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# IBERIAN COASTAL ODYSSEY

A voyage from Bilbao to Valencia aboard the MS Hebridean Sky

7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2027



NOBLE CALEDONIA

Our late summer voyage from Bilbao around the Iberian Peninsula to Valencia offers the opportunity to visit some marvellously historic and special places and to gain an insight into the region's splendid architecture, natural wonders and fascinating history. It is difficult to imagine a better time than the month of September for our journey, just about everything is as perfect as it can be, from the comfortable temperatures to the relatively crowd free sites.

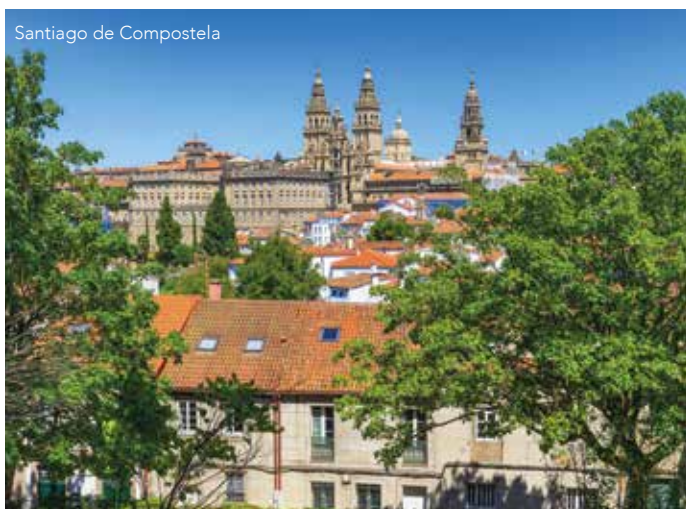
Sailing aboard the all-suite MS Hebridean Sky from the charming city of Bilbao we continue to Spain's Asturias region to explore Oviedo with its Medieval old town. Galicia is next, a unique region with its own distinctive culture where there will be the opportunity to discover Santiago de Compostela, one of Spain's most beautiful cities.

Whilst in the region there will also be a choice of visiting the scenic Iles des Cies, part of the Atlantic Islands National Park, by local boat or alternatively to take a trip into the estuary from the pretty coastal village of Combarro to learn about mussel farming and of course sample some of the produce. Continuing to Portugal for two days of exploration, there will again be a choice of tours on offer including to Oporto with its vibrant Ribeira district, the beautifully preserved Medieval city of Guimaraes, a full day to the Alentejo region including the enchanting city of Evora or you can explore the captivating capital of Lisbon. After a busy few days, a leisurely day at sea will be a welcome interlude before we arrive in Andalucia and the vibrant city of Seville for a full day to discover the city's Moorish treasures including the magnificent Alcazar Palace. We continue to Gibraltar and then to the naval port of Cartagena with its fine Roman remains before reaching Valencia.

Our fascinating itinerary incorporates visits to Medieval towns and charming and vibrant coastal cities combined with time for individual exploration. 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 knowledge of this fascinating region. Few itineraries in Europe can offer such a wide ranging and endlessly fascinating cultural experience and when combined with the rich maritime history of the region and the sheer beauty of the coastal landscapes, we can promise you a most enjoyable experience.



Iles des Cies



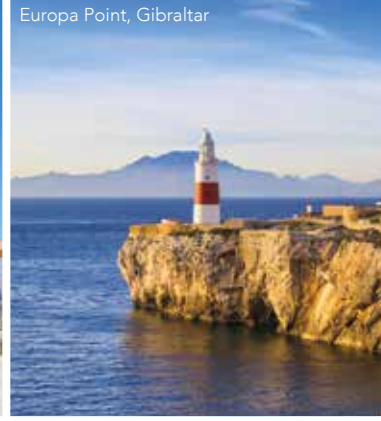
Santiago de Compostela

## The Itinerary

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

**Day 2 Gijon for Oviedo.** After a morning at sea we arrive in Gijon, the largest city in Asturias and our base for exploring nearby Oviedo, the modern capital of the Asturias region. Oviedo is recognised as the most culturally significant and historically interesting city of the province with many buildings dating back to the 8th and 9th century when Asturias first developed as a kingdom. After a panoramic drive inland we will begin our walking tour during which we will see the Gothic San Salvador Cathedral before exploring the restored Old Town decorated with beautiful sculptures.

