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# **CALEDONIAN CANAL**

# **INVERNESS**

Clachnaharry Sea Lock
Clachnaharry Railway Swing Bridge
Clachnaharry Works Lock
Wuirtown Swing Bridge
Muirtown Locks (4)

Tomnahurich Swing Bridge Dochgarroch Lock > Torvean Swing Bridge

Loch Dochfour

### **DRUMNADROCHIT**

Loch Ness

# FORT AUGUSTUS

Fort Augustus Locks (5)

Kytra Lock

Cullochy Lock

Aberchalder Swing Bridge

Loch Oich

Laggan Locks (2) > Laggan Avenue

Loch Lochy

GAIRLOCHY
Gairlochy Top Lock
Moy Swing Bridge
Gairlochy Bottom Lock

Neptunes Staircase (8 locks)

CORPACHO Banavie Swing Bridge
Mallaig Extension Railway Swing Bridge
Corpach Sea Lock Corpach Double Locks (2)

**FORT WILLIAM** 

AONACH MOR

BEN NEVIS

Loch Linnhe



# WELCOME

# to the 2024 Lord of the Highlands Cruise Collection

In 2024 Lord of the Highlands will spread her wings and delve further into the dramatic beauty of her home country, Scotland, a diverse nation, full of history and intrigue.

From the historic locks of Thomas Telford's remarkable feat of engineering, the Caledonian Canal, to the idyllic Inner Hebrides, the landscapes of the east coast, peppered with ancient castles, and the remoteness of the northern archipelago of Orkney.

Inspired by the success of her larger sister, Hebridean Princess, Lord of the Highlands continues the Hebridean tradition of providing the highest quality holidays afloat. A handpicked crew take care of your every need and the convivial company of just 38 fellow guests ensures that a relaxed house party atmosphere is typical on every cruise. With only a small number of guests on board, new acquaintances soon become friends.

Real attention to detail, the sumptuous comfort of a floating country house hotel and the mesmerising scenery of the Highlands and Islands are the essential elements for a perfect cruise holiday. Our fully-inclusive tariff brings peace of mind, the freedom to enjoy fascinating shore visits at all ports of call in the company of a knowledgeable guides and to savour your favourite tipple from the well-stocked bar.

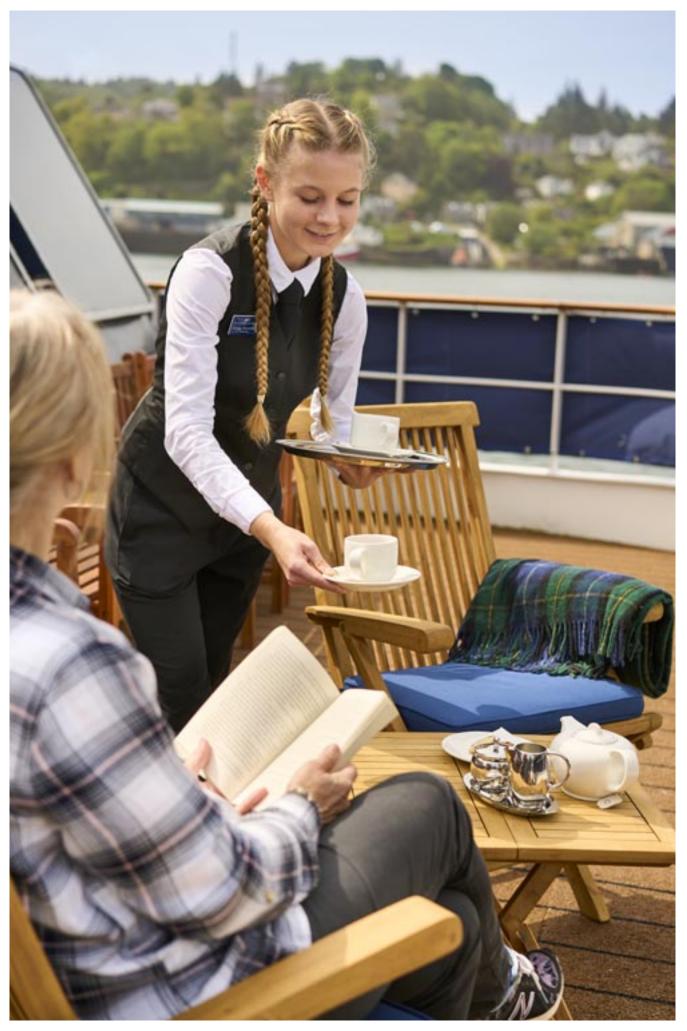


**COMBINATION** Many of the 2024 itineraries have been designed with minimal repetition - so for those looking for a longer holiday our newly introduced Combination Cruises may appeal - what's even more attractive is that all of our Combination Cruises attract an extra saving of up to £500 per person on the total fare. Look out for the special Combination Cruises logo against the applicable sailings.

The diminutive size of Lord of the Highlands allows her to access off-the-beaten track destinations which are not accessible to larger vessels and to explore far-flung islands, hidden mainland gems and intricate inland waterways.

If you are bewitched by wildlife, inspired by history, enthralled by art and architecture or stimulated by stunning gardens, our specially themed itineraries will allow you to indulge your passion.

We very much look forward to welcoming you on board Lord of the Highlands.



# THE LORD OF THE HIGHLANDS DIFFERENCE

## A wealth of experience

Whilst Lord of the Highlands is the latest ship to join the Hebridean Island Cruises fleet, when it comes to implementing exceptionally planned holidays in Scotland, Hebridean Island Cruises is no novice. Hebridean has been synonymous with luxury cruising for over 35 years, when the small, unique and award-winning cruise ship, Hebridean Princess, first sailed in the waters of Scotland's west coast and Western Isles. During this time, we have established a reputation for the highest of standards and attention to detail.

# Small is personal

At Hebridean, we believe it is simply not possible to look after large numbers of guests properly and provide them with the really personal service that differentiates an extraordinary holiday from a merely good one. *Lord of the Highlands* accommodates just 38 like-minded guests, therefore providing a far superior and relaxed style of holiday.

# House party style

The small size of *Lord of the Highlands* means that each cruise is always a carefree and convivial affair where good conversation flourishes and new friendships are formed, creating a house party atmosphere providing long lasting memories.

# Cosseted and relaxing

Leave the frantic pace of land behind and voyage into a world of relaxation few people have experienced. There are neither talent shows nor glitzy cabarets on board *Lord of the Highlands*, just good conversation with fellow travellers and quiet areas in which to relax. Occasionally, entertainment may be provided in the lounge after dinner by local musicians and artists.

### Delectable

With an ever-changing menu, dining on board *Lord of the Highlands* is a sensational feast. Our talented and dedicated chefs use only the freshest, locally sourced ingredients allowing the creation of the most delectable breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

## Comfortable

Nineteen delightful cabins, including one suite and four with private balcony, are well-appointed, offering bathrobes, slippers, tea and coffee making facilities and a large selection of Molton Brown toiletries for your convenience. Each cabin is tastefully furnished with the best of classic and contemporary design.

## Memorable

There is a world of difference between an ordinary holiday and a memorable one - at Hebridean we create unique experiences for a few people - never something ordinary for a crowd.



# LORD OF THE HIGHLANDS GENUINELY FULLY INCLUSIVE

There is nothing quite like that sense of freedom you feel, knowing that everything from tours ashore, to meals and drinks, port taxes and even gratuities are included in the fare you pay.

Lord of the Highlands cruises are genuinely fully-inclusive; not an empty promise, but a Hebridean pledge to ensure that you have a carefree holiday both on board and ashore.



## ON BOARD DINING EXPERIENCES

Dining is a major element of any cruise and on board Lord of the Highlands you will dine in the picture windowed Caledonian Restaurant for breakfast, lunch and dinner.



## **COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS**

Complement your meal with specially selected wines of the day, and enjoy other house wines and spirits, soft drinks and beers, tea and coffee during your time with us at no extra charge. Taittinger Champagne is also included by the glass throughout your cruise.



## **ENGAGING SHORE VISITS**

There is no need to decide on which tours and visits you would like to participate as these are all included, along with the services of our knowledgeable on board guide.



## **GRATUITIES AND TAXES**

Knowing when and how much to tip can be a difficult decision, but on every *Lord of the Highlands* cruise all gratuities are included in your cruise fare, both on board and ashore, as well as all port taxes and dues.



## **GUIDES AND GUEST SPEAKERS**

Knowledgeable guides accompany all cruises, both on board and on the tours ashore. Renowned guest speakers feature on selected cruises; passionate about their subject, these captivating orators bring each cruise to life.



# COMPLIMENTARY TRANSFERS AND CAR PARKING

Courtesy coach transfers from the local airport or train station to and from *Lord of the Highlands* at predetermined times. For those wishing to drive, secure parking is available.

## INTERNET ACCESS AND WI-FI

Complimentary Wi-Fi access is available in the public rooms and cabins.



# DISCOVERING MORE WITH LORD OF THE HIGHLANDS' CREW

At Hebridean Island Cruises we believe it is simply not possible to look after large numbers of guests properly and give them the really personal service that differentiates an extraordinary holiday from a merely good one. This is why you will only find 38 or so like-minded guests on board *Lord of the Highlands*, with a complementary crew to match.

If you would like to be known by your name within moments of stepping on board, to have your smallest preferences remembered, then massmarket style cruising will never be a satisfactory alternative.

Everything we do receives the same level of care and attention; from the carefully conceived shore visits to the peaceful overnight berths. From the exquisite menus to the traditionally styled cabins; every little detail aims to ensure that the whole experience is perfection.

When Lord of the Highlands crew greet you with a smile, it will be a smile of real welcome ensuring that the rapport between guests and crew is instant and quite unique.

For us, resoluteness in the pursuit of perfection is something for which, in our view, there is no alternative. Behind the scenes we will be striving day and night to ensure that yours is the best holiday you have taken.

Your job is to simply sit back, relax and enjoy the unique world of *Lord of the Highlands*.









# LIFE ON BOARD LORD OF THE HIGHLANDS

Lord of the Highlands is unique. During her multimillion-pound refit, much of her original décor was removed and replaced by rich hardwood finishes offset by cream panelling, reminiscent of a British Pullman carriage.

With its impressive glass atrium, the Panorama Lounge is abound with comfortable and contemporary armchairs, whilst clustered and cosy seating areas encourage small groups where guests can chat privately. For the perfect view of the ensuing scenery, the arching window seat is

the perfect place to catch a glimpse of the next instalment of the journey ahead, but for a more formal arrangement, the window lined Pullman chair area of the lounge is perhaps somewhere to settle with a good book or simply take in the awe-inspiring scenery as it glides by.















# DINING AND CUISINE

Fine dining is a vital part of the perfect cruising experience. On *Lord of the Highlands* we take special pride in the quality of our cuisine, prepared by expert chefs from locally sourced produce. Our wines are carefully selected to complement our varied menus.

Only the freshest and finest ingredients are used in our menu choices, most of which are procured from local suppliers. Sparkling glass and fine china complement the excellent cuisine.

Meals on board *Lord of the Highlands* are an invitation to dine among friends in the elegant Caledonian Restaurant, where all-round picture windows mean you will never miss the view.

Breakfasts are informal and are as healthy or as hearty as you choose with fresh fruit, cooked Scottish fayre and of course, Chef's own take on that Scottish staple (porridge), with or without a wee dram!

Lunch varies, depending on the day's activities, and our dedicated crew is ever-present to attend to your every need.

In the evening, dinner is a full service, banquetstyle, three course meal with coffee and petit fours. Our Gala Dinners are sparkling occasions, from the Champagne reception in the lounge to a gourmet dinner – and no cruise would be complete without a traditional recital of Robert Burns' Address to a Haggis!

Independent travellers will find a warm welcome, as seating is with fellow guests in a single sitting with a relaxed and informal atmosphere.





# A TASTE OF CALEDONIA

## Inverness to Oban

Thursday 11th to Wednesday 17th April 2024 6 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

Join Lord of the Highlands to transit Telford's remarkable Caledonian Canal through the dramatic Highland scenery of the Great Glen. Onwards to discover the delights of Mull and Iona and sail into Oban, the Gateway to the Isles, on this delightful spring getaway.

Embark in Inverness, where the infamous battlefield of Culloden is haunted with the souls of fallen warriors of Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite forces, which were defeated in 1746. We set sail at lunchtime along the Caledonian Canal, built between 1803 and 1822 to connect the Great Glen's four lochs, and ascend the impressive series of locks which runs through Fort Augustus.

Continuing along the canal, we ascend to the highest point at Loch Oich and glide serenely through the picturesque tree-lined Laggan Avenue, before reaching Neptune's Staircase. Overlooked by the magnificent Ben Nevis, this amazing feat of engineering descends the canal over 19 metres and is the longest lock staircase in Scotland.

At Glenfinnan we visit the iconic monument honouring the fallen Jacobite clansmen, framed by spectacular Highland scenery, before cruising into open sea to the colourful harbour town of Tobermory on Mull.

On Iona, the tranquility of the restored Benedictine Abbey awaits and the ancient seat of Clan Maclean, where the folly of McCaig's Tower affords panoramic views over the bay to the Atlantic Islands.





# Travel Plan - 6 nights

### Thursday 11th April

Inverness - Embarkation.

### Friday 12th April

Inverness - Culloden and Clava Cairns. Cruise the Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness to Fort Augustus.

### Saturday 13th April

Cruise the Caledonian Canal and transit Neptune's Staircase. Corpach - Glenfinnan Monument Visitor Centre.

### Sunday 14th April

Sail Loch Linnhe and the Sound of Mull to Tobermory. Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

### Monday 15th April

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona.

### Tuesday 16th April

Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle. Oban - Walking tour and McCaig's Tower.

### Wednesday 17th April

Oban-Disembarkation.

PRICES PER PERS	ON	
Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£3,490
	Balcony Cabin	£3,990
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£4,660
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,920

To help you select your cabin, deck plans and cabin images can be found on pages 62-65 and 73-74.

# HIGHLAND AND ISLAND GEMS

# Oban to Oban

Wednesday 17th to Wednesday 24th April 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

SKYE

KYLE OF LOCHALSH
Eilean Donan
Castle

ARMADALE
Armadale Castle
Museum of Oliverie
the Isles

TOBERMORYO

MULL

MULL

AGAIRLOCH
Iverewe Garden

OBAN

CRAIGNURE

IONA

This cruise also departs on 12th October 2024

This cruise explores the sheltered waters of some of the scenic Sounds which lie between the mainland and the isles of Mull and Skye. Join Lord of the Highlands on this wonderful seven night itinerary, a delightful way to experience the freshness of spring in Scotland.

Discover Oban on a walking tour which takes in the panoramic vistas from McCaig's Tower at the top of Battery Hill, ahead of our first island port of call, Mull, where you can wander at will through the colour-washed shops around the harbour of Tobermory.



A scenic steam through the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea brings us to the Kyle of Lochalsh where Eilean Donan awaits. This iconic castle was built on an island where three sea lochs meet.

At the sub-tropical oasis of Inverewe Garden, wander through this plantsman's paradise, created in 1862 by Osgood Mackenzie, on the 850-hectare estate bought for him by his mother.

At Armadale on Skye, view the romantic ruins of the seat of Clan Donald and immerse yourself in their epic story at the Museum of the Isles. Breakfast to a backdrop of breathtaking scenery as we cruise the Sound of Mull to Craignure, where the dramatic setting of Duart Castle has been home to Clan Maclean chiefs for over 700 years.

