



HEBRIDEAN PRINCESS

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Provision of cruise holidays on *Hebridean Princess*
All Leisure Holidays Ltd, trading as Hebridean Island Cruises

Welcome to the 2017 *Hebridean Princess* Cruise Directory

At Hebridean Island Cruises we operate a small and unique little ship, as we believe there will always be a place for the small, the intimate and individual.

Personal service means the rare delight of dealing with people who care passionately about what they do. On board *Hebridean Princess* there is a level of care and a depth of involvement from our crew who take a pride in always delivering our promises – in every detail – impeccably and without compromise.

We want you to relax and be cosseted by the highest standards of care and service, whilst enjoying fine food and wine – all served in the breathtaking surroundings of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and the majestic fjords of Norway.

For us, 2017 represents our 29th year of operation and our aim is to surpass your expectations and to make your *Hebridean Princess* cruise a uniquely memorable occasion – a challenge to which our staff, both afloat and ashore, will cheerfully and readily rise.

With best wishes.



Ken Charleson
Chief Operating Officer



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99% of our guests have told us they had an enjoyable holiday

98% have told us they would consider cruising on *Hebridean Princess* again

99% of our guests would recommend *Hebridean Princess* to others

* Percentages are based on our 2015 cruising season and are calculated from the total of returned After-Cruise Questionnaires

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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. 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.



Captain Richard Heaton



Captain Trevor Bailey



Hotel Crew

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 coming 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!



Cocktail



Beach Picnic



Tiree Lounge



Library



Look-Out Lounge



Conservatory

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 previously 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-panelled 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.



Tiree Lounge Bar



Columba Restaurant



Address to the Haggis



Gala Dinner

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.



Columba Restaurant

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 and led by Scotland's finest culinary artists.

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 the Haggis!



Skye Deck Barbeque



Beach Landing, Sandray



Hebridean Princess Tender



Hebridean Princess Speedboat

Going ashore

Unlike most cruise ships, a *Hebridean Princess* cruise includes a large number of 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, instructive and hugely enjoyable.



Guided Walk



Guests ashore

Themed cruises, guest speakers and guides

Themes

Our 'Footloose' walking programme has been a feature of our sailing calendar for many years and its success has inspired the inclusion of other themed itineraries for 2017.

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.

Classical Music

Explore the Inner Hebrides with classical music recitals in some of the most inspiring locations imaginable, including Fingal's Cave on Staffa, the inspiration for Mendelssohn.

Food and Drink

Scotland is renowned for some of the freshest and most mouth-watering cuisine throughout the world and this itinerary will introduce you to some of the finest restaurants in the Western Isles.

Golf

As the home of golf, Scotland can justifiably boast some of Britain's best courses and our unique golfers and non-golfers itinerary features some of the 'hidden gems'!



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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, 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 2017 season Guest Speakers will accompany seven specially selected cruises.



Partnerships

NADFAS



Hebridean Island Cruises is proud to be associated with NADFAS, a prestigious association which has great synergies with Hebridean. Not only are members entitled to a 5% saving on any *Hebridean Princess* cruise*, they will also be helping to support NADFAS by booking a Hebridean cruise.

* Not combinable with any other offer.



National Trust



As part of All Leisure Holidays, Hebridean Island Cruises has teamed up with the National Trust to offer members a wonderful range of cruises in 2017. Not only will members be entitled to a 5% saving off any *Hebridean Princess* cruise*, they will also be helping to support the National Trust.

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Sea-Changers



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 well over £16,000 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

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. 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 will treat you to gastronomic delights, where menus feature flavoursome and seasonal ingredients from regions of where the train travels.

Service 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:

- 3 nights on Belmond Royal Scotsman, as specified, including all meals, wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, visits and entertainment;
- Post-train journey accommodation, as indicated*, at the 5-star Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh on a bed and breakfast basis;
- A chauffeur driven transfer from the Balmoral Hotel to Hebridean's private coach on the day of cruise embarkation;

* Please note that some journeys do not require accommodation between the end of the train journey and commencement of the cruise.

Belmond Royal Scotsman Itinerary Highlights:

(all journeys start and end at Edinburgh Waverley Railway Station)

The Western Journey (3 nights)

Take a ride on Scotland's wild side on this inspiring three-night journey of discovery, enjoying iconic sites: Loch Lomond, Ben Nevis, the Isle of Bute, and stunning Gothic-Revival Mount Stuart House.

Rannoch Moor · Morar · Glenfinnan · Nevis Gorge Weymss Bay · Isle of Bute · Mount Stuart House



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

Belmond Royal Scotsman

Departure Date	Journey Name	Nights	Balmoral Hotel Nights	Hebridean Princess Departure Date	Hebridean Princess Cruise Itinerary	Page
21st April	Western Journey	3	1	25th April	Flavours of Scotland	36-37
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5th May	Western Journey	3	1	9th May	Nature's Island Paradise	40-41
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19th May	Western Journey	3	1	23rd May	Footloose to Barra Head	44-45
9th June	Western Journey	3	1	13th June	St Kilda, Islands on the Edge	50-51
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23rd June	Western Journey	3	1	27th June	Footloose through the Irish Sea	54-55
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22nd September	Western Journey	3	1	26th September	Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology	78-79
29th September	Western Journey	3	1	3rd October	Flavours of Scotland	80-81
13th October	Western Journey	3	1	17th October	Autumn Surprise	84-85



Eigg

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 over the Pentland Firth to the Northern Isles with their distinctive Nordic feel. 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.

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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 44, 47, 50 and 77.

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 19, 21, 88, 91 and 93.



Canna

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 31, 33, 73 and 82.

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 29 and 69.

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.

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Cumraes Firth of Clyde Islands

The contrasting Cumraes afford fine views to the mainland, Arran and Bute. Green and undulating Great Cumbrae 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 Cumbrae, 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 19, 22, 87, 88 and 93.

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 Sgurr adds magic and mystery.

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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 37 and 81.



Eriskay Ponies

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 39, 44, 77 and 79.

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 58.

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 25, 29, 43, 49 and 87.

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. Puffin have returned, and other species include the red-throated and black-throated diver, eider and shell duck. The island was abandoned by its eight resident families in 1847.

Please see page 40.

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. Although tenacious Gaelic strongholds today, Harris and neighbouring Lewis were the last of the Hebrides to adopt the language.

Please see pages 39, 50, 70 and 77.

Holy Isle Firth of Clyde Islands

Located across Lamlash 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 19 and 93.



Iona

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 29, 33, 40, 53, 57, 69 and 77.



Islay

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.

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Isle of Seil Inner Hebrides

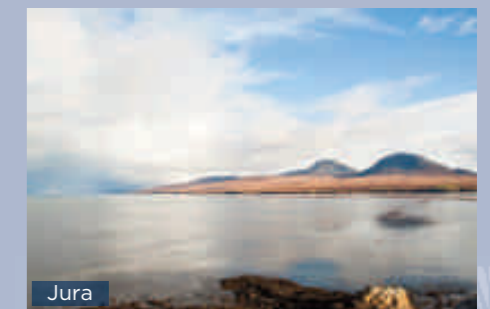
Lying 12 miles south of Oban, Seil is separated from the mainland only by the thinnest of sea channels which is spanned by an 18th century humpback bridge, popularly known as the 'Bridge over the Atlantic'. The islands main attractions are the gardens of An Cala with its glorious azaleas and Japanese flowering cherries in early summer.

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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.

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Jura

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 29, 43, 55, 57 and 69.

Kerrera Inner Hebrides

Tiny Kerrera tranquilly guards the entrance to Oban from its two sheltered harbours at Ardrivie 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 25.



Butt of Lewis

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 39, 47, 50, 70 and 79

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.

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Ring of Brodgar, Orkney

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.

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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 58.

Mingulay, Berneray and Pabbay 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 44.

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 29, 39, 40, 67 and 70.

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 lie Scottish Baronial Torosay Castle and ancient Duart Castle, seat of the Macleans.

Please see pages 29, 33, 37, 39, 40, 44, 49, 53, 57, 70, 79 and 81

North Ronaldsay Northern Isles

North Ronaldsay is the most remote of the Orkney Isles, further north than the southern tip of Norway. There are a number of Neolithic sites on the island including stone burial cists, standing stones and the Broch of Burrian. Today the island continues to be farmed from old-style crofts and supports an extremely rich and diverse population of wild flowers, mammals and rare birds. The lighthouse on North Ronaldsay is the tallest land-based lighthouse in Britain, rising to a height of over 100 ft with views on a clear day reaching to Fair Isle and Shetland.

Please see page 58.

Oronsay Inner Hebrides

Oronsay is a small tidal island linked to Colonsay by a causeway known as An Traigh or 'The Strand'. The island has no facilities of its own and is entirely dependent upon its tidal access to and from Colonsay. The whole of the island of Oronsay is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and Special Protection Area for its chough and corncrake populations.

Please see page 33.

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 31, 44, 67, 73 and 82.



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 31, 33, 40, 53, 70, 73 and 82.



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 page 21, 55 and 91.

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.

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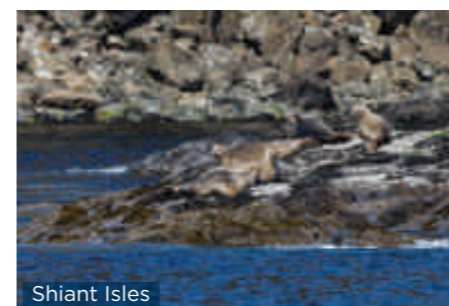


Village Bay, St Kilda

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 47 and 50.



Shiant Isles

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 39, 40, 47, 50 and 70.

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, 31, 37, 39, 40, 44, 47, 49, 50, 53, 70, 77, 79, 81 and 82.

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 57 and 69.

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 58.

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 Mòr 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 pages 40 and 73.



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 77 and 79

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 39, 40, 44, 70, 77 and 79.



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 29, 33 and 69



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 pages 39 and 77.



Mount Stuart House



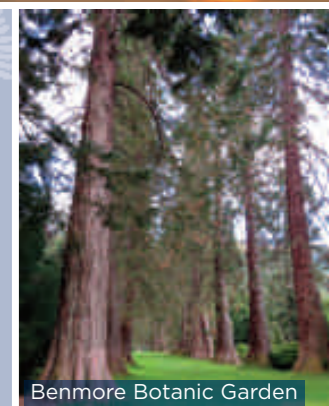
Great Cumbrae



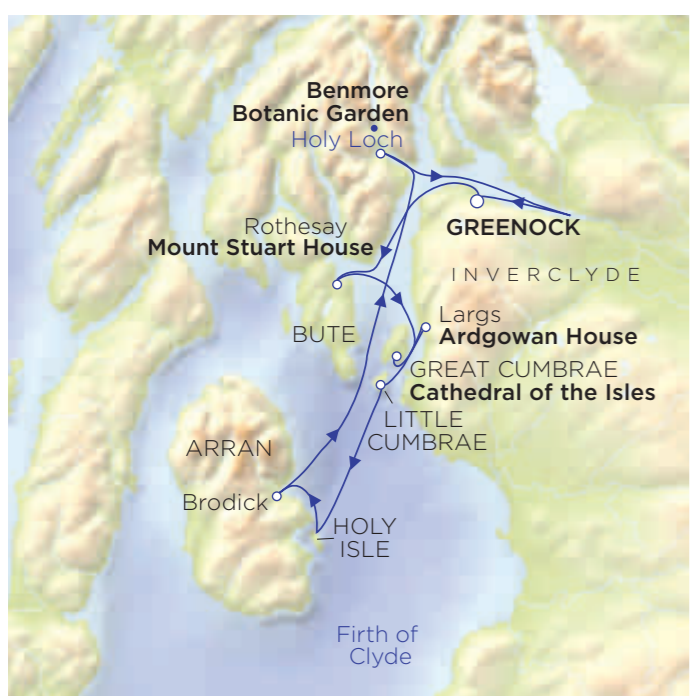
Holy Isle

Hebridean Highlights

- Mount Stuart House
- The Cathedral of the Isles
- Ardgowan House
- Benmore Botanic Garden
- Cruise of the Upper Clyde with Commentary



Benmore Botanic Garden



Greenock - Greenock

Clyde Island Explorer

Wednesday 1st to Monday 6th March 2017

5 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

This cruise also departs on 11th November 2017

Join the excitement and thrill of the first cruise of the season as *Hebridean Princess* takes us to some of the finest houses on the Clyde as well as Britain's smallest cathedral and a mountainside botanic garden.

Sailing from Greenock we head to the Isle of Bute where Mount Stuart stands testament to generations of Stuart passion and flamboyance. As we explore this wondrous gothic structure and its labyrinth of gardens, we learn of how this neo-gothic mansion was one of the most technologically advanced houses of its age.

The delightful island of Great Cumbrae is home to Britain's smallest cathedral, The Cathedral of the Isles, with its vivid tiles and stained glass. Before a leisurely walk on neighbouring Little Cumbrae, the sumptuous and privately owned Ardgowan House awaits our arrival. The Ardgowan estate has been held by the Stewart family since the early 15th century and the present house dates to 1797.

The tiny Holy Isle allows us to take a stroll ashore, ahead of a tour of the Isle of Arran. Affectionately known as 'Scotland in miniature', this vibrant island is considered to possess the great qualities of Scotland.

With its magnificent mountainside setting, Benmore Botanic Garden boasts a world-famous collection of plants. Established in 1863, we are welcomed by an impressive avenue of giant redwoods which now stand over 50 metres high.

Our final afternoon is spent cruising the Upper Clyde and learning of how this mighty river was once so significant for industry and trade.

Travel Plan - 5 nights

Wednesday 1st March

Greenock - Embarkation.

Thursday 2nd March

Morning; Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart. Afternoon; Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.

Friday 3rd March

Morning; Largs - Ardgowan House. Afternoon; Little Cumbrae - Walks ashore.

Saturday 4th March

Morning; Holy Isle - Walks ashore. Afternoon; Brodick, Arran - Island tour.

Sunday 5th March

Morning; Holy Loch - Benmore Botanic Garden. Afternoon; Cruise the Upper Clyde with commentary.

Monday 6th March

Greenock - Disembarkation.



Sanda Island

Greenock – Greenock

Highlights of the Firth of Clyde

Monday 6th to Friday 10th March 2017

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

This cruise also departs on 7th November 2017

The relaxing ambience of *Hebridean Princess* allows us to enjoy the beauty of some of the lower Clyde islands on this cruise which encompasses history, heritage, a distillery and delightful walks ashore.



Sailing into mysterious Holy Loch our first visit is to Historic Kilmun and the Argyll Mausoleum. Built in 1790 the Argyll Mausoleum was constructed to house the remains of the Dukes and Earls of Argyll, Chiefs of the Clan Campbell and their families.

Travelling south we are welcomed to the privately owned Mount Stuart House, held by the Stuart family since the early 15th century.

The gardens at The National Trust for Scotland's Brodick Castle date back to 1710 and offer a glimpse into another world and another time, whilst the country park provides waymarked routes that extend for up to a mile.

Returning to the mainland we discover the oldest independent family-owned distillery in Scotland – Springbank, where many of the ancient distilling methods are still applied in the distillery today.

Onwards to the privately owned island of Sanda, designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest for its importance to both migrating and breeding birds and which is home to the first bird observatory on the west coast of Scotland.

Our cruise concludes with a circumnavigation of the imposing island of Ailsa Craig, once quarried for its blue hone granite used in the making of curling stones, but now home to vast numbers of gannets and an increasing population of puffins.

Travel Plan – 4 nights

Monday 6th March

Greenock - Embarkation.

Tuesday 7th March

Morning; Holy Loch - Historic Kilmun and Argyll Mausoleum. Afternoon; Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House.

Wednesday 8th March

Morning; Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle Gardens. Afternoon; Campbeltown - Springbank Distillery.

Thursday 9th March

Morning; Sanda Island - Walks ashore. Afternoon; Cruise round Ailsa Craig.

Friday 10th March

Greenock - Disembarkation.



Springbank Distillery

Hebridean Highlights

- Historic Kilmun and the Argyll Mausoleum
- Mount Stuart House
- Brodick Castle Gardens
- Springbank Distillery
- Sanda Island - Site of Special Scientific Interest



Otter



Greenock - Greenock



Ruins and Ramparts of the Lower Clyde

Friday 10th to Tuesday 14th March 2017
4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

Embark on a journey of architectural exploration on this cruise that introduces us to a myriad of design masterpieces and rare private viewings, often by a member of the family, including ancient castles, private apartments and a fine house.

As we heave anchor and set sail from Greenock *Hebridean Princess* cruises north along one of the longest sea lochs, Loch Fyne. From our berth at Strachur we venture to the home of Sir Charles and Lady McLean, Strachur House, with its sheltered flower garden.

Before we head to the fishing village of Tarbert, with its ruined castle once occupied by Robert the Bruce, the fairy tale Inveraray Castle, ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll, Chief of the Clan Campbell, opens the private apartments for our visit. A castle has been standing on the shores of Loch Fyne since the 1400's, although the impressive Inveraray Castle of today was inspired by a sketch by Vanbrugh, the architect of Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard in the 1700's.

The ruined castle of Lochranza is wonderfully positioned on a curved shingle spit projecting into the water. Much of what can be seen today is the result of rebuilding in the 16th century, but there are remnants of the original castle built before 1261 for the MacSweens.

Before our short adventure draws to a close we make for the delightful island of Great Cumbrae, home of Britain's smallest cathedral, The Cathedral of the Isles, with its vivid tiles and stained glass.

Travel Plan - 4 nights

Friday 10th March
Greenock - Embarkation.

Saturday 11th March
Morning; Cruise Loch Fyne.
Afternoon; Strachur - Strachur House.

Sunday 12th March
Morning; Crarae - Inveraray Castle private apartments.
Afternoon; Tarbert - Ruined castle and walks ashore.

Monday 13th March
Morning; Brodick, Arran - Lochranza Castle.
Afternoon; Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.

Tuesday 14th March
Greenock - Disembarkation.



Inveraray Castle



Lochranza Castle



Tarbert Castle

Hebridean Highlights

- Strachur House
- Tarbert Castle
- Private Apartments of Inveraray Castle
- Lochranza Castle
- Cathedral of the Isles



Shags



Kildalton Cross

Greenock - Oban



Voyage round Kintyre to Oban

Tuesday 14th to Tuesday 21st March 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Leaving the Clyde and heading north we take this last opportunity to enjoy the Clyde islands in spring as we make for our home port of Oban and our first visit of the year to some of the Hebridean islands.

