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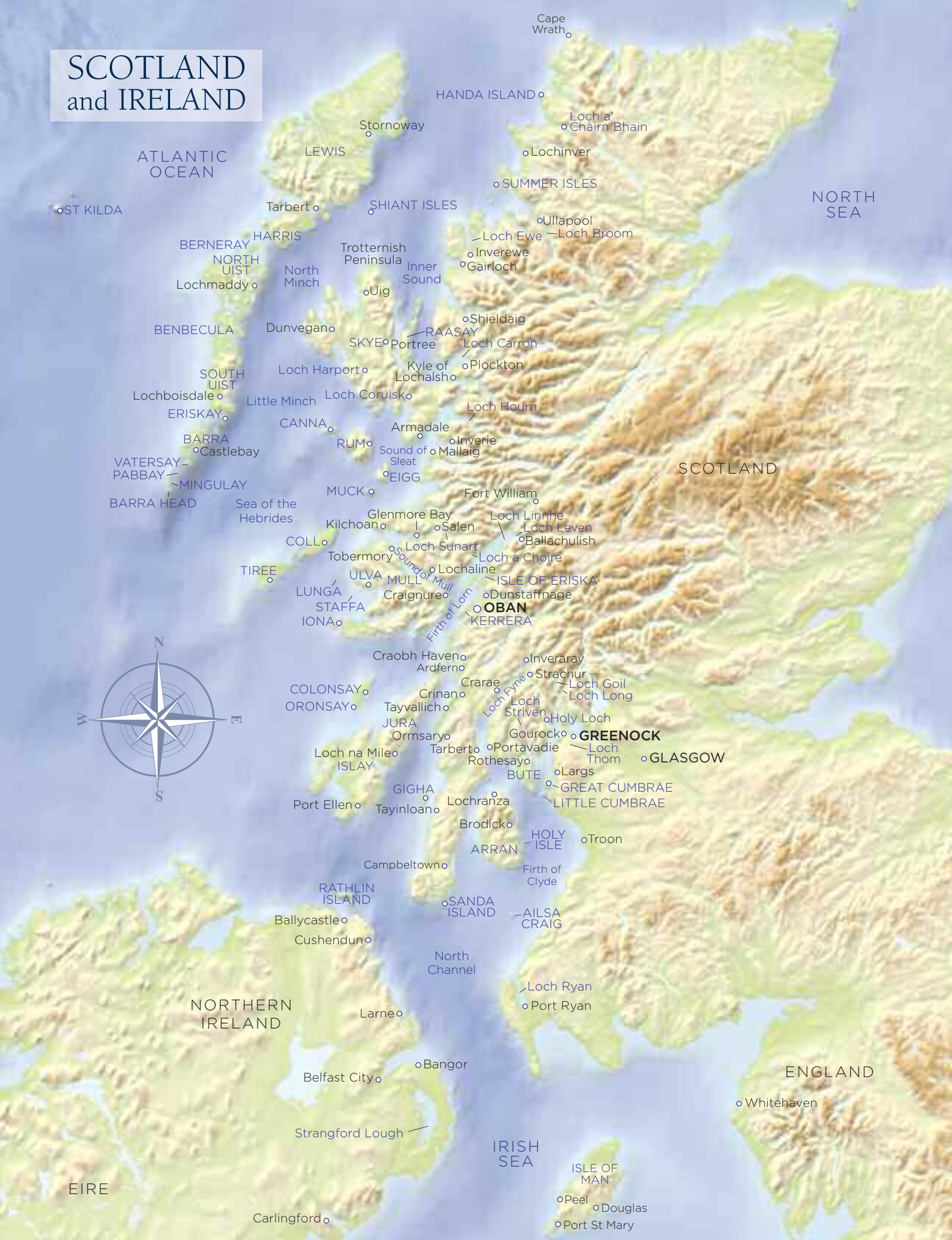
2018
CRUISE
DIRECTORY

Highlands and Islands
of Scotland, England
Northern Ireland, Eire
Wales, Isle of Man
The Channel Islands
The Isles of Scilly
Northern France and Belgium



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Provision of Cruise Holidays on *Hebridean Princess*
Hebridean Island Cruises Limited
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BRITISH ISLES, EIRE NORTHERN FRANCE and BELGIUM



Welcome to the 2018 *Hebridean Princess* Cruise Directory

The year 2018 will be a momentous occasion for Hebridean Island Cruises as we celebrate the 'Pearl Anniversary' of *Hebridean Princess* when she embarks on her 30th cruising season.

Naturally, such a milestone should not go unmarked and we will therefore be replicating itineraries from our inaugural year of 1989, together with cruises from the tenth season of 1998 and the twentieth season of 2008. These sailings are annotated with our special 30th Anniversary Logo on each respective cruise page.

But our Pearl Anniversary celebrations are not just confined to cruises from seasons gone by. The summer schedule will see *Hebridean Princess* venture to the south coast of England, including the Isles of Scilly and the Channel Islands as well as Northern France and for the first time, Belgium.

You will be able conclude from this Cruise Directory that there is a true medley of itineraries available during 2018. We want you to relax and be cosseted in the luxurious surroundings of the finest Country House Hotel, as the most spectacular scenery in the British Isles, Northern France and Belgium glides gently by in an ever-changing and breath taking panorama. This unique and elegant holiday experience can only be found on board *Hebridean Princess*.

With best wishes.



Ken Charleson
Managing Director



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“ *Great atmosphere from the moment we stepped on board, friendly and welcoming. The whole team on board, from the Captain and Chief Purser down, were all first class. We had a brilliant time.* ”

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Hebridean Princess

Genuinely fully-inclusive and more...

Each cruise includes

Meals and drinks

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

Shore visits

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

Guides and guest speakers

Knowledgeable guides accompany all cruises, both on board and on the tours ashore, with three experienced guides on the Footloose walking itineraries and two on the wildlife and cycling cruises. 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 with the exception of London.

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.



Fruit Basket



Whisky in the Cabins



Captain Trevor Bailey and Captain Richard Heaton



Chief Purser David Indge



Chief Purser Zoe Gaunt

Crew

At Hebridean Island Cruises we believe it is simply not possible to look after large numbers of guests properly and give them the really personal service that differentiates an extraordinary holiday from a merely good one. That is why, on *Hebridean Princess*, you will find only 50 like-minded guests and no fewer than 38 crew.

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

Everything we do receives the same level of care and attention; from the carefully conceived shore visits to the spectacular overnight anchorages, the exquisite menus and the unique and individually designed cabins, every little detail aims to ensure that the whole experience is so complete that you will never even notice.

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

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

Your job is to simply sit back, relax and enjoy - Hebridean style!



Senior Purser Louise Campbell



Senior Chief Engineer Jim Anderson



Chief Engineer Gordon Reed



Look-Out Lounge



Tiree Lounge Bar

Life on board – public rooms

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

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

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



Tiree Lounge



Library



'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.



Conservatory



Columba Restaurant

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 - Gala Dinner



Skye Deck Barbeque



Breakfast Buffet

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

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

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

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

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



Address to the Haggis



Going ashore

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





Tender Shuttle Service

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

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

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

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

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



Accompanied Visits

Themed cruises, guest speakers and guides

Themes

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

Classical Music and Art

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

Cycling

Ride some of the most remote cycle trails in the British Isles whilst appreciating the awe-inspiring scenery of the Hebridean islands.

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.

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.

Wildlife

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



Laphroaig Distillery, Isle of Islay



Treasures of Argyll and Bute
13th to 20th March 2018
Page 22 & 23



Footloose to the Southern Hebrides
10th to 17th April 2018
Page 30 & 31



Flavours of Scotland
17th to 24th April 2018
Page 32 & 33



Footloose through the Long Isle
15th to 22nd May 2018
Page 38 & 39



Guest Speaker: Richard Baines
Secret Gardens of the Western Seaboard
15th to 22nd May 2018
Page 40 & 41



Original cruise operated in 1989
The Islands of the Inner & Outer Hebrides
22nd to 29th May 2018
Page 42 & 43



Guest Speaker: David Sexton
St Kilda and Western Isles Wildlife
29th May to 7th June 2018
Page 44 & 45



In the Footsteps of Sir Jamie Stormonth Darling
7th to 12th June 2018
Page 46 & 47



St Kilda, Islands on the Edge
12th to 19th June 2018
Page 48 & 49



Original cruise operated in 1998
The Hebridean Isles
19th to 26th June 2018
Page 50 & 51





The River Thames



Pearls of the Irish Sea
26th June to 3rd July 2018
Page 52 & 53



Classical Inspiration
3rd to 10th July 2018
Page 54 & 55



Guest Speaker: Graham Clarke
Isles of Scilly and Celtic Coasts
10th to 20th July 2018
Page 56 & 57



Guest Speaker: John Lippiett
Treasures of Normandy and the Channel Isles
8th to 17th August 2018
Page 62 & 63



Guest Speakers: Paul & Lucy Kay
British Isles Explorer
17th to 27th August 2018
Page 64 & 65



Footloose from Skye to the Outer Isles
4th to 11th September 2018
Page 70 & 71



Footloose to Assynt
18th to 25th September 2018
Page 74 & 75



Original cruise operated in 2008
Secrets of the Western Isles
25th Sept to 2nd Oct 2018
Page 76 & 77



Accompanied by Olympic Cyclist Chris Boardman
Cycling over The Minch
9th to 16th October 2018
Page 80 & 81



Guest Speaker: Caroline Knight, FSA
Architectural Gems of Argyll and the Isles
30th Oct to 6th Nov 2018
Page 86 & 87



Knowledgeable guides

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

A highly knowledgeable and experienced guide accompanies guests for the duration of each cruise, with three on 'Footloose' walking itineraries and two on the wildlife and cycling cruises, 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 2018 season Guest Speakers will accompany 8 specially selected cruises.

Partnerships



THE ARTS SOCIETY

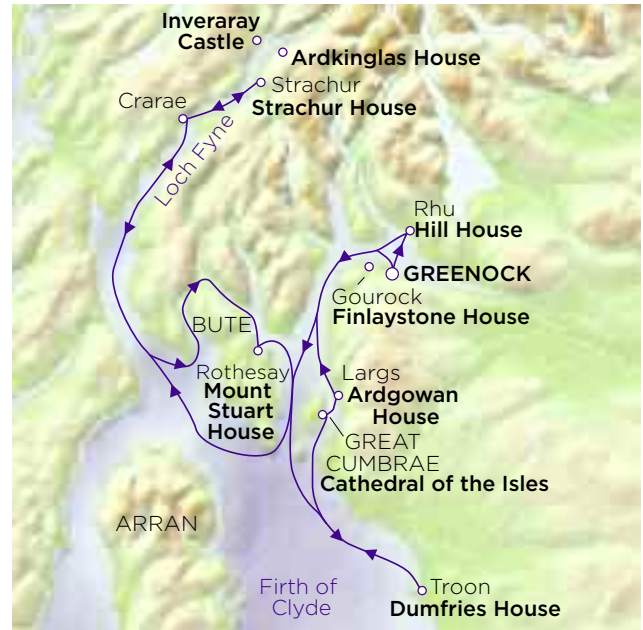
The Arts Society's (NADFAS) affiliation with Hebridean Island Cruises, through The Arts Society Tours, ensures that its members who enjoy luxury small ship cruising, can visit cultural destinations, with excellent lecturers in the company of like-minded people.

The Arts Society was founded in 1968 and celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2018 and we are delighted that a special cruise, to celebrate this anniversary, has been included in Hebridean's 2018 programme.

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

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

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



Our Arts Society's (NADFAS) recommended cruise in 2018 is Architectural Gems of Argyll and the Isles departing on 30th October, featuring Accredited Art Society Lecturer, Caroline Knight, FSA. Caroline is an architectural historian, with an MA from the Courtauld Institute of Art. She specialises in British architecture of the 16th to 18th centuries.

Please refer to pages 86 and 87 for full details of this cruise.



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 in excess of £21,000 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

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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. Unwind in the most unique spa in Scotland and experience a world of indulgence on the rails. The Bamford Haybarn Spa is the perfect pampering retreat after a day exploring the Highlands.

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:

- Three nights on Belmond Royal Scotsman, as specified, including all meals, wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, visits as stated in itinerary 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
20th April	Western Journey	3	1	24th April	Springtime Surprise	34-35
4th May	Western Journey	3	1	8th May	Footloose through the Long Isle	38-39
11th May	Western Journey	3	1	15th May	Secret Gardens of the Western Seaboard	40-41
18th May	Western Journey	3	1	22nd May	The Islands of the Inner & Outer Hebrides	42-43
8th June	Western Journey	3	1	12th June	St Kilda, Islands on the Edge	48-49
15th June	Western Journey	3	1	19th June	The Hebridean Isles	50-51
22nd June	Western Journey	3	1	26th June	Pearls of the Irish Seas	52-53
14th September	Western Journey	3	1	18th September	Footloose to Assynt	74-75
21st September	Western Journey	3	1	25th September	Secrets of the Western Isles	76-77
28th September	Western Journey	3	1	2nd October	Autumn in the Enchanted Isles	78-79
5th October	Western Journey	3	1	9th October	Cycling over The Minch	80-81



Luskentyre Beach, Isle of Harris

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. Come and discover these precious island gems.



Lochranza Castle, Arran

Arran

Firth of Clyde Islands

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

Please see pages 18, 20, 22, 84, 88 and 90.

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 50, 68, 70, 72, 76, 78 and 80.

Berneray

Outer Hebrides

Berneray, connected by a causeway to North Uist, is a sleepy island of vast shell-sand beaches, hills and a tight-knit, if dispersed community. Little more than 2 miles long and 2 miles wide, Berneray offers solitude and magnificent views over the Sound of Harris.

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Rothesay Castle, Bute

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 18, 20, 22, 24, 84, 86, 88 and 90.



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 30, 42 and 46.

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 26, 30, 50, 66, 72 and 80.

Colonsay

Inner Hebrides

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

Please see pages 26, 30, 32, 48, 50, 54, 66, 76, and 78.

Cumraes

Firth of Clyde Islands

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

Please see pages 18, 84, 86 and 88.



An Sgùrr, Eigg

Eigg, Small Isles

Inner Hebrides

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

Please see pages 28, 32, 38, 42, 48, 72 and 76.

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.

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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'.

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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 50 and 84.



Handa Island

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 44.

Harris

Outer Hebrides

Historically and geographically apart from Lewis, Harris is a small region of many contrasts, offering wonderful walks and the beauty of Luskentyre beach on its sandy western shores. Rodel boasts the finest Pre-Reformation church in the Western Isles and the Harris tweeds produced here are world-famous. Although tenacious Gaelic strongholds today, Harris and neighbouring Lewis were the last of the Hebrides to adopt the language.

Please see pages 38, 42, 72, 78 and 80.

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 20, 84 and 90.



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.

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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.

Please see pages 24, 26, 30, 32, 52, 54, 56, 64, 66 and 84.

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.

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Kerrera

Inner Hebrides

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

Please see page 24.



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 38, 44, 48, 78 and 80.



Puffins, Lunga

Lunga, Treshnish Isles

Inner Hebrides

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

Please see page 44.

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, nested 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 page 72.



Muck Ponies

Muck, Small Isles

Inner Hebrides

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

Please see pages 30, 50, 74 and 76.

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 26, 32, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 54, 68, 72, 76, and 78.

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 26.

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 28, 70, 74 and 80.



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 28, 42, 44, 68, 70, 76 and 78.



Sanda

Sanda

Firth of Clyde Islands

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

Please see pages 24 and 84.



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 44, 46 and 48.



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 36, 44, 46 and 48.

Skye

Inner Hebrides

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

Please see pages 28, 32, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 48, 50, 70, 74, 76, 78 and 80.

Staffa

Inner Hebrides

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

Please see pages 26, 46, 50 and 54.



Tanera Mòr Post Office

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 28, 36 and 74.



Sandaig Museum, Tiree

Tiree

Inner Hebrides

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

Please see pages 26, 30, 48, 76 and 80.

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 38, 44, 68, 78 and 80.



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 26, 44, 50 and 72.



