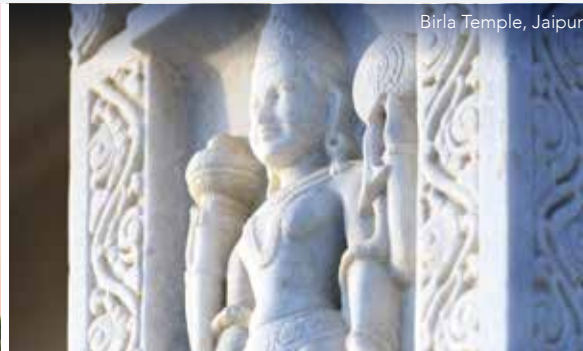
Post-cruise Jaipur, Agra & Delhi Extension – 16th to 21st February 2026

If you would like to spend some additional time exploring India after disembarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering the opportunity to join a five night extension which will include Jaipur, Agra for the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort, and Delhi.

Taj Mahal



Birla Temple, Jaipur



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Mumbai to Jaipur, India. Disembark after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Jaipur. Arrive in the early afternoon and transfer to our hotel for a two night stay. Originally the city's walls were the colour of red sandstone, Jaipur's universal coat of pink only came in 1876 to coincide with the visit of the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII). Almost the entire city was given a coat of pink paint, thus giving it the name 'The Pink City'. This afternoon we will visit the Birla Temple and Albert Hall before we return to the hotel for dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 2 Jaipur. Located near the deserts of Rajasthan, the movement and collection of water play an important role for the city. This morning our guide will show us the ancient channels, aqueducts and reservoirs and explain about their history and creation. Also see the Hawa Mahal, the ornamental facade of this 'Palace of Winds' is a prominent landmark in Jaipur, plastered pink and encrusted with fine trellis work and elaborate balconies. After lunch we will visit the Observatory and the City Palace which maintains the Maharaja's private collection of textiles and arms. Return to the hotel for some time at leisure before dinner is served in the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Jaipur to Agra. This morning we drive to Agra (approximately 4.5 hours). Agra's history dates back to the Mughals who proclaimed it their capital in 1565. Located on the Yamuna River, the city grew as a centre of architectural, political and trading activity. Today it is a kaleidoscope of India with various communities living in harmony. After lunch we visit Agra Fort, built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar in 1565, before continuing to the city including the bazaars which are rich with spices, foods, fabrics, jewellery and textiles. Check in to our hotel for our two night stay and enjoy dinner in the hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Agra. After breakfast we see the legendary beauty and the white marble domes of the elegant Taj Mahal. Built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an exquisite mausoleum for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal, Rudyard Kipling described the building as "the embodiment of all things pure". After our visit we will have lunch and an afternoon at leisure before we meet for dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Agra to Delhi. Drive this morning to Delhi (approximately 4 hours). Capital to seven different cultures over the course of its history, New Delhi is a fascinating fusion of them all. The art and architecture of the city reflect its ancient and multifaceted heritage. A Hindu fortress, a Mughal tomb, an Islamic minaret and mosque and a Bahai temple give an idea of the cultural richness found here. After lunch, visit Gurudwara Bangla Sahab (Sikh temple), a quiet and serene spot amid the bustling marketplace. After paying homage at the sanctum, where the holy book is kept, we can stroll along the tranquil pond in the Gurudwara. Return to the hotel for our final dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Delhi to London. Check out and transfer to the airport this morning for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£2895** Single: **£3495**

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel from Mumbai to Jaipur, two nights hotel accommodation in Jaipur, two nights hotel accommodation in Agra, overnight hotel accommodation in Delhi, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, guided tours as described, gratuities, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, Indian visa.

ANCIENT & NATURAL WONDERS OF CENTRAL AMERICA

A voyage from Costa Rica to Guatemala including Nicaragua & El Salvador aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

7th to 20th February 2026



This unique voyage from Puerto Caldera in Costa Rica to Guatemala's captivating, UNESCO World Heritage city of Antigua by way of Nicaragua and El Salvador is a fascinating journey through some of Central America's most picturesque and fascinating destinations. The region is imbued with colour and culture with a tremendous mix of natural beauty and historical sites which we will discover accompanied by our knowledgeable expedition team and excellent local guides.

An unusual and appealing aspect of our unique voyage will be our four days of exploration in El Salvador, a small and often overlooked country in the region but one which offers an extraordinary array of wildlife, magnificent birdlife, Mayan ruins and stunning scenery. We will also spend time in Nicaragua, Central America's largest country and one that remains delightfully undiscovered where we will witness extraordinary volcanic landscapes and take in the splendours of the colonial cities, from the pastel hues of the great buildings that line the streets of Granada to the shady gardens, plazas and colonial architecture of delightful Leon.

Natural wonders abound during our itinerary and some of the highlights will be our visit to Costa Rica's Curu National Wildlife Refuge and the Palo Verde National Park where we hope to see capuchin monkeys, turtles, armadillos, jaguarondis and coatis. We will also experience two of Central America's most picturesque lakes. Whilst in Nicaragua we will enjoy a relaxing boat ride on Lake Nicaragua, the largest lake in Central America where the serene waters surround a series of volcanic islands, and during our time in Guatemala we will visit Lake Atitlan, described by Aldous Huxley as the most beautiful lake in the world.

Our days will be spent searching for endemic flora and fauna in some splendid national parks with our onboard naturalists, learning about the colonial and often turbulent history of the region, discovering Mayan ruins and visiting some charming towns. If you have been contemplating a visit to Central America, then this fascinating voyage could offer you the perfect opportunity with its mix of natural and ancient wonders.





Lake Nicaragua



Armadillo



Ruins of Tazumal



Leon Cathedral



Scarlet Macaw

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2 San Jose to Puerto Caldera. After breakfast in the hotel and some free time, we will transfer to Puerto Caldera, enjoying a local lunch on the way. On arrival, embark the MS Hebridean Sky.

Day 3 Curu National Park & Tortuga Island. We spend the morning exploring the Curu National Wildlife Refuge which boasts a rich and diverse wildlife in five different habitats ranging from marine zones, including a wide beach area, mangrove swamps and tropical forests. Here on a range of walks we will find a number of species of birds, howler and capuchin monkeys and turtles. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Tortuga Island where we will spend the afternoon relaxing on the white sand beaches or swimming in the clear waters.

Day 4 Palo Verde National Park. Our final stop in Costa Rica is Playa Flamingo in the Papagayo Gulf. Once a small fishing village it has grown into a popular destination for local Costa Rican tourism. We will use our Zodiacs to land before heading inland to the Palo Verde National Park where we will board local boats to travel along the Tempisque River seeing the mangroves and dry forest vegetation which is home to countless birds and multiple mammals. As we will be visiting in the dry season we hope to see peccaries, armadillos, jaguarondis, coatis, agoutis, deer and monkeys which are attracted to the river. We will enjoy lunch at the 19th century Hacienda House with views of the savannahs and sugar cane fields.

Day 5 San Juan del Sur for Granada, Nicaragua. After an early breakfast we will leave for the friendly fishing village of San Juan del Sur for a full day tour to Granada and Lake Nicaragua. Founded in 1523, Granada is Nicaragua's oldest Spanish city and has retained much of its Spanish character with colonial churches, narrow streets and colourful Spanish style homes. We will enjoy a walking tour including the cathedral and convent of San Francisco where we find around 30 pre-Colombian stone statues dating back to 800 AD sculpted by the inhabitants of Zapatera Island on Lake Nicaragua. After a local lunch we will continue to Lake Nicaragua and enjoy a relaxing boat ride amongst the 365 small islands created by the volcanic

activity of the Mombacho Volcano around 20,000 years ago. Whilst some islands are inhabited, most remain unspoiled and are home to exotic plants, howler monkeys and orchids.

Day 6 Corinto for Leon. The port of Corinto is our base for our visit to Leon, the former capital of Nicaragua. Here we will explore the colonial architecture and the 18th century cathedral which is one of the most prominent buildings in the city with fantastic views from the rooftop. Inside we will see the fresco paintings, statues and the lion that guards the tomb of Ruben Dario, the famous Nicaraguan poet. There will be some free time for those who wish to visit the bustling market.

Days 7 & 8 La Union, El Salvador. We have two days to explore the southern region of El Salvador and will offer a number of excursion options. You may wish to follow the 'peace route' set up to remember the events of the 1980s when El Salvador experienced a bitter civil war. It is estimated that over 100,000 were killed in the fighting whilst half a million people fled into exile. We will visit Perquin, once a stronghold of the guerrillas and home to the Museum of the Revolution where former members of the rebel army are willing to share their experiences. We continue to the village of El Mozote where in December 1981 one of the worst atrocities occurred and more than 1000 people were killed in a single day. Our local guides will explain about living in the country during this time and we will see the monument erected for the victims and the memorial garden decorated with brightly coloured murals. There will also be a tour to Alegria, the birthplace of the writer Alberto Masferrer and where we visit the lagoon known as the 'Emerald of America' located in the Tecapa Volcano. A full day tour will also visit the Jiquilisco Bay Biosphere Reserve which is El Salvador's most important marine ecosystem with the coastal area being made up of remote islands, mangrove canals and desolate beaches whilst inland we find beautiful forests and cacao plantations. It is an important base for migratory birds as well as a nesting site for four sea turtle species including one of only two sites in the Pacific for the endangered Hawksbill Turtle. We explore the different areas of the reserve spending time with the environmentalists and scientists who will teach us about the conservation of the turtles, and we will walk through the forest on the lookout for spider monkeys. We will also visit a cacao plantation where we learn about the cultivation of cacao which creates some of the finest chocolate.

Days 9 & 10 Acajutla. From the port of Acajutla our full day excursion will discover the Mayan route starting at the archaeological site of Joya de Ceren, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Pompeii of America. The site was covered by the Loma Caldera volcano explosion which kept the remains of pre-Hispanic civilisation covered for hundreds of years and the site provides a unique insight into everyday life in a Mesoamerican farming community of the 6th century AD. We continue to the ruins of San Andres, once an important political and religious centre and testimony of the Indigo industry during the colonial period, better known as the 'Blue Gold'. After lunch in a local restaurant we will continue to Santa Ana and see the beautiful Gothic Cathedral and National Palace before our tour ends at the ruins of Tazumal, the largest pyramid in El Salvador which dates from 1500 BC and is an important Mayan settlement. The following day our morning tour will explore some of the colonial towns and communities on the 'Flower Route' named after the abundance of flowers found along the roadsides and in the villages. We will drive through the beautiful mountains to the town of Nahuizalco, home to one of the most longstanding native communities and arts and crafts production sites in the country. We continue to Ataco, the final stop on the Ruta de las Flores. Ataco is a quaint, colonial village that is known for its natural beauty, as well as its brightly painted homes, cobblestone streets, colourful murals and unique arts and crafts. We will return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Day 11 Puerto Quetzal to Antigua, Guatemala. We will disembark after breakfast in Puerto Quetzal and drive to Antigua, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built between three magnificent volcanoes in 1542, it is one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in the Americas. Antigua remained an economic and political heart of Central America until a devastating earthquake in 1773 destroyed much of the city. We will explore the city which is a wonder of colonial buildings, beautiful squares, cobblestone streets and Baroque churches. This afternoon we will transfer to our hotel for a two night stay and the remainder of the day will be at leisure for independent exploration before we meet for dinner tonight.

Day 12 Lake Atitlan. After breakfast, we embark on full day tour to Lake Atitlan, described by Aldous Huxley as the most beautiful lake in the world. Surrounded by 12 post-Mayan villages, all bearing the names of Catholic saints, and surrounded by three majestic volcanoes, the experience is unique. We visit the main town of Panajachel where there will be some time at leisure to take some photographs and explore the local shops. After lunch in a local restaurant we will head back to our hotel in Antigua and there will be some free time before we meet for dinner this evening.

Day 13 Antigua to London. Check out from the hotel after breakfast and transfer to Guatemala City airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London.

Day 14 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£9495	£8995
Byrd	Superior	£9695	£9195
Mawson	Premium	£9895	£9395
Mawson	Corner	£10295	£9795
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£11495	£10995
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£11795	£11295
Shackleton	Hebridean	£12495	£11995
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£11495	£10995
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£11695	£11195

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Nine nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose with breakfast • Two nights hotel accommodation in Antigua, Guatemala with breakfast • Lunch on day 2 & lunch and dinner on days 11 & 12 • Shore excursions • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-cruise Costa Rica Extension 3rd to 8th February 2026



Toucan

If you would like to discover more of Costa Rica before your cruise, you can join our five night extension which includes the Monteverde Cloud Forest and Arenal.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. On arrival, transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Day 2 San Jose to Arenal. Following breakfast at our hotel, we will first head to the Doka Estate for an insight into one of Costa Rica's prime exports, coffee. We will continue to the Poas Volcano National Park, where after a short walk, we will be treated to spectacular 180 degree views of the volcano's crater and the picturesque surrounding areas. Following lunch in a local restaurant, we will transfer to the Tabacon Hot Springs which are heated by the nearby volcano and set in a tropical paradise. After some time here to relax, we will transfer to Arenal and check in to our hotel for a two night stay. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Arenal. After breakfast, we depart for a guided visit to Arenal Park. Here, we will take a walk through the area where the Arenal volcanic eruption took place in 1968, learning about the destruction this caused and the subsequent rebirth of life via the rich mineral deposits. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Arenal to Monteverde. This morning we take the picturesque journey to Monteverde Cloud Forest. On the way we will stop at the El Silencio de Los Angeles private reserve where the rangers will introduce the variety of fauna and flora in this tropical biosphere. After lunch we continue to Monteverde and check into our hotel for a two night stay before dinner in the hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Monteverde. Today we will experience the hanging bridges of the Monteverde Cloud Forest Sky Walk which crosses the canyons below and will bring us face to face with the upper level of the forest canopy. The trails extend for slightly over a mile and a half and we will be accompanied by local guides. Biologists now know that about 90 percent of all organisms in a rainforest are found in the canopy. There will also be the opportunity to make your way up to one of the highest mountains in the area by Sky Tram, a tranquil way to take in the natural beauty of the forest. After lunch we will enjoy further exploration of the forest with a walk in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Monteverde to Puerto Caldera. After breakfast and a leisurely morning at the hotel we will transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky in Puerto Caldera with lunch en-route and continue with the main cruise itinerary from Day 2. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £2595; Single: £3195

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Arenal, two nights hotel accommodation in Monteverde, overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), excursions, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance.



MUMBAI, THE MALABAR COAST & SRI LANKA



A voyage from Mumbai to Colombo aboard the MS Island Sky
with Guest Speaker Right Reverend Tim Stevens

15th to 27th February 2026

For those seeking an informative and relaxing experience whilst discovering India and Sri Lanka, what better way than a journey aboard the all-suite MS Island Sky in the company of just over 100 fellow travellers. Exploring by small ship, we are able to visit some of the most interesting regions allowing time for some leisurely interludes. The intricate nature of India and Sri Lanka's religions and cultures, together with the rich and absorbing history, will be brought to life by our Guest Speaker and the knowledgeable local guides who will accompany us ashore.

Setting sail from the vibrant and bustling city of Mumbai, amongst the many highlights of our time in India will be the Old Town of Goa with its interesting blend of Indian and Portuguese cultures and our time spent in the Malabar port of Cochin from where we will explore the serene 'backwaters', a network of lagoons, lakes, rivers and canals. Boats carrying the local produce of copra, coir and cashews travel slowly through peaceful, palm-shaded waterways and keen birdwatchers can have a field day looking out for fish eagles, kingfishers, egrets, herons and more. During our time in Sri Lanka we will explore its wealth of both ancient and natural sites including the fortified, UNESCO World Heritage Site of Galle and the fascinating capital, Colombo. Sri Lanka is also a paradise for wildlife lovers and we have included game viewing in Yala National Park, which offers a great diversity of animal and birdlife and, further south, the lesser-visited coastal wetland area of Bundala National Park with its flocks of flamingos and rich birdlife.



Our journey will take us along some beautiful coastlines and we will visit bustling bazaars, witness daily life, learn something of the colourful cultures, ancient faiths, customs and traditions and witness some of the remarkable wildlife. All this and more will be achieved with ease with the benefit of returning to the comfort of the MS Island Sky each evening to recharge the batteries with good food, caring service and a restful night's sleep ready to witness another day in these fascinating lands.



Dutch Fort, Galle

Chinese fishing nets, Cochin



St Aloysius Chapel, Mangalore



Gateway of India, Mumbai



Elephanta Island



St Francis Church, Cochin

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Mumbai, India. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Mumbai. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 3 Mumbai. Mumbai is a cluster of seven islands which were first home to the 'Koli' fisherman, who still occupy parts of the city shoreline today. First ceded to the Portuguese, the British Government took possession of the islands in 1665 before leasing them to the East India Company who founded the port and saw the city grow in size and importance. This morning we explore the city and see the prominent landmarks visiting the Gateway of India, Mani Bhavan, the former residence of Mahatma Gandhi when he stayed in Mumbai from 1917 to 1934 and Dhobi Ghat where we can observe the vast open air Indian laundry. Alternatively, travel to Gharapuri Island, better known as Elephanta Island, and view the remarkable caves designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This labyrinth of cave temples features courtyards, shrines, remarkable statues and vibrant sculptures that date from the 5th to 7th century AD. Return to the ship for lunch and a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Day 4 Goa. In the 15th century Goa was the largest trading centre on India's west coast and when the Portuguese arrived in the early 16th century they planned to set up a colony to seize control of the spice trade. Goa remained a Portuguese colony until 1961 when it became the 25th state of the Indian Republic. Whilst famous for her beautiful beaches, Goa offers wonderful architecture with a mixture of Hindu and Catholic styles, unique history, rich culture and pretty natural scenery. This afternoon we will explore Old Goa with its fine Basilica of Bom Jesus and the Neo-Classical Church of St Cajetan. Alternatively, visit a spice plantation where the cultivation of cardamom, chilli, cloves and coriander can be seen. We will enjoy the smells and tastes whilst we learn about their uses in Indian life.

Day 5 Mangalore. In the 14th and 15th centuries Mangalore traded with Persian and Arab merchants and was fought over by the Nayaka princes and the Portuguese. In the 18th century its control was contested by Hyder Ali and his son Tipu Sultan on the one hand, and the British on the other. The influences of its turbulent history are still apparent in the cosmopolitan attitude and diverse religions that exist here. Today it is a business and commercial centre and is India's ninth largest cargo handling port exporting 75% of the country's coffee and the bulk of its cashew nuts and spices. Spend the morning learning about the cashew processing industry before we visit Gokarnatha Temple and the remarkable St Aloysius Chapel, with a fascinating series of intricate paintings that cover virtually every square inch of the interior ceiling and walls. Created over a period of two years by Brother Antonio Moscheni, an Italian artist, the chapel with its magnificent artwork is one of the city's hidden gems. After our exploration we will return to the vessel for a leisurely afternoon at sea.

Days 6 & 7 Cochin. Cochin is an extraordinary city with strong influences of Portuguese, Chinese, Arab, Dutch and British cultures still much in evidence today and we have two days to enjoy this intriguing Malabar port. Visits will include the serene Kerala backwaters at Alleppey where we will board a local boat for a cruise past colonial warehouses and coconut thatched houses. For centuries, these canals provided a safe and efficient means of transportation for goods and people moving between the heartland of Kerala and the port towns along the coast. Even today, traditional barges, or kettuvallams, haul coconut, pepper, rice and other goods along the waterways. We will also spend time in Cochin to explore the diverse mix of cultures and religions that together, with its strong trading past in spices and silks, make for a fascinating city. Discover Mattancherry Palace with its ornately decorated rooms including some marvellous ancient murals and see the oldest European church in India, St Francis, and the ruins of the fort. On our first evening as we moor overnight, we will enjoy a Kathakali performance on board after dinner. Based on the subject from the Ramayana, Mahabharata and stories from Saiva literature, Kathakali is one of the main forms of classical dance drama of India and indigenous to Kerala.

Elephants, Yala National Park



Day 8 At Sea. Relax on board as we spend the day sailing to Sri Lanka.