Leaving Greenock a majestic cruise of Loch Long and Loch Goil allows us to admire the breathtaking scenery of this part of Argyll, ahead of stretching our legs at delightful Lochgoilhead.

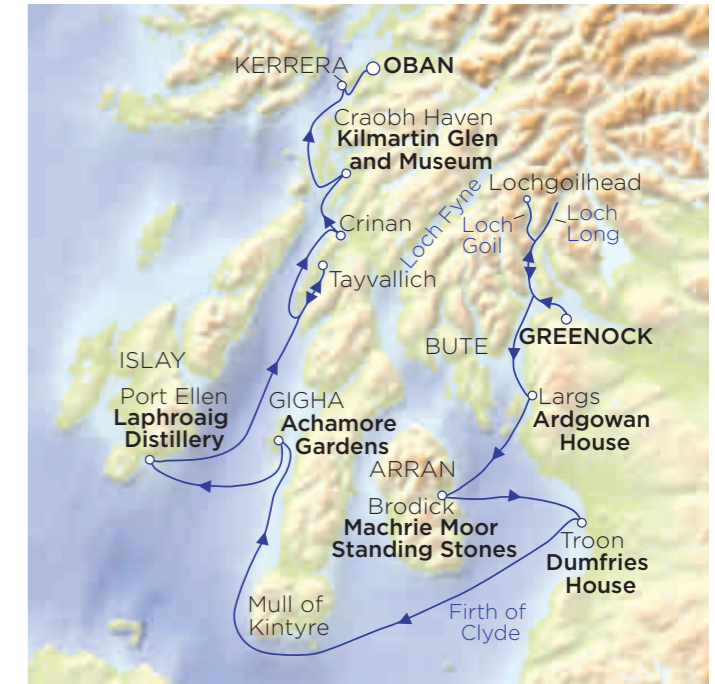
A sail south takes us to the late 18th-century Ardgowan House and the remains of the 15th century Ardgowan Castle, before a tour of the Isle of Arran and the Machrie Moor Standing Stones.

From Troon, Dumfries House awaits. Saved by the intervention of The Duke of Rothesay in 2007, the house is one of Britain's most beautiful stately homes with an outstanding collection of 18th century furniture, including examples of Thomas Chippendale.

Boasting an impressive collection of rare rhododendrons, Achamore Gardens welcomes us, before a viewing of the ancient Ogham Stone and sailing to neighbouring Islay, home to the famous Laphroig Distillery. Here we learn of how one of the most distinctive single malts of the world is distilled, ahead of observing the Kildalton Cross.

Prior to exploring Kilmartin Glen and Museum, home to over 800 internationally significant historic sites and monuments dating back over 5,000 years, leisurely strolls can be enjoyed at picturesque Tayvallich and the famous Crinan Canal towpath.

With Oban almost upon us we venture ashore on the island of Kerrera, which stands guard over Oban harbour.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 14th March
Greenock - Embarkation.

Wednesday 15th March
Morning; Cruise Loch Long and Loch Goil.
Afternoon; Lochgoilhead - Walks ashore.

Thursday 16th March
Morning; Largs - Ardgowan House.
Afternoon; Brodick, Arran - Island tour and Machrie Moor Standing Stones.

Friday 17th March
Morning; Troon - Dumfries House.
Afternoon; Cruise Mull of Kintyre.

Saturday 18th March
Morning; Gigha - Achamore Gardens and Ogham Stone.
Afternoon; Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroig Distillery and Kildalton Cross.

Sunday 19th March
Morning; Tayvallich - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Crinan - Towpath walks.

Monday 20th March
Morning; Craobh Haven - Kilmartin Glen and Museum.
Afternoon; Kerrera - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 21st March
Oban - Disembarkation.

Please refer to page 101 for travel options.



Hebridean Princess, Crinan



Kilmartin Glen

Guest Speaker Peter Yeomans

Peter Yeomans has worked in Scottish archaeology for more than 40 years, directing major excavations at Edinburgh Castle and on the Isle of May, while also writing a number of books. Through the 1990's he was Council Archaeologist for Fife, before joining Historic Scotland, latterly as Head of Cultural Heritage and then Principal Researcher. He now works freelance, pursuing his own research interests and leading archaeology tours at home and abroad.



Scotland's Western Seaboard

Tuesday 21st to Tuesday 28th March 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This season's first cruise from Oban allows us to explore the wonderful tapestry of landscapes in the sheltered waters off the west coast of Scotland and experience the diversity that makes this area unique.

Framed amid spectacular scenery at the head of Loch Shiel and where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard to gather the Jacobite Clans, Glenfinnan Monument is host to our first visit. The lone kilted highlander atop the 18m high column surveys the land where the Highland way of life was soon to be cruelly extinguished.

The Glencoe Visitor Centre allows us to learn more of the remarkable history of this imposing landscape, before we explore the modern and sustainable estate of Kingairloch and venture into the Sunart ancient oakwoods for a stroll.

A cruise of the distinctively different Small Isles leads us to Loch Harport from where we enjoy a visit to the local oyster farm.

Loch Coruisk is a magnificent freshwater loch at the heart of the Cuillin and where we can take a stroll ashore, before a cruise of the fjord-like, Loch Hourn.

After reflecting in the tranquil and artist's gardens of Attadale, Britain's remotest pub, The Old Forge at Inverie, provides a welcome retreat in which to enjoy a drink. Our final full day allows us to stretch our legs on the Small Isle of Eigg, before we conclude with a visit to Ardnamurchan Distillery, Scotland's newest, greenest and most westerly mainland distillery.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 21st March**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 22nd March**
Morning; Fort William - Glenfinnan Monument.
Afternoon; Ballachulish - Glencoe Visitor Centre.
- Thursday 23rd March**
Morning; Loch à Choire - Kingairloch Estate.
Afternoon; Salen - Sunart ancient oakwoods.
- Friday 24th March**
Morning; Cruise the Small Isles.
Afternoon; Loch Harport, Skye - Oyster Farm.
- Saturday 25th March**
Morning; Loch Scavaig, Skye - Loch Coruisk.
Afternoon; Cruise Loch Hourn.
- Sunday 26th March**
Morning; Kyle of Lochalsh - Attadale Gardens.
Afternoon; Inverie - The Old Forge pub.
- Monday 27th March**
Morning; Eigg - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Glenmore Bay - Ardnamurchan Distillery.
- Tuesday 28th March**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Loch Coruisk

Hebridean Highlights

- Glenfinnan Monument
- Kingairloch Estate
- Isle of Skye Oysters
- Attadale Gardens
- Ardnamurchan Distillery



Attadale Gardens

Glenfinnan Monument



Colonsay House Gardens



Ardbeg Distillery



Isle of Ulva

Hebridean Highlights

- Kilmartin Glen and Museum
- Achamore Gardens
- Ardbeg Distillery
- Iona Abbey
- Isle of Mull Cheese



Achamore Gardens



Oban - Oban

South to the Atlantic Isles

Tuesday 28th March to Tuesday 4th April 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

With walks ashore, houses and gardens, museums, visitor centres and much more, this delightful cruise of the Atlantic Isles really does have something for everyone.

Departing from Oban, a southerly sail takes us to Ardfern from where we explore Kilmartin Glen and Museum, home to over 800 internationally significant historic sites and monuments dating back over 5,000 years.

After a stretch of legs at picturesque Tayvallich we head south to Gigha and Achamore Gardens. Set in mature and varied woodland, this 54 acre paradise hosts an impressive collection of rare rhododendrons and is home to many other tender plants, culminating in a 2 acre walled garden.

Sailing to the neighbouring whisky island of Islay an exploration of the award winning Ardbeg Distillery awaits, ahead of a leisurely stroll in Jura's only settlement of Craighouse and a visit to Colonsay House Gardens on the island of Colonsay.

Ulva is located to the west of Mull and Sheila's Cottage beckons; a faithful reconstruction of a traditional thatched croft house inhabited by Sheila MacFadyen. Following a glimpse of one of Telford's Parliamentary Churches, we go ashore at Iona to learn of how the island has been a centre of Christian worship since Columba's arrival in AD 563 and how the monastery thrived, despite repeated Viking raids.

The islands of Coll and Muck play host to delightful strolls ashore and the Nadurra Centre educates us on the vast variety of flora and fauna to be found in this part of the world. Our cruise concludes with a visit to the family run Isle of Mull Cheese farm.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 28th March**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 29th March**
Morning; Ardfern - Kilmartin Glen and Museum.
Afternoon; Tayvallich - Walks ashore.
- Thursday 30th March**
Morning; Gigha - Achamore Gardens.
Afternoon; Port Ellen, Islay - Ardbeg Distillery.
- Friday 31st March**
Morning; Loch na Mile, Jura - Craighouse.
Afternoon; Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
- Saturday 1st April**
Morning; Ulva - Sheila's Cottage and Telford Church.
Afternoon; Iona - Benedictine Abbey.
- Sunday 2nd April**
Morning; Coll - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Muck - Walks ashore.
- Monday 3rd April**
Morning; Glenmore Bay - Nadurra Centre.
Afternoon; Tobermory - Isle of Mull Cheese farm.
- Tuesday 4th April**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Plockton

Oban - Oban

Exploring the Small Isles and Inner Sound

Tuesday 4th to Tuesday 11th April 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 10th October 2017

Enjoy the comfort and elegance of *Hebridean Princess* as she explores the sheltered and distinctively different Small Isles, together with rugged mainland gems on a cruise of varied adventure.

Sailing the Sound of Mull we head for the Small Isle of Rum and the imposing Kinloch Castle. Built of red sandstone the castle was the first private residence in Scotland to have electricity and is the former home of Lancastrian industrialist Sir George Bullough.

A steam through the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea takes us to the delightful village of Shieldaig before we venture to Inverewe Garden with its Wollemi pines, Himalayan blue poppies, New Zealand olearia, Tasmanian eucalypts and rhododendrons from China, Nepal and the Indian subcontinent.

Over the sea to Skye for a tour of the Trotternish Peninsula before crossing to neighbouring Raasay and Raasay House. Once the seat of Clan MacLeods of Raasay, this historic mansion house has unrivalled views of the Cuillin mountain range.

From the conservation village of Plockton, Attadale Gardens beckon. Started by Baron Schroder in the late 19th century, hill paths meander through 20 acres of conifers and rhododendrons with sculptures lurking in unexpected places.

At the point where three great sea lochs meet our visit to Eilean Donan allows us to discover this iconic castle, before returning to Skye and exploring Armadale Castle and Gardens.

After a wee dram at Britain's remotest pub, The Old Forge, we embrace on some wonderful walks ashore on the Small Isles of Canna and Eigg before our adventure draws to a close.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 4th April

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 5th April

Morning; Loch Scresort, Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Afternoon; Cruise Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea.

Thursday 6th April

Morning; Shieldaig - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

Friday 7th April

Morning; Portree, Skye - Tour the Trotternish Peninsula.
Afternoon; Raasay - Raasay House.

Saturday 8th April

Morning; Plockton - Attadale Gardens.
Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.

Sunday 9th April

Morning; Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle and Gardens.
Afternoon; Inverie - Old Forge pub.

Monday 10th April

Morning; Canna - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Eigg - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 11th April

Oban - Disembarkation.

Hebridean Highlights

- Kinloch Castle
- Inverewe Garden
- Raasay House
- Attadale Gardens
- Eilean Donan Castle



Eilean Donan Castle



Inverewe Garden



Oban - Oban

An Easter Pilgrimage

Tuesday 11th to Tuesday 18th April 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Experience the tranquillity of the Isle of Iona and its restored abbey on Easter Sunday and discover the uniquely different Small Isles as well as a farewell Champagne reception at historic Duart Castle.

Our exploration begins with a stretch of legs on the Small Isle of Eigg before continuing to St Columba's church on neighbouring Canna.

Ahead of a welcome drink at The Old Forge, Britain's remotest mainland pub, Kinloch Castle, the first private residence in Scotland to have electricity, awaits our arrival.

With its colourful sea front buildings, Tobermory is the Georgian capital of the island of Mull and we have the opportunity to explore, but beforehand Telford's Parliamentary Church and Sheila's Cottage on tiny Ulva beckon.

A sail round the Ross of Mull, and past the rich wildlife communities of the Treshnish Isles, takes us to Staffa where we board a local boat to land ashore and meet the resident puffins and walk into Fingal's Cave.

Easter Sunday takes us to the holy Isle of Iona, where we join the Easter Sunday service at the restored abbey, followed by a visit to Colonsay House Gardens. Planted in the 1930's the rhododendron and woodland garden is considered to be one of the finest in Scotland.

With Oban almost in sight our beach landing craft take us ashore at Oronsay, designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and Special Protection Area.

Our cruise culminates with a Champagne reception at Duart Castle, hosted by Chieftan of Clan Maclean, Sir Lachlan Maclean.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 11th April**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 12th April**
Morning; Eigg - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Canna - St Columba's church.
- Thursday 13th April**
Morning; Loch Scresort, Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Afternoon; Inverie - Old Forge pub.
- Friday 14th April**
Morning; Ulva - Sheila's Cottage and Telford Church.
Afternoon; Tobermory - Walks ashore.
- Saturday 15th April**
Morning; Cruise Ross of Mull and Treshnish Islands.
Afternoon; Staffa - Fingal's Cave.
- Sunday 16th April**
Morning; Iona - Benedictine Abbey.
Afternoon; Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
- Monday 17th April**
Morning; Oronsay - Beach landing.
Afternoon; Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle, Champagne reception.
- Tuesday 18th April**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Iona Abbey



Tobermory



Duart Castle

Hebridean Highlights

- Kinloch Castle
- Staffa and Fingal's Cave
- Iona Abbey, Easter Sunday
- Oronsay, Beach Landing
- Duart Castle, Champagne Reception





Captain Trevor Bailey

Please note that it is planned for Captain Bailey to be Master on this cruise, however this may be changed without notice.

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Springtime Surprise

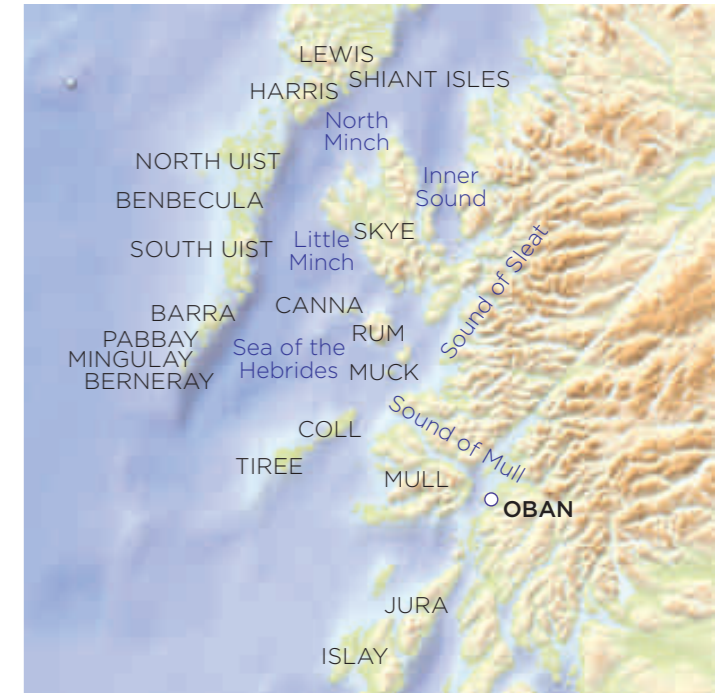
Tuesday 18th to Tuesday 25th April 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Autumn Surprise with Captain Richard Heaton
departs on 17th October 2017

Join *Hebridean Princess* on this Spring Surprise as Captain Trevor Bailey 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*.





Laphroaig Distillery



Kyle Rhea



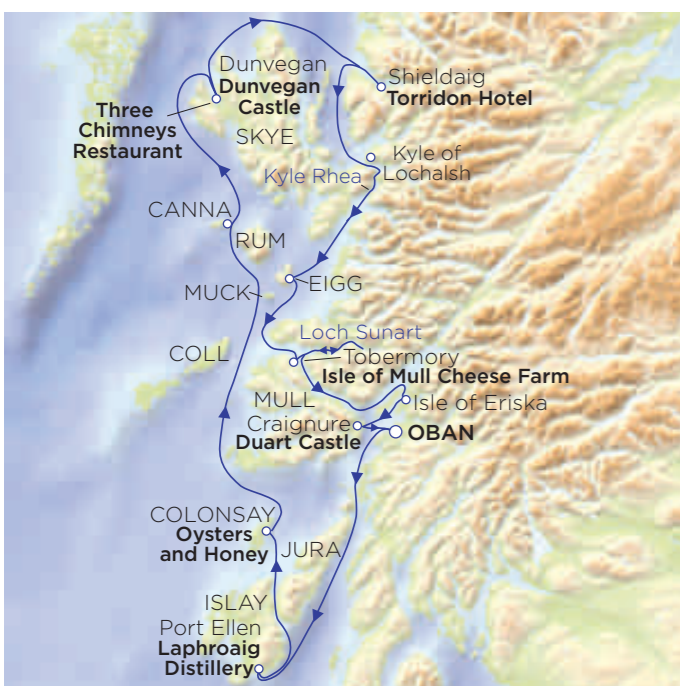
Colonsay Oysters

Hebridean Highlights

- Laphroaig Distillery
- Three Chimneys - Luncheon
- The Torridon Hotel - Luncheon
- Isle of Eriska Hotel - Luncheon
- Duart Castle - Champagne Reception



Isle of Mull Cheese



Oban - Oban



Flavours of Scotland

Tuesday 25th April to Tuesday 2nd May 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 3rd October 2017

Scotland is rightly proud of its reputation for its wonderful natural larder and those who produce mouth watering creations. Join *Hebridean Princess* as we explore the wonderful culinary offerings of the Highlands and Islands.

Islay has a reputation for big peaty whiskies and from Port Ellen we visit one of the island's famous distilleries, Laphroaig. On Colonsay meet the man who supplies *Hebridean Princess* with oysters, but also learn about his other passion - honey and black tailed bees.

A steam past the island archipelago of the Small Isles highlights their uniqueness and we enjoy walks ashore on Canna, known as the 'Garden of the Hebrides'. A morning sail takes us to Loch Dunvegan, where we visit Dunvegan Castle and enjoy lunch at the world renowned Three Chimneys Restaurant, before an afternoon spent relaxing on board as we cruise the coast of Skye.