Ashore on the sacred isle of Iona, take time to reflect on the influence of the religious colonists who landed here and established a seat of Christianity in 563.

# Travel Plan - 7 nights

### Wednesday 17th April

Oban - Embarkation.

### Thursday 18th April

Oban - Walking tour and McCaig's Tower. Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Friday 19th April

Cruise the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea to Kyle of Lochalsh. Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.

### Saturday 20th April

Cruise north to Gairloch. Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

### Sunday 21st April

Cruise under the Skye Bridge and through the Narrows. Armadale, Skye – Armadale Castle & Museum of the Isles.

### Monday 22nd April

Cruise the Sound of Mull to Craignure. Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.

### Tuesday 23rd April

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona.

### Wednesday 24th April

Oban - Disembarkation.

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### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,070
	Balcony Cabin	£4,660
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£5,430
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£5,730

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# PEARLS OF THE INNER ISLES

## **Oban to Oban**

Wednesday 24th to Monday 29th April 2024 5 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

This cruise also departs on 19th October 2024

Scotland in spring can be a truly exhilarating and revitalising experience. Clear days which accentuate the freshness and colourful splendour of nature regenerating, while snow-capped mountains add a photogenic reminder of a striking winter landscape. This cruise reveals some of the best kept secrets of the Inner Hebridean Islands.

Leaving Oban in our wake, we berth in Tobermory Bay where the picturesque capital of Mull is our afternoon port of call. Isle of Mull Cheese is the island's only dairy farm, using traditional methods to produce artisan cheeses. Their newly-opened distillery uses by-products from the cheese making to produce a whey-based spirit.

The Small Isle of Eigg offers the opportunity to explore this community owned nature reserve, ahead of an afternoon visit to Inverie - home of mainland Britain's remotest pub, The Old Forge. At Armadale on Skye, view the romantic ruins of the seat of Clan Donald and immerse yourself in their epic story at the Museum of the Isles.

Ashore on the sacred isle of Iona, take time to reflect on the influence of the religious colonists who landed here and established a seat of Christianity in 563, before discovering Oban on a walking tour which takes in the panoramic vistas from McCaig's Tower at the top of Battery Hill. This impressive folly was built in 1897 by local banker John Stuart McCaig to provide work for local stonemasons.



# Travel Plan - 5 nights

### Wednesday 24th April

Oban - Embarkation.

### Thursday 25th April

Cruise the Sound of Mull.

Tobermory, Mull - Isle of Mull Cheese.

### Friday 26th April

Eigg - Walks ashore. Inverie - The Old Forge

### Saturday 27th April

Armadale, Skye – Armadale Castle & Museum of the Isles. Cruise the Small Isles and around Ardnamurchan to Craignure.

### Sunday 28th April

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona. Oban - Walking tour & McCaig's Tower.

## Monday 29th April

Oban - Disembarkation



### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£2,910
	Balcony Cabin	£3,310
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£3,880
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,090

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# CALEDONIAN DISCOVERY

## **Oban to Inverness**

Monday 29th April to Monday 6th May 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



This cruise also departs on 16th September 2024

This enthralling voyage through the very heart of Scotland is full of breath-taking contrast in scenery, history and wildlife. The towering mass of Ben Nevis is a stunning backdrop to magnificent Loch Linnhe before entering one of the world's most beautiful cruise routes, the Caledonian Canal.

Our walking tour of Oban takes in the panoramic vistas from McCaig's Tower at the top of Battery Hill before we sail to Craignure on Mull, for a tour of Duart Castle, seat of Clan Maclean.

Visit sacred Iona, where St. Columba introduced Christianity to Scotland. Later, sail to the island capital of Tobermory where brightly painted houses line the waterfront, before cruising the Sound of Mull and Loch Linnhe to Corpach at the entrance of the Caledonian Canal.



At the Glenfinnan Monument Visitor Centre, we discover the story of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the moving tribute to those who died fighting for the Jacobite cause, ahead of a tour and tasting at one of the oldest licensed distilleries in Scotland, nestled at the foot of Ben Nevis.

Lord of the Highlands ascends the spectacular eight interconnected locks of Neptune's Staircase to Banavie, and sails through Loch Lochy and Loch Oich to Fort Augustus. At Urquhart Castle, discover 1,000 years of drama, experience a glimpse of medieval life and enjoy stunning views over Loch Ness

We descend the Fort Augustus locks, transit Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal to Inverness. Our final visit is Culloden, the powerfully emotive and atmospheric battlefield where the 1745 Jacobite Rising came to a tragic end.

# Travel Plan - 7 nights

## Monday 29th April

Oban - Embarkation.

### Tuesday 30th April

Oban - Walking tour and McCaig's Tower. Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.

### Wednesday 1st May

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona. Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Thursday 2nd May

Sail the Sound of Mull and Loch Linnhe to Corpach. Corpach - Glenfinnan Monument Visitor Centre.

### Friday 3rd May

Corpach - Ben Nevis Distillery.

Transit Neptune's Staircase and cruise the Caledonian Canal to Laggan Locks.

### Saturday 4th May

Cruise the Caledonian Canal to Fort Augustus. Fort Augustus - Urquhart Castle.

### Sunday 5th May

Cruise Loch Ness.

Inverness - Culloden and Clava Cairns.

## Monday 6th May

Inverness - Disembarkation.

### PRICES PER PERSON

Deluxe Cabin	£4,090
Balcony Cabin	£4,720
Suite (King size)	£5,430
Deluxe Cabin	£5,730
	Balcony Cabin Suite (King size)

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Guest Speaker Chris Wardle

Chris initially trained in Horticulture Forestry and Conservation at Capel Manor College in North London before moving to continue his studies in Amenity Horticulture at Askham Bryan College where he met his wife Ruth. He worked in private gardens in Surrey and Sussex before moving to the National Trust for Scotland in early 2000. Chris has held roles from assistant Head Gardener to Head Gardener at Crathes Castle until 2018. His career has continued into garden advisory roles, education and plant curation and his specialism is in trees and woodland management.

# HIGHLAND GARDENS



# Kyle of Lochalsh to Inverness Monday 13th to Monday 20th May 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Scotland boasts a diverse collection of gardens which are home to a vast collection of plants from around the world, in spectacular natural settings. Experience the rich diversity of Scotland's west coast gardens and explore botanic beauty on this horticultural extravaganza. Visit some of the area's best kept secrets including Attadale in Wester Ross and Ardchattan Priory.

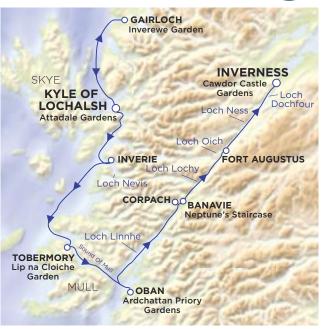
Attadale Gardens were skilfully restored by their owner, Nick MacPherson, as an artist's garden after the 1980 storm, with an impressive sculpture collection scattered throughout the 20 acre site. We sail the coast of Wester Ross to Gairloch to visit Sir Osgood Mackenzie's masterpiece, Inverewe Garden, home to over 2,500 exotic and tropical species of plants and shrubs.

The remote, hidden gem of Lip na Cloiche Garden is situated on a steep hillside on the north west coast of Mull with views of Ulva. the Treshnish Isles and Ben More.

Ardchattan Priory Garden, originally planted by medieval monks, affords breathtaking views over Loch Etive to Mull and Ben Cruachan. After sailing Loch Linnhe, we reach the Caledonian Canal at Corpach and ascend Neptune's Staircase, a set of eight interconnected locks, which lift the vessel 64 feet to Banavie. Onwards through Loch Lochy before transitting the tranquil, tree-lined Laggan Avenue to our overnight berth at Fort Augustus.

A scenic sail of Loch Ness leads us to our final visit at Cawdor Castle Gardens, forever immortalised in Shakespeare's 'Macbeth.' The castle boasts three very different gardens, each with their own unique history and appearance. Displaying a wealth of flora and fauna, the gardens at Cawdor Castle are ever changing with the seasons





## Travel Plan - 7 nights

### Monday 13th May

Kyle of Lochalsh - Embarkation.

### Tuesday 14th May

Kyle of Lochalsh - Attadale Gardens. Sail to Gairloch.

#### Wednesday 15th May

Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

Sail to Inverie

## Thursday 16th May

Tobermory, Mull - Lip na Cloiche Garden.

### Friday 17th May

Oban - Ardchattan Priory Gardens. Sail Loch Linnhe to Corpach.

## Saturday 18th May

Transit Neptune's Staircase and cruise the Caledonian Canal to Fort Augustus.

### Sunday 19th May

Cruise the Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness. Inverness - Cawdor Castle Gardens.

### Monday 20th May

Inverness - Disembarkation.

# COMBINATION



Combine this cruise with 20th May and save up to £500 per person on the total fare.

### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,480
	Balcony Cabin	£5,120
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£5,880
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£6,190

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# SCOTLAND'S SEAFARING PAST

# ANAL MISTORY

# **Inverness to Edinburgh**

Monday 20th to Monday 27th May 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



This cruise also departs on 3rd June 2024

Scotland has a rich maritime history and it's sailors, engineers, designers and ships have helped to shape the modern world. Explore the seafaring heritage of the east coast on a voyage of discovery from the Highland capital of Inverness to Leith, Edinburgh's deep-water port on the Firth of Forth.

En route from Inverness, stand in awe of Fort George, one of the most outstanding fortifications in Europe. It was built in the wake of the Battle of Culloden as a secure base for King George II's army. Based in the bustling port of Fraserburgh, the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses tells the great story of the Northern Lighthouse Board, the engineers who built the lights and the keepers who tended them.





Step back in time as you walk through 125 years of turbulent history inside Scotland's toughest jail. The former Victorian HM Convict Prison Peterhead now houses a museum which highlights the work of the brave personnel that served there. Close to the busy harbour, Aberdeen's Maritime Museum tells the story of the city's long and often dramatic relationship with the sea, from the earliest days of trading, fishing and shipbuilding, to offshore energy and life in the industry.

Built in Dundee in 1900, *RRS Discovery* was the ship which carried Captain Scott on his first expedition across the Antarctic. Learn the full *Discovery* story and the history of seafaring in the North Sea. Now berthed in Leith, *HMY Britannia* is the most special of royal residences. Follow in the footsteps of royalty and explore this floating royal residence on a fascinating tour.

# Travel Plan - 7 nights

### Monday 20th May

Inverness - Embarkation.

### Tuesday 21st May

Inverness - Fort George. Cruise to Buckie.

### Wednesday 22nd May

Cruise to Fraserburgh.

Fraserburgh - Scottish Lighthouse Museum.

### Thursday 23rd May

Peterhead - Peterhead Prison Museum.

Cruise to Aberdeen.

### Friday 24th May

Aberdeen - Maritime Museum.

Cruise to Montrose.

### Saturday 25th May

Cruise to Dundee.

Dundee - V&A Museum and RRS Discovery.

### Sunday 26th May

Cruise to Leith, Edinburgh.

Leith - HMY Britannia.

### Monday 27th May

Leith, Edinburgh - Disembarkation.





Guest Speaker John Noorani M.C.I.R.O.

John had a long railway career mainly in south west London in both station management and operational roles. This led to an interest in how transport, particularly sea and rail, influenced the development of industry and settlements especially in Scotland and in particular the Highlands and Islands where he has travelled widely for over sixty years. He also is interested in Pharology and other marine navigational aids, and their development.

### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,480
	Balcony Cabin	£5,120
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£5,880
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£6,190

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Guest Speaker Nicholas Merchant

Nicholas is a freelance lecturer in the Decorative and Fine Arts, who enjoys a reputation as a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. He worked as a valuer for some of the major auction houses including Sothebu's and now Phillips (now Bonhams).

houses including Sotheby's and now Phillips (now Bonhams).

On becoming accredited to the Arts Society (formerly NADFAS) in 2004, he has travelled widely to lecture on various aspects of his passion and takes pleasure in preparing talks appropriate to the destinations to be visited with the intention of 'setting the scene' to enhance the pleasure of the visits for guests.

# JEWELS OF THE EAST COAST



# **Edinburgh to Inverness**

Monday 27th May to Monday 3rd June 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 10th June 2024

From clan seats to royal residencies, Scotland has no shortage of stunning and romantic castles and palaces, and the east coast is home to many. Picturesquely situated and packed with history, they have endured prolific battles and many of those left standing were once home to royals or other significant figures.

Leaving the capital in our wake, we plot a course for Dundee and venture ashore to discover Scotland's design museum, the V&A, which showcases the brilliance of Scottish creativity. The iconic crowning place of Scottish kings, Scone Palace has a history which stretches back over 1,000 years.

Designed by William Adam, with stunning vistas overlooking Montrose Basin, House of Dun is every inch the perfect Georgian house of baroque extravagance. Built in 1743, it is filled with treasures that tell the stories of the people who lived there.

Standing against a backdrop of rolling hills and set within glorious gardens, discover a labyrinth of cultural history at Crathes Castle and experience its towers, turrets and stories of its resident ghosts.

Based in the bustling port of Fraserburgh, the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses tells the great story of the Northern Lighthouse Board, the engineers who built the lights and the keepers who tended them. Our final architectural gem is Cawdor Castle; dating from 1370, the castle was built as a private fortress by the Thanes of Cawdor, a family made famous by Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth.'





# Travel Plan - 7 nights

### Monday 27th May

Leith, Edinburgh - Embarkation.

### Tuesday 28th May

Cruise to Dundee. Dundee - V&A Museum.

### Wednesday 29th May

Dundee - Scone Palace, Perth. Cruise to Montrose.

### Thursday 30th May

Montrose - House of Dun. Cruise to Aberdeen.

### Friday 31st May

Aberdeen - Crathes Castle. Cruise to Fraserburgh.

### Saturday 1st June

Fraserburgh - Scottish Lighthouse Museum. Cruise to Buckie.

## Sunday 2nd June

Cruise to Inverness.

Inverness - Cawdor Castle and Gardens.

### Monday 3rd June

Inverness - Disembarkation.

### COMBINATION



Combine this cruise with 20th May or 3rd June and save up to £500 per person on the total fare.

### PRICES PER PERSON

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Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£6,190

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# SCOTLAND'S SEAFARING PAST

# ANAL MISTORY

# **Inverness to Edinburgh**

Monday 3rd June to Monday 10th June 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



This cruise also departs on 20th May 2024

Scotland has a rich maritime history and it's sailors, engineers, designers and ships have helped to shape the modern world. Explore the seafaring heritage of the east coast on a voyage of discovery from the Highland capital of Inverness to Leith, Edinburgh's deep-water port on the Firth of Forth.

En route from Inverness, stand in awe of Fort George, one of the most outstanding fortifications in Europe. It was built in the wake of the Battle of Culloden as a secure base for King George II's army. Based in the bustling port of Fraserburgh, the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses tells the great story of the Northern Lighthouse Board, the engineers who built the lights and the keepers who tended them.



Step back in time as you walk through 125 years of turbulent history inside Scotland's toughest jail. The former Victorian HM Convict Prison Peterhead now houses a museum which highlights the work of the brave personnel that served there. Close to the busy harbour, Aberdeen's Maritime Museum tells the story of the city's long and often dramatic relationship with the sea, from the earliest days of trading, fishing and shipbuilding, to offshore energy and life in the industry.

Built in Dundee in 1900, *RRS Discovery* was the ship which carried Captain Scott on his first expedition across the Antarctic. Learn the full *Discovery* story and the history of seafaring in the North Sea. Now berthed in Leith, *HMY Britannia* is the most special of royal residences. Follow in the footsteps of royalty and explore this floating royal residence on a fascinating tour.