Day 9 Galle, Sri Lanka. Arrive this morning in Sri Lanka and the port of Galle from where we take a walking tour of the impressive Galle Fortress. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the port where the Portuguese first landed in Sri Lanka in the 16th century and was then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century. Also see the maritime museum, which is housed in an old Dutch house, the lighthouse, mosque and church before taking a stroll through the narrow streets with its shuttered mansions and cloistered courtyards. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure to explore Galle further at your own pace or join the guided tour to a nearby tea plantation where we will learn about the growing processes and enjoy a tasting.

Days 10 & 11 Hambantota for Bundala National Park, Yala National Park & Kataragama. We have one and a half days in Hambantota from where we will visit some of the region's highlights. We will explore Bundala National Park, a haven for birdwatchers and Sri Lanka's first declared Ramsar wetland. Located in the deep south of the island, the diversity of the park lies in its landscape, from dry thorny scrubland to sand dunes and salt marshes, to mangroves and lagoons. Take a jeep through the park and discover close to 200 species of bird as well as many species of butterflies, crocodiles, elephants, and deer. Also known as Ruhunu, Yala National Park was designated as a wildlife sanctuary in 1900 and is now home to 44 varieties of mammals and 215 bird species. This vast region of arid scrub interspersed with pockets of dense forest and open patches of grassland hosts one of the highest densities of leopards in the world. On a Jeep safari we also hope to see sloth bears, jackals, wild boar and elephants. In addition there will be a chance to visit Kataragama, one of the three most important religious sites in Sri Lanka and a popular place of pilgrimage for the Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and the indigenous Vedda communities of Sri Lanka and South India. According to Buddhists this was one of the 16 places visited by Buddha during his visits to Sri Lanka. We will explore the religious complex built across the Menik Ganga which contains buildings from all three religions including the mosque, temple, the small archaeological museum and the principal shrine of the god Kataragama.

Day 12 Colombo. Sri Lanka's commercial capital and largest city dates back over 600 years having been a trading hub for sea merchants and colonial rulers. Buddhist temples, Hindu temples, mosques and churches reflect the various beliefs practised all over the island and the beautiful facades of

the old, colonial buildings contrast with the modern but elegant shopping arcades that have been developed inside. There will be a choice of activities today, join a cultural tour including the Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple, the National Museum and Independence Square. Alternatively visit the Kelaniya Buddhist Temple, located on the outskirts of the city. It is said that Buddha visited and preached his doctrine to a gathering of serpent-kings. Today worshippers come to lay sprigs of lotus flowers around the great white dagoba, light oil lamps, and sprinkle the base of the Tree of Enlightenment with purifying water. We can see the fine carvings and lovely frescoes, fascinating geometrically patterned ceiling paintings, and three important images of Buddha.

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

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£8295	£7795
Columbus	Superior	£8495	£7995
Marco Polo	Premium	£8795	£8295
Marco Polo	Corner	£9295	£8795
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£10495	£9995
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£10995	£10495
Explorer	Island Suite	£11495	£10995
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£9295	£8795
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£9495	£8995

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Not Included: Travel insurance, Indian visa, Sri Lankan visa.

Pre-cruise Agra & Jaipur Extension 10th to 16th February 2026

Agra Fort



If you would like to spend some time in India before embarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering a five night escorted extension which will include the Taj Mahal and the 'pink city' of Jaipur.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Delhi, India. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Delhi. Arrive and transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free to relax before we meet for dinner in the hotel. (D)

Day 3 Delhi to Agra. Spend the morning driving to Agra (approximately 4 hours). Agra's history dates back to the Mughals who proclaimed it their capital in 1565. Today the city is a kaleidoscope of India with various communities living in harmony. After lunch we visit Agra Fort, built by the Mughal Emperor Akbar in 1565 before continuing to the city including the bazaars. We stay overnight in Agra and will have dinner in the hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Agra. After breakfast we see the legendary beauty and the white marble domes of the elegant Taj Mahal which was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan as an exquisite mausoleum for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. After our visit we will have lunch and the afternoon at leisure to relax in the hotel or partake in some independent sightseeing. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Agra to Jaipur. This morning we drive to Jaipur (approximately 4.5 hours), our base for the next two nights. Almost the entire city was given a coat of pink paint in 1876 to coincide with the visit of the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII) thus giving it the name 'The Pink City'. This afternoon we will visit the Birla Temple and Albert Hall before we return to the hotel for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Jaipur. Located near the deserts of Rajasthan, the movement and collection of water play an important role for the city. This morning our guide will show us the ancient channels, aqueducts and reservoirs and explain about their history and creation. After lunch we will visit the Observatory and the City Palace which maintains the Maharaja's private collection of textiles and arms. Return to the hotel for some free time before dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Jaipur to Mumbai. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our flight to Mumbai. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Island Sky. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£2895**; Single: **£3495**

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel from Jaipur to Mumbai, overnight hotel accommodation in Delhi, two nights hotel accommodation in Agra, two nights hotel accommodation in Jaipur, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, tours as described, gratuities, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance. Indian visa.

Post-cruise Sri Lanka Extension 27th February to 5th March 2026

Temple of the Tooth, Kandy



After disembarking the MS Island Sky, you can extend your time in Sri Lanka with our six night escorted tour including many of the country's highlights.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Colombo to Habarana, Sri Lanka. Disembark this morning and drive into the centre of Sri Lanka towards Habarana. After lunch we check into our hotel. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon before we meet for dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 2 Anuradhapura & Minneriya National Park. A UNESCO World Heritage Site predominantly influenced by Buddhism; Anuradhapura was Sri Lanka's first Capital Kingdom. Upon arrival we will be greeted by the brilliant white dome shaped Ruwanwelisaya and Jethawanarama stupas which have survived over two millennia. Next, admire the 'Samadhi' Buddha statue, a granite statue of Buddha in a meditative pose and a true masterpiece of sculpture. After lunch near the site we will continue to the Minneriya National Park, a wildlife reserve where during a safari we will witness the animals that call this park home including elephants. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Sigiriya. Easily the most iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site in Sri Lanka, Sigiriya Rock dramatically rises up out of the surrounding jungle, standing at nearly 200 metres tall. This incredible rock fortress was built by King Kashyapa I in the 5th century AD and served as a royal citadel for more than 18 years. Once at the top, enjoy the unparalleled views. Return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Dambulla to Kandy. Check out this morning before we visit the Dambulla Cave Temples. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a vast cave complex that dates back to the 1st century BC and it is still regarded as one of the most important Buddhist monasteries. After lunch we will drive to the hill capital of Kandy, the last kingdom of Sri Lanka. After checking into our hotel the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Kandy. Kandy is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the famed Temple of the Tooth. This iconic monument was built during the 16th century AD and is one of the most important temples for Buddhists as it houses the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha. Later we continue to the Royal Botanical Garden. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Kandy to Negombo. Check out and transfer to Negombo Beach where we will have an afternoon to relax. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Negombo to London. After breakfast we transfer to Colombo airport to join our scheduled flight to London. Arrive this afternoon. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£3495**; Single: **£4295**

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation in Habarana, two nights hotel accommodation in Kandy, overnight hotel accommodation in Negombo, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, tours as described, gratuities, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, Sri Lankan visa.

CENTRAL AMERICAN ODYSSEY

A voyage from Guatemala to Costa Rica including El Salvador, Nicaragua & Panama aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

15th February to 4th March 2026



Join us aboard the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky as we explore Central America's Pacific coastline visiting Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. If you have been contemplating a visit to Central America, then this fascinating voyage could offer you the perfect opportunity with its mix of cultural and natural wonders. Our itinerary is made possible by the Panama Canal, an engineering marvel allowing us to pass from the Caribbean Sea to the Pacific Ocean.

During our voyage, the history of the ancient Mayan civilisation, the colonial years and the more recent events of the region will be brought to life by our onboard team and local guides. There is also much of the natural world to occupy us on our journey including our visits to Costa Rica's Palo Verde National Park and Curu National Wildlife Refuge, El Salvador's most important marine ecosystem, the Jiquilisco Bay Biosphere Reserve, and the pristine Bocas del Toro archipelago in Panama. The birdlife of the region is magnificent, and it is home to countless species of endangered birds from tiny hummingbirds to flashy macaws and parrots, toucans and woodpeckers. Add an amazingly rich biodiversity of flora and fauna seen against some of the lushest of landscapes to be found anywhere in the world and you have the recipe for a perfect escape.

Such a varied and comprehensive itinerary would be difficult to comprehend or undertake by any other means than a cruise aboard a vessel like the MS Hebridean Sky with her expert expedition team, fleet of Zodiacs and just over 100 fellow passengers. We will be able to visit some small islands and ports which the larger cruise vessels simply cannot access and skip the arduous, lengthy land travel which such a trip would usually entail and instead relax on board as we deliver you to a new and exciting destination each day.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Antigua, Guatemala. Fly by scheduled indirect flight to Guatemala City. On arrival we will transfer to our hotel in Antigua for a two night stay.

Day 2 Antigua. Spend the day in Antigua, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built between three magnificent volcanoes in 1542, it is one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in the Americas. Antigua remained an economic and political heart of Central America until a devastating earthquake in 1773 destroyed much of the city. After a morning at leisure, our afternoon tour will explore the city which is a wonder of colonial buildings, beautiful squares, cobblestone streets and Baroque churches. Meet tonight for dinner in the hotel.

Day 3 Antigua to Puerto Quetzal. We will check out in the late morning and make our way to the Pacific Coast. After lunch we will embark the MS Hebridean Sky in Puerto Quetzal and sail this evening.

Days 4 & 5 Acajutla, El Salvador. From the port of Acajutla our full day excursion will discover the Mayan route starting at the archaeological site of Joya de Ceren, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the Pompeii of America. The site was covered by the Loma Caldera volcano explosion which kept the remains of pre-Hispanic civilisation covered for hundreds of years and it provides a unique insight into everyday life in a Mesoamerican farming community of the 6th century AD. We continue to the ruins of San Andres, once an important political and religious centre and testimony of the Indigo industry during the colonial period, better known as the 'Blue Gold'. After lunch in a local restaurant we will continue to Santa Ana and see the beautiful Gothic Cathedral and National Palace before our tour ends at the ruins of Tazumal, the largest pyramid in El Salvador which dates from 1500 BC and is an important Mayan settlement. The following day our morning tour will explore some of the colonial towns and communities on

the 'Flower Route' named after the abundance of flowers found along the roadsides and in the villages. We will drive through the beautiful mountains to the town of Nahuizalco, home to one of the most longstanding native communities and arts and crafts production sites in the country. We continue to Ataco, the final stop on the Ruta de las Flores. Ataco is a quaint, colonial village that is known for its natural beauty as well as its brightly painted homes, cobblestone streets, colourful murals and unique arts and crafts. We will return to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch and a relaxing afternoon at sea.

Day 6 La Union. We have a day to explore the southern region of El Salvador and will offer a choice of excursion options. You may wish to follow the 'peace route' set up to remember the events of the 1980s when El Salvador experienced a bitter civil war. It is estimated that over 100,000 were killed in the fighting whilst half a million people fled into exile. We will visit Perquin, once a stronghold of the guerrillas and home to the Museum of the Revolution where former members of the rebel army are willing to share their experiences. We continue to the village of El Mozote where in December 1981 one of the worst atrocities occurred and more than 1000 people were killed in a single day. Our local guides will explain about living in the country during this time and we will see the monument erected for the victims and the memorial garden decorated with brightly coloured murals. Alternatively, visit the Jiquilisco Bay Biosphere Reserve which is El Salvador's most important marine ecosystem with the coastal area being made up of remote islands, mangrove canals and desolate beaches whilst inland we find beautiful forests and cacao plantations. It is an important base for migratory birds as well as a nesting site for four sea turtle species including one of only two sites in the Pacific for the endangered Hawksbill turtle. We explore the different areas of the reserve spending time with the environmentalists and scientists who will teach us about the conservation of the turtles, and we will walk through the forest on the lookout for spider monkeys. We will also visit



a cacao plantation where we learn about the cultivation of cacao which creates some of the finest chocolate.

Day 7 Corinto for Leon, Nicaragua. Spend the morning cruising to the port of Corinto which is our base for a visit to Leon, the former capital of Nicaragua. Here we will explore the colonial architecture and the 18th century cathedral which is one of the most prominent buildings in the city with fantastic views from the rooftop. Inside we will see the fresco paintings, statues and the lion that guards the tomb of Ruben Dario, the famous Nicaraguan poet. There will be some free time for those who wish to visit the bustling market.

Day 8 San Juan del Sur for Granada. After an early breakfast we will leave for the friendly fishing village of San Juan del Sur for a full day tour to Granada and Lake Nicaragua. Founded in 1523, Granada is Nicaragua's oldest Spanish city and has retained much of its Spanish character with colonial churches, narrow streets and colourful Spanish style homes. We will enjoy a walking tour including the cathedral and convent of San Francisco where we find around 30 pre-Colombian stone statues dating back to 800 AD sculpted by the inhabitants of Zapatera Island on Lake Nicaragua. After lunch we continue to Lake Nicaragua and enjoy a relaxing boat ride amongst the 365 small islands created by the volcanic activity of the Mombacho Volcano around 20,000 years ago. Whilst some islands are inhabited, most remain unspoiled and are home to exotic plants, howler monkeys and orchids.

Day 9 Palo Verde National Park, Costa Rica. Our first stop in Costa Rica is Playa Flamingo in the Papagayo Gulf. Once a small fishing village it has grown into a popular destination for local Costa Rican tourism. We will use our Zodiacs to land before heading inland to the Palo Verde National Park where we will board local boats to travel along the Tempisque River seeing the mangroves and dry forest vegetation which is home to countless birds and multiple mammals. As we will be visiting in the dry season we hope to see peccaries, armadillos, jaguarondis, coatis, agoutis, deer and monkeys

which are attracted to the river. We will enjoy lunch at the 19th century Hacienda House with views of the savannahs and sugar cane fields.

Day 10 Curu National Park & Tortuga Island. We spend the morning exploring the Curu National Wildlife Refuge which boasts a rich and diverse wildlife in five different habitats ranging from marine zones, including a wide beach area, mangrove swamps and tropical forests. Here on a range of walks we will find a number of species of birds, howler and capuchin monkeys, and turtles. Over lunch we sail the short distance to Tortuga Island where we spend the afternoon relaxing on the white sand beaches or swimming in the clear waters.

Day 11 Puerto Jimenez & Golfito. Awake in Puerto Jimenez from where we will visit one of the nearby fincas that specialises in cacao production. The crop has been grown in this region since the Mayans and we will learn about the cultivation of the crops and after walking through the plantation will see how it is transformed into chocolate. Alternatively, join a walk in La Perica Sloth Garden where there will be the opportunity to spot the animals in their natural environment as well as other wildlife including hummingbirds and iguanas. Over lunch we sail across Golfo Dulce to spend the afternoon at one of Costa Rica's most famous National Parks, the Golfito National Wildlife Refuge. Spread out over 2,810 hectares it is home to many species of birds including macaws, parrots and brown pelicans whilst common mammal sightings include white-faced capuchins, spider monkeys, howler monkeys and many species of snakes and butterflies.

Day 12 Chiriqui Gulf Marine Park, Panama. Arrive in Panama and visit the Chiriqui Gulf Marine Park which spreads over 36,000 acres and comprises of 25 islands and numerous coral reefs. Created in 1994, the marine park's aim is to aid the preservation of the region's ecosystems, diverse flora and fauna, scientific conservation projects and protect the islands' endangered inhabitants. We will land on one of the islands where you may choose to take a nature walk learning about the local flora and fauna or find a spot under a palm tree on the beach and take a swim.

Day 13 Panama Canal Transit. After a morning at sea we spend the afternoon and evening transiting the Panama Canal. The first attempt to build the canal was made by a French company but ended in failure in 1889. The American government eventually bought out the French for 40 million dollars, and their attempt to build the canal started in 1904. Through the efforts of over 80,000 workers and the loss of more than 30,000 lives, the greatest single construction project ever undertaken was completed. The project ended in triumph, with the Canal opening in 1914, and it is now a vital artery of international trade, with nearly 14,000 ships travelling through it every year.

Day 14 Colon. Awake on the Caribbean Coast of Panama where, from our berth in Colon, we visit the delightful town of Portobelo which was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1502. Our tour will provide an insight into the rich history of the area once known as a Paradise for Pirates. Visit Fort San Geronimo, Fort San Felipe, Customs House and the Black Christ Church (the patron Saint of Portobelo). Alternatively, visit the new locks of the Panama Canal expansion. The expansion was the largest project at the Canal since its original construction and created a new set of locks, doubling the waterway's capacity. At the Agua Clara Visitor Centre we can learn about the history of the canal, the expansion efforts and watch the ships passing through.

Day 15 Bocas del Toro. Today we will explore the Bocas del Toro archipelago, pristine islands which are now part of a national marine park. We spend the day surrounded by astounding beauty with the option to visit the small town of Bocas del Toro with free time to wander amongst the fine old Spanish buildings or maybe visit one of the local beaches for a swim in the clear waters.

Day 16 Puerto Limon, Costa Rica. Returning to Costa Rica we head to the Cahuita National Park. The area is filled with wildlife that includes howler monkeys, white-faced capuchin monkeys, raccoons, sloths, otters, coatis, agoutis, armadillos and porcupines. Several avian species also live in the swamp forest including the green ibis, the green kingfisher, the yellow crowned night-heron, the frigate bird and the boat-billed heron among others. Our naturalist guides will lead us through the trails of the rainforest, sharing their vast knowledge of this fragile ecosystem. Alternatively, take a boat ride through the scenic Tortuguero canals, known as the Costa Rican Amazon as the surrounding rainforest supports a wide range of flora and fauna. Here we can hopefully see waterfowl, monkeys, lizards, sloths and toucans. We return to the ship via a banana plantation where we learn about this staple of the local economy.

Day 17 Puerto Limon to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to San Jose for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 18 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£11295	£10795
Byrd	Superior	£11495	£10995
Mawson	Premium	£11795	£11295
Mawson	Corner	£12295	£11795
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£13495	£12995
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£13795	£13295
Shackleton	Hebridean	£14295	£13795
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£14295	£13795
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£14495	£13995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Two nights hotel accommodation in Antigua, Guatemala with breakfast • Lunch on days 2 & 3, dinner on day 2 • 14 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia expedition team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Costa Rica Extension 3rd to 9th March 2026

Arenal Volcano



If you would like to discover more of Costa Rica after your cruise, you can join our five night extension which includes the Monteverde Cloud Forest and Arenal.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Puerto Limon to Arenal, Costa Rica. Disembark and transfer to Arenal enjoying lunch along the way. On arrival check into our hotel for a two night stay. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 2 Arenal. After breakfast we depart for a guided visit to Arenal Park. Here, we will take a walk through the area where the Arenal volcanic eruption took place in 1968, learning about the destruction this caused and the subsequent rebirth of life via the rich mineral deposits the eruption provided to the region. Following lunch there will be the opportunity to enjoy a treetop cable car ride, and for the more adventurous to participate in a zip-line adventure, providing an exhilarating bird's eye view of the park. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Arenal to Monteverde. This morning we make the picturesque journey to Monteverde Cloud Forest. On the way we will stop at the El Silencio de Los Angeles private reserve where the rangers will introduce the variety of fauna and flora in this tropical biosphere. After lunch we continue to Monteverde and check into our hotel for a two night stay. Meet for dinner in the hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Monteverde. Today we will experience the hanging bridges of the Monteverde Cloud Forest Sky Walk which cross the canyons below and bring us face to face with the upper level of the forest canopy. The trails extend for slightly over a mile and a half and we will be accompanied by local guides. We will also have the opportunity to make our way up to one of the highest mountains in the area by Sky Tram, a tranquil way to take in the natural beauty of the forest. After lunch we will enjoy further exploration of the forest with a walk in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve. Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Monteverde to San Jose. After breakfast we begin our journey to San Jose, making a visit en-route to the Espiritu Santo estate for an insight into one of Costa Rica's prime exports, coffee. Here we will learn about the processes involved in the harvesting and manufacturing of this ubiquitous beverage. Upon arrival into San Jose check in to our hotel for an overnight stay. (B, L, D)

Day 6 San Jose to London. Check out from the hotel after breakfast and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

Day 7 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £2595; Single: £3195

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Arenal, two nights hotel accommodation in Monteverde, overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L- Lunch, D - Dinner), excursions, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance.