**Day 3 La Coruna & Santiago de Compostela.** From our berth in La Coruna our full day tour will 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 before returning to the ship. Alternatively you may like to spend the morning in La Coruna. During our guided tour we will pass by the Tower of Hercules before continuing to the convent of Santo Domingo which contains a chapel dedicated to La Coruna's patron 'La Virgen del Rosario'. Continue to the church of Santa Maria del Campo, built between the 12th and 15th centuries before ending at Maria Pita Square. Maria Pita is one of the most important names in the city as after days of fierce fighting against the British navy, she encouraged the inhabitants to fight once again and defeat the invaders. Return to the ship for lunch and enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 4 Vigo for Iles des Cies or Combarro.** Sail this morning into the Galician port of Vigo from where you can choose to join a local boat which will take us offshore to the beautiful Iles 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, drive to the pretty coastal village of Combarro where on a guided walking tour we will explore the narrow streets and pass the many simple fishermen's cottages. Arriving on the seafront we find a number of 'horreos', grain stores raised on stone pillars which were built in the 18th and 19th centuries. Meanwhile in the middle of the estuary we see the 'bateas', floating docks used for mussel farming. We will take a private boat trip along the estuary to learn about mussel farming, and sample some of the local mussels, oysters and white wine.

**Day 5 Oporto or Guimaraes, Portugal.** Arriving in Portugal, we have a choice of tours today. Maybe visit 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. Alternatively, drive to Guimaraes, often referred to as the birthplace of Portugal, it is one of the country's

most historic cities being where the first king of Portugal was born and where the reconquest of the country from the Moors began. During our guided tour we will view the 10th century castle and visit the Palace of the Dukes. After a walking tour along the charming cobblestone streets and past the wonderful Medieval buildings we will return to the ship for lunch and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at sea.

**Day 6 Setubal for Evora or Lisbon.** Moor today in the picturesque port of Setubal where we have a choice of excursions including a full day tour to visit the Alentejo region. We will 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 a highly respected wine region traditionally producing 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. Alternatively, join a half day tour to Lisbon. Set on seven hills on the banks of the River Tagus, Lisbon has been the capital of Portugal since the 13th century and is a city famous for its majestic architecture, 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. During our panoramic morning tour we will see the Monument to the Discoveries and Belem Tower and visit the famous Jeronimos Monastery. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure in Setubal.

**Day 7 At Sea.** Spend a relaxing day at sea as we continue our journey around the Iberian Peninsula. Maybe join a lecture in the lounge or find a spot on deck to relax.

**Day 8 Seville, Spain.** Having sailed up the lower reaches of the Guadalquivir River, we arrive this morning in vibrant Seville and 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 a leisurely afternoon to explore further at your own pace.

**Day 9 Gibraltar.** Mid-morning we arrive at this strategic British outpost in the Mediterranean. After an early lunch on board there will be an afternoon



La Giralda Tower, Seville



Roman theatre, Cartagena

tour and after taking in the views from Europa Point, we will 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 before we return to the ship and sail this evening.

**Day 10 Cartagena, Spain.** Spend the morning cruising to Spain's main naval port of Cartagena. We will 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. 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 sail tonight.

**Day 11 Valencia 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	£6495	£5995
Byrd	Superior	£6795	£6295
Mawson	Premium	£6995	£6495
Mawson	Corner	£7495	£6995
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£8495	£7995
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£8795	£8295
Shackleton	Hebridean	£9295	£8795
Amundsen	Standard for sole use	£6495	£5995
Byrd	Superior for sole use	£6795	£6295

**PRICE INCLUDES:** Economy class scheduled air travel • 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.

## Pre-cruise Bilbao Extension

4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2027

Before embarking the MS Hebridean Sky we are offering the opportunity to join a three night extension in Bilbao including a full day excursion to San Sebastian and an afternoon visit to a vineyard.