# Travel Plan - 7 nights

### Monday 3rd June

Inverness - Embarkation.

### Tuesday 4th June

Inverness - Fort George. Cruise to Buckie.

#### Wednesday 5th June

Cruise to Fraserburgh.

Fraserburgh - Scottish Lighthouse Museum.

### Thursday 6th June

Peterhead - Peterhead Prison Museum.

Cruise to Aberdeen.

### Friday 7th June

Aberdeen - Maritime Museum.

Cruise to Montrose.

### Saturday 8th June

Cruise to Dundee.

Dundee - V&A Museum and RRS Discovery.

## Sunday 9th June

Cruise to Leith, Edinburgh.

Leith - HMY Britannia.

### Monday 10th June

Leith, Edinburgh - Disembarkation.





# Guest Speaker **John Lippiett**

John Lippiett had a 36 year career in the Royal Navy which included command of 3 ships at different seniorities, a frigate squadron and the School of Maritime Warfare, and culminating in three appointments at flag rank. He took early retirement in 2003 and became Chief Executive of the Mary Rose Trust. He now lectures extensively on Maritime History, from the Phoenicians four thousand years ago, all the way through to recent history such as the Falklands War of '82 (in which he served as second in command of a frigate), and into today's troubled world.

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# JEWELS OF THE EAST COAST



# **Edinburgh to Inverness**

Monday 10th to Monday 17th June 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



This cruise also departs on 27th May 2024

From clan seats to royal residencies, Scotland has no shortage of stunning and romantic castles and palaces, and the east coast is home to many. Picturesquely situated and packed with history, they have endured prolific battles and many of those left standing were once home to royals or other significant figures.

Leaving the capital in our wake, we plot a course for Dundee and venture ashore to discover Scotland's design museum, the V&A, which showcases the brilliance of Scottish creativity. The iconic crowning place of Scottish kings, Scone Palace has a history which stretches back over 1,000 years.





**Guest Speaker** Julia Marwood Julia has a lifelong passion for art. After early retirement from her career teaching German and English, she now has the great pleasure of spending all day every day looking at and talking about art apart from when she is wild swimming or learning Scottish Gaelic! She particularly enjoys visiting galleries in Scotland to indulge her love of the Glasgow Boys, Glasgow Girls and Scottish Colourists. As an Accredited Arts Society Lecturer - and a tour guide at Manchester Art Gallery she loves to share the joy of looking at art.



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Balcony Cabin	£5,120
Suite (King size)	£5,880
Deluxe Cabin	£6,190
	Suite (King size)



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Designed by William Adam, with stunning vistas overlooking Montrose Basin, House of Dun is every inch the perfect Georgian house of baroque extravagance. Built in 1743, it is filled with treasures that tell the stories of the people who lived there.

Standing against a backdrop of rolling hills and set within glorious gardens, discover a labyrinth of cultural history at Crathes Castle and experience its towers, turrets and stories of its resident ghosts.

Based in the bustling port of Fraserburgh, the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses tells the great story of the Northern Lighthouse Board, the engineers who built the lights and the keepers who tended them. Our final architectural gem is Cawdor Castle; dating from 1370, the castle was built as a private fortress by the Thanes of Cawdor, a family made famous by Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth.'

# Travel Plan - 7 nights

board. Travel insurance not included.

# Monday 10th June

Leith, Edinburgh - Embarkation.

## Tuesday 11th June

Cruise to Dundee. Dundee - V&A Museum.

## Wednesday 12th June

Dundee - Scone Palace, Perth. Cruise to Montrose.

### Thursday 13th June

Montrose - House of Dun. Cruise to Aberdeen.

### Friday 14th June

Aberdeen - Crathes Castle. Cruise to Fraserburgh.

## Saturday 15th June

Fraserburgh - Scottish Lighthouse Museum. Cruise to Buckie.

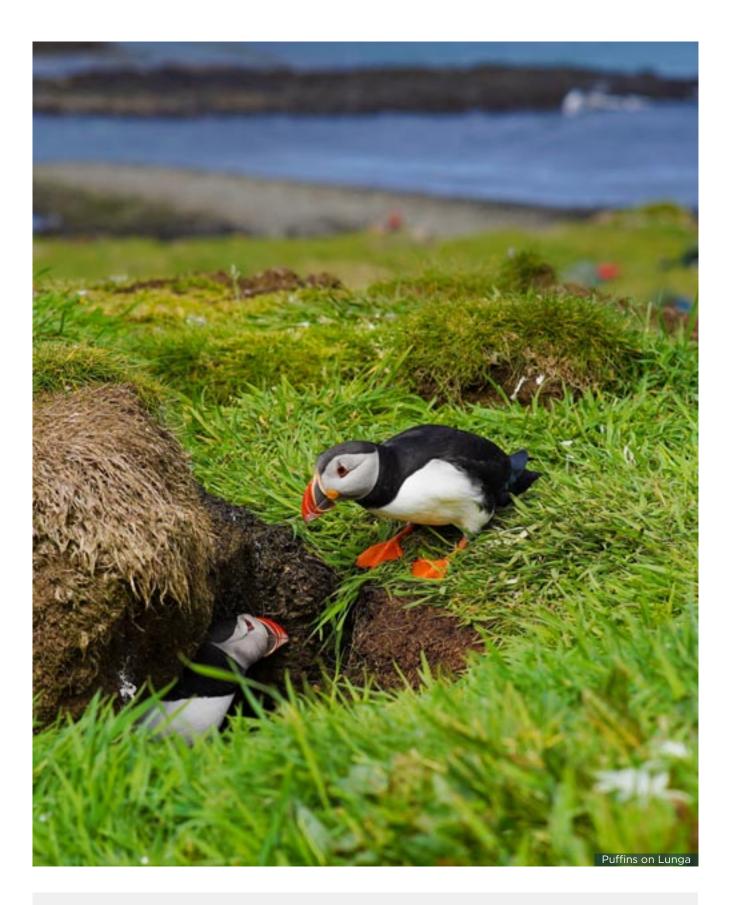
### Sunday 16th June

Cruise to Inverness.

Inverness - Cawdor Castle and Gardens.

## Monday 17th June

Inverness - Disembarkation.





Wildlife Guide

David Sexton

David Sexton works for the RSPB on the Isle of Mull. He was previously Head of RSPB's Land Management Department in Edinburgh and now as Mull Officer he is responsible for monitoring the important populations of white-tailed and golden eagles and overseeing the award-winning public viewing project Mull Eagle Watch. He is the author of 'Birdwatching on Mull and Iona' and lives on Mull with his wife, two teenage daughters and black Labrador Cally.

# HIGHLAND AND ISLAND WILDLIFE



# Kyle of Lochalsh to Inverness

Monday 24th June to Monday 1st July 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Scotland's land, seas and skies support a wide range of native mammals and birds and is renowned as a wildlife destination. The great wilderness of northern Scotland which abounds with white beaches, turquoise waters and a rugged coastline, is a treasure trove of species including whales, dolphins, seals, White-tailed Eagles and seabirds.

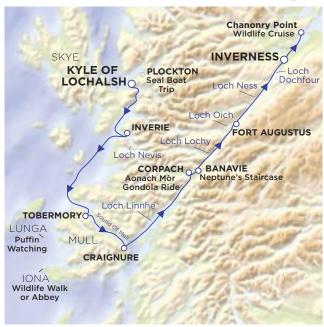
Ashore at Kyle of Lochalsh, we visit Plockton and experience a seal boat trip on the waters of Loch Carron, before afternoon walks at Inverie. Known as 'Europe's last wilderness, Inverie is blessed with an abundance of magnificent wildlife.

From Tobermory we take a small boat to the tiny Isle of Lunga in the Treshnish Isles to see the island's famous colonies of puffins, as well as thousands of pairs of breeding seabirds, seals, and rare plants. The machair of lona becomes a carpet for rare wild flowers in spring and early summer. Built on the crushed shells of marine creatures, this fertile grassland is home to a myriad of plant and birdlife.

After a relaxing sail of the Sound of Mull and Loch Linnhe, binoculars at the ready as we take the mountain gondola 2,000 feet up the north face of Aonach Mòr. The mountain provides a diversity of habitats supporting a diverse flora and fauna.

Look out for birds of prey, red deer, herons and other wading birds as we sail the tranquil waters of the Caledonian Canal. Finally, cruise out to Chanonry Point in the Moray Firth, home to around 200 dolphins which can often be seen at very close quarters here as they fish and play in the waters off the point.





# Travel Plan - 7 nights

### Monday 24th June

Kyle of Lochalsh - Embarkation.

### Tuesday 25th June

Kyle of Lochalsh - Plockton seal boat trip. Inverie - Walks ashore.

### Wednesday 26th June

Cruise to Tobermory.

Tobermory, Mull - Small boat trip to Lunga for puffin watching.

### Thursday 27th June

Craignure, Mull - Iona Wildlife Walk or Abbey.

### Friday 28th June

Sail the Sound of Mull and Loch Linnhe to Corpach. Corpach - Aonach Mòr Gondola ride for bird spotting.

### Saturday 29th June

Transit Neptune's Staircase and cruise the Caledonian Canal to Fort Augustus.

### Sunday 30th June

Cruise Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal to Inverness. Inverness - Wildlife cruise to Chanonry Point.

### Monday 1st July

Inverness - Disembarkation.

### PRICES PER PERSON

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# ORCADIAN ODYSSEY



## Scrabster to Scrabster

Monday 8th to Monday 15th July 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 22nd July 2024

Ruled by the Scandinavian crown until 1468, when the archipelago was ceded to Scotland under a marriage settlement, Orkney remains Nordic in culture. In the comfort of *Lord of the Highlands*, experience its magical prehistoric sites, extraordinary birdlife and incredible seascapes on a stunning summer cruise around the beautiful Orkney Isles.

Steaming the Pentland Firth, we head for Stromness where Skara Brae and the Stromness Museum await.

The Scapa Flow Museum tells the story of Orkney's military involvement during both world wars and houses a major collection of wartime artefacts, many of national importance. Discover Hoy on an island tour which includes Lyness Royal Naval Cemetery, the final resting place of more than six hundred men who lost their lives during the First and Second World Wars.

Orkney's finest Neolithic settlement gives a remarkable picture of life 5,000 years ago and Britian's most northerly cathedral, St Magnus in Kirkwall is known as the 'Light in the North' and was founded in 1137 by the Viking, Earl Rognvald, in honour of his uncle St Magnus who was martyred in Orkney. In the oldest part of Kirkwall, visit Sheila Fleet's beautiful gallery of her distinctive local jewellery.

Onwards to South Ronaldsay where the Churchill Barriers were constructed by Italian prisoners of war, and their enduring memorial, the delightful Italian Chapel. Finally, we discover a majestic jewel, the Castle of Mey, the late Queen Mother's home in Scotland.





## Travel Plan - 7 nights

Monday 8th July Scrabster - Embarkation.

### Tuesday 9th July

Cruise to Stromness. Stromness, Orkney - Skara Brae.

### Wednesday 10th July

Stromness, Orkney - Stromness Museum Lyness, Hoy, Orkney - Scapa Flow Visitor Centre.

## Thursday 11th July

Lyness, Hoy, Orkney - Island Tour. Sail to Kirkwall.

### Friday 12th July

Kirkwall, Orkney - Heart of Neolithic Orkney UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Kirkwall, Orkney - St Magnus Cathedral & Sheila Fleet Jewellery.

### Saturday 13th July

Cruise to South Ronaldsay.

St Margaret's Hope, South Ronaldsay, Orkney - Churchill Barriers & Italian Chapel.

### Sunday 14th July

Cruise to Scrabster. Scrabster - Castle of Mey.

Monday 15th July Scrabster - Disembarkation.

# COMBINATION

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Full board including house wines, lattinger Champagne by the glass, spirits, beers, soft drinks, tea and coffee. All shore excursions. On board Guide. Gratuities. Complimentary Wi-Fi on board. *Travel insurance not included*.



# ORCADIAN OUTPOSTS

#### Scrabster to Scrabster

Monday 15th to Monday 22nd July 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



This cruise also departs on 29th July 2024

This enthralling voyage to Orkney introduces the far-flung delights of these northern outposts, including the fertile bird haven of Sanday, and Orkney's 'Island of Bays', Stronsay. Enjoy summer days filled with wonderful guided walks and visits in some of the remotest and most impressive locations Scotland has to offer.

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The Heritage Centre on Sanday tells the history of the island from prehistoric times through to the 20th century and displays some of Sanday's natural and manmade treasures. Crawl into the high central chamber of a megalithic tomb dating back 5,000 years at Quoyness Chambered Cairn. Once a tomb for the dead, its form bears some resemblance to the houses of the living, perhaps reflecting Neolithic beliefs in the afterlife.

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#### Monday 15th July

Scrabster - Embarkation.

#### Tuesday 16th July

Cruise to Kirkwall.

Kirkwall, Orkney - St Magnus Cathedral.

#### Wednesday 17th July

Kirkwall, Orkney - Sheila Fleet Jewellery. Cruise to Westray.

#### Thursday 18th July

Westray, Orkney - Noltland Castle. Papa Westray, Orkney - Knap of Howar.

#### Friday 19th July

Cruise to Sanday.

Sanday, Orkney - Sanday Heritage Centre.

#### Saturday 20th July

Sanday, Orkney - Quoyness Chambered Cairn. Stronsay, Orkney - Vat of Kirbister.

#### Sunday 21st July

Cruise to Scrabster.

Scrabster - Castle of Mey.

#### Monday 22nd July

Scrabster - Disembarkation.

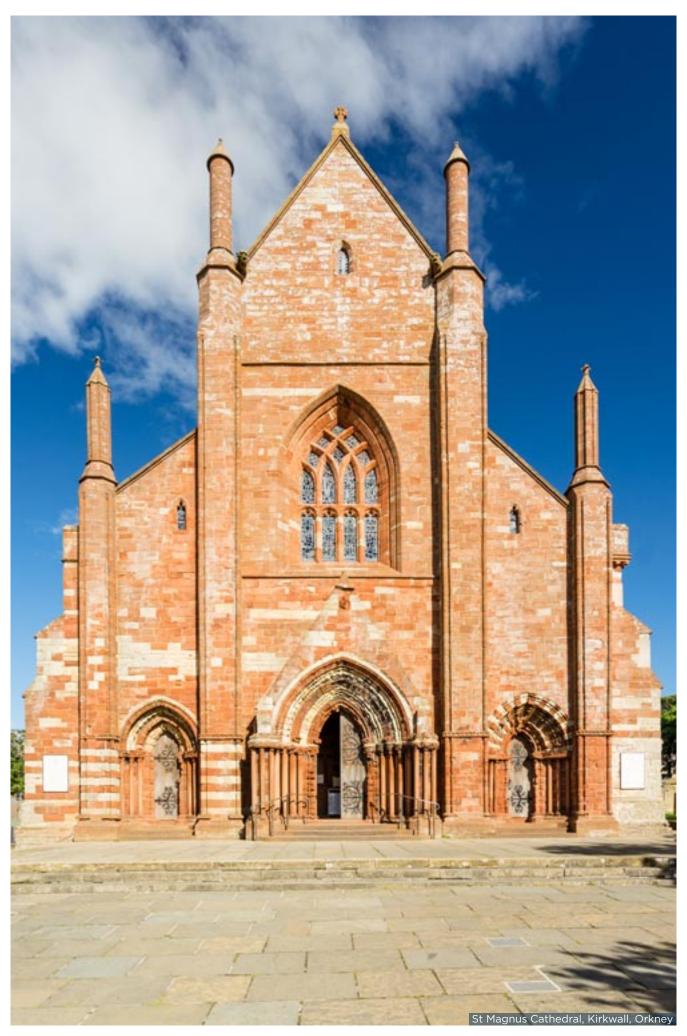


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Lyness, Hoy, Orkney - Island Tour.