Vatersay

Vatersay

Outer Hebrides

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

Please see page 70.



Cathedral of the Isles, Great Cumbrae

Greenock – Greenock

Argyll's Secret Coast

Thursday 1st to Wednesday 7th March 2018

6 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 6th November 2018

Join *Hebridean Princess* on her maiden voyage of 2018 as she uncovers some of the delights of Argyll's secret coast, exploring Britain's longest sea loch and some of the diverse islands which pepper the Firth of Clyde.

Sailing from Greenock we head to the delightful island of Great Cumbrae where the 'city' of Millport boasts the smallest cathedral in Britain. Next 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.

Known as 'Scotland in Miniature' Arran is home to only one working distillery and here we learn the art of whisky making, before heading to Tarbert to explore on foot and take in views of Loch Fyne from the ancient castle.

Cruising further into Britain's longest sea loch, Loch Fyne, we venture ashore at Crarae to discover Scotland's rural history at Auchindrain Township Museum. Inveraray Jail, one of the finest and best preserved jail and courtroom complexes in the world, plays host to our next visit ahead of a guided tour of Strachur House built by General John Campbell in the 1780s.

A scenic cruise of the Kyles of Bute and Loch Striven precedes an exploration of the Isle of Bute, a popular destination in Victorian times during the heyday of holidays 'Doon the Watter'.

Our final afternoon is spent at Hill House appreciating the beautifully restored arts and crafts and Art Nouveau masterpiece designed by celebrated architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh.



Travel Plan – 6 nights

Thursday 1st March

Greenock - Embarkation.

Friday 2nd March

Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.
Largs - Ardgowan House.

Saturday 3rd March

Lochranza, Arran - Arran Distillery.
Tarbert, Loch Fyne - Ruined castle and walks.

Sunday 4th March

Crarae - Auchindrain Township Museum.
Strachur - Inveraray Jail.

Monday 5th March

Strachur - Strachur House.
Cruise Kyles of Bute and Loch Striven.

Tuesday 6th March

Rothsay, Bute - Island tour.
Rhu Marina - Hill House.

Wednesday 7th March

Greenock - Disembarkation.



Inveraray Jail



Ardgowan House interior

Hebridean Highlights

- Ardgowan House
- Arran Distillery
- Auchindrain Township Museum
- Inveraray Jail
- Hill House



Spring Daffodils

Greenock - Greenock

Sea Lochs of the Lower Clyde

Wednesday 7th to Tuesday 13th March 2018

6 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 12th November 2018

The Firth of Clyde is one of the largest areas of sheltered deep water in the British Isles and the area's many long lochs penetrate far into the Highlands giving rise to dramatic fjord-like scenery all waiting to be explored.

Our first port of call is the Isle of Bute where we discover the Victorian Neo-Gothic Mansion of Mount Stuart House. Stepping ashore on the Isle of Arran we explore the grand baronial castle, formal gardens and woodland country park at Brodick.

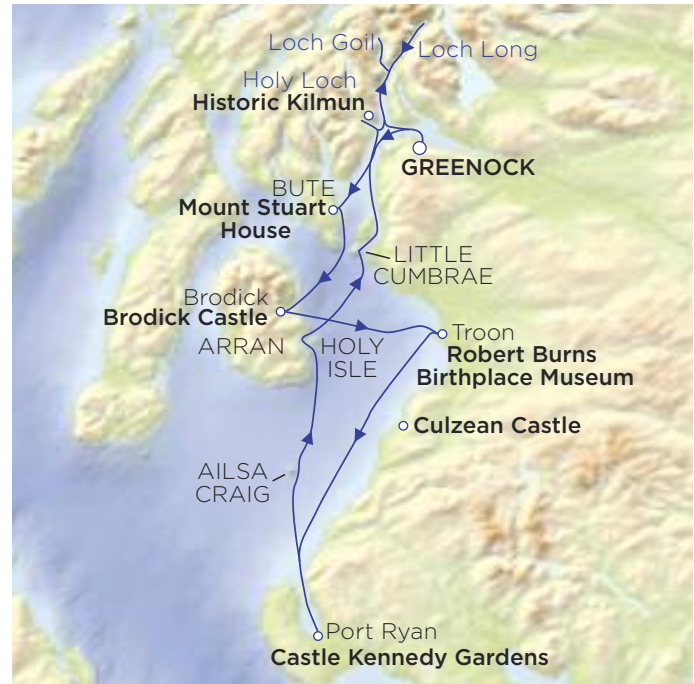
At the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum we delve into the history of Scotland's favourite son, before taking a guided tour of the remarkable Culzean Castle, associated with the Kennedy family since the 14th century.

Described as 'one of the showpieces of Galloway' the 75 sculptured acres at Castle Kennedy are one of Scotland's most important historical landscaped gardens, with rhododendrons, championship trees and rare species. Cruising north, the dramatic sea cliffs of Ailsa Craig offer tantalising views.

Guarding the entrance to Lamlash Bay, Holy Isle has been a place of worship and meditation since the 12th century. Here we stretch our legs ahead of a landing on the privately owned nature reserve of Little Cumbrae.

Picturesque Holy Loch provides the setting for our visit to Historic Kilmun and the Argyll Mausoleum. The name 'Holy Loch' is believed to date from the 6th century, when Saint Munn landed there after leaving Ireland.

Finally, we appreciate the breath-taking panorama of Loch Long and Loch Goil, surrounded by the mountains of the Arrochar Alps.



Travel Plan - 6 nights

Wednesday 7th March

Greenock - Embarkation.

Thursday 8th March

Rothesay, Isle of Bute - Mount Stuart House.
Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle.

Friday 9th March

Troon - Robert Burns Birthplace Museum.
Troon - Culzean Castle.

Saturday 10th March

Port Ryan - Castle Kennedy Gardens.
Cruise past Ailsa Craig.

Sunday 11th March

Holy Isle - Walks ashore.
Little Cumbrae - Walks ashore.

Monday 12th March

Holy Loch - Historic Kilmun.
Cruise Loch Long and Loch Goil.

Tuesday 13th March

Greenock - Disembarkation.



Culzean Castle

Hebridean Highlights

- Brodick Castle
- Robert Burns Birthplace Museum
- Culzean Castle
- Castle Kennedy Gardens
- Historic Kilmun and the Argyll Mausoleum



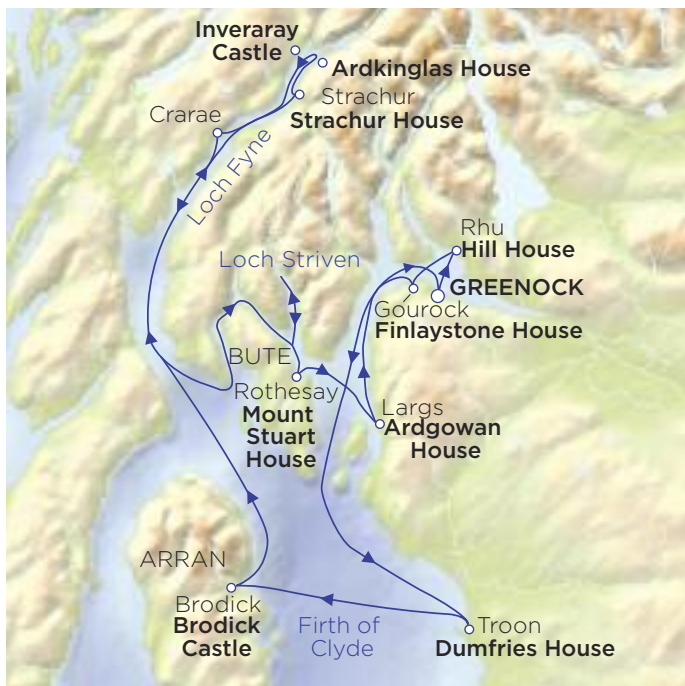
Crocuses



Loch Goil



Dumfries House



Greenock - Greenock



Treasures of Argyll and Bute

Tuesday 13th to Tuesday 20th March 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Embark on a journey of architectural exploration as this cruise introduces us to a myriad of design styles and rare private viewings, often by a member of the family, including fine houses, baronial mansions, private apartments and an arts and crafts masterpiece.



Mount Stuart House, Bute



Hill House

Hebridean Highlights

- Finlaystone House
- Dumfries House
- Ardkinglas House
- Private Apartments of Inveraray Castle
- Ardgowan House



Rhododendron

Having heaved anchor *Hebridean Princess* cruises across the Clyde to appreciate the beautifully restored masterpiece of Hill House, designed by celebrated architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Set in 500 acres of ancient woodland and mature gardens, Finlaystone House has been the home to five families throughout its 800 hundred year history.

Spending a full day at the stunning 18th century Dumfries House we appreciate its 2,000 acre setting, neoclassical architecture and Thomas Chippendale furniture, ahead of a visit to Brodick Castle on Arran and a scenic cruise of Loch Fyne.

From our berth at Strachur we venture to the home of Sir Charles and Lady MacLean, Strachur House, with its sheltered flower garden, before enjoying a private visit to Ardkinglas House, generally considered to be architect Sir Robert Lorimer's finest work. The fairy tale Inveraray Castle, ancestral home of the Duke of Argyll, Chief of the Clan Campbell, opens the private apartments for us to uncover the secrets of its past.

After navigating the narrow Kyles of Bute and Loch Striven, we step ashore on the Isle of Bute to wonder at the astounding Victorian Gothic mansion, Mount Stuart House, believed to be the first home in the world to have a heated indoor swimming pool. Our final architectural gem is the sumptuous Ardgowan House, which has been held by the Stewart family since the early 15th century.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 13th March

Greenock - Embarkation.

Wednesday 14th March

Rhu Marina - Hill House.
Gourock - Finlaystone House.

Thursday 15th March

Troon - Full day at Dumfries House with lunch.

Friday 16th March

Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle.
Cruise Loch Fyne.

Saturday 17th March

Strachur - Strachur House.
Strachur - Ardkinglas House.

Sunday 18th March

Craræ - Inveraray Castle private apartments.
Cruise Kyles of Bute and Loch Striven.

Monday 19th March

Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House.
Largs - Ardgowan House.

Tuesday 20th March

Greenock - Disembarkation.

Greenock - Oban

Heart of Argyll to Oban

Tuesday 20th to Tuesday 27th March 2018
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Leaving Greenock, and heading around the Mull of Kintyre, we take this last opportunity to enjoy the Clyde islands in spring as we voyage to our home port of Oban and our first visit of the year to some of the southern Hebridean islands.



Hebridean Princess Crinan

Sailing into picturesque Holy Loch we venture ashore at Benmore Botanic Garden, to witness the vibrant colours of early spring, before wondering at the awe-inspiring Victorian Gothic mansion, Mount Stuart House, traditional home to the Bute family for over 250 years.

After navigating Loch Striven we steam south through the Firth of Clyde, taking in views of Ailsa Craig, ahead of a landing on the privately owned Sanda Island. Our final port of call on the Clyde is Campbeltown where we look forward to tasting a wee dram at Springbank Distillery, established in 1828 and located in the once proclaimed 'whisky capital of the world', before we round the Mull of Kintyre, on passage to Port Ellen on the Isle of Islay.

Later we sample the peaty malts at Laphroaig Distillery and enjoy walks ashore on neighbouring Jura, in advance of crossing the Sound of Jura to stroll the towpath of the Crinan Canal. At Kilmartin Glen we explore some of the 800 ancient monuments to discover the rich archaeological legacy for which the area is famous.

The 20-acre coastal garden at Arduaine is well-known for its wonderful collection of rhododendrons, grown largely under a canopy of mature Japanese larch. With Oban almost upon us, we venture ashore on the island of Kerrera, standing guard over Oban harbour.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 20th March

Greenock - Embarkation.

Wednesday 21st March

Holy Loch - Benmore Botanic Garden.
Rothsay, Bute - Mount Stuart House.

Thursday 22nd March

Cruise Loch Striven and Ailsa Craig.
Sanda Island - Walks ashore.

Friday 23rd March

Campbeltown - Springbank Distillery.
Cruise the Mull of Kintyre.

Saturday 24th March

Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroaig Distillery.
Loch na Mile, Jura - Walks ashore.

Sunday 25th March

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

Monday 26th March

Craobh Haven - Arduaine Garden.
Kerrera - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 27th March

Oban - Disembarkation.



Laphroaig Distillery. Islay



Arduaine Garden

Hebridean Highlights

- Benmore Botanic Garden
- Mount Stuart House
- Sanda Island
- Laphroaig Distillery
- Arduaine Garden



Highland Cow



Isle of Iona



Oban - Oban

Hebridean Easter

Tuesday 27th March to Tuesday 3rd April 2018
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This season's first cruise from Oban allows us to follow in the footsteps of St Columba, to experience the tranquillity of the sacred isle of Iona and its restored Benedictine Abbey on Easter Day, and discover the diversity of the idyllic inner isles.



Fingal's Cave, Staffa



Kilmartin Glen

Hebridean Highlights

- Colonsay House Gardens
- Oronsay Priory
- Iona Abbey
- Ardalanish Weavers
- Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum



Iona Abbey, Iona

At Kilmartin Glen we explore some of the 800 ancient monuments ahead of stretching our legs on the 'deer island' of Jura, in the shadow of the landmark Paps. Crossing to neighbouring Islay we sample the distinctive peaty malts at Ardbeg Distillery and behold one of the finest early Christian crosses in Scotland, the High Cross of Kildalton.

Traversing the Sound of Islay, Colonsay House and Gardens awaits our arrival ahead of a landing on the tiny tidal island of Oronsay, named after St Oran, the founder of the original priory in AD 563. A morning sail allows us to observe the spectacular, cathedral like structure of Fingal's Cave, along with Inch Kenneth, named after St Kenneth who established a monastery on the island.

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

From the museum housed in the old signal tower at Hynish on Tiree, we appreciate the immense feat of engineering that is Skerryvore Lighthouse.

Hebridean fleece from the farm at Ardalanish is used on site by the Isle of Mull weavers; here we enjoy a weaving demonstration before concluding our voyage on the bird haven of Coll, fringed by silver-white beaches.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 27th March

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 28th March

Ardfern - Kilmartin House Museum and Kilmartin Glen.
Loch na Mile, Jura - Walks ashore.

Thursday 29th March

Port Ellen, Islay - Ardbeg Distillery/Kildalton Cross.
Cruise the Sound of Islay.

Friday 30th March

Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
Oronsay - Oronsay Priory.

Saturday 31st March

Cruise past Fingal's Cave, Staffa and Inch Kenneth.
Ulva - Livingstone's Cottage.

Sunday 1st April - Easter Sunday

Iona - Iona Abbey.
Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum.

Monday 2nd April

Bunessan, Mull - Ardalanish Weavers.
Coll - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 3rd April

Oban - Disembarkation.

West Coast Wonders

Tuesday 3rd to Tuesday 10th April 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Scotland's Western Seaboard is unspoilt, wild and beautiful. Explore this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty from the comfort and elegance of *Hebridean Princess* as she discovers hidden Hebridean highlights, together with rugged mainland gems on a cruise of varied adventure.

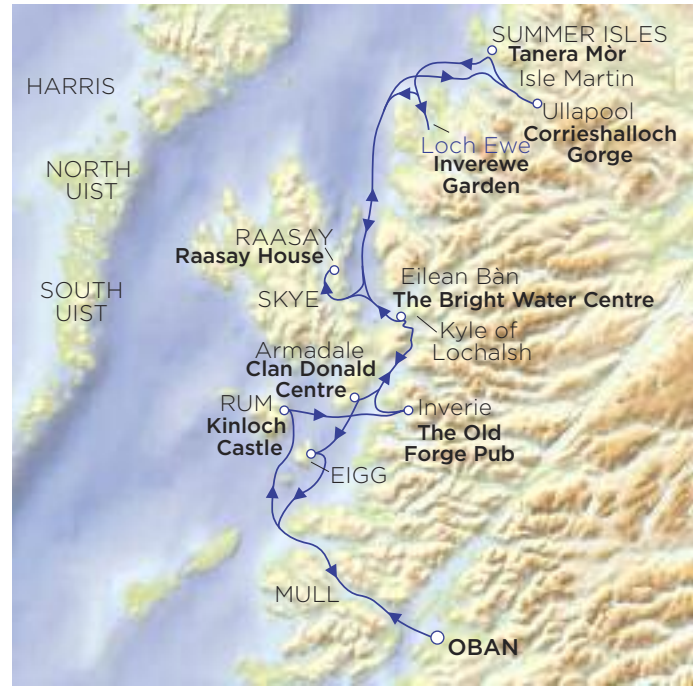
Rounding the Sound of Mull, we head for the Small Isle of Rum and the imposing Kinloch Castle. Built of red sandstone, the castle was the first private residence in Scotland to have electricity.