Bilbao

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to Bilbao, 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 tonight. (D)

**Day 2 Bilbao.** Our morning tour will explore Bilbao, the centre of the Basque Country. We will drive to the Artxanda viewpoint followed by a visit to the impressive Guggenheim Museum. We will also enjoy a walk in the old quarter. After lunch the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 3 Biscay Vineyards.** Enjoy a leisurely morning before we meet for lunch and spend the afternoon at one of the vineyards located on the Bay of Biscay. (B, L)

**Day 4 San Sebastian.** Today we drive along the coast to San Sebastian. We will see the modern part of the city before we continue to the Old Quarter. After a local lunch we will return to Bilbao and embark the MS Hebridean Sky. (B, L)

Prices per person based on double occupancy

Twin: £995

Single: £1395

**Price Includes:** Three nights hotel accommodation in Bilbao, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), tours as described, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

**Not Included:** Travel insurance.

## Post-cruise Valencia Extension

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2027

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



Valencia

### The Itinerary

**Day 1 Valencia.** Disembark this morning and enjoy an overview of Valencia as we drive through the historic city centre. We will see the Torres de Serrano, the Bullring, the Central Train Station, the Town Hall, the Palacio del Marqués de Dos Aguas and the green stretch of the Old Turia Riverbed. Stop at City of Arts & Sciences for a leisurely walking tour of this architectural masterpiece. After lunch we transfer to our hotel and the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 2 Valencia.** Enjoy a free day to explore Valencia at your own pace. Maybe see the 15th century Gothic Silk Exchange, wander the streets of the old 'La Carmen' quarter or visit the Colegio del Patriarca with its wonderful Renaissance courtyard, church and museum. Meet this evening for dinner. (B, D)

**Day 3 Valencia 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: £645

Single: £845

**Price Includes:** Two nights hotel accommodation in Valencia, meals as indicated (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner), tours as described, Tour Manager, gratuities, transfers.

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# MS HEBRIDEAN SKY



Alfresco Dining



Owner's Balcony Suite



The Restaurant

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

## Your Suite

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

## Your Dining

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



The Library



Superior Suite



The Club

### Your Space

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

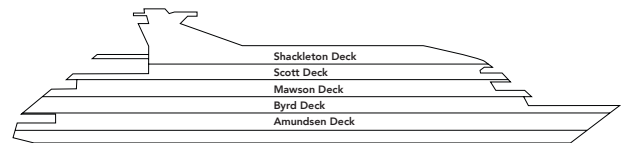
### Your Comfort

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

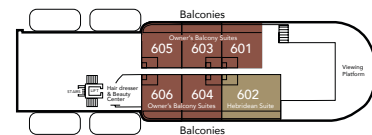
### Your Life On Board

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

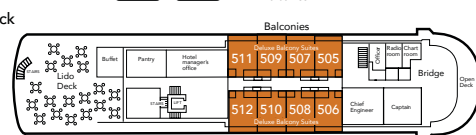
### MS HEBRIDEAN SKY DECK PLAN



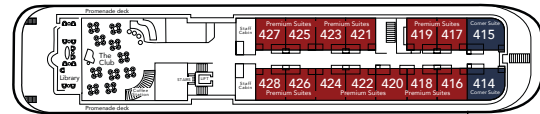
#### Shackleton Deck



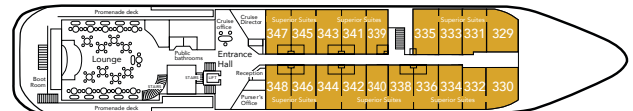
#### Scott Deck



#### Mawson Deck



#### Byrd Deck



#### Amundsen Deck



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

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



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