ACROSS THE BAY OF BENGAL

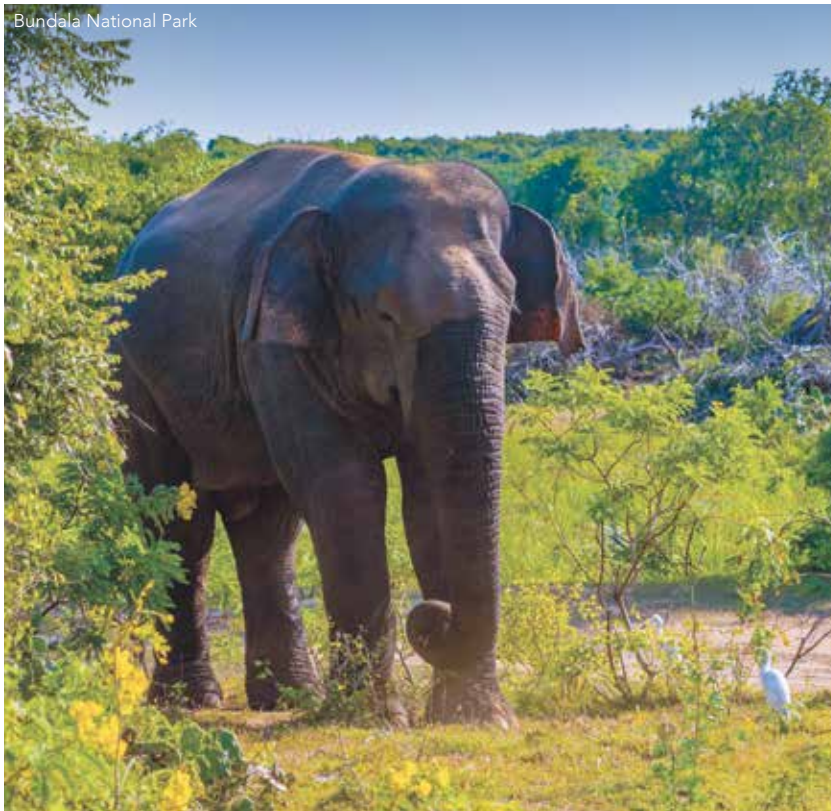
A voyage from Sri Lanka to Thailand including the Andaman Islands aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Right Reverend Tim Stevens

26th February to 12th March 2026

Join the MS Island Sky and escape to warmer climes for this unique journey from Sri Lanka and across the Bay of Bengal, to Thailand. We will discover Sri Lanka in some depth before sailing to the tropical Andaman Islands and on to Phuket, returning each evening to all the comforts of the MS Island Sky. Such a trip by land would be a continuous connection of hotels, long road journeys and domestic flights whereas with our small ship we can journey along the coast through beautiful scenery enjoying a wonderful mix of cultural and natural wonders along the way.

During our time in Sri Lanka we will explore Colombo with its Buddhist and Hindu temples and old colonial buildings and Galle Fort, the fortified old city founded by the Portuguese colonists in the 16th century and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In addition we visit Polonnaruwa, the 5th century ancient city considered to be one of the best planned archaeological sites in the country. There will also be opportunities to discover some natural world wonders with visits to Yala National Park, renowned for its rich wildlife, most notably its many elephants, and Bundala National Park, a haven for birdwatchers and Sri Lanka's first designated wetland site of international importance.

After a week of exploration in Sri Lanka, we will spend a leisurely two days at sea as we head east across the Bay of Bengal allowing for time to catch up with fellow travellers and the onboard team regarding all you have seen and experienced. Arriving in the enchanting yet little known Andaman Islands, some 852 miles from mainland India, we have three days to explore these tropical islands with their pristine beaches and untouched primeval jungle. During our time here we will visit Port Blair, the capital which has a number of museums showcasing the lives of the indigenous population, Ross Island where we will discover the island's rich history with remnants of the colonial era and also spend time on Havelock Island where there will be the opportunity to relax on the beach and swim in the inviting turquoise waters. Continuing on to Thailand and the island of Phuket, our final day will be spent exploring this 'pearl of the Andaman Sea' with its Buddhist temples, beautiful coastal scenery and characterful capital.





THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Colombo, Sri Lanka. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Colombo. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 3 Colombo. Sri Lanka's commercial capital and largest city dates back over 600 years having been a trading hub for sea merchants and colonial rulers. Buddhist temples, Hindu temples, mosques and churches reflect the various beliefs practised all over the island and the beautiful facades of the old, colonial buildings contrast with the modern but elegant shopping arcades that have been developed inside. There will be a choice of activities today including a cultural tour visiting the Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple, the National Museum and Independence Square. Alternatively, visit the Kelaniya Buddhist Temple, located on the outskirts of the city. It is said that Buddha visited and preached his doctrine to a gathering of serpent-kings. Today worshippers come to lay sprigs of lotus flowers around the great white dagoba, light oil lamps, and sprinkle the base of the Tree of Enlightenment with purifying water. We can see the fine carvings and lovely frescoes, fascinating geometrically patterned ceiling paintings, and three important images of Buddha.

Day 4 Galle. Awake this morning in Galle where we take a walking tour of the impressive Galle Fortress. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is the port where the Portuguese first landed in Sri Lanka in the 16th century and was then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century. Also see the maritime museum, which is housed in an old Dutch house, the lighthouse, mosque, and church before taking a stroll through the narrow streets with its shuttered mansions and cloistered courtyards. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Galle further at your own pace or alternatively join a tour to a nearby tea plantation where we will learn about the growing processes and enjoy a tasting.

Days 5 & 6 Hambantota for Bundala National Park, Yala National Park & Kataragama. We have one and a half days in Hambantota from where we will visit some of the region's highlights. We explore Bundala National Park, a

haven for birdwatchers and Sri Lanka's first declared Ramsar wetland. Located in the deep south of the island, the diversity of the park lies in its landscape, from dry thorny scrubland to sand dunes and salt marshes, to mangroves and lagoons. Take a jeep through the park and discover close to 200 species of bird as well as many species of butterflies, crocodiles, elephants and deer. Also known as Ruhunu, Yala National Park was designated as a wildlife sanctuary in 1900 and is now home to 44 varieties of mammals and 215 bird species. This vast region of arid scrub interspersed with pockets of dense forest and open patches of grassland hosts one of the highest densities of leopards in the world. On a Jeep safari we also hope to see sloth bears, jackals, wild boar, and elephants. In addition, there will be a chance to visit Kataragama, one of the three most important religious sites in Sri Lanka and a popular place of pilgrimage for Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and the indigenous Vedda communities of Sri Lanka and South India. According to Buddhists, this was one of the 16 places visited by Buddha during his visits to Sri Lanka. We will explore the religious complex built across the Menik Ganga which contains buildings from all three religions including the mosque, temple, the small archaeological museum, and the principal shrine of the god Kataragama.

Day 7 Trincomalee & Polonnaruwa. Sailing to the northeast coast of Sri Lanka we arrive in Trincomalee, one of the finest deep water harbours of the world. Choose to join a morning excursion of Trincomalee which includes Fort Frederick built by the Portuguese in 1623, a walk to Swami Rock and a visit to Koneswarum Kovil, one of the five most holy Shaivate temples in the country. The afternoon will be free to relax on board or maybe visit one of the nearby beaches. Alternatively join a full day tour to Polonnaruwa. This 5th century ancient city was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1982 and is considered to be one of the best planned archaeological sites in the country. The entire landscape of the region is punctuated by high man-made reservoirs, the most famous of which is Parakrama Samudra or the Sea of Parakrama, built during King Parakramabahu's reign in 1164-1196 AD. The monuments in the ancient city are relatively well preserved and highlights are the Royal Palace complex, including the King's Palace and Audience Hall and the spectacular Gal Vihare complex of four massive images of the Buddha cut from a single slab of granite.

Havelock Island, Andaman Islands



Wat Chalong Temple, Phuket



Days 8 & 9 At Sea. Spend a relaxing two days at sea as we cross the Bay of Bengal.

Days 10 to 12 Andaman Islands, India. Located 1,000 kilometres off the East Coast of India in the Bay of Bengal, the Andaman Islands are an archipelago of approximately 300 islands renowned for their palm lined beaches, mangroves, tropical rainforests and coral reefs that support multiple species of marine life. Our two days of exploration will include Port Blair, the largest town, capital and main entry point of the islands where we will visit the 19th century Cellular Jail, the Naval Marine Museum and the Anthropological Museum which showcases the lives of the aboriginal tribes that populate some of the outer islands. On Ross Island we discover the former capital and administrative centre which was used by the British from 1857 until being abandoned after an earthquake in 1941. Exploring the island by foot we will see the ruins of the Chief Commissioner's House, church, hospital and former troops barracks surrounded by a protected forest which is a sanctuary to a variety of birds. Also visit the small museum where we can see photographs of the island from its heyday. Meanwhile on Havelock Island we can spend some time relaxing on one of the sandy beaches or swimming in the clear waters.

Day 13 At Sea. Enjoy a leisurely day on board.

Day 14 Phuket, Thailand. Arriving in Thailand over breakfast we will have a choice of excursions this morning. An island drive will include Wat Chalong, the largest and most strikingly ornamented of Phuket's 29 Buddhist temples. Its intriguing history features a monk believed to have formidable healing powers. To this day, Thais from all over the country flock to Wat Chalong to pay homage to the monks and regain their physical and spiritual powers. Later see the Big Buddha Temple located at the top of Nark Kerd mountain. Alternatively, join a local speedboat to visit Phang Nga Bay, renowned for the limestone islands rising dramatically from the sea including the famous backdrop to the James Bond film "The Man with the Golden Gun". Spend the morning enjoying the scenery in the bay before we visit Koh Panyi, a settlement built over 200 years ago with houses built on stilts above the water. This afternoon is free to explore Phuket Town at your own pace as we moor overnight.

Day 15 Phuket to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. Arrive this evening. Alternatively join our two night extension in Bangkok, details of which can be viewed online.

EXPLORING ASHORE

This voyage will appeal to those who enjoy the natural and cultural world and includes activities which will require walking around large archaeological sites, such as Polonnaruwa. In addition, in the National Parks of Yala and Bundala, the safaris will be in 4x4 vehicles travelling on unsealed roads. During our visit to the Andaman Islands, we expect to be at anchor in Havelock Island where we will make use of the vessel's Zodiacs which will require a beach landing. Throughout the journey our onboard team will endeavour to arrange a selection of walks to include longer and shorter options to cater for different abilities and interests. However, many days will involve walking for extended periods in hot and humid conditions. To best enjoy this itinerary, we do recommend a good level of mobility and if you would like to discuss the level of fitness required, please contact us.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£9495	£8995
Columbus	Superior	£9795	£9295
Marco Polo	Premium	£10195	£9695
Marco Polo	Corner	£10495	£9995
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£11795	£11295
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£12295	£11795
Explorer	Island Suite	£12995	£12495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£10495	£9995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£10795	£10295

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Not Included: Travel insurance, Indian visa, Sri Lankan visa.

NB. At the time of publication, the Andaman Islands do not accept e-visas and passengers will therefore need to apply in person for an Indian visa. Full details will be sent to booked passengers 12-weeks prior to departure.

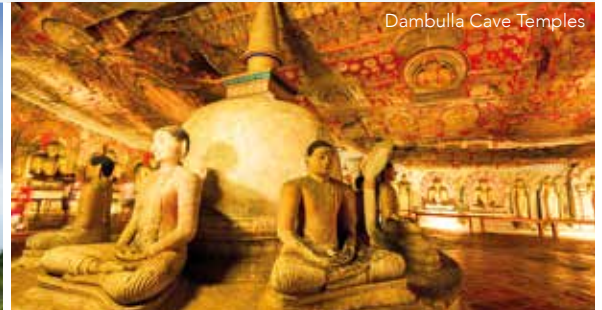
Pre-cruise Sri Lanka Extension – 20th to 27th February 2026

If you would like to discover more of Sri Lanka, you can join our escorted tour visiting some of the country's highlights prior to embarking the MS Island Sky.

Lion Rock, Sigiriya



Dambulla Cave Temples



Temple of the Tooth

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Colombo, Sri Lanka. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Negombo. Arrive and transfer to Negombo Beach where we will have an afternoon to relax in the hotel or at the nearby beach before we meet for dinner at the hotel. (D)

Day 3 Negombo to Habarana. Check out this morning and transfer to the centre of Sri Lanka and Habarana. After lunch we check into our hotel and have a free afternoon before meeting for dinner this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Anuradhapura & Minneriya National Park. A UNESCO World Heritage Site predominantly influenced by Buddhism; Anuradhapura was Sri Lanka's first Capital Kingdom. According to the ancient Sinhalese Chronicle 'Mahavamsa' the Kingdom was founded in the fifth century BC. Upon arrival see the brilliant white dome shaped Ruwanweliseya and Jethawanarama stupas or dagobas (religious monuments). These two stupas have survived over two millennia and the mighty Jethawanarama is equal in size to the pyramids in Giza. Next, admire the 'Samadhi' Buddha statue, a granite statue of Buddha in a meditative pose and a true masterpiece of sculpture. After lunch near the site we will continue to the Minneriya National Park, a wildlife reserve where during a safari we will witness the animals that call this park home such as sambar deer, birds and of course elephants. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Sigiriya. Easily the most iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site in Sri Lanka, Sigiriya Rock dramatically rises up out of the surrounding jungle, standing at nearly 200 metres tall. This incredible rock fortress was built by King Kashyapa I in the 5th century AD and served as a royal citadel for more than 18 years. Arriving at the fortress in the morning and with every step we climb, marvel at its beauty in the sun, pausing occasionally during our ascent to admire the mirror wall, the great lion paws, and the famous Sigiriya frescoes. Legend states that King Kashyapa's harem threw themselves off the rock when he fell but live forever in the form of frescoes found on the inner cave walls. Once at the top, enjoy the unparalleled views of the natural jungle that surrounds you. Return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Dambulla to Kandy. Check out this morning before we visit the Dambulla Cave Temples. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a vast cave complex that dates back to the 1st century BC when it was converted into a temple and it is still regarded as one of the most important Buddhist monasteries. As we explore the complex of five caves, admire the rock ceiling which is the largest collection of paintings in Sri Lanka within a cave temple and wander between the 150 Buddhist statues that stand so well preserved within the cave walls. After lunch we will drive to the hill capital of Kandy, the last kingdom of Sri Lanka. After checking into our hotel the remainder day is at leisure. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Kandy. Kandy is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the famed Temple of the Tooth. This iconic monument was built during the 16th century AD and is one of the most important temples for Buddhists as it houses the Sacred Tooth Relic of Buddha and is one of the most revered sites in this cultural capital. Later we continue to the Royal Botanical Gardens. With 147 acres and over 4,000 species of plants, it is the largest and most impressive botanical garden in Sri Lanka. As we take a leisurely walk, admire the beautiful giant bamboo and double palm trees, both of which are imports to the island and many are over a century old, and the fine collection of orchids, for which the garden is famous. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Kandy to Colombo. Check out after breakfast and transfer to the MS Island Sky moored in Colombo. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£3495** Single: **£4295**

Price Includes: Overnight hotel accommodation in Negombo, three nights hotel accommodation in Dambulla, two nights hotel accommodation in Kandy, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, tours as described, gratuities, transfers, airport taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, Sri Lankan visa.

PASSAGE ACROSS THE CARIBBEAN SEA

An island hopping voyage from Costa Rica to Barbados aboard the MS Hebridean Sky
2nd to 15th March 2026



If you have been contemplating a visit to Central America and the Caribbean, then this fascinating voyage from Costa Rica to Barbados could offer the perfect opportunity with its mix of cultural and natural wonders. Each of the destinations we have included in our itinerary has its own culture and this colourful mix of island personalities, varied terrain and lifestyles makes for a marvellous spring break. By and large we will head for the smaller, less visited islands and having our small ship, the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky, as the base for our cruise makes all the difference.



Our voyage begins in Costa Rica, a small country with a huge array of wildlife including hundreds of brightly coloured species of bird and we will discover the flora and fauna during our visit to the Cahuita National Park or whilst exploring the canals of Tortuguero. We continue to Panama where we have the opportunity to witness the timeless culture of the ancient Kuna tribe on the stepping stone islands of San Blas before we touch the South American mainland with a call at Cartagena, a wonderfully charismatic port with fine restored colonial buildings, and Santa Marta. From Colombia, our itinerary island hops to Barbados by way of Curacao and Bonaire in the Dutch Caribbean and the wonderful Windward island of Grenada. Such a varied and comprehensive itinerary would be difficult to comprehend or undertake by any other means than a cruise and, in the company of just 100 or so fellow like-minded passengers, we will be able to explore in small groups ashore and enjoy a convivial atmosphere on board. As we sail relatively short distances, we have the benefit of full days on many of the glorious islands allowing for time to join the included, guided excursions combined with the opportunity to explore further independently or perhaps relax on one of the beautiful beaches.



Tortuguero canals, known as the Costa Rican Amazon as the surrounding rainforest supports a wide range of flora and fauna.

Day 4 Bocas del Toro, Panama. Arriving in Panama we have a day in the Bocas del Toro archipelago, pristine islands which are now part of a national marine park. We spend the day surrounded by astounding beauty and there will be the option to visit the small town of Bocas del Toro and wander amongst the old Spanish buildings or maybe visit one of the local beaches.

Day 5 San Blas Islands. After a morning at sea we arrive in the stunning San Blas archipelago. The archipelago is made up of over 400 islands that line the north coast of Panama with white sandy beaches set in a turquoise sea. The islands are home to the indigenous Kuna Indians who gained self-rule from the government of Panama in the 1920s and maintained their traditional way of life including the production of colourful fabric art known as 'molasses'. We will have time to take a nature walk or perhaps enjoy a swim from the beach.

Day 6 Cartagena, Colombia. Cartagena is one of the most fascinating cities in South America and this morning we will enjoy a walking tour of the colonial walled city. Our guides will bring the history of the city to life as we walk its streets and ramparts. We will visit the 16th century Fort of San Felipe, the Monastery of San Pedro Claver, the Plaza de la Aduana and Iglesia de Santo Domingo. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon to explore further at your own pace.

Day 7 Santa Marta. We continue our exploration of Colombia in Santa Marta which is renowned for the eco-diversity and dramatic beauty of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the highest coastal mountain range in the world, that sweep down to the sea. From our berth we will travel slightly inland to the Tayrona National Park this morning. Covered in large part by virgin tropical forest, the park is home to many varied species of mammals, birds and reptiles. On a walk through this semi-tropical jungle, we will be joined by a local guide who will offer insights into the park's vegetation, animals and ecosystem. Alternatively, explore the town of Santa Marta and the bustling streets with their eclectic mix of Spanish Colonial, Republican and contemporary architecture.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2 San Jose to Puerto Limon. After breakfast in the hotel enjoy some free time before we transfer to Puerto Limon, enjoying a local lunch on the way. Embark the MS Hebridean Sky this afternoon and moor overnight.

Day 3 Puerto Limon. From our berth in Puerto Limon we head to the Cahuita National Park. The area is filled with wildlife that includes howler monkeys, white-faced capuchin monkeys, raccoons, sloths, otters, coatis, agoutis, armadillos and porcupines. Several avian species also live in the swamp forest including the green ibis, the green kingfisher, the yellow crowned night heron, the frigate bird and the boat-billed heron among others. Our naturalist guides will lead us through the trails of the rainforest, sharing their vast knowledge of this fragile ecosystem. Alternatively, take a boat ride through the scenic

Day 8 At Sea. Enjoy a relaxing day at sea.