A cruise through the Sound of Sleat takes us to the delightful village of Inverie and Britain's remotest pub, The Old Forge Inn, before we venture to Eilean Bàn and the Bright Water Visitor Centre.

Before steaming north to Ullapool and the dramatic Corrieshalloch Gorge, a sail under the Skye Bridge takes us to the Isle of Raasay and Raasay House. Once the seat of Clan MacLeods of Raasay, this historic mansion house has unrivalled views of the Cuillin mountain range.

The Summer Isles beckon and we land on both Isle Martin, an uninhabited bird sanctuary, and Tanera Mòr, home to a post office issuing its own stamps. We pause to enjoy the colours of spring at Inverewe Garden, and reflect on our voyage so far, as we return south through the Inner Sound and The Narrows on passage to Armadale. Here we learn of the history of the Highlands and Islands at the Clan Donald Centre and Museum of the Isles.

Finally, we embrace wonderful walks ashore on the Small Isle of Eigg, ahead of our adventure drawing to a close.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 3rd April

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 4th April

Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Inverie - The Old Forge Pub.

Thursday 5th April

Kyle of Lochalsh - The Bright Water Centre, Eilean Bàn.
Raasay - Raasay House.

Friday 6th April

Cruise north through Sound of Raasay and Loch Broom.
Ullapool - Corrieshalloch Gorge.

Saturday 7th April

Isle Martin - Walks ashore.
Tanera Mòr, Summer Isles - Walks ashore.

Sunday 8th April

Loch Ewe - Inverewe Garden.
Cruise the Inner Sound and Skye Bridge.

Monday 9th April

Armadale, Skye - Clan Donald Centre.
Eigg - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 10th April

Oban - Disembarkation.



Inverewe Garden



Eilean Bàn Lighthouse

Hebridean Highlights

- Kinloch Castle
- Bright Water Visitor Centre
- Raasay House
- Summer Isles
- Inverewe Garden



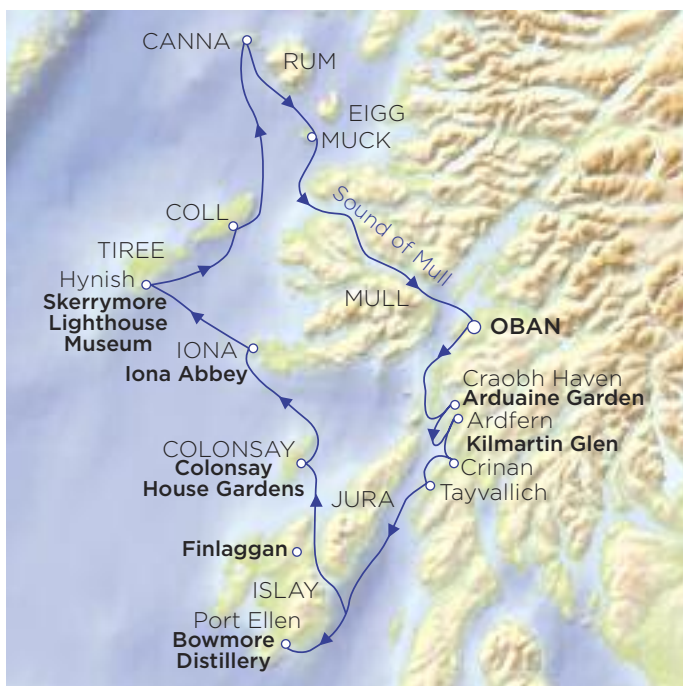
Otter Cub



Hebridean Princess, Summer Isles



Kiloran Bay, Colonsay



Oban - Oban



Footloose to the Southern Hebrides

Tuesday 10th to Tuesday 17th April 2018
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

For our first Footloose cruise of 2018 we sail south from Oban to Knapdale and enjoy walks on the scenic, unspoilt mainland, before exploring the varied landscapes of the southern Inner Isles.

After a visit to the National Trust for Scotland's Arduaine Garden, our Footloose adventure commences with a ramble to Loch Ardlarenoch or a tour of the historic monuments at Kilmartin Glen.



Footloose Hamper



Finlaggan, Islay

Walking Highlights

- Half day walk at Loch Ardlarench
- Full day walk from Crinan
- Full day walk on Islay
- Half day walks on Colonsay and Iona
- Half day walks on Tiree and Coll



Common Redshank

A full day walk from Crinan is the order of the day for the more energetic or alternatively, strolls along the canal towpath followed by a scenic exploration of the pretty fishing village of Tayvallich on the shores of Loch Sween.

On Islay, strollers can visit Finlaggan and Bowmore Distillery whilst the walkers strike out from Port Ellen and take lunch ashore. Colonsay House Gardens beckon for the strollers whilst the walkers head for the white sands at Kiloran Bay. Onwards to sacred Iona for a visit to the restored Benedictine Abbey or a scenic hike to the Bay at the Back of the Ocean.

Tiree is home to the Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum at Hynish, where our strollers can appreciate this great feat of engineering, whilst the walkers ramble through machair covered meadows to Hough Bay. The bird haven of Coll plays host to an afternoon visit for all with views of silver-white beaches.

Our voyage concludes with strolls and walks on the Small Isles of Canna and Muck, before we cruise the Sound of Mull and return to our home port of Oban.

Travel Plan – 7 nights

Tuesday 10th April

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 11th April

Craobh Haven - Arduaine Garden.

Ardfern - Kilmartin Glen/

Loch Ardlarench walk.

Thursday 12th April

Crinan - Strolls or full day walk.

Tayvallich - Strolls ashore.

Friday 13th April

Port Ellen, Islay - Finlaggan or full day walk.

Port Ellen - Bowmore Distillery.

Saturday 14th April

Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens/ walks.

Iona - Abbey or walk to Bay at the Back of the Ocean.

Sunday 15th April

Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum or Hough

Bay walk.

Coll - Walks and strolls ashore.

Monday 16th April

Canna - Walks and strolls ashore.

Muck - Walks and strolls ashore.

Tuesday 17th April

Oban - Disembarkation.



Laphroaig Distillery, Islay



Flavours of Scotland

Tuesday 17th to Tuesday 24th April 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

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 we 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 takes us to mainland Britain's remotest pub, The Old Forge at Inverie. From Armadale lunch at the Michelin starred Kinloch Lodge is served, before a sail through Kyle Rhea and the Inner Sound.

A gentle stroll ashore at Shieldaig creates an appetite prior to 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 cheeses are made by hand.

A morning cruise of 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 17th April

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 18th April

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

Thursday 19th April

Cruise the Small Isles.
Inverie - Old Forge pub.

Friday 20th April

Armadale, Isle of Skye - Kinloch Lodge lunch.
Cruise Kyle Rhea and the Inner Sound.

Saturday 21st April

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

Sunday 22nd April

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

Monday 23rd April

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

Tuesday 24th April

Oban - Disembarkation.



Duart Castle, Mull

Hebridean Highlights

- Laphroaig Distillery
- Kinloch Lodge Lunch
- The Torridon Hotel Lunch
- Isle of Eriska Hotel Lunch
- Duart Castle - Champagne Reception



Champagne Reception



Oban - Oban

Springtime Surprise

Tuesday 24th April to Tuesday 1st May 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Autumn Surprise with Captain Trevor Bailey
departs on 16th October 2018

Join *Hebridean Princess* on this Springtime Surprise cruise 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.



Hebridean Princess at anchor



Loch Torridon

Oban - Oban

The Rugged North West Wilderness

Tuesday 1st to Tuesday 8th May 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The far north west Highlands offer superb scenery, mountain peaks, unspoilt sandy beaches, magnificent walking and wide open spaces. Add in the famous sub-tropical garden at Inverewe, the remote Summer Isles and the seabird cliffs of the Shiant Islands to make this cruise a fascinating journey through beautiful landscapes of lochs and mountains.

Exploring the ruined castle and woodland garden at Armadale we learn about the history of the isles at the Clan Donald Centre, ahead of a leisurely cruise through the Sound of Sleat to Lochs Hourn and Torridon. We stretch our legs at the pretty conservation village of Shildaig and delight in the vibrant colours of exotic plants at Inverewe Garden.

The Summer Isles beckon as we land on the largest, Tanera Mòr, lying in the mouth of Loch Broom. 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.

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. As our journey continues we can observe the ever-changing panorama during a cruise of the west coast of the island and the Small Isles.

Prior to calling at Ardchattan Priory Garden, first established in the 13th century, our final full day permits us to enjoy a visit to the impressive Duart Castle, standing proudly on a clifftop guarding the Sound of Mull.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 1st May

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 2nd May

Armadale, Skye - Castle and gardens.
Cruise Sound of Sleat, Loch Hourn, Skye Bridge and Loch Torridon.

Thursday 3rd May

Shildaig - Walks ashore.
Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

Friday 4th May

Cruise the rugged coast of Wester Ross.
Loch a' Chàirn Bhàin - Walks ashore.

Saturday 5th May

Summer Isles - Tanera Mòr.
Cruise cliffs of the Shiant Isles.

Sunday 6th May

Skye - Dunvegan Castle and seal colony.
Cruise west coast of Skye and the Small Isles.

Monday 7th May

Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.
Dunstaffanage - Ardchattan Priory Garden.

Tuesday 8th May

Oban - Disembarkation.



Puffin



Inverewe Garden

Hebridean Highlights

- Cruise Loch Hourn and Loch Torridon
- Tanera Mòr
- Shiant Isles
- Dunvegan Castle
- Ardchattan Priory Garden



Dunvegan Castle Gardens, Skye



Footloose through the Long Isle

Tuesday 8th to Tuesday 15th May 2018
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

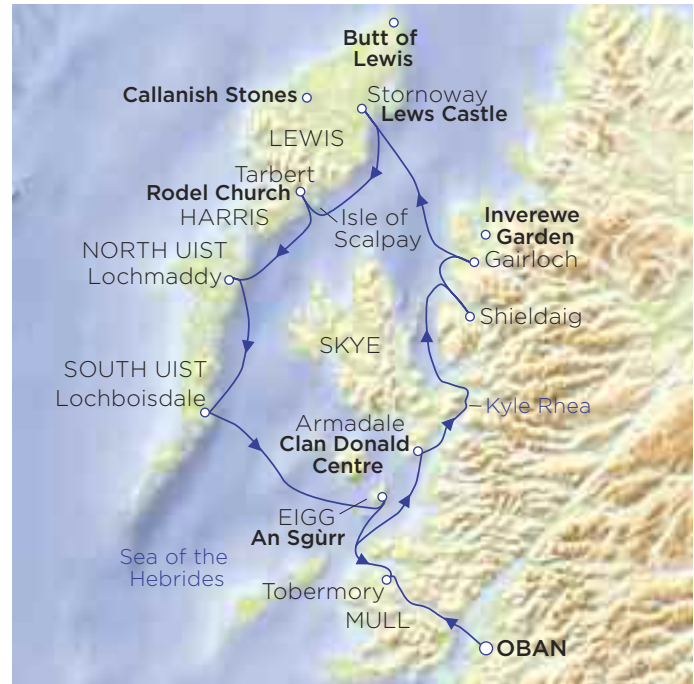
Often referred to as the 'Long Isle', the Outer Hebrides are an area of unspoilt natural beauty with spectacular scenery, impressive mountain ranges, moorland, lochs, machair, golden sandy beaches and turquoise seas. Explore this area with a unique Gaelic culture on this Footloose cruise that has something for everyone.

Our first morning is spent at Armadale on the Isle of Skye to learn of clan history or treading the woodland trails with panoramic views of the Sleat peninsula and beyond. Sailing through Kyle Rhea and The Narrows our walkers head for the hills of Wester Ross whilst the strollers explore picturesque Shieldaig and the sub-tropical garden of Inverewe.

A cruise of The Minch takes us to Stornoway where the secrets of the Isle of Lewis are uncovered at Callanish Stones and Lews Castle; the energetic can strike out for the northern tip of the archipelago, the Butt of Lewis.

Neighbouring Harris plays host to our next forays ashore, the 15th century church of St Clement's at Rodel, a demonstration of the world-famous Harris Tweed and a tour of the tiny island of Scalpay. Sailing south to North Uist, the options are a full day walk or a tour of the island, re-joining the ship in South Uist.

Returning over the Little Minch the dramatic volcanic peak of An Sgùrr draws our walkers, with strolls on Eigg for those who prefer a more relaxed pace. Our voyage concludes with a call at the colourful capital of Mull, Tobermory.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 8th May

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 9th May

Armadale, Skye - Clan Donald Centre/ walks.
Cruise Kyle Rhea and The Narrows.

Thursday 10th May

Shieldaig - Walks ashore.
Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

Friday 11th May

Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones /walks.
Stornoway, Lewis - Lews Castle Museum/walks at the Butt of Lewis.

Saturday 12th May

East Loch Tarbert, Harris - Rodel Church and Tweed weavers/full day walk.
East Loch Tarbert, Harris - Tour Isle of Scalpay.

Sunday 13th May

Lochmaddy, North Uist - Island tour/full day walk.
Lochboisdale, South Uist - Re-join ship.

Monday 14th May

An Sgùrr, Eigg - Strolls/walks.
Tobermory, Mull - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 15th May

Oban - Disembarkation.



Footloose Walkers

Walking Highlights

- Half day walk at Armadale
- Full day walk from Shieldaig
- Half day walk at the Butt of Lewis
- Full day walk on the Uists
- Half day walk at An Sgùrr, Eigg



Callanish Stones, Lewis



Isle of Lewis



Dunvegan Castle Gardens, Skye



Oban - Oban



Secret Gardens of the Western Seaboard

Tuesday 15th to Tuesday 22nd May 2018
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.



Attadale Gardens



Lip na Cloiche Garden, Mull

**Guest Speaker
Richard Baines**

Richard Baines was a lecturer in horticulture before becoming Curator of Logan Botanic Garden, part of The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. A regular contributor to gardening magazines he has participated in many Gardeners' Question Time panels, lectures on various topics and has appeared on both TV and radio. His plant specialities include rhododendrons, hardy palms and southern hemisphere exotics.



Departing from Oban we head for Attadale Gardens and the impressive sculptures scattered amongst water gardens, woodland and rhododendrons. At Loch Ewe we explore the lush oasis of Inverewe Garden, before steaming north to Ullapool and marvelling at the dramatic Corrieshalloch Gorge and its spectacular waterfalls.

Little Loch Broom is home to the ancient walled garden at Dundonnell House which boasts a restored Edwardian glasshouse, riverside walk and arboretum. The coastal garden at neighbouring Durnamuck offers a rich mix of herbaceous borders, trees and shrubs, wild meadow and stunning views.

Loch Dunvegan is where we enjoy five acres of formal castle gardens, before arriving at the hidden gem of Lip na Cloiche, a private and self-made garden in an extremely remote location on the Isle of Mull. On a headland overlooking the Atlantic, Glengorm Castle plays host to our next visit; on a clear day views extend as far as the Outer Hebrides.

Nestling on the shore of Loch Linnhe, Ard Daraich is a magical hill garden and a delight for garden lovers.

The gardens at Ardtornish Estate were sculpted out of a rocky hillside creating a natural landscape; the late nineteenth century planting was intended to be enjoyed by sea approach, with the towers of Ardtornish House springing from a semi-circle of trees.

Travel Plan – 7 nights

Tuesday 15th May

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 16th May

Cruise Kyle Rhea and Sound of Sleat, Loch Hourn. Plockton - Attadale Gardens.

