



HEBRIDEAN PRINCESS



2019 CRUISE DIRECTORY

Highlands and Islands of Scotland
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Northern Ireland and The Isle of Man

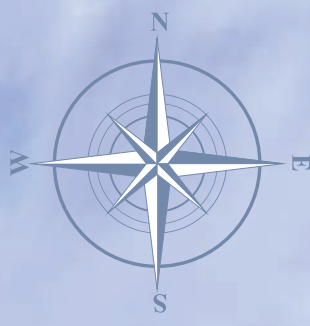
SCOTLAND and IRELAND



ATLANTIC OCEAN

NORTH SEA

SCOTLAND



EIRE

NORTHERN IRELAND

ENGLAND

IRISH SEA

FLANNAN ISLES

LEWIS

HANDA ISLAND

Stornoway

Kinlochbervie

Scrabster

Wick

ST KILDA

Tarbert

SHIANT ISLES

SUMMER ISLES

BERNERAY NORTH UIST

North Minch

Trotternish Peninsula

Inner Sound

Ullapool

Loch Ewe

Loch Broom

INVERGORDON

BENBECULA

Dunvegano

SKYE

RAASAY

INVERNESS

SOUTH UIST

Loch Harport

Kyle of Lochalsho

Shieldaig

Loch Carron

Plockton

Lochboisdale

Little Minch

Loch Coruisk

Loch Hourn

ERISKAY

CANNA

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Inverie

VATERSAY-PABBAY

BARRA

Castlebay

RUM

Sound of Sleat

EIGG

BARRA HEAD

Sea of the Hebrides

MUCK

Fort William

COLLO

Kilchoano

Bay Salen

Loch Linnhe

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GREAT CUMBRAE

LITTLE CUMBRAE

Port Ellen

GIGHA

Lochranza

Brodicko

HOLY ISLE

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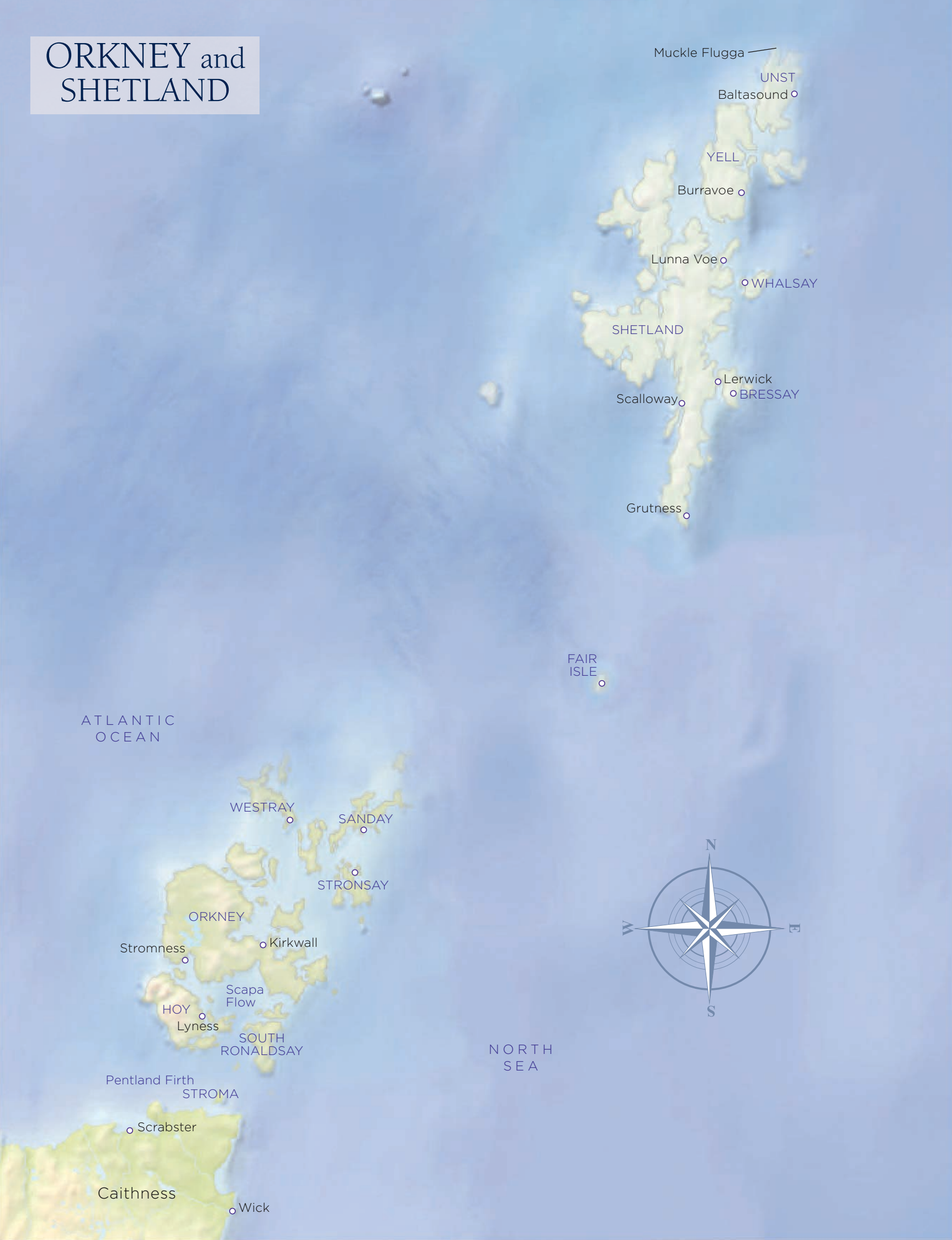
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Pentland Firth
STROMA

Scrabster

Caithness

Wick

NORTH SEA



Welcome to the 2019 *Hebridean Princess* Cruise Directory

Unlike most cruise companies, Hebridean operates just one very small and special ship – *Hebridean Princess*. Despite the modern fashion for large floating resorts, we believe that there will always be a place for the small, intimate and the personal.

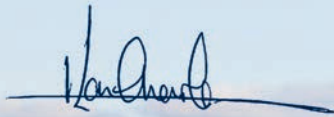
Personal service means the rare delight of dealing with people who care – passionately – about what they are doing, whether ashore or afloat. Our little ship encourages personal service and a depth of involvement from our staff who take pride in always delivering our promises – in every detail, impeccably and without compromise.

Our aim is to surpass your expectations and make your cruise with us a uniquely memorable occasion.

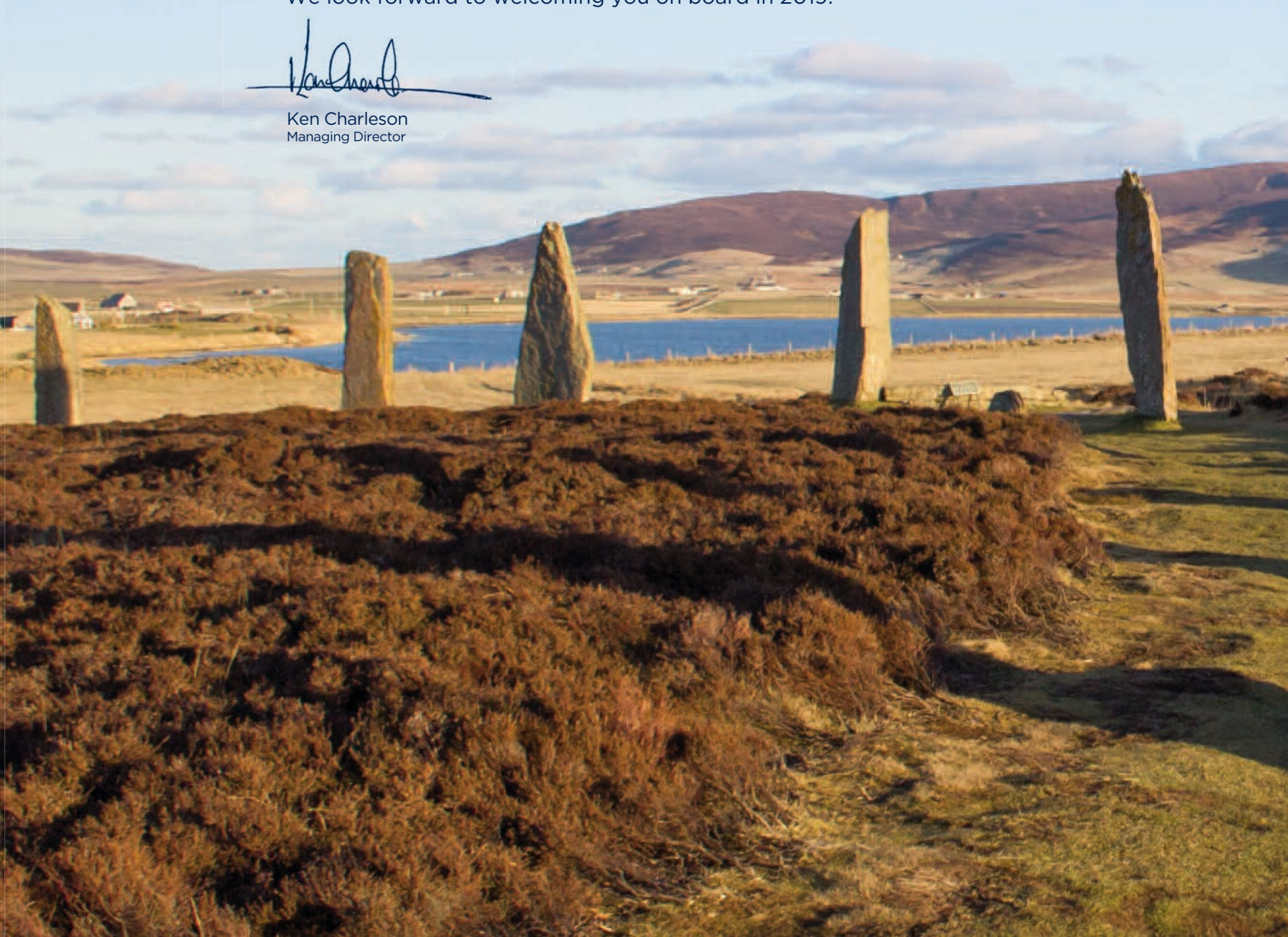
During 2019, *Hebridean Princess* will offer a host of themed cruises including gastronomy, classical music, whisky, castles and gardens as well as four new 'Footloose' walking itineraries including 'Footloose in Orkney and Shetland' and 'Footloose to the Emerald Isle' as requested by many of you.

Sailings which showcase the natural world and remote archipelago of St Kilda will also feature in the 2019 cruise line up, in addition to popular favourites such as the Captain's springtime and autumn surprises.

We look forward to welcoming you on board in 2019.



Ken Charleson
Managing Director



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In 2017 *Hebridean Princess* guests told us that:

99% had an enjoyable holiday

98.5% would consider cruising on *Hebridean Princess* again

98% would recommend *Hebridean Princess* to others

* Percentages are based on our 2017 cruising season and are calculated from the total of returned After-Cruise Questionnaires

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Hebridean Princess

Genuinely fully-inclusive and more...

Each cruise includes

Meals and drinks

All meals on board and ashore, snacks and picnics as shown in the itineraries and fresh fruit from baskets around the ship. Champagne, wines (excluding wines on the Library Wines list), plus beers, spirits, soft drinks, tea, coffee and other hot drinks.

Shore visits

Entrance fees to all castles, gardens and other places of interest, as well as transfers between the ship and each destination ashore, as shown in the itineraries.

Guides and guest speakers

Knowledgeable guides accompany all cruises, both on board and on the tours ashore, with three experienced guides on the Footloose walking itineraries and the wildlife cruise. Guest speakers feature on selected cruises.

Bicycles

Use of the ship's bicycles to explore ashore.

Internet

Free Wi-Fi access and use of the ship's iPads, located in the Library.

Transfers and car parking

Private coach transfers from the local airport or train station to and from *Hebridean Princess*. For those wishing to drive, secure parking is provided at the port.

Extra activities

At no extra charge, your holiday can be made even more enjoyable with fishing trips and speedboat rides, which can be arranged on request.

Port taxes

All pier and harbour dues.

Gratuities

Hebridean operates a 'no tipping' policy.

A celebration

If you plan to mark a special occasion on board, perhaps a wedding anniversary or birthday, we will be only too happy to help you celebrate by arranging for champagne, a cake or canapés, to enjoy in the privacy of your cabin, or maybe share with family and friends in the Library. To celebrate these happy moments in true Hebridean style, please place a special request through our reservations staff.

Not included

- Travel to and from our private coach transfer points
- Wines on the Library Wines list
- Any private shore visits organised by request which are not part of the cruise itinerary
- Personal telephone calls
- Items purchased from the *Hebridean Princess* shop
- Personal laundry

Travel with family and friends

If you would prefer to holiday with your family and friends, why not invite them to join you on board *Hebridean Princess*, for the supreme cruising experience?

Charters

Alternatively, enjoy the ultimate private party afloat and charter *Hebridean Princess* for up to 50 guests.



Chief Purser David Indge, Senior Purser Louise Campbell, Chief Purser Bobbie Milne, Purser Doreen Thomson

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. That is why, on *Hebridean Princess*, you will find only 50 like-minded guests and no fewer than 38 crew.

If you would like to be known by your name within moments of stepping on board, to have your smallest preferences remembered, then mass-market 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 spectacular overnight anchorages, the exquisite menus and the unique and individually designed cabins, every little detail aims to ensure that the whole experience is so complete that you will never even notice.

Discreet service is the bedrock of our reputation and the uncannily accurate anticipation of your needs is a skill that our crew has developed into almost an art form.

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 – Hebridean style!



Whisky Decanter



Refreshment Hamper



Tiree Lounge



Library



Tiree Lounge Bar



Tiree Lounge

Life on board – public rooms

After an energetic walk ashore, the comfort and homeliness of *Hebridean Princess* welcomes you back as though to your own home; and that is how we, and more importantly our guests, like to think of this unusual little ship. 'Like home but better' is how she has been described.

The public rooms on board *Hebridean Princess* offer a truly cosy and welcoming atmosphere.

The Tiree Lounge, with its intimate bar, is the social focal point; beautifully designed and filled with soft armchairs and welcoming sofas providing cosy areas grouped around perhaps the most extraordinary feature of the ship – a brick inglenook fireplace!

'A Floating Country House' is how we have described *Hebridean Princess* for many years. Fifty like-minded guests mix in a convivial atmosphere and create a house party mood.

In the peaceful wood-paneled Library a masculine feel has been created, using leather, unique upholstery and dark woods and should a spot of solitude appeal, there is a fine selection of reference and general interest books to be enjoyed.

The soft tones furnishing the Look-Out Lounge flow seamlessly from the colour palette in the foyer areas, creating a relaxing space to take in the stunning views.

Painted, rattan furniture brings a casual feel to the Conservatory and the natural look has been complemented by the beautifully restored teak flooring. A wonderfully calm space to enjoy the scenery.

The emphasis on low key entertainment is complemented by the gentle art of conversation and the certain knowledge that fellow guests have chosen this style of holiday as much for what it doesn't offer as for what it does.



Deck Barbecue



Conservatory



Look-Out Lounge



Hebridean Princess Cuisine



Hebridean Princess Chef



Seafood Buffet



Columba Restaurant



Breakfast Buffet

Dining and cuisine

The Columba Restaurant, with its cherry-wood panelling, fine artworks and discreet lighting is a romantic venue to enjoy the genial ambiance. Single-sitting dining means that your designated table for two awaits and, for solo travellers, the senior Officers invite guests to join them in convivial groups.

It is said that sea air stimulates the appetite and it is certainly our experience that, after a morning or afternoon ashore, guests are eager to be taken to the very finest destinations of haute cuisine created by a talented brigade of chefs.

Only the freshest and finest ingredients are used in our menu choices, most of which are procured from local suppliers.

Dinners and most lunches are served in the elegant Columba Restaurant, through whose large windows the scenery glides by as you dine. On occasions, lunch may be served al fresco and, on certain cruises, Chef will take his skills ashore and produce a legendary Hebridean picnic – an extraordinary contrast to the rugged scenery in which it will be served.

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

Our Gala Dinners are sparkling occasions, from the champagne reception in the Tiree Lounge to a gourmet dinner – and no cruise would be complete without a traditional recital of Robert Burns' Address to a Haggis!



Address to a Haggis



Walks Ashore



Tendering Platform



Ship's Speedboat

Going ashore

Unlike most cruise ships, a *Hebridean Princess* cruise includes all shore visits. From cultural to historical, serious walking and biking to simply strolling around the bay, the opportunities to experience the peace are endless.

On most days *Hebridean Princess* berths or anchors in different locations both morning and afternoon, whilst the ship's tenders are on hand to operate a shuttle service ashore. Should you choose to wander at will, the small boats are always available to transport you back on board if the yearning for a glass of something or chef's afternoon tea prove too hard to resist.

Some of the islands we visit are so off the beaten track that no landing place is available. We will then use our special beach landing craft for an exciting chance to wander an uninhabited island or headland.

The effects of the Gulf Stream bring a warmth and a fertility to this region that make it quite unlike any other in the British Isles.

Our long-standing connections in this remote corner of the kingdom enable us to arrange visits to privately owned castles and gardens, with an opportunity to talk to the owners and enjoy the different dimension of a visit that is utterly personal.

Small numbers and common interests ensure that visits ashore are fascinating, informative and hugely enjoyable.



Shore Visit

Themed cruises

If you are bewitched by wildlife, captivated by classical music or inspired by history and architecture then one of our specially themed itineraires may appeal to you.

Classical Music and Art

Explore the Inner Hebrides and discover the landscapes which have inspired numerous artists, composers and musicians.

Food and Drink

Scotland is renowned for some of the most mouth-watering cuisine throughout the world and our gastronomic cruises will introduce you to some of the finest restaurants in the Western Isles. Visiting some of the oldest and newest distilleries in the Hebrides and the Northern Isles, we taste some of the rich malt whiskies for which the area is world-famous.

Footloose Walking

Footloose walking cruises are accompanied by three highly experienced guides, two of whom are specialist walking guides with an intimate knowledge of the terrain. These exhilarating itineraries cater for all, whether you are a seasoned walker, prefer to stroll, or wish to vary the pace from day to day.

Gardens

Relish the magnificent splendour of some of Britain's most beautiful gardens, cosseted by the warming effects of the Gulf Stream; a true horticultural extravaganza.

History and Heritage

Scotland has a rich history and heritage. Epic landscapes were carved out by icy glaciers millennia ago, towering castles have stood for centuries and mesmerising stories, traditions and legends have been passed down for generations. Explore ancient sites that date from the Neolithic era, uncover the history of the Scottish clans or soak up the unique atmosphere of the double UNESCO World Heritage Site of St Kilda.

Wildlife

The Hebrides, one of the last untouched natural landscapes in Europe, are home to some of the finest wildlife in the world. White-tailed eagles soar over the rugged coastline, red deer roam over the moorland and otters swim off shore. The islands are also a popular bird watching destination as well as the perfect place for marine wildlife spotting.



Shiant Isles



Italian Chapel, Orkney

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Knowledgeable guides

No cruise on board *Hebridean Princess* would be complete without our specially selected guides, who have sailed with us for a number of years, contributing their particular spheres of expertise and interest to enrich your stay on board and make your holiday experience even more special.

A highly knowledgeable and experienced guide accompanies guests for the duration of each cruise, with three on Footloose walking itineraries and the wildlife cruise, always there to offer information and an occasional helping hand. Single guests can enjoy their company at dinner, when they join an Officer's table in the Columba Restaurant. After-dinner talks, over coffee and petit fours, are enjoyable moments, outlining the next day's activities and shedding fresh light on the unique regions through which we sail.

Enriching guest speakers

The enrichment of discovery and thrill of knowledge put *Hebridean Princess* cruises in a category of their own.

Our on board speakers are chosen precisely because they are among some of the best authorities in their field. Passionate about their subject, these captivating orators bring each cruise alive and are delighted to share their knowledge with their fellow guests - a true meeting of minds.

During our 2019 season Guest Speakers will accompany 6 specially selected cruises.

Partnerships



The Arts Society's affiliation with Hebridean Island Cruises, through The Arts Society Tours, ensures that its members who enjoy luxury small ship cruising, can visit cultural destinations, with excellent lecturers in the company of like-minded people.

The Arts Society was founded in 1968 and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018.

It remains a leading arts education charity with a global network of local arts societies, continuing to connect people to the arts and each other and offering a warm welcome to all.

The society's world class lecturers continue to entertain and share the specialist knowledge with members and it believes that the arts enrich peoples' lives.

The Arts Society continues to support the skills of makers and artists, whilst its volunteering programme helps preserve our heritage for future generations to enjoy.



Our Arts Society's recommended cruise in 2019 is Celtic Panorama departing 11th June, featuring Accredited Art Society Lecturer, Stella Grace Lyons.

Please refer to pages 46 and 47 for full details of this cruise.

Belmond Royal Scotsman Scotland's Luxury Sleeper Train

Hebridean Princess and Belmond Royal Scotsman, Scotland's luxury sleeper train, have teamed up to offer the ultimate luxury tour of Scotland. Belmond Royal Scotsman takes you straight to the heart of the Scottish Highlands to explore the wild wonders and unique heritage that the area has to offer.

Akin to a country house on wheels, Belmond Royal Scotsman carries just 40 guests, in private ensuite cabins, through Scotland's finest countryside. From every window, there are glorious views of the passing scenery, but to really absorb the views head to the Observation Car with its open verandah. Come evening relax in the Bar and enjoy a dram, with a choice of over 50 whiskies.

Life on board this luxury train is relaxed and indulgent. In the two wood-panelled dining cars, the on board chefs create gastronomic delights, where menus feature flavoursome and seasonal ingredients from regions of where the train travels. Unwind in the most unique spa in Scotland and experience a world of indulgence on the rails. The Bamford Hayburn Spa is the perfect pampering retreat after a day exploring the Highlands.

Service on board the train is attentive, but never intrusive and colourful touches, such as being welcomed on board at Edinburgh Waverley Station by a Highland Piper, add to the thrill of the experience. Along the way, guests disembark to meet local personalities, talk to experts on subjects from salmon fishing to whisky tasting and take part in fun activities; a truly Scottish rail vacation par excellence.

Belmond Royal Scotsman Journeys include:

- Private en suite cabins, including all meals, wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, visits and onboard entertainment as stated in itineraries;
- Pre or post-train journey accommodation, as indicated*, at the 5-star Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh on a bed and breakfast basis;
- A chauffeur driven transfer to or from the Balmoral Hotel to or from Hebridean's private coach on the day of cruise embarkation/disembarkation;

* Please note that some journeys do not require accommodation between the start/end of the train journey and start/end of the cruise. All journeys start and end at Edinburgh Waverley Railway Station.

For more information or to book a cruise extension contact our reservations team on 01756 704704 or email: reservations@hebridean.co.uk



The preservation of the cruising environment in which *Hebridean Princess* operates, and the marine life which it supports, is of great importance to Hebridean Island Cruises. For that reason we are delighted to continue our dedicated partnership with the marine conservation charity, Sea-Changers.

Sea-Changers is a charity with the mission of raising funds for marine conservation, primarily in the UK. Their vision is to create a world where seas and shores are clean and healthy, marine species are protected and where, far from damaging the oceans, those who use the sea for travel or their leisure pursuits, positively contribute to the sustainability of the marine environment.

Since the partnership began, Hebridean guests have raised almost £25,000 to support marine conservation work in the UK.