Day 9 Curacao, Dutch Caribbean. Moor this morning at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Willemstad. The city has a rich history dating back to the 16th century and the island's colonial Dutch heritage sets a genteel tone amid markets, museums and cafes. Enjoy an excursion to explore the historic downtown district including Fort Amsterdam. The afternoon is free to either explore at your own pace or join an island drive which will include The Old Labour House where we learn about the history of slavery on the island, the dramatic Boca Table National Park and the Salt Pans plantation.

Day 10 Bonaire. Spend the day in Bonaire famous for the variety of its corals, fish and clear waters. This morning you may wish to take a scenic island tour to see the saltwater lagoon at Lake Goto, where we may be lucky and see pink flamingos, followed by Mangazina di Rei cultural park which showcases indigenous culture. Alternatively, join a local boat as we make our way to one of the nearby uninhabited islands near Klein Bonaire. Here, there will be the option to swim from the beach or snorkel over the coral reefs. Returning to the MS Hebridean Sky for lunch, the afternoon is free to explore the town of Kralendijk at your own pace from our central berth.

Day 11 At Sea. Today maybe join a lecture or find a spot on deck as we spend a day cruising.

Day 12 Grenada. Explore this wonderful Windward Island which many regard as the most beautiful in the Caribbean. It is a lush and verdant island with spice plantations, rum distilleries, tropical forests and secluded coves. We will moor in the picturesque capital of St George's before heading to Fort George. Built in 1706 with wonderful views over the harbour, it was here in 1983 that the Prime Minister, Maurice Bishop, was assassinated which prompted the invasion by US troops. We will continue to a spice garden where we learn about the herbs that grow here before we end at one of the island's rum distilleries.

Day 13 Barbados to London. We will disembark this morning and take an island drive including visits to the historic 17th century Sunbury Plantation House and the impressive St John's Church. After lunch there will be some free time before we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight.

Day 14 London. Arrive this morning.

SHIP TO SHORE

Please note that this voyage is not classified as an expedition cruise but will appeal to those who enjoy the natural world. We will be at anchor at San Blas and Bocas del Toro where we will make use of the vessel's Zodiacs to transfer ashore.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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

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Amundsen	Standard	£8295	£7795
Byrd	Superior	£8495	£7995
Mawson	Premium	£8695	£8195
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Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£9295	£8795
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£9495	£8995

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 11 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis • Overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose with breakfast • House wine, beer & soft drinks with lunch and dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-cruise Costa Rica Extension 26th February to 3rd March 2026



Monteverde Cloud Forest

If you would like to discover more of Costa Rica before your cruise, you can join our five night extension which includes the Monteverde Cloud Forest and Arenal.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to San Jose, Costa Rica. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay.

Day 2 San Jose to Monteverde. Drive this morning to Monteverde with a stop for lunch along the way. On arrival check into our hotel for a two night stay. Enjoy dinner at the hotel this evening. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Monteverde. Today we will experience the hanging bridges of Monteverde Cloud Forest Sky Walk which cross the canyons below and bring us face to face with the upper level of the forest canopy. Biologists now know that about 90 percent of all organisms in a rainforest are found in the canopy. The trails extend for slightly over a mile and a half and we will be accompanied by local guides. We will also have the opportunity to make our way up to one of the highest mountains in the area by Sky Tram, a tranquil way to take in the natural beauty of the forest. After lunch we will enjoy further exploration of the forest with a walk in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve. Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Monteverde to Arenal. This morning we will start our stunning journey to Arenal. On the way we will stop at the El Silencio de Los Angeles private reserve where the rangers will introduce the variety of fauna and flora in this tropical biosphere. After lunch we continue on to Arenal and check into our hotel for our two night stay. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Arenal. After breakfast, we depart for a guided visit to Arenal Park. Here, we will take a walk through the area where the Arenal volcanic eruption took place in 1968, learning about the destruction this caused and the subsequent rebirth of life via the rich mineral deposits the eruption provided to the region. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy a treetop cable car ride and for the more adventurous, to participate in a zip-line adventure, providing an exhilarating bird's eye view of the park. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Arenal to Puerto Limon. Today we will make our way to Puerto Limon, visiting the Poas Volcano National Park this morning. After a short walk, we will be treated to spectacular 180-degree views of the volcano's crater and the picturesque surrounding area. We will also visit the Doka Estate for an insight into one of Costa Rica's prime exports, coffee. Embark the MS Hebridean Sky this afternoon and follow the main itinerary from Day 2.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £2595; Single: £3195

Price Includes: Overnight hotel accommodation in San Jose, two nights hotel accommodation in Arenal, two nights hotel accommodation in Monteverde, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), excursions, English speaking guide, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

SPLENDOURS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

A voyage from Thailand to Vietnam including Malaysia
aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Reverend Richard Coles

11th to 23rd March 2026



There are countless tours available of Southeast Asia which fly from one city to another abruptly introducing you to cultural and architectural contrasts that can be bewildering and, in many ways, unfulfilling. In our view, there are regions of the world which need to be absorbed slowly and at eye level in order for the experience to be enjoyable and enlightening and Southeast Asia is one of those regions. All so often it is the unheard of and out of the way places that form the happiest of memories. Join the all-suite MS Island Sky for the opportunity to journey in comfort whilst exploring Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam for what promises to be a great adventure with just over 100 fellow, like-minded travellers.

Our exploration begins in Thailand's largest island, Phuket, a land of contrasts from pulsating streets and modern facilities to idyllic swathes of beaches interspersed with limestone cliffs and groves of mangrove trees. After a day of exploration we head to Malaysia where, if you enjoy immersing yourself in culture and wildlife, you will find our days endlessly fascinating with its vast rainforests, endemic wildlife and diverse culture. The best way to explore the region is by sea and from the geological wonders of Langkawi to the varied architecture and rich historical heritage of Penang and the jungle paradise and pristine beaches of Pulau Tioman, marvellous experiences are to be had. Continuing to Singapore, we discover this dynamic city before our final days are spent exploring southern Vietnam visiting the remote Con Dao Islands and the largest of the islands, Con Dao, where we can explore the market, hike in the forest or swim from the palm fringed beaches before heading to our final destination, the bustling city of Ho Chi Minh.

Afloat and ashore, our voyage will be filled with unforgettable images and experiences, heritage filled cities, tropical forests with endemic flora and fauna, remote idyllic islands and little-known beaches. The privilege of exploring this remarkable region from a small ship is an opportunity not to be missed and we hope you can join us as we discover the astonishing beauty, richness and splendours of Southeast Asia.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Phuket, Thailand. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Phuket. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 3 Phuket. There will be a choice of excursions today. An island drive will include Wat Chalong, the largest and the most strikingly ornamented of Phuket's 29 Buddhist temples. Its intriguing history features a monk believed to have formidable healing powers. To this day, Thais from all over the country flock to Wat Chalong to pay homage to the monk and regain their physical and spiritual powers. Later see the Big Buddha Temple located at the top of Nark Kerd mountain followed by some time at leisure to explore Phuket Town independently. Alternatively, join a local speedboat to visit Phang Nga Bay which is renowned for the limestone islands rising dramatically from the sea including the famous backdrop to the James Bond film 'The Man with the Golden Gun'. Spend the day enjoying the scenery in the bay before we visit Koh Panyi, a settlement built over 200 years ago with houses built on stilts above the water. Sail in the early evening.

Day 4 Langkawi, Malaysia. We start our exploration of Malaysia on Langkawi where a morning tour will explore the Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark and discover some of the flora and fauna that are unique to the island's wetlands. We will see the caves that are home to Malaysian fruit bats and during a cruise in the mangrove forest we hope to see white-headed eagles, herons, red eagles, long-tailed macaques and different species of reptiles. Alternatively, those feeling active may wish to visit the island's rainforest for a guided nature



Skybridge, Langkawi



Independence Palace, Ho Chi Minh City



St. George's Church, George Town, Penang



Koh Panyi



Supertrees, Garden by the Bay, Singapore

walk up Gunung Manchincang, one of the oldest known geological formations in Malaysia. Our knowledgeable local naturalists will provide tales of Langkawi's geological wonders and vibrant wildlife as we climb. Our hike will end at the Skybridge, a suspended bridge built from an 82 metre high single pylon which hangs at about 100 metres above ground with views over the rainforest and out to the coastline. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon to relax on board or maybe visit a nearby beach.

Day 5 Penang. Awake this morning in Penang Island, the 'Pearl of the Orient' where we have a choice of excursions. Maybe explore historical Georgetown, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where we can see the well-preserved cultural and historical heritage of Penang's capital city. Founded in 1786 by the British East India Company, Penang grew as an important trading port and became a melting pot of Malaysian, Chinese, Indian and European influences which we can see as we pass by the town hall, St George's Church, Sri Mahamariamman Temple and the Kapitan Keling Mosque. Alternatively, discover the island's natural beauty as we join the Penang Hill Railway which was constructed in 1923 and takes us to the top of Flagstaff Hill, 830 metres above sea level. Here we take a one-mile nature trail through The Habitat, walking across a dipterocarp forest amidst oak laurels and tree ferns. The area's rich biodiversity encompasses more than 100 species of birds, endangered endemic plants including the Penang slipper orchid, and a multitude of fauna such as flying lemurs, dusky leaf monkeys and the giant black squirrel. As we make our way along the Treetop Walk, we can take in panoramic views of the city and the Andaman Sea below. Return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon to explore further at your own pace.

Day 6 Kuala Lumpur. From our berth in Port Klang we spend a full day in Malaysia's capital city of Kuala Lumpur. Our walking tour begins in Independence Square, also known as Dataran Merdeka. This is the historical

place where the Union Flag was lowered, and the Malayan flag was raised for the very first time on the 31st of August 1957. Continue to the Masjid Jamek Mosque, the oldest Islamic place of worship in Kuala Lumpur. Overlooking the Klang River, it offers breathtaking vistas due to the combination of ancient Moorish, Islam and Mughal architectural styles, verdant surroundings, and distant views of the city's other iconic landmarks. Also see the Central Market, Chinatown and the extravagantly decorated Sri Mahamariamman Temple before ending at the Petronas Twin Towers which were once the tallest buildings in the world. Alternatively, those wishing to discover the flavours of Malaysia may wish to join a culinary tour which will include the chance to sample Nasi Lemak, a dish originating in Malay cuisine that consists of fragrant rice cooked in coconut milk and pandan at a well-known local breakfast meeting place. This decade-old melting pot is one place where you can see Malay, Chinese and Indian customers having their packed 'nasi lemak'. Continue to the Central Market for more tastings including roast duck, roti canai, char kuey teow and putu bamboo.

Day 7 Malacca. With more than its fair share of colonisers from Malaysian princes to the Portuguese, Dutch, British and Japanese, this strategically placed city has a fascinating history which is brought vividly to life in the excellent Ethnographical Museum. On a guided walk we also visit the 16th century Portuguese fortress, the former Dutch Governor's house and the impressive Christ Church. Later we continue our journey along the Malacca Strait which was named after the Malacca Sultanate that ruled over the archipelago between 1414 and 1511. It is from here that early traders from Arabia, Africa and Persia would trade glassware, camphor, ivory, sandalwood, and perfumes and today the Strait is one of the most important shipping lanes in the world. *Please note we will be at anchor today and will use the vessel's Zodiacs or local tenders to land.*

Day 8 Singapore. Spend today in Singapore where there will be a choice of excursions this morning. A city tour will start in Little India including the magnificent Sultan Mosque before seeing the bright colours and vibrant hues in Singapore's exciting Chinatown. Narrow streets centred on the pagoda lead you to a treasure trove of apothecary shops, quaint teahouses and a cornucopia of stalls selling trinkets as well as the oldest Hindu temple in Singapore, Sri Mariamman. Here we join a cruise along the Singapore River sailing past a mix of colonial buildings and modern skyscrapers ending at Merlion Park. Alternatively, visit the National Orchid Garden which displays the largest collection of orchids in the world with 2,000 hybrids. After lunch on board, the remainder of the day is free to explore further at your own pace, maybe visit the Gardens by the Bay or the iconic Raffles Hotel before we sail tonight.

Day 9 Pulau Tioman, Malaysia. After a leisurely morning at sea, we return to Malaysia at Pulau Tioman, one of eight islands that form the Tioman Island Marine Park. From our anchorage we will use Zodiacs to land and you can choose between spending the afternoon relaxing on the beaches or join a nature walk to see the unique and protected flora and fauna found in the island's jungles. *Please note we will be at anchor today and will use the vessel's Zodiacs or local tenders to land.*

Day 10 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we sail to Vietnam.

Day 11 Con Dao, Vietnam. We arrive in Vietnam at the Con Dao archipelago. Consisting of fifteen islands, the largest, Con Dao, is the perfect base from which to enjoy palm-fringed beaches, crystal clear waters and hidden inlets. A designated National Park, Con Dao is swathed in lush vegetation, almond trees and tropical fruit plantations yet also has a sombre history as it was used by the French to incarcerate political prisoners. We have a full day to explore the island, you may choose to visit the Palace of the Island Lord, the historical Con Dao Prison or to immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the Con Dao market. Those feeling active may want to join a hike on the lookout for wildlife in the forests whilst taking in some breathtaking views of the islands.

Day 12 Ho Chi Minh. From our central berth in the Vietnamese capital, we take a guided tour of the city which was built by the French in 1850. We begin our day with a visit to the Central Post Office and along the way we will also view the Saigon Opera House, constructed by the French in 1898 and the Notre Dame Cathedral. We will visit Independence Palace, also known as Reunification Palace, which was designed by the architect Ngo Viet Thu. The palace was the home and former workplace of the president of South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. After lunch on board, the afternoon is free to relax or explore this bustling city further independently.

Day 13 Ho Chi Minh to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. Arrive this evening.

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	£7795	£7495
Columbus	Superior	£8195	£7895
Marco Polo	Premium	£8395	£8095
Marco Polo	Corner	£8995	£8695
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£10095	£9795
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£10395	£10095
Explorer	Island Suite	£10795	£10495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£8895	£8595
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£9995	£9695

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Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-cruise Bangkok Extension 8th to 12th March 2026

If you would like to spend some time in Bangkok before embarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering a three night extension based at the Shangri-La Hotel. Our stay will include some guided tours in the city and full details and pricing can be viewed online.



Reclining Buddha, Wat Pho

Post-cruise Cambodia Extension 23rd to 27th March 2026



Angkor Wat

If you would like to spend some time exploring Cambodia after disembarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering the opportunity to join a four night extension.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Phnom Penh. Arrive this afternoon and check into our hotel for a two night stay. (B, D)

Day 2 Phnom Penh. Today we will explore the long and turbulent history of Cambodia with a city tour of Phnom Penh. We will start at the Royal Palace, a striking structure along the riverfront. From here we will visit the National Museum followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards we will learn about Cambodia's more recent history with a visit to Tuol Sleng, the Genocide Museum which tells the story of the crimes of the Khmer Rouge and will then continue out of the city to the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek. For those who prefer to return to the hotel after lunch, a transfer will be provided. (B, L)

Day 3 Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our short flight to Siem Reap, the gateway to the temples of Angkor. On arrival we will enjoy a lunch in a local restaurant before we enter the Angkor Wat complex to visit the iconic and majestic temple of Angkor Wat. This Khmer architectural gem is the largest religious building in the world and the perfect blend of symbolism and symmetry. Exploring with our guide we will learn about the history of the Khmer Kingdom and Angkor Wat. After our visit we transfer to the hotel for our two night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Siem Reap. Today we visit the Angkor Thom Complex. Angkor Thom was the last capital of the Khmer Kingdom, although its many wooden structures have long perished, the remaining stone monuments testify to the size and wealth of the city. At the heart of the city is the 12th century Bayon, a mesmerising temple to Jayavarman VII. We will also visit Ta Prohm, its crumbling towers and walls are locked in place by a vast root system. After lunch in a local restaurant, we will visit the Satcha Project Centre which aims to preserve traditional craft skills. There will also be a chance to explore the Old Market before returning to the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Siem Reap to London. Check out this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £2195; Single: £2595

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel from Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh, two nights hotel accommodation in Phnom Penh, two nights hotel accommodation in Siem Reap, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), drinks with included meals, tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, Cambodian visa.



SAILING THROUGH THE LESSER ANTILLES & BEYOND

A voyage from Barbados to French Guiana aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

14th to 26th March 2026

When it comes to pure escapism there are few places in the world more fitting than the Caribbean. Join the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky in Barbados and set sail on our voyage to Cayenne, French Guiana, through beautiful sub-tropical waters enjoying the perfect mix of cultural and natural wonders. Each place we visit has its own culture and this colourful mix of island personalities, varied terrain and fascinating cities makes for a marvellous break.

After island hopping from Barbados to Tobago and on to Trinidad, our unique cruise continues to Guyana, one of the least visited countries in South America which has an intriguing past and is home to a diverse array of wildlife. During our time here we will visit the magnificent Kaieteur Falls by plane, an amazing experience where you can witness the world's largest single-drop waterfall. Continuing to Paramaribo, Suriname's capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we will hear about the history of this former British settlement which was swapped with the Dutch for New York in 1667. The final country we call into is French Guiana where we will see the infamous "Devil's Island", tour the Guiana Space Centre, visit the botanical gardens and spend time in its vibrant capital, Cayenne.

The whole region is imbued with colour and culture with a tremendous mix of natural beauty and historical sites. Such a varied and comprehensive itinerary would be difficult to comprehend or undertake by any other means than a cruise aboard a small ship like the MS Hebridean Sky, in the company of just 100 or so fellow passengers and an expert onboard team. Our voyage offers an easy and comfortable way to explore the region rather than arduous, lengthy land travel. You can relax on board as we sail between beautiful islands and interesting ports of call with days spent witnessing the wonderful flora and fauna, admiring the beautiful scenery and learning about the colonial and often turbulent history of the region, returning each evening to the comfort and excellent service aboard the MS Hebridean Sky.



Caroni Nature Sanctuary



EXPLORING ASHORE

This voyage will appeal to those who enjoy the natural world and we will be exploring some off the beaten track regions in the Caribbean and South America with limited infrastructure. Many of the excursions include guided walks through the jungle and remote areas in humid conditions, especially in Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana. Our onboard team will endeavour to arrange a selection of walks to include longer and shorter options to cater for different abilities and interests. A range of modes of transport will be used for our excursions including small planes which we will charter for our excursion to the Kaieteur Falls, local boats and minibuses. We also expect to be at anchor in the Iles du Salut where we will make use of the vessel's Zodiacs. To best enjoy this itinerary, we do recommend a good level of mobility and if you would like to discuss the level of fitness required, please contact us.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London or Manchester to Barbados. Fly by scheduled flight. Arrive and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

Day 2 Tobago. After a relaxing morning at sea we arrive in Scarborough, the capital of Tobago and home to about one third of its population. A bustling town, the friendly atmosphere that greets us hides the tumultuous past of a town that has changed hands over 30 times in the past 150 years. We will visit Fort King George, built in 1779 during the many struggles between the French and the English over ownership of the island, before continuing to Plymouth and an eco-tourism estate in Arnos Vale, where we hope to spot some of the local hummingbirds.

Day 3 Trinidad. Due to its location close to the South American mainland, Trinidad has a unique diversity of plant and animal species which we will discover today. From our berth at Port of Spain we will drive inland to the Maracas Valley and Yurette, home of the hummingbird. After an introductory talk we will explore the gardens where we can often find fourteen of the island's eighteen species of hummingbird. Return to the ship for lunch and later this afternoon we head to the Caroni Nature Sanctuary, a mangrove swamp covering an area of 40 square miles. On arrival at the sanctuary, we will board a flat-bottomed boat and slowly travel along the peaceful waterways and lagoons admiring the beauty of the landscape and the variety of birds including the scarlet ibis, a large bright red bird which feeds and nests here and we hope to catch them as they return to their nests at sunset.



Paramaribo, Suriname



Kaieteur Falls



Ile Royale, French Guiana



Iles de Salut



Scarlet Ibis

Day 4 At Sea. Spend a day at sea as we cruise towards the South American coast.