Thursday 17th May

Loch Ewe - Inverewe Garden. Ullapool - Corrieshalloch Gorge.

Friday 18th May

Ullapool - Dundonnell Estate Garden. Ullapool - Durnamuck Garden.

Saturday 19th May

Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle and Gardens. Cruise south west Skye and the Small Isles.

Sunday 20th May

Mull - Lip na Cloiche Garden. Tobermory, Mull - Glengorm Castle.

Monday 21st May

Fort William - Ard Daraich Garden. Lochaline - Ardtornish Estate Gardens.

Tuesday 22nd May

Oban - Disembarkation.



Oban - Oban

The Islands of the Inner & Outer Hebrides



Tuesday 22nd to Tuesday 29th May 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

First operated in 1989, we are replicating this delightful cruise in celebration of our 30th anniversary season with visits to six different islands, a passage to the Outer Hebrides and a visit to the famous garden at Inverewe.



Portree, Skye

Departing from Oban, we enter the famous Tobermory Bay for a stretch of legs in the colourful Georgian capital, whilst a venture ashore on Eigg highlights the stark contrast between lush vegetation and rocky peak. Sailing onwards, the famous Black Ridge of the Cuillins on Skye may well be visible as *Hebridean Princess* steams into Loch Scresort on Rum for a visit to Kinloch Castle.

Continuing to the Sleat peninsula and Armadale on Skye we discover the Clan Donald Centre, set in the landscaped gardens of the ruined castle, before berthing at Kyle of Lochalsh for an excursion to the most photographed castle in Britain, Eilean Donan.

Plockton is a conservation village and we explore the bay bordered by palm trees, ahead of landing once more on Skye at the sheltered natural harbour of Portree. Heading northwards to Gairloch we marvel at the tropical plants that flourish outdoors at Inverewe Garden, but would have to be grown under glass at Kew Gardens!

To get a first-hand feel for life in the remote Outer Hebrides we tour the island of Harris, before retuning across The Minch to visit the oldest continually inhabited castle in Scotland, Dunvegan. Our final island port of call is the Small Isle of Canna where we tender ashore to experience the peace and solitude of this sparsely populated isle.

Travel Plan – 7 nights

Tuesday 22nd May

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 23rd May

Tobermory, Mull - Walks ashore.

Eigg - Walks ashore.

Thursday 24th May

Rum - Kinloch Castle.

Armadale, Skye - Clan Donald Centre.

Friday 25th May

Kyle of Lochalsh - Eilean Donan Castle.

Plockton - Walks ashore.

Saturday 26th May

Portree, Skye - Walks ashore.

Gairloch - Inverewe Garden.

Sunday 27th May

Tarbert, Harris - Island tour.

Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle.

Monday 28th May

Canna - Walks ashore.

Cruise Small Isles and Sound of Mull.

Tuesday 29th May

Oban - Disembarkation.



View towards Eigg and Rum



Common Seal

Hebridean Highlights

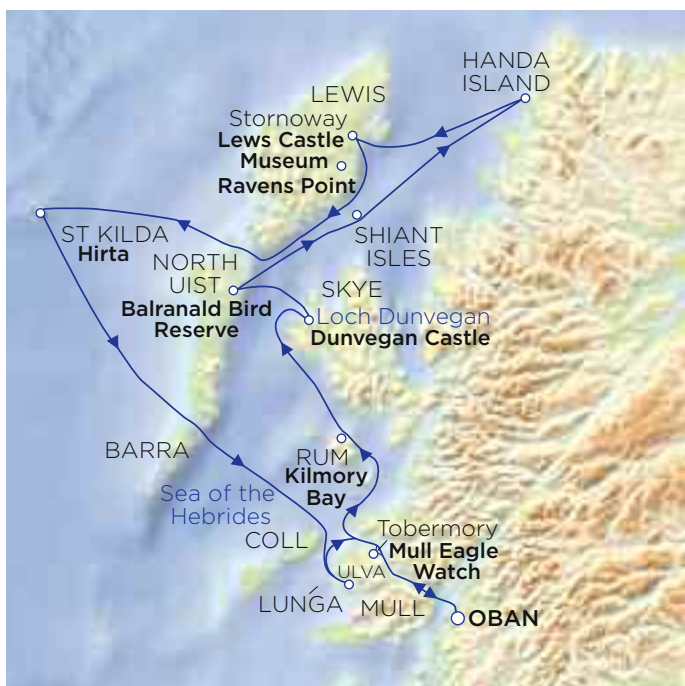
- Kinloch Castle
- Armadale Castle and Clan Donald Centre
- Conservation Village of Plockton
- Island tour of Harris
- Dunvegan Castle



Heath Spotted Orchid



Sea Stac, St Kilda



Oban - Oban



St Kilda and Western Isles Wildlife

Tuesday 29th May to Thursday 7th June 2018
9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

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



Red Deer



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.



Boarding the beachcraft, a landing on the Small Isle of Rum takes us in search of red deer, before a cruise of the west coast of Skye. We take a boat trip to view the resident seal population in the shadow of Dunvegan Castle and observe the wading and farmland birds at the Balranald RSPB Reserve on North Uist.

A cruise of the seabird cliffs of the privately owned Shiant Isles allows us to witness the myriad of breeding seabirds, whilst an afternoon cruise of The Minch provides the ideal opportunity for cetacean watching. Onwards to Handa Island, an internationally important breeding colony, before continuing across The Minch to Stornoway and Lews Castle Museum.

Venturing through the Sound of Harris to St Kilda we cruise the archipelago and 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, before a relaxing cruise of the Sea of the Hebrides.

Local boats take us to Lunga, an island designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest and where Atlantic grey seals and puffins are abundant. After stretching our legs on Ulva our final destination is Mull, to view Britain's largest and most impressive bird of prey, the white-tailed eagle.

Travel Plan - 9 nights

Tuesday 29th May

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 30th May

Kilmory Bay, Rum - Beach landing.
Cruise west coast of Skye.

Thursday 31st May

Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Seal colony/castle.
Lochmaddy, North Uist - Balranald Bird Reserve/Trinity Temple.

Friday 1st June

Shiant Isles - Seabird cliffs by small boat.
Cruise the Minch - Cetacean watch.

Saturday 2nd June

Handa Island.
Stornoway, Lewis - Ravens Point/ Lews Castle Museum.

Sunday 3rd June

Cruise Sound of Harris to St Kilda archipelago and seabird cliffs.

Monday 4th June

Hirta, St Kilda - Village Bay
Cruise towards Barra.

Tuesday 5th June

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides to Staffa.
Lunga - Puffins by local boat.

Wednesday 6th June

Ulva - Walks ashore.
Tobermory - Mull Eagle Watch.

Thursday 7th June

Oban - Disembarkation.



WINCHESTER COLLEGE

In the Footsteps of Sir Jamie Stormonth Darling

Thursday 7th to Tuesday 12th June 2018

5 nights including 1 Gala Dinner

In association with Winchester College

Follow in the steps of Old Wykehamist Sir Jamie Stormonth Darling, Director of the National Trust for Scotland in its formative years, visiting some of the most beautiful and remote islands managed by the National Trust for Scotland, most of which were acquired under his leadership.

Sailing from Oban we head for our peaceful overnight anchorage, before continuing to the secluded Isle of Canna for a full day of cultural and natural history exploration.

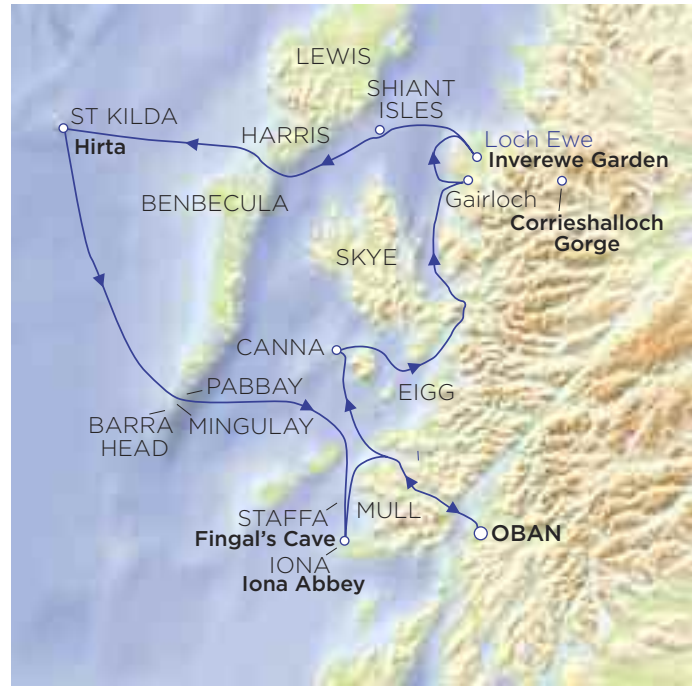
A cruise past the Balmacara Estate leads us to Inverewe Garden with its heritage garden, comprising species from across the globe and created from a barren wilderness in the 19th century. Corrieshalloch Gorge is one of the finest box canyons in the British Isles and here we marvel at the giant waterfall as it cascades through a wilderness rich in flora and fauna.

St Kilda, the United Kingdom's only double UNESCO World Heritage Site, is where man lived in the harshest of conditions until 1930. Our overnight sail allows us to arrive early morning and cruise the imposing sea stacks, before going ashore at Village Bay for a warden-led tour.

Heading for the southern tip of the Outer Hebrides our on board commentary provides an insight into Barra Head, Mingulay and Pabbay, ahead of traversing the Sea of the Hebrides.

In advance of landing on the sacred isle of Iona, 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 cruise draws to a close as we enjoy a sumptuous farewell gala dinner at anchor.



Travel Plan - 5 nights

Thursday 7th June

Oban - Embarkation.

Friday 8th June

Canna - Full day of cultural and natural history exploration.

Saturday 9th June

Gairloch - Inverewe Garden and Corrieshalloch Gorge.
Cruise The Shiant Isles.

Sunday 10th June

Cruise sea stacks of St Kilda archipelago.
Hirta, St Kilda - Village Bay.

Monday 11th June

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

Tuesday 12th June

Oban - Disembarkation.



Canna



Inverewe Garden

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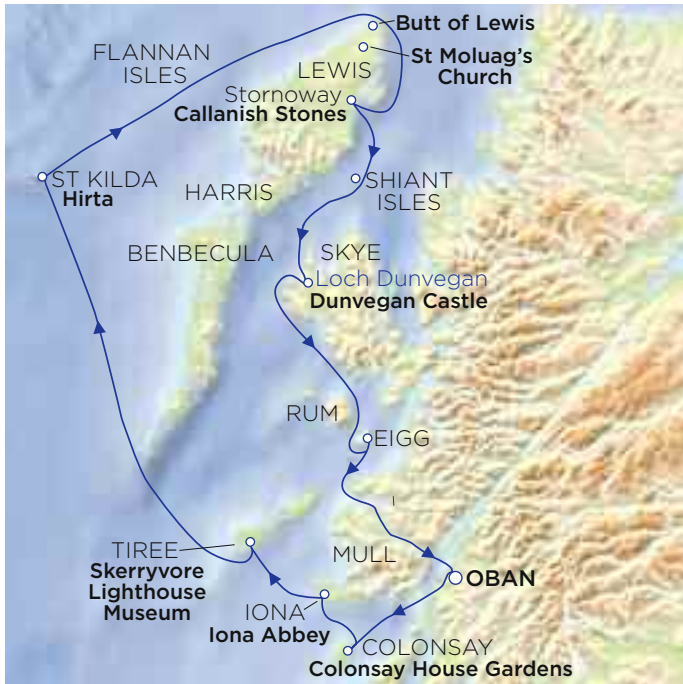
Nick Baker, the Winchester College Fellow in Natural History and TV presenter, and also Alexander Bennett, previously General Manager, Countryside and Islands North, for the National Trust for Scotland.



Gannets



Corrieshalloch Gorge



Oban - Oban



St Kilda, Islands on the Edge

Tuesday 12th to Tuesday 19th June 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Made up of five islands and three stacs, this is our third visit of the year to St Kilda. Whilst the Double UNESCO World Heritage Site is the highlight of the cruise there are other ancient sites to enjoy.

Our voyage of discovery commences with a visit to Colonsay House Gardens, considered to be one of the finest rhododendron gardens in Scotland, ahead of landing on the serene Isle of Iona, home to the oldest and most sacred religious site in western Europe, Iona Abbey.



The Village, Hirta, St Kilda

Before sailing the Sea of the Hebrides, we pause to wonder at the magnificent feat of engineering that is Skerryvore Lighthouse from the museum housed at Hynish on Tiree.

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 past the Flannan Isles where, in December 1900, three lighthouse keepers mysteriously disappeared.

On Lewis, we discover the ancient standing stones at Callanish and journey to the northern most point of the Outer Isles, where the unique and beautiful St Moluag's Church has stood since the 13th century.

A gentle cruise takes us past the Shiant Isles, with sea cliffs festooned with nesting seabirds, and onwards to Skye and Dunvegan Castle, home of Clan MacLeod and an excellent location to observe the resident seal population. Heading south through the Small Isles our final foray ashore is the community owned Isle of Eigg.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 12th June

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 13th June

Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.

Iona - Iona Abbey.

Thursday 14th June

Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum.

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.

Friday 15th June

Hirta, St Kilda - Village Bay.

Cruise sea stacs and Flannan Isles.

Saturday 16th June

Stornoway, Lewis - Callanish Stones and walks ashore.

Stornoway, Lewis - St Moluag's church and Butt of Lewis.

Sunday 17th June

Shiant Isles - Beach landing.

Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle.

Monday 18th June

Cruise the Small Isles.

Eigg - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 19th June

Oban - Disembarkation.



Hebridean Highlights

- Iona Abbey
- Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum
- Double UNESCO World Heritage Site of St Kilda
- Shiant Isles Seabird Cliffs
- Dunvegan Castle





Fingal's Cave, Staffa

Oban - Oban



The Hebridean Isles

Tuesday 19th to Tuesday 26th June 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Original cruise operated in 1998

A popular itinerary from our 10th season, this is a cruise that, for the most part, remains within sight of land. The ever-changing panorama will appeal to those who like to escape to dramatic, off the beaten track locations

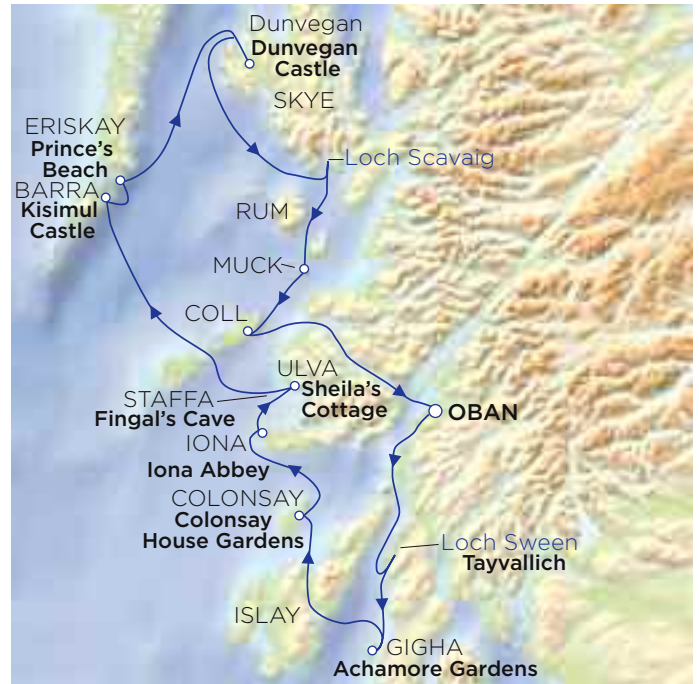
Departing from our home port of Oban we cruise south through the Firth of Lorn and enter Loch Sween, to tender ashore and explore on foot at Tayvallich. On the fertile Isle of Gigha we visit the 50 acre gardens of Achamore House, planted by Sir James Horlick.

