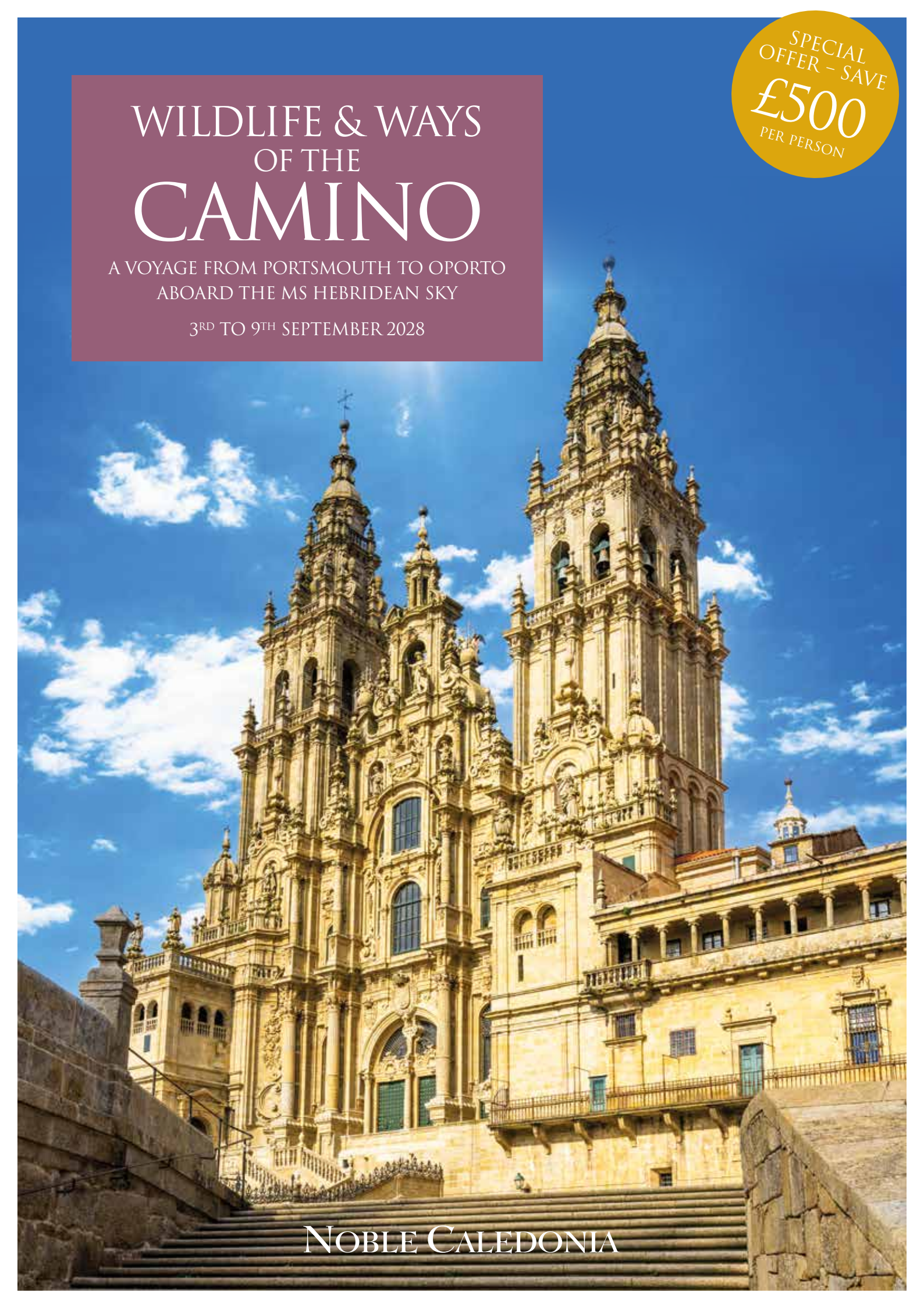


WILDLIFE & WAYS OF THE CAMINO

A VOYAGE FROM PORTSMOUTH TO OPORTO
ABOARD THE MS HEBRIDEAN SKY

3RD TO 9TH SEPTEMBER 2028

SPECIAL
OFFER – SAVE
£500
PER PERSON



NOBLE CALEDONIA



Here is a unique opportunity to combine a leisurely passage from the UK to Portugal aboard the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky with time spent exploring the wildlife, landscapes and pilgrimage routes of northern Spain along the way. Our itinerary has been designed to include a choice of excursions in most ports of call, allowing you to be as active as you choose each day with options to walk along sections of the Camino de Santiago, the renowned pilgrimage route and UNESCO World Heritage Site, or to join guided excursions to discover the region's natural and cultural wonders and picturesque towns.