Days 5 to 7 Georgetown, Guyana. We will spend two and a half days in Guyana, South America's only English speaking country. Georgetown was called Longchamps under the French and Stabroek under the Dutch, so it comes as no surprise that the tree-lined streets are a wonderful mix of colonial styles. During our time here we will enjoy a half day city tour which will include St Georges Cathedral, St Andrew's Kirk and the Stabroek Market. Once described as a 'bizarre bazaar', the market offers every conceivable item from household goods and gold jewellery to fresh meat and vegetables brought to town on the river daily. We will also fly to the Kaieteur National Park where the mighty Kaieteur Falls plunge 822 feet to the bottom of a rocky gorge. Five times the height of Niagara Falls, an amazing 30,000 gallons of water per second crashes to the depths below and witnessing this spectacle is an amazing experience. There will also be the opportunity to tour the extensive botanical gardens where we may see many of the resident birds including the blood-coloured woodpecker, pearl kite and red-bellied macaws.

Days 8 & 9 Paramaribo, Suriname. Spend a day and a half in the capital of Suriname, Paramaribo, located on the banks of the Suriname River. The city has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and during our guided tour we will see the many historic colonial buildings and tree-lined avenues. This is a city of many colours and cultures and one of the few places in the world where mosques, Hindu temples, synagogues and Christian churches coexist peacefully side by side. Visit the city's leafy park, Palm Garden which was created in 1682 and is home to more than 1000 palms, the waterfront and Fort Zeelandia, originally named Fort Willoughby by the British in 1651. We will also drive to the Commewijne District just outside of Paramaribo, a beautiful agricultural area of creeks, rivers and former plantations. Here we will take nature walks on the lookout for birds, monkeys and lizards before visiting the museum at Nieuw Amsterdam, an 18th century fort built to protect the city where we can also see the resident giant lilies.

Day 10 Iles de Salut, French Guiana. Today we anchor off the Iles de Salut, an archipelago of three small islands and the site of the infamous French penal colonies. One prisoner, Henri Charrière, described the inhumane treatment and his escape in his autobiography "Papillion". The most notorious of all the islands was the Ile du Diable, or "Devil's Island", where political prisoners including Alfred Dreyfus were held captive. Its rocky boundary and rough waters made it so naturally impregnable that even now it is completely inaccessible to visitors. We will spend the afternoon here

and use our Zodiacs to visit Isle St Joseph or Ile Royale where many of the old prison buildings are still standing such as the guard's quarters, prisoner's cells and hospital.

Day 11 Cayenne. Sail this morning into the capital of French Guiana, Cayenne, a melting pot of French, Asian, African and Brazilian cultures. From our berth we will drive to the Guiana Space Centre, also known as "Europe's Spaceport", which occupies a site of 75,000 hectares and employs more than 1,500 people. The location was chosen by the French Government in 1964, due to its proximity to the equator, and the site is still used for launching satellites and rockets for the European Space Agency. A tour of the site will include the control centre and the nearby space museum.

Day 12 Cayenne to London or Manchester. Disembark this morning and drive to Cayenne where we will explore the historic city and the botanical gardens. After lunch we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight.

Day 13 London or Manchester. Arrive this morning.

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TREASURES OF VIETNAM



An exploration of Vietnam sailing from Ho Chi Minh City to Hong Kong aboard the MS Island Sky with Guest Speaker Michael Buerk

22nd March to 4th April 2026

With more than 2,000 miles of coastline, white-sand beaches, rainforest-covered mountains and fertile deltas crisscrossed by a patchwork of rice paddies and canals, Vietnam is a country of stunning beauty and is ideally explored by sea. Join the MS Island Sky for a journey that may very well change your perception of this long, narrow country hugging the edge of the South China Sea. Rather than merely passing through in the way of idle spectators, you will learn about Vietnam's timeless traditions and meet its resourceful people. In villages and across the countryside, travel back in time while visiting with local residents and observing their daily activities.

Each day of our voyage offers incredible experiences as we take in Vietnam's enchanting beauty and fascinating history journeying north from Ho Chi Minh City to Ha Long Bay before sailing on to Hong Kong. Remnants of Vietnam's poignant history are evident throughout and we will witness how ancient and modern collide during our visits to the bustling cities of Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. From the port city of Da Nang we will glimpse into an ancient past during our visits to Hoi An with its beguiling riverside setting and Hue, the former imperial capital. Vietnam is also a land of rare natural beauty and our itinerary has been designed to visit some of the more tranquil spots away from the hubbub of everyday life. One of the many highlights will be our day spent in beautiful Ha Long Bay, a World Heritage Site known for its emerald green waters and thousands of towering limestone islands, and during our journey along the picturesque Cai River to Vinh Thai Island, we will have the opportunity to experience the more traditional side of Vietnam. Additionally, in Quy Nhon we will learn about the ancient Cham culture and enjoy a private martial art performance.

After much adventure, our voyage will end with a leisurely day at sea as we sail across to Hong Kong allowing for time to catch up with fellow travellers and the onboard team regarding all you have seen and experienced on our Vietnamese odyssey. With the MS Island Sky as our base and travelling with just over 100 fellow passengers, we can enjoy great food, good company, a convivial atmosphere and an expert team which entices travellers to cruise on her time and time again.



East Gate, Purple Forbidden City, Hue



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Ho Chi Minh City. Arrive today and transfer to the MS Island Sky for embarkation. Enjoy the welcome drinks and dinner this evening as we moor overnight.

Day 3 Ho Chi Minh City. After breakfast we will set out to explore Ho Chi Minh City. Once a city devastated by war, it has become a buzzing metropolis but still retains its character through its French colonial architecture, flourishing markets and peaceful temples. We will start the day with a visit to the Reunification Palace, a wonderful example of

1960s architecture and 1970s interior design. The palace has stood still in time since the Communist tanks rolled into Saigon in 1975. From here we continue to the Central Post Office, designed by renowned architect Gustave Eiffel and reminiscent of an early European railway station, and the Notre Dame Cathedral with its neo-Romanesque façade, two bell towers and iron spires. Our final stop of the morning will be the War Remnant Museum. Outside we will see the giant vehicles of war, whilst inside is a more sombre experience with exhibitions about the war and its lasting effects. Lunch today will be a chance to try a selection of Vietnamese dishes at a local restaurant after which we will visit the sacred Jade Emperor Temple, built in the 20th century in honour of the supreme Taoist God. Return to the ship and moor overnight allowing for the opportunity to go ashore and explore this vibrant city in the evening.

Day 4 Ho Chi Minh City. This morning we will delve further into the history of Vietnam. We will begin our tour with a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts, one of the biggest museums in Ho Chi Minh City. Built in 1929 it combines Asian and European architecture and was designed by French architect Mr Rivera. The museum houses an impressive collection of Vietnamese art, dating from the 4th century to the more contemporary. From here we will continue to the History Museum which, built in 1929, is another impressive architectural building and traces the history of Vietnam. While at the museum we will enjoy a private water puppet show. Return to the ship for lunch and set sail for our journey along the Vietnamese coast.

Day 5 Nha Trang. This morning we will head into the countryside to explore life along the river. Leaving Nha Trang behind we will drive along the coconut tree lined coast before boarding a local boat which takes us along the picturesque Cai River to Vinh Thai Island. Here we will see traditional farming and catch a glimpse of agricultural practices that have been passed down through the generations. We will disembark our local boat and visit one of the farms where we will meet the farmer and see his home. Later we continue to a village where we will visit a family that has been making rush



Cho Dam Market, Nha Trang



Ong Nui Pagoda



Notre Dame Cathedral Ho Chi Minh City



Hanoi



Hoi An



Ha Long Bay

mats, a traditional craft for many years. Next we will visit a local market taking in the colourful stalls filled with fresh produce and handmade goods before returning to the ship in the afternoon. Alternatively, spend the morning exploring Nha Trang by pedicab. We will pass by a multitude of sights including the French Gothic style stone church, colonial style houses showing off the city's historic charms, as well as witnessing the daily life of the locals. We will stop at the Dam Market, where there will be time to explore and see the wonderful produce. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. *Please note that we will be at anchor in Nha Trang and we will use the ship's Zodiacs to transfer ashore.*

Day 6 Quy Nohn. This morning we will arrive into the pretty coastal city of Quy Nohn, surrounded by 42 kilometres of coastline and beautiful beaches. Nestled between mountains and rice fields, the city has a rich history and we will discover the heritage of the Champa Kingdom. Our morning tour will start with a visit to the Ong Nui Pagoda, a sacred sanctuary that dates back to 1702 and has the largest sitting Buddha in Southeast Asia. Enjoy the peacefulness of this beautiful setting or those feeling active may wish to climb the 600 steps up to the seated Buddha. From here we will continue to the Thap Doi, or Twin Towers, an architectural marvel built by the Cham people between the 11th and 13th centuries. The red brick towers are intricately carved depicting deities and animals. While here we will have the chance to enjoy a private Binh Dinh martial art performance, renowned for its rich history and diverse techniques. Afterwards, we will continue to the Binh Dinh Museum where, accompanied by an archaeologist and art historian who specialises in the Champa Kingdom, we will learn about the ancient Cham culture and gain a deeper understanding of the region's history. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure to relax or explore the city of Quy Nohn.

Day 7 Da Nang for Hoi An. From our berth in Da Nang we will drive along the coast to the beautiful Old Town of Hoi An which has a history dating back almost 2,000 years. We will stroll through the winding streets and past the traditional houses of this historic trading port that flourished through the

15th to 19th centuries. With merchants coming from China and Japan the architecture has a uniqueness to it and we will visit the old house of Tan Ky, a 19th century merchant house which is wonderfully preserved. We will also see the elegant architecture of the Fukien Assembly Hall. From here we will take a peaceful boat ride along the Thu Bon River, watching fishermen work and daily life of the locals. We will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant followed by some free time to explore at leisure before returning to Da Nang.

Day 8 Da Nang for Hue. There will be a choice of tours today. Choose to visit the Imperial city of Hue where our explorations start at the Imperial citadel, the seat from which the Nguyen Dynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945. We will continue to the Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest religious monuments in Hue before taking a boat ride along the Perfume River, admiring the beautiful scenery as we make our way back to the city for lunch. Our final stop before returning to the ship will be the Khai Dinh mausoleum which reflects the increasing European style on his reign from 1916-1925. Alternatively, explore Da Nang starting with a visit to the Linh Ung Pagoda, with its unique Lady Buddha statue. Continue on to the Cham Museum, which has the finest collection of Cham sculptures in the world, and to the beautiful Marble Mountains, which were a Hindu sanctuary and later dedicated to Buddha and Confucius. Our final stop will be Non-Nuoc which served as a rest and relaxation area for the US soldiers during the Vietnam war; enjoy a refreshment here whilst taking in the beautiful scenery before returning to the ship for lunch.

Day 9 At Sea. Enjoy a relaxing day at sea as we sail north.

Day 10 Hai Phong for Hanoi. From the port of Hai Phong we will head inland to the small elegant capital city of Hanoi. Often called the 'Paris of the Orient', the city's broad tree-lined boulevards, lakes and parks, beautiful villas and temples all reflect a blend of Indo-Chinese and French colonial influences. Our tour will start with a visit to the Mausoleum of former President Ho Chi Minh and from here we will view his humble home and

the 11th century One Pillar Pagoda. Also visit the Temple of Literature, a beautiful 11th century Confucian temple renowned as Hanoi's first university, which educated the royal family and Vietnam's elite society. After lunch at a local restaurant we will visit the Hoa Lo Prison, historically used to detain political prisoners by the French and later dubbed the 'Hanoi Hilton' by US prisoners of war during the Vietnam War. We will take a walking tour through the old quarter of Hanoi, a maze of narrow 15th century streets, each named after the trade that was practiced there, such as 'Silk Street' or 'Rice Street'. Alternatively, there will be an option to explore the charming historic old quarter of Hai Phong. We will start with a panoramic drive along the Delta before visiting the local market that is over 100 years old and the neo-classical Opera House which dates from 1904 and wonderfully reflects the city's French colonial heritage. We will then visit the Du Hang Pagoda, a 300 year old Buddhist temple that has maintained its traditional Vietnamese architecture before we finish our morning at a local café before returning to the ship for lunch.

Day 11 Ha Long Bay. Today we explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ha Long Bay. This beautiful bay filled with its towering limestone pillars and tiny islets topped by forests rising out of the emerald waters is a sight to behold. We have a choice of tours today, the first being a cruise around Ha Long Bay on a junk boat, a traditional Vietnamese wooden boat. We will cruise around the bay, taking in the beautiful views and watching local fishermen at work as we learn of the history of the area from our guide. Along the way we will stop at the Thien Cung Caves, a place full of myth and geological beauty. We will walk through the caves along a pathway, taking in its vastness, stalactites hanging like chandeliers as well as the various rock formations. Back on board our junk we will enjoy lunch as we continue to sail passing islets and limestone karsts. Alternatively, we will offer a visit and hike to Cat Ba Island. The largest island in Ha Long Bay, this rugged jungle-clad island is relatively untouched and a beautiful place to explore. Boarding a local boat, we will sail the short distance to Cat Ba National Park and hike along a jungle trail towards the peak of Ngu Lam. Along the way we may see some of the 1,500 species of plants or 282 species of animals that call the National Park home. At the peak we will have wonderful views of the island and the bay. Following the hike we will continue to the Hospital Cave, which served as a hospital and bomb shelter during the Vietnam War. After lunch at a local restaurant we will return to the MS Island Sky.

Day 12 At Sea. Spend the day at sea, join a lecture in the lounge and relax on deck.

Day 13 Hong Kong to London. We arrive in Hong Kong this morning. Disembark and enjoy a tour of Hong Kong with lunch before transferring to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 14 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£8395	£8095
Columbus	Superior	£8795	£8495
Marco Polo	Premium	£8995	£8695
Marco Polo	Corner	£9495	£9195
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£10595	£10295
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£10895	£10595
Explorer	Island Suite	£11495	£11195
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£9395	£9095
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£9795	£9495

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Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-cruise Cambodia Extension 18th to 23rd March 2026



Royal Palace, Phnom Penh

If you would like to spend some time in Cambodia before embarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering the opportunity to join a four night extension.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Phnom Penh. Arrive in Phnom Penh this afternoon and transfer to the hotel for our two night stay. Meet your fellow travellers for dinner this evening. (D)

Day 3 Phnom Penh. Today we will explore the long and turbulent history of Cambodia with a city tour of Phnom Penh. We will start at the Royal Palace, a striking structure along the riverfront with classic Khmer roofs and ornate gilding, and we then visit the National Museum. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will learn about Cambodia's more recent history with a visit to Tuol Sleng, the Genocide Museum, housed in a high school that was taken over by Pol Pot's security forces and turned into a prison. This sobering museum tells the story of the crimes of the Khmer Rouge. After our visit we will drive out of the city to the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek. We return to the hotel in the late afternoon for an evening at leisure. Perhaps walk down to the waterfront for a drink at the Foreign Correspondents Club or to enjoy some delicious Khmer cuisine. (B, L)

Day 4 Phnom Penh to Siem Reap. This morning we transfer to the airport for our short flight to Siem Reap, the gateway to the temples of Angkor. On arrival we will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before we enter the Angkor Wat complex to visit the iconic and majestic temple of Angkor Wat. This Khmer architectural gem is the largest religious building in the world and the perfect blend of symbolism and symmetry. Exploring with our guide we will learn about the history of the Khmer Kingdom and Angkor Wat. After our visit we will transfer to the hotel for our two night stay. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Siem Reap. Today we will visit the Angkor Thom complex. Angkor Thom was the last capital of the Khmer Kingdom and, although its many wooden structures have long perished, the remaining stone monuments testify to the size and wealth of the city. At the heart of the city is the 12th century Bayon, a mesmerising temple to Jayavarman VII. It has 54 towers decorated with 216 giant smiling faces. We will also visit Ta Prohm, its crumbling towers and walls are locked in place by a vast root system. After lunch in a local restaurant we will visit the Satcha Project centre which aims to preserve traditional craft skills. There will also be a chance to explore the Old Market before returning to the hotel. This evening we will have dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Fly this morning to Ho Chi Minh City. Enjoy lunch on arrival before transferring to the MS Island Sky. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£2195**; Single: **£2595**

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, two nights hotel accommodation in Phnom Penh, two nights hotel accommodation in Siem Reap, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), drinks with meals, tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.
Not Included: Travel insurance, Cambodian visa.



ISLAND HOPPING IN THE CANARY & CAPE VERDE ISLANDS

Discover the Atlantic Archipelagos aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

31st March to 10th April 2026

Join us aboard the MS Hebridean Sky for this wonderful island hopping itinerary visiting the diverse islands of the Atlantic with their mountainous landscapes, intriguing topography, lunar like landscapes, verdant pine forests and stunning national parks. We will begin our exploration in the remote and intriguing Cape Verde archipelago whose islands have been used by mariners as a staging post through the ages and there is no better way to explore their dramatic beauty and cultural vibrancy than by small ship. Each island is a little world of its own; some are arid and flat with extraordinary beaches and sand dunes whilst others by contrast are more mountainous and lush.

After a relaxing two days at sea we arrive in our next island group, the Canary Islands, an archipelago consisting of seven main islands that are formed from the tips of a vast volcanic mountain range that lies beneath the Atlantic Ocean. We have three days here during which time we will visit three of the lesser known islands: La Palma, El Hierro and La Gomera where we can enjoy nature at its very best. These volcanic islands impress with their unique flora and fauna and boast rugged, rocky landscapes, evergreen cloud forests, metre-high ferns and bizarre-looking dragon trees.

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



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Praia, Sao Tiago, Cape Verde. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive late tonight and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky for embarkation. Moor overnight.

Day 2 Praia. Today we explore the historic capital of Praia on the island of Sao Tiago. Praia has a wonderful African feel and we will visit Cidade Velha, the old Portuguese capital with a rich history which was once the centre of the slave trade. See the fort and cathedral which dominate the narrow, cobbled lanes and stone houses. Enjoy a traditional performance of Batuco dance before we continue into the green interior, climbing the steep mountains and enjoying the colours as we make our way to Rui Vaz where we enjoy a lunch of local produce in the shadow of Pico da Antonia. We will see local farms and drive past the only water dam in Cape Verde before returning to the ship where we moor overnight.

Day 3 Sao Nicolau. Sao Nicolau is a charming, peaceful and attractive island of plantations, small holdings and busy farming villages. It also has impressive, almost untouched mountain scenery, friendly residents and lively traditions. On our tour we will drive through a spectacular landscape towards the historical capital Ribeira Brava. Here we will discover the lively centre of the island which reflects the character of the people and learn why Ribeira Brava was the bedrock of Cape Verdean intellect in the 19th century. After lunch enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Day 4 Porto Novo, Sao Antao. We have a full day on the most beautiful of the islands, Sao Antao. Driving up the old trading route, we pass the volcanic crater 'Cova' with its agricultural plantations and enjoy panoramic views of the island before arriving in the tiny, picturesque mountain village of Fontainhas, on the northern side of the island. After lunch in the seaside village of Ponta do Sol, we will take the coastal road towards the greenest valley in the archipelago, the valley of Paul. Here we will enjoy a coffee break whilst learning about the production of sugarcane on the island. Also discover 'Grogue', the national drink of the islands and have a taste of it at the oldest traditional Grogue distillery on the island. Drive back along the coast to the southern side of the island and our waiting ship. This evening we sail the short distance to Mindelo where we moor overnight.

Day 5 Mindelo, Sao Vicente. Enjoy a full day in Mindelo, one of the most attractive of all the Cape Verde towns with its colonial buildings, cobbled streets, cafes and lively restaurants. Depart on a morning discovery tour of the lively markets and the secret corners of the harbour town followed by a coffee break in a typical Cape Verdean bar. The afternoon is free to further explore the vibrant town independently before we will be entertained by local music and capoeira on board. Sail this evening.

Days 6 & 7 At Sea. Spend a couple of leisurely days on board as we cruise to the Canary Islands. Find a spot on deck to relax or join our lecture programme that will continue in the lounge.