Our voyage continues with a visit to Colonsay House Gardens, considered to be one of the finest rhododendron gardens in Scotland, ahead of discovering the history of Christianity at the restored Benedictine Abbey on Iona. At Sheila's Cottage Museum, on the traffic free haven of Ulva, we uncover the island's past.

Fingal's Cave was immortalised by Mendelssohn in his Hebrides Overture and here we admire the distinctive six-sided columns of rock formed from basalt. Crossing the Sea of the Hebrides, we head for Kisimul Castle, guarding the entrance to Castlebay on Barra, before strolling the white sands of Prince's Bay on Eriskay.

Ahead of sailing into Loch Scavaig, where the Black Cuillins sweep down to the sea to create one of the wonders of the West Coast, we have the chance to view the famous seal colony at Dunvegan Castle on Skye.

Our final day provides the opportunity to embrace scenic walks on the Inner Isles of Muck and Coll.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 19th June

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 20th June

Loch Sween - Tayvallich.
Gigha - Achamore Gardens.

Thursday 21st June

Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
Iona - Iona Abbey.

Friday 22nd June

Ulva - Sheila's Cottage.
Staffa - Fingal's Cave.

Saturday 23rd June

Barra - Kisimul Castle.
Eriskay - Prince's Beach.

Sunday 24th June

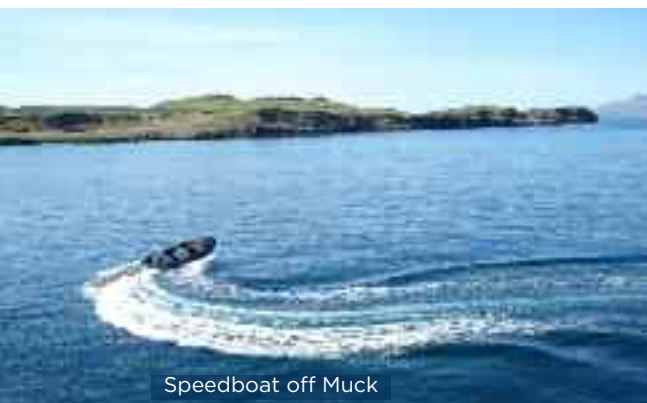
Loch Dunvegan, Skye - Dunvegan Castle.
Cruise south west coast of Skye to Loch Scavaig for overnight anchorage.

Monday 25th June

Muck - Walks ashore.
Coll - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 26th June

Oban - Disembarkation.



Speedboat off Muck



Iona Abbey, Iona

Hebridean Highlights

- Achamore Gardens
- Colonsay House Gardens
- Fingal's Cave
- Prince's Beach
- Dunvegan Castle



Achamore Gardens, Gigha



Pearls of the Irish Sea

Tuesday 26th June to Tuesday 3rd July 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Venturing out of Scottish waters for the first time this season, we head south from Oban to capture the magical and mysterious spirit of three different cultures bound by their Celtic roots.

On the whisky isle of Islay we sample the distinctive, peaty malt at Ardbeg on the south coast of the island. As we cruise the North Channel, the coast of Northern Ireland comes into view and a landing at Ballycastle allows us to walk in the footsteps of Irish legend, Finn MacCool, at the Giant's Causeway.

A visit to the Neo-Classical Mount Stewart House, located on the shores of Strangford Lough in County Down, would not be complete without wandering through celebrated gardens, planted in the 1920s. Nearby Castle Ward is a unique 18th century mansion, famed for its mixture of architectural styles.

Our third Celtic nation beckons and we uncover layers of Manx history at the majestic fortress of Peel Castle, before taking a ride on the historic steam train at Douglas. A detour via the English coast takes us to the birthplace of the famous romantic poet, William Wordsworth, at Cockermouth.

Sailing back across the Irish Sea we admire the beautiful waterfall at Glenoe, nestling in the glens of Antrim and the conservation village of Cushendun, which has been protected by the National Trust since 1954.

Returning to home waters, 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 26th June

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 27th June

Port Ellen, Islay - Ardbeg Distillery.
Ballycastle - Giant's Causeway.

Thursday 28th June

Bangor - Mount Stewart House and Garden.
Strangford Lough - Castle Ward.

Friday 29th June

Peel, Isle of Man - Peel Castle.
Douglas, Isle of Man - Historic steam train.

Saturday 30th June

Whitehaven - Wordsworth House and Garden, Cockermouth.
Cruise the Irish Sea.

Sunday 1st July

Larne - Glenoe waterfall.
Cushendun - Village walks.

Monday 2nd July

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

Tuesday 3rd July

Oban - Disembarkation.



Hebridean Princess, Isle of Man

Hebridean Highlights

- UNESCO World Heritage Site of Giant's Causeway
- Mount Stewart House and Gardens
- Peel Castle
- Wordsworth House
- National Trust Conservation Village of Cushendun



Giant's Causeway



Mount Stewart House, Northern Ireland



Hebridean Princess from Fingal's Cave, Staffa



Classical Inspiration

Tuesday 3rd to Tuesday 10th July 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

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

The Crinan Hotel is a renowned gallery venue on Scotland's west coast, where contemporary artists Frances Macdonald and her son Ross Ryan regularly exhibit. The picturesque village of Tayvallich plays host to scenic strolls before we cross to Islay for a visit to Islay House Square, built by Walter Campbell in the 1790s to house servants and workshops. After tasting a wee dram at Laphroaig Distillery, we conclude our day with 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 Garden, ahead of a landing on the sacred island of Iona, birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. A local boat leads us to Staffa and Fingal's Cave with its spectacular hexagonal basalt columns; its sheer size and eerie sounds produced by the waves have encouraged music, legends and modern art.

At mainland Britain's most westerly point we take in the breathtaking panorama from the Ardnamurchan Lighthouse and visit the Resipole Studios, a contemporary gallery on the edge of Loch Sunart that provides an exciting space for Scottish artists to develop and exhibit their work.

On the Isle of Mull, we discover Duart Castle, home to the Clan Maclean for over 800 years, and enjoy a musical interlude by the artistes of the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival, in Craignure.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 3rd July

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 4th July

Crinan - Crinan Gallery at the Crinan Hotel.
Tayvallich - Walks ashore.

Thursday 5th July

Port Ellen, Islay - Weaving mill/Islay House Square.
Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroaig Distillery and music recital.

Friday 6th July

Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
Iona - Iona Abbey.

Saturday 7th July

Staffa - Fingal's cave.
Tobermory, Mull - Mendelssohn on Mull Festival recital.

Sunday 8th July

Kilchoan - Ardnamurchan Lighthouse.
Salen, Loch Sunart - Resipole Studios art gallery.

Monday 9th July

Craignure, Mull - Duart Castle.
Craignure, Mull - Mendelssohn on Mull Festival recital.

Tuesday 10th July

Oban - Disembarkation.



Crinan Hotel Gallery



Lichen, Sunart Oakwood, Salen

Hebridean Highlights

- Crinan Hotel Gallery
- Concert from Musicians of the Cantilena Festival
- Fingal's Cave
- Resipole Studios
- Recitals by Young Musicians of the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival



Classical Musicians



Hebridean Princess, Peel Castle, Isle of Man



Oban - Portland

Isles of Scilly and Celtic Coasts

Tuesday 10th to Friday 20th July 2018

10 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Our eagerly anticipated journey south takes us on a sojourn of discovery, allowing us to uncover the heritage of three Celtic nations en route to the magical Isles of Scilly and the architectural and maritime gems of the southern coast of England.

Heading for Islay the award-winning Laphroaig Distillery hosts our first visit, before a sail of the North Channel and the Antrim coast.



Abbey Gardens, Tresco



Grey Abbey House

**Guest Speaker
Graham Clarke**

Graham Clarke, artist, author and humourist is one of Britain's foremost printmakers. His 'arched top' etchings are to be found in royal and public collections across the world, as well as on the walls of countless homes. They are produced entirely by hand using methods that are hundreds of years old. He has also written and illustrated more than a dozen books.



Built in 1762, and located on the shores of Strangford Lough, Grey Abbey House contains interesting family collections and a garden that boasts herbaceous borders, a walled garden and historic apple orchards.

Onwards to the Isle of Man for an exploration of Peel Castle with its ancient round tower, atmospheric crypt and vast layers of Manx history, before traversing the Irish Sea for a tour of Dublin that highlights the vibrancy of the city.

From Rosslare, we tour the medieval streets of Wexford and learn of how the town's rich and bloody history was nearly obliterated by Oliver Cromwell, ahead of discovering the 12th century Selskar Abbey where Henry II spent Lent as sacrament for having beheaded Thomas Becket.

A gentle steam takes us to the largest island of the enchanting Isles of Scilly, St Mary's, before visiting Tresco and the sub-tropical Abbey Garden, home to thousands of exotic plants.

From Falmouth, we visit Truro with its magnificent cathedral and from Fowey venture to one of the most mysterious estates in England, the Lost Gardens of Heligan.

Continuing to Plymouth the Tudor Mount Edgcumbe House awaits, before an exploration of the Britannia Royal Naval College at Dartmouth and a visit to Agatha Christie's former holiday home at Greenway.

Travel Plan - 10 nights

Tuesday 10th July

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 11th July

Port Ellen, Islay - Laphroaig Distillery.
Cruise North Channel and Antrim Coast.

Thursday 12th July

Bangor - Grey Abbey House.
Cruise Irish Sea to Isle of Man.

Friday 13th July

Peel, Isle of Man - Peel Castle. Cruise Irish east coast

Saturday 14th July

Dublin - City tour. Cruise Irish coast.

Sunday 15th July

Rosslare - Tour of Wexford including Selskar Abbey.
Cruise to Isles of Scilly.

Monday 16th July

St Mary's, Isles of Scilly. Tresco, Isles of Scilly

Tuesday 17th July

Falmouth - Truro Cathedral.
Fowey - Lost Gardens of Heligan.

Wednesday 18th July

Plymouth - Mount Edgcumbe House.

Thursday 19th July

Dartmouth - Naval College.
Dartmouth - Greenway House.

Friday 20th July

Portland - Disembarkation.

Portland to Portland

Brittany and Channel Island Discovery

Friday 20th to Monday 30th July 2018

10 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Experience the Channel Island beauty of Jersey, Guernsey, Sark and Alderney and uncover the delights of Brittany, including Roscoff, Port Clos and Cherbourg as *Hebridean Princess* embarks on this wonderful Anglo-French itinerary.

Departing from Portland, a morning sail across the busy shipping lane of the English Channel leads us to Cherbourg for a guided tour of the city.



Petite Be Island, Saint-Malo, France

From St Peter Port, our first Channel Island visit permits us to discover the delights of Guernsey with a tour of the island, before taking a local ferry to Sark and enjoying a trip in the island's famous horse drawn carriages.

After a leisurely cruise of the Brittany coast we return to France and, by local boat, venture to Île de Batz with its wonderful beaches and 19th century lighthouse.

Roscoff is renowned for its picturesque architecture and known as 'petite cité de caractère de Bretagne'; our tour includes Saint-Pol-de-Léon, noted for its 13th century cathedral and the 80 metre high tower of Notre-Dame du Kreisker Chapel, the highest in Brittany.

Continuing to Port Clos a landing at one of Brittany's loveliest islands, Île de Bréhat, beckons before a second cruise of the Brittany coast takes us to our final French port, St Malo and its ancient Old Town.

Leaving France, a return to the Channel Islands allows an island tour of Jersey, and on Alderney we travel on the only working railway in the Channel Islands, where diesel locomotives pull London Underground carriages to Alderney Lighthouse.

Travel Plan - 10 nights

Friday 20th July

Portland - Embarkation.

Saturday 21st July

Cruise English Channel. Cherbourg, France - City tour.

Sunday 22nd July

Morning cruise. St Peter Port, Guernsey - Island tour.

Monday 23rd July

Sark, Channel Isles.

Tuesday 24th July

Cruise Brittany coast.

Roscoff - Île de Batz by local boat.

Wednesday 25th July

Roscoff - City tour including local market.

Roscoff - Saint-pol-de-Leon, cathedral and Kreis Kar Chapel.

Thursday 26th July

Port Clos - Île de Bréhat. Cruise Brittany coast.

Friday 27th July

St Malo - City tour.

Saturday 28th July

St Helier, Jersey - Island tour.

Sunday 29th July

Alderney railway and lighthouse. Cruise English Channel.

Monday 30th July

Portland - Disembarkation.



Mount Orgueil Castle, Jersey



Sark

Hebridean Highlights

- Island Tour of Guernsey
- Horse drawn Carriage Ride on Sark
- City Tour of Roscoff
- Île de Bréhat
- Alderney railway and lighthouse



Little Chapel, Guernsey

Portland - London

France, Belgium and the River Thames

Monday 30th July to
Wednesday 8th August 2018

9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Allow *Hebridean Princess* to transport you on a true voyage of discovery as we explore the delights of Brittany and for the first time, Belgium, culminating with a cruise along the mighty River Thames to Tower Bridge.

Our first day is spent sailing leisurely through the English Channel, en route to the French coast and our first port of call of Caen for a visit to the world-famous Bayeux Tapestry. Honfleur is renowned for its beautiful and picturesque port and from here we explore St Catherine's church, the largest wooden church in France.

A cruise of the French coast leads us to Dieppe and the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours, built in 1879 on a cliff in memory of sailors lost at sea.

Continuing to Boulogne-sur-Mer, the largest fishing port in France, a tour of the city permits us to appreciate the Old Town, dominated by the belfry and dome of the cathedral, ahead of cruising to Dunkirk for a visit to the World War II museum that tells the story of the evacuation of Dunkirk, codenamed Dynamo.

A relaxing cruise takes *Hebridean Princess* to Belgium for the very first time and the port of Ostend. From here we discover the fairy-tale and medieval town of Bruges with cobbled lanes, tranquil canals and old whitewashed alms-houses.

Traversing the English Channel once more the famous white cliffs at Dover welcome our return and an excursion to historic Canterbury allows us explore the city and cathedral.

Our adventure comes to a close with a cruise up the mighty River Thames to the iconic Tower Bridge.



Travel Plan - 9 nights

Monday 30th July

Portland - Embarkation.

Tuesday 31st July

Full day cruise of English Channel.

Wednesday 1st August

Caen - Bayeux Tapestry.
Honfleur - St Catherine's Church.

Thursday 2nd August

Cruise French coast.
Dieppe - Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours.

Friday 3rd August

Morning cruise.
Boulogne-sur-Mer - City tour and cathedral.

Saturday 4th August

Dunkirk - WWII Museum.
Cruise French/Belgian coast.

Sunday 5th August

Ostend - City tour of Bruges.

Monday 6th August

Cruise English Channel.
Dover - Canterbury Cathedral.

Tuesday 7th August

Cruise the River Thames to Tower Bridge.

Wednesday 8th August

London - Disembarkation.



Hebridean Princess River Thames

Hebridean Highlights

- Bayeux Tapestry
- Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours, Dieppe
- Boulogne-sur-Mer Old Town
- Bruges City Tour, Belgium
- River Thames Cruise to Tower Bridge



Bayeux Tapestry



Bruges, Belgium



Honfleur, France



Treasures of Normandy and the Channel Isles

Wednesday 8th to Friday 17th August 2018
9 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Relax in the sumptuous comfort of *Hebridean Princess* as she takes us on a journey that encompasses maritime history, visits picturesque French cities, and highlights the tranquillity of the smaller Channel Islands of Sark and Alderney.

We commence our adventure with a cruise of the River Thames to Tower Bridge and a visit to the National Maritime Museum, part of the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site.

The Historic Dockyard at Chatham is a place like no other and here we learn of how ships, including *HMS Victory*, were designed and built, before heading to Dover from where we explore England's largest castle, Dover Castle.

Arriving in France we discover Boulogne-sur-Mer, the largest fishing port in France, and a tour of the city permits us to appreciate the Old Town, dominated by the belfry and dome of the cathedral.

After a relaxing day cruising, Honfleur awaits. The city is renowned for its beautiful and picturesque port and St Catherine's church, the largest wooden church in France.