For more information on Sea-Changers please call our reservations staff on 01756 704704 or visit www.sea-changers.org.uk

Registered Charity England and Wales No 1142119 and Scotland No. SCO43922



Departure Date	Belmond Royal Scotsman Journeys	Nights	Balmoral Hotel Nights	Hebridean Princess Departure Date	Hebridean Princess Cruise Itinerary	Page
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19th April	Western Scenic Wonders	3	1	23rd April	Footloose over the Little Minch	34
26th April	Western Scenic Wonders	3	1	30th April	Springtime Surprise	36
3rd May	Western Scenic Wonders	3	1	7th May	The Hebrides in Colour	38
10th May	Western Scenic Wonders	3	1	14th May	Outer Isles Odyssey	40
22nd May	Taste of the Highlands	2	1	14th May	Outer Isles Odyssey	40
24th May	Scotland's Classic Splendours	4	0	21st May	Natural World of the Shiant's and St Kilda	42
24th May	Scotland's Classic Splendours	4	0	28th May	Wildlife of St Kilda	44
7th June	Western Scenic Wonders	3	1	11th June	Celtic Panorama	46
19th June	Taste of the Highlands	2	1	11th June	Celtic Panorama	46
21st June	Western Scenic Wonders	3	1	25th June	Secrets of St Kilda	50
28th June	Scotland's Classic Splendours	4	0	2nd July	Hebridean Concerto	52
2nd July	Highland Journey	3	0	25th June	Secrets of St Kilda	50
14th August	Taste of the Highlands	2	1	5th August	Westering Home and Whisky Galore	60
19th August	Scotland's Classic Splendours	4	0	13th August	Castles and Clans	62
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27th September	Western Scenic Wonders	3	1	1st October	Footloose to the Emerald Isle	76
4th October	Western Scenic Wonders	3	1	8th October	Autumn Surprise	78

Scottish Islands A-Z

The wildly beautiful coast of Scotland is scattered with hundreds of islands and islets shaped by the relentless pounding of the sea and the ever-changing weather. Sublimely secluded, all are unique, forming a world apart that is little-known and accessible to the very few – yours to explore from the comfort of our delightfully small ship, *Hebridean Princess*. Experience their magic and mystery; revel in their rich diversity from the Firth of Clyde to the Inner and Outer Hebrides and the Northern Isles of Orkney and Shetland. Come and discover these precious island gems.



Arran

Firth of Clyde Islands

Influenced by the mild North Atlantic Drift, Arran is a wildlife haven rising to high peaks, including four Corbetts. At the foot of the highest, Goatfell, nestles 16th century red-sandstone Brodick Castle, close to Brodick town. Fifteen miles (24 km) to the north, the 14th century ruined castle of Lochranza was once a royal hunting lodge.

Please see pages 18, 20, 22, 24, 82, 84, 86 and 88.

Ailsa Craig

Firth of Clyde Islands

Ailsa Craig is a granite islet at the mouth of the Firth of Clyde, nicknamed 'Paddy's Milestone' for its location halfway between Glasgow and Belfast. The name Ailsa Craig is thought to derive from Gaelic words meaning 'Fairy Rock.' Its rock has been used to make curling stones as well as paving stones and the precipices have large breeding colonies of gannets and other seabirds.

Please see pages 20 and 86.

Barra

Outer Hebrides

Named after a 6th century saint and world-famous for its unique beach airport, Traigh Mòr, Barra is a beautiful, tranquil island with a fascinating history. Golden beaches backed by sandy, wild flower-dotted machair surround a more rugged interior. The main centre is the once prosperous herring port of Castlebay, where the Macneil's medieval fortress, Kisimul Castle, perches on a rocky outcrop offshore.

Please see pages 34, 40, 42, 62, 64 and 66.

Bressay

Northern Isles

Old Norse for 'Broad Island', Bressay offers Shetland in miniature – seabird cliffs, quiet bays, hill and coastal walks, freshwater lochs and a profusion of archaeological and historical sites. The east side of the island is sparsely inhabited and the island shows evidence of occupation from Neolithic times. The lighthouse was built by the famous Stevensons in 1858 and is dramatically sited above a beautiful natural arch.

Please see page 58.



Bute

Firth of Clyde Islands

Crossed by the Highland Boundary Fault, Bute is an isle of distinctly contrasting landscapes from the bare, rounded and craggy uplands of the north to the lower, undulating and fertile south. Golden beaches fringe the west coast, many with views over the sound towards Arran. The Victorian resort of Rothesay is the only town.

Please see pages 15, 20, 22, 84 and 86.

Canna, Small Isles

Inner Hebrides

Joined to Sanday by a causeway, secluded Canna lies less than 5 miles (8 km) off Rum. Dubbed the 'Garden of the Hebrides', this elongated, green and grassy isle is capped by magnetic Compass Hill at 458 feet (140 m) in the north. Canna was one of the earliest Christian settlements, associated with St Columba, who was later adopted as its patron saint.

Please see pages 32, 40, 64 and 66.

Carna

Inner Hebrides

Carna is a small island lying in Loch Sunart, nestled between the Ardnamurchan and Morvern peninsulas. Packed with history stretching back to being formed up to a billion years ago, the island is a 600 acre mosaic of wildlife rich habitats.

Please see page 26 and 80.

Coll

Inner Hebrides

The rocky, wild and virtually treeless island of Coll was first settled in the Stone Age. Dotted with ruined cottages, this bird haven is picturesquely clad in flower-dotted machair, fringed by silver-white beaches, and offers refreshing bike rides and walks.

Please see pages 30, 32, 34 and 52.

Colonsay

Inner Hebrides

Another bird haven, home to some 200 bird species including the elusive corncrake, and 400 species of flora, Colonsay is a landscape of many contrasts from machair to woods, moors to green fields and rocky to sandy cliff-backed shores. Its finest beach is dramatic Kiloran Bay and inland lie the exotic woodland gardens of Colonsay House.

Please see pages 28, 30, 38, 50, 66 and 74.

Cumraes

Firth of Clyde Islands

The contrasting Cumraes afford fine views to the mainland, Arran and Bute. Green and undulating Great Cumrae is home to the only town at Millport, elegantly lining Millport Bay. Here the tiny but beautiful Cathedral of the Isles, regarded as Britain's smallest cathedral, seats only 100 worshippers. Rough and rocky Little Cumrae, held by the Hunters and later by the Montgomeries, was maintained as a royal hunting forest. Its surviving ruins include the castle demolished by Oliver Cromwell's army in 1650 and a small chapel dedicated to St Beya.

Please see pages 18, 20, 82, 86 and 88.

Eigg, Small Isles

Inner Hebrides

Bought out by its islanders in 1997, Eigg has been settled since prehistoric times and was once the seat of the Lord of the Isles. Its rich past is marked by Iron Age forts, a 6th century church, Viking burial mounds and a graveyard that is a moving testament to the 395 MacDonalds massacred in a cave by the MacLeods in 1577. Rising sheer above the plateau of this wildlife reserve, columnar pitchstone An Sgùrr adds magic and mystery.

Please see pages 26, 28, 34, 70, 74 and 80.

Eriska

Inner Hebrides

'Water-nymph Island' in Gaelic, Eriska is a flat tidal 300 acres (121 ha) island at the entrance to Loch Creran, linked by bridge to the mainland. Privately-owned, it is run as a luxury hotel, based at Scottish Baronial Eriska House, built in 1884 by the Stewarts of Appin, in wooded grounds.

Please see pages 28 and 74.



Eriskay

Outer Hebrides

The reputation of the tiny, hilly yet well-populated isle of Eriskay extends far beyond its shores. Home to a rare pony breed, once used in the mines, it was here that Bonnie Prince Charlie first stepped onto Scottish soil in 1745. Eriskay is also famed as the site of the sinking of the *SS Politician* offshore in 1941, which inspired Compton MacKenzie's novel and the 1949 film, 'Whisky Galore'.

Please see pages 40 and 64.



Fair Isle, Shetland

Northern Isles

Fair Isle's landscape of high red-sandstone cliffs descends to a low coastline in the south. Archaeological sites bear witness to its occupation since the Bronze Age. An important watch-point for migrating birds, Fair Isle has been the site of a permanent observatory since 1948. The island is also synonymous with its unique geometric knitting, of possible Spanish or Scandinavian origin.

Please see page 56 and 58.

Flannan Isles

Outer Hebrides

The mysterious Flannan islands or Seven Hunters are situated 20 miles west of the Isle of Lewis and support a wide variety of wildlife. The first known inhabitant was the 7th Century preacher and Abbot, St Flann, after whom the islands are named. The infamous lighthouse is situated on Eilean Mor. Engineered by D. A. Stevenson, it was just over a year after commission, on 15th December 1900, when the 3 lighthouse keepers mysteriously disappeared. It is generally thought they were swept away by a freak wave, but the truth of what actually happened that night has never been proved.

Please see pages 44 and 50.

Gigha

Inner Hebrides

Three miles (4.8 km) west of Kintyre, green and fertile Gigha, 'God's' or 'Good Island', is now owned by its community. In addition to dairy farming, goats are reared to produce a distinctive, fruit-shaped cheese – one of the isle's main exports. Ardmish is the only village and site of Achamore House set in 50 acre (20 ha) gardens planted by Sir James Horlick.

Please see pages 24, 66 and 76.

Handa

Inner Hebrides

This small, rocky isle sits across the Sound of Handa from the wildly beautiful west coast of Sutherland. Magnificent, horizontally stratified rocks of Torridonian sandstone to the north-west, weathered through time into ledges, form a perfect habitat for nesting seabirds, making Handa one of the largest colonies in north-western Europe.

Please see page 44.

Harris

Outer Hebrides

Historically and geographically apart from Lewis, Harris is a small region of many contrasts, offering wonderful walks and the beauty of Luskentyre beach on its sandy western shores. Rodel boasts the finest Pre-Reformation church in the Western Isles and the Harris tweeds produced here are world-famous.

Please see pages 40, 44, 60 and 70.

Holy Isle

Firth of Clyde Islands

Located across Lamish Bay, Holy Isle has a long history as a sacred site; a spring or Holy Well held to have healing properties, the hermit cave of 6th century monk Saint Molaise and evidence of a 13th century monastery can be found here and there is evidence of some runic writing on the roof of the cave of Saint Molaise.

Please see pages 20, 82 and 86.

Hoy

Northern Isles

Synonymous with the world-famous sea stack the Old Man of Hoy, Orkney's second largest island rises dramatically from the sea. Hoy is rightly famous for its birdlife. 10,000 acres of moorland and dramatic sea cliffs form an RSPB Nature Reserve which attracts large numbers of migrating and resident birds, including the much loved Puffin.

Please see page 58.



Iona

Inner Hebrides

The exiled Irish prince and missionary St Columba reached Iona in 563 to found his community, landing at pebbled St Columba's Bay in the south, as the legend goes. Originally dating from the 12th century, the restored abbey remains a much-revered place of pilgrimage. An enjoyable walk across the windswept machair leads to the Bay at the Back of the Ocean, with its Spouting Cave, facing the open Atlantic and America.

Please see pages 30, 32, 50, 52 and 66.



Islay

Inner Hebrides

Erstwhile seat of the MacDonalds, Lords of the Isles, mild Islay is renowned for the peaty single malts of its eight operating distilleries. Islay abounds in birdlife at the RSPB Loch Gruinart Nature Reserve, hub of a barnacle geese colony and historic treasures from the 18th century round church at Bowmore to the late 9th century High Cross of Kildalton.

Please see pages 28, 32, 46, 52, 68, 74, 76 and 82.

Isle Martin, Summer Isles

Highland Isles

Isle Martin is an uninhabited island in Loch Broom, on the west coast of Scotland. It is the closest of the Summer Isles to Ullapool and has been the site of a monastery, a herring curing station and a flour mill. Now recognised as a bird sanctuary, it is owned and managed by a community trust.

Please see page 42.

Jura

Inner Hebrides

Crowned by the landmark Paps, Jura is a place of wild beauty offering a haven to a wide range of wildlife, including some 6,500 red deer. Glaciated raised beaches are a marked feature of its western shores, with the treacherous Corryvreckan Whirlpool to the north. Jura has one tiny village of 200 residents, Craighouse, where the small Jura Distillery has produced a unique single malt since 1810.

Please see pages 32, 52, 66, 68, 76 and 82.

Kerrera

Inner Hebrides

Tiny Kerrera tranquilly guards the entrance to Oban from its two sheltered harbours at Ardentrive Bay and Horse Shoe Bay. Historically a stepping-stone for cattle drovers between Mull and the mainland, this fertile and hilly isle is crowned by the Renaissance MacDougall stronghold of Gylen Castle.

Please see pages 68 and 76.

Lewis

Outer Hebrides

Lewis is the largest and most northerly of the Hebrides, forming one island with Harris. Most of its wild landscape, rising to 1,800 feet (549 m) in the south, is cloaked in peat bog – hence its Gaelic name 'Leodhas', meaning 'marshy'. The Callanish Standing Stones and well-preserved Carloway Broch stand testament to its occupation since prehistoric times. The port of Stornoway is the only town.

Please see pages 40, 42, 48, 50, 54, 60 and 72.



Puffins, Lunga

Lunga, Treshnish Isles

Inner Hebrides

Designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest, Lunga is rich in plant life with many rare and endangered species native to the island. Described as a 'green jewel in a peacock sea' Lunga was inhabited until 1857 and the remains of the ruined village and its blackhouses can still be seen today.

Please see page 44.

Mainland, Orkney

Northern Isles

Home to the burgh of Kirkwall, the Orcadian capital, and more recent Stromness, dating from the 16th century, Mainland is the most densely populated of the Orcadian isles. Its fertile soil attracted settlers from prehistoric times, as witnessed by the UNESCO World Heritage Neolithic Heart of Orkney, and later Pictish remains. As with the whole of the archipelago, the influence of the Norsemen was strong.

Please see pages 54, 56, 58 and 60.

Mainland, Shetland

Northern Isles

Home to Shetland's only burgh of Lerwick, Mainland is the third-largest of the Scottish Islands. The long peninsula of South Mainland, south of Lerwick, consists mainly of mixed farmland and moorland with many important archaeological sites, including Sumburgh and Scalloway. Blessed with varied scenery ranging from the charming to the wildly dramatic, the island is a paradise for birds and wildlife from otters to orcas.

Please see pages 56 and 58.

Mingulay, Berneray and Pabbay

Bishop's Isles, Outer Hebrides

At the south tip of the Hebrides, these three uninhabited Bishop's Isles, swathed in white sandy beaches and flower-scattered machair, are awe-inspiring from the sea. Around Berneray 600 feet (183 m) cliffs, nestled by thousands of seabirds, tower up dramatically from the sea. In the north, the Lewisian gneiss 'Hermit Island' of Pabbay, settled by an early Christian community, as its Old Norse name implies, is an ideal spot on which to land.

Please see pages 40 and 66.



Muck Ponies

Muck, Small Isles

Inner Hebrides

The flat and fertile Isle of Muck, scattered with wild flowers and rimmed by silver shell-sand beaches, is a peaceful haven for puffin, kittiwake, fulmar, shearwater, sea-eagle and the porpoises that swim off its shores. Port Mòr is the only village, where the tearoom and craft shop serves delicious home baking.

Please see pages 26, 32, 70, 72 and 80.

Mull

Inner Hebrides

Fringed by an indented 300 miles (480 km) coastline, Mull is an island of sweeping moors broken occasionally by picturesque clearings. Colourful Georgian-fronted Tobermory is the capital and Craignure the main port, south-east of which lies the ancient Duart Castle, seat of the Macleans.

Please see pages 28, 30, 32, 38, 44, 46, 48, 52, 60, 62 and 74.

Raasay

Inner Hebrides

Located between Skye and the mainland, Raasay, 'Isle of the Roe Deer', is relatively low-lying in the north and mountainous in the south, rising to 1,453 feet (443 m) on central Dun Caan. Visited by Boswell and Johnson in 1773, the island is most famous as the birthplace of Scottish Renaissance poet Sorley Maclean. The main village is Inverarish.

Please see pages 38 and 60.



Rum

Rum, Small Isles

Inner Hebrides

Capped by Askival (2,664 ft/ 812 m) in the rocky Cuillin, the wildlife haven of Rum is a National Nature Reserve and research centre. Owned by Scottish Natural Heritage since 1957, it was bought by the Lancashire industrialist John Bullough in 1879. At the turn of the 20th century, his playboy son, Sir George built the folly of Kinloch Castle, which remains a time-capsule of those headier Edwardian days.

Please see pages 26, 28, 34, 50, 62, 64, 74 and 80.



Sanda

Sanda

Firth of Clyde Islands

Sanda, 'Sandaigh' in Gaelic, is a small, privately-owned island off the southern tip of the Kintyre Peninsula. An important bird migration and breeding point, it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), housing the first bird observatory on the west coast of Scotland. Although the island is treeless today, north-western Wood Hill indicates that this was not always so.

Please see pages 20, 24 and 86.

Sanday, Orkney

Northern Isles

One of the most northerly and third largest of the Orkney isles, fertile Sanday, named after its sandy shores, has been settled for some 5,000 years, as its prehistoric brochs and cairns attest. North Loch is home to a Site of Special Scientific Interest, the habitat of rare orchids, and the island's birdlife is prolific. The main settlements are Lady Village and Kettletoft.

Please see pages 54 and 56.



Village Bay, St Kilda

St Kilda

Outer Hebrides

The last 36 Gaelic-speaking residents of St Kilda evacuated the main island of Hirta at their own request in 1930, thereby ending some 5,000 years of continuous settlement. Behind them they left a deserted village that survives today as an outdoor museum, roamed by Soay sheep. Renowned for its awe-inspiring bird cliffs and stacs, St Kilda's remote and exposed Atlantic location makes visits weather-dependent. The archipelago is now a double UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Please see pages 42, 44 and 50.

Shiant Isles

Outer Hebrides

Privately owned by the Nicolson family since 1937, the Shiant Isles are geologically outliers of Skye, ringed by basalt rocks, reminiscent of Staffa and the Giant's Causeway, that teem with thousands of seabirds. Mythically haunted by kelpies, the isles are a renowned wildlife haven for common seals, basking sharks, puffin, herring gull, oyster catcher, eider, shag and many more.

Please see pages 40, 42, 44 and 48.

Skye

Inner Hebrides

The largest of the Inner Hebrides, Skye was connected to mainland Scotland by the Skye Bridge in 1996. Created volcanically some 60 million years ago, its awe-inspiring landscapes are a paradise for walkers and climbers. Bizarre rock formations punctuate The Quiraing, with the Old Man of Storr, Trotternish to the north-east and Vaternish to the north-west.

Please see pages 26, 28, 32, 34, 38, 40, 42, 50, 60, 62, 70, 74 and 80.

Staffa

Inner Hebrides

Staffa, named 'Stave' or 'Pillar Island' by the Vikings, lying 6 miles (10 km) west of Mull, was formed volcanically at the same time as the Giant's Causeway, cooling into mainly hexagonal black basalt columns. Cliffs rising to 131 feet (40 m) are riddled with caves, the most famous of which is Fingal's Cave at Staffa's southern tip, named after legendary Irish hero, Finn MacCool.

Please see pages 30, 38 and 52.

Stronsay, Orkney

Northern Isles

This fertile and flat island of rich farmland supports an array of rare plant species, including the blue-flowered oyster plant. The Vat of Kirbister is a spectacular feature of a varied coastline with pristine beaches. The population of 380 is mainly based in the northern village of Whitehall.

Please see pages 54 and 56.

Tanera Mòr, Summer Isles

Highland Isles

Tanera Mòr is the largest of the Summer Isles, a cluster of scenic islets located off the coast of Ullapool. Atop a lush, grassy hill, the flat summit of Meall Mor commands panoramic views over the surrounding area. The unique private post office issues its own stamps, and opens out of hours especially for our visits.

Please see page 48.



Sandaig Museum, Tiree

Tiree

Inner Hebrides

Enjoying long hours of sunshine, mild, fertile Tiree is the most westerly of the Inner Hebrides. This wild flower and birdlife haven, with shell-sand blown machair and surf-washed beaches, is much favoured by artists for its natural beauty and colour. Duns and brochs bear witness to its ancient history, while the white Thatched House Museum in Sandaig reveals its more recent crofting past.

Please see pages 30, 50 and 66.

The Uists

Outer Hebrides

A paradise for walkers, the tranquil Uists abound in geological and historical contrasts. The low-lying bird-haven of North Uist, scattered with green-blue lochans, is Norse and Protestant by tradition, and a world apart from the Catholic and Gaelic stronghold of South Uist. The second-largest of the Outer Isles, South Uist's softer, undulating landscape is carpeted in flower-decked machair and fringed by dunes.

Please see pages 34, 40, 44, 54, 62, 64, 66 and 72.



Sheila's Cottage, Ulva

Ulva

Inner Hebrides

Situated off Mull, the tiny isle of Ulva is a traffic-free haven covering barely 2 square miles (5 km²) and home to only 16 permanent residents. One of the most ancient settlements in the Western Isles and erstwhile seat of Clan MacQuarrie, the island is now privately owned by the Howard family. Ulva's past is well documented at Sheila's Cottage Museum on the west coast.

Please see pages 30 and 34.

Unst, Shetland

Northern Isles

Britain's most northerly island has a landscape more varied than most in Shetland due to its unusual geology. This stunningly beautiful and varied landscape supports a rich variety of wildlife, as well as purebred Shetland sheep and ponies which roam the common grazing land. Large colonies of breeding seabirds inhabit the impressive cliffs at Hermaness National Nature Reserve. The Unst Boat Haven is dedicated to the history of the islands' distinctive wooden boats.

Please see page 58.



Vatersay

Vatersay

Outer Hebrides

The most southerly of the inhabited Outer Isles, Vatersay is sliced in two by a narrow bar of sand and machair. With dramatic beaches, spectacular wildlife and a history dating from the Bronze Age, this beautiful isle has much to offer. The population of just over 70 residents is centred mainly around Vatersay town in the south.

Please see page 40.

Westray and Papa Westray, Orkney

Northern Isles

Westray, affectionately known as the 'Queen of the Isles', is a thriving community of 600 islanders. The island's rich archaeological heritage is etched across its landscape. The high sea cliffs at the RSPB reserve at Noup Head identify one of the most important seabird sites in the UK. At Papa Westray step back in time and encounter the oldest house in Northern Europe, The Knap of Howar, a Neolithic farmstead which predates the Pyramids by over 1,200 years.

Please see pages 54, 56 and 58.

Yell, Shetland

Northern Isles

Yell is the largest of the Northern Isles after Mainland Shetland and hold great appeal for geologists, botanists and birdwatchers, claiming to be the 'Otter Capital' of Britain. During the summer the coastline of Yell is also alive with breeding birds such as whimbrel and golden plover. The landscape inland is one of blanket peat bog dotted with crofting settlements. Yell has been inhabited since the Neolithic times, and a dozen broch sites have been identified from the pre-Norse period. Notable buildings on the island include the 17th century Old Haa of Brough in Burravoe, a merchant's house now converted to a museum and visitor centre.

Please see page 56.



Ruined Castle, Tarbert



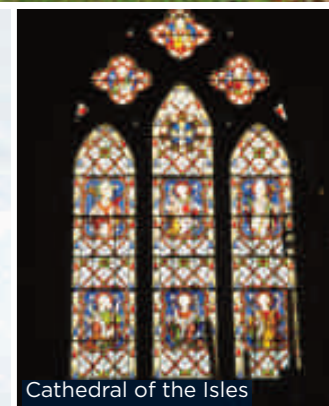
Arran Distillery, Arran



Snowdrops, Strachur

Hebridean Highlights

- Scenic Cruise of Loch Fyne
- Strachur House
- Portavadie
- Arran Distillery
- Cathedral of the Isles



Cathedral of the Isles



Greenock - Greenock

Argyll Escape

Friday 1st to Tuesday 5th March 2019

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

This cruise also departs on 12th November 2019

Experience the excitement of the first cruise of the season as *Hebridean Princess* emerges from her winter slumber and sets sail from Greenock to sample the delights of the Firth of Clyde including a grand house, a ruined castle, a distillery and Britain's smallest cathedral.

Leaving our berth at Greenock we enjoy a cruise of Loch Fyne, Scotland's longest sea loch, with ever-changing views of spectacular and unspoilt scenery. Arriving at Strachur, we venture ashore for a guided tour of Strachur House, built by General John Campbell in the 1780s.

Sitting on the shores of Loch Fyne, on the Cowal peninsula, Portavadie is wild and remote, we explore on foot the surrounding area which abounds with beautiful hills, glens, ancient forests, a rugged coastline and white sandy beaches.

On the Kintyre peninsula, our next port of call is the village of Tarbert with panoramic views from Robert the Bruce's 14th century ruined castle, before heading to the island known as 'Scotland in Miniature'. Arran is home to only one working distillery and here we learn the art of whisky making and taste a wee dram.

Our final foray ashore is on the delightful island of Great Cumbrae where the cathedral at Millport seats only 100 worshippers.

Travel Plan - 4 nights

Friday 1st March
Greenock - Embarkation.