Day 8 La Palma, Canary Islands. La Palma is known by locals as the 'Beautiful Island', and it is easy to see why. It is a simply stunning, peaceful and most importantly an un-spoilt destination that has deservedly been declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve. This afternoon there will be a choice of excursions. You may wish to join the tour to Caldera de Taburiente, a massive eight kilometre wide depression which scientists agree was a majestically tall volcanic mountain that collapsed in on itself. Explore on foot and whilst all may seem stoic and still, the forces of erosion are hard at work and some geologists estimate that it will finally disappear in just 5,000 years. Alternatively, take a drive to visit Los Tilos Forest, nestled between colossal mountains, it is one of the few surviving Laurisilva forests on the planet. Continue to the charming town of



Tarrafal beach, Santiago Island

San Andres where we will visit the El Tendam Museum and learn more about the island and its history. Before returning to the ship enjoy a tasting at the Rum Factory. Finally for those who would prefer a more energetic excursion there will be a guided trek on offer through the El Pilar area; see remains of volcanic eruptions, the magnificent views of the Valley of Aridane and the crater wall that surrounds the Taburiente National Park.

Day 9 El Hierro. Probably the least known of the Canary Islands, and once considered to be the end of the world, El Hierro is unique and utterly captivating. This morning is free to explore the town or relax on board. This afternoon we explore the island and it will be impossible not to be entranced by the island's slow pace and simple style; by its craggy coast, where waves hurl themselves against lava sculpted rock faces; by the pretty farmland and flower meadows of the interior; by the eerily beautiful juniper groves; and by the desolate volcanic badlands that stretch out like moonscapes in the south. We will also have the opportunity to sample some of El Hierro's local wine and visit the lizard house where the island's unique giant lizards are bred; near extinction, they are protected by international law. Alternatively, opt for the La Llanía hiking excursion which will take us through primeval forests, along ancient cisterns and mythical witches dance floors to El Hierro's top viewing point affording spectacular views of the western parts of the island.

Day 10 La Gomera. Arrive this morning on beautiful and unspoilt La Gomera. On a full day tour we will explore the island including Garajonay National Park, home to the world's only surviving laurel forest and visit the villages of Hermigua, Agulo and Las Rosas followed by lunch in a local restaurant. Before returning to the ship experience a demonstration of Silbo Gomero, the island's unique whistling language, and visit the magnificent rock formations of Agando. Alternatively, you may wish to join a morning guided trek through the Garajonay National Park commencing in the village of El Cedro which offers some interesting examples of Canarias architecture.

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



PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£7495	£6995
Byrd	Superior	£7595	£7095
Mawson	Premium	£7695	£7195
Mawson	Corner	£7995	£7495
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£8995	£8495
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£9495	£8995
Shackleton	Hebridean	£9995	£9495
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£8495	£7995
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£8595	£8095

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Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-cruise Estoril Extension 28th to 31st March 2026

For those who would like to spend some time in Portugal prior to embarking the MS Hebridean Sky, we have arranged a three night extension at the beautiful Palacio Estoril Hotel, located a short distance from Lisbon.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Estoril, Portugal. Fly by scheduled flight to Lisbon. On arrival this afternoon transfer to the Palacio Estoril Hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. We will meet tonight for dinner. (D)

Day 2 Lisbon. Set on seven hills on the banks of the River Tagus, Lisbon has been the capital of Portugal since the 13th century. During our panoramic tour we will see the Monument to the Discoveries, Belem Tower and visit the famous Jeronimos Monastery. Return to the hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3 Sintra. This morning we will drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sintra where we will visit Sintra National Palace, famous for its magnificent painted ceilings. Later enjoy some free time to explore the town which still retains much of its Medieval layout before driving back to the hotel. (B)

Day 4 Estoril to Praia, Cape Verde. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to Cape Verde. On arrival we transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and embark. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

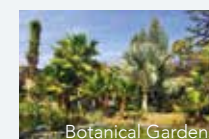
Twin: £995; Single: £1395

Price Includes: Three nights accommodation in a classic room at the Palacio Estoril Hotel, tours as described, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Tenerife Extension 10th to 12th April 2026

After our cruise we are offering the opportunity to join a two night hotel stay on the island of Tenerife staying at the Hotel Botanico.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Tenerife, Canary Islands. Disembark after breakfast and enjoy a morning tour to explore the beautiful gardens of Tenerife. We will visit the Botanical Gardens and the Orchid Garden, with its abundance of colourful plants, shrubs and trees. After lunch in a local restaurant we will transfer to the hotel. (B, L)

Day 2 Tenerife. Today is at leisure to relax in the hotel or explore the local area at your own pace. (B)

Day 3 Tenerife to London. After breakfast in the hotel we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £795; Single: £995

Price Includes: Two nights accommodation at Hotel Botanico, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch), tours as described, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

ISLANDS OF THE EAST CHINA SEA

An island hopping voyage from Hong Kong to Kobe aboard the MS Island Sky

2nd to 17th April 2026

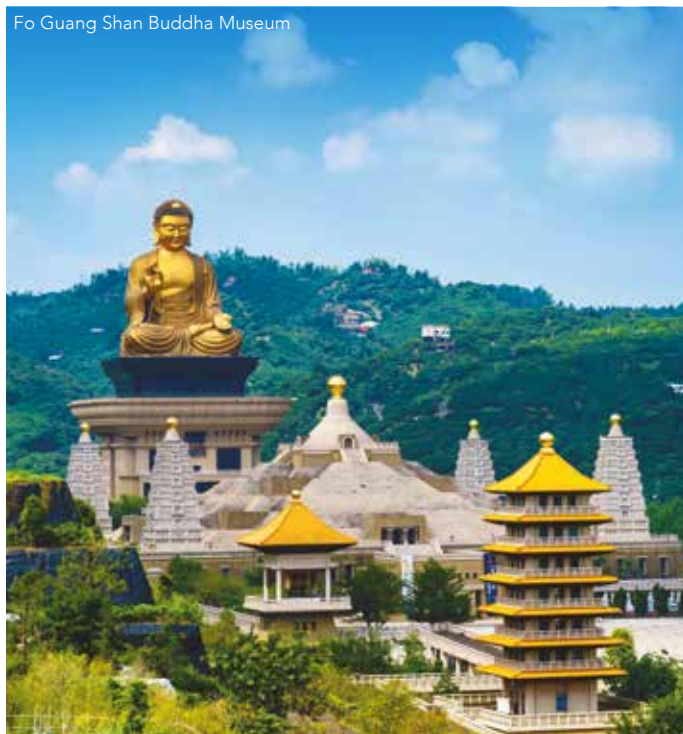
Here is a unique voyage offering the opportunity to visit little known and remote regions that are well away from the usual cruise routes in the Far East. Setting sail from the vibrant city of Hong Kong to Taiwan, we will explore this culturally alluring country with its blend of tradition and technology before we continue on to the islands of Japan which form an archipelago stretching some 500 miles bordered by the East China Sea and Pacific Ocean. Cruising amongst these delightful outpost islands which are probably best described as Japan's Outer Hebrides, offers an altogether different experience from Japan's mainland.

Taiwan, a relatively unexplored treasure in the Far East offers breathtaking scenery and a remarkable diversity for an island of its size. During our exploration, we will discover Tainan, Taiwan's oldest city where tradition lives on, and the ultra modern capital, Taipei which is an interesting place to learn more about the Japanese colonial period and the more recent era of Chiang Kai Shek. Whilst in Taiwan we also have a day to explore one of the country's natural wonders, the spectacular Taroko Gorge National Park. Sailing on to Japan, we reach the southernmost inhabited islands which are home to idyllic beaches, crystal clear waters and an abundance of natural wonders. Largely unspoilt, we will enjoy three days cruising amongst these delightful outposts including the Yaeyama and Amami islands. Then on to Yakushima Island which is a world away from the hustle and bustle of Japan's megacities with its towering mountains and ancient forest and here we can enjoy nature at its very best whilst on guided walks to appreciate the diverse fauna including the impressive old cedars. Finally, we reach Japan's mainland for an altogether different experience where we will visit Uwajima to learn about pearl cultivation and spend time in the iconic gardens of Koraku-en.

This unusual itinerary will appeal to those who have perhaps visited Japan's mainland and would now like to explore her islands combined with the treasures of Taiwan, or those simply looking for something different, combining explorations of the natural world with a look at the culture of the region visiting a number of ports which are off the usual cruise route. All this will be achieved with great ease sailing aboard the MS Island Sky and in the company of just over 100 fellow like-minded passengers, our expert Guest Speaker and Japanese guides who will bring to life all that we see and experience.



Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Hong Kong. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Hong Kong. Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we sail this evening.

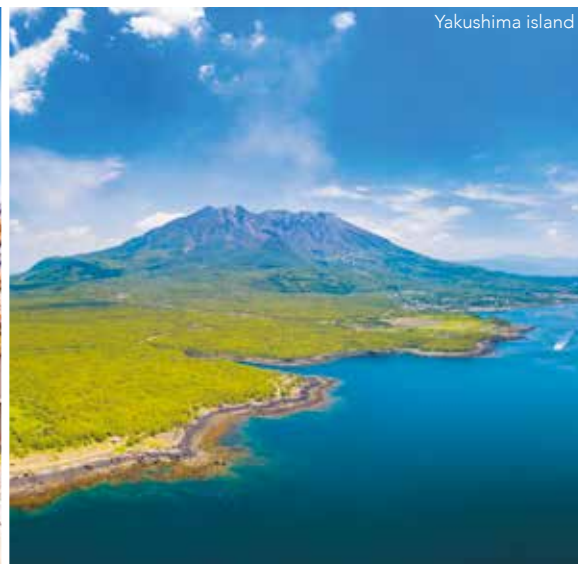
Day 3 At Sea. Spend a relaxing day at sea as we sail towards Taiwan.

Day 4 Tainan, Taiwan. This morning we arrive at our first port of call in Taiwan, the southern city of Kaohsiung which is our base for our excursion to nearby Tainan, the former capital of Taiwan. During our tour we will see the Chikan Tower, built by the Dutch in 1653 as an administrative centre, and the Koxinga Shrine dedicated to General Chenggong. We will continue to the beautiful Confucius Temple which is over three hundred years old and played a key role in education and is now a venue for cultural festivals and events. This afternoon we will drive to the Fo Guang Shan Buddha Museum which covers over 100 hectares and is home to the 108 metre high bronze Buddha, the largest seated bronze Buddha in Asia. The museum houses a number of permanent exhibitions about the life of Buddha, Buddhist festivals and relics. We will enjoy lunch here before exploring this impressive site.

Day 5 Penghu Islands. Staying in the Taiwan Straits we visit the Penghu archipelago made up of 64 islands of which only 20 are inhabited. We will base ourselves in the historic capital of Magong where we find an array of historical buildings and temples. See the 16th century Queen of Heaven Temple (Mazu Temple) which is Taiwan's oldest and finest temple and is classified as the first grade relic. Whilst on Zhongyang Street, one of the oldest in the islands, we



Lungshan Temple



Yakushima island



Amami jay



Kariba Bay



Queen of Heaven temple, Penghu

will hear about the “Four-eyed well”. Return to the MS Island Sky for lunch and this afternoon we will continue to explore the island.

Day 6 Taichung. From our berth in Taichung we have a choice of tours. Choose from a full day tour inland to the Sun Moon Lake, the largest lake in Taiwan and so named as the eastern part of the lake is round like the sun and the western side is shaped like a crescent moon. Its crystalline, emerald green waters reflect the hills and mountains which rise on all sides and provide one of Taiwan’s most mesmerising landscapes. We will spend time on the lake and also visit one of the temples on the banks before enjoying lunch. We return to the ship via the Chung Tai Chun Monastery, a lavish monument to Chan Buddhism which has fused ancient traditions with modern architecture. Alternatively, join a half day tour to Lukang, one of Taiwan’s oldest port towns which was used as a major harbour by Dutch traders in the 17th century. We will see the 17th century Lungshan Temple, one of the best preserved in Taiwan, whilst in Old Street we can see the historic buildings or purchase some of the rare handicrafts produced here. Return to the ship for lunch and a free afternoon in Taichung.

Day 7 Keelung for Taipei. After breakfast we will travel by coach to Taiwan’s capital, Taipei. We will delve into the history and heritage of Taiwan and explore how Taipei fuses the past with modernity. We begin our exploration at the National Palace Museum which houses over 600,000 priceless treasures of Chinese art, many dating back almost 5,000 years. Many of the items were removed from the Forbidden Place before the Communist revolution. From here we will visit the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, which pays tribute to the former President of Taiwan. Lunch will be at a local restaurant where we will enjoy a range of dishes including dumplings. Later we will ride the lift to the 89th floor of the Taipei 101 building for panoramic views of the city and after some time at leisure will return to the ship.

Day 8 Hualien. From our berth in Hualien we will enjoy a full day tour of the Taroko Gorge National Park. Taroko means “magnificent and beautiful” in the local Truku language, and it is clear to see why the name was used. The gorge itself stretches for 20 kilometres with marble cliffs rising hundreds of metres above the Liwu River. We will see the Swallow Grotto and the Tunnel of Nine Turns, a 1.9 kilometre path cut into the cliffs following the route of the original tracks along the gorge and the Changuang Temple, a Buddhist monastery with commanding views of the river. Enjoy a local lunch before returning to the ship later in the afternoon.

Day 9 Ishigaki, Japan. Our first call in Japan will be at the Yaeyama Islands, a cluster of coral reefs and forested mountains. This morning, from our base in Ishigaki we will explore the island. Our tour will start with a visit to the Yoneko-Yaki Pottery to learn about the craft of making the famous Shisa – half dog, half lion statuettes, typically sold in pairs. From here we will drive along the scenic roads to Ishigaki Yaima Village. We will explore this open-air museum that has preserved traditional Japanese houses. Located in the forests, keep an eye out for the local wildlife such as squirrel monkeys. There will also be a chance to walk through the mangroves along the boardwalk and see the unique flora and fauna. Later, after lunch on board, we will take in more of the island with a visit to the Tamatoizaki Cape, where from the observatory there are wonderful views of the Hirakubo Peninsula and the sea of Ishigaki. We will continue to Kariba Park located on Kariba Bay, taking in the stunning views while exploring the shrines and statues that decorate the park. Our final stop will be the Yaesen Brewery which produces awamori, a sake-like Okinawan spirit.

Day 10 At Sea. Enjoy a day at sea with time to relax on deck and join the lecture programme in the lounge.

Day 11 Naze, Amami Oshima. Today we arrive on Amami Oshima, a natural sub-tropical paradise situated in the Amami Islands and surrounded by transparent waters, brightly coloured coral reefs and tropical fish. The island is almost entirely covered in forest and mangrove and offers fantastic bird watching and wildlife sightings. We have the day to explore and will visit the Nature Observation Park where we can walk through the forest and hope to see the Amami jay, ruddy kingfisher, Ryukyu akashobin, butterflies and possibly the rare black hare. We will also see local industry and watch the process of making tsumugi and kasuri silk-cotton fabrics, used for making kimonos, at the Oshima Tsumugi Village, a craft complex in a beautiful hillside setting amongst flowers. Many of the local plants are used in dyeing. In the afternoon we will visit the Amami Park which focuses on the artist Tanaka Isson with a museum of his works which depict the natural beauty and life of Amami.

Day 12 Miyanoura, Yakushima. Today we spend the morning on the island of Yakushima which became Japan's first World Heritage Site in 1993. Yakushima is famous in botanical circles for many great garden plants, including dwarf plants that have evolved to grow smaller than their mainland cousins. We will spend time here on nature walks, including Yakusugi Land, a nature park populated by a number of the island's ancient cedar trees. Return to the ship for lunch and spend an afternoon at sea.

Day 13 Uwajima. Arrive this morning in Uwajima, situated deep inside the saw-toothed coast of Uwajima Bay. Today there is a choice of morning tours; Uwajima is the nation's largest pearl cultivation centre and you can learn the process of cultivating and sorting pearls on a visit to a pearl farm before continuing on to Tensha-en Garden which is a typical example of a Japanese garden built during the Samurai era. Alternatively, explore the ancient Uwajima Castle and Tensha-en Garden. The afternoon is at leisure to relax on board or explore further independently.

Day 14 Uno-Ko. From the port of Uno-Ko we will visit one of Japan's most famed gardens, Koraku-en, which translates as "Garden of pleasure after". This 17th century formal garden has 28 acres of walking trails, ponds, plum and cherry trees, and a classic teahouse where we will experience a traditional tea ceremony. After a Japanese lunch in a local restaurant, we will continue to Kurashiki where we explore the old merchant quarter and its fine 17th century wooden warehouses painted white with traditional black tiles, along a canal framed with weeping willows and filled with koi. There is also a chance to visit the Ohara Museum of Art which includes rare works by Matisse, Picasso and Renoir as well as collections from Japan's Mingei movement including ceramics by Hamada Shoji.

Day 15 Kobe. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Day 16 London. Arrive this morning.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£10495	£9995
Columbus	Superior	£10895	£10395
Marco Polo	Premium	£11195	£10695
Marco Polo	Corner	£11595	£11095
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£12795	£12295
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£13295	£12795
Explorer	Island Suite	£13995	£13495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£12495	£11995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£12895	£12395

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • 13 nights aboard the MS Island Sky on a full board basis • House wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch & dinner • Noble Caledonia onboard team including Guest Speaker • Shore excursions • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes • Port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-cruise Hong Kong Extension 31st March to 3rd April 2026

If you would like to spend some time in Hong Kong before embarking the MS Island Sky, we are offering the opportunity to join a two night extension.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Hong Kong. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Hong Kong. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the hotel for our two night stay. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (D)

Day 3 Hong Kong. Today we will explore the highlights of Hong Kong including riding the Peak Tram up Victoria Peak for wonderful views of the city. We will also board a sampan and experience life on the water and after a local lunch will visit Stanley and Kowloon. Enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 4 Hong Kong. Enjoy a leisurely morning. After lunch in a local restaurant we will transfer to the MS Island Sky. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£995**; Single: **£1195**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Hong Kong, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Kyoto Extension 16th to 19th April 2026

If you would like to spend some time in Kyoto and discover the city of Nara, we are offering a two night extension.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Kobe to Nara & Kyoto, Japan. Disembark this morning and we will drive to Nara. During the 8th century Nara was Japan's capital for 74 years and many of the temples and shrines from this era still remain. We will see the Todaiji Temple and Kasuga Shrine before taking lunch in a local restaurant. Afterwards we continue our journey to Kyoto and check into our hotel. (B, L)

Day 2 Kyoto. After breakfast at the hotel discover Kyoto, Japan's former historic capital and Emperor's home for nearly 1,000 years. A morning tour will include the Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) and the Ryoanji Temple which is the site of one of Japan's famous rock gardens. After our visit return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Kyoto. Check out after breakfast and transfer to Osaka airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

Day 4 Kyoto to London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1245**; Single: **£1595**

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Kyoto, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch), tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.



ATLANTIC ARCHIPELAGOS

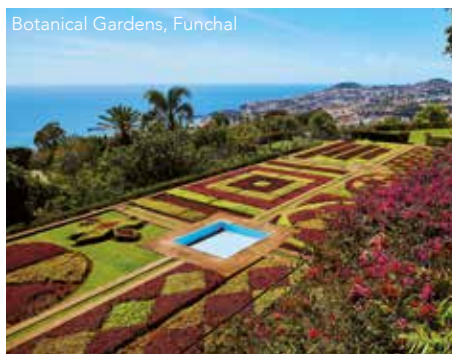
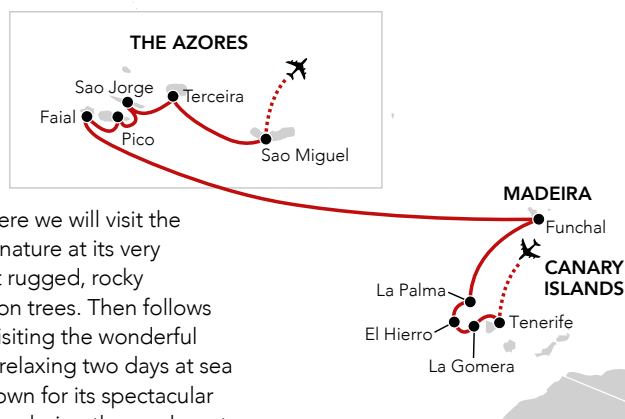
Discover the Canary Islands, Madeira & the Azores aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

10th to 23rd April 2026

Join us aboard the MS Hebridean Sky for this wonderful island hopping itinerary visiting the diverse islands of the Atlantic with their mountains, intriguing topography, lunar like landscapes, verdant pine forests and stunning national parks. We have chosen an ideal time of year for our voyage and can expect gardens and scenery awash with blossoms and moderate temperatures with the absence of high season crowds.