From the port of Cherbourg, we tour the village of Sainte-Mère-Église, an important crossroads in the allied campaign, before visiting Utah Beach where the majority of US forces landed on D-Day in 1944.

Closer to France than England, Guernsey awaits our arrival, before taking a local ferry to Sark and enjoying a trip in the island's famous horse drawn carriages.

On Alderney, we travel on the only working railway in the Channel Islands, where diesel locomotives pull London Underground carriages to Alderney Lighthouse, after which *Hebridean Princess* returns across the English Channel to Portland as our cruise sadly ends.



Travel Plan - 9 nights

Wednesday 8th August

London - Embarkation.

Thursday 9th August

Greenwich - Greenwich Museum.
Cruise of the River Thames.

Friday 10th August

Chatham - Historic Docks.
Cruising to Dover.

Saturday 11th August

Dover - Dover Castle.
Boulogne-sur-Mer - City tour and cathedral.

Sunday 12th August

Full day cruising the French coast.

Monday 13th August

Honfleur - St Catherine's Church.
Cruise Normandy coast.

Tuesday 14th August

Cherbourg - Utah Beach and
Sainte-Mère-Église.
Cruise to Guernsey, Channel Isles.

Wednesday 15th August

Sark, Channel Isles.

Thursday 16th August

Alderney, Channel Isles.
Cruise English Channel.

Friday 17th August

Portland - Disembarkation.



Hebridean Princess, River Thames



Alderney Railway

Guest Speaker

Rear Admiral John Lippiett

John Lippiett had a 36 year career in the Royal Navy which included command of 3 ships at different seniorities, a frigate squadron, and the School of Maritime Warfare, and culminating in three appointments at flag rank. He took early retirement in 2003 and became Chief Executive of the Mary Rose Trust. John lectures extensively on the Mary Rose story and more generally about maritime history.



Portland - Oban

British Isles Explorer

Friday 17th to Monday 27th August 2018

10 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Preparing to leave the south coast we set a northerly course and take in wonderful small ports and visit Wales and the Isle of Man, before returning to the familiar waters of Scotland's west coast.

Bidding Portland farewell we head west to Dartmouth from where we visit the dramatic fortified manor house of Compton Castle, and enjoy a tour of Greenway House, the place that Agatha Christie called 'the loveliest place in the world' and treasured as a holiday home for her and her family.

The Mayflower Museum at Plymouth allows us to explore the story of the voyage of the Pilgrim Fathers and their journey aboard the Mayflower to the New World, ahead of visiting the National Trust garden of Trelissick sheltered by woodland and surrounded by 376 acres of parkland.

A gentle steam takes us to the largest island of the enchanting Isles of Scilly, for an exploration of St Mary's, and then onwards to Lundy, a 400 feet peaceful and unspoiled granite outcrop located in the Bristol Channel. St David's is situated within the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and our visit introduces us to the spectacular coastal scenery renowned for its beauty and wildlife, before a cruise of the Welsh coast and the Menai Strait.

From Beaumaris, we explore Plas Newydd Country House and Garden and then from Douglas we enjoy a ride on the Snaefell Mountain Railway, operating from the village of Laxey to the summit of Snaefell.

A cruise of the North Channel return us to more familiar waters, before our adventure ends with a tour of the Ardbeg Distillery on Islay and a stretch of legs at the pretty village of Tayvallich.



Travel Plan - 10 nights

Friday 17th August

Portland - Embarkation.

Saturday 18th August

Dartmouth - Compton Castle.

Sunday 19th August

Dartmouth - Greenway House.

Monday 20th August

Fowey - Mayflower Museum
Falmouth - Trelissick Garden.

Tuesday 21st August

St Mary's, Isles of Scilly.

Wednesday 22nd August

Lundy Island.

Thursday 23rd August

Fishguard - City of St David's.
Cruise Welsh coast and Menai Strait.

Friday 24th August

Beaumaris - Menai Bridge and Plas Newydd Country House and Garden.
Cruise Irish Sea to Isle of Man

Saturday 25th August

Douglas, Isle of Man - Snaefell.
Cruise North Channel.

Sunday 26th August

Port Ellen, Islay - Ardbeg Distillery.
Tayvallich - Walks ashore.

Monday 27th August

Oban - Disembarkation.



Guest Speakers

Paul and Lucy Kay

Paul Kay gained a degree in scientific photography before developing a passion for the marine environment. He specialises in underwater photography and has been published worldwide. He holds a Fellowship of the Royal Photographic Society and has dived extensively around the world.

Lucy Kay is widely travelled and has dived extensively in several different countries and, like her husband, is an accomplished and published underwater photographer. She is now a freelance marine biologist.



Menai Bridge



Trelissick Garden



Ardbeg Distillery, Islay

Oban - Oban

Hebridean Sampler

Monday 27th to Friday 31st August 2018

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinners

This delightful four-night cruise offers a picturesque voyage around some of the most popular Hebridean islands, allowing us to discover the hidden beauty, heritage and history these destinations offer, including the iconic Iona Abbey and the whisky distillery of Ardbeg.





Colonsay



Iona Abbey, Iona

Hebridean Highlights

- Ardbeg Distillery
- Beach landing on Jura
- Colonsay House Gardens
- Iona Abbey
- Nadurra Centre, Glenmore Bay



Sea thrift and lichens, Coll

Heading towards historic Port Ellen, capital of the whisky isle of Islay, Ardbeg Distillery is our first venture ashore. Founded in 1815, this distillery produces the peatiest whisky on the island and has obtained several awards throughout the years.

Travelling north to Jura we reach West Loch Tarbert where we are greeted with beautiful, remote beaches and a freshwater loch that runs for miles.

Dating to the 1930's, Colonsay House Gardens is home to one of the finest rhododendron collections in Scotland and has sourced the most unique trees and shrubs from around the world, situated within its 20 acres.

Our next port of call is Iona Abbey, one of the oldest and most significant religious centres in Western Europe and previously a focal point for the broadening of Christianity throughout Scotland.

Sailing on to the Isle of Coll we uncover some of the finest beaches within the Hebrides and take in the charms of the island whilst being alert for the rare corncrake bird.

To conclude the cruise, Glenmore Bay's Nadurra Centre will provide us with an abundance of information on the flora and fauna that flourishes in this wonderful corner of Scotland.

Travel Plan - 4 nights

Monday 27th August

Oban - Embarkation.

Tuesday 28th August

Port Ellen, Islay - Ardbeg Distillery.
West Loch Tarbert, Jura - Beach landing.

Wednesday 29th August

Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
Iona - Iona Abbey.

Thursday 30th August

Coll - Walks ashore.
Glenmore Bay - Nadurra Centre.

Friday 31st August

Oban - Disembarkation.

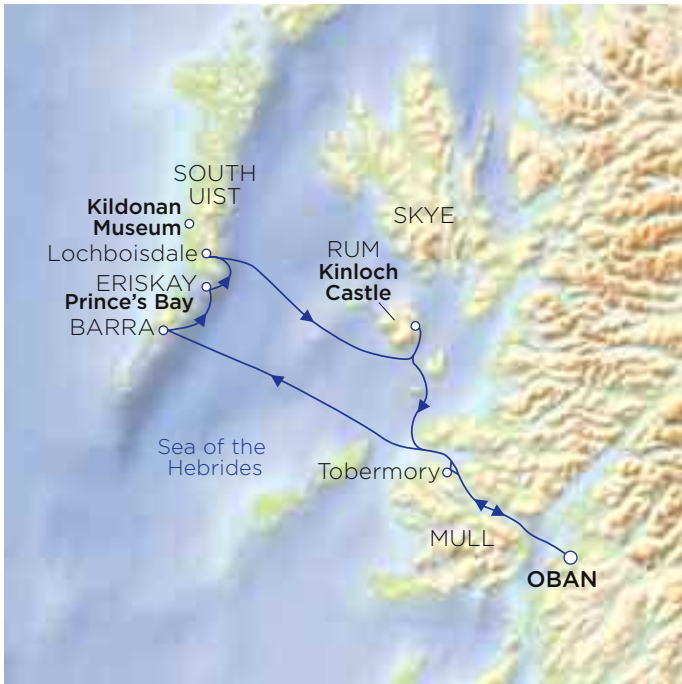
Oban - Oban

A Taste of the Outer Isles

Friday 31st August to
Tuesday 4th September 2018

4 nights including 1 Gala Dinners

This four night late summer cruise introduces us to the world of *Hebridean Princess* as she sail across the Sea of the Hebrides to the beautiful Outer Isles of Barra, Eriskay and South Uist, where we explore the remote, wild landscapes and absorb the unique atmosphere of these unspoilt outposts.



Castlebay, Barra

As we settle into life on board *Hebridean Princess* we sail the Sea of the Hebrides in anticipation of our first foray ashore on Barra where we enjoy a guided tour of the island known as 'the Outer Isles in miniature'. Cruising north to Eriskay, we land on the isle famed for the tale of Whisky Galore and take the path to the sandy beach where Bonnie Prince Charlie landed on his return from France in 1754.

From Lochboisdale we uncover a history of South Uist that is incredibly rich in archaeological remains, dating from the bronze age to the Viking era at the Kildonan Museum, providing us with a fascinating insight into island life and culture.

Returning over The Minch to Rum we visit the eccentric Edwardian sandstone folly of Kinloch Castle, the first private residence in Scotland to have electricity, whilst our final island port of call is Mull where the colourful Georgian harbour town of Tobermory plays host to walks ashore and perhaps a little souvenir shopping.

Travel Plan - 4 nights

Friday 31st August

Oban - Embarkation.

Saturday 1st September

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

Sunday 2nd September

Eriskay - Prince's Bay.
Lochboisdale, South Uist - Kildonan Museum.

Monday 3rd September

Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Tobermory, Mull - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 4th September

Oban - Disembarkation.



Kildonan Museum, South Uist



Tobermory, Mull

Hebridean Highlights

- Island tour of Barra
- Prince's Beach
- Kildonan Museum
- Kinloch Castle
- Tobermory



Piping Aboard



Kilt Rock, Trotternish Peninsula, Skye



Footloose from Skye to the Outer Isles

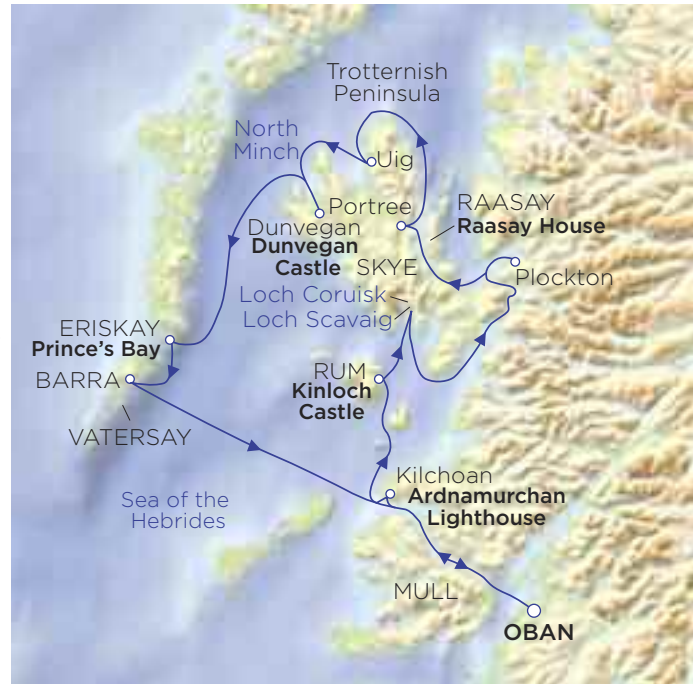
Tuesday 4th to Tuesday 11th September 2018
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Whether you are a keen walker or just prefer to take it easy and soak up the scenery, this cruise combines the best of Skye and the Inner Isles together with the rich diversity of the southern Outer Isles of Eriskay and Vatersay.

Our first morning offers walks on the wildlife haven of Rum, or the opportunity to visit the red sandstone folly of Kinloch Castle. Embrace a kaleidoscope of landscapes as *Hebridean Princess* steams into Loch Scavaig for walks or strolls around the cauldron-like Loch Coruisk in the shadow of the awe-inspiring Black Cuillin Ridge. On the shores of Loch Carron, Plockton is an idyllic setting for a morning of strolls or a more energetic stretch of legs before we head to the Isle of Raasay to follow in the footsteps of Boswell and Johnson.

With bizarre rock formations punctuating the landscape, the Trotternish Peninsula on Skye plays host to a full day walk or a guided tour by coach. The walker's paradise of Skye is also home to Dunvegan Castle, stronghold of the Clan MacLeod for over 800 years; here we can explore the castle and gardens or strike out to explore the rugged backdrop in which they sit.

A cruise of The Minch leads us to Eriskay to stride where Bonnie Prince Charlie first stepped onto British soil before strolling on the dramatic beaches of Vatersay. Steaming over the Sea of the Hebrides we land on the most westerly point of the UK mainland, the Ardnamurchan Peninsula where strollers can take in the panoramic vista from the top of the lighthouse and the walkers can enjoy a final ramble from Kilchoan.



Travel Plan – 7 nights

Tuesday 4th September

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 5th September

Rum - Kinloch Castle or walks.
Loch Scavaig, Skye - Loch Coruisk.

Thursday 6th September

Plockton - Walks and strolls.
Raasay - Raasay House or walks.

Friday 7th September

Portree, Skye - Tour Trotternish Peninsula or a full day walk.

Saturday 8th September

Dunvegan, Skye - Castle or walks.
Cruise The Minch.

Sunday 9th September

Eriskay - Prince's Bay and walks.
Barra - Walks on Vatersay.

Monday 10th September

Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.
Kilchoan - Ardnamurchan Lighthouse or walks.

Tuesday 11th September

Oban - Disembarkation.



Loch Scavaig, Skye



Ardnamurchan Lighthouse

Walking Highlights

- Half day walk at Loch Coruisk, Skye
- Half day walk on Raasay
- Full day walk on the Trotternish Peninsula, Skye
- Half day walk on Eriskay
- Half day walk on Vatersay



Eriskay Ponies

Islands of Glory

Tuesday 11th to
Tuesday 18th September 2018

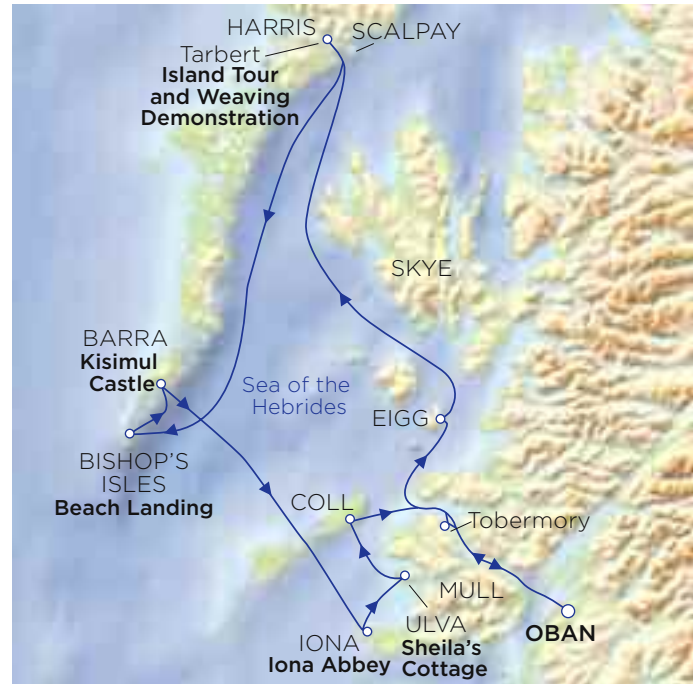
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

The arc of the Outer Hebrides tenaciously shields the Inner Isles from the Atlantic Ocean which has so dramatically sculpted their landscapes. This unforgettable voyage discovers the diversity of these two different island chains, separated by the crystal waters of the Sea of the Hebrides.