Saturday 2nd March
Cruise Loch Fyne.
Strachur - Strachur House.

Sunday 3rd March
Portavadie - Walks ashore.
Tarbert, Loch Fyne - Ruined castle and walks.

Monday 4th March
Lochranza, Arran - Arran Distillery.
Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.

Tuesday 5th March
Greenock - Disembarkation.



Greenock - Greenock

Outlook on the Clyde

Tuesday 5th to Tuesday 12th March 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 5th November 2019

Sheltered from the Atlantic by the Kintyre peninsula, the Firth of Clyde is one of the largest areas of sheltered deep water in the British Isles. The Firth's many long lochs penetrate far into the Highlands, whilst its outer reaches comprise a scattering of islands, each of different size and character.

Venturing ashore at the Victorian resort of Rothesay, we admire the astounding Victorian Gothic mansion, Mount Stuart House, ancestral home of the Marquesses of Bute, before navigating the narrow Kyles of Bute and Loch Fyne.

From Strachur we explore Sir Robert Lorimer's finest work, Ardkinglas House, and enjoy a private tour of Strachur House by Sir Charles and Lady Maclean. Before transiting Loch Fyne and Kilbrannan Sound, the private apartments of Inveraray Castle are opened exclusively for us to uncover the secrets of the Dukes of Argyll.

Springbank Distillery is the oldest independent family-owned distillery in Scotland and its story spans centuries of whisky history.

The tiny isle of Sanda is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and at its southern tip we discover the lighthouse built in 1850 by Alan Stevenson, nicknamed 'The Ship'.

The sea cliffs of Ailsa Craig offer tantalising views as we steam north to Holy Isle guarding the entrance to Lamlash Bay and a place of worship and meditation since the 6th century.

On the Isle of Arran, we explore the grand baronial castle, formal gardens and woodland country park at Brodick ahead of our final landing on the delightful island of Great Cumbrae which boasts the smallest cathedral in Britain.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 5th March

Greenock - Embarkation.

Wednesday 6th March

Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House. Cruise Kyles of Bute and Loch Fyne.

Thursday 7th March

Strachur - Ardkinglas House. Strachur - Strachur House.

Friday 8th March

Crarae - Inveraray Castle private apartments. Cruise Loch Fyne and Kilbrannan Sound.

Saturday 9th March

Campbeltown - Springbank Distillery. Sanda Island - Walks ashore.

Sunday 10th March

Cruise Ailsa Craig. Holy Isle - Walks ashore.

Monday 11th March

Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle. Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.

Tuesday 12th March

Greenock - Disembarkation.



Hebridean Princess, Sanda Island



Mount Stuart House, Bute



Cruising the Kyles of Bute

Hebridean Highlights

- Mount Stuart House
- Ardkinglas House
- Inveraray Castle Private Apartments
- Springbank Distillery
- Sanda Island



Holy Isle



Inveraray Castle

Greenock - Greenock



Grandeur and Splendour of Argyll and Bute

Tuesday 12th to Tuesday 19th March 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 29th October 2019

Embark on a journey of architectural exploration as this cruise introduces us to a myriad of design styles and rare private viewings, often by a member of the family, including stately homes, baronial castles, private apartments and a neo-Gothic mansion.

Set in 500 acres of ancient woodland and mature gardens, Finlaystone House is seat of the current Chief of the Clan MacMillan.

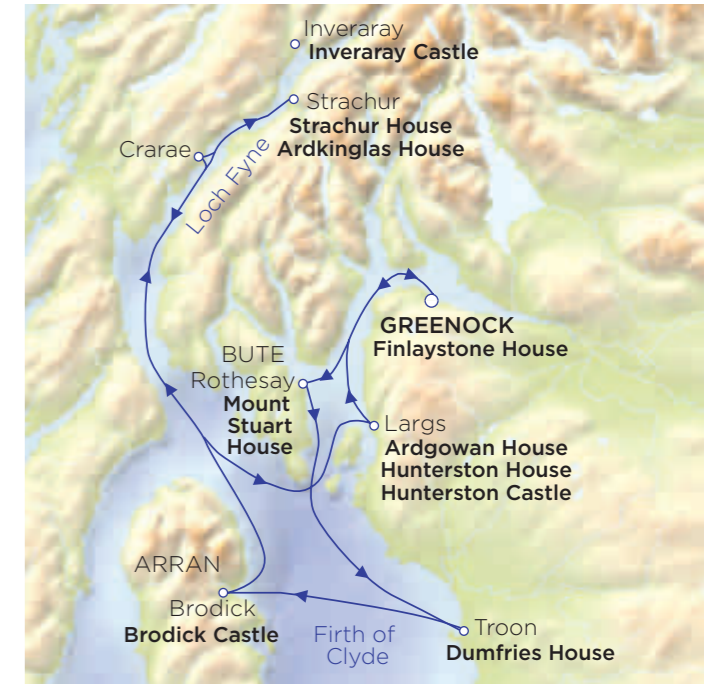
On the Isle of Bute, we wonder at the Victorian neo-Gothic mansion of Mount Stuart House, ahead of visiting Dumfries House with its neoclassical architecture and Thomas Chippendale furniture.

Before sailing Britain's longest sea loch, Loch Fyne, the imposing Brodick Castle awaits. This strategically important castle was developed between the 1200s and 1600s, with the later addition of an 1800s stately home wrapped around it.

From Strachur, we venture to the home of Sir Charles and Lady Maclean, Strachur House and its sheltered flower garden, before enjoying a private visit to Ardkinglas House completed in 1907 for Sir Andrew Noble and incorporating the then latest technology.

At the iconic Inveraray Castle a behind the scenes tour beckons. A castle has stood on the shores of Loch Fyne since the 1400s, although the castle we visit today was inspired by a sketch by Vanbrugh, architect of both Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard.

Hunterston Castle is a hidden gem. The 16th century tower house was the seat of the Clan Hunter and replaced in 1799 by Hunterston House. Our final architectural gem is the sumptuous Ardgowan House, held by the Stewart family since the early 15th century.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 12th March

Greenock - Embarkation.

Wednesday 13th March

Greenock - Finlaystone House.

Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House.

Thursday 14th March

Tron - Full day at Dumfries House with lunch.

Friday 15th March

Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle.

Cruise Loch Fyne.

Saturday 16th March

Strachur - Strachur House.

Strachur - Ardkinglas House.

Sunday 17th March

Crarae - Inveraray Castle private apartments.

Cruise Loch Fyne.

Monday 18th March

Largs - Hunterston House and Hunterston Castle.

Largs - Ardgowan House.

Tuesday 19th March

Greenock - Disembarkation.



Archives, Mount Stuart House, Bute



Dumfries House

Hebridean Highlights

- Finlaystone House
- Dumfries House
- Brodick Castle
- Hunterston Castle and Hunterston House
- Ardgowan House



Ardkinglas House

Greenock - Oban

The Firth of Clyde to the Firth of Lorn

Tuesday 19th to Tuesday 26th March 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

As we say a fond farewell to the Clyde and head for our home port of Oban, we explore the Kintyre peninsula and the picturesque lochs and pretty fishing villages in the Heart of Argyll.

Before navigating Loch Striven and the Kyles of Bute, we venture ashore at Benmore Botanic Garden to witness one of the world's finest collections of rhododendrons.

Sitting on the shores of Loch Fyne, Portavadie is wild and remote, and here we explore on foot the surrounding area which abounds with beautiful hills, glens, ancient forests, a rugged coastline and white sandy beaches.

On the Kintyre peninsula, our next port of call is the village of Tarbert with panoramic views from Robert the Bruce's 14th century ruined castle, before we head to the island known as 'Scotland in Miniature'. Arran is home to only one working distillery and here we learn the art of whisky making and taste a wee dram.

From Campbeltown, we travel to Saddell Abbey with its remarkable collection of medieval grave slabs. Our final port of call on the Clyde is the privately owned Sanda Island where we stretch our legs before rounding the Mull of Kintyre, on passage to Achamore Gardens on the Isle of Gigha.

After exploring the scenic village of Tayvallich, we enjoy a gentle stroll or cycle ride along the towpath of the Crinan Canal. Finally, Kilmartin Glen beckons. Here we discover some of the 800 ancient monuments and reveal the rich archaeological legacy for which the area is famous.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 19th March

Greenock - Embarkation.

Wednesday 20th March

Holy Loch - Benmore Botanic Garden.
Cruise Loch Striven and the Kyles of Bute.

Thursday 21st March

Portavadie - Walks ashore.
Tarbert, Loch Fyne - Ruined castle and walks.

Friday 22nd March

Lochranza, Arran - Arran Distillery.
Campbeltown - Saddell Abbey.

Saturday 23rd March

Sanda Island - Walks ashore.
Cruise the Mull of Kintyre.

Sunday 24th March

Gigha - Achamore Gardens.
Tayvallich - Walks ashore.

Monday 25th March

Crinan - Canal tow path walks.
Ardfern - Kilmartin Glen.

Tuesday 26th March

Oban - Disembarkation.

This cruise starts and ends in different ports.
Please refer to page 103 for travel options.



Tarbert, Loch Fyne

Hebridean Highlights

- Benmore Botanic Garden
- Saddell Abbey
- Achamore Gardens
- Crinan Canal
- Kilmartin Glen



Achamore Gardens, Gigha



Kilmartin Glen



Isle of Muck



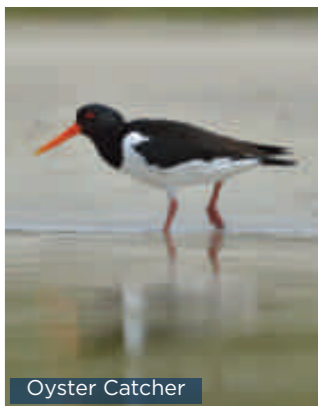
Aonach Mòr Gondola



Plockton

Hebridean Highlights

- Aonach Mòr
- Resipole Studio
- Ardnamurchan Lighthouse
- Eilean Donan Castle
- Kinloch Castle



Oyster Catcher



Oban - Oban

Sea Lochs and Small Isles

Tuesday 26th March to Tuesday 2nd April 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 15th October 2019

Along much of Scotland's western seaboard, long arms of sea reach far inland. This dramatic scenery has resulted in spectacular sea lochs reminiscent of Norwegian fjords. To the south of Skye, the Small Isles offer a wonderful variety of scenery and wildlife, all waiting to be explored from the comfort of *Hebridean Princess*.

Plotting a north easterly course from Oban, we marvel at the spectacular scenery of Loch Linnhe as Aonach Mòr comes into view. Taking the mountain gondola, we travel 650 metres up the north face of the 8th highest mountain in Britain.

Kingairloch is a 14,000-acre Highland estate, located in an unspoilt area of beauty and where we explore on foot, before arriving at Salen to appreciate the contemporary art displayed at the award-winning Resipole Studio.

Making our maiden visit to the privately-owned Isle of Carna, this historic 600-acre gem is home to a mosaic of wildlife species.

At the most westerly point on the UK mainland, the Ardnamurchan peninsula affords a panoramic vista from the top of the lighthouse, ahead of our landing on the Small Isle of Muck, rimmed by silver shell-sand beaches.

Northwards to Skye where the Clan Donald Centre awaits in the grounds of the ruined castle at Armadale, and onwards to the most remote pub in Britain, The Old Forge Inn at Inverie.

Cameras at the ready for our visit to the iconic Eilean Donan Castle, and at picturesque Plockton we take a stroll around the sheltered bay, whilst our final day permits us to uncover the secrets of Rum and Eigg.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 26th March
Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 27th March
Fort William, Aonach Mòr.
Kingairloch, Loch à Choire - Kingairloch Estate.

Thursday 28th March
Salen, Loch Sunart - Resipole Studio.
Carna, Loch Sunart - Walks ashore.

Friday 29th March
Kilchoan - Ardnamurchan Lighthouse.
Muck - Walks ashore.

Saturday 30th March
Armadale, Skye - Clan Donald Centre.
Inverie - Old Forge Pub.

Sunday 31st March
Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.
Plockton - Walks ashore.

Monday 1st April
Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Eigg - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 2nd April
Oban - Disembarkation.



Hebridean Princess Cuisine

Oban - Oban



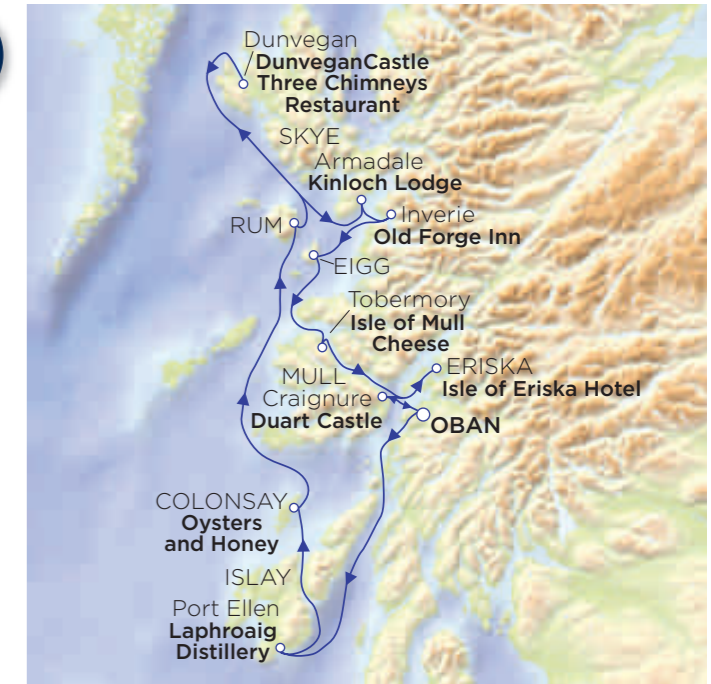
Gastronomic Scotland

Tuesday 2nd to Tuesday 9th April 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 24th September 2019

From superb seafood and famous beef, to seasonal fresh game, artisan cheeses and fine malt whiskies - Scotland boasts some of the world's finest produce imaginable. Join *Hebridean Princess* on this gastronomic voyage as we explore the wonderful culinary offerings of the Highlands and Islands.



Islay is famed for big peaty whiskies and we sample the rich malt which has been produced at Laphroaig Distillery since 1815, whilst on Colonsay we meet the man who supplies *Hebridean Princess* with oysters and learn about his other passion - native Black Bees and the honey they produce.

A cruise of the Small Isles highlights their diversity and on the wildlife haven of Rum, the red sandstone folly of Kinloch Castle awaits. Steaming into Loch Dunvegan, we visit the oldest continually inhabited castle in Scotland, Dunvegan Castle, and savour lunch at the world renowned Three Chimneys Restaurant.

After sampling the cuisine at Kinloch Lodge on Skye, we partake in refreshments at the most remote pub on mainland Britain, The Old Forge, ahead of landing on the second of the Small Isles, Eigg.

Sailing south we discover the traditional artisan methods used to create Isle of Mull Cheese from the colourful island capital of Tobermory.

A cruise of the Sound of Mull takes us to the Isle of Eriska Hotel and here we enjoy lunch in the award winning restaurant. Our culinary adventure concludes with a champagne reception at Duart Castle, hosted by Sir Lachlan Maclean, Chieftain of Clan Maclean.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 2nd April

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 3rd April

Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroaig Distillery.
Colonsay - Oysters and honey.

Thursday 4th April

Cruise the Small Isles.
Rum - Kinloch Castle.

Friday 5th April

Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle and lunch at The Three Chimneys.
Cruise south coast of Skye.

Saturday 6th April

Armadale, Skye - Lunch at Kinloch Lodge.
Inverie - Old Forge.

Sunday 7th April

Eigg - Walks ashore.
Tobermory, Mull - Isle of Mull Cheese.

Monday 8th April

Eriska - Lunch at The Isle of Eriska Hotel.
Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle champagne reception.

Tuesday 9th April

Oban - Disembarkation.



Laphroaig Distillery, Islay



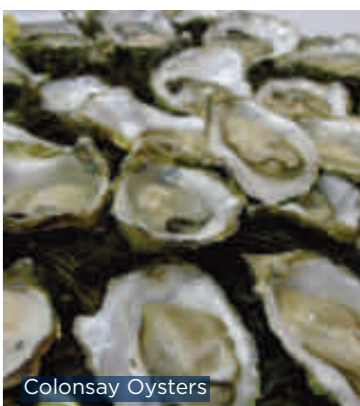
Kinloch Lodge



Colonsay Oysters

Hebridean Highlights

- Laphroaig Distillery
- Three Chimneys Restaurant Lunch
- Kinloch Lodge Lunch
- Isle of Eriska Hotel Lunch
- Duart Castle Champagne Reception



Colonsay Oysters

Spring in the Inner Isles

Tuesday 9th to Tuesday 16th April 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

There is no better time to take in some of the most glorious Highland and Island landscapes than the spring. As nature breathes new life into this unrivalled corner of the world, experience many of its unforgettable secrets.

Our voyage commences with a sail of Loch Linnhe to the iconic Glenfinnan Monument, a moving tribute to those who died fighting for the Jacobite cause. Onwards to Ballachulish to wonder at the majesty of Glencoe and learn of the area's turbulent history.

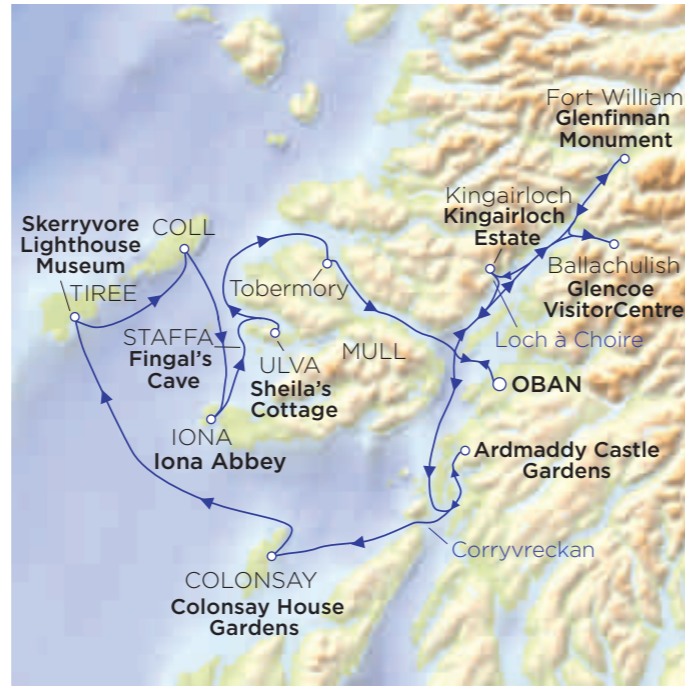
Located in an unspoilt area of beauty, we explore Kingairloch Estate, before cruising to Ardmaddy Castle Gardens, formed on the site of the barracks dating to the 1745 rebellion.

The Gulf of Corryvreckan is famous for its strong tidal currents, and the whirlpool which ensues is the third largest in the world. Planted in the 1930's, the gardens of Colonsay House are regarded as some of the finest rhododendron gardens in Scotland, covering 20 acres with an exceptional variety of trees and shrubs.

Hynish on Tiree was built to facilitate the construction of the Skerryvore Lighthouse and now houses a fitting tribute to the Lighthouse Stevensons. On the walker's paradise of Coll, we savour the sense of remoteness of this low-lying isle.

Having relished in the tranquillity of the beautifully restored Iona Abbey, we follow in the footsteps of Mendelssohn, sailing past the dramatic cathedral-like basalt columns that form Fingal's Cave on Staffa.

Our penultimate port of call is the Isle of Ulva, home to Sheila's Cottage and one of Telford's parliamentary churches, ahead of a final stretch of legs around the colourful harbour town of Tobermory.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 9th April

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 10th April

Fort William - Glenfinnan Monument.
Ballachulish - Glencoe Visitor Centre.

Thursday 11th April

Kingairloch, Loch a' Choire - Kingairloch Estate.
Seil Sound - Ardmaddy Castle Gardens.

Friday 12th April

Cruise Corryvreckan.
Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.

Saturday 13th April

Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum.
Coll - Walks ashore.

Sunday 14th April

Iona - Iona Abbey.
Staffa - Fingal's Cave.

Monday 15th April

Ulva - Sheila's Cottage.
Tobermory, Mull - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 16th April

Oban - Disembarkation.



Ardmaddy Castle Gardens



Hebridean Highlights

- Glenfinnan Monument
- Ardmaddy Castle Gardens
- Colonsay House Gardens
- Iona Abbey
- Isle of Ulva



Wheatear, Mull



Glenfinnan Monument



Iona Abbey, Iona



Lip na Cloiche Garden, Mull



Ardbeg Distillery, Islay

Hebridean Highlights

- Ardnamurchan Distillery
- Eilean Donan Castle
- Armadale Castle and Museum of the Isles
- Lip na Cloiche Garden
- Iona Abbey



Oban - Oban

Easter in the Hebrides

Tuesday 16th to Tuesday 23rd April 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Join *Hebridean Princess* on this Easter escape as we follow in the footsteps of St Columba to experience the unique atmosphere of Iona Abbey on Easter Day and discover the diversity of the idyllic Inner Isles.

Nestling in a spectacular location on the shores of Loch Sunart, the Ardnamurchan Distillery plays host to our first visit, ahead of a sail around the most westerly point of mainland Britain. From Kyle of Lochalsh, we head to the iconic Eilean Donan Castle, situated on an island where three sea lochs meet.

Ashore on Skye, we uncover the history of the Highlands and Islands at the Museum of Isles in the grounds of Armadale Castle, before arriving at the Small Isle of Canna, one of the earliest Christian settlements. On neighbouring Muck, we explore the peaceful haven which is home to an array of bird and marine wildlife.

A steam south to Coll offers refreshing cycle rides and walks through this wild island, fringed by silver-white beaches, whilst on Mull the hidden gem of Lip na Cloiche Garden awaits.

Ashore at Iona, we learn how the island has been a centre of Christian worship since Columba's arrival in AD 563, with the opportunity to join the Easter Sunday service, before a relaxing sail of the Sound of Islay.

For over 200 years Ardbeg whisky has been made on the Isle of Islay and our tour of the distillery concludes with a tasting of a wee dram. Finally, we head to Jura and the island's only settlement of Craighouse.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 16th April

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 17th April

Glenmore Bay, Loch Sunart - Ardnamurchan Distillery. Cruise round Ardnamurchan.

Thursday 18th April

Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle. Armadale, Skye - Clan Donald Centre.

Friday 19th April

Canna - Walks ashore. Muck - Walks ashore.

Saturday 20th April

Coll - Walks ashore. Ulva Ferry, Mull - Lip na Cloiche Garden.

Sunday 21st April

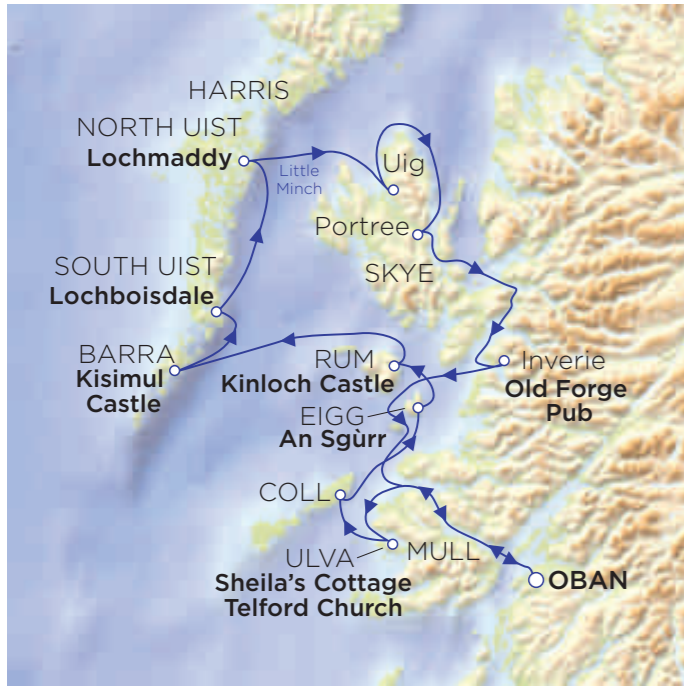
Iona - Iona Abbey. Cruise Sound of Islay.

Monday 22nd April

Port Ellen, Islay - Ardbeg Distillery. Loch na Mile, Jura - Craighouse.