We set sail from Portsmouth and, after an afternoon in the Isles of Scilly, cross the Bay of Biscay, a rich feeding ground and an important migration route for species including fin whales, the second largest animal on the planet, as well as common, striped and Risso's dolphins and sei whales. Arriving at Spain's rugged northern coast, we reach Galicia where we can follow in the footsteps of pilgrims along sections of the Camino including the Portuguese Way, English Way and Camino Finisterre, and visit Santiago de Compostela with its magnificent cathedral. Alternatively, you may prefer to discover the Galician countryside and gardens of Pazo de Rubianes, learn about the region's wine production or explore the beautiful Islas Cies, with opportunities to walk, swim and discover the local wildlife. For the keen birders there will also be the opportunity to visit Estaca de Bares, the northernmost point of Spain and one of the finest vantage points for observing seabirds migrating south.

September is an ideal time for our journey, with whale and bird migrations from north to south increasing our chances of wildlife sightings during the voyage. Just about everything is as perfect as it can be, from the comfortable temperatures for walking to the relatively crowd free sites, and our schedule has been planned to ensure that the balance is just right between exploring ashore, relaxing on board and time at leisure for individual exploration. Our journey promises to be an enriching experience accompanied by fellow like-minded travellers and our Guest Speaker who will provide a series of fascinating talks.



Guest Speaker – Rt Rev Nick Baines



The Rt Revd Nick Baines was Bishop of Leeds from 2014 to 2026 and 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 has a particular expertise in communication. He has 16.5 thousand followers on X and his blog has been viewed more than 2 million times. He is regularly heard on Radio 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 and 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.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Portsmouth, England. Embark the MS Hebridean 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.

Day 2 Isles of Scilly. After a relaxing morning at sea we arrive at lunchtime at our anchorage in the Isles of Scilly, an archipelago of five inhabited islands and up to 140 uninhabited islets, located 30 miles off the coast of Cornwall. Our afternoon will be determined by sea conditions and tides but we hope to visit 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 or maybe visit the vineyard.

Day 3 At Sea – Whale Watching. Spend the day cruising 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. Maybe spend time

St Martin's, Isles of Scilly



Islas Cies



Santiago de Compostela



Tui, Galicia

on deck watching for wildlife or join a lecture in the lounge as we cruise towards the northern coast of Spain.

Day 4 Ferrol, Spain for The English Way or Estaca de Bares. Arrive this morning in Galicia at the port of Ferrol from where we have a choice of excursions today. Maybe walk part of the English Way of the Camino. Pilgrims started walking the English Way or the 'Seafaring Way' in the 12th century and it became 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. Our walk will pass through Pontedeume and continue through villages and woodlands ending in Mino. The walking 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. Alternatively, keen birders can head to the Estaca de Bares, the northernmost headland in Spain. Between August and November this is on the route of the seabird migration south with thousands of birds passing each day. Maybe also walk to the observation station or the lighthouse. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure in Ferrol to explore the historic streets of the Magdalena neighbourhood where you will find the Cathedral of St Julian, the town hall and local market.

Day 5 Vilagarcia de Arousa for Santiago de Compostela or Rias Baixas.

We will have a choice of options today and for those choosing to walk we will travel along a 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 first section of the Way but in reverse, walking into the city of Santiago de Compostela finishing at the Cathedral. Later we take a guided tour of the city visiting 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. We will also have lunch ashore before returning to the ship. Alternatively, enjoy a full day exploration of Rias Baixas which translates as low estuaries. Our tour will include the 15th century Pazo de Rubianes where we find one of the three official lordships in Spain. We will visit the 11 hectare garden before we visit a

nearby cellar to learn about local wine production and techniques and enjoy a tasting. After a tapas lunch we drive to El Grove and board a catamaran for a journey along the estuary towards the bateas, the floating docks used for mussel farming. Learn about the local industry before enjoying some freshly caught mussels.

Day 6 Vigo & Islas Cies or The Portuguese Way. From our berth in the port of Vigo you can choose to join a local boat which will take us offshore to the beautiful Islas 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, set out to walk some of the Portuguese Way. This section of the Camino starts in Lisbon and 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 in two parts, the first will be the section that crosses from Portugal into Spain starting in Valença 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.