Ashore on the Jurassic Isle of Eigg, rich in history and wildlife, we enjoy tranquil walks against the sheer rocks of An Sgùrr ahead of a cruise of Skye's spectacular south-west coast. Across the Little Minch, explore some of Scotland's most dramatic scenery on a kaleidoscopic tour of Harris taking in a weaving demonstration. In the afternoon contrast the more rugged, mountainous appeal of North Harris and the tiny isle of Scalpay.

Cruising the crescent arc of the Outer Isles we make a thrilling beach landing onto one of the uninhabited bird isles of Pabbay, Mingulay or Berneray, abandoned by their last residents in 1912. From Castlebay we travel through the Macneil stronghold of Barra to their medieval fortress of Kisimul Castle.

Returning to the Inner Hebrides and Iona where St Columba founded his historic community in 563, savour the serenity of the restored Benedictine Abbey. The traffic-free island of Ulva proudly displays its crofting heritage at Sheila's Cottage Museum. Relish the remoteness of the walker's paradise of Coll, ringed by sweeping sandy beaches, far removed from bustling Tobermory with its bright shops and pleasant strolls en route to Oban.



Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 11th September

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 12th September

Eigg - Walks ashore.
Cruise west coast of Skye.

Thursday 13th September

Tarbert, Harris - Island tour and weaving demonstration.
Tarbert, Harris - Tour North Harris and Scalpay.

Friday 14th September

Cruise the Outer Hebrides.
Bishop's Isles - Beach landing.

Saturday 15th September

Barra - Island tour and Kisimul Castle.
Cruise across the Sea of the Hebrides.

Sunday 16th September

Iona - Iona Abbey.
Ulva - Sheila's Cottage.

Monday 17th September

Coll - Walks ashore.
Tobermory, Mull - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 18th September

Oban - Disembarkation.



Common Seal, Harris

Hebridean Highlights

- Island Tour of Harris
- Beach Landing on the Bishop's Isles
- Kisimul Castle
- Iona Abbey
- Walks on the Isle of Coll



Beach Landing on Bishop's Isles



Kisimul Castle, Barra



Knockan Crag



Oban - Oban



Footloose to Assynt

Tuesday 18th to Tuesday 25th September 2018
7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Situated in the far North West corner of the Scottish Highlands, Assynt is set amidst wild and remote scenery. A legacy of glaciation, the landscape consists of rugged mountains set amongst moorland where deer are more numerous than humans. The coastline is deeply indented by numerous lochs, producing stunning glimpses of savage beauty at every turn.



Falls of Kirkaig



Walkers at Shildaig

Walking Highlights

- Half day walk at Gairloch
- Two half day walks at Lochinver
- Half day walk on Tanera Mòr
- Half day walk at Knockan Crag
- Full day walk on Skye



Red Deer Stag

Our first call is the Isle of Muck with walks and strolls for all before we sail through Kyle Rhea and under the Skye Bridge to Shildaig where we stretch our legs. From Gairloch walkers head off to observe the awe-inspiring vistas of Wester Ross, while strollers savour the colours of autumn at Inverewe Garden.

From Lochinver the crofting community at Elphin beckons our walkers, as the strollers visit Ardvreck Castle and Calda House. Following lunch on board the options are a ramble to the Falls of Kirkaig or the chance to visit the most remote bookshop on mainland Britain, Achins.

Cruising the Summer Isles we land on Tanera Mòr to explore this beautiful island, the largest in the archipelago, ahead of a sail into Loch Broom. From Ullapool we unlock the mysteries of one of Europe's oldest landscapes at Knockan Crag where the story of ancient oceans, ice sheets and crashing continents is told through poetry, sculpture and interactive exhibitions.

As the strollers spend the morning at Portree and the afternoon at the Aros Centre, the more energetic strike out for a full day on the walker's paradise of Skye. The final foray ashore is Raasay to appreciate the breathtaking panorama of the Cuillins to the west and the Torridon hills to the east. We reflect on our voyage as we cruise the Sound of Sleat and the Small Isles on passage to Oban.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 18th September

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 19th September

Muck - Walks ashore.

Cruise Kyle Rhea and The Narrows.

Thursday 20th September

Shildaig - Walks and strolls ashore.

Gairloch - Inverewe Garden/walks.

Friday 21st September

Lochinver - Walks at Elphin/Ardvreck Castle and Calda House.

Lochinver - Walk Lochinver to the Falls of Kirkaig or strolls and book shop visit.

Saturday 22nd September

Tanera Mòr, Summer Isles - Walks and strolls.

Ullapool - Knockan Crag Nature Reserve - Walks and strolls.

Sunday 23rd September

Portree, Skye - Full day walk/free time in Portree.

Portree, Skye - Aros Centre.

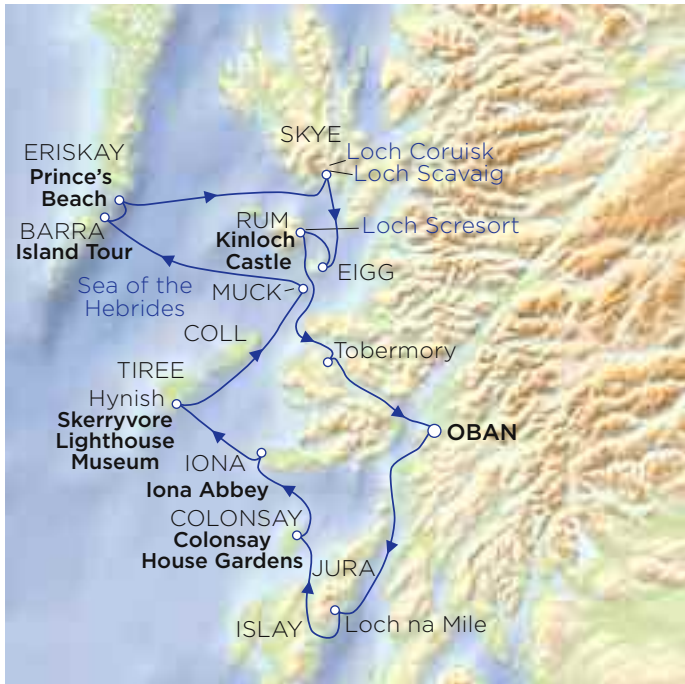
Monday 24th September

Raasay - Distillery tour/walks.

Cruise Sound of Sleat and the Small Isles.

Tuesday 25th September

Oban - Disembarkation.



Oban - Oban

Secrets of the Western Isles

Tuesday 25th September
to Tuesday 2nd October 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Original cruise operated in 2008

Islands are quintessentially places of mystery and mystique and nowhere more so than in the Hebrides, Europe's best-kept secret. Wondrously carved by nature, each is unique, concealing precious secrets that are ours to share on this cruise which was first operated in our 10th season of 2008.



Prince's Beach, Eriskay

The wild, deer isle of Jura is a breathtaking first landfall, a world apart from the soft, quiet beauty of Colonsay and the woodland gardens of Colonsay House. The tiny, sacred isle of Iona still upholds Celtic Christian tradition as St Columba's final refuge in AD 563 and we absorb its spirituality at the medieval abbey. Landing on Tiree, ringed by silver shell-sands, we learn of the great feat of engineering that is Skerryvore Lighthouse.

After relishing the peacefulness of the fertile wildlife haven of Muck, we head for the picturesque charms of Barra on a captivating island tour. Across the causeway to discover idyllic Eriskay and the white sands where Bonnie Prince Charlie first stepped on Scottish soil.

The magnetic Black Cuillin draws us over the sea to Skye to walk in the awe-inspiring cauldron of Loch Coruisk before cruising south to Eigg to savour its rugged appeal on invigorating walks beneath the rocky volcanic plug of An Sgùrr.

Now a nature reserve, neighbouring Rum breathes mystery at Kinloch Castle, Sir George Bullough's once opulent hunting lodge. Onwards to Mull and a stroll along the bright Georgian quayside at Tobermory concludes our voyage.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 25th September

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 26th September

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

Thursday 27th September

Iona - Iona Abbey.
Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum.

Friday 28th September

Muck - Walks ashore.
Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.

Saturday 29th September

Barra - Island tour.
Eriskay - Prince's Beach.

Sunday 30th September

Loch Scavaig, Skye - Loch Coruisk.
Eigg - Walks ashore.

Monday 1st October

Loch Scresort, Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Tobermory, Mull - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 2nd October

Oban - Disembarkation.



Kinloch Castle, Rum



Hebridean Princess and Muck Ponies

Hebridean Highlights

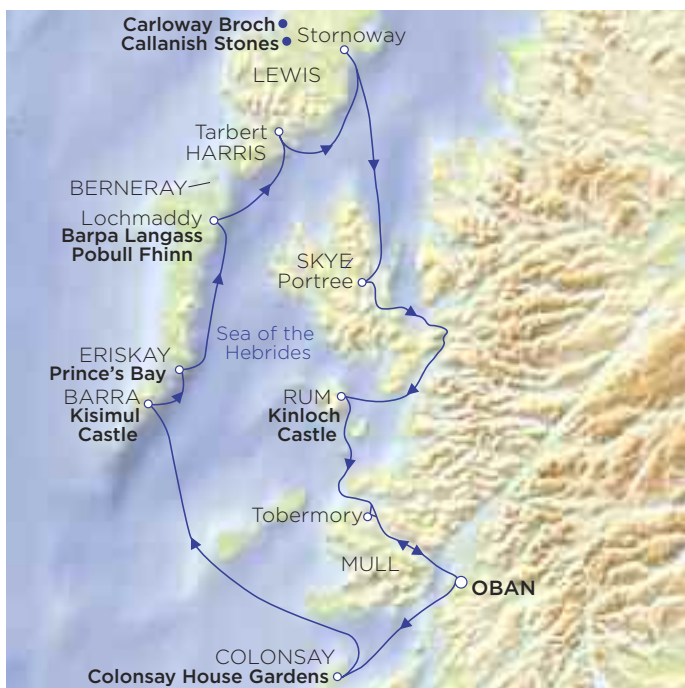
- Colonsay House Gardens
- Iona Abbey
- Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum
- Prince's Beach
- Loch Coruisk



Pheasant on Jura



Callanish Stones



Oban - Oban

Autumn in the Enchanted Isles

Tuesday 2nd to Tuesday 9th October 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Beautiful in all seasons, the Scottish Highlands and Islands display an even more stunning tapestry of landscapes in autumn as green turns to bronze, copper and gold. Far from the crowds and the everyday world, savour the tranquil serenity of the Inner and Outer Hebrides at arguably the best time of year from the warm and welcoming *Hebridean Princess*.



Carloway Broch, Lewis



Tobermory, Mull

Hebridean Highlights

- Colonsay House Gardens
- Kisimul Castle
- Barpa Langass and Pobull Fhinn
- Island Tour of Harris
- Kinloch Castle



Riasg Buidhe Cross, Colonsay

Steaming south from Oban we explore the exotic woodland gardens of Colonsay House ahead of a cruise of the Sea of the Hebrides. Barra is our next island call and here we view the Macneil stronghold of Kisimul Castle which guards the entrance to Castlebay. Following the in the footsteps of Bonnie Prince Charlie, Eriskay is home to a rare pony breed and was the site of the sinking of the *SS Politician* in 1941.

Our autumn journey through the Outer Isles continues on North Uist where the ancient sites of Barpa Langass and Pobull Fhinn await. Crossing the causeway to the beautiful, but tiny isle of Berneray, we learn of its rich and colourful history. Our tour of Harris and Lewis takes in the well-preserved Carloway Broch and the impressive Standing Stones of Callanish which stand testament to the island's occupation since prehistoric times.

Crossing The Minch to Skye we enjoy free time in the capital of Portree and wonder at the eccentric Edwardian folly of Kinloch Castle on the Small Isle of Rum. We conclude our voyage with a stroll around the colourful Georgian town of Tobermory.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 2nd October

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 3rd October

Colonsay - Colonsay House Gardens.
Cruise the Sea of the Hebrides.

Thursday 4th October

Barra - Kismul Castle.
Eriskay - Prince's Bay.

Friday 5th October

Lochmaddy, North Uist - Barpa Langass and Pobull Fhinn.
Tour of Berneray from Lochmaddy.

Saturday 6th October

East Loch Tarbert, Harris - Island tour including Carloway Broch and Callanish Stones.
Stornoway, Lewis - guests re-join ship.

Sunday 7th October

Cruise The Minch.
Portree, Skye - Free time.

Monday 8th October

Rum - Kinloch Castle.
Tobermory, Mull - Walks ashore.

Tuesday 9th October

Oban - Disembarkation.



Cycling over The Minch

Tuesday 9th to Tuesday 16th October 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise includes some of the most remote linear and circular cycle trails in the British Isles. Accompanied by an experienced cycling guide and Olympic Cyclist Chris Boardman, you do not need to be an expert to enjoy the thrill of riding through the awe-inspiring scenery of the Hebrides, some of which are almost traffic-free! With alternative visits for the non-cyclists this cruise offers something for everyone.



First settled in the Stone Age, the bird haven of Coll offers refreshing walks or a circular bike ride, neighbouring Tiree allows the cyclists to observe the surf-washed beaches whilst others visit the Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum. Crossing the Sea of the Hebrides to Barra our options are a tour by coach or a linear bike ride through this beautiful, tranquil island, ahead of arriving on Eriskay for strolls on Prince's Beach or a cycle ride.

Our cyclists head out for a full day ride on The Uists or there is the opportunity for a guided tour of these isles which abound in geological and historical contrasts. From East Loch Tarbert the destination for the cyclists is Stornoway, otherwise discover the highlights of Harris and the Lewis Castle Museum.

The Trotternish Peninsula on Skye is our next destination where the alternatives are a scenic excursion or ride to Portree before sailing to Raasay for an afternoon pedal or visit to Raasay House. Finally we return to Skye and the Sleat Peninsula for a final cycle, or else uncover the history of the Clan Donald at the Museum of the Isles.

Cycling Highlights

- Half day cycle ride on Tiree
- Half day cycle ride on Barra
- Full day cycle ride on The Uists
- Half day cycle ride on Raasay
- Half day cycle ride on the Sleat Peninsula, Skye

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 9th October

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 10th October

Coll - Walks ashore/circular cycle route.
Hynish, Tiree - Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum/circular cycle route.

Thursday 11th October

Barra - Island tour/linear cycle route.
Eriskay - Prince's Beach/cycle ride.

Friday 12th October

Lochboisdale - Island tour of the Uists with lunch ashore or full day cycle ride.

Saturday 13th October

East Loch Tarbert, Harris Island tour or linear cycle route to Stornoway.
Stornoway, Lewis - Lewis Castle Museum.

Sunday 14th October

Uig, Skye - Tour Trotternish Peninsula or cycle to Portree.
Raasay - Raasay House or linear cycle route.

Monday 15th October

Armadale, Skye - Clan Donald Centre or cycle the Sleat Peninsula.
Cruise the Small Isles.

Tuesday 16th October

Oban - Disembarkation.



Crofter's Cottage, North Uist

Accompanied by Olympic Cyclist Chris Boardman

Chris Boardman took Britain's opening Gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, Britain's first cycling gold in 72 years. He then went on to lead the R&D team for GB Cycling in the run up to Beijing, where they became the most successful British sporting team of all time. Between Barcelona and Beijing, Chris won three stages of the Tour de France, set numerous world records (several of which still stand) and became arguably Britain's most successful cyclist to date.





Ship's Cycles



Oban - Oban

Autumn Surprise

Tuesday 16th to Tuesday 23rd October 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Springtime Surprise with Captain Richard Heaton
departs on 24th April 2018

Join *Hebridean Princess* on this Autumn Surprise cruise 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*.





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.