Tuesday 23rd April

Oban - Disembarkation.



Oban - Oban



Footloose over the Little Minch

Tuesday 23rd April to Tuesday 30th April 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Our first Footloose cruise of 2019 takes us over the Little Minch to the Outer Isles of Barra and The Uists to reveal their rich diversity, before exploring the varied landscapes of Skye and the Inner Isles. A varied itinerary of walks is interspersed with alternative visits for those who prefer a more relaxed pace.

Savour the tranquillity of a walk on the tiny, traffic-free island of Ulva, or gain insight into the harsh days of crofting at Sheila's Cottage. The same sense of remoteness is also palpable on the walkers' paradise of Coll, ringed by sweeping sandy beaches.

Onwards to the historic wildlife haven of Eigg to enjoy strolls beneath the dramatic pitchstone ridge of An Sgùrr. The nature reserve of Rum offers refreshing walks, or a visit to Bullough's Kinloch Castle, a time-capsule of Edwardian opulence.

Crossing to the Outer Isles and Barra, walk through flower strewn machair, moorland and stunning white-sand beaches or discover the only significant surviving medieval castle in the Outer Hebrides, Kisimul Castle.

A full day on The Uists allows the walkers to set out from Lochboisdale and re-join the ship in Lochmaddy, whilst the strollers enjoy a tour of these contrasting landscapes. Crossing the Little Minch to Uig, our walkers are challenged by the terrain of The Quiraing in Trotternish; strollers can explore this awe-inspiring peninsula on a coach tour.

At the head of Loch Nevis, in remote Knoydart, lies tiny Inverie, our final port of call, before we return to Oban past the Small Isles.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 23rd April**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 24th April**
Ulva - Walks ashore/Sheila's Cottage and Telford church.
Coll - Walks ashore.
- Thursday 25th April**
Eigg - An Sgùrr/strolls ashore.
Rum - Kinloch Castle/walks ashore.
- Friday 26th April**
Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.
Castlebay, Barra - Walks/Kisimul Castle.
- Saturday 27th April**
Lochboisdale, South Uist - Full day walk or island tour.
Lochmaddy, North Uist - Guests rejoin ship.
- Sunday 28th April**
Uig, Skye - Full day walk or tour of Trotternish peninsula.
Portree, Skye - Guests rejoin ship.
- Monday 29th April**
Inverie - Walking in Knoydart.
Cruise the Small Isles
- Tuesday 30th April**
Oban - Disembarkation.



North Uist



Footloose Walkers



Hebridean Princess, Eigg

Walking Highlights

- Coll - half day walk
- An Sgùrr, Eigg - half day walk
- Barra - half day walk
- The Uists - full day walk
- Trotternish Peninsula - full day walk



Red Deer, Rum



Oban - Oban

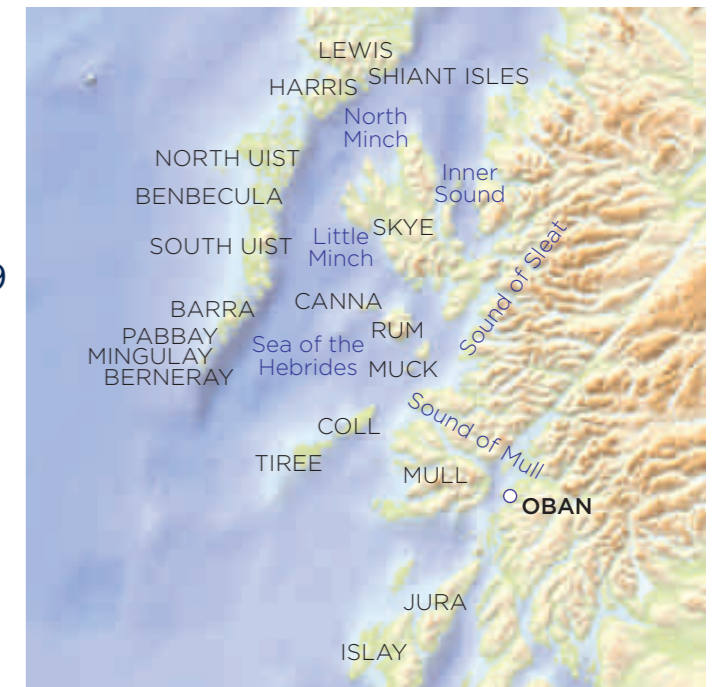
Springtime Surprise

Tuesday 30th April to Tuesday 7th May 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Join *Hebridean Princess* on this Springtime Surprise as the Captain decides the itinerary on a daily basis, taking you to some of his favourite destinations.

Although the itinerary is unknown you will be assured of our excellent service, exquisite cuisine and the understated elegance of *Hebridean Princess*.





Inverewe Garden

Oban - Oban



The Hebrides in Colour

Tuesday 7th to Tuesday 14th May 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The mild climate of north-west Scotland is dramatically influenced by the warm North Atlantic Drift, giving rise to world-class gardens that are a rarity on such northerly latitudes. All are unique, not only for their magnificent collections, but for the wild, untamed beauty in which they stand.

The walled garden at Ardmaddy is shielded by mature woodlands and protected from the Atlantic winds by the elevated castle to the south. Today, we can appreciate rhododendrons, azaleas and climbing plants which line the walls, ahead of our visit to the 20-acre plantsman's paradise of Arduaine Garden, now in the care of the National Trust for Scotland.

Colonsay House Gardens are set in a natural landscape of informal woodlands and have been in the Strathcona family for over 100 years. A relaxing cruise offers wonderful views of the columnar basalt structure of Fingal's Cave on Staffa, before heading to the remote, hidden gem of Lip na Cloiche Garden on Mull.

Steaming north through Kyle Rhea and The Narrows we arrive at Plockton, where Attadale Gardens await, skilfully restored by owner Nick MacPherson following the devastating storm in 1980. Pausing a while on Raasay, our next port of call is the jewel in the crown of Highland gardens, Sir Osgood Mackenzie's masterpiece, Inverewe.

A navigation of the Inner Sound brings us to our final garden at Armadale Castle, where the 40 acres attractively complement the Gothic mansion ruins, sheltered by 200-year old trees. The Farewell Gala Dinner is preceded by a sail through the scenic Small Isles.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 7th May

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 8th May

Ardmaddy - Ardmaddy Castle Gardens.
Craobh Haven - Arduaine Garden.

Thursday 9th May

Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
Cruise north past Staffa and Fingal's Cave.

Friday 10th May

Ulva Ferry, Mull - Lip na Cloiche Garden.
Cruise Kyle Rhea and The Narrows.

Saturday 11th May

Plockton - Attadale Gardens.
Raasay - Raasay House.

Sunday 12th May

Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.
Cruise The Inner Sound.

Monday 13th May

Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle Gardens.
Cruise the Small Isles.

Tuesday 14th May

Oban - Disembarkation.



Attadale Gardens



Arduaine Garden

**Guest Speaker
Professor Stefan Buczacki**

Professor Stefan Buczacki has more than thirty years of experience as a cruise ship lecturer. He is one of the country's best known and most respected gardening and natural history authors and broadcasters, familiar from his many years as panellist and chairman on Gardeners' Question Time and as a presenter on Gardeners' World. Less expectedly, he is a respected historical biographer and is recognised as an authority on Winston Churchill and his social circle.



Outer Isles Odyssey

Tuesday 14th to Tuesday 21st May 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The breath-taking beauty of Scotland's islands is beyond compare, shaped by sea and mountain, climate and beauty, heritage and culture. Bathed in a luminosity of colour, that enhances every scene, the unspoilt Outer Isles are a virtually unknown paradise.

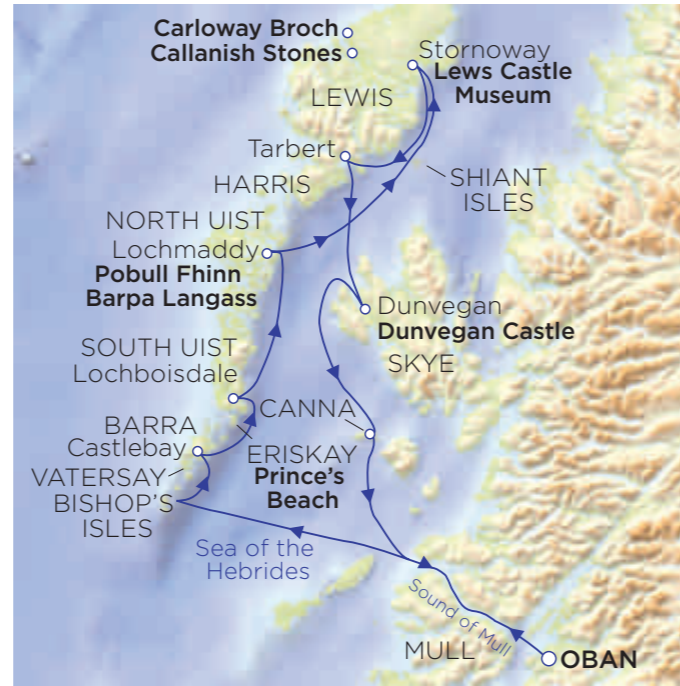
Steam the Sea of the Hebrides to experience a beach landing on one of the secluded Bishop's Isles and stroll along the breathtakingly beautiful white-sand beaches of Vatersay, bordered by rich machair grasses.

On Eriskay, we discover where Bonnie Prince Charlie first stepped onto British soil, before coasting the magnificent seaboard of The Uists, travelling back in time to the stone circle of Pobull Fhinn and the ancient burial chamber at Barpa Langass.

A cruise of the Shiant Isles affords captivating views of the magical black basalt cliffs, home to an abundance of breeding seabirds. A full day in Stornoway allows us to explore Lewis. The standing stones at Callanish and well-preserved Carloway Broch stand testament to the island's occupation since prehistoric times, whilst the museum at Lews Castle offers an insight into the history and culture of the Outer Isles.

A tour of neighbouring Harris includes the delights of Luskentyre beach. From Loch Dunvegan, the MacLeod stronghold of Dunvegan Castle calls. It has survived many conflicts and offers exhilarating boat trips to the resident seal colony.

Dubbed the 'Garden of the Hebrides', our final foray ashore is a stretch of legs on tranquil Canna, before we sail the Sound of Mull on passage to our home port of Oban.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 14th May

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 15th May

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides. Bishop's Isles - Beach landing.

Thursday 16th May

Castlebay, Barra - Walks on Vatersay. Lochboisdale, South Uist - Prince's Beach, Eriskay.

Friday 17th May

Lochmaddy, North Uist - Pobull Fhinn and Barpa Langass. Cruise past the seabird cliffs of the Shiant Isles.

Saturday 18th May

Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones/Carloway Broch. Stornoway, Lewis - Lews Castle Museum.

Sunday 19th May

Tarbert, Harris - Island tour. Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle and Seal Colony.

Monday 20th May

Canna - Walks ashore. Cruise the Small Isles and the Sound of Mull.

Tuesday 21st May

Oban - Disembarkation.



Callanish Stones, Lewis

Hebridean Highlights

- Beach Landing on the Bishop's Isles
- Walks on Vatersay
- Pobull Fhinn and Barpa Langass
- Lews Castle Museum
- Dunvegan Castle and Seal Colony



Common Seal



Hebridean Princess, Eriskay



Hebridean Princess, Beach Landing Shiant Isles



Abandoned Village, Hirta, St Kilda



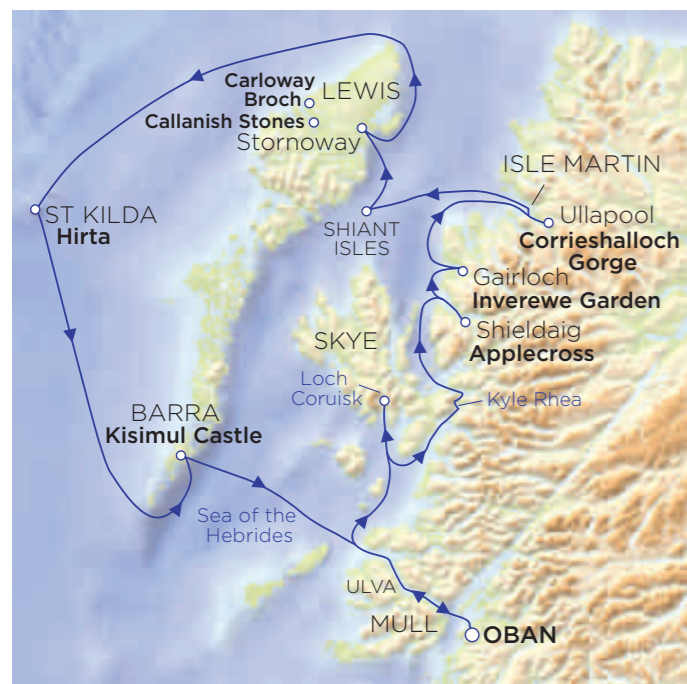
Gannets

Hebridean Highlights

- Loch Coruisk Walks
- Isle Martin
- Shiant Isles Beach Landing
- St Kilda – Double UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Kisimul Castle



Soay Sheep



Oban - Oban



Natural World of the Shiant Isles and St Kilda

Tuesday 21st to Tuesday 28th May 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Few experiences can match the overwhelming impression of the sea stacks, as they loom through the mist on the approach to St Kilda, or the profound sense of abandonment on this far-flung archipelago, evacuated by its last residents in 1930 after 5,000 years of continuous habitation.

Rounding Ardnamurchan, we plot a northerly course to Skye and walk around the wildly magnificent Loch Coruisk. Continuing north through Kyle Rhea and the Inner Sound, we are bound for Shieldaig to travel the panoramic Bealach na Ba pass to Applecross.

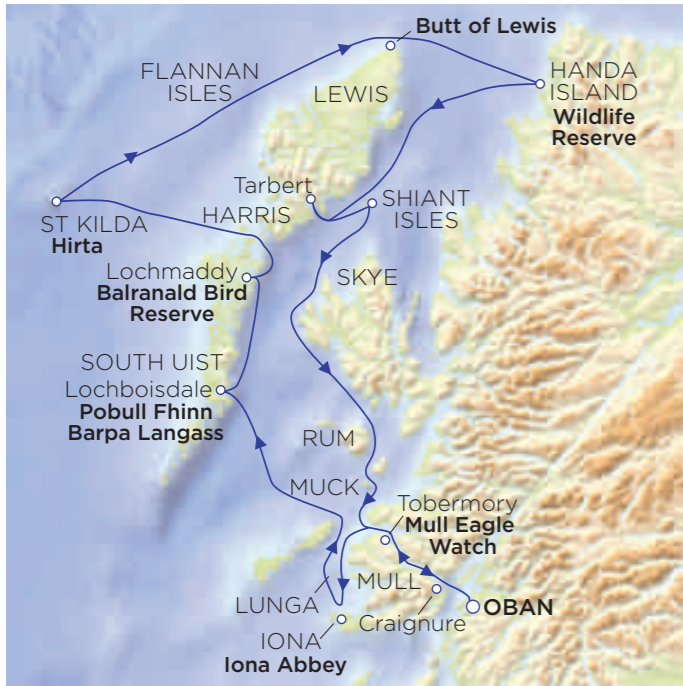
From Gairloch, explore the acclaimed beauty of Inverewe Garden, planted in the 1860s by the young Osgood Mackenzie. Having sailed into Loch Broom, we marvel at the deep chasm of Corrieshalloch Gorge and the misted, plunging Falls of Measach.

After a walk on the uninhabited bird sanctuary of Isle Martin, we land on the enchanted Shiant Isles, spellbound by the sights and sounds of the vast seabird cliffs. Onwards to Lewis and Stornoway; the Callanish Standing Stones, erected some 5,000 years ago, and Iron Age Carloway Broch are majestic and awe-inspiring.

An early morning cruise of the echoing sea stacks of Boreray and Stac Lee precede a tranquil stroll through the deserted cottages of Village Bay on Hirta, now roamed by indigenous Soay sheep. Venturing to Barra, our voyage of discovery concludes with a visit to the Macneil stronghold of Kisimul Castle, where a climb of the tower house battlements is rewarded with spectacular views of Castle Bay, before whiling away the afternoon on the return crossing to Oban.

Travel Plan – 7 nights

- Tuesday 21st May**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 22nd May**
Loch Scavaig, Skye - Loch Coruisk.
Cruise Kyle Rhea and the Inner Sound.
- Thursday 23rd May**
Shieldaig - Applecross.
Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.
- Friday 24th May**
Ullapool - Corrieshalloch Gorge.
Isle Martin, Summer Isles - Walks ashore.
- Saturday 25th May**
Shiant Isles - Beach landing.
Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch.
- Sunday 26th May**
St Kilda - Village Bay, Hirta and cruise Sea Stacs.
Cruise Atlantic to Barra.
- Monday 27th May**
Castlebay, Barra - Kisimul Castle.
Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.
- Tuesday 28th May**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Oban - Oban



The Wildlife of St Kilda

Tuesday 28th May to Tuesday 4th June 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

As the remotest part of the British Isles, the double UNESCO World Heritage Site of St Kilda forms the most important seabird breeding site in northwest Europe. With cliffs, sea stacks and grassy slopes, the islands are ideally suited to nesting birds like gannet, puffin, kittiwake, fulmar, razorbill and guillemot.

Boarding a local boat at the Treshnish Isle of Lunga, we admire the colourful puffin population or explore the ancient Benedictine abbey on the holy isle of Iona.

Arriving at South Uist, we go in search of birds of prey and learn of the work undertaken at the Balranald RSPB reserve, home to corncrake. Alternatively, a tour of the Uists takes us to the prehistoric stone circle of Pobull Fhinn and the Neolithic cairn of Barpa Langass.

A cruise of the Sound of Harris leads us to the 640 feet tall Stac an Armin and onwards to Hirta, the largest island of the St. Kilda archipelago. Here we explore one of the remotest parts of the British Isles ahead of steaming past the Flannan Isles.

Cruising the dramatic sea cliffs of Handa Island, we land ashore and venture to the Scottish Wildlife Trust reserve renowned for guillemots, razorbills and great skua.

Before making a beach landing on the Shiant Isles, we search for eagles on the island of Harris. Alternatively, you may prefer to embark on an island tour.

Returning over The Minch, we head for Skye to observe birdlife and grey seals, before visiting the Mull Eagle Watch or exploring the colourful Georgian capital of Tobermory.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 28th May
Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 29th May
Lunga or Iona - Puffins/Iona Abbey.
Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.

Thursday 30th May
Lochboisdale - tour of the Uists including Pobull Fhinn and Barpa Langass.
Lochmaddy - Balranald RSPB reserve.

Friday 31st May
St Kilda - Cruise stacks land on Hirta.
Cruise by Flannan Isles.

Saturday 1st June
Handa - seabird cliffs.
Cruise the Minch.

Sunday 2nd June
Tarbert, Harris - Eagle spotting /Island tour.
Shiant - Beach landing.

Monday 3rd June
Cruise West coast of Skye and Small Isles.
Tobermory - Mull Eagle watch/free time.

Tuesday 4th June
Oban - Disembarkation.



Seabird Cliffs, St Kilda



Puffin, Lunga

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 & Iona' and lives on Mull with his wife, two teenage daughters and black Labrador Cally.



Wildlife Guide Darren Rees

Darren Rees has been painting and showing people wildlife for over 30 years and is one of the UK's most respected nature artists, as well as an experienced naturalist guide. His work has attracted many awards including BirdWatch Artist of the Year, Natural World Fine Art Award, RSPB Fine Art Award and a winner in the BBC Wildlife Artist of the Year. His first solo book Bird Impressions was also short-listed in the Natural History Book of the Year Award.





Celtic Panorama

Tuesday 11th to Tuesday 18th June 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The beauty and drama of the Celtic coasts of western Scotland and Northern Ireland have inspired numerous artists to capture the character of these landscapes and convey their every nuance to the viewer. We too can absorb these inspirational views and observe renowned private collections at Glenarm Castle and Dumfries House.

The Crinan Hotel is a renowned venue where contemporary artist, Frances Macdonald and her son Ross Ryan, exhibit. Cruising the Sound of Jura and the North Channel, we take in the spectacular panorama of the visible coastlines.

The Ulster Museum's art collections include some of the finest Irish art, incorporating works by Jack Butler Yeats, William Conor, John Luke and Sir John Lavery. After a visit to the award-winning Titanic Museum we head to Glenarm Castle, home of Viscount and Viscountess Dunluce, to observe superb examples of Irish furniture and a private collection of family portraits.

Dumfries House is one of Britain's most beautiful stately homes, with an outstanding collection of 18th century furniture and a large array of 17th century Dutch paintings, acquired from the renowned collection of the 3rd Earl of Bute.

Rounding the Mull of Kintyre, we pause a while on the whisky isle of Islay to sample the rich malt which has been produced at Laphroaig Distillery since 1815 and enjoy tranquil walks at Tayvallich on the shores of Loch Sween. The climax of our voyage is a champagne reception in the magnificent Great Hall of Duart Castle, hosted by clan chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 11th June**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 12th June**
Crinan - Crinan Gallery.
Cruise the North Channel.
- Thursday 13th June**
Larne - Ulster Museum.
Larne - Titanic Exhibition.
- Friday 14th June**
Larne - Glenarm Castle.
Cruise to Troon.
- Saturday 15th June**
Troon - Dumfries House with lunch.
- Sunday 16th June**
Cruise the Mull of Kintyre.
Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroaig Distillery.
- Monday 17th June**
Tayvallich - Walks ashore.
Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle champagne reception.
- Tuesday 18th June**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Glenarm Castle, Northern Ireland



Crinan Studio

Guest Speaker Stella Grace Lyons

Stella Grace Lyons studied History of Art at the University of Bristol and is now a freelance lecturer in the subject. She spent a year studying Renaissance Art in Italy at the British Institute of Florence and attended drawing classes at the prestigious Charles H. Cecil studios. Stella is an accredited Arts Society Lecturer and her specialisms include the art of William Burges and his relationship with patron John Crichton-Stuart, 3rd Marquess of Bute.





Loch Coruisk, Skye



Tanera Mòr, Summer Isles



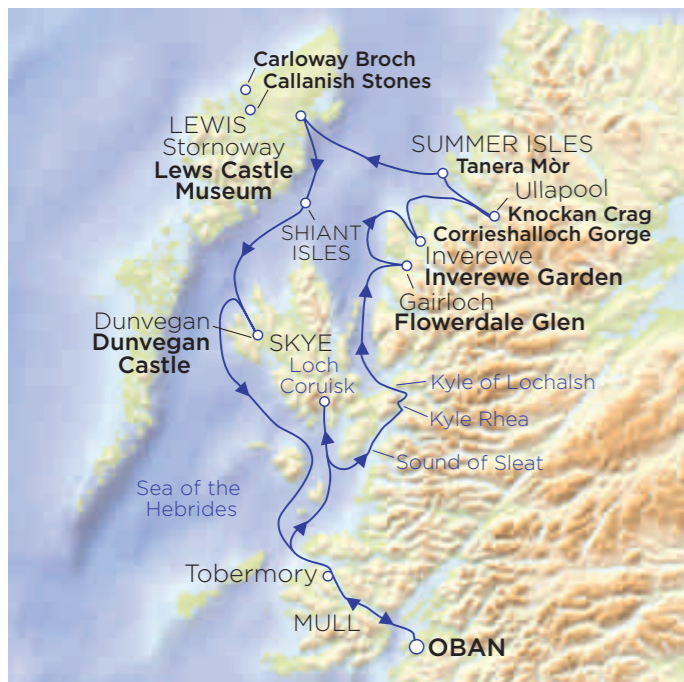
Knockan Crag

Hebridean Highlights

- Loch Coruisk - half day walk
- Gairloch - full day walk
- Knockan Crag - half day walk
- Lewis - full day walk
- Tobermory - half day walk



Shiant Isles



Oban - Oban



Footloose to the Summer Isles and the Shiant

Tuesday 18th to Tuesday 25th June 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This alluring Footloose itinerary reveals the rich diversity of the Inner and Outer Hebrides in the magical days of summer that take on a dream-like quality. Pursuing the usual programme of walks and activities for all, our experienced guides enliven this stimulating route.