We will begin our exploration in the Canary Islands and during our three days here we will visit the lesser known islands of La Gomera, El Hierro and La Palma where we can enjoy nature at its very best. These volcanic islands impress with their unique flora and fauna and boast rugged, rocky landscapes, evergreen cloud forests, metre-high ferns and bizarre-looking dragon trees. Then follows time on the delightful island of Madeira, the "floating garden in the Atlantic", visiting the wonderful gardens and experiencing the breathtakingly beautiful scenery on offer. After a relaxing two days at sea we then arrive in the Azores, some 800 miles from the Portuguese coast and known for its spectacular volcanic scenery, abundant flora and peaceful lifestyle. We will spend five days exploring the raw beauty and cultural vibrancy of this remote and unsophisticated archipelago whose appeal is difficult to define in words.

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



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Tenerife, Canary Islands. Fly by scheduled flight. Upon arrival transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky for embarkation. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we set sail this evening.

Day 2 La Gomera & El Hierro. Arrive this morning on beautiful and unspoilt La Gomera. On a full day tour we will explore the island including Garajonay National Park, home to the world's only surviving laurel forest and visit the villages of Hermigua, Agulo and Las Rosas followed by lunch in a local restaurant. Before returning to the ship experience a demonstration of Silbo Gomero, the island's unique whistling language, and visit the magnificent rock formations of Agando. Alternatively, you may wish to join a morning guided trek through the Garajonay National Park commencing in the village of El Cedro which offers some interesting examples of the architecture of the Canary Islands. Set sail during dinner as we make our way to El Hierro where we will moor overnight.

Day 3 El Hierro. Probably the least known of the Canary Islands, and once considered to be the end of the world, El Hierro is unique and utterly captivating. This morning is free to explore the town or relax on board. This afternoon we explore the island and it will be impossible not to be entranced by the island's slow pace and simple style; by its craggy coast, where waves hurl themselves against lava sculpted rock faces; by the pretty farmland and flower

meadows of the interior; by the eerily beautiful juniper groves; and by the desolate volcanic badlands that stretch out like moonscapes in the south. We will also have the opportunity to sample some of El Hierro's local wines and visit the lizard house where the island's unique giant lizards are bred; near extinction, they are protected by international law. Alternatively, opt for the La Llanía hiking excursion which will take us through primeval forests, along ancient cisterns and mythical witches dance floors to El Hierro's top viewing point affording spectacular views of the western parts of the island.

Day 4 La Palma. La Palma is known by locals as the 'Beautiful Island', and it is easy to see why. It is a simply stunning, peaceful and most importantly an un-spoilt destination that has deservedly been declared a UNESCO biosphere reserve. This morning drive inland to the beautiful village of El Paso and visit the Silk Museum. This is the only place in Europe where the 500-year-old tradition and processes have been preserved. From here we will continue onto the Caldera de Taburiente, a massive depression eight kilometres wide which scientists agree was a majestically tall volcanic mountain that collapsed in on itself. Explore on foot and whilst all may seem stoic and still, the forces of erosion are hard at work and some geologists estimate that it will finally disappear in just 5,000 years. Alternatively, for those who would prefer a more energetic excursion there will be a guided trek on offer through the El Pilar

area; see remains of volcanic eruptions, the magnificent views of the Valley of Aridane and the crater wall that surrounds the Taburiente National Park. Return to the ship for lunch and set sail for Madeira.

Days 5 & 6 Funchal, Madeira. Spend the morning at sea and during lunch arrive into the island of Madeira. Over the next day and a half there will be a choice of excursions, including a beautiful panoramic exploration of the western part of the island taking in Ribera Brava and Porto Moniz. There will also be the opportunity to visit the Botanical Garden which covers an area of over 35,000 square metres and has more than 2,000 exotic plants from all continents, some of which are endangered species. This fantastic garden has several ornamental trees and shrubs, an orchid area, lawns, and lovely viewpoints. Those feeling more active may wish to join a Levada walk. Levada are irrigation channels that were created by the Portuguese settlers in the 19th century, who painstakingly carved them out of the rock by hand. Designed to carry freshwater from the north to the drier southern regions of the island, they helped to create many of the lush landscapes that can be seen today. The walk will follow the course of 'levadas' for over three miles, seeing the verdant plants, mountain views and green farmland that cover Madeira.

Days 7 & 8 At Sea. Spend the next two days at sea as we sail towards the Azores. Our lecture programme will continue in the lounge or maybe find a spot on deck to relax.

Day 9 Faial, Azores. Our day begins with an island drive where we explore the fairly recent volcanic activity at Ponta dos Capelinhos. See how a 1957-1958 volcanic eruption transformed the area and created a new land mass. Visit the Volcano Interpretation Centre before continuing to the impressive caldera, now a nature reserve, which is 400 metres deep and nearly 1,500 metres in diameter. This afternoon a walking tour of Horta will include the Scrimshaw Museum and Café Peter, a famous stopping point for sailors crossing the Atlantic.

Day 10 Pico. Explore distinctive Pico, home to Portugal's highest peak and numerous black lava flows. The UNESCO-designated Lajido Acros tells the story of early winemakers who used the volcanic soil for the grapes and we will enjoy a tasting of the local product during a visit to a vineyard. After a typical Azorean lunch we will learn about whaling life in the Azores at the Museum of Lajes returning to the ship via the Lagoa do Capitao offering views over the north of the island.

Day 11 Sao Jorge. This largely rural island is of geographical interest with its cliff shoreline marked with flat fajás sweeping to the sea. We start our full day tour on the western part of the island, Ponta dos Rosais, visiting a Forest Park and cheese factory. As we move to the north we enjoy the view over the Fajas, an area of flat land at sea level resulting from the erosion of cliffs. Travelling onwards to the south side towards Calheta, we will stop for lunch at a local restaurant before continuing on to Urzelina to visit the remaining tower of a church buried under lava from the eruption of 1808. Now it is surrounded by fruit trees and vegetation. Upon our return to Velas we will take a walking tour of this charming old-world harbour town.

Day 12 Terceira. This morning explore Angra do Heroismo, a charming UNESCO heritage town with a distinct Mediterranean flavour of cobblestone streets and a certain quiet charm. Enjoy a walking tour that takes in the Misericórdia Church, Convent do Sao Francisco, public gardens and museum. In the afternoon there will be free time to hike to Monte Brasil, offering wonderful views over the island, or alternatively relax and wander around the historic town at your own pace.

Day 13 Sao Miguel. Enjoy a full day exploring the island of Sao Miguel, known as Ilha Verde, the green island is home to some of the most stunning viewpoints in the Azores. This morning we head west towards the Sete Cidades volcano from where we can enjoy excellent views over the Lagos de Canários. We will continue our drive along the attractive northern coast before arriving in the Furnas Valley, an enormous valley and luxuriant garden in the east of the island where we enjoy lunch. We will also visit the village of Furnas and the botanical gardens before returning to the ship and sailing this evening. For the keen hikers, weather permitting, we will arrange to walk the trail in Sete Cidades.

Day 14 Sao Miguel to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our indirect scheduled flight to London.

Pre-cruise Tenerife Extension 8th to 10th April 2026



Botanical Gardens

Before our cruise we are offering the opportunity to join a two night hotel stay on the island of Tenerife staying at the Hotel Botanico.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Tenerife, Canary Islands. Fly by scheduled flight. Upon arrival transfer to the Hotel Botanico for our two night stay. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure.

Day 2 Tenerife. Your day is at leisure to relax in the hotel or maybe explore the local area at your own pace. (B)

Day 3 Tenerife. Check out after breakfast and enjoy a morning tour to explore the beautiful gardens of Tenerife. We will start with a visit to the Botanical Gardens which were founded by Charles III of Spain in 1788. From here we will visit the Orchid Gardens which are abundant with colour and tranquility. After lunch in a local restaurant we transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky. (B, L)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£795**; Single: **£995**

Price Includes: Two nights accommodation at Hotel Botanico, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch), tours as described, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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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	£10995	£10495
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£8495	£7995
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ISLAND HOPPING IN THE AZORES

A nine night voyage around the Azores Archipelago aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

23rd April to 2nd May & 2nd to 11th May 2026

Far out in the Atlantic, some 800 miles from the Portuguese coast, the nine islands of the Azores are known for their spectacular volcanic scenery, abundant flora and peaceful lifestyle. The appeal of this remote and unsophisticated archipelago is difficult to define in words, but if you appreciate dramatic scenery, exploring islands where time appears to be standing still, watching for passing whales and learning about the local people and their customs, then this could be the voyage for you. The islands are also perfect for walking enthusiasts with paths through verdant mountain landscapes and we have included some hiking opportunities which, weather permitting, will be a joy for the keen walkers in our group.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Sao Miguel, Azores. Fly by scheduled indirect flight. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky for embarkation. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 2 Sao Miguel. Enjoy a full day exploring the island of Sao Miguel, known as Ilha Verde, the green island and home to some of the most stunning viewpoints in the Azores. This morning we head west towards the Sete Cidades volcano from where we can enjoy excellent views over the Lagos de Canarios. We will continue our drive along the attractive northern coast before arriving in the Furnas Valley, an enormous valley and luxuriant garden in the east of the island where we enjoy lunch. We will also visit the village of Furnas and the botanical gardens before returning to the ship and sailing this evening. For the keen hikers, if weather permits, we will arrange to walk the trail in Sete Cidades.

Day 3 Santa Maria. The most southerly of the islands of the Azores, Santa Maria was the first to be inhabited by Portuguese settlers in 1439. It was also the first call made by Christopher Columbus on his return from the Americas in 1493 and during our island drive we visit the village of Anjos where he attended mass at the chapel of Nossa Senhora dos Anjos. Also see the remote settlement of Sao Laurencio known for vineyards which rise steeply up high sea cliffs in terraces whilst the coastline is accentuated by a dramatic waterfall, lava tubes and caves. Return to the ship via the picturesque village of Santo Espirito with its pretty whitewashed houses and 17th century Baroque church. The afternoon is free to explore the town of Vila do Porto independently.

Day 4 Terceira. This morning explore Angra do Heroismo, a charming UNESCO heritage town with a distinct Mediterranean flavour of cobblestone streets and a certain quiet charm. Enjoy a walking tour that takes in the Misericordia church, Convent do Sao Francisco, public gardens and museum. In the afternoon there will be free time to hike to Monte Brasil, offering wonderful views over the island, or alternatively relax and wander the historic town at your own pace.

Day 5 Graciosa. Known as the 'White Island', Graciosa has a gentle rolling landscape, dotted with windmills and traditional whitewashed houses. Visit Furna do Enxofre ('Cave of Sulphur'), a geologically unique phenomenon and one of the original examples of the volcanic Azores and take the winding stairway down to the magnificent volcanic cavern and lake. Also see the village of Santa Cruz and the charming Matrix Church. Return to the ship for lunch and spend the afternoon at leisure to explore the small town of Vila da Praia.

Day 6 Flores & Corvo. Named after its abundant flora, Flores is often regarded as the prettiest of the Azores. A rugged terrain island with flowers growing in the deep canyons and waterfalls casting hues of blues and green as they splash down to the sea. Visit the vertical basalt cliffs of Rocha do Bordo, formed by the cooling of lava. See a stunning array of natural features including calderas, fajas, rivers, waterfalls and valleys. This afternoon we will use our small ship to circumnavigate the tiny island of Corvo, the smallest island in the archipelago.

Day 7 Pico. Explore distinctive Pico, home to Portugal's highest peak and numerous black lava flows. The UNESCO-designated Lajido Acros tells the story of early winemakers who used the volcanic soil for the grapes and, on a visit to a vineyard, we will enjoy a tasting of the local product. After a typical Azorean lunch we will learn about whaling life in the Azores at the Museum of Lajes returning to the ship via the Lagoa do Capitao offering views over the north of the island.

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Common dolphins, Azores



Sao Miguel coastline





Traditional windmill, Graciosa



Volcano dos Capelinhos, Faial



tower of a church buried under lava from the eruption of 1808. Now it is surrounded by fruit trees and vegetation. Upon our return to Velas we will take a walking tour of this charming old-world harbour town. We remain moored overnight for anyone wishing to take an after dinner stroll.

Day 9 Faial. Our day begins with an island drive where we explore the fairly recent volcanic activity at Ponta dos Capelinhos. See how a 1957-1958 volcanic eruption transformed the area and created a new land mass. Visit the Volcano Interpretation Centre before continuing to the impressive Caldera, now a nature reserve, which is 400 metres deep and nearly 1500 metres in diameter. This afternoon a walking tour of Horta will include the Scrimshaw Museum and Café Peter, a famous stopping point for sailors crossing the Atlantic.

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

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Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£8595	£8095
Shackleton	Hebridean	£9695	£9195
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£7995	£7495
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£8295	£7795

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Not Included: Travel insurance.

Pre-cruise Estoril Extension 20th to 23rd April & 29th April to 2nd May 2026



For those who would like to spend some time in Portugal prior to embarking the MS Hebridean Sky, we have arranged a three-night extension at the beautiful Palacio Estoril Hotel, located a short distance from Lisbon. Our stay will include a half day tour of Lisbon and a half day tour of Sintra and the remainder of the time will be yours to explore at leisure.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Estoril, Portugal. Fly by scheduled flight to Lisbon. On arrival this afternoon transfer to the Palacio Estoril Hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. We will meet tonight for dinner. (D)

Day 2 Lisbon. Set on seven hills on the banks of the River Tagus, Lisbon has been the capital of Portugal since the 13th century. It is a city famous for its majestic architecture, old wooden trams, Moorish features and more than twenty centuries of history. Following disastrous earthquakes in the 18th century, Lisbon was rebuilt by the Marquis de Pombal who created an elegant city with wide boulevards and a great riverfront and square, Praca do Comercio. Today there are distinct modern and ancient sections, combining great shopping areas with culture and sightseeing in the Old Town, built on the city's terraced hillsides. During our panoramic tour we will see the Monument to the Discoveries and Belem Tower and visit the famous Jeronimos Monastery. Return to the hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L)

Day 3 Sintra. This morning we will drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sintra where we will visit Sintra National Palace, famous for its magnificent painted ceilings. The palace is the only survivor of the country's Royal Halls, dating from the Middle Ages. Later enjoy some free time to explore the town which still retains much of its Medieval layout before driving back to the hotel. The remainder of the day and evening are under your own arrangements. (B)

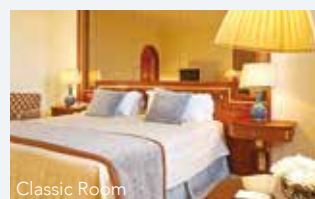
Day 4 Lisbon to Sao Miguel, Azores. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to the Azores. On arrival we transfer to the MS Hebridean Sky and embark. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

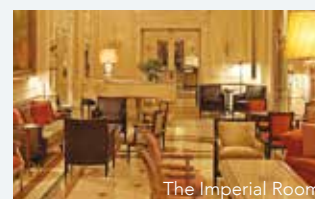
Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£995**; Single: **£1395**

Price Includes: Three nights accommodation in a classic room at the Palacio Estoril Hotel, half day tours of Lisbon & Sintra, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.



Classic Room



The Imperial Room

ETERNAL JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA

A voyage from Kanazawa to Kobe aboard the MS Island Sky

25th April to 8th May 2026

Japan is a fascinating combination of unique heritage and culture contrasting with the sprawling metropolises of the world's most advanced technological civilisation. Made up of 6,852 islands, the perfect way to explore the 'Land of the Rising Sun' is by sea and the 118-passenger MS Island Sky is the ideal vessel for such a voyage. Our fascinating itinerary offers the opportunity to visit ancient castles, serenely beautiful gardens and opulent temples and shrines combined with witnessing some of Japan's most stunning natural landscapes and the futuristic city of Tokyo.

Highlights of our voyage will include the historical city of Kanazawa with its traditional crafts and one of Japan's most famed landscape gardens, Koraku-en, the historic and serene castle town of Matsue and Nagasaki where Japan's first contact with the West took place. Here we will learn of the more somber history of the Atomic Bomb attack at the Peace Museum and Peace Park and we will also explore Dejima Island which served as a trading post during Japan's isolation period. We will also visit the awe-inspiring contemporary landscape of Tokyo but what makes our itinerary truly unique is our visits to parts of Japan where relatively few tourists set foot such as Yakushima Island with its towering mountains and ancient forest and where we can enjoy nature at its best with walks to appreciate the diverse fauna including the impressive old cedars.

In addition to our partial circumnavigation of Japan, our course takes us past the southeastern tip of South Korea where we will spend a day in Gyeongju, the 'Museum Without Walls' and we will also visit the Haeinsa Temple, considered one of the three great temples in Korea. Such places invoke the strongest of memories and allow you to immerse yourself in the myth and mystique of these ancient lands whilst returning each evening to the peace and comfort of our vessel. Helping us understand all we will see and experience will be our expert Guest Speaker and Japanese guides who will travel on board with us and will add immeasurably to your enjoyment and understanding of this captivating country.



Haeinsa Buddhist temple



Matsuyama castle

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Tokyo, Japan. Fly by scheduled flight to Tokyo.

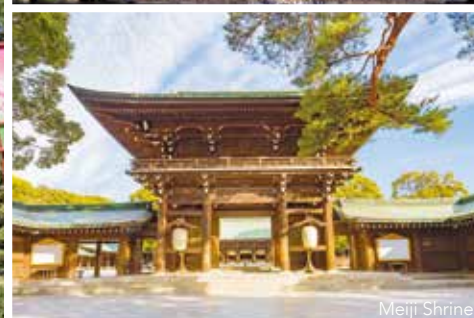
Day 2 Tokyo. Arrive and transfer to our centrally located hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure.

Day 3 Tokyo to Kanazawa. After breakfast in the hotel, a morning city tour will include the Meiji Shrine and Sensoji Temple. Continue to the train station to join our bullet train to Kanazawa where, on arrival, we transfer to the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 4 Kanazawa. Kanazawa is a thriving centre of the arts, long known for its lacquer ware, outstanding collectable pottery of the Kutani style, gold leaf workmanship, delicate hand painting of silk for kimonos and

Noh theatre dramas. The narrow and winding cobblestone streets have a quaint photogenic charm with old fashioned streetlamps and wooden lattice windows hiding elegant restaurants and craft galleries. Around each bend is a traditional house, museum, art gallery, craft shop, historic samurai residence and even a geisha house to explore. The fascinating open-air market displays a vast variety of items from flowers to fish and local handicrafts. Next to the Kanazawa Castle ruins, we will visit one of Japan's premier highlights, the famed Kenroku-en Garden, ranked among the country's top three gardens.

Day 5 Matsue. From the port of Sakaiminato we visit Matsue, the 'town of water,' which nestles between a scenic lake and a large lagoon. We will visit the cultural attractions of the town including the 17th century Matsue Castle before enjoying a boat ride on the local canals. Alternatively visit the Adachi



Museum of Art which is set in a beautiful natural environment and well known for both its superb Japanese gardens and its collection of contemporary Japanese paintings, comprising approximately 1,500 of the country's most highly regarded paintings produced after the Meiji period. Return to the ship for lunch as we sail for South Korea this afternoon.