A gentle stroll ashore at Shieldaig creates an appetite for lunch at the three rosette awarded restaurant at The Torridon Hotel. Onwards to the Kyle of Lochalsh and our overnight berth.

The Small Isle of Eigg extends a warm welcome as we head south to Mull and our next port of call at the island capital of Tobermory. Here we visit Isle of Mull Cheese to learn how local cheeses are made by hand.

A morning cruise of Loch Sunart and the Sound of Mull takes us to the Isle of Eriska Hotel, located on its own island. Here we enjoy lunch in the Michelin starred restaurant. We conclude our culinary adventure by returning to Mull for a Champagne reception at Duart Castle, hosted by Sir Lachlan MacLean, Chieftain of Clan MacLean.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 25th April

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 26th April

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

Thursday 27th April

Morning; Cruise the Small Isles. Afternoon; Canna - Walks ashore.

Friday 28th April

Morning; Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Lunch at Three Chimneys/Dunvegan Castle. Afternoon; Cruise Coast of Skye.

Saturday 29th April

Morning; Shieldaig - Walks ashore and lunch at The Torridon Hotel. Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Walks ashore.

Sunday 30th April

Morning; Eigg - Walks ashore. Afternoon; Tobermory, Mull - Isle of Mull Cheese farm.

Monday 1st May

Morning; Cruise Loch Sunart and Sound of Mull - Lunch at Isle of Eriska Hotel. Afternoon; Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle Champagne reception.

Tuesday 2nd May

Oban - Disembarkation.



St Clement's Church

Oban - Oban

Away to the Western Isles

Tuesday 2nd to Tuesday 9th May 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Wonder at the contrasts of Scotland's isles, from the Inner Hebridean islands of Mull and Skye to the Outer Isles of Barra, Vatersay, Benbecula, Harris and Lewis.

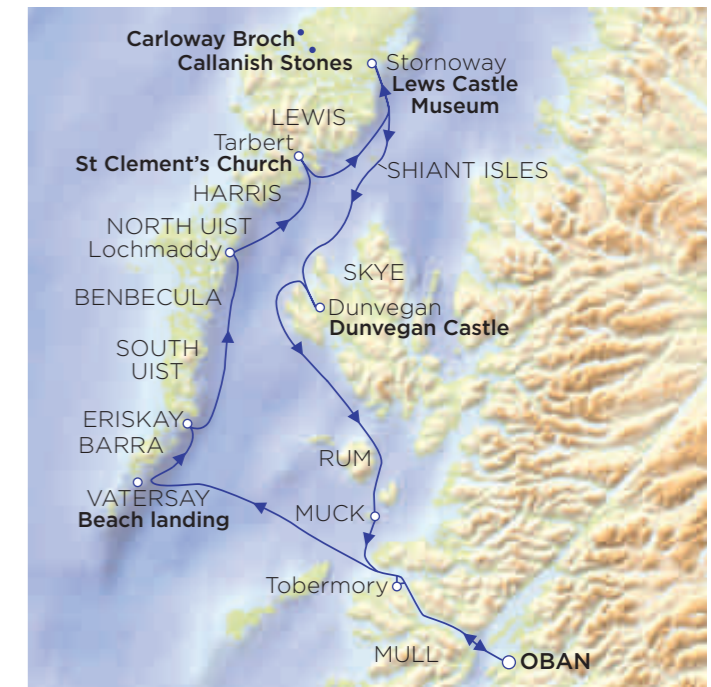
A leisurely cruise of the Sea of the Hebrides takes us to the most southerly inhabited island of the Outer Hebrides, Vatersay, where we land ashore using our beach landing craft. Heading north, to neighbouring Eriskay, we tour South Uist, Benbecula and North Uist, visiting Barpa Langass and Pobhull Finn, including a picnic ashore, before re-joining *Hebridean Princess* in Lochmaddy.

Arriving at Tarbert, on the Isle of Harris, an exploration of the island beckons, including a call at the ancient church of St Clement's, built in the 1500's, before heading to Stornoway and the more recently constructed Lews Castle Museum.

Located on the edge of the Outer Isles are the uninhabited Shiant Isles and, from the comfort of *Hebridean Princess*, we admire the thousands of breeding seabirds and puffins, but beforehand on Lewis, a journey to the famous standing stones at Callanish and the 2,000 year old Carloway Broch awaits.

Skye is the largest of the Western Isles and from Loch Dunvegan we discover Dunvegan Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland and 800 year ancestral home of the Chiefs of Clan MacLeod, ahead of a cruise of the west coast of the island.

Our final full day allows us to enjoy scenic strolls on the beautiful island of Muck, prior to calling at the colourful town of Tobermory where we can indulge in some last minute shopping.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 2nd May
Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 3rd May
Morning; Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.
Afternoon; Vatersay - Beach landing.

Thursday 4th May
Morning; Eriskay - Tour Eriskay, The Uists and Benbecula.
Afternoon; Lochmaddy - Re-join ship.

Friday 5th May
Morning; Tarbert, Harris - Island tour including St Clement's church, Rodel.
Afternoon; Stornoway, Lewis - Lews Castle Museum or free time.

Saturday 6th May
Morning; Stornoway, Lewis - Carloway Broch and Callanish Stones.
Afternoon; Shiant Isles - Cruise the seabird cliffs.

Sunday 7th May
Morning; Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle.
Afternoon; Cruise west coast of Skye.

Monday 8th May
Morning; Muck - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Tobermory, Mull - Colourful Georgian capital.

Tuesday 9th May
Oban - Disembarkation.



Vatersay

Hebridean Highlights

- Barpa Langass and Pobhull Finn
- Lews Castle Museum
- Shiant Isles
- Callanish Standing Stones and Carloway Broch
- Dunvegan Castle



Seals, Dunvegan



Nature's Island Paradise

Tuesday 9th to Tuesday 16th May 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Experience the great wilderness of north-west Scotland as we visit the seabird colonies of Handa Island and the Shiant Isles, make a beach landing to observe red deer and go in search of seals on Skye.

Our first day requires decisions! Local boats will be available to take us to Lunga, an island designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and where Atlantic grey seals and birdlife are abundant. Alternatively, explore the restored Benedictine abbey on Iona.

On Mull we make a second choice; either the densely-planted garden of Lip na Cloiche or a ranger-led visit to view Britain's largest and most impressive bird of prey, the white-tailed eagle.

Boarding the beachcraft, a landing on the Small Isle of Rum takes us in search of its resident red deer, before a cruise of the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea.

From Gairloch we visit Inverewe Garden where we enjoy the magnificent planting and rare species found here, prior to stretching our legs on the largest of the Summer Isles, Tanera Mòr.

Onwards to Handa Island and the Shiant Isles, both internationally important breeding colonies, before continuing across The Minch to the Outer Isles.

The Balranald RSPB Reserve on North Uist allows us to observe the birds nesting on the flower-rich machair and croft-land including, hopefully, the elusive Corncrake. Next we take a boat trip to view the resident seal population in the shadow of Dunvegan Castle.

A cruise of the west coast of Skye is enjoyed on our final morning and our cruise concludes with walks on the Small Isle of Muck.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 9th May

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 10th May

Morning; Lunga or Iona - Puffins or Iona Abbey. Afternoon; Ulva Ferry, Mull - Lip na Cloiche Garden or Mull Eagle Watch.

Thursday 11th May

Morning; Kilmory Bay, Rum - Beach landing to see red deer. Afternoon; Cruise Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea.

Friday 12th May

Morning; Gairloch - Inverewe Garden. Afternoon; Tanera Mòr, Summer Isles - Walks ashore.

Saturday 13th May

Morning; Handa Island - Seabird cliffs. Afternoon; Cruise The Minch and Shiant Isles seabird cliffs.

Sunday 14th May

Morning; Lochmaddy, North Uist - Balranald RSPB Reserve. Afternoon; Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle or seal boat trip.

Monday 15th May

Morning; Cruise west coast of Skye. Afternoon; Muck - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 16th May

Oban - Disembarkation.



Puffins

Guest Speaker David Sexton

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



White-Tailed Eagle



Hebridean Princess at Anchor

Oban - Oban



Links, Lochs and Sounds

Tuesday 16th to Tuesday 23rd May 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Combine wonderful visits with the opportunity to play golf on courses that could only exist in the home of golf. The added benefit is that nobody needs to be an expert to enjoy this wonderful cruise.

Our voyage begins with a sail through the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea to Kyle of Lochalsh where we enjoy Attadale Gardens or play a round at Lochcarron Golf Club.

Before a relaxing cruise of the west coast of Mull, the hidden gem of Traigh Golf Club plays host to our second round; for non-golfers a tour to view the Glenfinnan Monument awaits, built to commemorate where Bonnie Prince Charlie raised his standard.

A full day on Islay takes in the highlights of Finlaggan, centre of the Lordship of the Isles and Bruichladdich Distillery, whilst the golfers play the historic links course at Machrie, one of the few examples of a great traditional links course preserved for 120 years.

On Jura we land at Loch na Mile to discover the only village on the island, Craighouse. Onwards to the fertile Isle of Gigha to explore Sir James Horlick's delightful gardens at Achamore or take in the panoramic views whilst enjoying 9 holes at the Gigha Golf Course.

The 18 hole 'Championship Course', set in the wonderful Machrihanish Dunes, has become well known, especially for the exceptional first hole which requires the round's opening shot to carry the Atlantic. Non golfers head for a tour of Kintyre and a visit to Springbank Distillery.

Tarbert Golf Club hosts our final round and our voyage concludes in the fishing village of Tayvallich on the shores of Loch Sween.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 16th May

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 17th May

Morning; Cruise Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea. Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Lochcarron Golf Course or Attadale Gardens.

Thursday 18th May

Morning; Mallaig - Traigh Golf Course or Glenfinnan Monument. Afternoon; Cruise the west coast of Mull.

Friday 19th May

Port Ellen, Islay - Machrie Golf Course or Finlaggan and Bruichladdich Distillery.

Saturday 20th May

Morning; Loch na Mile, Jura - Craighouse. Afternoon; Gigha - Gigha Golf Course or Achamore Gardens.

Sunday 21st May

Morning; Tayinloan - Machrihanish Golf Course or Afternoon; Springbank Distillery.

Monday 22nd May

Morning; West Loch Tarbert - Tarbert Golf Course or Tarbert Castle. Afternoon; Tayvallich - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 23rd May

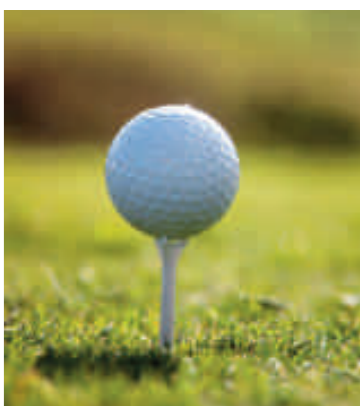
Oban - Disembarkation.



Scottish Golf Course

Golfing Highlights

- Lochcarron Golf Club - 9 holes
- Traigh Golf Club - 9 holes
- Machrie Golf Club - 18 holes
- Machrihanish Golf Club - 18 holes
- Tarbert Golf Club - 9 holes





Footloose to Barra Head

Tuesday 23rd to Tuesday 30th May 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Our first Footloose adventure of 2017 takes us around the northern tip of Skye and over The Minch to the most southerly of the Outer Hebrides, the Bishop's Isles, where we land by beach craft onto the white sands of this remote archipelago. As with all our Footloose cruises, there are less energetic visits for those who prefer a more relaxed pace.

After departing from Oban we stretch our legs at Inverie, the largest settlement in mainland Britain not connected to the road network, before berthing at Kyle of Lochalsh for walks ashore or an excursion to the most photographed castle in Britain, the iconic Eilean Donan.

Plockton is a conservation village and we explore here on foot ahead of our first island visit to Raasay, the 'Isle of Roe Deer'. On Skye a full day walk is the order of the day whilst the strollers enjoy a tour of the Trotternish Peninsula.

After cruising The Minch, berthing in Lochboisdale engages a full day walk on The Uists; alternatively, strollers may choose to visit Kildonan Museum and follow in the footsteps of Bonnie Prince Charlie at Prince's Bay, Eriskay.

From Castlebay, Barra we explore Vatersay on foot and board the beachcraft, Kiloran and Calgary, for a landing on one of the uninhabited Bishop's Isles. The most active guests may rise to the challenge of An Sgùrr on the Small Isle of Eigg ahead of our last visit to the colourful, Georgian capital of Mull, Tobermory.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 23rd May

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 24th May

Morning; Inverie - Walks ashore.

Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Walks or Eilean Donan Castle.

Thursday 25th May

Morning; Plockton - Conservation village.

Afternoon; Raasay - Walks ashore or Raasay House.

Friday 26th May

Morning; Portree, Skye - Full day walk or tour Trotternish Peninsula with lunch ashore.

Afternoon; Uig, Skye - Re-join Ship

Saturday 27th May

Morning; Lochboisdale, South Uist - Full day walks or Kildonan Museum.

Afternoon; Eriskay - Strolls at Prince's Bay. Walkers re-join ship.

Sunday 28th May

Morning; Castlebay, Barra - Walks on Vatersay.

Afternoon; Bishop's Isles - Beach landing.

Monday 29th May

Morning; Eigg - An Sgùrr.

Afternoon; Tobermory, Mull - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 30th May

Oban - Disembarkation.



Eriskay

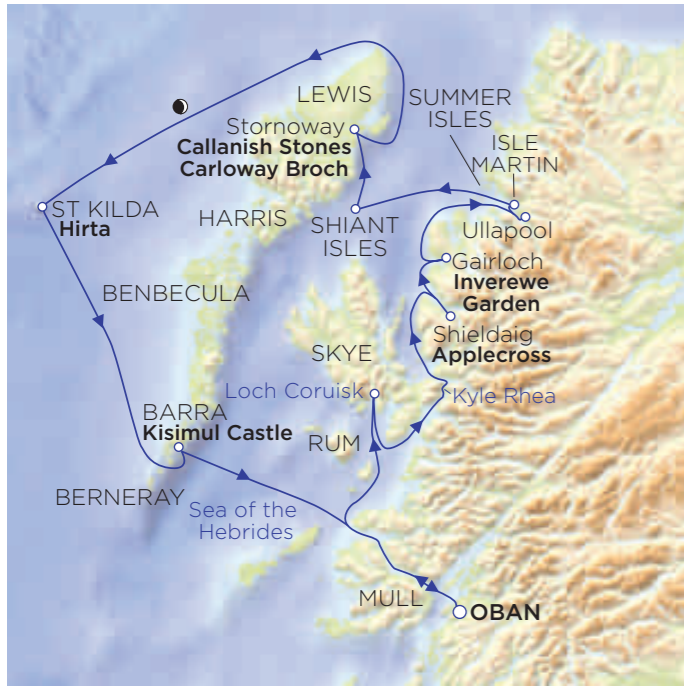
Hebridean Highlights

- Full Day Walk on Skye
- Half Day Walk on Raasay.
- Full Day Walk on The Uists.
- Half Day Walk on Vatersay.
- An Sgùrr, Eigg.



An Sgùrr

The Fairy Pools, Trotternish Peninsula



Oban - Oban



The Atlantic Outliers of St Kilda

Tuesday 30th May to Tuesday 6th June 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This is the first of two visits to the remote archipelago of St Kilda, the United Kingdom's only double UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lying approximately 120 miles off the west coast of mainland Scotland, man lived here in the harshest of conditions up until 1930.

Cruising north we appreciate the dramatic scenery of Loch Coruisk, lying at the foot of the Black Cuillin on Skye. Our voyage continues through Kyle Rhea and the Inner Sound to Shieldaig from where we drive the Bealach na Bà, rising over 2,000 feet to the Applecross Peninsula.

From Gairloch we enjoy a late afternoon visit to Inverewe Garden. Perched on a peninsula at the edge of Loch Ewe, Inverewe is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful gardens in Scotland.

Before the uninhabited bird sanctuary of Isle Martin, the dramatic Corrieshalloch Gorge National Nature Reserve, a deep tree-shrouded chasm cutting through a highland wilderness rich in flora and fauna, beckons.

En-route to Stornoway, where the historic sites of Carloway Broch and the standing stones at Callanish await, a beach landing on the privately owned Shiant Isles allows us to observe the myriad of breeding seabirds, including colourful puffins.

Sailing overnight to St Kilda we arrive in the early morning to cruise between the seabird colonies of Stac Lee and Boreray, ahead of anchoring in Village Bay. Weather permitting we land on the main island of Hirta to explore the abandoned 19th century village.

The Macneil stronghold of Kisimul Castle, guarding the entrance to Castle Bay, provides a break in our journey home across the Sea of the Hebrides.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 30th May
Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 31st May
Morning; Loch Scavaig, Skye - Loch Coruisk.
Afternoon; Cruise Kyle Rhea and Inner Sound.

Thursday 1st June
Morning; Shieldaig - Applecross.
Afternoon; Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

Friday 2nd June
Morning; Ullapool - Corrieshalloch Gorge.
Afternoon; Isle Martin, Summer Isles - Walks ashore.

Saturday 3rd June
Morning; Shiant Isles - Beach landing.
Afternoon; Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones and Carloway Broch.

Sunday 4th June
Morning; St Kilda - Cruise Stacs and explore Village Bay, Hirta.
Afternoon; Cruising to Barra.

Monday 5th June
Morning; Barra - Kisimul Castle.
Afternoon; Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.

Tuesday 6th June
Oban - Disembarkation.



St Kilda



Inverewe Garden



Kisimul Castle

Hebridean Highlights

- Loch Coruisk
- Inverewe Garden
- Isle Martin
- Shiant Isles
- Double UNESCO World Heritage Site of St Kilda



Gannet



Ardchattan Priory Garden

Oban - Oban



Hidden Gardens of the Highlands and Islands

Tuesday 6th to Tuesday 13th June 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The western seaboard of Scotland is home to some of the finest gardens in Europe, where unusual and exotic plants flourish in the warm climate of the North Atlantic Drift. Many were planted in the Victorian era and designed to complement grand country homes, whilst others were secluded on the most beautiful of Hebridean islands.

Visiting An Cala Garden we embrace the romantic heyday of the 1930's with its colourful borders, natural rockeries and meandering streams. Arduaine is our next port of call where 20 acres of wonderful gardens are now under the supervision of the National Trust for Scotland.

Steaming south to Loch Sween we go ashore at the pretty village of Tayvallich and on Gigha we explore Achamore Gardens, hosting an impressive collection of rare rhododendron that thrives in the island's warm microclimate.