Rounding Ardnamurchan, we plot a northerly course to Skye and walks around the wildly magnificent Loch Coruisk. Continuing through Kyle Rhea and the Inner Sound, we are bound for Gairloch to strike out for a full day walk or savour the solitude of a gentle stroll to the pretty waterfall at Flowerdale Glen and an exploration of the acclaimed Inverewe Garden.

A must for hikers, the nature reserve at Knockan Crag affords spectacular views, whilst the less energetic can marvel at the deep chasm of Corrieshalloch Gorge and the plunging Falls of Measach. On lush Tanera Mòr, climb Meall Mor for panoramic vistas or call at the post office that issues its own stamps.

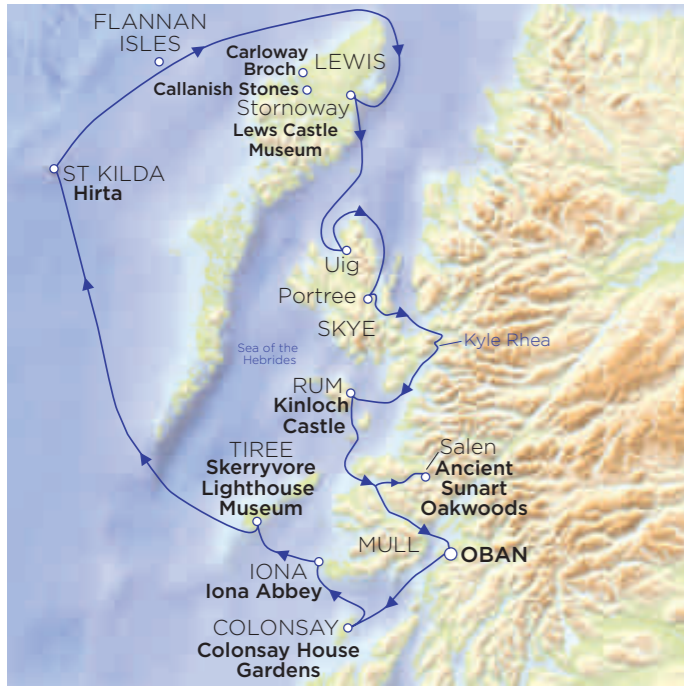
Onwards to Stornoway to decide between a full day rambling on Lewis or a historical tour of the Callanish Standing Stones, Carloway Broch and the museum at Lewis Castle.

We land on the enchanted Shiant Isles, spellbound by the sights and sounds of the vast seabird cliffs and on Skye, the MacLeod stronghold of Dunvegan Castle calls. It has survived many conflicts and offers exhilarating boats trips to view the resident seal colony.

After a relaxing sail of the Small Isles, we enjoy a final stretch of legs or indulge in some last-minute shopping at the colourful Georgian harbour town of Tobermory.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 18th June**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 19th June**
Loch Scavaig, Skye - Loch Coruisk walks.
Cruise Sound of Sleat, Kyle Rhea and Lochalsh.
- Thursday 20th June**
Gairloch - Full day walks/Flowerdale Glen.
Inverewe - Inverewe Garden.
- Friday 21st June**
Ullapool - Walks at Knockan Crag/Corrieshalloch Gorge.
Tanera Mòr, Summer Isles - Walks ashore.
- Saturday 22nd June**
Stornoway, Lewis - Full day walk/Carloway Broch and Callanish Stones.
Stornoway, Lewis - Lewis Castle Museum.
- Sunday 23rd June**
Shiant Isles - Beach landing.
Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle.
- Monday 24th June**
Cruise the Small Isles.
Tobermory, Mull - Walks/free time.
- Tuesday 25th June**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Oban - Oban



Secrets of St Kilda

Tuesday 25th June to Tuesday 2nd July 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

St Kilda is one of the most inspiring and atmospheric locations that can be visited without leaving the British Isles. Unlock the secrets of the most remote of the Hebridean islands, occupied by man for 5,000 years until 1930, and one of the important seabird colonies in the northern hemisphere.

Home to a seemingly infinite array of wild flowers and birds, we enjoy the delights of Colonsay House Gardens. On Iona, where St Columba began his mission in 563, linger in the restored abbey, or walk to the Bay at the Back of the Ocean.

Ahead of our cruise over the Sea of the Hebrides, we land on Tiree to visit the Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum at Hynish. After an overnight sail to magical St Kilda, we arrive in the early morning to sail between the island of Boreray and Stac Lee. As the cleits and grazing Soay sheep come into view, we approach Village Bay on Hirta where we go ashore to wonder at what life must have been like in this remote wilderness.

A sail past the mysterious Flannan Isles brings us to Stornoway, where we uncover the ancient history of Lewis at the Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch and explore this northerly Gaelic heartland at Lewis Castle Museum.

Spending a full day on Skye, we tour the bizarre rock formations of the Trotternish peninsula. Still haunted by its decadent Edwardian past, Kinloch Castle seems a world away from the beauty of the ancient Sunart Oakwoods, perfect for a tranquil stroll as we reflect on our adventures.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 25th June**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 26th June**
Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
Iona - Iona Abbey.
- Thursday 27th June**
Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum.
Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.
- Friday 28th June**
St Kilda - Village Bay, Hirta and cruise Sea Stacs.
Cruise past the Flannan Isles.
- Saturday 29th June**
Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch.
Stornoway, Lewis - Lewis Castle Museum.
- Sunday 30th June**
Uig, Skye - Tour Trotternish peninsula with lunch at Flodigarry Hotel.
Portree, Skye - Guests rejoin ship.
- Monday 1st July**
Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Salen - Ancient Sunart Oakwoods.
- Tuesday 2nd July**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Hebridean Princess, Village Bay, St Kilda



Kinloch Castle, Rum



Carloway Broch, Lewis

Hebridean Highlights

- Iona Abbey
- Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum
- St Kilda - Double UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Lewis Castle Museum
- Tour of the Trotternish Peninsula



Old Man of Storr, Skye



Fingals Cave, Staffa

Oban - Oban



Hebridean Concerto

Tuesday 2nd to Tuesday 9th July 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The beauty of Scotland's Highlands and Islands has inspired numerous composers and musicians, most famously the dramatic cathedral-like Fingal's Cave on Staffa. This cruise uncovers the talent of local musicians who have also been stimulated by the unique atmosphere of the environs in which they live.

Steaming to delightful Jura, a leisurely stroll to Craighouse awaits, before heading to neighbouring Islay for a concert at Laphroaig Distillery, performed by musicians of the Cantilena Festival.

A gentle sail of the Sound of Islay and the west coast of Mull is preceded by a visit to the ancient site of Finlaggan, and here we discover why Islay is referred to as the Cradle of Clan Donald.

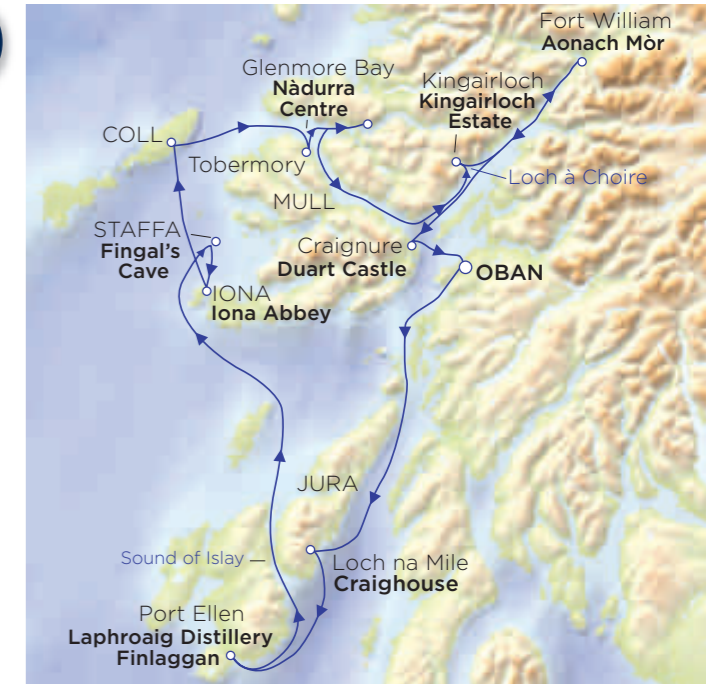
Before landing on the sacred isle of Iona, a local boat leads us to Fingal's' Cave with its spectacular hexagonal basalt columns; its sheer size and eerie sounds produced by the waves have encouraged music and legends.

The virtually treeless island of Coll is a bird haven and a beach landing allows us to wander through the flower dotted machair. Our evening is enchanted with an on board concert performed by musicians from the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival.

Ashore at Glenmore Bay, the Nàdurra Centre introduces us to the flora and fauna found in this area, ahead of exploring the Kingairloch Estate.

Cruising Loch Linnhe, Aonach Mòr comes into view and taking the mountain gondola, we travel up the north face of the 8th highest mountain in Britain.

Our cruise culminates with a farewell champagne reception at Duart Castle, hosted by Clan Chief, Sir Lachlan Maclean.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 2nd July

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 3rd July

Loch na Mile, Jura - Craighouse.

Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroaig Distillery with concert.

Thursday 4th July

Port Ellen, Islay - Finlaggan.

Cruising Sound of Islay and west coast of Mull.

Friday 5th July

Staffa - Fingal's Cave with local boats.

Iona - Iona Abbey.

Saturday 6th July

Coll - Beach landing.

Tobermory, Mull - walks with evening concert on board.

Sunday 7th July

Glenmore Bay - Nadurra Centre.

Loch à Choire - Kingairloch Estate.

Monday 8th July

Fort William - Aonach Mòr.

Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle, champagne reception and concert.

Tuesday 9th July

Oban - Disembarkation..



Cantilena Musicians, Islay



St Martin's Cross, Iona

Guest Speaker Professor David Hoult

David Hoult was Principal of Leeds College of Music from 1993 until his retirement in 2008. As a professional singer and former horn player he is an experienced and well-travelled performer. He examines and adjudicates widely, both in the UK and abroad, and has been a regular writer and presenter of music programmes on BBC Radios 3 and 4. Based in Manchester, he also has a house in the Hebrides, and is a regular contributor to Scottish Islands Explorer magazine.





Voyage to the Heart of Neolithic Orkney

Tuesday 9th to Thursday 18th July 2019
9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Ruled by Scandinavian crown until 1468, when transferred to Scotland as part of a marriage dowry, the Nordic influence on the Orkney islands is still evident, making them distinctively different from the Western Isles.

Heading to North Uist, we venture to the prehistoric stone circle of Pobull Fhinn and the Neolithic cairn of Barpa Langass, whilst the standing stones at Callanish and the well-preserved Carloway Broch stand testament to the occupation of Lewis since prehistoric times.

Rounding Cape Wrath to Scrabster, we explore the late Queen Mother's Castle of Mey. Onwards to Stromness and the Neolithic settlement of Skara Brae.

The chambered tomb of Maes Howe, and the iconic Ring of Brodgar, are amazing sites to behold, before we unveil local history at the Orkney museum and explore St Magnus Cathedral, which dominates the Kirkwall skyline.

Ahead of admiring the collapsed sea cave of the Vat of Korbister, our next foray ashore is to the beautiful and highly ornate Italian Chapel and the series of causeways known as The Churchill Barriers.

Having surveyed the impressive Quoyness Chambered Cairn, Knolthland Castle awaits our arrival. Dating from the 16th century, the heavily fortified castle stands testament to a troubled period of Scottish history.

Our final visit in Orkney is to one of the oldest preserved stone houses in northern Europe, the Knap of Howar, before sailing the Pentland Firth and visiting the Wick Museum which displays many artefacts telling the history of this Caithness town.



Travel Plan - 9 nights

- Tuesday 9th July**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 10th July**
Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.
Lochmaddy, North Uist - Pobull Fhinn and Barpa Langass.
- Thursday 11th July**
Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch.
Cruise Cape Wrath and North Coast.
- Friday 12th July**
Scrabster - Castle of Mey.
Stromness, Orkney - Skara Brae.
- Saturday 13th July**
Stromness, Orkney - Ring of Brodgar and Maes Howe.
Kirkwall, Orkney - Museum and St Magnus Cathedral.
- Sunday 14th July**
Kirkwall, Orkney - Italian Chapel and Churchill Barriers.
Stronsay - Vat of Korbister.
- Monday 15th July**
Sanday - Quoyness Chambered Cairn.
Westray - Knolthland Castle.
- Tuesday 16th July**
Papa Westray - Knap of Howar.
Cruise the Pentland Firth.
- Wednesday 17th July**
Wick - Wick Museum.
Cruise north east coast.
- Thursday 18th July**
Invergordon - Disembarkation.

This cruise starts and ends in different ports.
Please refer to page 103 for travel options.

Guest Speaker Bruce Bennison

After a career in professional field and museum archaeology and followed by a wider involvement in developing public sector cultural policy in the UK, Bruce is now an experienced tutor and heritage holiday leader. He specialises in introducing people to the pleasures of archaeology and historical subjects. He is a Churchill Fellow, having won a Travelling Fellowship to travel to Scandinavia and Greenland studying Viking archaeology.



Ring of Brodgar, Orkney



Skara Brae, Orkney



Italian Chapel, Orkney



St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, Orkney



Vat of Kirbister, Stronsay

Hebridean Highlights

- Neolithic Orkney Tour
- Fair Isle
- Lunna House
- Jarlshof
- Vat of Kirbister



Puffin, Fair Isle



Invergordon - Invergordon

Northern Isles Explorer

Thursday 18th to Saturday 27th July 2019

9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Discover the far-flung islands of Orkney and Shetland, as *Hebridean Princess* sails where the Norse once ruled. These contrasting archipelagos boast some of the finest Neolithic sites in Britain and both played vital roles during the Second World War.

A gentle sail to Kirkwall leads us to St Magnus Cathedral, known as the 'Light in the North' and founded by the Viking, Earl Rognvald, in 1137.

Having explored the highly ornate Italian Chapel, and series of causeways known as The Churchill Barriers, we discover the heart of Neolithic Orkney on a tour of the dig at the Ness of Brodgar, the Standing Stones of Stenness and the iconic Ring of Brodgar.

Steaming north, we pause a while on the remote Fair Isle, an irresistible bird and wild flower haven.

On the same latitude as Oslo, we learn of the war time history of Burravoe, at the Old Haa Museum, before continuing to mainland Shetland and surveying Lunna House, designated by the Scottish Office as a building of outstanding regional importance.

From Lerwick, we tour the once ancient capital of Shetland, Scalloway, prior to marvelling at the complexity of Jarlshof, where more than 4,000 years of human settlement can be witnessed.

Continuing south, we stretch our legs on Westray, and participate in a ranger led walk on Sanday, famed for its sandy beaches, turquoise seas and gentle landscape.

Our final island visit is to Stronsay and the collapsed sea cave, Vat of Kirbister, before sailing the Pentland Firth and visiting the Wick Museum, recounting the history of this Caithness town.

Travel Plan - 9 nights

Thursday 18th July

Invergordon - Embarkation.

Friday 19th July

Cruise north east coast and Pentland Firth. Kirkwall, Orkney - St Magnus Cathedral.

Saturday 20th July

Kirkwall, Orkney - Italian Chapel and Churchill Barriers. Kirkwall, Orkney - Neolithic Orkney.

Sunday 21st July

Cruise to Fair Isle. Fair Isle - Walks ashore/bird observatory.

Monday 22nd July

Burravoe - Yell, Old Haa Museum. Lunna Voe, Mainland Shetland - Lunna Kirk and Lunna House.

Tuesday 23rd July

Lerwick, Shetland - Tour to Scalloway. Lerwick, Shetland - Jarlshof.

Wednesday 24th July

Cruise to Westray, Orkney. Westray - Walks ashore.

Thursday 25th July

Sanday - Walks with ranger. Stronsay - Vat of Kirbister, walks ashore.

Friday 26th July

Wick - Wick Museum. Cruise north east coast.

Saturday 27th July

Invergordon - Disembarkation.



Invergordon - Invergordon



Footloose in Orkney and Shetland

Saturday 27th July to Monday 5th August 2019
9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Take a stunning summer cruise around the beautiful Shetland and Orkney Isles with days filled with wonderful guided walks and an abundance of alternative visits for those who prefer a more relaxed pace, all of which is combined with the elegance and charm of *Hebridean Princess*.

Start this enchanting cruise by striking out on a half day walk from Invergordon, or perhaps indulge in a visit to the magnificent Dunrobin Castle and gardens, home of Lord Strathnaver.

Arriving in Orkney, we venture to the highly ornate Italian Chapel, and series of causeways known as The Churchill Barriers, before heading to the famous Sheila Fleet jewellery workshop. For the walkers, a full day walk from Kirkwall awaits.

Steaming north, we land on the remote Fair Isle, an irresistible bird and wild flower haven, prior to embracing the scenic beauty and mystical charm of Unst, as we stride out to explore on foot or embark on a tour of the island and Boat Haven.

Two half day walks on the Shetland mainland and island of Bressay are the order of the day, or perhaps enjoy a visit to the Shetland Museum and the Bressay Heritage Centre, which charts the island's past.

Noup Head Lighthouse was constructed in 1898 and we explore this north-west headland of Westray or partake in a half day guided walk, before continuing to Hoy for an island tour and a visit to the Scapa Flow Visitor Centre. Alternatively, engage in a full day of walking.

Leaving the Northern Isles behind us, we explore Mary Ann's Cottage or embrace the final walk of our voyage at Dunnet Head.

Travel Plan - 9 nights

- Saturday 27th July**
Invergordon - Embarkation.
- Sunday 28th July**
Invergordon - Dunrobin Castle/walks.
Cruise east coast and Pentland Firth.
- Monday 29th July**
Kirkwall, Orkney - Churchill Barriers/Italian Chapel/full day walk.
Kirkwall, Orkney - Sheila Fleet jewellery workshop.
- Tuesday 30th July**
Cruise to Fair Isle.
Fair Isle - Bird observatory/walks.
- Wednesday 31st July**
Baltasound, Unst - Island tour and Boat Haven/full day walks.
- Thursday 1st August**
Lerwick, Shetland - Shetland Museum/walks.
Bressay - Bressay Heritage Centre/walks.
- Friday 2nd August**
Cruise to Orkney.
Westray - Nouphead Lighthouse/walks.
- Saturday 3rd August**
Lyness, Hoy - Island tour/full day walk.
Lyness, Hoy - Scapa Flow Visitor Centre.
- Sunday 4th August**
Scrabster - Mary Ann's Cottage/Walks.
Cruise east coast.
- Monday 5th August**
Invergordon - Disembarkation.



Footloose Walkers at Dunnet Head



Dunrobin Castle



Bressay, Shetland

Walking Highlights

- Kirkwall - full day walk
- Fair Isle - half day walk
- Unst - full day walk
- Westray - half day walk
- Hoy - full day walk



Shetland Pony



Old Pulteney Distillery, Wick

Invergordon - Oban



Westering Home and Whisky Galore

Monday 5th to Tuesday 13th August 2019
8 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Scotland is renowned for some of the best whiskies in the world and this adventurous cruise takes us to some of the finest distilleries in the Northern and Western Isles, coupled with alternative visits to Britain's most northerly cathedral, historic monuments and more.

Renowned as the maritime malt, Old Pulteney continues the spirit of the seafaring past at the most northerly distillery on the British mainland. Alternatively, visit the Wick Museum which charts the history of this Caithness town.

A steam to Kirkwall leads us to St Magnus Cathedral, known as the 'Light in the North', whilst whisky lovers can sample a wee dram at the Highland Park Distillery.

Scapa is an artisanal single malt, forged by the extreme elements of Orkney, or you may prefer to marvel at the highly ornate Italian Chapel and series of causeways known as The Churchill Barriers.

Rounding Cape Wrath to Lewis, a venture to the historic Callanish Standing Stones and Carloway Broch awaits, ahead of an island tour of Harris or a visit to the award-winning Harris Distillery.

The Isle of Raasay Distillery has arguably one of the best views of any distillery in Scotland, but you can decide, or perhaps explore Raasay House.

On Skye, Torbhaig Distillery and Armadale Castle await, ahead of light refreshment at Britain's remotest pub, The Old Forge at Inverie.

We conclude our adventure at Scotland's greenest distillery, Ardnamurchan, and one of the oldest commercial distilleries at Tobermory, or you may wish to partake in some retail therapy in the colourful town.



Travel Plan - 8 nights

Monday 5th August

Invergordon - Embarkation.

Tuesday 6th August

Cruise east coast.

Wick - Old Pulteney Distillery/Wick Museum.

Wednesday 7th August

Kirkwall, Orkney - Highland Park Distillery/St Magnus Cathedral.

Kirkwall, Orkney - Scapa Distillery/Italian Chapel and Churchill Barriers.

Thursday 8th August

Cruise Cape Wrath.

Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch.

Friday 9th August

Tarbert, Harris - Harris Distillery/Island tour.

Cruise The Minch.

Saturday 10th August

Raasay - Raasay Distillery/Raasay House.

Cruise the Narrows, Kyle Rhea and Loch Hourn.

Sunday 11th August

Armadale, Skye - Torbhaig Distillery/Armadale Castle.

Inverie - Old Forge Pub.

Monday 12th August

Loch Sunart - Ardnamurchan Distillery.

Tobermory, Mull - Tobermory Distillery/walks.

Tuesday 13th August

Oban - Disembarkation.

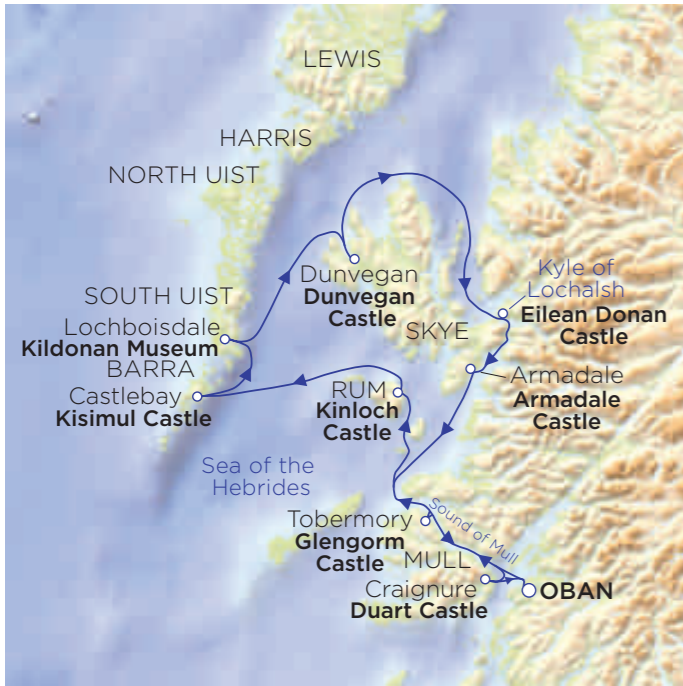
This cruise starts and ends in different ports. Please refer to page 103 for travel options.

Guest Speaker Charles MacLean

Charles MacLean has been writing about Scotch whisky for thirty-six years, and has published seventeen books on the subject. He sits on several judging panels, including that of the International Wine & Spirits Competition, has chaired the nosing panel of the Scotch Malt Whisky Society since 1992, and advises many whisky companies on cask selection and flavour profiling. He was the founding editor of Whisky Magazine, writes regularly for several international magazines and websites and is a frequent commentator on TV and radio.



Hebridean Princess, Tobermory, Mull



Oban - Oban



Castles and Clans

Tuesday 13th to Monday 19th August 2019
6 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This new cruise exposes the history and intrigue behind some of Scotland's greatest castles and reveals how the powerful clans of the past jostled for power and supremacy over years gone by.

Leaving our home port of Oban, a peaceful sojourn to the Isle of Rùm allows us to appreciate the grand red sandstone architecture and bespoke decoration of the once flamboyant Kinloch Castle.

Dating from the 15th century and seat of Clan Macneil, Kisimul is the only significant surviving medieval castle in the Outer Hebrides. Known as the 'Castle in the Sea' it is accessed by small boat from Castle Bay, Barra.

Navigating a northerly course, we head to the Kildonan Museum, which holds over 10,000 items related to the social, domestic and cultural history of South Uist and then, from our anchorage at Dunvegan, we explore Dunvegan Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland and ancestral home of the Chiefs of Clan MacLeod for 800 years.

Cameras at the ready for the most photographed castle in Scotland, Eilean Donan, and onwards to Armadale Castle, spiritual home of Clan Donald, to explore the historic gardens and woodland trails around the romantic ruins of the castle.