Sail to Kirkwall.

#### Friday 26th July

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#### Sunday 28th July

Cruise to Scrabster.

Scrabster - Castle of Mey.

Monday 29th July Scrabster - Disembarkation.

#### COMBINATION



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# ORCADIAN OUTPOSTS

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Scrabster - Embarkation.

#### Tuesday 30th July

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Kirkwall, Orkney - St Magnus Cathedral.

#### Wednesday 31st July

Kirkwall, Orkney - Sheila Fleet Jewellery. Cruise to Westray.

#### Thursday 1st August

Westray, Orkney - Noltland Castle. Papa Westray, Orkney - Knap of Howar.

#### Friday 2nd August

Cruise to Sanday.

Sanday, Orkney - Sanday Heritage Centre.

#### Saturday 3rd August

Sanday, Orkney - Quoyness Chambered Cairn. Stronsay, Orkney - Vat of Kirbister.

#### Sunday 4th August

Cruise to Scrabster.

Scrabster - Castle of Mey.

#### Monday 5th August

Scrabster - Disembarkation.

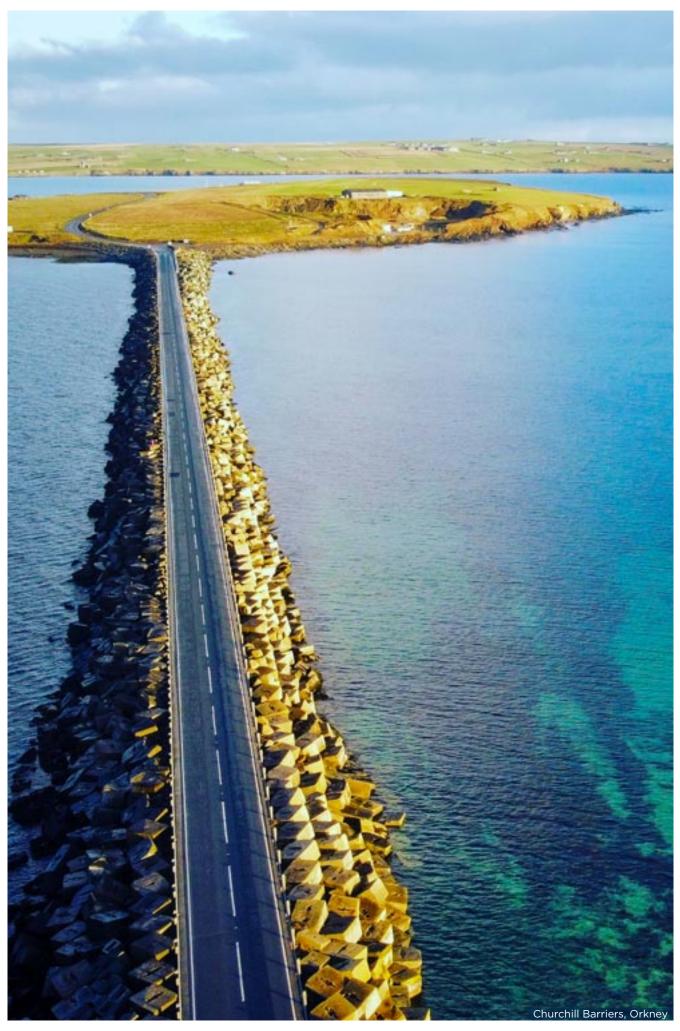


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# VOYAGE FROM THE FAR NORTH



#### Scrabster to Inverness

Monday 5th to Monday 12th August 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

From the Orkney Isles, around the remote and rugged east coast, be inspired by the sights and sounds of Scotland's far north. Uncover the myriad secrets of ancient history hidden for millennia beneath the sands of time whilst indulging yourself with the best of cuisine and the traditional warmth of Scottish hospitality.

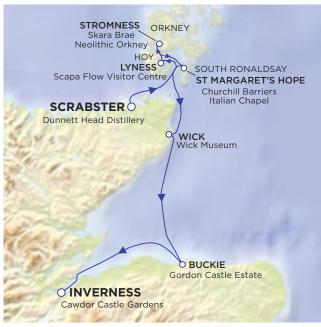
Set in a wild and untamed landscape at the most northerly point of the British mainland, Dunnet Bay Distillery uses carefully harvested local botanicals in the production of their handcrafted spirits. Enjoy a tasting and learn the story of their distillation process.

The Scapa Flow Museum tells the story of Orkney's military involvement during both world wars and houses a major collection of wartime artefacts, whilst Skara Brae is the best-preserved Neolithic settlement in western Europe; it was uncovered by a wild storm in 1850.

Around 5,000 years ago, the prehistoric people of Orkney began building monuments out of stone and many still survive today. Explore the stone circles and chambered tombs at the Heart of Neolithic Orkney. From South Ronaldsay, visit the Churchill Barriers, built by Italian prisoners of war, and the delightful Italian Chapel, their enduring memorial.

The history of Wick's herring fishing industry is revealed at the town's Heritage Museum and, situated between the River Spey and the Moray Coast, we discover the hidden gem of Gordon Castle Estate. The eight-acre walled garden is one of Scotland's best kept secrets. Cawdor Castle, the romantic Highland 14th century home of the Thanes of Cawdor, plays host to our final visit. Its ancient medieval tower was constructed around a legendary holly tree.





#### Travel Plan - 7 nights

Monday 5th August Scrabster - Embarkation.

#### Tuesday 6th August

Scrabster - Dunnett Head Distillery. Sail to Lyness, Hov.

#### Wednesday 7th August

Lyness, Hoy, Orkney - Scapa Flow Visitor Centre. Stromness, Orkney - Skara Brae.

#### Thursday 8th August

Stromness, Orkney - Heart of Neolithic Orkney. St Margaret's Hope, South Ronaldsay, Orkney - Churchill Barriers & Italian Chapel.

#### Friday 9th August

Cruise to Wick. Wick - Wick Museum.

#### Saturday 10th August

Cruise to Buckie.

Buckie - Gordon Castle Estate.

#### Sunday 11th August

Cruise to Inverness.

Inverness - Cawdor Castle Gardens.

Monday 12th August Inverness - Disembarkation.



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#### PRICES PER PERSON

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# HEBRIDEAN PANORAMA

#### Kyle of Lochalsh to Oban

Monday 19th to Monday 26th August 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



The Inner Hebrides form a wonderful tapestry of landscapes in the sheltered waters off Highland Scotland. Enjoy the awe-inspiring contrasts of wild, untamed beinns and glens with the softer beauty of picture-postcard villages and breathtaking lochs; discover the hidden treasures of the wildly beautiful Inner Isles.

Settle into life on board as we sail north to Gairloch and explore the exotic jewel of Inverewe Garden, magically transformed from a barren, windswept peninsula by the young Osgood MacKenzie. On an exhilarating coach tour, wonder at the otherworldly Trotternish, a landslip formed volcanically some 60 million years ago, eroded through time to the bizarre rock formations of today.





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Contrast the restored Eilean Donan castle with the ruins of Armadale, and relive MacDonald clan history at the Museum of the Isles. On refreshing walks beneath dramatic An Sgùrr, enjoy the wild beauty of Eigg, settled since prehistoric times and now owned by its community.

Shop and stroll at Georgian Tobermory, Mull's colourful capital, before heading to Isle of Mull Cheese, the island's only dairy farm. Here we discover the traditional methods used to produce their artisan cheeses by hand, before the majesty of ancient Duart Castle, ancestral home of the Clan Maclean.

On Iona, where St Columba began his mission in 563, linger in the restored abbey, or walk peacefully through the island's lovely landscapes, a far cry from the bustling waterfront of Oban. The climb from the town centre to McCaig's Tower is well worth the effort when faced with the spectacular views across Oban Bay to the Atlantic Islands.

#### Travel Plan - 7 nights

#### Monday 19th August

Kyle of Lochalsh - Embarkation.

#### **Tuesday 20th August**

Cruise to Gairloch.

Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

#### Wednesday 21st August

Portree, Skye - Tour the Trotternish Peninsula with lunch at Flodigarry Hotel.

#### Thursday 22nd August

Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.

Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle & Museum of the Isles.

#### Friday 23rd August

Eigg - Walks ashore.

Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Saturday 24th August

Tobermory, Mull - Isle of Mull Cheese.

Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.

#### Sunday 25th August

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona.

Oban - Walking tour & McCaig's Tower.

#### Monday 26th August

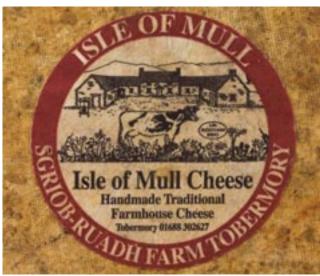
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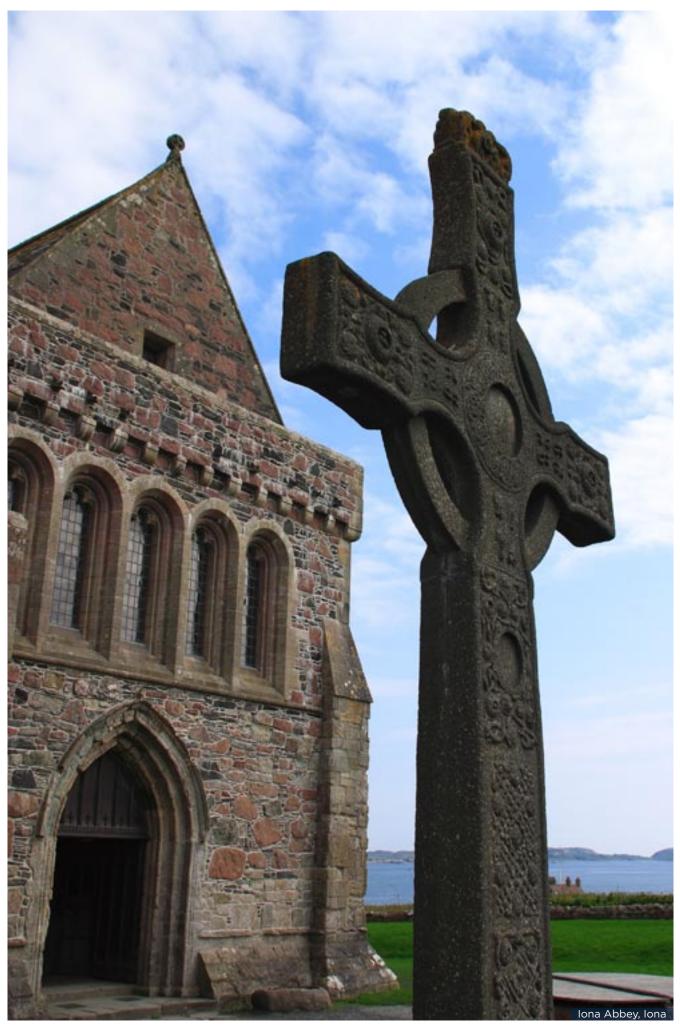


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# INNER ISLES EXPLORER

#### Oban to Oban

Monday 26th August to Monday 2nd September 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 9th September 2024

Imbued with the magic and mystery of the remote and unknown, the Inner Isles form a unique universe apart, sheltered by the crescent moon of the Outer Hebrides. Divided into two halves, the Northern and Southern Hebrides, they encompass an extraordinary diversity of landscapes, rich in wildlife and history.

Discover Oban on a walking tour which takes in the panoramic vistas from McCaig's Tower at the top of Battery Hill. Cruising north, we berth in Tobermory Bay where the picturesque capital of Mull is our afternoon port of call.

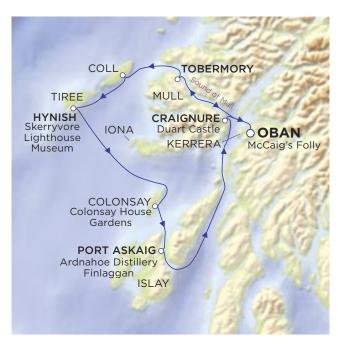
Westwards to Coll, a bird haven which is fringed by silver sand beaches and the idyllic location for an exploration on foot. Neighbouring Tiree is home to the museum which tells the fascinating story of the hazardous construction of Scotland's tallest lighthouse at Skerryvore.

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Ashore on the sacred isle of lona, take time to reflect on the influence of the religious colonists who landed here in 563, before peaceful and rural Kerrera offers refreshing walks and outstanding views.





#### Travel Plan - 7 nights

#### Monday 26th August

Oban - Embarkation.

#### Tuesday 27th August

Oban - Walking tour & McCaig's Tower. Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Wednesday 28th August

Coll - Walks ashore.

Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum.

#### Thursday 29th August

Cruise to Colonsay.

Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.

#### Friday 30th August

Port Askaig, Islay - Finlaggan.

Port Askaig, Islay - Ardnahoe Distillery.

#### Saturday 31st August

Cruise to Mull.

Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle

#### Sunday 1st September

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona.

Oban - Walks on Kerrera.

# Monday 2nd September Oban - Disembarkation.

COMBINATION



Combine this cruise with 19th August or 2nd September and save up to £500 per person on the total fare.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,260
	Balcony Cabin	£4,910
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£5,660
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£5,970

To help you select your cabin, deck plans and cabin images can be found on pages 62-65 and 73-74.

# HIGHLAND HERITAGE

#### Oban to Oban

Monday 2nd to Monday 9th September 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



Sheltered by the crescent arc of the Western Isles and blessed with a mild climate, the Inner Hebrides abound in natural and historic treasures against stunning seascapes. Cruise during the last days of summer to this secluded Scottish paradise of remote islands, dramatic landscapes, historic castles and glorious gardens.

We commence our voyage in the seafood capital of Oban. The town's skyline is dominated by the impressive folly of McCaig's Tower, built in 1897 by local banker John Stuart McCaig to provide work for local stonemasons. Bright and bustling Tobermory plays host to afternoon strolls and shopping, ahead of a scenic cruise of the Small Isles and the narrows of Kyle Rhea.



Combine this cruise with 26th August or 9th September and save up to £500 per person on the total fare.

By Loch Duich, cross to Eilean Donan Castle, stronghold of the MacKenzies of Kintail, powerfully poised on an island where three great sea-lochs meet. North to Gairloch, wonder at the accomplishment of the young Osgood MacKenzie, creator of the world-famous subtropical paradise of Inverewe Garden on the rocky wastes of High Lump.

Sailing for Skye, relive MacDonald clan history at Armadale Castle, where the 40 acre gardens attractively complement the Gothic mansion ruins, sheltered by 200 year old trees. From Craignure, travel back centuries at ancient Duart Castle, ancestral seat of Clan Maclean, enjoying unsurpassed views from its rocky promontory.

Head to Iona, where St Columba settled in 563, and visit the restored abbey, still a place of pilgrimage today. Our final afternoon is spent in the seaside town of Oban, known as the 'Gateway to the Isles'.

#### Travel Plan - 7 nights

#### Monday 2nd September

Oban - Embarkation.

#### Tuesday 3rd September

Oban - Walking tour & McCaig's Tower.

Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Wednesday 4th September

Cruise the Small Isles, the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea. Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.

#### Thursday 5th September

Cruise to Gairloch.

Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

#### Friday 6th September

Cruise south to Skye.

Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle & Museum of the Isles.

#### Saturday 7th September

Cruise around Ardnamurchan & the Sound of Sleat. Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.

#### Sunday 8th September

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona.

Oban - Free time.

#### Monday 9th September

Oban - Disembarkation.

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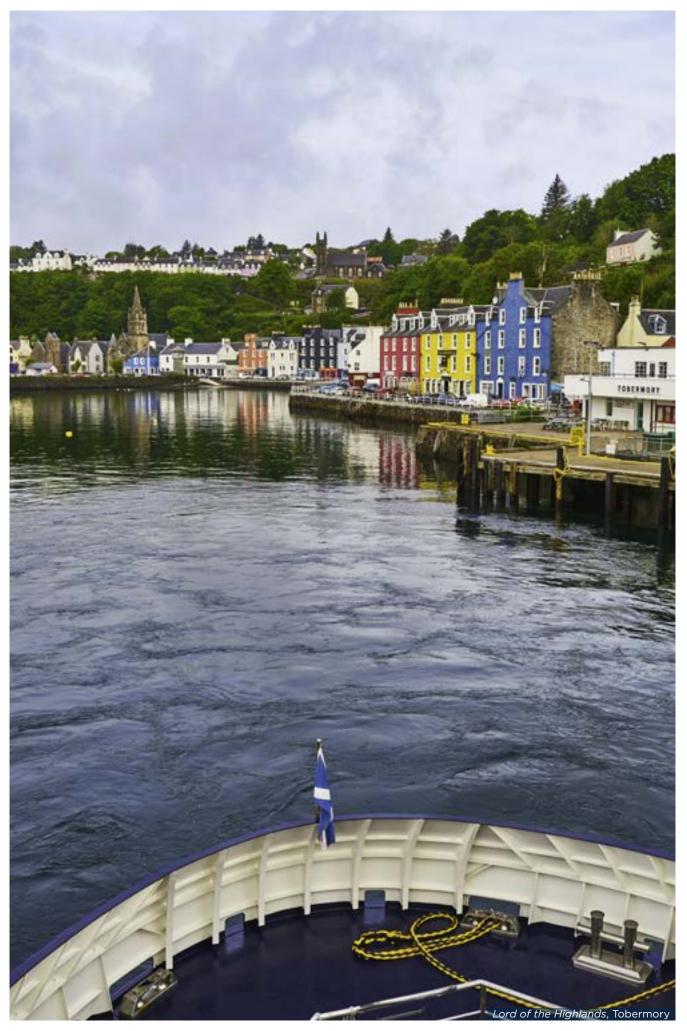
Armadale Castle, Skye

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,260
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Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£5,660
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# INNER ISLES EXPLORER

#### Oban to Oban

Monday 9th to Monday 16th September 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 26th August 2024

Imbued with the magic and mystery of the remote and unknown, the Inner Isles form a unique universe apart, sheltered by the crescent moon of the Outer Hebrides. Divided into two halves, the Northern and Southern Hebrides, they encompass an extraordinary diversity of landscapes, rich in wildlife and history.

Discover Oban on a walking tour which takes in the panoramic vistas from McCaig's Tower at the top of Battery Hill. Cruising north, we berth in Tobermory Bay where the picturesque capital of Mull is our afternoon port of call.

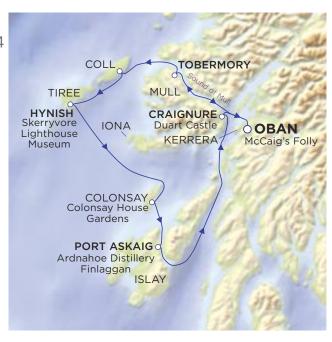
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Enjoy breathtaking scenery as we cruise the Sound of Mull to Craignure, where the dramatic setting of Duart Castle has been home to Clan Maclean chiefs for over 700 years.

Ashore on the sacred isle of lona, take time to reflect on the influence of the religious colonists who landed here in 563, before peaceful and rural Kerrera offers refreshing walks and outstanding views.





#### Travel Plan - 7 nights

#### Monday 9th September

Oban - Embarkation.

#### **Tuesday 10th September**

Oban - Walking tour & McCaig's Tower. Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Wednesday 11th September

Coll - Walks ashore.

Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum.

#### Thursday 12th September

Cruise to Colonsay.

Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.

#### Friday 13th September

Port Askaig, Islay - Finlaggan.

Port Askaig, Islay - Ardnahoe Distillery.

#### Saturday 14th September

Cruise to Mull.

Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle

#### Sunday 15th September

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona.

Oban - Walks on Kerrera.

#### Monday 16th September

Oban - Disembarkation.

#### COMBINATION



Combine this cruise with 2nd or 16th September and save up to £500 per person on the total fare.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,260
	Balcony Cabin	£4,910
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£5,660
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£5,970

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# CALEDONIAN DISCOVERY

#### **Oban to Inverness**

Monday 16th to Monday 23rd September 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners



This cruise also departs on 29th April 2024

This enthralling voyage through the very heart of Scotland is full of breath-taking contrast in scenery, history and wildlife. The towering mass of Ben Nevis is a stunning backdrop to magnificent Loch Linnhe before entering one of the world's most beautiful cruise routes, the Caledonian Canal.

Our walking tour of Oban takes in the panoramic vistas from McCaig's Tower at the top of Battery Hill before we sail to Craignure on Mull, for a tour of Duart Castle, seat of Clan Maclean.

Visit sacred Iona, where St. Columba introduced Christianity to Scotland. Later, sail to the island capital of Tobermory where brightly painted houses line the waterfront, before cruising the Sound of Mull and Loch Linnhe to Corpach at the entrance of the Caledonian Canal.



Combine this cruise with 9th September and save up to £500 per person on the total

At the Glenfinnan Monument Visitor Centre, we discover the story of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the moving tribute to those who died fighting for the Jacobite cause, ahead of a tour and tasting at one of the oldest licensed distilleries in Scotland, nestled at the foot of Ben Nevis.

Lord of the Highlands ascends the spectacular eight interconnected locks of Neptune's Staircase to Banavie, and sails through Loch Lochy and Loch Oich to Fort Augustus. At Urquhart Castle, discover 1,000 years of drama, experience a glimpse of medieval life and enjoy stunning views over Loch Ness

We descend the Fort Augustus locks, transit Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal to Inverness. Our final visit is Culloden, the powerfully emotive and atmospheric battlefield where the 1745 Jacobite Rising came to a tragic end.

#### Travel Plan - 7 nights

#### Monday 16th September

Oban - Embarkation.

#### Tuesday 17th September

Oban - Walking tour and McCaig's Tower. Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.

#### Wednesday 18th September

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona. Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Thursday 19th September

Sail the Sound of Mull and Loch Linnhe to Corpach. Corpach - Glenfinnan Monument Vistor Centre.

#### Friday 20th September

Corpach - Ben Nevis Distillery. Transit Neptune's Staircase and cruise the Caledonian Canal to Laggan Locks.

#### Saturday 21st September

Cruise the Caledonian Canal to Fort Augustus. Fort Augustus - Urquhart Castle.

#### Sunday 22nd September

Cruise Loch Ness.

Inverness - Culloden and Clava Cairns.

#### Monday 23rd September

Inverness - Disembarkation.

# Loch Ness

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,260
	Balcony Cabin	£4,910
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£5,660
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£5,970

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# **AUTUMN ADVENTURE**

# Kyle of Lochalsh to Oban

Monday 30th September to Sunday 6th October 2024 6 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

Regardless of the season, the Highlands and Islands possess a timeless, untainted beauty that intensifies with each passing month. This refreshing cruise of the breathtaking north west coast and Inner Hebrides reveals its brightest autumn gems for the warmth and comfortable ambience of *Lord of the Highlands*.

From Kyle of Lochalsh, cross the bridge to Skye to explore the moors of the Trotternish Ridge, one of Scotland's most stunning landscapes, in awe of the sculptural rock formations. A tour of Raasay's first legal distillery offers a warming dram.

No Scottish castle is more photographed than Eilean Donan. Built in the mid-13th century to guard Kintail, it was left in ruins for 200 years and restored by Colonel John MacRae-Gilstrap. Set in attractive gardens, Armadale Castle was the seat of Clan Donald, where the Museum of the Isles wonderfully preserves Skye's heritage.

The Small Isle of Eigg is a breathtaking spot for walks far off the beaten track beneath the pitchstone lava plug of An Sgùrr. Mull's colourful Georgian harbour town of Tobermory offers pleasant strolls before we head to the island's only dairy farm to taste the artisan produce at Isle of Mull Cheese.

The ancestral seat of the Macleans for over 400 years, Duart Castle was restored and reopened by Sir Fitzroy Maclean in 1912. Absorb the tranquility of the holy isle of Iona, where St Columba sought refuge from his beloved Ireland.

Our final port of call is Oban, the Gateway to the Isles. Explore the bustling waterfront and climb up Battery Hill to be rewarded with panoramic views from the magnificent folly of McCaig's Tower.





#### Travel Plan - 6 nights

#### Monday 30th September

Kyle of Lochalsh - Embarkation.

#### Tuesday 1st October

Portree, Skye - Tour the Trotternish Peninsula. Raasay - Raasay Distillery.

#### Wednesday 2nd October

Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle. Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle & Museum of the Isles.

#### Thursday 3rd October

Eigg - Walks ashore. Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Friday 4th October

Tobermory, Mull - Isle of Mull Cheese. Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.

#### Saturday 5th October

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona. Oban - Walking tour & McCaig's Tower.

#### Sunday 6th October

Oban - Disembarkation.

#### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£3,490
	Balcony Cabin	£3,990
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£4,660
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,920

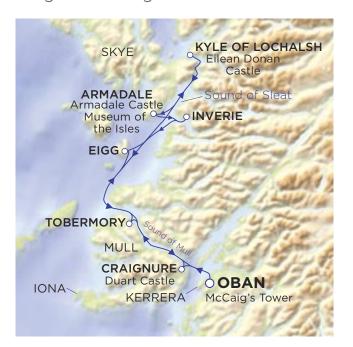
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# HEBRIDEAN HIGHLIGHTS

#### Oban to Oban

Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th October 2024 6 nights including 1 Gala Dinner



This cruise explores the sheltered waters of some of the scenic Sounds which lie between the mainland and the isles of Mull and Skye. Join Lord of the Highlands on this wonderful six night itinerary, a delightful way to experience the colours of autumn in Scotland.

Discover Oban on a walking tour which takes in the panoramic vistas from McCaig's Tower at the top of Battery Hill, ahead of our first island port of call, Mull, where you can wander at will through the colour-washed shops around the harbour of Tobermory.



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Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£3,490
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Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£4,660
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,920

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**Prices include:** 6 nights on board *Lord of the Highlands*. Full board including house wines, Taittinger Champagne by the glass, spirits, beers, soft drinks, tea and coffee. All shore excursions. On board Guide. Gratuities. Complimentary Wi-Fi on board. *Travel insurance not included*.



The Small Isle of Eigg plays host to refreshing walks in this community owned nature reserve. A scenic steam through the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea brings us to the Kyle of Lochalsh where Eilean Donan awaits. This iconic castle was built on an island where three sea lochs meet.

At Armadale on Skye, view the romantic ruins of the seat of Clan Donald and immerse yourself in their epic story at the Museum of the Isles. Breakfast to a backdrop of breathtaking scenery as we cruise around Ardnamuchan and the Sound of Mull to Craignure, where the dramatic setting of Duart Castle has been home to Clan Maclean chiefs for over 700 years.

Ashore on the sacred isle of Iona, take time to reflect on the influence of the religious colonists who landed here and established a seat of Christianity in 563. En route to Oban, we pause awhile on the tiny isle of Kerrera which guards the entrance to Oban Bay.

#### Travel Plan - 6 nights

#### Sunday 6th October

Oban - Embarkation.

#### Monday 7th October

Oban - Walking tour and McCaig's Tower. Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Tuesday 8th October

Eigg - Walks ashore.

Cruise the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea to Kyle of Lochalsh.

#### Wednesday 9th October

Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle. Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle & Museum of the Isles.

#### Thursday 10th October

Cruise the Sound of Mull to Craignure. Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.

#### Friday 11th October

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona. Oban - Walks on Kerrera.

#### Saturday 12th October

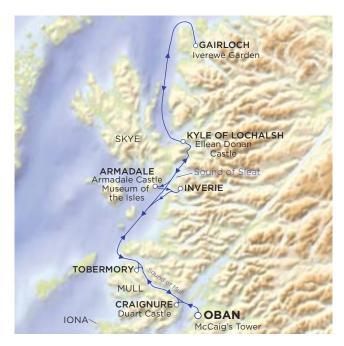
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# HIGHLAND AND ISLAND GEMS

#### Oban to Oban

Saturday 12th to Saturday 19th October 2024 7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 17th April 2024



This cruise explores the sheltered waters of some of the scenic Sounds which lie between the mainland and the isles of Mull and Skye. Join Lord of the Highlands on this wonderful seven night itinerary, a delightful way to experience the colours of autumn in Scotland.

Discover Oban on a walking tour which takes in the panoramic vistas from McCaig's Tower at the top of Battery Hill, ahead of our first island port of call, Mull, where you can wander at will through the colour-washed shops around the harbour of Tobermory.



A scenic steam through the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea brings us to the Kyle of Lochalsh where Eilean Donan awaits. This iconic castle was built on an island where three sea lochs meet.

At the sub-tropical oasis of Inverewe Garden, wander through this plantsman's paradise, created in 1862 by Osgood Mackenzie, on the 850-hectare estate bought for him by his mother.

At Armadale on Skye, view the romantic ruins of the seat of Clan Donald and immerse yourself in their epic story at the Museum of the Isles. Breakfast to a backdrop of breathtaking scenery as we cruise the Sound of Mull to Craignure, where the dramatic setting of Duart Castle has been home to Clan Maclean chiefs for over 700 years.

Ashore on the sacred isle of Iona, take time to reflect on the influence of the religious colonists who landed here and established a seat of Christianity in 563.

#### Travel Plan - 7 nights

#### Saturday 12th October

Oban - Embarkation.

#### Sunday 13th October

Oban - Walking tour and McCaig's Tower.

Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Monday 14th October

Cruise the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea to Kyle of Lochalsh. Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.

#### Tuesday 15th October

Cruise north to Gairloch.

Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

#### Wednesday 16th October

Cruise under the Skye Bridge and through the Narrows. Armadale, Skye – Armadale Castle & Museum of the Isles.

#### Thursday 17th October

Cruise the Sound of Mull to Craignure.

Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.

#### Friday 18th October

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona.

#### Saturday 19th October

Oban - Disembarkation.

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#### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,070
	Balcony Cabin	£4,660
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£5,430
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£5,730

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# PEARLS OF THE INNER ISLES

#### Oban to Oban

Saturday 19th to Thursday 24th Oct 2024 5 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

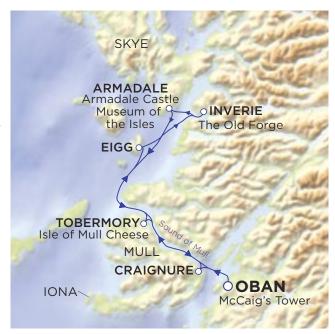
This cruise also departs on 24th April 2024

Nowhere are the divine hues of autumn so stunningly applied than the sublimely beautiful north-western corner of the British Isles. Embark on days of thrilling variety and join *Lord of the Highlands* on this cruise around these precious Inner Isles to discover many of their finest hidden gems.