By contrast, the softer setting of the idyllic garden at Colonsay House awaits, before we head to the hidden gem of Lip na Cloiche, a private and self made garden in an extremely remote location.

Journeying to Attadale Gardens we enjoy the skilful restoration by owner Nick MacPherson, following the 1980 storm, and a cruise to Skye takes us to Armadale Castle where the 40 acre gardens attractively balance the Gothic mansion ruins.

The ancient oakwoods at Sunart permit the stretching of legs, before a visit to the Ardtornish Estate and Gardens on the Morvern Peninsula.

Our final foray is to Ardchattan Priory, where there has been a garden since the 13th century.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 6th June

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 7th June

Morning; Oban - An Cala Garden, Isle of Seil.
Afternoon; Craobh Haven - Arduaine Garden.

Thursday 8th June

Morning; Loch Sween, Tayvallich - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Gigha - Achamore Gardens.

Friday 9th June

Morning; Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
Afternoon; Ulva Ferry, Mull - Lip na Cloiche Garden.

Saturday 10th June

Morning; Cruise the Small Isles, Sound of Sleat, Loch Hourn and Kyle Rhea.
Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Attadale Gardens.

Sunday 11th June

Morning; Armadale Skye - Armadale Castle and Gardens.
Afternoon; Salen - Sunart ancient oakwoods.

Monday 12th June

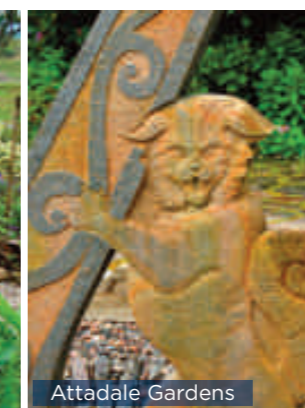
Morning; Lochaline - Ardtornish Estate and Gardens.
Afternoon; Dunstaffnage - Ardchattan Priory Garden.

Tuesday 13th June

Oban - Disembarkation.



Lip na Cloiche Garden



Attadale Gardens

**Guest Speaker
Professor Stefan Buczacki**

Professor Stefan Buczacki has no less than thirty years 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.





St Kilda, Islands on the Edge

Tuesday 13th to Tuesday 20th June 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

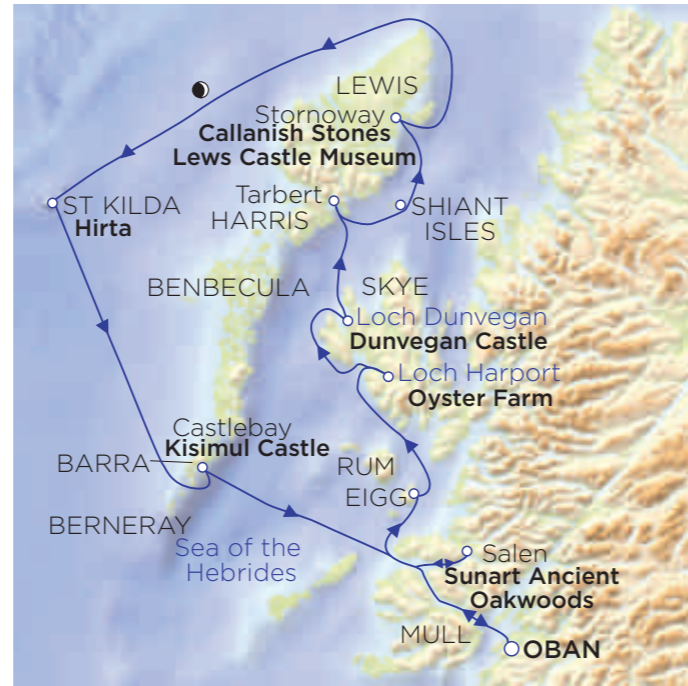
Made up of five islands and three stacs, this is our second visit to St Kilda. Whilst the Double UNESCO World Heritage Site is the highlight of the cruise there are other ancient sites, medieval castles, an oyster farm distillery and seabird cliffs to enjoy.

Heading north our first port of call is the Sunart ancient oakwood, one of the very few such forests remaining in Europe, and on to the community owned Isle of Eigg. A full day on Skye includes a visit to the oyster farm in Loch Harport before our day ends at Dunvegan Castle, home of Clan MacLeod and an excellent location to observe the resident seal population.

Onwards to Harris for an island tour and Tweed weaving demonstration ahead of a gentle cruise past the Shiant Isles, with sea cliffs festooned with nesting seabirds.

On Lewis we discover the ancient standing stones at Callanish and traditional Black Houses, in addition to learning about the 300 year history of Lews Castle at the Lews Castle Museum.

Steaming overnight to St Kilda, we cruise beneath the seabird cliffs of Stac Lee and Boreray to Village Bay on the main island of Hirta. Here, weather permitting, we land ashore to explore the now preserved village, abandoned 86 years previously. An afternoon sail takes us to Barra and Castlebay, home to the Macneil stronghold of Kisimul Castle, which stands guard over the entrance to the bay. We conclude our voyage by crossing the Sea of the Hebrides en-route to our home port of Oban.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 13th June**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 14th June**
Morning; Salen - Sunart ancient oakwoods.
Afternoon; Eigg - Walks ashore.
- Thursday 15th June**
Morning; Loch Harport, Skye - Oyster farm.
Afternoon; Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle.
- Friday 16th June**
Morning; Tarbert, Harris - Island tour and Tweed weaving demonstration.
Afternoon; Shiant Isles - Sail the seabird cliffs.
- Saturday 17th June**
Morning; Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones and Black Houses.
Afternoon; Stornoway, Lewis - Lews Castle Museum.
- Sunday 18th June**
Morning; Overnight cruise to St. Kilda - Cruise seabird colonies and explore Village Bay, Hirta.
Afternoon; Cruise to Barra.
- Monday 19th June**
Morning; Castlebay, Barra - Kisimul Castle.
Afternoon; Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.
- Tuesday 20th June**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Shiant Isles

Hebridean Highlights

- Island Tour of Harris
- Cruise the Shiant Isles
- Lews Castle Museum
- Double UNESCO World Heritage Site of St Kilda
- Kisimul Castle



St Kilda



Sea Stacs, St Kilda



Inverewe Garden



Dunvegan Castle



Dunvegan Castle Gardens

Hebridean Highlights

- Colonsay House Gardens
- Iona Abbey
- Inverewe Garden
- Armadale Castle and Gardens
- Duart Castle - Champagne Reception



Armadale Castle



Oban - Oban

Historic Castles and Glorious Gardens

Tuesday 20th to Tuesday 27th June 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The rich history of this deeply rooted region is unwrapped with this seven night cruise of stunning ancient castles and breathtaking, early summer gardens carried out in true *Hebridean Princess* style.

Arduaine Garden allows us to explore 20 acres of outstanding woodland plants under a canopy of Japanese larch, before exploring Colonsay House Gardens, considered to be one of the finest rhododendron gardens in Scotland.



We learn the history of Christianity at the restored Benedictine abbey on Iona, ahead of a visit to the densely planted Lip na Cloiche Garden, with stunning views of Loch Tuath and the Isle of Ulva.

Following a cruise of the Small Isles, Loch Dunvegan is where we enjoy the delights of the 5 acres of formal castle gardens, and as we admire the work of Osgood MacKenzie at Inverewe Garden we compare the feel of Attadale Gardens, with its waterfall and sunken fernery.

Onwards to the Isle of Rum and the Edwardian folly that is Kinloch Castle, built in 1901 by Lancaster industrialist George Bullough. We relive MacDonald clan history at Armadale Castle where the 40 acre gardens attractively balance the Gothic mansion ruins.

Ardtornish Estate spreads out around Loch Aline and is set against a backdrop of heather glens, babbling rivers and stunning shorelines. Here we discover the garden which has been sculpted out of a rocky hillside and boasts extensive views to the hills of Mull. We conclude our voyage with a Champagne reception at Duart Castle, hosted by the Chieftain of Clan MacLean, Sir Lachlan MacLean.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 20th June
Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 21st June
Morning; Ardfern - Arduaine Garden.
Afternoon; Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.

Thursday 22nd June
Morning; Iona - Benedictine Abbey.
Afternoon; Ulva Ferry, Mull - Lip na Cloiche Garden.

Friday 23rd June
Morning; Cruise the Small Isles and west coast of Skye.
Afternoon; Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle and Gardens.

Saturday 24th June
Morning; Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.
Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Attadale Gardens.

Sunday 25th June
Morning; Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle and Gardens.
Afternoon; Loch Scresort, Rum - Kinloch Castle.

Monday 26th June
Morning; Lochaline - Ardtornish Estate Gardens.
Afternoon; Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle Champagne reception.

Tuesday 27th June
Oban - Disembarkation.



Oban - Oban



Footloose through the Irish Sea

Tuesday 27th June to Tuesday 4th July 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

For our second Footloose adventure of the season we venture south from Oban to capture the magical and mysterious spirit of three different cultures bound by their Celtic roots.

Our first foray ashore is on the whisky isle of Islay for walks or a visit to Laphroaig Distillery to sample this distinctive, peaty single malt. As we cruise the North Channel, the coast of Northern Ireland comes into view and we land at Bangor for a full day walk or excursion to Grey Abbey House, to enjoy lunch at the home of the Montgomery family since 1607.

The third Celtic nation beckons as we arrive in Peel and the Isle of Man's mythological sea god, Manannan, welcomes us to his fascinating kingdom and guides us through its rich Celtic, Viking and maritime past. From Port St Mary we travel by steam train to explore the ancient capital of Castletown whilst walkers head off for a full day walk. Our final Manx visit is to the famous Laxey Wheel, designed in 1854 by the Victorian engineer, Robert Casement, to pump water from Glen Mooar, part of the Great Laxey Mines industrial complex.

Relaxing on board we cruise the Irish Sea on passage to Port Ryan where the walkers amongst us stretch our legs and the strollers appreciate the delights of the plantsman's paradise at Logan Botanic Garden, before landing on the privately owned Sanda Island.

The pretty Isle of Jura allows us to ramble to the island's only settlement at Craighouse ahead of a final and gentle stroll along the canal towpath at Crinan.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 27th June

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 28th June

Morning; Port Ellen, Islay - Walks ashore or Laphroaig Distillery. Afternoon; Cruise the North Channel.

Thursday 29th June

Morning; Bangor, Northern Ireland - Full day walk or Grey Abbey House with lunch. Afternoon; Strangford Lough - Re-join ship.

Friday 30th June

Morning; Peel, Isle of Man - House of Manannan and Peel Castle. Afternoon; Port St Mary, Isle of Man - Castletown, ancient island capital.

Saturday 1st July

Morning; Douglas, Isle of Man - Laxey Wheel. Afternoon; Cruise north from Isle of Man.

Sunday 2nd July

Morning; Port Ryan - Logan Botanic Garden or walks. Afternoon; Sanda Island - Walks ashore

Monday 3rd July

Morning; Loch na Mile, Jura - Walks at Craighouse. Afternoon; Crinan - Towpath walks.

Tuesday 4th July

Oban - Disembarkation.



The Great Laxey Wheel



Hebridean Princess, Bangor



Crinan Canal



Black Guillemot

Hebridean Highlights

- Half Day Walk on Islay
- Full Day Walk at Bangor
- Full Day Walk on Isle of Man
- Half Day Walk at Port Ryan
- Half Day Walk on Jura



Fingal's Cave

Oban - Oban



Hebridean Symphony

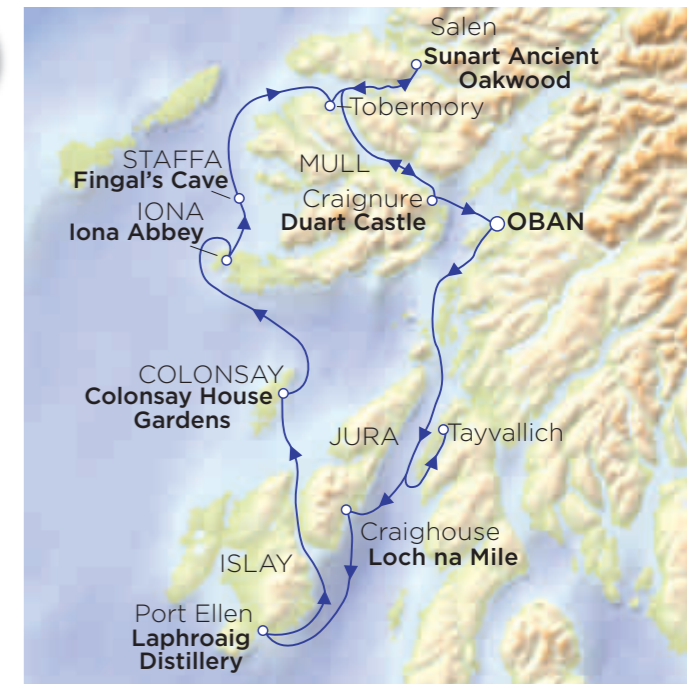
Tuesday 4th July to Monday 10th July 2017
6 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Explore the stunning Inner Hebrides on this cruise with a musical theme. Visit Fingal's Cave on Staffa, the inspiration for Mendelssohn's Hebridean Overture and be entertained by musicians from the Cantilena Festival on Islay.

At the head of Loch Sween, the picturesque village of Tayvallich awaits our arrival before we cross to pretty island of Jura for walks at Craighouse, the island's only settlement. On neighbouring Islay we sample the distinctive, peaty malt whisky at Laphroaig Distillery and conclude our day by enjoying a performance by musicians from the Cantilena Festival.

A cruise of the narrow Sound of Islay takes us to Colonsay where we can explore Colonsay House Gardens, owned by the Strathcona family, before landing on the sacred island of Iona, birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. A local boat takes us to Staffa and Fingal's Cave with its spectacular hexagonal basalt columns; its sheer size and eerie sounds produced by the waves has encouraged legends and modern art.

Our final day is spent sailing Loch Sunart to Salen on the Ardnamurchan Peninsula for walks in the Sunart ancient oakwood, ahead of a champagne reception at Duart Castle on Mull.



Travel Plan - 6 nights

Tuesday 4th July
Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 5th July
Morning; Tayvallich - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Loch na Mile, Jura - Walks at Craighouse.

Thursday 6th July
Morning; Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroaig Distillery.
Afternoon; Port Ellen, Islay - Concert.

Friday 7th July
Morning; Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
Afternoon; Iona - Benedictine abbey.

Saturday 8th July
Morning; Staffa - Fingal's cave by local boat.
Afternoon; Tobermory, Mull - Walks ashore.

Sunday 9th July
Morning; Salen - Sunart ancient oakwood.
Afternoon; Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle, Champagne reception.

Monday 10th July
Oban - Disembarkation.



Cantilena Musicians

Guest Speaker Adrian Finnerty

A versatile musician and educator, Adrian Finnerty is an experienced teacher, lecturer, composer, conductor, pianist, organist and music historian. As a Guest Speaker, Adrian explores a range of composers, musicians and musical works related to your itinerary. His lectures are delivered in an interesting and engaging manner, providing a very enjoyable insight into the music and culture of the area. Adrian's musical interests are very wide, including many aspects of Classical, Jazz and Traditional Music.



Voyage to the Northern Isles

Monday 10th to Wednesday 19th July 2017
9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Heading north our voyage takes us to the contrasting worlds of Orkney and Shetland. Nordic in culture and heritage these archipelagos are separated from mainland Scotland by the Pentland Firth. Ruled by the Scandinavian crown until 1468 they are distinctly different and full of hidden gems.

From Oban we round the most westerly point of the British mainland and sail through the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea to stretch our legs on the Isle of Raasay. Cruising the scenic coast of Sutherland we appreciate the colourful displays at Inverewe Gardens, with a majestic setting on the water's edge of Loch Ewe. Rounding Cape Wrath, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Protection Area for birds, we steam the north coast to Scrabster from where we visit the Castle of Mey, providing HRH The Duke of Rothesay is not in residence.

Orkney beckons and we observe the islands' neolithic history at the pre-historic village of Skara Brae. We enjoy a tour of the island of Sanday with a local ranger, before landing on Fair Isle where our options are the bird observatory or South Lighthouse. Sailing for the most northerly point of Great Britain, the sub-arctic archipelago of Shetland, our port of call is Lerwick to explore the Shetland Museum and the restored lighthouse buildings and bird observatory at Sumburgh Head.

Returning to Orkney the spectacular Vat of Korbister at Stronsay beckons en-route to the mainland and the local heritage museum at Wick. We reflect on our Orcadian adventure as our voyage concludes in Invergordon.



Travel Plan - 9 nights

- Monday 10th July**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Tuesday 11th July**
Morning; Cruise the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea.
Afternoon; Raasay - Walks ashore.
- Wednesday 12th July**
Morning; Loch Ewe - Inverewe Garden.
Afternoon; Cruise Cape Wrath.
- Thursday 13th July**
Morning; Cruise North Coast.
Afternoon; Scrabster - Castle of Mey.
- Friday 14th July**
Morning; Stromness - Skara Brae.
Afternoon; Sanday - Island tour with local ranger.
- Saturday 15th July**
Morning; Cruise towards Shetland.
Afternoon; Fair Isle - South Lighthouse or bird observatory.
- Sunday 16th July**
Morning; Lerwick - Shetland Museum.
Afternoon; Lerwick - Sumburgh Head Lighthouse and bird reserve.
- Monday 17th July**
Morning; Cruise to Orkney.
Afternoon; Stronsay - Vat of Korbister.
- Tuesday 18th July**
Morning; Wick - Wick Museum.
Afternoon; Cruise North East Coast.
- Wednesday 19th July**
Invergordon - Disembarkation.

Please refer to page 101 for travel options.

Guest Speaker
Ann Cleeves
With over a million copies sold worldwide and 29 novels published, Ann Cleeves is one of Britain's most successful crime fiction novelists. Her bestselling books are loved in print and on screen: both the Vera Stanhope and Shetland series are now major TV adaptations on ITV and BBC 1 respectively. As well as fiction Ann has written a non-fiction title about Shetland. Ann's husband Tim is a bird and wildlife enthusiast who is happy to share his knowledge.



Ann Cleeves ©Micha Theiner



Puffins

Hebridean Princess, Sanday Sound



Pulpit Rock, Lysefjord



Bergen



Folgefonna Glacier.