From the colourful Georgian town of Tobermory, there is the opportunity to enjoy Glengorm Castle, ahead of a farewell champagne reception at the imposing Duart Castle, hosted by Sir Lachlan Maclean, current Chief of the Clan Maclean.

Travel Plan - 6 nights

- Tuesday 13th August**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 14th August**
Rùm - Kinloch Castle.
Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.
- Thursday 15th August**
Castlebay, Barra - Kisimul Castle.
Lochboisdale, South Uist - Kildonan Museum.
- Friday 16th August**
Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle.
Scenic cruise.
- Saturday 17th August**
Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.
Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle.
- Sunday 18th August**
Tobermory, Mull - Glengorm Castle.
Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle with champagne reception.
- Monday 19th August**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Hebridean Princess, Castle Bay, Barra



Glengorm Castle, Mull



Armadale Castle, Skye

**Guest Speaker
Ben Buxton**

Ben Buxton has had a life-long passion for the Scottish islands, with a particular interest in the Outer Hebrides. He has written two books on the archaeology and history of the five small islands south of Barra: Mingulay, an Island and its People (Birlinn, revised edition 2016) and The Vatersay Raiders (Birlinn, 2008). An archaeologist by training, he works as a museums and heritage consultant.





Prince's Bay, Eriskay



Barra



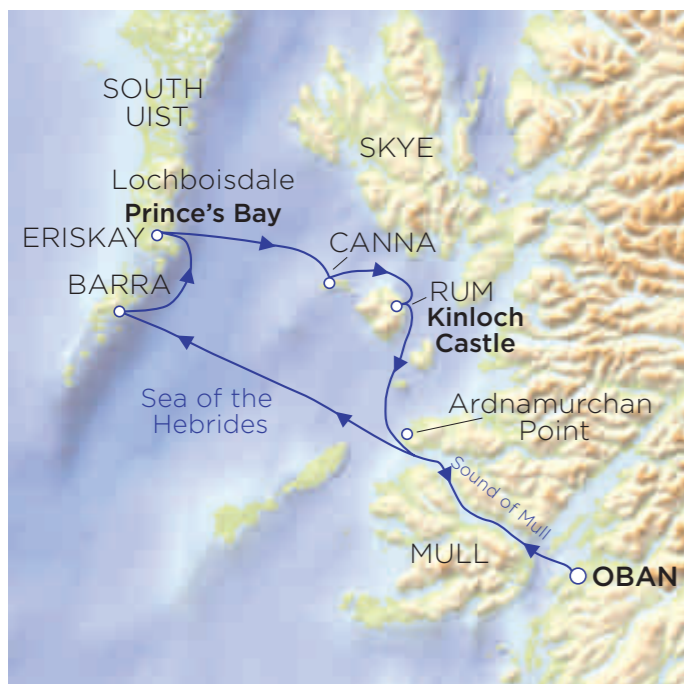
Canna

Hebridean Highlights

- Kisimul Castle
- Prince's Bay
- Isle of Canna
- Kinloch Castle



Butterfly on Barra



Oban - Oban

West to Prince's Bay

Friday 23rd to Tuesday 27th August 2019

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

Enjoy a 4-night cruise on board *Hebridean Princess* as we explore small islands and remote areas of the Outer Hebrides including peaceful strolls, a panoramic tour and an exploration of a once grand and flamboyant castle.

Once settled on board, our first morning allows us to relax as we steam serenely to the island of Barra by traversing the Sea of the Hebrides. Kisimul Castle dates from the 15th century and by boat we can explore what is known as the 'Castle in the Sea'.

On the 23rd July 1745 Prince Charles Edward Stuart arrived in the Outer Hebrides and first set foot on Scottish soil on the Isle of Eriskay. His aim was to regain the throne of Great Britain on behalf of his father, 'The Old Chevalier', James Francis Edward Stuart. Following in his footsteps we embrace the beauty of Prince's Bay.

Joined to Sanday by a causeway, secluded Canna lies less than 5 miles off Rum. Dubbed the 'Garden of the Hebrides', this elongated, green and grassy isle is capped by magnetic Compass Hill at 458 feet in the north. Here we take the opportunity to stretch our legs.

Before cruising by Ardnamurchan point, we sojourn to the Isle of Rum to appreciate the grand red sandstone architecture and bespoke decoration of the once flamboyant Kinloch Castle. Taking three years to construct, starting in 1897, the castle was the first private residence in Scotland to have electricity.

Travel Plan - 4 nights

Friday 23rd August

Oban - Embarkation.

Saturday 24th August

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.
Barra - Island tour.

Sunday 25th August

Lochboisdale, South Uist - Prince's Bay on Eriskay.
Canna - walks ashore.

Monday 26th August

Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Cruise past Ardnamurchan Point.

Tuesday 27th August

Oban - Disembarkation.

The Atlantic Isles to the Bishop's Isles

Tuesday 27th August to
Tuesday 3rd September 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Beautiful in all seasons, the Scottish Highlands and Islands display a stunning tapestry of landscapes. Far from the crowds and everyday world, savour the tranquillity of the Inner and Outer Hebrides from the elegance and comfort of *Hebridean Princess*.

Our first foray ashore is at delightful Tayvallich, before we head to the fertile Isle of Gigha and the 54-acre Achamore Gardens, home to many notable and unusual plants and trees from around the world.

Onwards to neighbouring Jura and using the beach landing craft we embrace the remote tranquillity of the beach at West Loch Tarbert, ahead of travelling north west to Colonsay House Gardens.

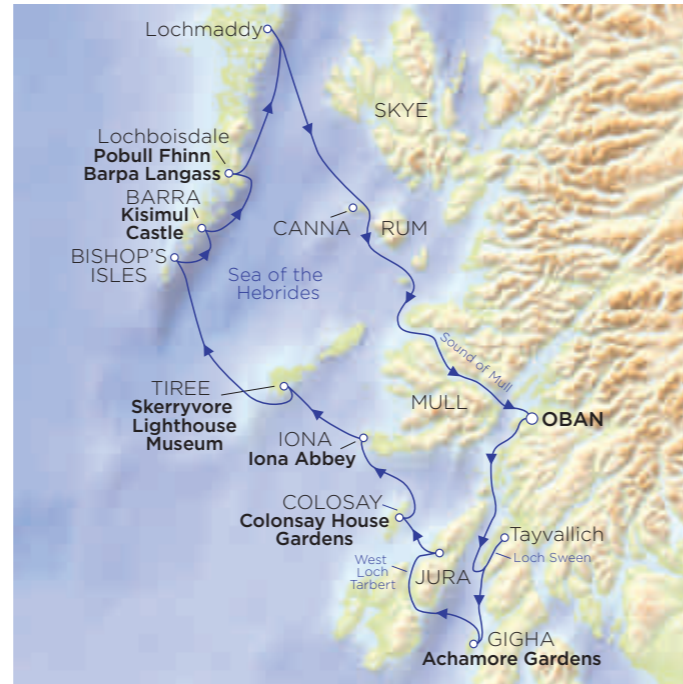
Founded by St Columba in AD563, Iona Abbey is one of Scotland's most sacred sites, retaining its spiritual atmosphere, it remains an enduring symbol of worship, which we will witness during our time ashore.

At Hynish, the Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum reveals how the heroic engineers and keepers built and maintained Scotland's tallest lighthouse, before we make our second beach landing on one of the Bishop's Isles.

Kisimul Castle dates from the 15th century and by boat we can explore what is known as the 'Castle in the Sea'.

From Lochboisdale, the historic standing stones of Pobull Fhinn and the ancient burial chamber of Barpa Langass await, whilst *Hebridean Princess* continues to Lochmaddy for us to board later in the day.

Dubbed the 'Garden of the Hebrides', our cruise culminates with a stretch of legs on the island of Canna and our afternoon is spent relaxing on board as we sail past the Small Isles en route to Oban.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 27th August
Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 28th August
Tayvallich - Walks ashore.
Gigha - Achamore Gardens.

Thursday 29th August
West Loch Tarbert, Jura - Beach landing.
Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.

Friday 30th August
Iona - Iona Abbey.
Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum.

Saturday 31st August
Bishop's Isles - Beach landing.
Castlebay, Barra - Island tour and Kisimul Castle.

Sunday 1st September
Lochboisdale, South Uist - Tour of The Uists including Pobull Fhinn and Barpa Langass.
Lochmaddy, North Uist - Guests rejoin ship.

Monday 2nd September
Canna - Walks ashore.
Cruise the Small Isles.

Tuesday 3rd September
Oban - Disembarkation.

Hebridean Highlights

- Achamore Gardens
- Beach Landing, West Loch Tarbert
- Iona Abbey
- Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum
- Kisimul Castle



Beach Landing, Jura



Pobull Fhinn, North Uist



Colonsay House Gardens, Colonsay



Grey Abbey House, Bangor



Titanic Museum, Belfast



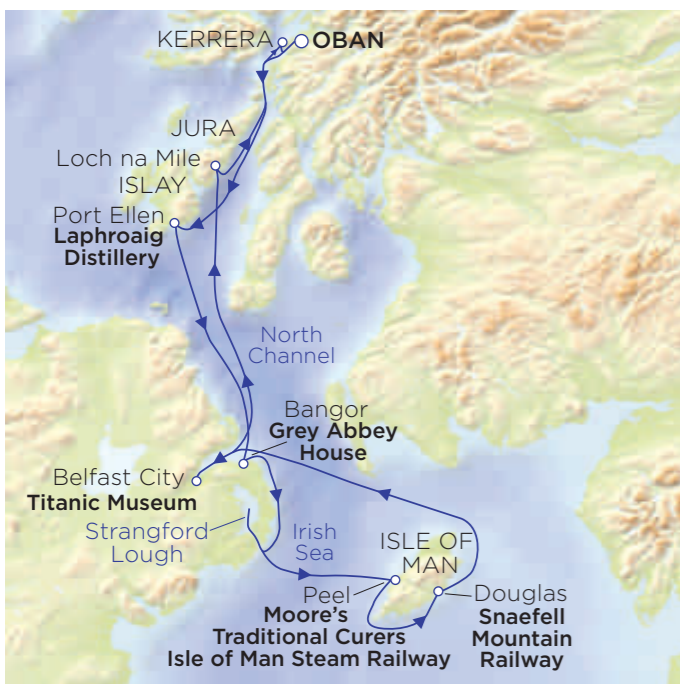
Isle of Man Steam Railway

Hebridean Highlights

- Grey Abbey House
- Moore's Traditional Curers
- Isle of Man Steam Railway
- Snaefell Mountain Railway
- Titanic Exhibition



Feral Goat



Oban - Oban

Gaelic Trilogy

Tuesday 3rd to Tuesday 10th September 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Capture the magic and mystery of three separate kingdoms, all linked by their Celtic and Gaelic ancestry. Join us on this fascinating voyage through the southern Hebridean islands to the Irish Sea and three ancient lands.

Our journey travels south to the whisky isle of Islay to visit one of the island's famous distilleries, Laphroaig, before plotting a course through the North Channel bound for the Emerald Isle.

From Bangor, we travel to Grey Abbey House, home of the Montgomery family since 1607, and enjoy lunch here before re-joining *Hebridean Princess* in Strangford Lough, ahead of our cruise to the Isle of Man.

Moore's Traditional Curers have been traditionally curing Isle of Man Kippers for over 120 years. The last curing yard is now a living museum and our tour reveals the kipper making process. The Isle of Man Railway is the longest narrow-gauge steam line in Britain and uses its original locomotives and carriages. We take a relaxing ride through spectacular Manx scenery with lunch taken in the restored dining car.

Heading to Douglas, we travel by horse drawn carriage to join the 1895 Snaefell Mountain Railway, running from the village of Laxey to the summit of Snaefell.

Returning to Northern Ireland, we embrace a panoramic tour of Belfast including the award-winning Titanic Exhibition.

Our final day is spent on Jura, where we stroll to the island's only settlement of Craighouse, and the walker's paradise of Kerra which keeps guard over Oban bay.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 3rd September

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 4th September

Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroaig Distillery. Cruise the North Channel.

Thursday 5th September

Bangor - Grey Abbey House with lunch. Strangford Lough - Guests rejoin ship.

Friday 6th September

Peel, Isle of Man - Moore's Traditional Curers. Peel, Isle of Man - Steam train from Port Erin with lunch on board.

Saturday 7th September

Douglas, Isle of Man - Horse carriage ride and Snaefell Mountain Railway. Cruise north from Isle of Man.

Sunday 8th September

Belfast - City tour. Belfast - Titanic Museum.

Monday 9th September

Loch na Mile, Jura - Walks ashore. Kerra - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 10th September

Oban - Disembarkation.



Oban - Oban

Sutherland's Secret Coast

Tuesday 10th to Tuesday 17th September 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

A place of unspoilt beauty, abounding in flora and fauna, the Highlands and Islands boast an incredible heritage from prehistory through the early days of Christianity to the 19th century Clearances and beyond. Explore the rugged Sutherland coast, the Small Isles and Skye resplendent in the colours of late summer.

Cruise Kyle Rhea and The Narrows, bound for Shieldaig, one of the most beautiful villages on the west coast, for invigorating walks ashore before heading to Gairloch, from where we explore the oasis of exotic plants at Inverewe Garden.

Steaming north, we discover the dramatic Smoo Cave, boasting one of the largest entrances of any sea cave in Britain and amble along the wild and remote Loch a Chairn Bhain, site of the World War Two midget submarine training base.

Ahead of a relaxing sail across The Minch, our visit to the Highland Pottery at Lochinver educates us in the hand made manufacture of ceramics, with the opportunity to indulge in a little retail therapy.

On Harris, the stunningly beautiful Luskentyre beach awaits, boasting miles of white sand and stunning green-blue water. On Skye, the MacLeod stronghold of Dunvegan Castle has survived many conflicts and offers exhilarating boat trips to view the resident seal colony.

En route to Oban, we make landfall on two of the Small Isles; on Eigg walks below the lofty pitchstone ridge of An Sgùrr take in breath-taking scenery, whilst our final port of call of Muck allows for peaceful reflection on our travels.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 10th September**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 11th September**
Cruise Kyle Rhea and the Narrows. Shieldaig - Walks ashore.
- Thursday 12th September**
Loch Ewe - Inverewe Garden. Cruise Sutherland coast.
- Friday 13th September**
Kinlochbervie - Smoo Caves. Loch a' Chairn Bhain - Walks ashore.
- Saturday 14th September**
Lochinver - Highland Pottery. Cruise The Minch.
- Sunday 15th September**
Tarbert, Harris - Luskentyre Beach. Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle and seal colony.
- Monday 16th September**
Eigg - Walks ashore. Muck - Walks ashore.
- Tuesday 17th September**
Oban - Disembarkation.



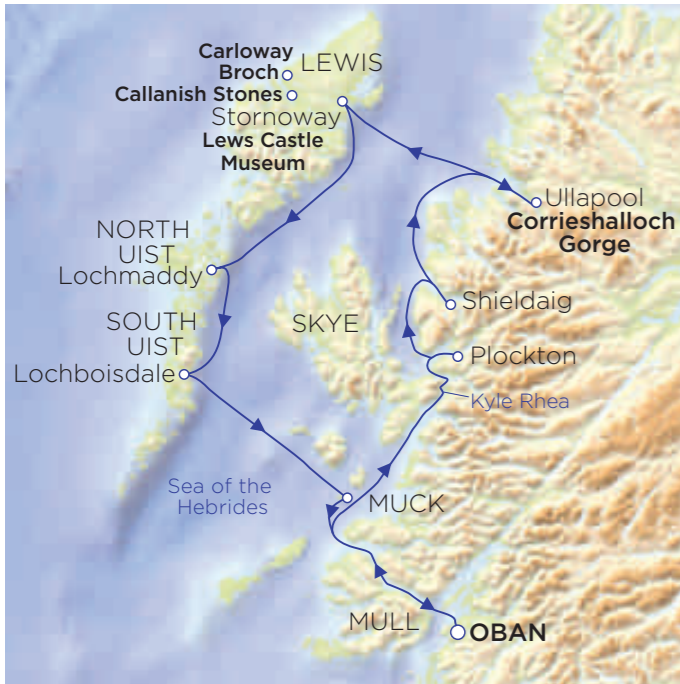
Shieldaig from Hebridean Princess



Hebridean Highlights

- Inverewe Garden
- Smoo Cave
- Highland Pottery
- Luskentyre Beach
- Dunvegan Castle and Seal Colony

Heather



Oban - Oban

Exploring the Outer Isles

Tuesday 17th to Tuesday 24th September 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Many of our ports of call, whether on the mainland or one of the many islands, are off the beaten track. Purpose built to cruise these waters, *Hebridean Princess* will take you to discover these hidden gems as we visit remote west coast locations and inaccessible island destinations.

Cruising through the Narrows of Kyle Rhea, we go ashore at the conservation village of Plockton. Northwards to Loch Torridon where we visit Shieldaig, the village founded in 1800 to train up seamen for war against Napoleon.

The box canyon of Corrieshalloch Gorge, a National Nature Reserve, affords spectacular views of the surrounding countryside and from the Victorian suspension bridge you can observe the crashing waterfalls below.

Crossing The Minch, we begin our exploration of the Outer Isles on Lewis where the standing stones of Callanish and the well-preserved Carloway Broch await. The museum at Lews Castle offers an insight into the history and culture of the Outer Hebrides alongside an exhibition of unique objects dating from prehistory to the present day.

The tranquil Uists abound in geological and historical contrasts and we can observe their distinctions on our island tour. The low-lying bird haven of North Uist is a world apart from the softer, undulating landscapes and dune fringed beaches of South Uist.

A morning steam over the Sea of the Hebrides precedes our final foray ashore at the smallest of the Small Isles, the Isle of Muck, where invigorating walks are rewarded with delicious home baking at the tearoom at Port Mor, the only village on the island.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 17th September

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 18th September

Cruise Kyle Rhea.
Plockton - Walks ashore.

Thursday 19th September

Shieldaig - Walks ashore.
Cruise north to Ullapool.

Friday 20th September

Ullapool - Corrieshalloch Gorge.
Cruise The Minch.

Saturday 21st September

Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch.
Stornoway, Lewis - Lews Castle Museum.

Sunday 22nd September

Lochmaddy, North Uist - tour of The Uists.
Lochboisdale, South Uist - Guests rejoin ship.

Monday 23rd September

Morning cruise.
Muck - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 24th September

Oban - Disembarkation.



Carloway Broch, Lewis



Plockton



Ponies on Muck

Hebridean Highlights

- Conservation Village of Plockton
- Corrieshalloch Gorge
- Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch
- Lews Castle Museum
- Tour of The Uists



Traigh Iar, North Uist



Gastronomic Scotland

Tuesday 24th September to
Tuesday 1st October 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 2nd April 2019

From superb seafood and famous beef, to seasonal fresh game, artisan cheeses and fine malt whiskies - Scotland bears some of the world's finest produce imaginable. Join *Hebridean Princess* on this gastronomic voyage as we explore the wonderful culinary offerings of the Highlands and Islands.

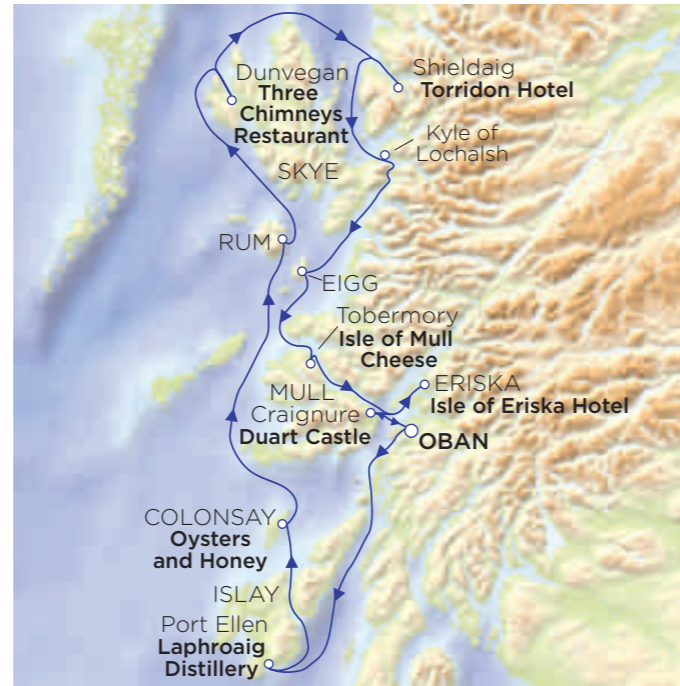
Islay is famed for big peaty whiskies and we sample the rich malt which has been produced at Laphroaig Distillery since 1815, whilst on Colonsay we meet the man who supplies *Hebridean Princess* with oysters and learn about his other passion - native Black Bees and the honey they produce.

A cruise of the Small Isles highlights their diversity and on the wildlife haven of Rum, the red sandstone folly of Kinloch Castle awaits. Steaming into Loch Dunvegan, we visit the oldest continually inhabited castle in Scotland, Dunvegan Castle, and savour lunch at the world renowned Three Chimneys Restaurant.

A gentle stroll ashore at Shieldaig creates an appetite for lunch at the three-rosette awarded restaurant at The Torrion Hotel. Onwards to the Kyle of Lochalsh and a stretch of legs, ahead of landing on the second of the Small Isles, Eigg.

Sailing south we discover the traditional artisan methods used to create Isle of Mull Cheese from the colourful island capital of Tobermory.

A cruise of the Sound of Mull takes us to the Isle of Eriska Hotel and here we enjoy lunch in the award winning restaurant. Our culinary adventure concludes with a champagne reception at Duart Castle, hosted by Sir Lachlan Maclean, Chieftain of Clan Maclean.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 24th September

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 25th September

Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroaig Distillery.
Colonsay - Oysters and honey.

Thursday 26th September

Cruise the Small Isles.
Rum - Kinloch Castle.

Friday 27th September

Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle and lunch at The Three Chimneys.
Cruise north coast of Skye including Kilt Rock.

Saturday 28th September

Shieldaig - Walks ashore and lunch at The Torrion Hotel.
Kyle of Lochalsh - Walks ashore.

Sunday 29th September

Eigg - Walks ashore.
Tobermory, Mull - Isle of Mull Cheese.

Monday 30th September

Eriska - Lunch at Isle of Eriska Hotel.
Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle champagne reception.

Tuesday 1st October

Oban - Disembarkation.



Laphroaig Distillery, Islay

Hebridean Highlights

- Laphroaig Distillery
- Three Chimneys Restaurant Lunch
- The Torrion Hotel Lunch
- Isle of Eriska Hotel Lunch
- Duart Castle Champagne Reception



Hebridean Princess Cuisine



Giant's Causeway

Oban - Oban



Footloose to the Emerald Isle

Tuesday 1st to Tuesday 8th October 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Embrace the Celtic spirit on this tantalising Footloose cruise through scenery steeped in myth and mystery. From mainland Scotland to the legendary beauty of the Antrim coast, by way of some of the Inner Isles' most awesome landscapes, *Hebridean Princess* takes a magical and memorable journey.

From Oban, Kilmartin Glen beckons. Here we discover some of the 800 ancient monuments, and reveal the area's rich archaeological legacy, or strike out in the company of our knowledgeable walking guides. After exploring the scenic village of Tayvallich, we plot a southerly course through the Sound of Jura.

A full day on Islay offers the opportunity for wonderful walks or visits to Finlaggan, the centre of the Lordship of the Isles, and a tour of Kilchoman Distillery.

A cruise of the North Channel brings us to Ballycastle, where our walkers head out on foot over lush, rolling hills and the steep cliffs of the Antrim Coast, or marvel at the 300-year old Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge, first erected by salmon fishermen, and the awe-inspiring Giant's Causeway.

Before returning across the North Channel, we land on the tiny bird-watcher's haven of Rathlin Island for a gentle stroll to the RSPB reserve and lighthouse ahead of the fertile island of Gigha for walks or a visit to Achamore Gardens.

Onwards to Jura and the island's only settlement of Craighouse. Our final day includes a gentle amble or cycle along the towpath of the Crinan Canal and an exploration of the walker's paradise, Kerrera, which offers stunning views of the surrounding coast.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 1st October

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 2nd October

Ardfern - Walks/Kilmartin Glen Museum.