Leaving Oban in our wake, we berth in Tobermory Bay where the picturesque capital of Mull is our afternoon port of call. Isle of Mull Cheese is the island's only dairy farm, using traditional methods to produce artisan cheeses. Their newly-opened distillery uses by-products from the cheese making to produce a whey-based spirit.

The Small Isle of Eigg offers the opportunity to explore this community owned nature reserve, ahead of an afternoon visit to Inverie - home of mainland Britain's remotest pub, The Old Forge. At Armadale on Skye, view the romantic ruins of the seat of Clan Donald and immerse yourself in their epic story at the Museum of the Isles.

Ashore on the sacred isle of Iona, take time to reflect on the influence of the religious colonists who landed here and established a seat of Christianity in 563, before discovering Oban on a walking tour which takes in the panoramic vistas from McCaig's Tower at the top of Battery Hill. This impressive folly was built in 1897 by local banker John Stuart McCaig to provide work for local stonemasons.



#### Travel Plan - 5 nights

#### Saturday 19th October

Oban - Embarkation.

#### Sunday 20th October

Cruise the Sound of Mull.

Tobermory, Mull - Isle of Mull Cheese.

#### Monday 21st October

Eigg - Walks ashore. Inverie - The Old Forge

#### Tuesday 22nd October

Armadale, Skye – Armadale Castle & Museum of the Isles. Cruise the Small Isles and around Ardnamurchan to Craignure.

#### Wednesday 23rd October

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona. Oban - Walking tour & McCaig's Tower.

#### Thursday 24th October

Oban - Disembarkation.



Combine this cruise with 24th October and save up to £500 per person on the total fare.



#### PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£2,910
	Balcony Cabin	£3,310
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£3,880
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,090

To help you select your cabin, deck plans and cabin images can be found on pages 62-65 and 73-74.

# THE LURE OF LOCH NESS

#### Oban to Inverness

Thursday 24th to Wednesday 30th October 2024 6 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

Leaving the Hebrides in our wake, we head for The Highlands. Rich in heritage and surrounded by dramatic mountain scenery, the Great Glen cuts right through the heart of Scotland. We transit this geological fault, via the manmade sections of the Caledonian Canal and four immense lochs, Loch Lochy, Loch Oich and most famous of all, the legendary Loch Ness and Loch Dochfour.

Our walking tour of Oban takes in the panoramic vistas from McCaig's Tower at the top of Battery Hill before we sail to Craignure on Mull, for a tour of Duart Castle, seat of Clan Maclean.

Visit sacred Iona, where St. Columba introduced Christianity to Scotland. Later, sail to the island capital of Tobermory where brightly painted houses line the waterfront, before cruising the Sound of Mull and Loch Linnhe to Corpach at the entrance of the Caledonian Canal.

At the Glenfinnan Monument Visitor Centre, we discover the story of Bonnie Prince Charlie and the moving tribute to those who died fighting for the Jacobite cause, before Lord of the Highlands ascends the spectacular eight interconnected locks of Neptune's Staircase to Banavie in the shadow of Ben Nevis.

Onwards through Loch Lochy in the heart of the Great Glen and the tranguil tree-lined Laggan Avenue, to Loch Oich, the highest point on the canal at just over 100 feet above sea level, to Fort Augustus.

Shrouded in mystery, Loch Ness is deeper than the North Sea; binoculars at the ready to search for the elusive local resident. Arriving at Inverness, our final visit is Culloden, the powerfully emotive and atmospheric battlefield where the 1745 Jacobite Rising came to a tragic end.





#### Travel Plan - 6 nights

#### Thursday 24th October

Oban - Embarkation.

#### Friday 25th October

Oban - Walking tour and McCaig's Tower. Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.

#### Saturday 26th October

Craignure, Mull - Visit to Iona. Tobermory, Mull - Free time.

#### Sunday 27th October

Sail to Corpach.

Corpach - Glenfinnan Monument Visitor Centre.

#### Monday 28th October

Transit Neptune's Staircase and cruise the Caledonian Canal to Fort Augustus.

#### Tuesday 29th October

Cruise Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal. Inverness - Culloden and Clava Cairns.

#### Wednesday 30th October

Inverness - Disembarkation.

Twin Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£3,490
	Balcony Cabin	£3,990
Double Cabin	Suite (King size)	£4,660
Single Cabins	Deluxe Cabin	£4,920



# LORD OF THE HIGHLANDS CABINS

Beautiful bedrooms – well-appointed and all enjoying views of the ever-changing panorama through the picture windows, *Lord of the Highlands'* 19 stylish cabins are elegantly furnished in rich hardwood with the best of contemporary design.

Each incorporates a dressing table, tea and coffee making facilities, satellite TV, ample storage space (wardrobe, drawers and underbed storage for suitcases), a personal safe for valuables and hairdryer. En-suite bathrooms, with walk-in shower, toilet and washbasin are equipped to the highest standards. For your added comfort and relaxation, warm bathrobes, slippers and a wide range of Molton Brown toiletries are also provided, with regular changes of towels. Individually controlled airconditioning/heating ensures your comfort.

The spacious suite on the John Buchan Deck features a comfortable sitting area with sofa and coffee table, a king-sized bed and a mini bar containing a selection of complimentary beverages. Four twin-bedded cabins on this level incorporate a small private balcony to make the most of the fresh air and sea views. (Please note that when the vessel is berthed alongside views from the balcony may be restricted).

Although cabin sizes and fares vary, Hebridean ensures the same high level of service to all guests, irrespective of cabin choice. Full details of cabin facilities and dimensions, together with the deck plan, can be found on pages 73-74.

























# CATEGORY 1 DELUXE CABINS

John Buchan Deck Richard Hannay Deck Picture Windows Twin beds

Located both port and starboard on the Richard Hannay and John Buchan Decks, the deluxe cabins feature comfortable twin beds. Large picture windows afford panoramic views of the passing landscapes and give the cabins a bright, airy feel. Stylish en-suite shower rooms are well designed to make the most of the available space.



#### CATEGORY 2 BALCONY CABINS

John Buchan Deck Private Balcony Picture Windows Twin beds

Located on both sides of the John Buchan Deck, the balcony cabins feature twin beds. The balconies afford privacy and are fitted with teak furniture for you to enjoy the magnificent scenery whilst sailing. (Please note that when the vessel is berthed alongside views from the balcony may be restricted). Charming private facilities include a walk-in shower.



# CATEGORY 3 SUITE

John Buchan Deck Sitting Area Picture Windows King-sized bed

The ship's largest cabin, the suite, is located at the forward end of the John Buchan Deck and features large picture windows both port and starboard affording delightful views. The spacious bedroom area includes a generous king-sized bed and the sitting area is furnished with a comfortable sofa, coffee table and mini bar.

# TRANSFERS AND CAR PARKING

For your ease and convenience, we have put in place trouble-free transfer and car parking arrangements for all *Lord of the Highlands* cruises:

#### **INVERNESS TO OBAN**

11th April - A Taste of Caledonia

Coach transfers are provided from Inverness Airport and Inverness Cty Centre to the berth in Inverness at the start of the cruise and from Oban to Inverness City Centre and Inverness Airport at the end of the cruise.

For guests wishing to drive, complimentary car parking is available at Inverness Airport with transfers included as above.

#### **OBAN TO INVERNESS**

29th April - Caledonian Discovery 16th September - Caledonian Discovery 24th October - The Lure of Loch Ness

Coach transfers are provided from Inverness Airport and Inverness Cty Centre to Oban at the start of the cruise and from the berth in Inverness to Inverness City Centre and Inverness Airport at the end of the cruise.

For guests wishing to drive, complimentary car parking is available at Inverness Airport with transfers included as above.

#### **KYLE OF LOCHALSH TO OBAN**

19th August - Hebridean Panorama30th September - Autumn Adventure

Coach transfers are provided from Inverness Airport and Inverness Cty Centre to Kyle of Lochalsh at the start of the cruise and from Oban to Inverness City Centre and Inverness Airport at the end of the cruise.

For guests wishing to drive, complimentary car parking is available at Inverness Airport with transfers included as above.

#### **KYLE OF LOCHALSH TO INVERNESS**

13th May - Highland gardens24th June - Highland & Island Wildlife

Coach transfers are provided from Inverness Airport and Inverness Cty Centre to Kyle of Lochalsh at the start of the cruise and from the berth in Inverness to Inverness City Centre and Inverness Airport at the end of the cruise.

For guests wishing to drive, complimentary car parking is available at Inverness Airport with transfers included as above.

#### **INVERNESS TO EDINBURGH (LEITH)**

20th May - Scotland's Seafaring Past 3rd June - Scotland's Seafaring Past

Coach transfers are provided from Edinburgh Airport and Edinburgh Waverley Railway Station to Inverness at the start of the cruise and from the berth in Edinburgh (Leith) to Edinburgh Waverley Railway Station and Edinburgh Airport at the end of the cruise.

For guests wishing to drive, complimentary car parking is available at the port in Edinburgh (Leith) with transfers included to Inverness as above.

#### **EDINBURGH (LEITH) TO INVERNESS**

27th May - Jewels of the East Coast 10th June - Jewels of the East Coast

Coach transfers are provided from Edinburgh Airport and Edinburgh Waverley Railway Station to the berth in Edinburgh (Leith) at the start of the cruise and from Inverness to Edinburgh Airport and Edinburgh Waverley Railway Station at the end of the cruise.

For guests wishing to drive, complimentary car parking is available at the port in Edinburgh (Leith) with transfers included from Inverness to Edinburgh (Leith) at the end of the cruise.

#### **OBAN TO OBAN**

17th April - Highland and Island Gems
23rd April - Pearls of the Inner Isles
26th August - Inner Isles Explorer
2nd September - Highland Heritage
9th September - Inner Isles Explorer
6th October - Highland and Island Gems
12th October - Pearls of the Inner Isles
18th October - Highland and Island Gems

Coach transfers are provided from Glasgow Airport and Glasgow Central Station to Oban at the start of the cruise and Oban to Glasgow Central Station and Glasgow Airport at the end of the cruise.

For guests wishing to drive, complimentary car parking is available at Oban.



#### **SCRABSTER TO INVERNESS**

5th Aug - Voyage from the Far North

Coach transfers are provided from Inverness Airport and Inverness Cty Centre to Scrabster at the start of the cruise and from the berth in Inverness to Inverness City Centre and Inverness Airport at the end of the cruise.

For guests wishing to drive, complimentary car parking is available at Inverness Airport with transfers included as above.

#### SCRABSTER TO SCRABSTER

8th July - Orcadian Odyssey 15th July - Orcadian Outposts 22nd July - Orcadian Odyssey 29th July - Orcadian Outposts

Coach transfers are provided from/to Inverness Airport and Inverness Cty Centre to/from Scrabster at the start and end of the cruise.

For guests wishing to drive, complimentary car parking is available at the port of Scrabster.

Our reservations staff can assist in making air and rail arrangements to Inverness, Edinburgh and Glasgow to coincide with our transfer times - please enquire for details.

DISTANCES AND TRANSFER TIMES								
From	То	Distance	Journey Time					
Inverness / Oban	Oban / Inverness	120 miles	3 3/4 hours					
Inverness / Kyle of Lochalsh	Kyle of Lochalsh / Inverness	85 miles	2 1/4 hours					
Inverness / Scrabster	Scrabster / Inverness	120 miles	3 3/4 hours					
Inverness / Edinburgh	Edinburgh / Inverness	160 miles	3 1/2 hours					
Glasgow / Oban	Oban / Glasgow	97 miles	2 3/4 hours					
EMBARKATION DAY TRANSF	ER DEPARTURE TIMES							
From	То	Departure Time	e Arrive					
Glasgow Central Railway Station	Oban	14:30	18:00					
Glasgow International Airport	Oban	15:15	18:00					
Inverness Airport	Oban	13:15	17:15					
Inverness Centre	Oban	14:00	17:15					
Inverness Airport	Kyle of Lochalsh	13:15	16:15					
Inverness Centre	Kyle of Lochalsh	14:00	16:15					
Inverness Airport	Scrabster	13:15	16:45					
Inverness Centre	Scrabster	14:00	16:45					
Edinburgh Airport	Edinburgh (Leith)	15:15	16:45					
Edinburgh Waverley	Edinburgh (Leith)	16:00	16:45					
Edinburgh Airport	Inverness	13:15	17:30					
Edinburgh Waverley	Inverness	14:00	17:30					

#### Hebridean Island Cruises Limited Conditions of Business

# Booking Terms and Conditions 1 THE CONTRACT

- 1.1 The contract is between HEBRIDEAN ISLAND CRUISES LIMITED ('The Company', 'we', 'us') and each person booking with the Company (including the parents or guardian of any person under 18 years of age) ('the Passengers', 'you', 'your).
- 1.2 The Lead Passenger warrants as a fundamental term of the contract that he/she has read these terms and conditions and has the authority to and agrees to be bound by them. Furthermore that he/she is authorised by each Passenger named on the confirmation invoice (and, where such passenger is under 18, by his or her parents or guardian) to enter into a contract with the Company on their behalf. Unless otherwise indicated, the Lead Passenger warrants that the Passenger information given may be used by the Company or its partners for future marketing purposes.
- 1.3 No contract exists until the Company has received the full deposit (or, where appropriate, the full price) and a confirmation invoice has been issued. Please note that a contract will exist even if the Company is unable to confirm all holiday details (e.g. flights) at the time of booking. A confirmation invoice will be sent to the Lead Passenger.
- 1.4 All details on the confirmation invoice (and on any additional documents produced by the Company) will be deemed to have been accepted unless the Company receives notification to the contrary in writing from the Lead Passenger within 14 days of the date of dispatch (which will be deemed to be 2 days after the date of issue). If any errors are not immediately identified and reported, any cost of rectifying the same at a subsequent date must be met by the Passenger. Please note that Passengers not following these instructions will be fully liable for any costs that may subsequently be incurred in rectifying errors at a later date. In the case of flight tickets and etickets these must be checked by Passengers and the Company must be notified of any errors immediately.
- 1.5 It is expressly agreed that all Passengers and their luggage are carried subject to the Conditions of Carriage of the airlines and shipping company used, some of which limit or exclude liability. Copies of these conditions are available on request. Any compensation payable for non-performance or improper performance of land, sea and air carriage services shall be limited in accordance with the international conventions which govern such services.
- 1.6 If a passenger books a flight inclusive package under the Company's ATOL license then all monies the Passengers pay to a travel agent are held by them on behalf and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times. This is subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to the Company for so long as the Company does not fail. If the Company fails, any money held at that time by the agent, or subsequently accepted from the Passengers by him, is and continues to be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without obligation to pay that money to the Company.
- 1.7 The Company reserves the right to cancel bookings and levy cancellation charges on the scale in section 7 below if balance payments are not received in full at least 16 weeks before departure.

- **1.8.** All employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and insurers of the Company shall be bound by these Booking Terms and Conditions.
- **1.9** These Booking Terms and Conditions apply only to cruise packages booked directly with the Company or through a Travel Agent and where the Company is acting as principal.
- 1.10 The contract and all other proceedings arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by English law and the jurisdiction of the English courts. If and in so far as a claim against the Company is governed by the Athens Convention it may be brought in any Court specified in Article 17 of the Convention.