Hebridean Highlights

- Cruise Lysefjord
- City Tour of Stavanger
- Cruise Hardanger and Fykesund Fjords
- Folgefonna Glacier
- City Tour of Bergen



Skudeneshavn



Please refer to page 101 for travel options.

Invergordon or Sandnes - Bergen



Stavanger and the Scenic Southern Fjords

Wednesday 19th or Friday 21st to Saturday 29th July 2017

10/8 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Cradled in deep valleys and carved by retreating glaciers flowing to the sea, the Norwegian fjords are a miracle of nature. Approaching this magical region from Stavanger we enter a spellbinding landscape of cascading waterfalls, snow-capped peaks and mighty glaciers.

Choose to join *Hebridean Princess* in Invergordon and cross the North Sea, or fly to Stavanger and embark in Sandnes. Sailing south to Lysefjord *Hebridean Princess* negotiates the tight turn into this narrow gorge, past the soaring Pulpit Rock. Passing spectacular waterfalls, tumbling into the dark waters below, we make for Lysebotn at the head of the fjord and take a panoramic drive to Øygardstøl.

A city tour of Stavanger allows us to explore this fascinating port, with its old town and largest concentration of 18th century timber buildings in Europe. The little fishing town of Skudeneshavn is our next port of call where we discover the fascinating history of Norwegian life. The island of Karmøy tells us about the sovereigns who controlled the coast of Norway at the Nordvegen History Centre at Avaldsnes.

A morning at leisure in Espavær is enjoyed ahead of our excursion to the Stord Maritime Museum in Leirvik, and a scenic cruise of Norway's second longest fjord, Hardanger and the steep-sided Fykesund fjord. Norheimsund plays host to our exploration of the Hardanger Maritime Museum before appreciating the dramatic 5,000 year old Folgefonna Glacier.

Bound for the island of Lysøen, the summer home of the eccentric 19th century violinist Ole Bull awaits and our voyage concludes with a city tour of Hanseatic Bergen.

Travel Plan - 10/8 nights

- Wednesday 19th July**
Invergordon - Embarkation.
- Thursday 20th July** Cruise North Sea.
- Friday 21st July**
Sandnes - Embarkation of flying guests.
- Saturday 22nd July**
Morning; Cruise Lysefjord past Pulpit Rock.
Afternoon; Lysebotn - Scenic drive to Øygardstøl.
- Sunday 23rd July**
Stavanger - City tour followed by free time.
- Monday 24th July**
Morning; Skudeneshavn - Old town museum and wooden houses.
Afternoon; Avaldsnes - Nordvegen History Centre.
- Tuesday 25th July**
Morning; Espavær - Free time in village.
Afternoon; Leirvik - Stord Maritime Museum.
- Wednesday 26th July**
Morning; Cruise - Hardanger and Fykesundfjord.
Afternoon; Norheimsund - Hardanger Maritime Museum.
- Thursday 27th July**
Morning; Jondal - Folgefonna Glacier.
Afternoon; Cruise Bjørnafjord.
- Friday 28th July**
Morning; Lysøen - Ole Bull's Villa.
Afternoon; Bergen - City tour.
- Saturday 29th July**
Bergen - Disembarkation.



Geirangerfjord

Bergen - Bergen



Bergen and the Spectacular Western Fjords

Saturday 29th July to
Tuesday 8th August 2017

10 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Through the rocky isles, islets and skerries north of Bergen lies the world's second longest and deepest fjord, the ethereal Sognefjord. Further north the unexplored Geiranger Fjord and the art-nouveau town of Ålesund conceal a host of hidden treasures. Cruise into the superlative majesty of Norway in inimitable Hebridean style.

Embark in the picturesque port of Bergen and cruise northwards into the sublime scenery of Fensfjord and Sognefjord en-route to Florø for a visit to the local coastal museum. At the fishing town of Måløy we enjoy a walking tour before heading to the island of Selje and its ancient monastic settlement. A relaxing cruise of the steep-sided Storjord leads us to Eidsdal at the elbow with the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Geiranger fjord, perhaps the most spectacular fjord in Norway, allowing a full day exploration.

A day in Ålesund unveils this 'Pearl of the North', destroyed by fire in 1904 and rebuilt in unusual art-nouveau style, ahead of a spectacular glacier trip from Olden at the head of Nordefjord. Heading south we cruise into Sognefjord and embark on a walking tour of the village of Eivindvik with its ancient history and centuries old church.

Onwards to the island of Lysøen, the 'Island of Light', and the holiday villa of the eccentric 19th century violinist Ole Bull, before concluding our voyage with a tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bryggen, the old wharf of Bergen, a reminder of the town's importance as part of the Hanseatic League's trading empire from the 14th to the mid-16th century.



Travel Plan - 10 nights

Saturday 29th July
Bergen - Embarkation.

Sunday 30th July
Morning; Cruise Fensfjord to Sognefjord.
Afternoon; Florø - Coastal museum.

Monday 31st July
Morning; Måløy, Walking tour.
Afternoon; Selje - Benedictine Abbey.

Tuesday 1st August
Cruise Storjord to Eidsdal.

Wednesday 2nd August
Morning; Geiranger Fjord - Scenic drive.
Afternoon; Cruise Geiranger Fjord.

Thursday 3rd August
Ålesund - Full day visit.

Friday 4th August
Nordefjord - Full day cruise.

Saturday 5th August
Morning; Olden - Glacier trip.
Afternoon; Cruise to Sognefjord.

Sunday 6th August
Morning; Eivindvik - Walking tour of village.
Afternoon; Cruise south.

Monday 7th August
Morning; Lysøen - Ole Bull's Villa.
Afternoon; Bergen - City Tour or free time.

Tuesday 8th August
Bergen - Disembarkation.

Please refer to page 101 for travel options.



Ålesund

Hebridean Highlights

- Cruise Fensfjord and Sognefjord
- Selje Benedictine Abbey
- Cruise Geirangerfjord
- Glacier Excursion from Olden
- City Tour of Ålesund



Sognefjord



Nordic Odyssey

Tuesday 8th to Wednesday 16th
or Friday 18th August 2017

8/10 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This enchanting cruise goes deep into the heart of Norway's fjordland, revealing a landscape of pine-clad mountains and placid blue-green waters, fertile farmland and fruit-filled orchards, waterfalls and icy rivers sprung from glaciers.

Our journey starts with a tour of the colourful city of Bergen. Onwards through Bjørnafjord to Hardanger, Norway's second longest fjord known as the Orchard of Norway. We follow its course to Jondal to wonder at the dramatic Folgefonna Glacier and watch craftsmen in the smithy and making ropes and wooden boats at the Hardanger Maritime Museum.

Sailing through Bømlafjord, en-route for the homeland of the Viking Kings, Haugesund, we visit the local museum and church. On the island of Karmøy we learn about the sovereigns who controlled the coast of Norway at the Nordvegen History Centre, ahead of a cruise picture-postcard Vindafjord. The Ryfylke Museum preserves a unique cultural heritage through its collection of 70 historic buildings, most of which are located where they were originally built. At Jelsa we visit the white, wooden church built in 1647.

Sailing south to Jøsenfjord and Lysefjord, *Hebridean Princess* negotiates the tight turn into this narrow gorge, past the soaring Pulpit Rock. We pass spectacular waterfalls as we make for Lysebotn to take a panoramic drive to Øygardstøl.

A tour of Stavanger and some free time allows us to explore this fascinating port, with its old town and the largest concentration of 18th century timber buildings in Europe. Sadly guests returning home by air disembark in Sandnes and those opting to return to Invergordon can reflect on their adventure as we steam the North Sea.



Travel Plan - 8/10 nights

- Tuesday 8th August**
Bergen - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 9th August**
Morning; Bergen - City tour or free time.
Afternoon; Cruise - Bjørnafjord and Hardangerfjord.
- Thursday 10th August**
Morning; Jondal - Folgefonna Glacier.
Afternoon; Norheimsund - Hardanger Maritime Museum.
- Friday 11th August**
Morning; Cruise Bømlafjord.
Afternoon; Haugesund - Local Museum and church.
- Saturday 12th August**
Morning; Avaldsnes - Nordvegen History Centre.
Afternoon; Cruise Vindafjord.
- Sunday 13th August**
Morning; Sand - Ryfylke Museum.
Afternoon; Jelsa - Jelsa wooden church.
- Monday 14th August**
Morning; Cruise Jøsenfjord and Lysefjord.
Afternoon; Lysebotn - Scenic drive to Øygardstøl.
- Tuesday 15th August**
Stavanger - City tour and free time.
- Wednesday 16th August**
Sandnes - Flying guests disembark.
- Thursday 17th August**
Cruise North Sea.
- Friday 18th August**
Invergordon - Disembarkation.

Please refer to page 101 for travel options.

Hebridean Highlights

- City Tour of Bergen
- Cruise Bjørnafjord and Hardangerfjord
- Haugesund Museum and Church
- Scenic Drive to Øygardstøl
- City Tour of Stavanger



Monument to Fishermen, Haugesund



Hebridean Princess, Hardangerfjord



Stavanger



Invergordon - Oban



Footloose from the Far North

Friday 18th to Friday 25th August 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This new addition to our Footloose repertoire includes walks in some of the most remote and wild reaches of the mainland, visiting the Inner Isles of Raasay and Muck on a voyage returning us to our home port of Oban.

A cruise of Sutherland's east coast takes us to Wick, where walkers have an opportunity to stretch their legs as strollers visit the local heritage museum. Rounding John o'Groats we cruise the Pentland Firth to Scrabster for the option of a visit to the Castle of Mey, providing HRH The Duke of Rothesay is not in residence, or a trek to the most northerly point on the British mainland, Dunnet Head.

Rounding Cape Wrath, Lochinver presents a walk to take in the spectacular views of the Assynt Peninsula, or there is a visit to the innovative Highland Stoneware Pottery. Continuing south, along the scenic Sutherland coast, we spend a full day in Ullapool so walkers can tackle Knockan Crag, designated as a National Nature Reserve, whilst strollers visit the box canyon at Corrieshalloch Gorge and the award-winning Ullapool Museum.

The Isle of Raasay plays host to our next port of call where we explore on foot, or visit Raasay House where Boswell and Johnson stayed during their historic journey to the Western Isles in 1773. Later, the iconic Eilean Donan Castle beckons or we can ramble and appreciate the views to the hills of Skye beyond. The final day is spent at Armadale Castle, with its historic gardens and woodland trails, and on the Small Isle of Muck we roam in the peaceful and unspoilt Scottish countryside.

Please refer to page 101 for travel options.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Friday 18th August

Invergordon - Embarkation.

Saturday 19th August

Morning; Cruise to Wick.

Afternoon; Wick - Walks ashore or Wick Museum.

Sunday 20th August

Scrabster - Walks at Dunnet Head or visit Castle of Mey.

Monday 21st August

Morning; Cruise Cape Wrath.

Afternoon; Lochinver - Walks or Highland Pottery.

Tuesday 22nd August

Morning; Ullapool - Knockan Crag walk or

Corrieshalloch Gorge.

Afternoon; Ullapool - Ullapool Museum.

Wednesday 23rd August

Morning; Raasay - Morning walk or Raasay House.

Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Walks or Eilean Donan

Castle.

Thursday 24th August

Morning; Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle or walks.

Afternoon; Muck - Walks and strolls for all.

Friday 25th August

Oban - Disembarkation.



Knockan Crag



Castle of Mey



Ponies on Muck

Walking Highlights

- Half Day Walk at Wick
- Half Day Walk at Dunnet Head
- Full Day Walk to Knockan Crag
- Half Day Walk on Raasay
- Half Day Walk on Muck



Gannet



Hebridean Princess, Jura

Oban - Oban

Hebridean Tapestry

Friday 25th to Tuesday 29th August 2017

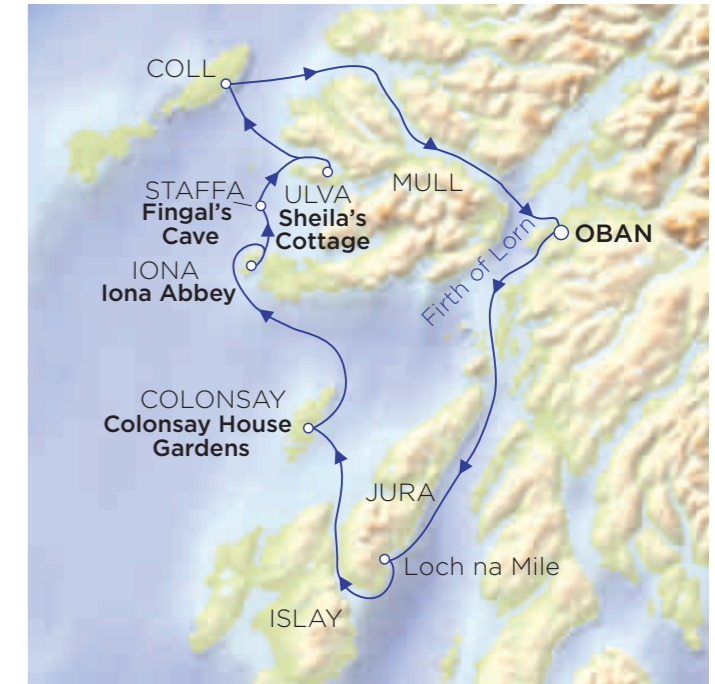
4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

Sail away on a luxurious four night *Hebridean Princess* cruise exploring the beautiful Inner Hebridean islands and taking in the sheer delights of Jura, Colonsay, Iona, Staffa, Ulva and Coll.

Cruise the Firth of Lorn on passage to our first port of call, Loch na Mile on Jura where the population of red deer outnumbers human residents many times over. Onwards to Colonsay, the island of many contrasts, for an exploration of Colonsay House Gardens, with its 20 acres of woodland including exotic species from the southern hemisphere.

Unwind in Iona Abbey, one of the world's most historic and venerated religious sites, before continuing past Staffa, site of Fingal's Cave, formed entirely from basalt columns, similar in structure to the Giant's Causeway.

As we enjoy a morning ashore on the tiny, oval shaped island of Ulva we explore Sheila's Cottage Museum, documenting the history of the island, and the T-shaped church designed by Thomas Telford and built in 1828. Our final destination is Coll; this bird haven, picturesquely clad in flower dotted machair and fringed with silver-white beaches, offers refreshing cycle rides and tranquil walks.



Travel Plan - 4 nights

Friday 25th August

Oban - Embarkation.

Saturday 26th August

Morning; Loch na Mile, Jura - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.

Sunday 27th August

Morning; Iona - Benedictine abbey.
Afternoon; Staffa - Fingal's Cave.

Monday 28th August

Morning; Ulva - Sheila's Cottage and Telford church.
Afternoon; Coll - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 29th August

Oban - Disembarkation.



Sheila's Cottage, Ulva

Hebridean Highlights

- Colonsay House Gardens
- Iona Abbey
- Fingal's Cave
- Sheila's Cottage and Telford Church, Ulva
- Walks on Coll



Fingal's Cave, Staffa

Outer Isles Explorer

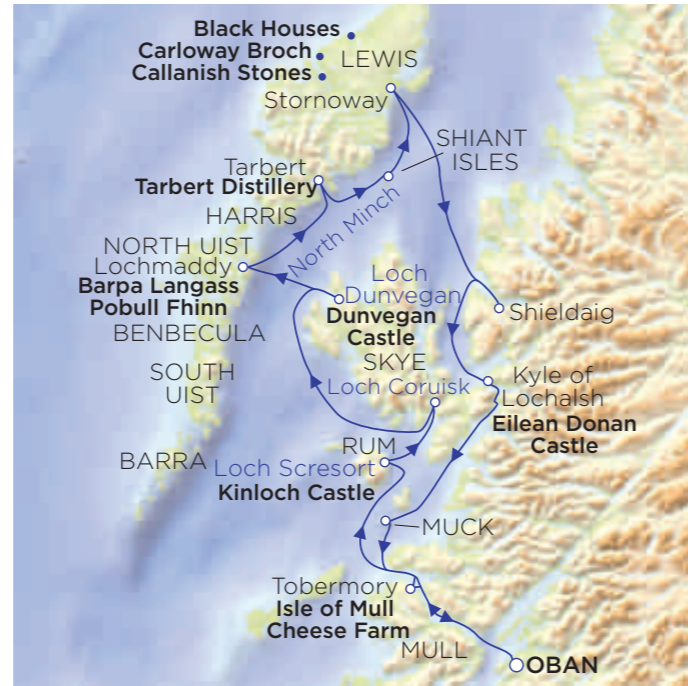
Tuesday 29th August to
Tuesday 5th September 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Unwind as *Hebridean Princess* sails far across the Sea of the Hebrides to the beautiful Outer Isles of North Uist, Harris and Lewis where we are free to explore the remote, wild landscapes and absorb the breathtaking scenery.

On Rum we visit Kinloch Castle, the first private residence in Scotland to have electricity, whilst on Skye we enter Loch Scavaig for walks to the spectacular Loch Coruisk, shadowed by the Cuillin ridge. Heading north, we pause at Loch Dunvegan and savour the wealth of history at the castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland which has been the ancestral home of the Chiefs of Clan MacLeod for 800 years, before we cross the Little Minch to Lochmaddy. A tour of North Uist includes the 5,000 year old burial chamber Barpa Langass and the dramatic stone circle of Pobull Fhinn.

On Harris we tour the island's newly opened distillery and enjoy a weaving demonstration of the world famous Harris Tweed. Landing on the beach at the Shiant Isles we venture on foot in the hope of spotting species of wildlife for which they are renowned. Continuing to Lewis the Iron Age structure of Carloway Broch, designed to impress and defend more than 2,000 years ago, awaits along with the Standing Stones of Callanish and the traditional Black Houses.