Tayvallich - Walks ashore.

Thursday 3rd October

Port Ellen, Islay - Full day walk/Finlaggan.

Port Ellen, Islay - Kilchoman Distillery.

Friday 4th October

Ballycastle - Full day walk/Giant's Causeway.

Ballycastle - Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge.

Saturday 5th October

Rathlin Island - Walks ashore.

Cruise the North Channel.

Sunday 6th October

Gigha - Walks ashore/Achamore Gardens.

Loch na Mìle, Jura - Walks/Craighouse.

Monday 7th October

Crinan - Canal tow path walks.

Kerrera - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 8th October

Oban - Disembarkation.



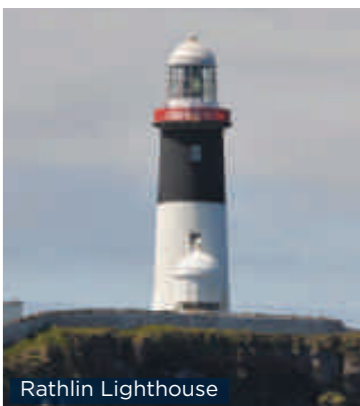
Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge



Crinan Canal Walk

Walking Highlights

- Islay - full day walk
- Antrim Coast - full day walk
- Rathlin Island - half day walk
- Gigha - half day walk
- Kerrera - Half day walk



Rathlin Lighthouse



Oban - Oban

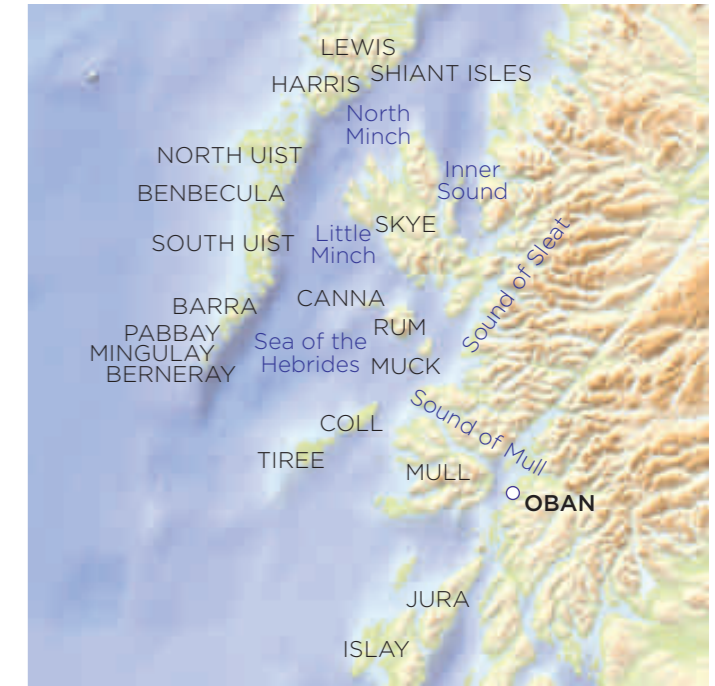
Autumn Surprise

Tuesday 8th to Tuesday 15th October 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Join *Hebridean Princess* on this Autumn Surprise as the Captain decides the itinerary on a daily basis, taking you to some of his favourite destinations.

Although the itinerary is unknown you will be assured of our excellent service, exquisite cuisine and the understated elegance of *Hebridean Princess*.



Sea Lochs and Small Isles

Tuesday 15th to Tuesday 22nd October 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 26th March 2019

Along much of Scotland's western seaboard, long arms of sea reach far inland. This dramatic scenery has resulted in spectacular sea lochs reminiscent of Norwegian fjords. To the south of Skye, the Small Isles offer a wonderful variety of scenery and wildlife, all waiting to be explored from the comfort of *Hebridean Princess*.

Plotting a north easterly course from Oban, we marvel at the spectacular scenery of Loch Linnhe as Aonach Mòr comes into view. Taking the mountain gondola, we travel 650 metres up the north face of the 8th highest mountain in Britain.

Kingairloch is a 14,000-acre Highland estate, located in an unspoilt area of beauty and where we explore on foot, before arriving at Salen to appreciate the contemporary art displayed at the award-winning Resipole Studio.

The privately-owned Isle of Carna is a historic 600-acre gem, home to a mosaic of wildlife species.

At the most westerly point on the UK mainland, the Ardnamurchan peninsula affords a panoramic vista from the top of the lighthouse, ahead of our landing on the Small Isle of Muck, rimmed by silver shell-sand beaches.

Northwards to Skye where the Clan Donald Centre awaits in the grounds of the ruined castle at Armadale, and onwards to the most remote pub in Britain, The Old Forge Inn at Inverie.

Cameras at the ready for our visit to the iconic Eilean Donan Castle, and at picturesque Plockton we take a stroll around the sheltered bay, whilst our final day permits us to uncover the secrets of Rum and Eigg.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 15th October

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 16th October

Fort William, Aonach Mòr.

Kingairloch, Loch à Choire - Kingairloch Estate.

Thursday 17th October

Salen, Loch Sunart, - Resipole Studio.

Carna, Loch Sunart - Walks ashore.

Friday 18th October

Kilchoan - Ardnamurchan Lighthouse.

Muck - Walks ashore.

Saturday 19th October

Armadale, Skye - Clan Donald Centre.

Inverie - Old Forge Pub.

Sunday 20th October

Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.

Plockton - Walks ashore.

Monday 21st October

Rum - Kinloch Castle.

Eigg - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 22nd October

Oban - Disembarkation.



Ardnamurchan Lighthouse with Eigg in background

Hebridean Highlights

- Aonach Mòr
- Resipole Studio
- Ardnamurchan Lighthouse
- Eilean Donan Castle
- Kinloch Castle



Armadale Castle, Skye



Eilean Donan Castle



Giant's Causeway



Hill House



Craighouse, Jura

Hebridean Highlights

- Laphroaig Distillery
- Giant's Causeway - UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Rathlin Island
- Brodick Castle
- Hill House and the Mackintosh Club

Otters



Oban - Greenock



In the Footsteps of the Giant

Tuesday 22nd to Tuesday 29th October 2019
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This spellbinding cruise takes in a wonderful diversity of landscapes with a Celtic flavour, beautiful in all seasons, from the contrasting southern Inner Hebrides to the sheltered islands of the Clyde, via the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Giant's Causeway.

Steaming south to wild Jura for walks from Loch na Mile and onwards to Islay, where we taste the distinctive peaty malts at Laphroaig Distillery.

The Emerald Isle is calling and we follow in the footsteps of Finn McCool, to wonder at the basalt columns tumbling into the Atlantic Ocean and forming the spectacular Giant's Causeway. Landing on the bird-watcher's haven of Rathlin Island, a gentle stroll to the RSPB reserve and lighthouse ensues, ahead of a relaxing cruise of the North Channel and the Mull of Kintyre.

Distilling on the Kintyre peninsula dates to 1609 and the malts produced at the Glen Scotia Distillery are a fine example of this historic style. Holy Isle has a long spiritual history and provides peaceful walks ashore.

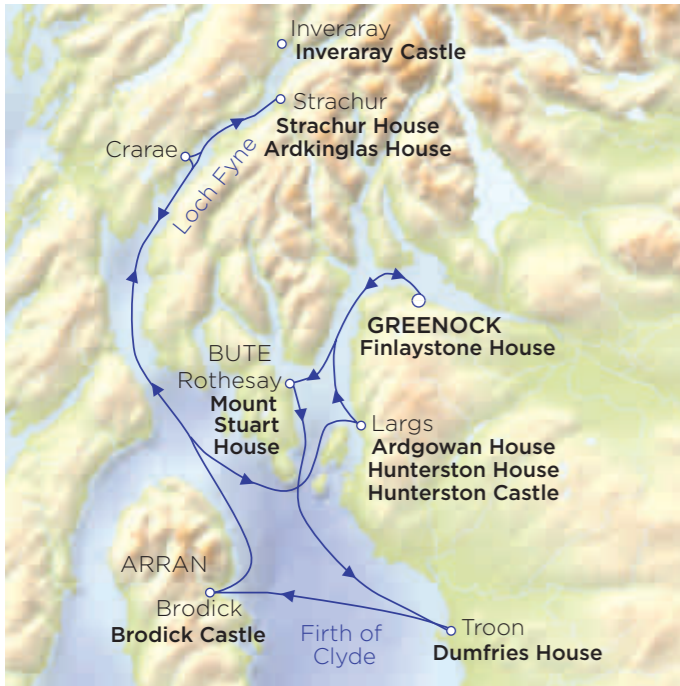
On Arran, we explore the grand baronial castle, formal gardens and woodland country park at Brodick, whilst on the island of Great Cumbrae, we discover Britain's smallest cathedral.

Restored by the National Trust for Scotland, we can admire the visually arresting mix of architecture and design at Hill House, considered to be Charles Rennie Mackintosh's domestic masterpiece. Also designed by Mackintosh in 1894, the Mackintosh Club is a gallery and arts venue celebrating the 'Glasgow Four'. We reflect on our adventure as we enjoy a scenic sail of Loch Long and Loch Goil.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 22nd October**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 23rd October**
Loch na Mile, Jura - Craighouse. Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroaig Distillery.
- Thursday 24th October**
Cruise North Channel. Ballycastle - Giant's Causeway.
- Friday 25th October**
Rathlin Island - Walks ashore. Cruise the Mull of Kintyre.
- Saturday 26th October**
Campbeltown - Glen Scotia Distillery. Holy Isle - Walks ashore.
- Sunday 27th October**
Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle. Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.
- Monday 28th October**
Rhu - Hill House and the Mackintosh Club. Cruise Loch Long and Loch Goil.
- Tuesday 29th October**
Greenock - Disembarkation.

This cruise starts and ends in different ports. Please refer to page 103 for travel options.



Greenock - Greenock



Grandeur and Splendour of Argyll and Bute

Tuesday 29th October to Tuesday 5th November 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 12th March 2019

Embark on a journey of architectural exploration as this cruise introduces us to a myriad of design styles and rare private viewings, often by a member of the family, including stately homes, baronial castles, private apartments and a neo-Gothic mansion.

Set in 500 acres of ancient woodland and mature gardens, Finlaystone House is seat of the current Chief of the Clan MacMillan.

On the Isle of Bute, we wonder at the Victorian neo-Gothic mansion of Mount Stuart House, ahead of visiting Dumfries House with its neoclassical architecture and Thomas Chippendale furniture.

Before sailing Britain's longest sea loch, Loch Fyne, the imposing Brodick Castle awaits. This strategically important castle was developed between the 1200s and 1600s, with the later addition of an 1800s stately home wrapped around it.

From Strachur, we venture to the home of Sir Charles and Lady McLean, Strachur House and its sheltered flower garden, before enjoying a private visit to Ardkinglas House completed in 1907 for Sir Andrew Noble and incorporating the then latest technology.

At the iconic Inveraray Castle a behind the scenes tour beckons. A castle has stood on the shores of Loch Fyne since the 1400s, although the castle we visit today was inspired by a sketch by Vanbrugh, architect of both Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard.

Hunterston Castle is a hidden gem. The 16th century tower house was the seat of the Clan Hunter and replaced in 1799 by Hunterston House. Our final architectural gem is the sumptuous Ardgowan House, held by the Stewart family since the early 15th century.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 29th October**
Greenock - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 30th October**
Greenock - Finlaystone House.
Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House.
- Thursday 31st October**
Troon - Full day at Dumfries House with lunch.
- Friday 1st November**
Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle.
Cruise Loch Fyne.
- Saturday 2nd November**
Strachur - Strachur House.
Strachur - Ardkinglas House.
- Sunday 3rd November**
Crarae - Inveraray Castle private apartments.
Cruise Loch Fyne.
- Monday 4th November**
Largs - Hunterston House and Hunterston Castle.
Largs - Ardgowan House.
- Tuesday 5th November**
Greenock - Disembarkation.



Brodick Castle, Arran



Dumfries House



Ardgowan House

Hebridean Highlights

- Finlaystone House
- Dumfries House
- Brodick Castle
- Hunterston Castle and Hunterston House
- Ardgowan House



Mount Stuart House, Bute



Inveraray Castle

Greenock - Greenock

Outlook on the Clyde

Tuesday 5th to Tuesday 12th November 2019

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 5th March 2019

Sheltered from the Atlantic by the Kintyre peninsula, the Firth of Clyde is one of the largest areas of sheltered deep water in the British Isles. The Firth's many long lochs penetrate far into the Highlands, whilst its outer reaches comprise a scattering of islands, each of different size and character.

Venturing ashore at the Victorian resort of Rothesay, we admire the astounding Victorian Gothic mansion, Mount Stuart House, ancestral home of the Marquesses of Bute, before navigating the narrow Kyles of Bute and Loch Fyne.

From Strachur, we explore Sir Robert Lorimer's finest work, Ardkinglas House, and enjoy a private tour of Strachur House by Sir Charles and Lady MacLean. Before transiting Loch Fyne and Kilbrannan Sound, the private apartments of Inveraray Castle are opened exclusively for us to uncover the secrets of the Dukes of Argyll.

Springbank Distillery is the oldest independent family-owned distillery in Scotland and its story spans centuries of whisky history.

The tiny isle of Sanda is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and at its southern tip we discover the lighthouse built in 1850 by Alan Stevenson, nicknamed 'The Ship'.

The sea cliffs of Ailsa Craig offer tantalising views as we steam north to Holy Isle guarding the entrance to Lamlash Bay and a place of worship and meditation since the 6th century.

On the Isle of Arran, we explore the grand baronial castle, formal gardens and woodland country park at Brodick ahead of our final landing on the delightful island of Great Cumbrae which boasts the smallest cathedral in Britain.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 5th November

Greenock - Embarkation.

Wednesday 6th November

Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House.
Cruise Kyles of Bute and Loch Fyne.

Thursday 7th November

Strachur - Ardkinglas House.
Strachur - Strachur House.

Friday 8th November

Crarae - Inveraray Castle private apartments.
Cruise Loch Fyne and Kilbrannan Sound.

Saturday 9th November

Campbeltown - Springbank Distillery.
Sanda Island - Walks ashore.

Sunday 10th November

Cruise Ailsa Craig.
Holy Isle - Walks ashore.

Monday 11th November

Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle.
Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.

Tuesday 12th November

Greenock - Disembarkation.



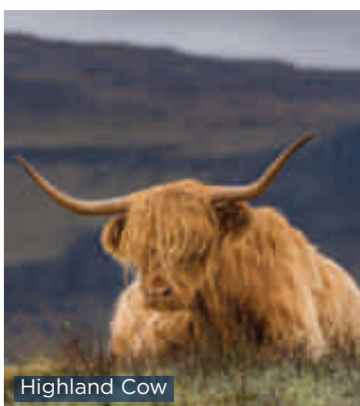
Springbank Distillery



Cathedral of the Isles

Hebridean Highlights

- Mount Stuart House
- Ardkinglas House
- Inveraray Castle Private Apartments
- Springbank Distillery
- Sanda Island



Highland Cow



Hebridean Highlights

- Scenic Cruise of Loch Fyne
- Strachur House
- Portavadie
- Arran Distillery
- Cathedral of the Isles



Inveraray, Loch Fyne



Greenock - Greenock

Argyll Escape

Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th November 2019

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner
This cruise also departs on 1st March 2019

Experience the unique house-party atmosphere of the last cruise of the season as *Hebridean Princess* sets sail from Greenock to sample the delights of the Firth of Clyde including a grand house, a ruined castle, a distillery and Britain's smallest cathedral.

Leaving our berth at Greenock we enjoy a cruise of Loch Fyne, Scotland's longest sea loch, with ever-changing views of spectacular and unspoilt scenery. Arriving at Strachur we venture ashore for a guided tour of Strachur House, built by General John Campbell in the 1780s.

Sitting on the shores of Loch Fyne, on the Cowal peninsula, Portavadie is wild and remote, we explore on foot the surrounding area which abounds with beautiful hills, glens, ancient forests, a rugged coastline and white sandy beaches.

On the Kintyre peninsula, our next port of call is the village of Tarbert with panoramic views from Robert the Bruce's 14th century ruined castle, before heading to the island known as 'Scotland in Miniature'. Arran is home to only one working distillery and here we learn the art of whisky making and taste a wee dram.

Our final foray ashore is on the delightful island of Great Cumbrae where the cathedral at Millport seats only 100 worshippers.

Travel Plan - 4 nights

- Tuesday 12th November**
Greenock - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 13th November**
Cruise Loch Fyne.
Strachur - Strachur House.
- Thursday 14th November**
Portavadie - Walks ashore.
Tarbert, Loch Fyne - Ruined castle and walks.
- Friday 15th November**
Lochranza, Arran - Arran Distillery.
Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.
- Saturday 16th November**
Greenock - Disembarkation.



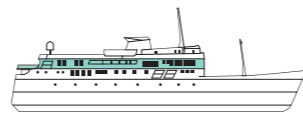
Cabins

Elegantly decorated and furnished, *Hebridean Princess* cabins are individually designed to make the most of the available space. Poetically named after Scottish isles, castles, lochs and sounds, they are amongst the most spacious for vessels of her size.

All cabins offer ample wardrobe space, including a small personal safe, drawers and a dressing table, hairdryer, trouser press, iron and ironing board, tea/coffee-making facilities and television. There is also a refrigerator stocked with a selection of soft drinks with fresh milk supplied daily. For your added comfort and relaxation, bathrobes, slippers and a wide range of luxury toiletries are also provided. All our guests enjoy exactly the same high standard of service irrespective of cabin grade.

Please note that smoking is not allowed in the cabins.





Isle of Iona



Isle of Bute



Isle of Bute Balcony



Isle of Raasay



Isle of Staffa Bathroom



Isle of Staffa

Balcony cabins

Isle of Berneray Isle of Bute

Bed: Super king-size or twin
Bathroom: Full-size bath with thermostatic shower

Cabin category

The roomy Isle of Berneray and Isle of Bute are situated on the port and starboard sides, towards the after end of the Promenade Deck. The private balconies in these cabins ensure total privacy as they cannot be overlooked from the ship, and with teak tables and chairs, they are the perfect place to sit back, relax and take in the breathtaking landscapes. These cabins contain super king-size beds, which can be re-arranged as twins. The bathrooms are generous in size with full-size baths and thermostatic showers.

Isle of Iona Isle of Staffa

Bed: Super king-size or twin
Bathroom: Full-size bath with thermostatic shower

Cabin category

Situated on the port and starboard sides of the Promenade Deck, towards the after end of the ship, these two superb cabins are fitted with super king-size beds convertible into twins. Large picture windows are perfect for watching the landscapes unfold. Spacious bathrooms contain full-size baths with thermostatic showers.

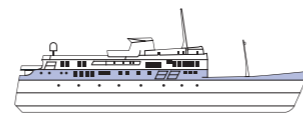
Isle of Raasay

Bed: Double
Bathroom: Thermostatic shower

Cabin category

An excellent port-side cabin in a quiet corner on the same level as the Tiree Lounge and the Library. This extremely comfortable cabin has open views from its windows and is well-equipped with private facilities, including a thermostatic shower.

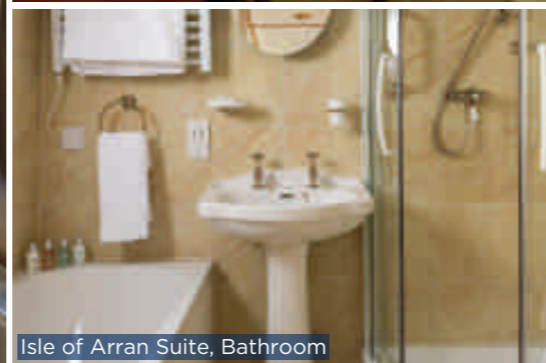
Princess deck



Isle of Arran Suite, Bedroom



Isle of Arran Suite, Day Room



Isle of Arran Suite, Bathroom



Isle of Danna



Isle of Canna



Isle of Barra



Isle of Coll



Isle of Muck



Isle of Rum

Balcony cabins

Isle of Arran suite

Bed: Super Super king-size or twin
Bathroom: Full-size bath with separate walk-in shower

Cabin category

The ship's largest cabin, the Isle of Arran Suite, is located on the port side of the Princess Deck and, as all windows are on the ship's side, privacy is assured. It comprises a large, separate day room, a spacious bedroom and a well-equipped bathroom with bath and separate walk-in thermostatic shower. The bedroom contains a super king-size bed, which can be re-arranged as twins, generous wardrobes, drawers, dressing table and a second television.

Isle of Barra Isle of Benbecula

Bed: King-size
Bathroom: Full-size bath with thermostatic shower

Cabin category

The Isle of Barra and Isle of Benbecula are located on the port and starboard sides forward on the Princess Deck. The balconies, which afford total privacy as they cannot be overlooked from the ship, are fitted with teak tables and chairs for you to enjoy the magnificent scenery. The bathrooms are generous in size with full-size baths and thermostatic showers.

Isle of Coll Isle of Colonsay

Bed: Super king-size or twin
Bathroom: Full-size bath with thermostatic shower

Cabin category

Located on the same deck as Reception and the Columba Restaurant, these roomy, forward-facing cabins, at the forward end of the Princess Deck, are fitted with three large picture windows offering excellent views ahead over the bow. The super king-size beds can be re-arranged as twins. A well deck, some 40 feet (12 m) in length, between the cabins and the forecastle, ensures privacy. Large bathrooms feature full-size baths with thermostatic showers.

Isle of Danna

Bed: Super king-size or twin
Bathroom: Thermostatic shower

Cabin category

A roomy cabin that is in great demand with returning guests, the Isle of Danna is tucked into a quiet corner on the port side of the Princess Deck. It contains a super king-size bed, which can be converted into twin beds, and two comfortable chairs from which to enjoy panoramic views through full-size picture windows. Charming private facilities include a thermostatic shower.

Isle of Muck

Bed: Double
Bathroom: Thermostatic shower

Cabin category

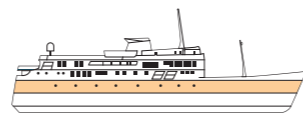
This popular, double-bedded cabin, located on the starboard side of the Princess Deck, has three full-size picture windows, which afford superb views and give the room a bright, airy feel. Private facilities include a thermostatic shower.

Isle of Canna Isle of Eigg Isle of Rum

Bed: Single
Bathroom: Thermostatic shower

Cabin category

These well-appointed cabins lie on the starboard side of the Princess Deck, enjoying good views from their windows. With a charming home-from-home feel for the single traveller, they are much in demand. The private facilities include thermostatic showers.



Torosay Castle



Kinloch Castle



Lews Castle



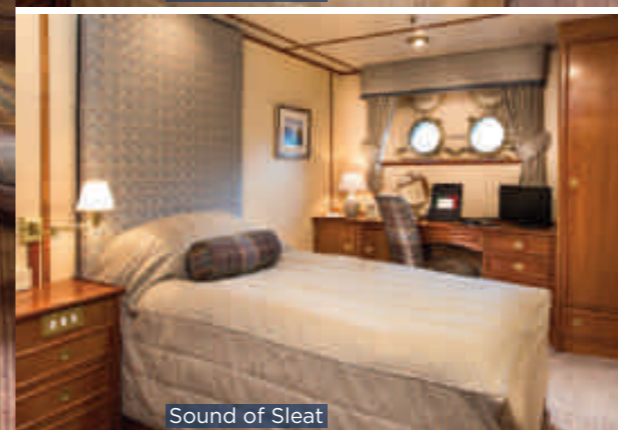
Ardvreck Castle



Sound of Mull



Sound of Jura



Sound of Sleat



Sound of Islay



Sound of Jura Shower Room



Duart Castle



Castle Bathroom

Duart Castle
Kinloch Castle
Torosay Castle

Beds: Super king-size or twin
Bathroom: Full-size bath with thermostatic shower (Duart and Kinloch)
Full-size bath with separate walk-in shower (Torosay)

Cabin category

Very roomy and excellent value, these elegant cabins on the Waterfront Deck are connected by a flight of stairs to the Princess Deck, offering easy access to the embarkation area on the same level for the small boats when going ashore. While Kinloch and Torosay Castle cabins are fitted with two opening portholes, Duart Castle also has a forward-facing porthole. All feature spacious bathrooms with full-size baths and thermostatic showers.