#### 2 THE BOOKING PROCESS

- 2.1 A deposit of 25% of the total fare due, or full payment for bookings taken within 17 weeks of departure, is due on booking. A higher deposit may be payable if any supplier(s) require additional payments for a service prior to the balance due date. Payment of a deposit means acceptance of these Booking Terms and Conditions. The Company takes no responsibility for foreign currency transaction processing fees levied by issuing banks.
- 2.2 If the deposit and/or balance are not paid on time, the Company reserves the right to cancel the contract and apply any cancellation charges set out in the cancelation section.
- 2.3 Passengers with physical or mental disabilities or other conditions which may require special treatment or assistance (including Passengers who may require the use of a wheelchair) must advise the Company at the point of enquiry. They may then be required to complete a questionnaire before the suitability of the holiday is assessed, see section on Medical, Impaired Mobility and Other Conduct.
- 2.4 The Company may (at its discretion) offer Passengers at the time of booking a guaranteed cabin booking (a "Guarantee Cabin"). Under such offers a Passenger is guaranteed to receive a cabin of a specified type although the precise location of the cabin is at the Company's discretion. The Company may (at its discretion) upgrade a Guarantee Cabin to a higher category cabin at no additional cost to the Passenger. The Company may allocate specific cabins under quarantee offers at any time up until the Passenger arrives on the vessel at the port of embarkation. Once Guarantee Cabins have been allocated, the Company is unable to accept Passenger change requests. If Passengers book two or more back- to-back cruises and one or more cruise includes Guarantee Cabins, it is possible that Passengers may be allocated different cabins on each cruise and may need to move between cabins on changeover day(s)
- 2.5 Where you have booked a Package and the Company is acting as a Package Organiser, it will accept responsibility for the Travel Arrangements making up your Package as an "organiser" under the Package and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018. It is the Company's duty where it is acting as the Package Travel Organiser to ensure that the Passengers have been provided with all the details set out on the following website:

- https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/634/s hcedule/1/ made before the booking is made. If you have not been given sufficient information please let the Company know immediately.
- 2.6 More information on key rights under the Package Travel and Linked Arrangements Regulations 2018 can be found here https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/634/s hcedule/2/made

#### **3 3 PRICES AND SURCHARGES**

- **3.1** The Company reserves the right to alter the published prices of any of the holidays. Passengers will be advised of the current price of the holiday that they wish to book before any contract is confirmed.
- **3.2** The price of the travel arrangements in this brochure was calculated using exchange rates current at the time of publishing. Changes in the price of the carriage of passengers resulting from changes to the cost of fuel or other power sources, the level of taxes or other fees imposed by third parties including tourist taxes, landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports or exchange rates mean that the price of travel arrangements may change after booking. The Company undertakes, however, that no changes to charges will be made within 30 days of departure.
- 3.3 The Company will absorb, and the Passenger will not be charged for, any increase equivalent to up to 2% of the total holiday cost (excluding any amendment charges). The Company may, at its discretion, charge the Passenger any increase above 2%. If the increase is more than 8% of the price of their travel arrangements. Passengers will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if there is one or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid, except for any amendment charges. If the Company is able to offer another holiday of a higher price to the original holiday booked, then the Passenger will be asked to pay the difference. If the alternative holiday is a lower price, the Passenger will be refunded the difference. Should Passengers decide to cancel their holiday under these circumstances, they must do so within 14 days of the date of the invoice for the additional charge.
- **3.4** Should the total cost to the Company of a Passenger's holiday fall by more than 2% due to any of the changes mentioned above then the Company will pass on to Passengers any refund due. Passengers should note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some changes in local currency costs may have no impact on the price of Passengers' travel due to contractual and other protection in place.
- **3.5** All outstanding balances on onboard accounts must be settled in full before the Passenger finishes the cruise. If any Passenger fails to settle their onboard account then the Company shall be entitled to take whatever steps may be necessary to recover the monies due and shall be entitled to pass on any costs incurred in doing so.

#### 4 SHORE EXCURSIONS

**4.1** Unless stated otherwise (see section 4.4) all excursions are part of the Passengers' package holiday. The Company will at all times endeavour to appoint reputable and competent operators to supply excursions.

- **4.2** Passengers should be aware that they may also be subject to terms and conditions imposed by local excursion operators as well as these terms and conditions.
- **4.3** In the event of an excursion being cancelled, the Company will take all reasonable steps to ensure that Passengers are offered a choice of an alternative excursion.
- **4.4** If you request an exceptional or bespoke excursion to be arranged during your holiday that is not part of your original booking, this will not be part of your package holiday. Any exceptional or bespoke excursions booked will be subject to a separate contract with the relevant supplier providing that particular excursion or services. In this case the supplier's terms and conditions will apply and they will be responsible for the provision of the excursion. We will let you know if this is the case.

#### **5 INSURANCE**

**5.1** It is important that adequate insurance cover is activated by the passenger at the point of confirming your booking. This travel insurance does not form part of The Contract between the Passenger and The Company.

#### 6 CHANGES BY PASSENGERS

- 6.1 The Company will do its utmost to ensure that amendments requested by Passengers are accommodated, but the Company makes no guarantee that these requests will be met. Any change request must be made in writing by the Lead Passenger and the Company reserves the right to pass on the costs we incur from our suppliers of making any such changes as well as our administration charge. Passengers must be aware that charges associated with amendments are likely to increase nearer to the date of departure.
- **6.2** Additional passengers or cruises may be added to a booking at any time subject to availability. In each case a deposit (or full payment, as relevant) per additional Passenger will be required by the Company and all other booking conditions must be met before the new contract exists.
- **6.3** For minor amendments to booking details received before the balance due date (e.g. passenger name changes) any costs we incur from our suppliers for making any changes as well as an administration charge of £50 per Passenger affected will be charged. If name changes are required to flight or rail details, the supplier charge may be significantly more than other changes and will be quoted on request. Passengers should also be aware that airlines may not allow transfer of Passenger names and in such cases a flight booking might need to be cancelled and rebooked, subject to availability, and at the Passenger's expense. Any nonrefundable charges will be notified to you prior to booking.
- **6.4** Except for section 6.6, amendments after the balance due date cannot be made and you will need to cancel your booking and make a new booking for any amendments to be made.
- **6.5** You can transfer your booking to another person, who satisfies all the conditions that apply to this booking, by giving the Company notice in writing as soon as possible and no later than 7 days before departure. Both the Lead Passenger and the new Passenger are responsible for paying all costs we incur in making the transfer.

**6.6** After an amendment is applied a new confirmation invoice will be issued at which point the contract will be deemed to be amended accordingly.

#### 7 CANCELLATIONS BY PASSENGERS

7.1 A Passenger may cancel a booking at any time. Cancellation will take effect when the Company has received written notice of cancellation. Cancellation charges will apply as follows:

Period before depar	Cancellation					
within which the	charge per					
Company receives n	passenger					
After payment	Loss of	deposit + any of				
deposit	non refu	non refundable				
	charges	(if applicable)				
112 to 60 days	60% of i	nvoiced charge				
before departure						
59 to 29 days	90% of i	nvoiced charge				
before departure						
28 days before	100% of	invoiced charge				
departure up to						
the departure date						

- 7.2 A Passenger will not have a right to exclusive occupancy of a cabin with two or more berths unless any applicable single occupancy premium has been paid. In the event of a Passenger becoming a single occupant of such a cabin due to a cancellation, he/she will become liable to pay any applicable single occupancy premium. Passengers are advised that certain reasons for cancellation are covered by their travel insurance.
- **7.3** You can cancel your booking without paying cancellation charges if the performance of your holiday, or the carriage of passengers to your destination is significantly affected by unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, see section 9. In such circumstances, we will arrange for your booking to be terminated and for you to receive a full refund. The Company will observe advice provided by the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

#### 8 CHANGES BY THE COMPANY

- 8.1 It is a term of your booking that the Company is able to make changes to any aspect of your booking. If the change is insignificant, the Company will ensure that you are notified about it. Examples of insignificant changes include alteration of your embarkation or disembarkation times by less than 12 hours, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, changes of visits.
- **8.2** If the majority of ports that the Company aims to visit during any one cruise have to be changed on Foreign Office advice before the cruise commences, the Company undertakes to offer Passengers an alternative cruise or refund of the cost of their cruise in full less any administration charges paid.
- **8.3** The Company and the Master of the ship are unable to guarantee that the ship will call at every advertised port or follow every part of the advertised route. They will at all times endeavour to maintain the advertised programme but reserve the right at their sole discretion to make any alternations they deem necessary.

- **8.4** The Company reserves the right at its sole and absolute discretion to use a substitute ship of similar standard to the original ship should it prove necessary to do so.
- **8.5** In addition to the rights of the Company, Aircraft and Ship's Captains always have the right at their absolute discretion to vary any planned routing without prior notice or consultation if they deem it necessary to do so in the interests of safety.
- **8.6** If for any reason details of a holiday have to be altered before departure the Company will notify the Lead Passenger as soon as possible.
- **8.7** The Company will not be held responsible for, nor have liability in respect of, delays caused by third parties during passage through sea areas controlled by vessel traffic schemes, canals, rivers or any other navigable waterways.
- 8.8 If the Company is constrained by circumstances beyond its control to alter significantly any of the main characteristics of the travel services that make up your package you will have the following rights: (1) accept the change; or (2) have a refund of all monies paid; or (3) accept an alternative holiday, where the Company offers one (any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value will be refunded, any price difference if the alternative is of a higher value will be payable by you). The Company will tell you the procedure for making your choice. Please read any notification of changes carefully and respond promptly as if you do not respond to the Company within the timescale given your booking may be cancelled.
- **8.9** If you choose to accept a refund the Company will pay compensation as detailed below except where the significant change is due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances (as per section 9.1)

The compensation the Company offers does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so.

Period before	Amount you
departure in which	will receive
we notify you	from us
More than 70 days	NIL
30 - 70 days	£10 per person
15 - 29 days	£20 per person
14 days or less	£30 per person

#### 9 CANCELLATION BY THE COMPANY

9.1 The Company reserves the right at its sole and absolute discretion at any time to cancel, postpone or alter without prior notice or consultation any cruise in whole or in part. The Company will not cancel less than 17weeks before your departure date, except for unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, or failure by you to pay the final balance, or because the minimum number required for the holiday to go ahead hasn't been reached in accordance with section 9.2. Unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances means a situation beyond the Company's control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken.

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- 9.2 If your holiday is cancelled in accordance with sections 9.1 above you can either have a refund of all monies paid (less any administration charges) or accept an alternative holiday of comparable standard from us if the Company offers one and the Company will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value (which must be accepted in writing within 14 days of the offer being made). Any alternative holiday selected that is of a higher value than the original one, the difference will be payable by you.
- **9.3** If, for any reasons under clause 9.1, the Company cancels a cruise after the scheduled departure date, it will return all Passengers as soon as practicable to the UK and make a proportional refund for any unused services, less any administration charges paid and any nonrecoverable expenses incurred.
- **9.4** In the event a refund is paid to you, the Company will pay compensation as detailed in section 8.9 above except where the cancellation is due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances (see section 9.1).The compensation that the Company offers does not exclude you from claiming more if you are entitled to do so.

### 10 MEDICAL, IMPAIRED MOBILITY AND OTHER CONDUCT

10.1 Passengers with disabilities or impaired mobility are required to advise the Company of full details of the extent of their disabilities and/or impaired mobility before booking (including requirements relating to accommodation, seating, required services and/or the need to bring medical equipment) so that the Company may advise Passengers on the suitability of any particular holiday. If the Company does not deem the holiday suitable to the Passenger's needs the Company shall. where possible, offer an acceptable alternative. Acting reasonably, if the Company is unable to properly accommodate your needs, it will not confirm your booking and/or if you did not give us full details at the time of booking, the Company will treat it as cancelled by you when the Company becomes aware of these details. We reserve the right to refuse embarkation in the event that we reasonably believe that an individual is not medically fit to travel or on the grounds of safety.

- **10.2** The Company reserves the right at any time to require any Passenger to produce medical evidence of fitness to travel including the submission of any required medical certificates.
- 10.3 Any Passenger boarding a ship at initial embarkation who has not filled in the required Public Health Questionaire must inform the Company of any sickness and/or diarrhoea experienced less than 48 hours prior to embarkation. In the interest of Passenger's safety the Company reserves the right at its discretion, to refuse boarding. In such circumstances the Company shall not be liable to pay any compensation, nor shall Passengers have any further claim against the Company.
- 10.3 Passengers affected by a disability or medical condition must be self-sufficient or travel with a companion (at the Passenger's or companion's own cost) who can provide the necessary assistance at all times. At the point of embarkation, the Company reserves the right to refuse passage to any Passenger who had failed to notify the Company at the time of booking of any disabilities or the need for assistance and at least 48 hours before arrival

or who, in the opinion of the Company is unfit to travel or who may constitute a danger to themselves or others whilst on board. Under those circumstances where no notice has been given Passengers will receive no refund of the cost of any part of the unused cruise package.

- 10.4 The Company will endeavour to carry Passengers of limited mobility if it has been notified of such limitations at the time of booking (and has been informed of any deterioration in condition or new conditions between booking and travelling) and the Company has agreed that the holiday is suitable taking into account all of the Passenger's medical needs.
- 10.5 Whilst the Company makes every effort to accommodate all Passengers' needs, Passengers using wheelchairs may have restricted access in certain areas of the ship due to a lack of lifts and may be unable to go ashore in certain ports, particularly those that require the use of tenders. Specific information can be provided prior to booking.
- 10.6 The Company does not accept any responsibility for Passengers unable to travel, or who incur any other loss because they fail to comply with any health formalities. The Company takes no responsibility for Passengers denied embarkation and/ or disembarkation on medical grounds. Cancellation of any part of the holiday that arises due to health requirements will be subject to cancellation charges as set out in section 7.
- 10.7 Any cost or expense reasonably incurred by the Company for or on behalf of the Passenger in respect of any form of medical, dental or similar treatment, hotel, transportation, repatriation or any other expense shall be repayable by the Passenger to the Company irrespective of whether the sum is covered by the Passenger's travel insurance arrangements.
- **10.8** Unless approved by the Company in writing prior to departure, Passengers may not bring on board any controlled substances.
- 10.9 Passengers may not bring on board any prohibited substances, any animals or any goods of a flammable or dangerous nature. Doing so will render the passenger strictly liable to the Company for any injury, loss, damage or expense suffered by the Company as a result. The Passenger will also be personally liable for any statutory penalties.
- 10.10 Passengers are always required to follow the instructions of employees and crew regarding the use of ship's equipment (including hand sanitisers) and general behaviour whilst on board and the Company will not be responsible for any consequential injury, illness, financial or other loss incurred by Passengers if they fail to comply with the instructions they are given.
- 10.11 The Master (or any employee or member of the crew authorised by the Master) will be entitled to search the cabin and/or personal luggage of any Passenger suspected of being in breach of these clauses. In addition, any employee or crew member will be entitled to enter a Passenger's cabin in order to carry out an inspection, or to undertake cleaning, maintenance or repair work.

**10.12** The Company has the right to refuse or revoke passage to anyone who, in its judgment, is in a physical or mental condition unfit for travel, or who may require care beyond that which the vessel can provide and under such circumstances the Company will offer the Passenger no refund of any part of the cost of their unused cruise package.

10.13 If it appears that a Passenger's conduct, behaviour or health has or is likely to endanger the Passenger's own health or the health, safety or enjoyment of any other Passenger or crew or employee or makes the Company liable for any significant unforeseen costs including medical treatment or repatriation, the Company and/or the Master reserve the right to take appropriate action and make appropriate charges. Actions may include disembarkation, confinement to a particular cabin or confinement to a hospital or similar institution at any port. If, under the terms of this clause, the Passenger's cruise is terminated the Company will offer the Passenger no refund for any unused part of their cruise package nor will the Company be liable for the cost of repatriating the Passenger.