Returning to the mainland, the pretty conservation village of Shieldaig beckons ahead of our excursion to the iconic Eilean Donan Castle. Our voyage concludes with walks on the peaceful haven of Muck, and a lesson in traditional, farmhouse cheese-making at the Isle of Mull Cheese farm.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 29th August**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 30th August**
Morning; Loch Scresort, Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Afternoon; Loch Scavaig, Skye - Loch Coruisk.
- Thursday 31st August**
Morning; Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle.
Afternoon; Lochmaddy, North Uist - Barpa Langass and Pobull Fhinn.
- Friday 1st September**
Morning; Tarbert, Harris - Tarbert Distillery and Tweed weaving.
Afternoon; Shiant Isles - Beach landing.
- Saturday 2nd September**
Morning; Stornoway, Lewis - Black Houses, Carloway Broch and Callanish Stones.
Afternoon; Cruise The Minch.
- Sunday 3rd September**
Morning; Shieldaig - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.
- Monday 4th September**
Morning; Muck - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Tobermory, Mull - Isle of Mull Cheese farm.
- Tuesday 5th September**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Shiant Isles

Hebridean Highlights

- Kinloch Castle
- Barpa Langass and Pobull Fhinn
- Tweed Weaving Demonstration
- Eilean Donan Castle
- Isle of Mull Cheese Farm



Weaving Demonstration



Callanish Stones



Hebridean Princess, Tanera Mòr

Oban - Oban

Sutherland's Scenic Coast

Tuesday 5th to Tuesday 12th September 2017

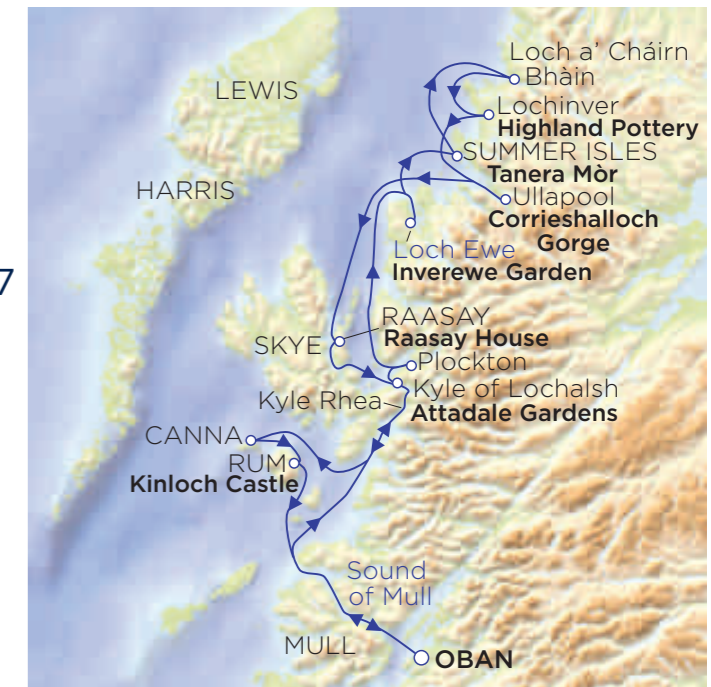
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise along the rugged Sutherland coast will appeal to lovers of real tranquillity. The dramatic coastline is noted for its wild beauty and is peppered with scenic lochs and remote mainland villages, a real feast for the senses.

Embrace a kaleidoscope of landscapes as *Hebridean Princess* steams from the Sound of Mull, through the scenic Kyles en-route for glorious Loch Carron and strolls through the picture-postcard village of Plockton. From the scenic Loch Ewe we travel to Inverewe Garden, ablaze with autumn hues, and onwards to the largest of the enchanted Summer Isles - Tanera Mòr where we call at the private post office selling collectors stamps.

Experience the rugged splendour of Sutherland along the silent banks of Loch a'Chàirn Bhàin and the hand made manufacture of ceramics at the Highland Pottery, Lochinver. Contrast the ambience of the fishing port of Ullapool and the coppered cleft of Corrieshalloch Gorge and Measach Falls. Cruising southwards we make for the Isle of Raasay, lying between Skye and the mainland, for a visit to Raasay House which played host to Boswell and Johnson in 1773.

Our berth at Kyle of Lochalsh allows us to venture to Attadale Gardens with its impressive collection of sculptures. Homeward-bound we return through Kyle Rhea and the Sound of Sleat, as we call at the Small Isles of Canna, for walks on the island, and the nature reserve of Rum where the lavishly built Kinloch Castle lives on as a fitting memorial to more frivolous Edwardian days.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 5th September

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 6th September

Morning; Cruise Kyle Rhea.
Afternoon; Plockton - Walks ashore.

Thursday 7th September

Morning; Loch Ewe - Inverewe Garden.
Afternoon; Tanera Mòr, Summer Isles.

Friday 8th September

Morning; Loch a' Chàirn Bhàin - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Lochinver - Highland Pottery.

Saturday 9th September

Morning; Ullapool - Corrieshalloch Gorge.
Afternoon; Cruise the west coast.

Sunday 10th September

Morning; Raasay - Raasay House.
Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Attadale Gardens.

Monday 11th September

Morning; Canna - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Loch Scresort, Rum - Kinloch Castle.

Tuesday 12th September

Oban - Disembarkation.



Plockton

Hebridean Highlights

- Conservation Village of Plockton
- Tanera Mòr, Summer Isles
- Highland Pottery, Lochinver
- Corrieshalloch Gorge
- Attadale Gardens



Attadale Gardens



Mount Stewart House



Titanic Exhibition, Belfast



Peace Bridge, Londonderry

Hebridean Highlights

- City Tour of Londonderry
- Downhill Demesne and Hezlett House
- Titanic Exhibition, Belfast
- Mount Stewart House
- Giant's Causeway



Giant's Causeway



Oban - Oban



Call of the Emerald Isle

Tuesday 12th to Tuesday 19th September 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The very world 'Gaelic' conjures up poetic images of myth and legend; capture the magical and mysterious spirit of the Emerald Isle and immerse yourself in Gaelic history and culture on this unforgettable voyage of discovery.

Ashore on the whisky isle of Islay, sample the single malt created by generations of Bowmore craftsmen on a distillery tour en-route to Lough Foyle. Sailing to the head of the lough, with Northern Ireland to port and Eire to starboard, we take a city tour of Londonderry with its old walled town and newly opened Peace Bridge. From Port Rush discover the ruined 18th century mansion of the eccentric Earl Bishop at Downhill Demesne and learn about the reality of life in the rural 17th century cottage of Hezlett House, both now in the care of The National Trust.

Experience breathtaking scenery as we cruise the Antrim coast to the vibrant city of Belfast and Queen's Island, birthplace of *RMS Titanic* and the Titanic Exhibition. Continuing our voyage south we reach our second border town, Carlingford, a hub of heritage and folklore on the shores of Carlingford Lough. From Strangford Lough, designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, we explore historic Mount Stewart House, ancestral home of the Marquesses of Londonderry and set in spectacular gardens.

On the north east coast of Antrim, The Giant's Causeway was volcanically created 65 million years ago and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986. Homeward-bound for Oban we reflect on our Irish adventure.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 12th September

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 13th September

Morning; Port Ellen, Islay - Bowmore Distillery. Afternoon; Cruise North Channel.

Thursday 14th September

Morning; Londonderry - City tour. Afternoon; Port Rush - Downhill Demesne and Hezlett House.

Friday 15th September

Morning; Cruise Antrim coast. Afternoon; Belfast - Titanic Exhibition.

Saturday 16th September

Morning; Cruise Irish coast. Afternoon; Carlingford - Walks ashore.

Sunday 17th September

Morning; Strangford Lough - Mount Stewart House with lunch.

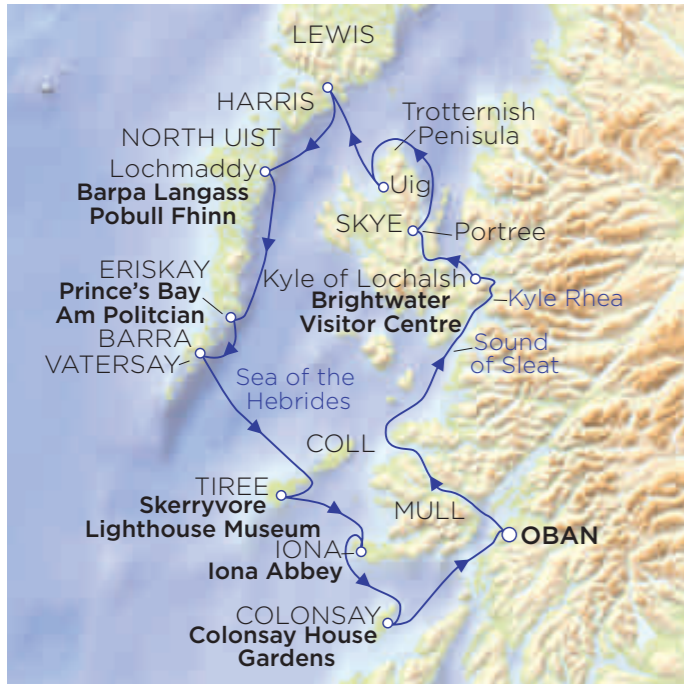
Afternoon; Bangor - Guests re-join ship.

Monday 18th September

Morning; Ballycastle - Giant's Causeway. Afternoon; Cruise North Channel.

Tuesday 19th September

Oban - Disembarkation.



Oban - Oban

Outlook on the Outer Isles

Tuesday 19th to Tuesday 26th September 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The Hebrides form a paradise of hundreds of islands and islets set like precious stones off the North West coast of Scotland, each astoundingly different. Splendid in their isolation, timeless and surreal, their beauty is infinite, ever-changing with the day and season.

Departing from Oban and venturing round Ardnamurchan, we spend the morning cruising north through Kyle Rhea to the Brightwater Visitor Centre to learn about the natural and cultural history of Eilean Bàn, once

home to author Gavin Maxwell. From the island capital of Portree we take a tour of Skye's spectacular Trotternish Peninsula, re-joining the ship in Uig before sailing across The Minch to Harris.

After a weaving demonstration of the world famous Harris Tweed we voyage to Lochmaddy and explore the 5,000 year old burial chamber Barpa Langass and the dramatic stone circle known as Pobull Fhinn. We follow in the footsteps of Bonnie Prince Charlie at Prince's Bay and enjoy a welcome refreshment at the Am Politician, Eriskay's only public house. Ahead of our return across the Sea of the Hebrides, walks on the most southerly of the inhabited Outer Isles, Vatersay, await.

On Tiree we unearth the story of the Skerryvore Lighthouse at the museum housed in the old shore station at Hynish. The holy isle of Iona was chosen by St Columba in AD 563 to introduce Christianity to Scotland, here we absorb the restored Benedictine abbey and ruined nunnery before concluding our cruise in the peaceful woodland gardens of Colonsay House.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 19th September

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 20th September

Morning; Cruise Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea. Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Brightwater Visitor Centre.

Thursday 21st September

Morning; Portree, Skye - Tour Trotternish Peninsula. Afternoon; Uig, Skye - Re-join ship.

Friday 22nd September

Morning; Harris - Island tour including Tweed weaving demonstration. Afternoon; Lochmaddy, North Uist - Barpa Langass and Pobull Fhinn.

Saturday 23rd September

Morning; Eriskay - Prince's Bay and Am Politician. Afternoon; Barra - Walks on Vatersay.

Sunday 24th September

Morning; Cruise Sea of the Hebrides. Afternoon; Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum.

Monday 25th September

Morning; Iona - Benedictine abbey. Afternoon; Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.

Tuesday 26th September

Oban - Disembarkation.



Standing Stones at Pobull Fhinn



Prince's Bay



Skerryvore Lighthouse

Hebridean Highlights

- Brightwater Visitor Centre
- Harris Tweed Weaving Demonstration
- Prince's Bay, Eriskay
- Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum
- Iona Abbey



Iona Abbey



North Uist



Carloway Broch



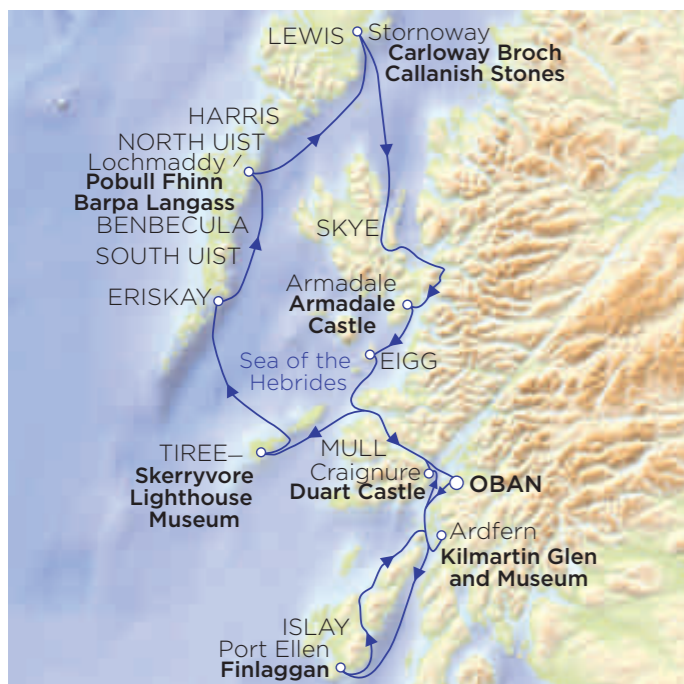
Finlaggan

Hebridean Highlights

- Finlaggan, Islay
- Kilmartin Glen and Museum
- Duart Castle
- Carloway Broch and Callanish Stones
- Armadale Castle and Gardens



Kilmartin Glen



Oban - Oban



Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology

Tuesday 26th September to Tuesday 3rd October 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

2017 is a year that celebrates Scotland's historic environment and past. This cruise offers an opportunity to discover the spectacular landscapes of the Hebrides, visit archaeological sites, soak up rich culture and enjoy breathtaking scenery as we sail sublime coastlines.

At Finlaggan we explore the ancient sites where the installation of the Lords of the Isles took place in the 14th and 15th centuries, before sailing the Sound of Islay and past the Garvellachs. Kilmartin Glen, famous for its rich archaeological legacy, contains 800 ancient monuments including burial cairns, rock carvings, and standing stones.

On Tisee we discover the story of the Skerryvore Lighthouse and look forward to a tour of the Uists to discover the 5,000 year old burial chamber of Barpa Langass and the dramatic stone circle known as Pobull Fhinn. The Isle of Lewis is steeped in history and some of its secrets are revealed during our island tour of the traditional Black Houses, the 2,000 year old Carloway Broch and the ancient standing stones at Callanish.

Returning over The Minch, the Isle of Skye beckons as we go ashore at Armadale to uncover the history of the Highlands and Islands through the story of Clan Donald, its most powerful clan, at Armadale Castle. Our final port of call is the Isle of Eigg; its rich past is marked by Iron age forts, a 6th century church, Viking burial mounds and a graveyard that is moving testament to the 395 MacDonalds massacred in a cave by the McLeods in 1577.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

- Tuesday 26th September**
Oban - Embarkation.
- Wednesday 27th September**
Morning: Port Ellen, Islay - Finlaggan.
Afternoon: Cruise Sound of Islay and Garvellachs.
- Thursday 28th September**
Morning: Ardfern - Kilmartin Glen and museum.
Afternoon: Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.
- Friday 29th September**
Morning: Hynish, Tisee - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum.
Afternoon: Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.
- Saturday 30th September**
Morning: Eriskay - Tour of The Uists, Pobull Fhinn and Barpa Langass.
Afternoon: Lochmaddy - Rejoin ship.
- Sunday 1st October**
Morning: Stornoway, Lewis - Black Houses, Carloway Broch and Callanish Stones.
Afternoon: Cruise The Minch.
- Monday 2nd October**
Morning: Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle and Gardens.
Afternoon: Eigg - Walks ashore.
- Tuesday 3rd October**
Oban - Disembarkation.



Duart Castle

Oban - Oban



Flavours of Scotland

Tuesday 3rd to Tuesday 10th October 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 25th April 2017

Scotland is rightly proud of its reputation for its wonderful natural larder and those who produce mouth watering creations. Join *Hebridean Princess* as we explore the wonderful culinary offerings of the Highlands and Islands.

Islay has a reputation for big peaty whiskies and from Port Ellen we visit one of the island's famous distilleries, Laphroaig. On Colonsay meet the man who supplies *Hebridean Princess* with oysters, but also learn about his other passion - honey and black tailed bees.

A steam past the island archipelago of the Small Isles highlights their uniqueness and we enjoy walks ashore on Canna, known as the 'Garden of the Hebrides'. A morning sail takes us to Loch Dunvegan, where we visit Dunvegan Castle and enjoy lunch at the world renowned Three Chimneys Restaurant, before an afternoon spent relaxing on board as we cruise the coast of Skye.

A gentle stroll ashore at Shildaig creates an appetite for lunch at the three rosette awarded restaurant at The Torridon Hotel. Onwards to the Kyle of Lochalsh and our overnight berth.

The Small Isle of Eigg extends a warm welcome as we head south to Mull and our next port of call at the island capital of Tobermory. Here we visit Isle of Mull Cheese to learn how local cheeses are made by hand.

A morning cruise of Loch Sunart and the Sound of Mull takes us to the Isle of Eriska Hotel, located on its own island. Here we enjoy lunch in the Michelin starred restaurant. We conclude our culinary adventure by returning to Mull for a Champagne reception at Duart Castle, hosted by Sir Lachlan MacLean, Chieftain of Clan MacLean.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 3rd October

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 4th October

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

Thursday 5th October

Morning; Cruise the Small Isles. Afternoon; Canna - Walks ashore.

Friday 6th October

Morning; Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Lunch at Three Chimneys/Dunvegan Castle. Afternoon; Cruise Coast of Skye.

Saturday 7th October

Morning; Shildaig - Walks ashore and lunch at The Torridon Hotel. Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Walks ashore.

Sunday 8th October

Morning; Eigg - Walks ashore. Afternoon; Tobermory, Mull - Isle of Mull Cheese farm.

Monday 9th October

Morning; Cruise Loch Sunart and Sound of Mull - Lunch at Isle of Eriska Hotel. Afternoon; Caignure, Mull - Duart Castle Champagne reception.

Tuesday 10th October

Oban - Disembarkation.



Laphroaig Distillery

Hebridean Highlights

- Laphroaig Distillery
- Three Chimneys - Luncheon
- The Torridon Hotel - Luncheon
- Isle of Eriska Hotel - Luncheon
- Duart Castle - Champagne Reception



Colonsay Honey

Exploring the Small Isles and Inner Sound

Tuesday 10th to Tuesday 17th October 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 4th April 2017

Enjoy the comfort and elegance of *Hebridean Princess* as she explores the sheltered and distinctively different Small Isles, together with rugged mainland gems on a cruise of varied adventure.

Sailing the Sound of Mull we head for the Small Isle of Rum and the imposing Kinloch Castle. Built of red sandstone the castle was the first private residence in Scotland to have electricity and is the former home of Lancastrian industrialist Sir George Bullough.