Ardvreck Castle
Lews Castle

Beds: Double
Bathroom: Full-size bath with thermostatic shower

Cabin category

Excellent value, these elegant cabins on the Waterfront Deck are connected by a flight of stairs to the Princess Deck, offering easy access to the embarkation area on the same level for the small boats when going ashore. Both these cabins are fitted with two opening portholes and feature spacious bathrooms with full-size baths and thermostatic showers.

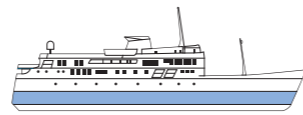
Sound of Islay
Sound of Jura
Sound of Mull
Sound of Sleat

Bed: Single (Jura and Sleat)
Double (Islay and Mull)
Bathroom: Thermostatic shower

Cabin category

Situated on the starboard side of the Waterfront Deck, these are roomy single cabins, fitted with two opening portholes. The private facilities feature thermostatic showers. A single staircase links these rooms to the Princess Deck, with direct access by a flight of three steps to the embarkation area for the small boats when going ashore.

Hebridean deck



Loch Torridon



Loch Scavaig



Loch Buie



Loch Harport



Loch Scresort



Bathroom

Loch Crinan Loch Harport Loch Torridon

Beds: Super king-size or twin
Bathroom: Thermostatic shower

Cabin category

These charming, interchangeable super king-size or twin-bedded cabins on the port and starboard sides of the Hebridean Deck are generous in size and attractively priced. Although there are no windows or portholes, fresh air is circulated day and night by the ship's forced-air ventilation system. Spacious private facilities include a thermostatic shower.

Loch Buie Loch Scavaig

Bed: Single
Bathroom: Full-size bath with thermostatic shower

Cabin category

These charming, well-appointed cabins, located on the starboard side of the Hebridean Deck, offer spacious bathrooms and full-size baths with thermostatic showers. As they are not fitted with windows or portholes, fresh air is supplied by the ship's forced air ventilation system.

Loch Scresort

Bed: Single
Bathroom: Thermostatic shower

Cabin category

This delightful cabin, located on the starboard side of the Hebridean Deck, is well-appointed and offers the single traveller excellent value for money. Fresh air is supplied by the ship's forced-air ventilation system, as this cabin does not have windows or portholes. Loch Scresort has good-sized private facilities with a thermostatic shower.



Whisky in the cabins



Loch Crinan

Private charter



Iconic and the epitome of understated elegance, *Hebridean Princess* is the ultimate vessel for a private charter for up to 50 guests or delegates.

Whether a conference with a difference, a celebration or wedding, *Hebridean Princess* delivers a style of service from a bygone age. More akin to a private yacht than a conventional cruise ship, the 30 cabins are each uniquely and elegantly furnished. Public rooms are reminiscent of a country house with service from British Officers and English speaking crew to match. Audio-visual equipment is available in the beautiful Tiree Lounge and break out rooms are available in the tastefully furnished Conservatory, Look-Out Lounge and Library. The Columba Restaurant is the setting for magnificent dining created by our talented brigade of chefs. For something more informal, barbecues can be arranged on the Skye Deck or buffet lunches in the lounges. Remain in touch with business back home via telephone and Wi-Fi internet facilities. Unforgettable entertainment can be organised in the form of ceilidh bands, accordionists for Scottish country dancing or pipers. As a venue for your conference, convention, private cruise or other event, chartering *Hebridean Princess* is equivalent to hiring your own luxurious private yacht.



Good connections

mean an easy start to your cruise

Our experienced reservations staff can assist with all your UK travel arrangements, including individually tailored packages, to make your journey to and from *Hebridean Princess* as relaxed and as stress-free as possible.

Whether you would prefer the convenience of a chauffeur transfer, or the comfort of a private airport lounge, we will be only too pleased to cater for your requirements.

Flights

Our reservations staff can advise and arrange flights from UK airports to the airport nearest to your port of embarkation in order to meet with our coach transfer.

Rail

We can arrange standard or first class rail travel from/to your local UK railway station, together with seat reservations where available, to the station nearest to the port of embarkation in order to meet with our coach transfer.

Airports and railway stations

For cruises starting and/or ending in Oban and Greenock the nearest transport terminals are Glasgow Central Railway Station and Glasgow International Airport.

For cruises starting and/or ending in Invergordon the nearest transport terminals are Inverness Railway Station and Inverness Airport.

Private coach transfers

Guests travelling by rail or air to embark in Greenock, Oban or Inverness will be collected at the railway stations or airports listed and transported by coach to join *Hebridean Princess*.

Secure car parking

A valet car parking facility is provided for cruises starting and ending in Oban and secure car parking is available for Greenock and Invergordon departures.

Door-to-door transfers

As an added touch of luxury, our door-to-door service makes it possible for you to enjoy the comfort of chauffeur driven travel from most places in the UK to your embarkation port, or any UK railway station or airport.

Luggage transfers

The Baggage Man provides a luggage collection and delivery service from your home to *Hebridean Princess* and return. Please contact The Baggage Man directly on 01844 264890 or visit www.thebaggage.com.

Hotels

You may prefer to extend your cruise with a pre- or post-cruise hotel stay and many of our hotel partners, like *Hebridean Princess*, are members of Luxury Scotland or Pride of Britain Hotels.

Cruises that start and finish in different ports

For cruises that embark and disembark in different ports, trouble-free arrangements have been made by our reservations staff.

The Firth of Clyde to the Firth of Lorn 19th to 26th March 2019 Greenock to Oban

Coach transfers will be provided from Glasgow Central Railway Station and Glasgow International Airport to Greenock at the start of the cruise, and from Oban to Glasgow International Airport and Glasgow Central Railway Station at the end of the cruise.

Car parking is available at Greenock and a complimentary transfer will be provided from Oban to Greenock on the day of disembarkation for guests wishing to utilise the car parking facility in Greenock.

Voyage to the Heart of Neolithic Orkney 9th to 18th July 2019 Oban to Invergordon

Coach transfers will be provided from Glasgow Central Railway Station and Glasgow International Airport to Oban at the start of the cruise, and from Invergordon to Inverness Airport and Inverness Railway Station at the end of the cruise.

Car parking is available at Invergordon and a complimentary transfer will be provided from Invergordon to Oban on the day of embarkation for guests wishing to utilise the car parking facility in Invergordon.

Westering Home and Whisky Galore 5th to 13th August 2019 Invergordon to Oban

Coach transfers will be provided from Inverness Railway Station and Inverness Airport to Invergordon at the start of the cruise, and from Oban to Glasgow International Airport and Glasgow Central Railway Station at the end of the cruise.

Car parking is available at Oban and a complimentary transfer will be provided from Oban to Invergordon on the day of embarkation for guests wishing to utilise the car parking facility in Oban.

In the Footsteps of the Giant 22nd to 29th October 2019 Oban to Greenock

Coach transfers will be provided from Glasgow Central Railway Station and Glasgow International Airport to Oban at the start of the cruise, and from Greenock to Glasgow International Airport and Glasgow Central Railway Station at the end of the cruise.

Car parking is available at Greenock and a complimentary transfer will be provided from Greenock to Oban on the day of embarkation for guests wishing to utilise the car parking facility in Greenock.



Chief Purser David Indge and Hebridean Princess



Tirie Lounge Bar



Canapés in the Tirie Lounge

On board A-Z

Animals

We regret that no animals are permitted on board the vessel other than assistance dogs accompanying disabled passengers.

Binoculars

Wildlife lovers may wish to bring binoculars as there are only a limited number on board for loan.

Communications

There are iPads in the Library and Wi-Fi access is available.

Mobile phones should be switched off in public rooms. The cellular system in the Highlands and Islands is somewhat patchy and reception can be irregular.

In an emergency, the ship can be reached by satellite phone, full details of which will be forwarded prior to your cruise.

Dining and restaurant arrangements

The Columba Restaurant is sufficiently large for all guests to dine at the same time. The majority of tables are for two, but should guests wish to dine together we shall be delighted to reserve a table for a maximum of eight. Guests travelling on their own will be seated at a larger table, usually hosted by an Officer, unless they indicate otherwise.

Special diets: We can cater for most dietary preferences, with the exception of strict kosher and one or two other regimes. Special requests should be included in the Pre-Cruise Questionnaire; our reservations staff will be pleased to advise you.

Dress and footwear

Daytime: During the day dress is casual. It is advisable to bring suitable clothing for the area in which you will be cruising.

Evening: For dinner in the evening, guests prefer to dress more formally, with a jacket and tie for gentlemen and the equivalent for ladies.

Gala evenings: The recommended dress code for Gala evenings is black tie for gentlemen and evening wear for ladies, although this is by no means mandatory.

On these evenings, the Officers will wear formal dress. The number of Gala evenings depends on the length of the cruise, but as a guideline, two formal Gala Dinners will be held during a seven-night cruise.

Footwear: Non-slip shoes should be worn on deck and in the ship's small boats when going ashore. Some cruises visit remote locations where heavy-soled shoes or walking boots are recommended for shore visits and serious walking.

Footloose cruises: In addition to walking boots, we recommend that guests protect themselves against the unpredictable weather with waterproof clothing; we would stress that jeans are considered unsuitable. A reasonably sized rucksack would also be useful.

Electricity supply

The electricity supply on *Hebridean Princess* is 240v AC and standard UK 3-pin sockets are provided in cabins. If guests wish to use 110v equipment, a transformer will be required – a limited supply is available on board for loan. The ship also carries adaptors for European and US style plugs, obtainable from the Housekeeper.

Going ashore

Since many of the places on our itineraries are unsuitable for berthing alongside, *Hebridean Princess* is equipped with sturdy and seaworthy tenders to transport guests ashore. Buoyancy aids are provided and must be worn in all small boat operations. **Please note, however, that use of the ship's tenders does require a certain degree of agility.** If in doubt, guests with physical disabilities and elderly or infirm passengers should contact our reservations staff before booking.

Our itineraries are planned to allow frequent visits ashore to interesting and unusual places, but participation is by no means compulsory. The emphasis is on pleasing one's self. As alternatives, we can usually suggest an independent stroll or a more serious walk ashore, perhaps a bike ride or, as many guests have discovered, the relaxation of staying on board.

Gratuities

Hebridean operates a 'no tipping' policy.

Hebridean shop

There is a small shop on board selling souvenirs and a basic supply of essentials. Cigarettes and tobacco products are not sold on board. As many of the areas we visit are remote, it may not be possible to purchase specialised items such as specific camera equipment, batteries, etc.

On board leisure

Hebridean Princess boasts a well-stocked library, and a card and games area with a range of board games, jigsaws, chess and backgammon. Gym equipment is available on the Waterfront Deck. There is no organised gambling, apart from the occasional 'frog race' to raise money for charity. Each cabin is equipped with satellite television; should you wish to view a DVD in your cabin, a number of DVD players are available for this purpose and DVDs may be borrowed from the Library.

Payment of shipboard accounts

The currency on board is pounds sterling. Payment of shipboard accounts may be made in sterling, either debit or credit Visa or Mastercards, or cheques; sterling travellers cheques are also accepted.

Sailing

Most sailing on *Hebridean Princess* is scheduled to take place over breakfast and lunch, apart from overnight sailings to St. Kilda. Smaller ships tend to have a certain amount of vibration and some noise is inevitable when the main engines are running. At night, a sound insulated generator supplies domestic power to the vessel.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed inside the vessel at any time and is not permitted in cabins. Smoking is allowed only on the outer decks, and guests occupying balcony cabins are asked to show consideration to other balcony users.

Stairs

Please note that there are no lifts (elevators) on board *Hebridean Princess* and, although well equipped with handrails, some of the ship's stairways are steep, particularly those from the Princess Deck to the Waterfront and Hebridean Decks.

Valuables

A small safe is provided in your cabin to secure valuables. Hebridean cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to guests' valuables.

What you need to know

Disabled facilities

If wheelchair users wish to cruise with us, they must be accompanied by a fare-paying able-bodied companion to assist them on board and ashore. Wheelchair access may be limited. Entrances to the vessel have raised coamings and almost all cabins have a raised lip or step from bedroom to bathroom. Please note that bedroom doors are no wider than 70cm. As the vessel does not carry a supply of narrow wheelchairs for general use, guests should check that their own chair is of a suitable width.

Although well equipped with handrails, some of the ship's stairways are steep, particularly those from the Princess Deck to the Waterfront and Hebridean Decks. As there are no lifts (elevators), the severely disabled or handicapped may find their enjoyment of the cruise impaired if they experience difficulty in moving between decks and over coamings between cabins and bathrooms.

Fitness on board and ashore

Many of our visits ashore call for reasonable walking ability if guests are to gain maximum enjoyment from the cruise. As many are to lesser-known and remote places, there are frequently landing stages, steps, slopes and rough ground to contend with. We therefore reserve the right not to take a guest on a particular visit if we feel that it would be beyond his or her capabilities or might affect the enjoyment of fellow guests. If you are uncertain of your ability to participate in these activities, please contact our reservations staff to discuss the route in detail before confirming your booking. Those requiring wheelchairs and/or regular assistance in order to participate in shore visits must be accompanied by a fare-paying, able-bodied companion to assist them.

We can usually organise alternative self-guided walks ashore for less agile guests to enjoy at their own pace, or make other arrangements, including taxis, at guests' own cost.

Health

When booking, guests must advise Hebridean of particular health conditions necessitating special precautions and of any subsequent change. **It is the responsibility of each guest to inform Hebridean of any prevailing condition which may affect them on board or ashore and, equally, other guests' ability to enjoy to the full any shore visits during their cruise.** Please refer to the section 'Fitness on board and ashore' relating to the requirements for able-bodied companions.

Itinerary detail and variations

Cruise itineraries are published in good faith but may have to be altered on board to take into account climatic, geographical, political and other factors over which Hebridean or its agents have no control. We shall do our best to minimise alterations and their potential effect on guests.

While the Captain will do his utmost to follow the itinerary, he will, where appropriate, adapt the route to suit the prevailing and forecast weather conditions. The Captain's decision is always final. If such amendments need to be made at short notice, we cannot make any financial adjustments. Please see page 4 of the 2019 Cruise Diary & Tariff for our Conditions of Business.

Medical facilities

Guests are advised to pack all necessary medical supplies, as our ports of call are generally off the beaten track and may lack facilities. If guests intend to bring any electrical or electronic medical equipment, they should first check with our reservations staff that it is compatible with the ship's 240v electricity supply.

Hebridean Princess does not routinely carry a doctor as she is never far from land. Guests should ensure that, to their knowledge, they are fit to take a holiday during which immediate medical assistance may not be available. Arrangements to consult a doctor on land can be made at relatively short notice and assistance can be summoned quickly in the event of an emergency. Any medical and repatriation costs will be charged to the guest's account.

The ship's Officers are trained in first aid and a comprehensive medical supply is kept for emergency use.

Minors

We regret that children under the age of nine cannot be accommodated.

Single room occupancy

Ten of our cabins are designed and let on a single occupancy basis. Once these cabins have been booked, solo guests requesting a double cabin for single occupancy will be charged a supplement of 85% of the per-person fare for that cabin grade. Please refer to the Cabin Facilities and Dimensions Guide in the inside back cover or contact our reservations staff for further details.

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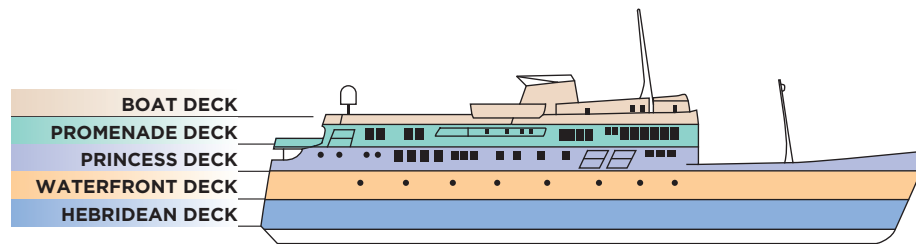
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Cabin facilities and dimensions guide

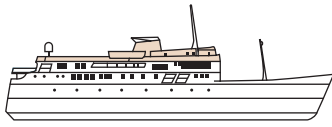
- British flag and management
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- Lloyd's registered
- Twin screw
- 2,112 gross registered tons
- Fully stabilised
- 5 passenger decks
- Maximum of 50 passengers
- Quick launch & recovery tender system



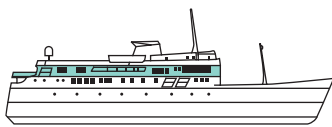
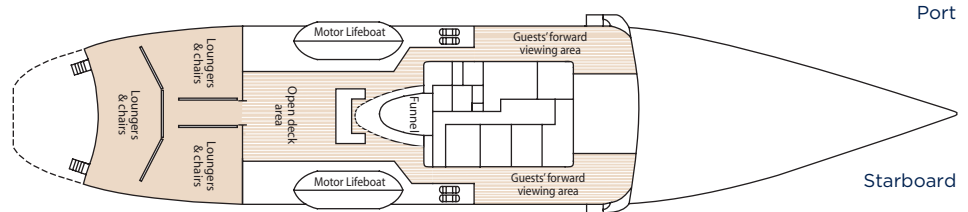
The ship was especially designed and built to sail in the waters of the Scottish Western Isles and has proven her ability over the years.

	Price category	Deck location	Separate day room	Private balcony	Windows	Portholes	Bath	Shower	Double bed	King-size bed	Single bed	Interchangeable twin/super king-size bed	Bedroom (m ²)	Bedroom (sq ft)	Bath with shower Walk in shower (m ²)	Bath with shower Walk in shower (sq ft)	Day room/ balcony (m ²)	Day room/ balcony (sq ft)	Total private floor size (m ²)	Total private floor size (sq ft)
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Isle of Berneray				•	•		•	•				•	17.7	190.5	3.3	35.5	5.0	53.8	26.0	279.8
Isle of Bute				•	•		•	•				•	17.7	190.5	3.3	35.5	5.0	53.8	26.0	279.8
Isle of Barra				•	•		•	•		•			12.8	137.7	4.8	51.6	4.8	51.6	22.4	240.9
Isle of Benbecula				•	•		•	•		•			12.8	137.7	4.8	51.6	4.8	51.6	22.4	240.9
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Isle of Staffa					•		•	•				•	19.3	207.7	3.3	35.5			22.6	243.2
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Duart Castle						•	•	•				•	11.5	123.7	4.2	45.2			15.7	168.9
Kinloch Castle						•	•	•				•	13.4	144.2	4.8	51.6			18.2	195.8
Torosay Castle						•	•	•				•	13.0	139.9	4.8	51.6			17.8	191.5
Ardreck Castle						•	•	•	•				12.2	131.3	2.9	31.2			15.1	162.5
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Isle of Muck					•			•	•				13.1	141.0	3.0	32.2			16.1	173.2
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Single Cabins																				
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Sound of Islay						•		•	•				11.0	118.4	2.2	23.6			13.2	142.0
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Sound of Mull						•		•	•				11.0	118.4	2.2	23.6			13.2	142.0
Sound of Sleat						•		•			•		9.9	106.5	2.2	23.6			12.1	130.1
Loch Buie							•	•			•		9.0	96.9	3.0	32.3			12.0	129.2
Loch Scavaig							•	•			•		9.0	96.9	3.0	32.3			12.0	129.2
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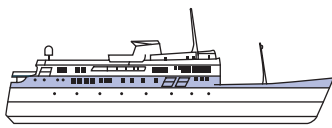
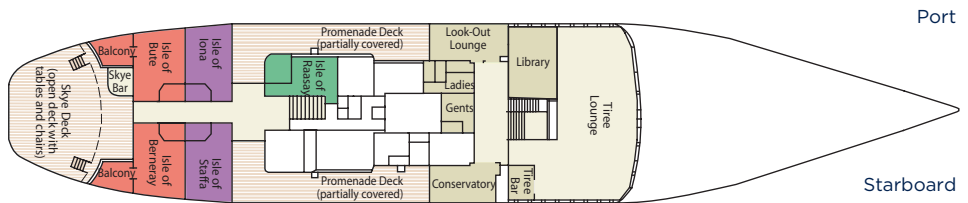
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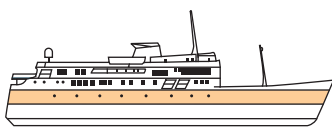
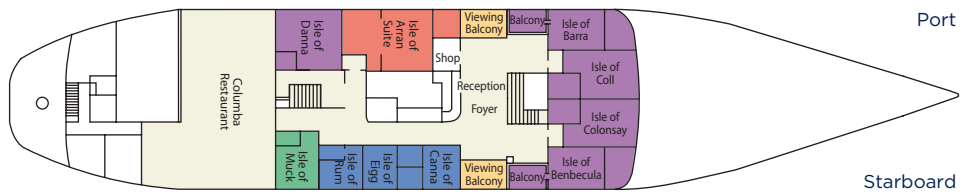
Boat Deck
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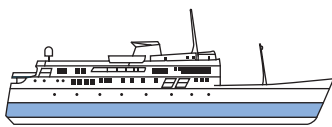
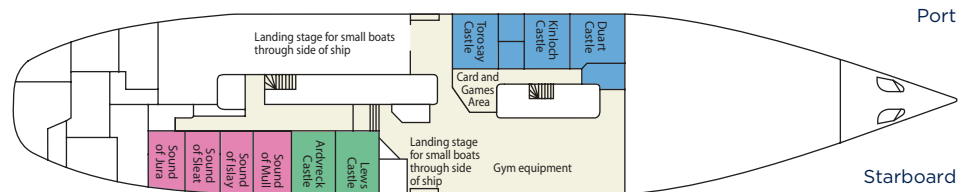
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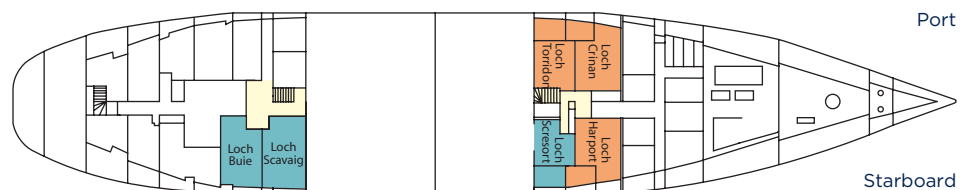
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- Renowned guest speakers accompany each Hebridean river cruise. Passionate about their subject, these captivating orators bring each itinerary to life.

2019 Hebridean Princess Cruise Calendar

SPRING

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March	1st	Argyll Escape	4 nights	18
	5th	Outlook on the Clyde	7 nights	20
	12th	Grandeur and Splendour of Argyll and Bute	7 nights	22
	19th	The Firth of Clyde to the Firth of Lorn	7 nights	24
	26th	Sea Lochs and Small Isles	7 nights	26
April	2nd	Gastronomic Scotland	7 nights	28
	9th	Spring in the Inner Isles	7 nights	30
	16th	Easter in the Hebrides	7 nights	32
	23rd	Footloose over the Little Minch	7 nights	34
	30th	Springtime Surprise	7 nights	36
May	7th	The Hebrides in Colour	7 nights	38
	14th	Outer Isles Odyssey	7 nights	40
	21st	Natural World of the Shiant and St Kilda	7 nights	42
	25th	Wildlife of St Kilda	7 nights	44

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June	11th	Celtic Panorama	7 nights	46
	18th	Footloose to the Summer Isles & the Shiant	7 nights	48
	25th	Secrets of St Kilda	7 nights	50
July	2nd	Hebridean Concerto	7 nights	52
	9th	Voyage to the Heart of Neolithic Orkney	9 nights	54
	18th	Northern Isles Explorer	9 nights	56
	27th	Footloose in Orkney and Shetland	9 nights	58
August	5th	Westering Home and Whisky Galore	8 nights	60
	13th	Castles and Clans	6 nights	62
	23rd	West to Prince's Bay	4 nights	64
	27th	The Atlantic Isles to the Bishop's Isles	7 nights	66

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	10th	Sutherland's Secret Coast	7 nights	70
	17th	Exploring the Outer Isles	7 nights	72
	24th	Gastronomic Scotland	7 nights	74
October	1st	Footloose to the Emerald Isle	7 nights	76
	8th	Autumn Surprise	7 nights	78
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	22nd	In the Footsteps of the Giant	7 nights	82
	29th	Grandeur and Splendour of Argyll and Bute	7 nights	84
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	12th	Argyll Escape	4 nights	88



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