10.14 The Company may invite various affinity groups of people with shared interests who choose to travel together onto a cruise. The Company does not envisage that this will materially affect the normal day to day operation of the ship but Passengers must accept that there may be occasions when certain facilities are unavailable whilst these groups are on board.

10.15 Should any Passenger have the misfortune to suffer illness, injury or death during the period of the cruise arising out of an activity that does not form part of the arrangement made by the Company, the Company will, where appropriate, provide any assistance it can to the affected Passenger, such assistance being limited to a maximum cost incurred by the Company of £5,000 per cabin.

#### 11 COMPLAINTS

Any Passenger who encounters a problem during a cruise must immediately report it to the Chief Purser or a senior member of the crew on the ship and ensure that the issue is recorded in the ship's log together with any action taken to resolve it. If the matter cannot be resolved during the cruise, and the Passenger wishes to pursue a complaint, the Passenger must write to the Company's Customer Services Department at Kintail House, Carleton New Road, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 2DE, within 28 days of final disembarkation.

#### 12 CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE BY SEA

- 12.1 Travel on board the ship is subject to the shipping company's Conditions of Carriage some of which limit or exclude liability in accordance with international conventions. Copies of these conditions will be sent to Passengers with their travel documentation, but they can be provided in advance upon request. They are also available on board the ship.
- 12.2 If for any reason despite the above paragraph the Company would be otherwise liable in connection with carriage by sea the provisions of the Athens Convention relating to the carriage of Passengers and their luggage by sea 1974 ("the Athens Convention") and any modification thereof which may be in force at the time, may be applicable to the contract.

The Company draws each Passenger's attention to the fact that the Athens Convention in most cases limits the carrier's liability for death or personal injury or loss of or damage to luggage and makes special provision for valuables. The Athens Convention presumes that luggage has been delivered undamaged unless written notice is given to the carrier before or at the time of disembarkation or re-delivery or from the time when such re-delivery should have taken place. If and in so far as the Athens Convention is applicable to the contract, the Company shall be entitled to the benefit of all limitations, rights and immunities conferred by the Athens Convention. Any damages payable by the Company up to the Athens Convention Limits shall be reduced in proportion to any contributory negligence by the Passenger and by the maximum deductible specified in Article 8 (4) of the Athens Convention.

12.3 Where a cruise is performed on a ship not owned by the Company, Passengers agree that the Company shall at all times nevertheless be deemed a ship owner for the purposes of any relevant laws in force in any relevant jurisdiction and therefore be entitled to any limit to its liability.

#### 13 THE COMPANY'S LIABILITY TO YOU

13.1 You must inform the Company without undue delay of any failure to perform, or improper performance of the travel services included in your package. If any of the travel services included in your package are not performed in accordance with the contract, or are improperly performed, by the Company or the travel service suppliers, and this has affected the enjoyment of your travel arrangements, you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. We will not be liable where any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services is due to: you or another member of your party; or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel services in the package and is unforeseeable or unavoidable; or unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, which means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken.

- **13.2** The Company's liability, except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of three times the cost of your travel arrangements. The Company's liability will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to
- a) The contractual terms of the companies that provide the travel services that make up your package. These terms are incorporated into this booking; and
- b) Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of and conditions under which compensation can be claimed for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. The Company is to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of the extent of or the conditions under which compensation is to be paid under these or any conventions.

13.3 You can ask for copies of the travel service contractual terms, or the international conventions, from

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/634. Under EU law (Regulation 261/2004) you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details will be publicised at EU airports and available from airlines. However reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from the Company. Your right to a refund and/or compensation from the Company is set out in these booking conditions. If any payments to you are due from the Company, any payment made to you by the airline, or any other service provider will be deducted.

- 13.4 If it is impossible to ensure your return as scheduled due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, the Company will bear the cost of necessary accommodation, if possible of equivalent category, for a maximum of three nights. The limit doesn't apply to persons with reduced mobility and any person accompanying them, pregnant women and unaccompanied minors, or persons in need of specific medical assistance, provided that you notified the Company of these needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday.
- **13.5** This entire section 13 does not apply to any separate contracts that you may enter into for excursions or activities whilst on holiday.

#### 14 GUIDES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

**14.1** Independent contractors retained by the Company, including but not limited to lecturers, guides, guest personalities, cruise hosts and entertainers are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice. The Company also retains the right to change any member of ship's crew previously advertised or disclosed (e.g. the ship's Master) without notice.

#### 15 FINANCIAL PROTECTION

15.1 For flight-based holidays this is through our Air Travel Organiser's Licence number 11249 issued by the Civil Aviation Authority, Gatwick Airport South, West Sussex, RH6 OYR, UK, telephone 0333 103 6350, email claims@caa.co.uk. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We will provide you with the service listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where we aren't able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

**15.2** If we are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for

reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

15.3 When you buy a package holiday that doesn't include a flight, protection is provide by way of an independently administered trust account held by PT Trustees Limited of 2nd Floor, Nucleus House, 2 Lower Mortlake Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 2JA; email: info@pttrustees.com; tel: 0208 878 8490; https://pttrustees.com/. All funds paid to the Company for non-ATOL flight packages are covered in accordance with The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 by means of this trust account. All customer funds paid to the Company remain fully trust protected and cannot be released to the Company until after you have completed your cruise/holiday.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Joining Information

Guests are required to confirm their joining arrangements in advance of travel on the pre cruise questionnaire which will be sent with your final invoice.

#### Embarkation/Disembarkation

Embarkation commences from 16:30 hrs and disembarkation is after breakfast at around 09:00 hrs.

#### **Courtesy Transfer Service**

A courtesy transfer service is provided at pre-determined times from / to select pick up and drop off points depending on the embarkation and disembarkation ports for each cruise.

#### Pick-up times

Please refer to pages 66 & 67 for full details.

#### Car Parking

Please refer to pages 66 & 67 for full details of car parking options.

#### **Shipboard Information**

Access: Access to the vessel is via either a lowered stepped gangway or a ramp gangway depending on location. Internally, there are two stairways each of 11 steps that interconnect each deck level - all have a handrail. There is no lift on board and therefore, the ship is not suitable for guests with severe mobility impairment. Guests with limited mobility can be accommodated provided they are accompanied by an assisting companion.

**Air Conditioning/Heating:** Lord of the Highlands is both air-conditioned and heated as and when appropriate throughout the voyage. Cabins have individual controls to regulate the temperature.

**Children:** We regret that children under the age of 12 cannot be accommodated.

**Communication:** Mobile phones are in range for most of the voyage(s), but please note some blind spots do exist, particularly in the remote lochs and islands. Mobile phones should be switched off in public rooms. Wi-Fi access is available.

**Daily Programme:** The following day's daily 'activity programme' - comprising the intended navigation to be undertaken, any excursion activities, timings as well as other pertinent and interesting information - is placed in individual cabins each evening.

**Dietary Requests:** Most of the usual dietary requests can be arranged providing prior notification is made. However, diets that require specific or particular religious observance cannot be accommodated.

**Dress Code:** Dress is generally smart casual, with perhaps a jacket worn for dinner. Extra efforts are normally made for the welcome and farewell gala dinners. Black Tie is not necessary.

**Electrical Current:** Voltage on board is 220/240 with British sockets. USB sockets are also provided in the cabins.

**En-suite:** Towels and toiletries are provided in the en-suite shower room, including shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap and a shower cap.

**Gratuities:** Hebridean operates a 'no-tipping' policy. **Hairdryers:** Hairdryers are available in each cabin.

**Laundry:** Due to restrictions on space there are no laundry facilities on board. An iron and ironing board is provided in each cabin.

**Library:** A small selection of games and reference books is available in the lounge/bar area.

**Luggage Storage:** Suitcases can be stowed in the compartments provided under the beds.

**Medical Assistance:** Since *Lord of the Highlands* is never more than a few hours away from port, and most times within a few minutes, medical assistance can be arranged ashore

**Caledonian Restaurant:** The single sitting Caledonian Restaurant provides for open seating, with the guideline meal times being – 07:00 till 09:00 for buffet breakfast, 12:30-13:00 lunch and 19:30 dinner. Times can vary according to the departure and return times of excursions, and when so varied are indicated in the Daily Programme notes. For early risers, complimentary hot beverages are available in the bar on a self-service basis - as well as throughout the day.

Safety: At the beginning of each voyage, the Master will conduct a safety briefing indicating the emergency procedures and facilities on board. Special care should be taken not to embark or disembark the vessel whilst in the locks. Guests should note that the companionway decks around the exterior of the vessel are principally designed for ease of access, as well as more generally for manoeuvring the vessel. Whilst berthing or navigating through the locks guests should not access these areas since they could, in certain circumstances, represent a hazard given the constant crew movements along the vessel's length, and the stowing of fenders etc. Guests should, at all times, avoid those areas which specifically state for 'Crew Only'.

**Smoking:** The ship operates a non-smoking policy in all of the interior and exterior areas, including cabins and balconies.

**Satellite TV Channels:** The vessel is equipped to receive a limited number of satellite TV channels which are available in each cabin and certain public areas.

**Valuables:** A safe deposit box is located inside the wardrobe of each cabin.

Windows and Portholes: These cannot be opened.



# CABIN FACILITIES AND DIMENSIONS GUIDE

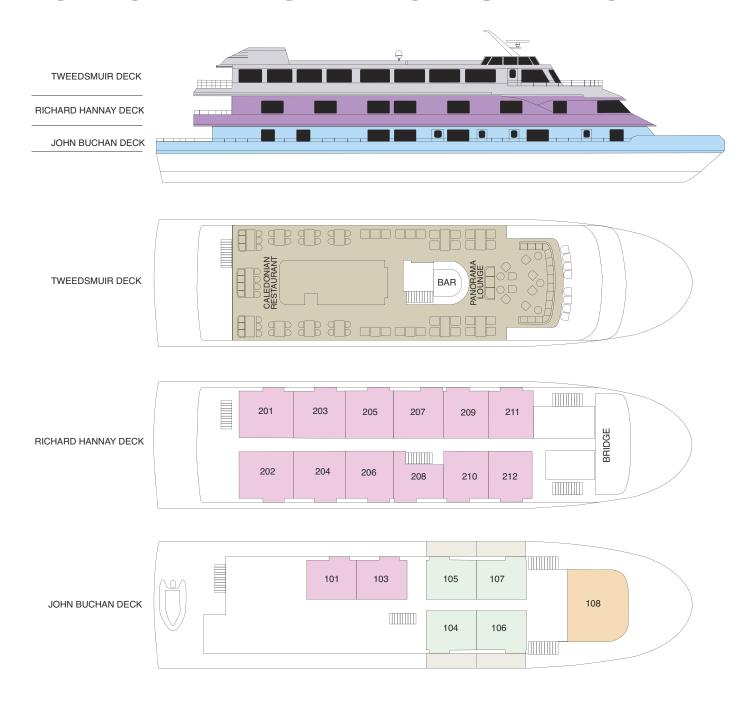
Cabin Number	101	103	104	105	106	107	108	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210	211	212
Price category																			
Deck location																			
Windows	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Double Bed							•												
Twin Bed	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Balcony			•	•	•	•													
Total private floor size (m²)	12.0	12.5	13.0	13.0	13.2	13.2	23.8	14.8	15.0	13.8	13.8	12.9	12.5	13.7	9.5	14.3	12.4	12.0	12.0
Total private floor size (sq ft)	129.2	134.5	139.9	139.9	142.0	142.0	256.2	159.3	161.5	148.5	148.5	138.9	134.5	147.5	102.5	153.9	133.5	129.2	129.2
Bathroom size (m²)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Bathroom size (sq ft)	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	18.3	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8







# LORD OF THE HIGHLANDS DECK PLANS



#### ☐ CATEGORY 1 DELUXE CABINS

#### John Buchan Deck and Richard Hannay Decks, Picture Windows, Twin beds

The 14 deluxe cabins are located on the Richard Hannay and John Buchan Decks. All feature twin beds and large picture windows.

#### CATEGORY 2 BALCONY CABINS

#### John Buchan Deck, Private Balcony, Twin beds

The 4 balcony cabins are located on the John Buchan Deck and feature twin beds.

The balconies afford privacy and are fitted with teak furniture for you to enjoy the magnificent scenery. (Please note that when the vessel is berthed alongside views from the balcony may be restricted).

#### CATEGORY 3 SUITE

#### John Buchan Deck, Picture Windows, Sitting Area, King-sized bed

The spacious suite is located at the forward end of the John Buchan Deck and features large picture windows both port and starboard affording delightful views. The sitting area is furnished with a comfortable sofa, coffee table and mini bar.



# The Ultimate Escape from the Everyday World









No cruising experience quite matches the magic and awe as *Hebridean Princess* steams majestically into a distant loch, dramatically ringed by mountains, or that of dining at anchor in the spectacular sunset of a far-flung bay.

Hebridean Princess combines the atmosphere of a fine country house with her renowned level of service and attention to detail that guests have come to expect over the years. This, along with knowledgeable on board guides, makes for a memorable experience.

Relax on board this multi award-winning ship in the like-minded company of just 48 guests, safe in the knowledge that absolutely everything is included in the fare you pay.



## 2024 LORD of the HIGHLANDS CRUISE Calendar

			Nights	Pages
April				
11th	A Taste of Caledonia	Inverness to Oban	6 nights	12-13
17th	Highland and Island Gems	Oban to Oban	7 nights	14-15
24th	Pearls of the Inner Isles	Oban to Oban	5 nights	16-17
29th	Caledonian Discovery	Oban to Inverness	7 nights	18-19
May				
13th	Highland Gardens	Kyle of Lochalsh to Inverness	7 nights	20-21
20th	Scotland's Seafaring Past	Inverness to Edinburgh	7 nights	22-23
27th	Jewels of the East Coast	Edinburgh to Inverness	7 nights	24-25
June				
3rd	Scotland's Seafaring Past	Inverness to Edinburgh	7 nights	26-27
10th	Jewels of the East Coast	Edinburgh to Inverness	7 nights	28-29
24th	Highland & Island Wildlife	Kyle of Lochalsh to Inverness	7 nights	30-31
July				
8th	Orcadian Odyssey	Scrabster to Scrabster	7 nights	32-33
15th	Orcadian Outposts	Scrabster to Scrabster	7 nights	34-35
22nd	Orcadian Odyssey	Scrabster to Scrabster	7 nights	36-37
29th	Orcadian Outposts	Scrabster to Scrabster	7 nights	38-39
Augus	st			
5th	Voyage from the Far North	Scrabster to Inverness	7 nights	40-41
19th	Hebridean Panorama	Kyle of Lochalsh to Oban	7 nights	42-43
26th	Inner Isles Explorer	Oban to Oban	7 nights	44-45
Septe	mber			
2nd	Highland Heritage	Oban to Oban	7 nights	46-47
9th	Inner Isles Explorer	Oban to Oban	7 nights	48-49
16th	Caledonian Discovery	Oban to Inverness	7 nights	50-51
30th	Autumn Adventure	Kyle of Lochalsh to Oban	6 nights	52-53
Octob	per			
6th	Hebridean Highlights	Oban to Oban	6 nights	54-55
12th	Highland and Island Gems	Oban to Oban	7 nights	56-57
19th	Pearls of the Inner Isles	Oban to Oban	5 nights	58-59
24th	The Lure of Loch Ness	Oban to Inverness	6 nights	60-61