A steam through the Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea takes us to the delightful village of Shildaig before we venture to Inverewe Garden with its Wollemi pines, Himalayan blue poppies, New Zealand olearia, Tasmanian eucalypts and rhododendrons from China, Nepal and the Indian subcontinent.

Over the sea to Skye for a tour of the Trotternish Peninsula before crossing to neighbouring Raasay and Raasay House. Once the seat of Clan MacLeods of Raasay, this historic mansion house has unrivalled views of the Cuillin mountain range.

From the conservation village of Plockton, Attadale Gardens beckon. Started by Baron Schroder in the late 19th century, hill paths meander through 20 acres of conifers and rhododendrons with sculptures lurking in unexpected places.

At the point where three great sea lochs meet our visit to Eilean Donan allows us to discover this iconic castle, before returning to Skye and exploring Armadale Castle and Gardens.

After a wee dram at Britain's remotest pub, The Old Forge, we embrace on some wonderful walks ashore on the Small Isles of Canna and Eigg before our adventure draws to a close.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 10th October

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 11th October

Morning; Loch Scresort, Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Afternoon; Cruise Sound of Sleat and Kyle Rhea.

Thursday 12th October

Morning; Shildaig - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

Friday 13th October

Morning; Portree, Skye - Tour the Trotternish Peninsula.
Afternoon; Raasay - Raasay House.

Saturday 14th October

Morning; Plockton - Attadale Gardens.
Afternoon; Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.

Sunday 15th October

Morning; Armadale, Skye - Armadale Castle and Gardens.
Afternoon; Inverie - Old Forge pub.

Monday 16th October

Morning; Canna - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Eigg - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 17th October

Oban - Disembarkation

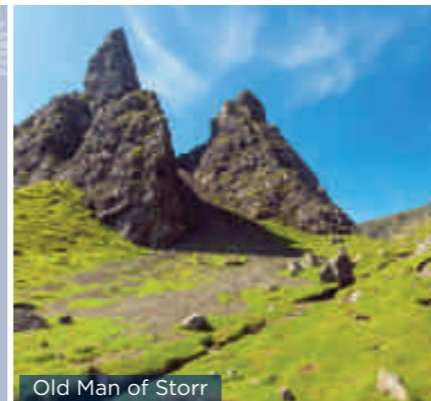


Kinloch Castle



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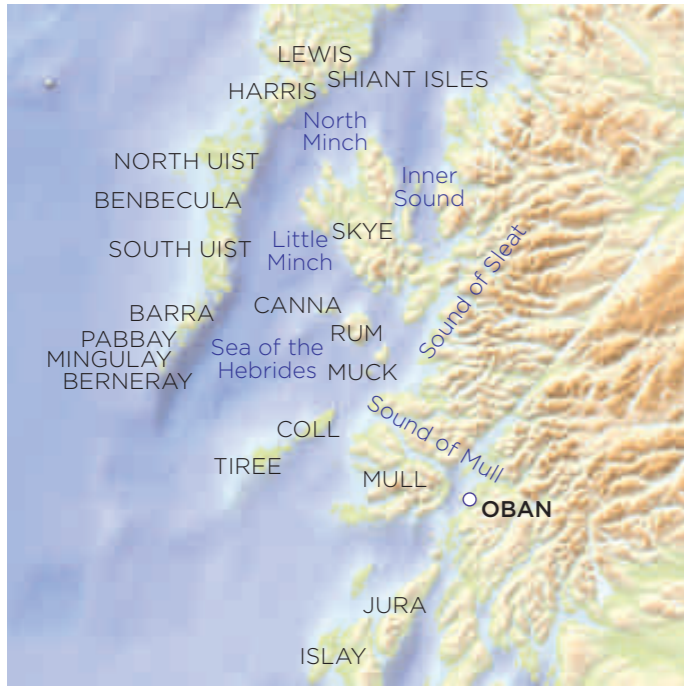
- Kinloch Castle
- Inverewe Garden
- Raasay House
- Attadale Gardens
- Eilean Donan Castle



Old Man of Storr



Shildaig



Oban - Oban

Autumn Surprise

Tuesday 17th to Tuesday 24th October 2017

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Springtime Surprise with Captain Trevor Bailey
departs on 18th April 2017

Join *Hebridean Princess* on this Autumn Surprise as Captain Richard Heaton 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*.



Captain Richard Heaton

Please note that it is planned for Captain Heaton to be Master on this cruise, however this may be changed without notice





Lochranza Castle

Oban - Greenock



Footloose to the Clyde

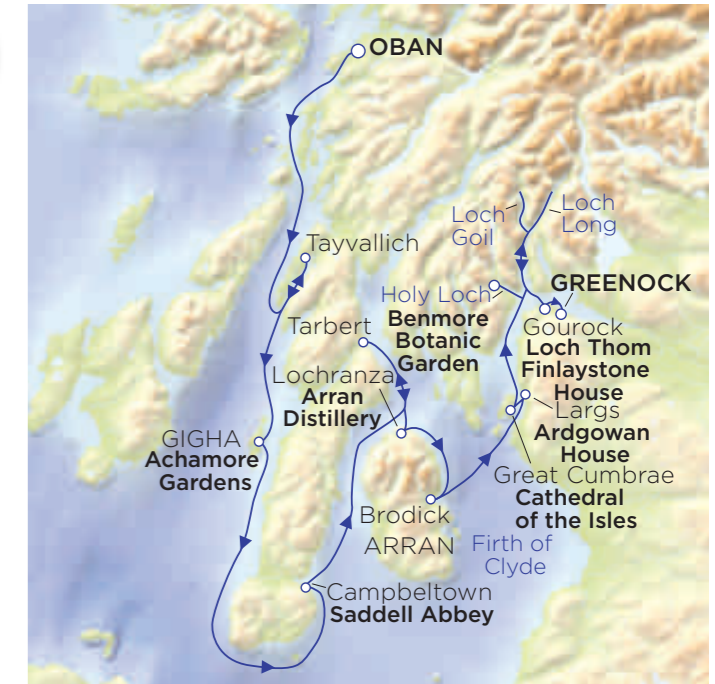
Tuesday 24th to Tuesday 31st October 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The final Footloose cruise of 2017 is a new itinerary combining the best Argyll and the Firth of Clyde have to offer. Scenic mainland walks and island vistas combine to make this an inspiring end to the walking year.

Departing from Oban, for the final time this season, we head for Loch Sween and the pretty fishing village of Tayvallich for a morning of walks and strolls. Onwards to 'God's Isle' of Gigha where walkers strike out and strollers visit the famous Achamore Gardens, designed by Sir James Horlick.

A cruise of the Mull of Kintyre takes us to Campbeltown for a full day walk along part of the Kintyre Way, or travel to the remains of the Cistercian Saddell Abbey, founded in 1207. A full day on Arran allows walkers to stretch their legs, whilst strollers enjoy a tour of the island and the Arran Distillery. From Largs, Ardgowan House beckons; here the choice is to explore the house or estate on foot before sailing to Great Cumbrae, home to Britain's smallest cathedral, The Cathedral of the Isles.

From scenic Holy Loch our morning is spent walking to Puck's Glen or admiring the impressive avenue of Giant Redwoods at Benmore Botanic Garden. An afternoon cruising Loch Long and Loch Goil allows us to relax in anticipation of our final day, when our walkers enjoy a circular walk from Loch Thom along Greenock Cut and the strollers visit Loch Thom Nature Reserve and Visitor Centre, concluding our travels at Finlaystone House.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 24th October
Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 25th October
Morning; Tayvallich - Walks and strolls for all.
Afternoon; Gigha - Walk or Achamore Gardens.

Thursday 26th October
Morning; Campbeltown - Full day walk or Saddell Abbey.
Afternoon; Tarbert - Walkers re-join ship.

Friday 27th October
Morning; Lochranza, Arran - Full day walk or Arran Distillery.
Afternoon; Brodick, Arran - Island tour/walkers re-join ship.

Saturday 28th October
Morning; Largs - Ardgowan estate walk or Ardgowan House.
Afternoon; Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles or walks ashore.

Sunday 29th October
Morning; Holy Loch - Puck's Glen or Benmore Botanic Garden.
Afternoon; Cruise Loch Long and Loch Goil.

Monday 30th October
Morning; Gourock - Greenock Cut or Loch Thom.
Afternoon; Gourock - Finlaystone House/walkers re-join ship.

Tuesday 31st October
Greenock - Disembarkation.

Please refer to page 101 for travel options.



Guided Walk

Walkers Highlights

- Half Day Walk on Gigha
- Full Day Walk on Kintyre Way
- Full Day Walk on Arran
- Half Day Walk to Puck's Glen
- Full Day Walk at Loch Thom



Achamore Gardens



Houses and Castles of the Clyde

Tuesday 31st October to Tuesday 7th November 2017
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

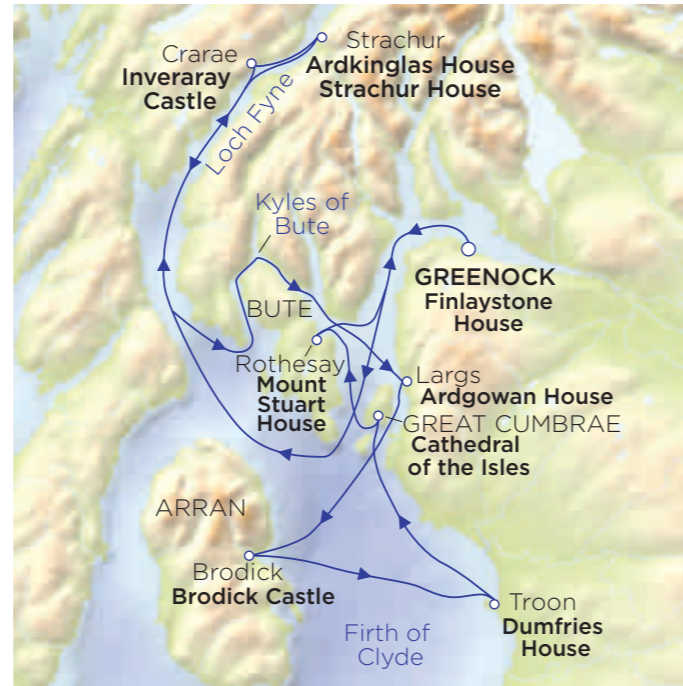
The Clyde has a long and often turbulent history against a backdrop of stunning scenery evoking mystery and romance. On this ever popular cruise embrace architectural gems from medieval castles to grand mansions, some of which are still family homes today.

From Greenock we travel to Finlaystone House and are welcomed by the MacMillan family, ahead of cruising Britain's longest sea loch, Loch Fyne. Going ashore at Strachur we visit Ardkinglas House, designed by Sir Robert Lorimer and built in 1905, before travelling to Strachur House, residence of Sir Charles and Lady McLean.

The fairytale Inveraray Castle, seat of the Dukes of Argyll, opens the private apartments for us before a relaxing sail through the Kyles of Bute to Largs and a visit to the sumptuous and privately owned Ardgowan House. On the Isle of Arran we enjoy an exclusive tour of Brodick Castle.

Dumfries House was saved by the intervention of His Royal Highness, The Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay in 2007 and combines the neoclassical architecture of Robert Adam with the furniture of Thomas Chippendale; here we spend a full day with lunch on the estate.

Seating barely 100 people and built in 1851, on land owned by the Boyle family, The Cathedral of the Isles on Great Cumbrae is reputed to be Britain's smallest cathedral. Mount Stuart is testament to generations of Stuart passion and flamboyance and as we explore this wondrous structure, with its labyrinth of gardens, we learn of how this neo-gothic mansion was one of the most technologically advanced houses of its age.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 31st October
Greenock - Embarkation.

Wednesday 1st November
Morning; Greenock - Finlaystone House.
Afternoon; Cruise Loch Fyne.

Thursday 2nd November
Morning; Strachur - Ardkinglas House.
Afternoon; Strachur - Strachur House.

Friday 3rd November
Morning; Crarae - Inveraray Castle's private apartments.
Afternoon; Cruise Kyles of Bute.

Saturday 4th November
Morning; Largs - Ardgowan House.
Afternoon; Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle.

Sunday 5th November
Troon - Dumfries House with lunch.

Monday 6th November
Morning; Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.
Afternoon; Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House.

Tuesday 7th November
Greenock - Disembarkation.



Finlaystone House

Guest Speaker Stella Grace Lyons

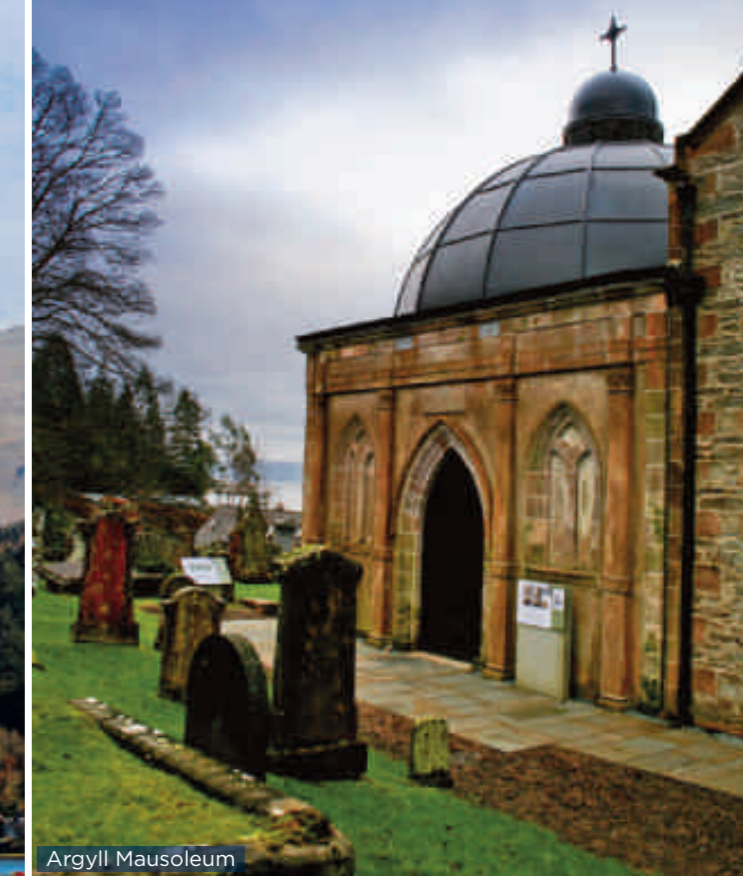
Stella Grace Lyons studied History of Art at the University of Bristol and is now a freelance lecturer in the subject. She spent a year studying Renaissance art in Italy at the British Institute of Florence and attended drawing classes at the prestigious Charles H. Cecil studios. Stella has delivered talks for various arts societies and for the National Trust. Her specialisms include the art of William Burges and his relationship with patron John Crichton-Stuart, 3rd Marquess of Bute.



Ardkinglas House



Hebridean Princess, Holy Loch



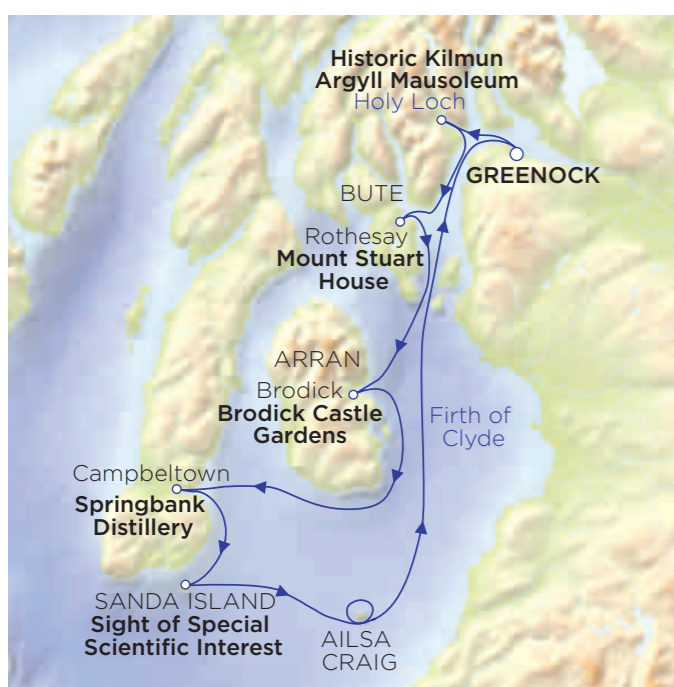
Argyll Mausoleum

Hebridean Highlights

- Historic Kilmun and the Argyll Mausoleum
- Mount Stuart House
- Brodick Castle Gardens
- Springbank Distillery
- Sanda Island - Site of Special Scientific Interest



Springbank Distillery



Greenock - Greenock

Highlights of the Firth of Clyde

Tuesday 7th to Saturday 11th November 2017

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

This cruise also departs on 6th March 2017

The relaxing ambience of *Hebridean Princess* allows us to enjoy the beauty of some of the lower Clyde islands on this cruise which encompasses history, heritage, a distillery and delightful walks ashore.

Sailing into mysterious Holy Loch our first visit is to Historic Kilmun and the Argyll Mausoleum. Built in 1790 the Argyll Mausoleum was constructed to house the remains of the Dukes and Earls of Argyll, Chiefs of the Clan Campbell and their families.

Travelling south we are welcomed to the privately owned Mount Stuart House, held by the Stuart family since the early 15th century.

The gardens at The National Trust for Scotland's Brodick Castle date back to 1710 and offer a glimpse into another world and another time, whilst the country park provides waymarked routes that extend for up to a mile.

Returning to the mainland we discover the oldest independent family-owned distillery in Scotland - Springbank, where many of the ancient distilling methods are still applied in the distillery today.

Onwards to the privately owned island of Sanda, designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest for its importance to both migrating and breeding birds and which is home to the first bird observatory on the west coast of Scotland.

Our cruise concludes with a circumnavigation of the imposing island of Ailsa Craig, once quarried for its blue hone granite used in the making of curling stones, but now home to vast numbers of gannets and an increasing population of puffins.

Travel Plan - 4 nights

Tuesday 7th November

Greenock - Embarkation.

Wednesday 8th November

Morning; Holy Loch - Historic Kilmun and Argyll Mausoleum.

Afternoon; Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House.

Thursday 9th November

Morning; Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle Gardens.

Afternoon; Campbeltown - Springbank Distillery.

Friday 10th November

Morning; Sanda Island - Walks ashore.

Afternoon; Cruise round Ailsa Craig.

Saturday 11th November

Greenock - Disembarkation.