Day 6 Ulsan, South Korea. Crossing over to South Korea we embark on a full day excursion to magnificent Gyeongju, a World Heritage Site, which is often described as the world's finest open-air museum embracing ancient Korean history and Buddhist culture. As the ancient capital of the Shilla Dynasty, Gyeongju's cultural heritage dates back to the first millennium. Today, as we stroll through some of the hundreds of excavated monuments, temples, tombs and pagodas, there will be time to explore the National Museum with its exceptional collection of finely worked gold jewellery, metal weapons and distinctive pottery. At lunchtime, we will sample Korean delicacies and enjoy a cultural performance of traditional dance.

Day 7 Masan for Haeinsa. From our berth in Masan we head inland to the Haeinsa Temple. Regarded as one of the three great temples in Korea, it was first settled in 802 AD and its name derives from a verse in a Buddhist Sutra as "reflections on a smooth sea". In the 13th century when Korea was at war with the Mongols, the government commissioned the Triptaka Koreana, a complete copy of Buddhist scriptures, in the hope of Buddha's intervention in the war. They were carved onto 81,258 double sided wooden blocks and stored on floor to ceiling shelves in the Janggyeong Panjeon building. We also visit the Daejokkwangjeon, the main worship hall of the temple. After lunch in a nearby restaurant we will return to Masan this afternoon where you may want to visit the vibrant fish market.

Day 8 Nagasaki, Japan. This morning we explore Nagasaki, the second city destroyed by an A-bomb in World War II. Tour the Peace Memorial Park, Atomic Bomb Museum and Glover Garden. This afternoon we will visit Dejima Island, built during the Edo Period to house Portuguese Christian missionaries and prevent the propagation of their religion. It was

also the residential quarters of the Dutch, the only foreigners allowed to trade in Japan during the Sakoku isolation period for 200 years until Japan reopened to the world. Alternatively, there will be a visit to the abandoned Gunkan-jima, or Hashima Island* that lies just off the coast of Nagasaki. The island was populated until 1974 and served as a coal mine with more than 5,000 residents living on an island only 480 metres long and 150 wide. To accommodate so many people in such a small area every piece of land was built on, so the island came to resemble a battleship and was given the name Gunkan-jima or Battleship Island. In 1974 the coal mine closed and the residents had to leave the island. Over the years the natural elements have taken hold giving the island an eerie atmosphere. In more recent years the island has become a set for several films. We will take a guided walk through the island to the observation areas before boarding the local ferry back to the mainland. **Please note that the visit to Hashima Island is weather/tidal dependent. If the ferry is unable to access the pier, a cruise around the island will take place instead.*

Day 9 Miyakojima, Yakushima. Sailing down the coast of Kyushu this morning we arrive this afternoon on the island of Yakushima which became Japan's first World Heritage Site in 1993. Yakushima is famous in botanical circles for many great garden plants, including dwarf plants that have evolved to grow smaller than their mainland cousins. We will spend time here on nature walks, including Yakusugi Land, a nature park populated by a number of the island's ancient cedar trees.

Day 10 Hososhima, Kyushu. We sail into Hososhima on the south side of the island of Kyushu today. The area is full of beautiful beaches, rugged coast and natural beauty. We will have a choice of options today. There will be the chance to visit the iconic Takachiho Gorge, a volcanic canyon formed over 100,000 years ago, with the Gakose river flowing through it. While there we will walk through the forests on top of the gorge, taking in wonderful views as we cross bridges from one side to another. We will also visit the Takachiho Shrine built in 1778. After lunch in a local restaurant we will drive to the Hyuga Cape, part of a national park the area is recognised for its untamed volcanic

coastal formation and unique flora. There will be the chance to walk along the observation trails offering wonderful views of the sea and the coastline. Alternatively, we will offer a morning tour to see the Saitobaru Burial Mounds that encompass over 300 burial tombs, dating back over 1,700 years. This is one of the only places in Japan where you can see pristine burial mounds. As we explore, hear about the history of the area and the mysteries surrounding the burial mounds.

Day 11 Matsuyama, Shikoku Island. Today we arrive at the island of Shikoku. From the port of Matsuyama we will visit the old town of Ozu starting with the Garyu Sanso, a subtle yet outstanding villa. Built in 1907, it is rustic in appearance but traditional in its construction offering a wonderful architectural view. It took over four years and 9,000 artisans to build the villa and each room has its own features. The villa also has a beautiful garden with its own tea house. Afterwards we will explore the old town which grew as a castle town during the Edo Period and today retains an atmosphere of a bygone era with stone paved alleys, houses from the Edo and Meiji Periods, as well as merchant and samurai houses. Alternatively spend the morning on a panoramic drive through the island, taking in the coastal road before crossing a section of the Kurushima Kaikyo Bridge, a suspension bridge crossing the Seto Inland Sea. We will cross to the island of Oshima, and from the Mount Kiro Observatory Park we will see the very impressive bridge as it crosses the sea connecting islands along the way. After lunch on board there is the option to explore Matsuyama on a walking tour which will include the grounds of the city's original castle, one of a dozen left in Japan, along with the lovely Ishiteji Temple as well as seeing the famous Dogo Onsen.

Day 12 Himeji. We will set out this morning to explore the city of Himeji, known for its castle, one of the largest in Japan. The towering white building dominates the skyline of the city and we will climb through the various levels of the outer keeps before entering the main castle building. Next to the castle is Koko-en, a beautiful 3.5-hectare garden which is separated into nine different style gardens of different sizes of which there are various themes, from the Edo Period garden to the Tea Ceremony Garden. After lunch on board, spend the afternoon relaxing or visit the Shoshazan Engyo-ji Temple. The temple is located on Mount Shosha, just outside of Himeji, and covers over 31 hectares. It was established in 966 by a monk and over the years the temple received the patronage of aristocrats and the imperial family. During our visit we will explore some of the areas of the temple complex taking in its history and beautiful setting.

Day 13 Kobe to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to Kansai airport for the scheduled flight to London.

Day 14 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£9295	£8995
Columbus	Superior	£9595	£9295
Marco Polo	Premium	£9895	£9595
Marco Polo	Corner	£10195	£9895
Erikson	Deluxe Balcony	£11795	£11495
Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£12795	£12495
Explorer	Island Suite	£12995	£12695
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£10295	£9995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£10595	£10295

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Not Included: Travel insurance, dinner on day 2.

Pre-cruise Tokyo Extension 23rd to 26th April 2026

If you would like to spend some time in Tokyo before embarking the MS Island Sky we have arranged a two night extension



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Tokyo, Japan. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Tokyo. Arrive today. Transfer to our hotel for a two night stay. Your afternoon and evening are at leisure.

Day 3 Tokyo. Enjoy a full day tour of Tokyo which will include time at the attractive Hamarikyu Gardens and the Tsukiji Outer Market where we will learn about traditional Japanese foods. After a barbeque lunch we will continue to the Nezu Museum which showcases over 7,000 objects including calligraphy, sculptures and textiles whilst outside we can stroll through the Japanese gardens. (B, L)

Day 4 Tokyo. Today is at leisure to continue exploring Tokyo. Your fellow travel companions will arrive in Tokyo today from London. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1175; Single: £1535

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Tokyo, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch), tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

Post-cruise Kyoto Extension 7th to 10th May 2026

If you would like to spend some time in Kyoto and discover the city of Nara, we are offering a two night extension.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Kobe to Kyoto, Japan. Disembark this morning and we will drive to Nara. During the 8th century Nara was Japan's capital for 74 years and many of the temples and shrines from this era still remain. We will see the Todaiji Temple and Kasuga Shrine before taking lunch in a local restaurant. Later we continue our journey to Kyoto and check into our hotel. (B, L)

Day 2 Nara & Kyoto. After breakfast at the hotel discover Kyoto, Japan's former historic capital and Emperor's home for nearly 1,000 years. A morning tour will include the Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) and the Ryoanji Temple which is the site of one of Japan's famous rock gardens. After our visit return to the hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 3 Kyoto. Check out after breakfast and transfer to Osaka airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

Day 4 Kyoto to London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1245; Single: £1595

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Kyoto, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch), tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.



TIMELESS JAPAN

Discover the cultural treasures & ancient wonders of Japan including a call in South Korea aboard the MS Island Sky

26th May to 10th June 2026



Join us for this comprehensive exploration of Japan which is a marvellous balance of ancient castles, serenely beautiful gardens, opulent temples and shrines combined with beautiful natural landscapes. Like all well planned itineraries we have included some of the best known highlights, but equally will also take you to some places where relatively few foreign tourists set foot. So many of Japan's treasures are accessible from the coast and our twelve night cruise allows you to immerse yourself in the myth and mystique of these ancient lands whilst returning each evening to the peace and comfort of the all-suite MS Island Sky.

During our voyage we will be able to see a variety of cultures, natural wonders and architectural styles. Amongst the many highlights will be our visit to Kyoto including the breathtaking Golden Pavilion, and the beautiful iconic gardens of Ritsurin and Koraku-en, both of which date back to the Edo Period. We will also discover the shrines and pagodas of Miyajima and the 17th century Matsue Castle, one of only a dozen original castles in Japan. For the natural world enthusiasts we will visit the Mount Fuji National Park and see the ancient pilgrimage trails at Kumano and, for those who prefer a historical perspective, we will visit the Peace Memorial at Hiroshima and South Korea's World Heritage Site of Gyeongju with its abundance of archaeological sites.

All of this will be achieved with great ease in the company of just over 100 fellow, like-minded passengers. In addition, helping us understand all we will see and experience will be our expert Guest Speaker and Japanese guides who will sail with us on board the MS Island Sky and will add immeasurably to your enjoyment and understanding of this captivating country.



Torii Gate, Miyajima



Koraku-en Gardens

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Tokyo, Japan. Fly today by scheduled flight to Tokyo.

Day 2 Tokyo. Arrive this afternoon and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The remainder of the day and evening are at leisure.

Day 3 Tokyo to Yokohama. Today your morning is at leisure to relax or explore Tokyo. In the afternoon we will transfer to Yokohama and embark on the MS Island Sky. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner this evening as we set sail.

Day 4 Shimizu for Mount Fuji. With a commanding view of Mount Fuji, the Port of Shimizu is considered one of the most beautiful harbours in Japan. Our day will be spent learning more about this iconic symbol of Japan. At the Mount Fuji World Heritage Centre we will see exhibits revealing how the mountain formed and the way humans have interacted with it through the ages before enjoying the views from the observation deck. See the Fujisan Sengen shrine, originally built over 1,000 years ago to worship the spirits of Mount Fuji and provide spiritual offerings to reduce the number of volcanic eruptions. Later we visit the Nihondaira Outlook located in a national park with panoramic views of Suruga Bay and Mount Fuji. Take the aerial ropeway up the mountain to the Kuzozan Toshogu shrine dedicated to Tokugawa Ieyasu who is credited with bringing peace to Japan in the 17th century after a long period of civil war.

Day 5 Kumano. From our berth in Shingu we explore the southern part of the Kii Peninsula, known since ancient times as Kumano, which was famous as a hiding place for gods and spirits of the departed. Since then, people have come to worship at the Three Grand Shrines of Kumano and the Kumano Kodo pilgrimage routes were designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2004. Today we will visit Nachi Taisha which sits alongside the 6th century Buddhist temple Seigantoji and afterwards we can see some of the trails of the pilgrimage routes before ending at the Nachi no Taki waterfall which at 133 metres is the largest single-tiered waterfall in Japan.



Day 6 Takamatsu. Arrive this morning in Takamatsu, located on Shikoku Island on the northern shores of the Seto Inland Sea. This morning we visit the small town of Kinashi which has a rich history of producing bonsai for 250 years. We will explore the town, visit a Bonsai nursery and make our way to Ritsurin Garden, recognised as one of the most beautiful in Japan and built by feudal lords in the early Edo Period. With a backdrop against the wooded Mount Shiun, we will wander along the paths of this historic landscape garden dotted with ponds, historic trees and pavilions. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure exploring Takamatsu town. We will be moored overnight for anyone wanting to go ashore for or after dinner.

Day 7 Koraku-en & Kurashiki. From the port of Uno-Ko we will visit one of Japan's most famed gardens, Koraku-en, which translates as "Garden of pleasure after". This 17th century formal garden has 28 acres of walking trails, ponds, plum and cherry trees. After a Japanese lunch in a local restaurant, we will continue to Kurashiki where we explore the old merchant quarter and its fine 17th century wooden warehouses painted white with traditional black tiles, along a canal framed with weeping willows and filled with koi. There is also a chance to visit the Ohara Museum of Art which includes rare works by Matisse, Picasso and Renoir as well as collections from Japan's Mingei movement including ceramics by Hamada Shoji.

Day 8 Hiroshima & Miyajima. Arrive this morning in Hiroshima for our visit to the compelling Peace Memorial Park. The park is dotted with memorials, including the Cenotaph which contains the names of all the known victims of the Atomic bomb and the permanently lit "Flame of Peace". Just outside the park, the Atomic Bomb Dome is a haunting reminder of the destructive forces that were unleashed on the city being one of the few original buildings to survive. In the museum we will see photos, videos and victim's personal effects relating to the bomb. Over lunch we sail to Miyajima. Considered one of Japan's top scenic wonders, Miyajima provides a picture postcard vista of the scarlet Torii gate, the giant camphor wood gates at the entrance to the Shinto Shrine. We will use the vessel's Zodiacs to go ashore

and explore the Itsukushima Jinja Shrine, founded in the 6th century and dedicated to three sea goddesses.

Day 9 Kitakyushu. Today we arrive into the city of Kitakyushu, located on the island of Kyushu. Here we will visit Kokura Castle, which was originally built in 1602 but rebuilt in 1959 and is surrounded by a beautiful Japanese Garden. From here we will stop at the Moji Port retro area. It is home to a number of historic buildings from the 19th century. The port was designated a special trade port due to its proximity to China and flourished with financial institutions and merchant companies. The architecture is a mix including Western style buildings which always come as a bit of a surprise. There will also be the chance to visit the TOTO Museum which showcases the companies' products, the most famous being its electronic toilets which are hard to miss when visiting Japan, and Japan's passion and drive for electronics.

Day 10 Hagi. Hagi was a minor fishing port until Mori Terumoto fortified it in 1604 and it was Mori Samurai that helped spark off the anti-Tokugawa revolt in the mid-19th century. Today it is better known for its traditional pottery making traditions. This morning we will explore the Teramachi District with its temples and shrines, the Jokamachi District, where we find the old samurai houses and also take time to explore Hagi Castle, Shizuki Park and Tokoji Temple. Return to the vessel for lunch and this afternoon is free to relax or perhaps travel to the outskirts of the city to visit the Yoshika Taibi Memorial Museum. The museum is dedicated to a large collection of Hagiyaiki pottery which was highly prized in the Edo Period as wares for tea ceremonies.

Day 11 Ulsan, South Korea. Crossing over to South Korea we embark on a full day excursion to magnificent Gyeongju, a World Heritage Site, which is often described as the world's finest open-air museum embracing ancient Korean history and Buddhist culture. As the ancient capital of the Shilla Dynasty, Gyeongju cultural heritage dates back to the first millennium. Today, as we stroll through some of the hundreds of excavated monuments, temples, tombs and pagodas, there will be time to explore the National

Museum with its exceptional collection of finely worked gold jewellery, metal weapons and distinctive pottery. At lunchtime, we will sample Korean delicacies and enjoy a cultural performance of traditional dance.

Day 12 Matsue, Japan. From the port of Sakaiminato we visit Matsue, the 'town of water,' which nestles between a scenic lake and a large lagoon. We will visit the cultural attractions of the town including the 17th century Matsue Castle before enjoying a boat ride on the local canals. After lunch on board maybe spend the afternoon at leisure or visit the Adachi Museum of Art which is set in a beautiful natural environment and well known for both its superb Japanese gardens and its collection of contemporary Japanese paintings, comprising approximately 1,500 of the country's most highly regarded paintings produced after the Meiji period.

Day 13 Kyoto. From our berth in Maizuru, we drive inland to Kyoto, Japan's former historic capital and Emperor's home for nearly 1,000 years. Our full day tour begins with a visit to the bamboo forest before continuing to the World Heritage Site of Tenryu-ji Temple, ranked first amongst the city's five great Zen Temples. After lunch we continue to the Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion), which was built as a retirement villa for the Shogun and converted into a Buddhist Temple after his death. Built on the edge of a tranquil pond with the second and third stories covered in gold leaf we can walk through the peaceful gardens and marvel at the reflection in the still waters. Alternatively, spend the morning at the quaint fishing village of Ine, famous for its "funaya" boat houses which line the bay. Enjoy a walk through the village and a boat tour in the bay for the picturesque views from the sea.

Day 14 Kanazawa. Kanazawa is a thriving centre of the arts, long known for its lacquer ware, outstanding collectable pottery of the Kutani style, gold leaf workmanship, delicate hand painting of silk for kimonos and Noh theatre dramas. The narrow and winding cobblestone streets have a quaint photogenic charm with old fashioned streetlamps and wooden lattice windows hiding elegant restaurants and craft galleries. Around each bend is a traditional house, museum, art gallery, craft shop, historic samurai residence and even a geisha house to explore. The fascinating open-air market displays a vast variety of items from flowers to fish and local handicrafts. Next to the Kanazawa Castle ruins, we will visit one of Japan's premier highlights, the famed Kenroku-en Garden, ranked among the country's top three gardens.

Day 15 Kanazawa to Tokyo. Disembark this morning and take the bullet train to Tokyo. On arrival we enjoy an afternoon city tour including the Meiji shrine and Sensoji Temple before we transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. The evening is free to explore further at your own pace.

Day 16 Tokyo to London. After breakfast in the hotel we transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Magellan	Standard	£10495	£9995
Columbus	Superior	£10895	£10395
Marco Polo	Premium	£11195	£10695
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Explorer	Owner's Balcony Suites	£13295	£12795
Explorer	Island Suite	£13995	£13495
Magellan	Standard for sole use	£12495	£11995
Columbus	Superior for sole use	£12895	£12395

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Not Included: Travel insurance, dinner on days 2 & 15.

Pre-cruise Tokyo Extension 24th to 27th May 2026

If you would like to spend some additional time in Tokyo we have arranged a two night extension.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Tokyo, Japan. Fly by scheduled flight.

Day 2 Tokyo. Arrive today and transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore independently.

Day 3 Tokyo. Enjoy a full day tour of Tokyo which will include time at the attractive Hamarikyu Gardens and the Tsukiji Outer Market where we will learn about traditional Japanese foods. After a barbeque lunch we will continue to the Nezu Museum. This private museum showcases over 7,000 objects including calligraphy, sculptures and textiles whilst outside we can stroll through the Japanese gardens. (B, L)

Day 4 Tokyo. Today is at leisure to continue exploring Tokyo. Your fellow travel companions will arrive in Tokyo today from London. Continue with the main itinerary from Day 2. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1095; Single: £1495

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation in Tokyo, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch), excursions, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

Kyoto Post-cruise Extension 9th to 13th June 2026

If you would like to spend some time in Kyoto and discover the city of Nara we are offering a three night extension.



THE ITINERARY

Day 1 Kanazawa to Kyoto, Japan. Disembark today and take the bullet train to Kyoto. On arrival transfer to our hotel and the rest of your day is at leisure.

Day 2 Nara & Kyoto. This morning, we will drive to Nara. During the 8th century Nara was Japan's capital for 74 years and many of the temples and shrines from this era still remain. We will see the Todaiji Temple and Kasuga Shrine before taking lunch in a local restaurant. Afterwards we continue our journey to Kyoto and check into our hotel. The evening is free. (B, L)

Day 3 Kyoto. After breakfast at the hotel discover Kyoto, Japan's former historic capital and Emperor's home for nearly 1,000 years. A morning tour will include the Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavilion) and the Ryoanji Temple which is the site of one of Japan's famous rock gardens. After our visit return to the hotel and enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4 Kyoto to London. Check out after breakfast and transfer to Osaka airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. (B)

Day 5 London. Arrive today.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £1595; Single: £1995

Price Includes: Three nights hotel accommodation in Kyoto, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch), excursions, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers. **Not Included:** Travel insurance.

NB: Please note that those joining the Kyoto extension will spend one less night in Tokyo as part of the main cruise package. This is reflected in the price of the extension.





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