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

WALKING & EXPLORING

This tour involves the option 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 around five kilometres 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 as detailed in the itinerary, exploring the wildlife, culture and history of the area.

Lighthouse, Estaca de Bares

Common dolphin, Bay of Biscay



Cathedral of St Julian, Ferrol



Pazo de Rubianes

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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

Deck	Suite Category	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
Amundsen	Standard	£3995	£3495
Byrd	Superior	£4295	£3795
Mawson	Premium	£4495	£3995
Mawson	Corner	£4795	£4295
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£4995	£4495
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£5495	£4995
Shackleton	Hebridean	£5995	£5495
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£4495	£3995
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£4795	£4295

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel from Oporto to London • Six nights aboard the MS Hebridean 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.

Oporto & Braga Post-cruise Extension
9th to 11th September 2028



If you would like to spend some time in Portugal after disembarking the MS Hebridean Sky, we are offering a two night hotel extension which includes two half day tours.

The Itinerary

Day 1 Oporto & Braga, Portugal. Disembark this morning and take a tour of Oporto, Portugal's second largest city and a World Heritage Site. 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. See the city's cathedral, located on the top of Penaventosa Hill with an amazing view over the river before some free time to stroll and explore the riverfront promenade of Cais da Ribeira with its pastel buildings, restaurants and buzzing atmosphere. After lunch we transfer to our hotel in Braga and have the remainder of the day at leisure before we meet for dinner tonight. (B, L, D)

Day 2 Braga. The beautiful city of Braga in the heart of the verdant Minho region is also known as Portuguese Rome because of its wealth of religious architecture, historical buildings, monuments, gardens and fountains. During our morning tour we will visit the most famous, Bom Jesus do Monte, which has stunning views over the historic city. Continue with a walking tour through the town's historic old centre and ancient narrow lanes including a visit to Portugal's first cathedral. We will have lunch before returning to the hotel and the remainder of the day will be at leisure to relax or explore further at your own pace. (B, L)

Day 3 Braga to London. Check out this morning and transfer to Oporto Airport for our scheduled flight to London. (B)

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: £795 Single: £995

Price Includes: Two nights hotel accommodation, meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner), local beer, wine and soft drinks with included meals, tours as described, Noble Caledonia Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance.



MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



The Restaurant



Deluxe Balcony Suite



Alfresco Dining

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

Your Suite

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

Your Dining

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



The Library



Standard Suite



The Lounge

Your Space

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

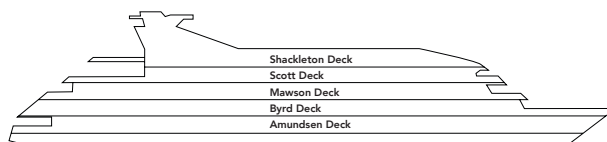
Your Comfort

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

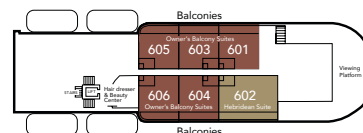
Your Life On Board

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

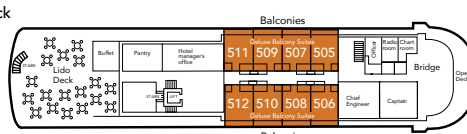
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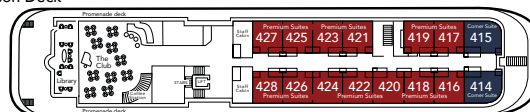
Shackleton Deck



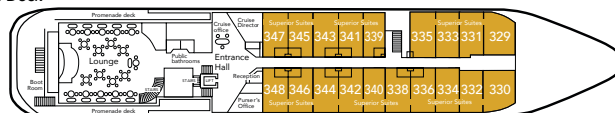
Scott Deck



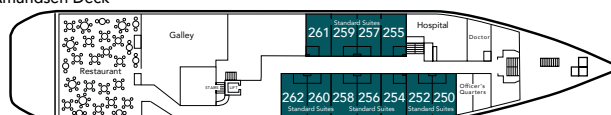
Mawson Deck



Byrd Deck



Amundsen Deck



- Standard Suites
- Superior Suites
- Premium Suites
- Corner Suites
- Deluxe Balcony Suites
- Owner's Balcony Suites
- Hebridean Suite

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



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