Cathedral of the Isles

Greenock – Greenock

Clyde Island Explorer

Saturday 11th to
Thursday 16th November 2017

5 nights including 1 Gala Dinner
This cruise also departs on 1st March 2017

Join the excitement and thrill of the final cruise of the season as *Hebridean Princess* takes us to some of the finest houses on the Clyde as well as Britain's smallest cathedral and a mountainside botanic garden.

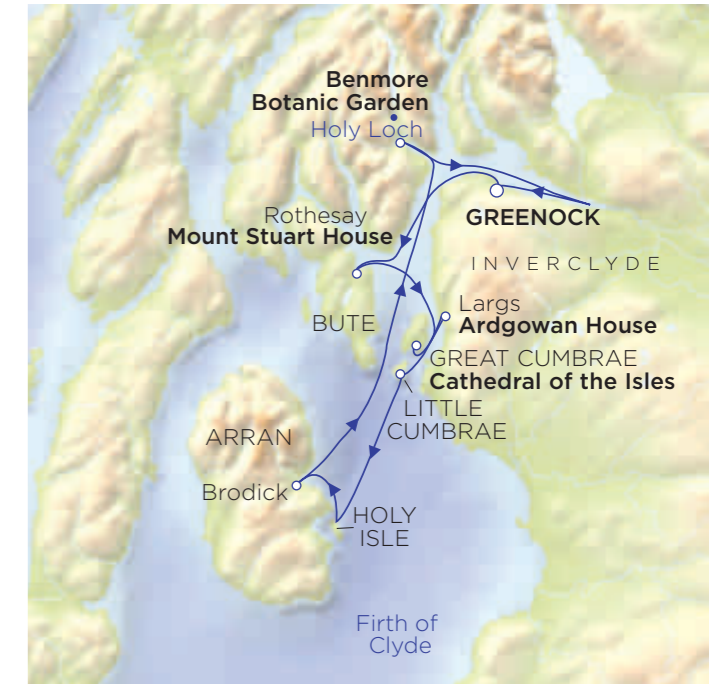
Sailing from Greenock we head to the delightful island of Great Cumbrae, home of Britain's smallest cathedral, The Cathedral of the Isles, with its vivid tiles and stained glass. After a leisurely walk on neighbouring Little Cumbrae, the sumptuous and privately owned Ardgowan House awaits our arrival. The Ardgowan estate has been held by the Stewart family since the early 15th century and the present house dates to 1797.

Mount Stuart is testament to generations of Stuart passion and flamboyance. As we explore this wondrous gothic structure and its labyrinth of gardens, we learn of how this neo-gothic mansion was one of the most technologically advanced houses of its age.

The tiny Holy Isle allows us to take a stroll ashore, ahead of a tour of the Isle of Arran. Affectionately known as 'Scotland in miniature', this vibrant island is considered to possess the great qualities of Scotland.

With its magnificent mountainside setting, Benmore Botanic Garden boasts a world-famous collection of plants. Established in 1863, we are welcomed by an impressive avenue of giant redwoods which now stand over 50 metres high.

Our final afternoon is spent cruising the Upper Clyde and learning of how this mighty river was once so significant for industry and trade.



Travel Plan – 5 nights

Saturday 11th November
Greenock - Embarkation.

Sunday 12th November
Morning; Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.
Afternoon; Little Cumbrae - Walks ashore.

Monday 13th November
Morning; Largs - Ardgowan House.
Afternoon; Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House.

Tuesday 14th November
Morning; Holy Isle - Walks ashore.
Afternoon; Brodick, Arran - Island tour.

Wednesday 15th November
Morning; Holy Loch - Benmore Botanic Garden.
Afternoon; Cruise the Upper Clyde with commentary.

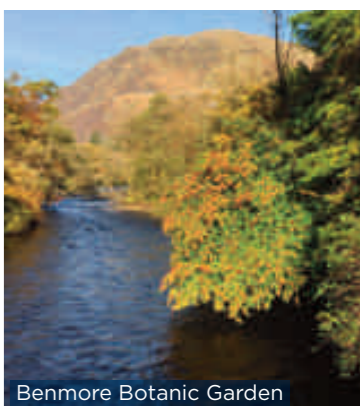
Thursday 16th November
Greenock - Disembarkation.



Sunset at Largs

Hebridean Highlights

- The Cathedral of the Isles
- Ardgowan House
- Mount Stuart House
- Benmore Botanic Garden
- Cruise of the Upper Clyde with Commentary

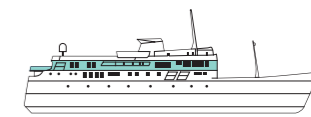


Benmore Botanic Garden



Isle of Iona

Promenade Deck



Isle of Staffa Bathroom



Isle of Staffa



Isle of Berneray



Isle of Raasay

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 and tea/coffee-making facilities. 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. Each cabin is equipped with a television; should you wish to view a DVD in your cabin, a number of DVD players are available for this purpose and a selection of DVDs may be borrowed from the Library. 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.

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.

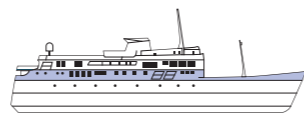
Isle of Raasay

Bed: Double
Bathroom: Thermostatic shower

Cabin category

An excellent port-side cabin in a quiet corner on the same level as the Tیره 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.

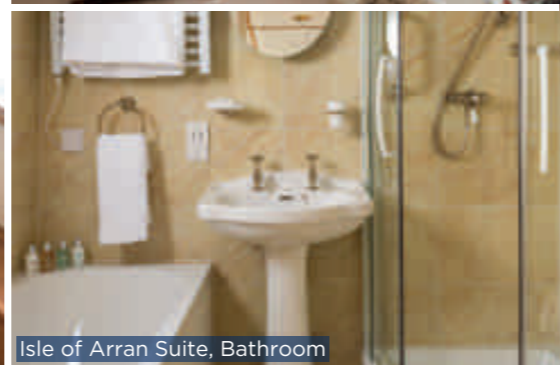
Princess deck



Isle of Arran Suite, Bedroom



Isle of Arran Suite, Day Room



Isle of Arran Suite, Bathroom



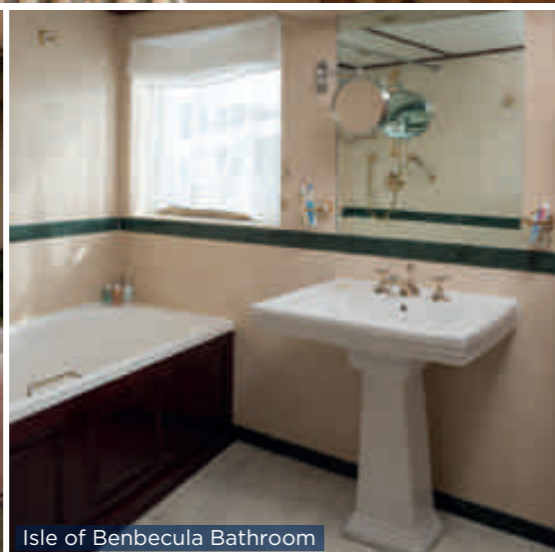
Isle of Danna



Isle of Eigg



Isle of Benbecula



Isle of Benbecula Bathroom



Isle of Coll



Isle of Muck



Isle of Rum

Isle of Arran suite

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

Balcony cabins 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 fore-castle, 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.

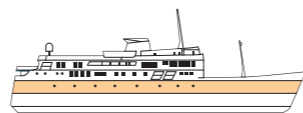
Isle of Canna Isle of Eigg Isle of Rum

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.

Waterfront deck



Torosay Castle



Lewis Castle



Duart Castle



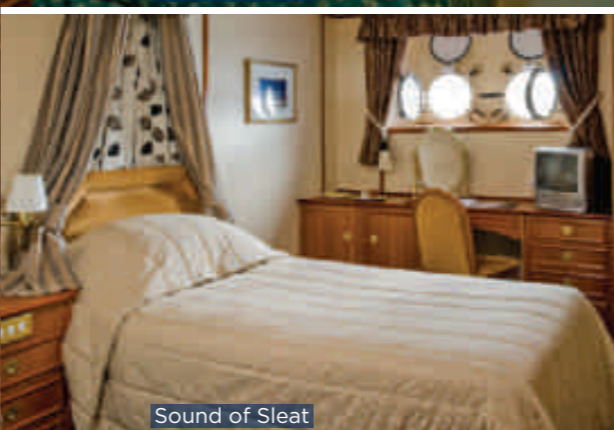
Ardvreck Castle



Sound of Mull



Sound of Jura



Sound of Sleat



Sound of Islay



Sound of Jura Shower



Kinloch Castle



Castle Bathroom

Duart Castle Kinloch Castle Torosay Castle

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

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 Lewis 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.

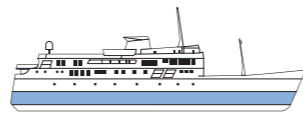
Sound of Islay Sound of Jura Sound of Mull Sound of Sleat

Bed: Single
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 Scavaig



Loch Scresort



Loch Torridon



Loch Crinan

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.

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 an airport lounge, we will be only too pleased to cater for your requirements.

Flights

Our reservations staff can advise and arrange flights from most 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 Invergordon 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 man.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 Connoisseurs Scotland or Pride of Britain Hotels. Our reservations staff can also recommend hotels elsewhere in the UK.

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.

Voyage round Kintyre to Oban - 14th to 21st March 2017 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 Northern Isles - 10th to 19th July 2017 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 to Oban on the day of embarkation for guests wishing to utilise this car parking arrangement.

Footloose from the Far North - 18th to 25th August 2017 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 to Invergordon on the day of embarkation for guests wishing to utilise this car parking arrangement.

Footloose to the Clyde - 24th to 31st October 2017 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.

Cruises to Norway

Travel options for cruises starting and finishing in Norway.

Stavanger and the Scenic Southern Fjords 19th/21st to 29th July 2017 - 10/8 nights Invergordon/Sandnes to Bergen

Guests can choose to embark *Hebridean Princess* in either Invergordon on 19th July or in Sandnes on 21st July. If opting to join on 19th July we are able to assist in making travel arrangements to Invergordon at additional cost. If opting to join on 21st July, scheduled flights from the UK to Stavanger, along with transfers from Stavanger Airport to Sandnes, are included in the cruise fare. Flights from Bergen to the UK at the end of the cruise are included in the cruise fare.

Bergen and the Spectacular Western Fjords 29th July to 8th August 2017 - 10 nights Bergen to Bergen

Scheduled flights from the UK to Bergen and return, along with transfers to and from the ship, are included in the cruise fare.

Nordic Odyssey 8th to 16th August/18th August 2017 - 8/10 nights Bergen to Sandnes/Invergordon

Flights from the UK to Bergen at the start of the cruise are included in the cruise fare. Guests can choose to disembark *Hebridean Princess* in either Sandnes on 16th August or in Invergordon on 18th August. If opting to disembark on 16th August, scheduled flights from Stavanger to the UK, along with transfers from Sandnes to Stavanger Airport, are included in the cruise fare. If opting to disembark on 18th August we are able to assist in making travel arrangements from Invergordon at additional cost.



Welcome Cocktail Party



Impromptu Entertainment



Afternoon Tea

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 2017 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.



Tendering Ashore

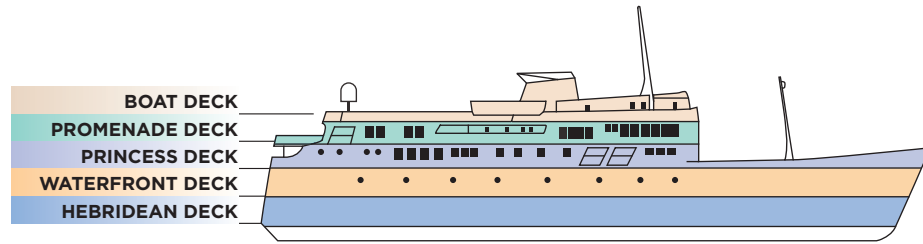
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Cabin facilities and dimensions guide

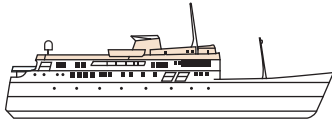
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- Lloyd's registered
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- Fully stabilised
- 5 passenger decks
- Maximum of 50 passengers
- Quick launch & recovery tender system



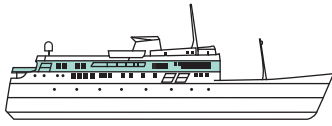
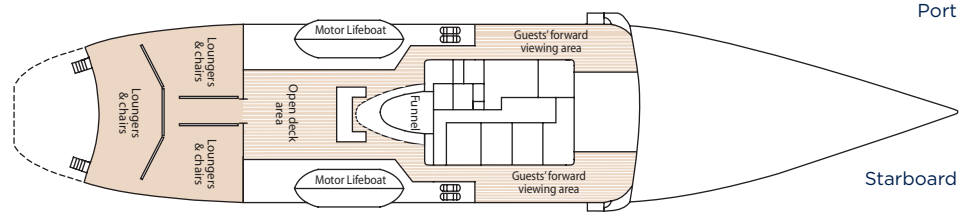
The ship was especially designed and built to sail in the waters of the Scottish Western Isles and has proven her ability over the years.

	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)
Double/Twin Cabins																				
Isle of Arran Suite			•	•	•	•	•				•	15.2	163.6	4.0	43.1	12.4	133.4	31.6	340.1	
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	
Isle of Coll					•	•	•				•	15.2	163.6	4.1	44.1			19.3	207.7	
Isle of Colonsay					•	•	•				•	15.2	163.6	4.1	44.1			19.3	207.7	
Isle of Iona					•	•	•				•	19.3	207.7	3.3	35.5			22.6	243.2	
Isle of Staffa					•	•	•				•	19.3	207.7	3.3	35.5			22.6	243.2	
Isle of Danna					•		•				•	19.8	213.1	2.8	30.1			22.6	243.2	
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	
Ardvreck Castle						•	•	•	•			12.2	131.3	2.9	31.2			15.1	162.5	
Lews Castle						•	•	•	•			12.2	131.3	2.9	31.2			15.1	162.5	
Isle of Muck					•		•	•				13.1	141.0	3.0	32.2			16.1	173.2	
Isle of Raasay					•		•	•				11.9	128.1	3.1	33.3			15.0	161.4	
Loch Crinan							•				•	14.0	150.6	3.4	36.5			17.4	187.1	
Loch Harport							•				•	12.9	138.8	3.3	35.5			16.2	174.3	
Loch Torridon							•				•	11.1	119.4	3.1	33.3			14.2	152.7	
Single Cabins																				
Isle of Canna					•		•				•	8.6	92.5	2.7	29.0			11.3	121.5	
Isle of Eigg					•		•				•	8.6	92.5	2.9	31.2			11.5	123.7	
Isle of Rum					•		•				•	9.2	99.0	1.9	20.4			11.1	119.4	
Sound of Islay						•	•	•				11.0	118.4	2.2	23.6			13.2	142.0	
Sound of Jura						•	•				•	10.5	113.0	2.4	25.8			12.9	138.8	
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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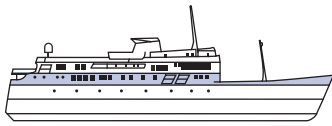
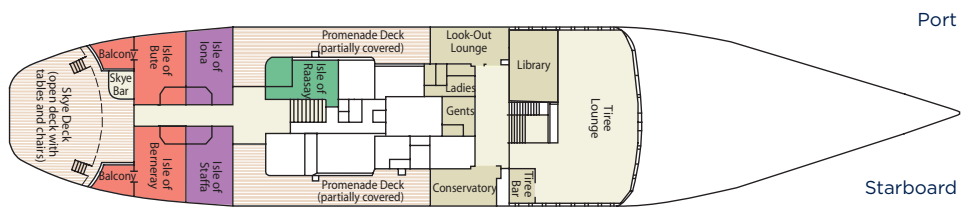
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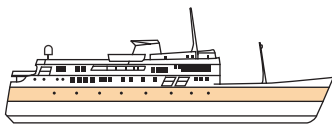
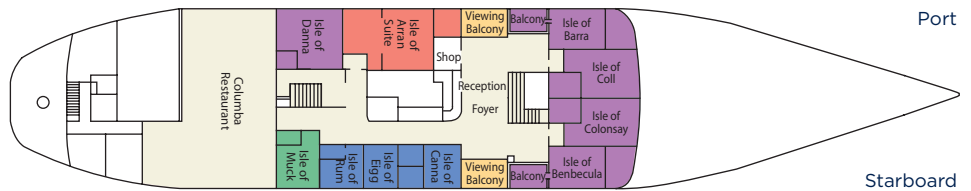
Boat Deck
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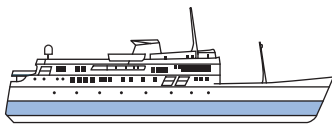
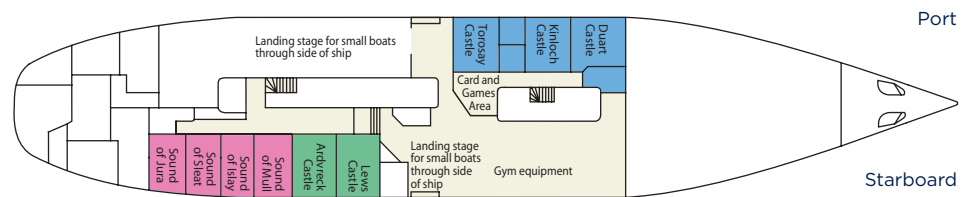
Promenade Deck
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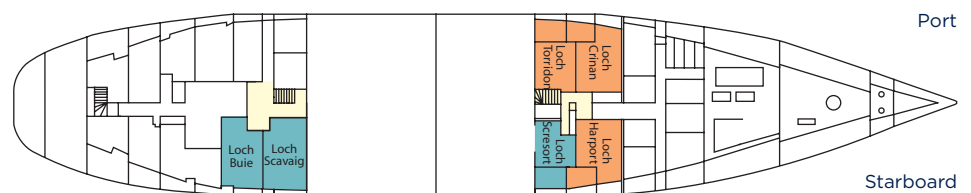
Princess Deck
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Waterfront Deck
(No 2 Deck level)



Hebridean Deck
(No 1 Deck level)



2017 Hebridean Princess Cruise Calendar

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March	1st	Clyde Island Explorer	5 nights	18
	6th	Highlights of the Firth of Clyde	4 nights	20
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	14th	Voyage round Kintyre to Oban	7 nights	24
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