Hebridean Princess at anchor

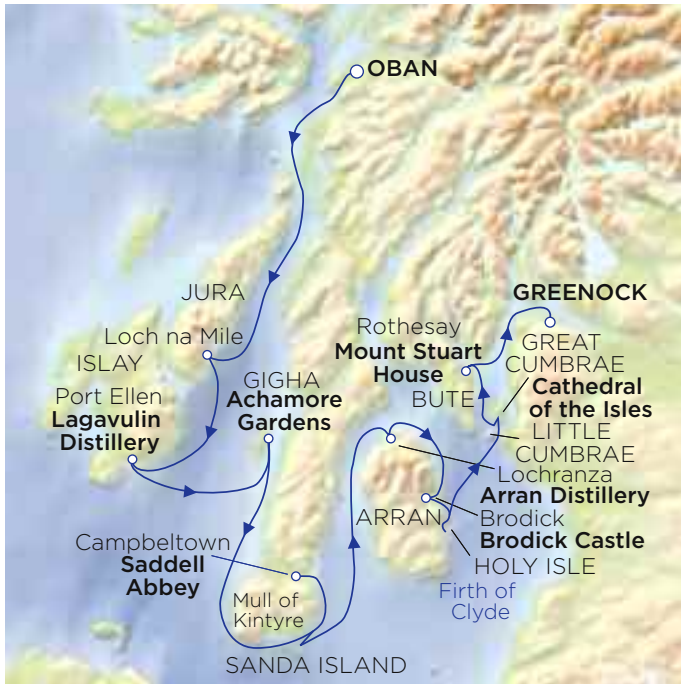
Oban - Greenock

Paradise Islands of Argyll

Tuesday 23rd to Tuesday 30th October 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Join *Hebridean Princess* as she says farewell to her home port of Oban for another season. A cruise of enticing variety, wonderful gardens, distilleries, architectural gems and the final Hebridean islands of the year all await.



Lagavulin Distillery, Islay

After stretching our legs on the southern Hebridean island of Jura, we sample the distinctive peaty malts at Lagavulin Distillery on the whisky island of Islay. The final Hebridean island of the year is Gigha and here we explore the gardens of Achamore House, planted by Sir James Horlick.

Rounding the Mull of Kintyre we berth at Campbeltown for our visit to Saddell Abbey and the truly remarkable collection of late medieval grave slabs and effigies that marked burials here. We pause awhile on Sanda, site of the first bird observatory in Scotland, ahead of a guided tour of the only legal distillery on Arran at Lochranza and an afternoon spent discovering the treasures on display at Brodick Castle.

Lying in Lamlash Bay, just off the coast of Arran, we learn of the spiritual heritage of Holy Isle which dates back to the 6th century. Said to be Britain's smallest, the Cathedral of the Isles on Great Cumbrae is certainly one of the finest in architecture and setting; neighbouring Little Cumbrae plays host to refreshing walks ashore. Bute is our final port of call where the flamboyant Victorian Neo-Gothic creation of Mount Stuart House stands testament to the eclectic taste of the 3rd Marquess of Bute.

Travel Plan - 7 nights

Tuesday 23rd October

Oban - Embarkation.

Wednesday 24th October

Loch na Mile, Jura - Walks ashore.
Port Ellen, Islay - Lagavulin Distillery.

Thursday 25th October

Gigha - Achamore Gardens.
Cruise the Mull of Kintyre.

Friday 26th October

Campbeltown - Saddell Abbey.
Sanda Island - Walks ashore.

Saturday 27th October

Lochranza, Arran - Arran Distillery.
Brodick, Arran - Brodick Castle.

Sunday 28th October

Holy Isle - Walks ashore.
Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.

Monday 29th October

Little Cumbrae - Walks ashore.
Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House.

Tuesday 30th October

Greenock - Disembarkation.



The Ship Lighthouse, Sanda



Grave Slabs at Saddell Abbey

Hebridean Highlights

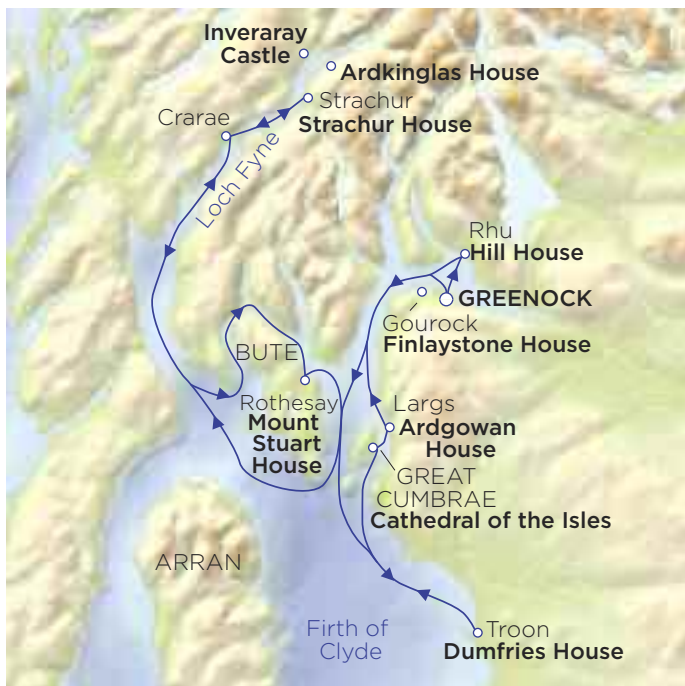
- Lagavulin Distillery
- Achamore Gardens
- Walks on Sanda Island
- Brodick Castle
- Cathedral of the Isles



Achamore Gardens, Gigha



Mount Stuart House, Bute



Greenock to Greenock



THE ARTS SOCIETY



Architectural Gems of Argyll and The Isles

Tuesday, 30th October to
Tuesday, 6th November 2018

7 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

Hebridean Island Cruises is proud to offer this special Historical Interest cruise to celebrate the society's 50th Anniversary.

Embark on a journey of architectural exploration as this cruise introduces us to a myriad of design styles and rare private viewings, often by a member of the family, including fine houses, baronial mansions, private apartments and an arts and crafts masterpiece.



Finlaystone House



Hebridean Princess, Inveraray Castle

**Guest Speaker
Caroline Knight, FSA**

Caroline Knight is an Accredited Art Society Lecturer and architectural historian, with an MA from the Courtauld Institute of Art. She specialises in British architecture of the 16th – 18th centuries, and is an independent lecturer. She has researched the history of Kensington Palace for the Curators of the State Apartments, has contributed to several books, and has published many academic articles.



From Greenock we travel to Finlaystone House and are welcomed by the MacMillan family, ahead of an afternoon spent at Hill House appreciating the beautifully restored arts and crafts and Art Nouveau masterpiece designed by celebrated architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Cruising Britain's longest sea loch, Loch Fyne, to Crarae where the fairytale Inveraray Castle, seat of the Dukes of Argyll, opens the private apartments for us. 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 MacLean.

A relaxing sail through the Kyles of Bute brings us to the island of the same name where Mount Stuart is testament to generations of Stuart passion and flamboyance. 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. Our final visit is the sumptuous and privately owned Ardgowan House.

Travel Plan – 7 nights

Tuesday 30th October
Embarkation – Greenock

Wednesday 31st October
Gourock - Finlaystone House
Rhu Marina - Hill House

Thursday 1st November
Cruise Loch Fyne
Crarae - Inveraray Castle

Friday 2nd November
Strachur - Ardkinglas House
Strachur - Strachur House

Saturday 3rd November
Cruise the Kyles of Bute
Rothesay, Bute - Mount Stuart House

Sunday 4th November
Troon – Full day at Dumfries House with lunch

Monday 5th November
Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles
Largs - Ardgowan House

Tuesday, 6th November
Disembarkation - Greenock

Argyll's Secret Coast

Tuesday 6th to Monday 12th November 2018

6 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 1st March 2018

Join *Hebridean Princess* as she uncovers some of the delights of Argyll's secret coast, exploring Britain's longest sea loch and some of the diverse islands which pepper the Firth of Clyde.

Sailing from Greenock we head to the delightful island of Great Cumbrae where the 'city' of Millport boasts the smallest cathedral in Britain. Next 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.

Known as 'Scotland in Miniature' Arran is home to only one working distillery and here we learn the art of whisky making, before heading to Tarbert to explore on foot and take in views of Loch Fyne from the ancient castle.

Cruising further into Britain's longest sea loch, Loch Fyne, we venture ashore at Crarae to discover Scotland's rural history at Auchindrain Township Museum. Inveraray Jail, one of the finest and best preserved jail and courtroom complexes in the world, plays host to our next visit ahead of a guided tour of Strachur House built by General John Campbell in the 1780s.

A scenic cruise of Loch Fyne precedes an exploration of the Isle of Bute, a popular destination in Victorian times during the heyday of holidays 'Doon the Watter'.

Our final afternoon is spent at Hill House appreciating the beautifully restored arts and crafts and Art Nouveau masterpiece designed by celebrated architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh.



Travel Plan – 6 nights

Tuesday 6th November

Greenock - Embarkation.

Wednesday 7th November

Great Cumbrae - Cathedral of the Isles.
Largs - Ardgowan House.

Thursday 8th November

Lochranza, Arran - Arran Distillery.
Tarbert, Loch Fyne - Ruined castle and walks.

Friday 9th November

Crarae - Auchindrain Township Museum.
Strachur - Inveraray Jail.

Saturday 10th November

Strachur - Strachur House.
Cruise Kyles of Bute and Loch Striven.

Sunday 11th November

Rothesay, Bute - Island tour.
Rhu Marina - Hill House.

Monday 12th November

Greenock - Disembarkation.



Ardgowan House

Hebridean Highlights

- Ardgowan House
- Arran Distillery
- Auchindrain Township Museum
- Inveraray Jail
- Hill House



Arran Distillery, Arran



Tarbert Castle

Greenock - Greenock

Sea Lochs of the Lower Clyde

Monday 12th to Sunday 18th November 2018

6 nights including 2 Gala Dinners

This cruise also departs on 7th March 2018

The Firth of Clyde is one of the largest areas of sheltered deep water in the British Isles and the area's many long lochs penetrate far into the Highlands giving rise to dramatic fjord-like scenery all waiting to be explored.

Our first port of call is the Isle of Bute where we discover the Victorian Neo-Gothic Mansion of Mount Stuart House. Stepping ashore on the Isle of Arran we explore the grand baronial castle, formal gardens and woodland country park at Brodick.



Brodick Castle, Arran

At the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum we delve into the history of Scotland's favourite son, before taking a guided tour of the remarkable Culzean Castle, associated with the Kennedy family since the 14th century.

Described as 'one of the showpieces of Galloway' the 75 sculptured acres at Castle Kennedy are one of Scotland's most important historical landscaped gardens, with rhododendrons, championship trees and rare species. Cruising north, the dramatic sea cliffs of Ailsa Craig offer tantalising views.

Guarding the entrance to Lamlash Bay, Holy Isle has been a place of worship and meditation since the 12th century. Here we stretch our legs ahead of a landing on the privately owned nature reserve of Little Cumbrae.

Picturesque Holy Loch provides the setting for our visit to Historic Kilmun and the Argyll Mausoleum. The name 'Holy Loch' is believed to date from the 6th century, when Saint Munn landed there after leaving Ireland.

Finally, we appreciate the breath-taking panorama of Loch Long and Loch Goil, surrounded by the mountains of the Arrochar Alps.

Travel Plan – 6 nights

Monday 12th November

Greenock - Embarkation.

Tuesday 13th November

Rothesay, Isle of Bute - Mount Stuart House.
Brodict, Arran - Brodict Castle.

Wednesday 14th November

Troon - Robert Burns Birthplace Museum.
Troon - Culzean Castle.

Thursday 15th November

Port Ryan - Castle Kennedy Gardens.
Cruise past Ailsa Craig.

Friday 16th November

Holy Isle - Walks ashore.
Little Cumbrae - Walks ashore.

Saturday 17th November

Holy Loch - Historic Kilmun.
Cruise Loch Long and Loch Goil.

Sunday 18th November

Greenock - Disembarkation.



Hebridean Princess, Holy Loch



Loch Long

Hebridean Highlights

- Brodict Castle
- Robert Burns Birthplace Museum
- Culzean Castle
- Castle Kennedy Gardens
- Historic Kilmun and the Argyll Mausoleum



Holy Isle



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.



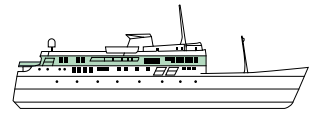
Isle of Benbecula

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.



Promenade Deck



Isle of Staffa



Isle of Staffa Bathroom



Isle of Iona



Isle of Berneray



Isle of Bute



Isle of Raasay

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.

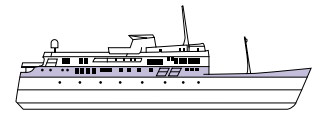
Isle of Raasay

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 Benbecula



Isle of Colonsay

Balcony cabins

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.

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 forecabin, ensures privacy. Large bathrooms feature full-size baths with thermostatic showers.



Isle of Danna



Isle of Canna



Isle of Muck



Isle of Rum

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.

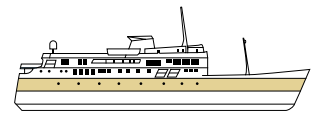
Isle of Canna Isle of Eigg Isle of Rum

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



Duart Castle



Castle Bathroom



Lews Castle



Kinloch Castle



Ardvreck Castle



Sound of Mull



Sound of Jura



Sound of Sleat



Sound of Islay



Sound of Jura Shower Room

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 Lews Castle

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

Cabin category

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

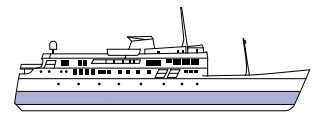
Sound of Islay Sound of Jura Sound of Mull Sound of Sleat

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

Cabin category

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

Hebridean deck



Loch Torridon



Loch Scavaig



Loch Harport



Loch Scresort



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

Flights

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

Rail

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

Airports and railway stations

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

For cruises starting and/or ending in Portland the nearest transport terminals are Weymouth Railway Station and Southampton Airport.

For cruises starting and/or ending in London the nearest transport terminals are central London railway stations.

Private coach transfers

Guests travelling by rail or air to embark in Greenock, Oban, Portland or London 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 Portland 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.

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.

Heart of Argyll to Oban 20th to 27th March 2018 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.

Isles of Scilly and Celtic Coasts 10th to 20th July 2018 Oban to Portland

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

France, Belgium and the River Thames 30th July to 8th August 2018 Portland to London

Coach transfers will be provided from Weymouth Railway Station and Southampton Airport at the start of the cruise, and from *Hebridean Princess* to central London railway terminals at the end of the cruise.

Treasures of Normandy and the Channel Isles 8th to 17th August 2018 London to Portland

Transfers will be provided from central London railway terminals to *Hebridean Princess* at the start of the cruise, and from Portland to Weymouth Railway Station and Southampton Airport at the end of the cruise.

British Isles Explorer 17th to 27th August 2018 Portland to Oban

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

Paradise Islands of Argyll 23rd to 30th October 2018 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.



Refreshments on deck



Columba Restaurant, Breakfast



Canapés on the Skye Deck

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 2018 Cruise Diary & Tariff for our Conditions of Business.

Medical facilities

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

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

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

Minors

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

Single room occupancy

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

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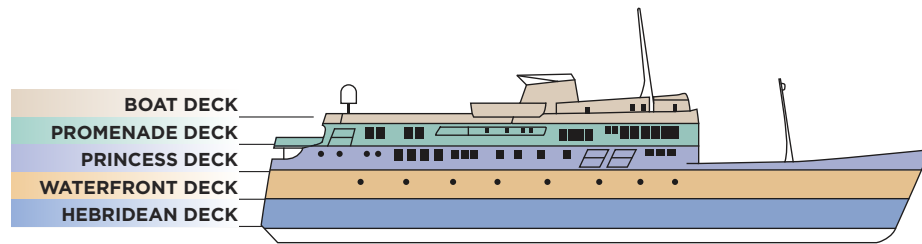
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Ship's Telegraph

Cabin facilities and dimensions guide

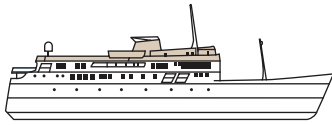
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- British officers
- Lloyd's registered
- Twin screw
- 2,112 gross registered tons
- Fully stabilised
- 5 passenger decks
- Maximum of 50 passengers
- Quick launch & recovery tender system



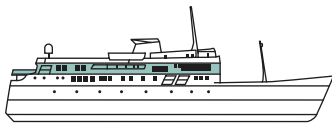
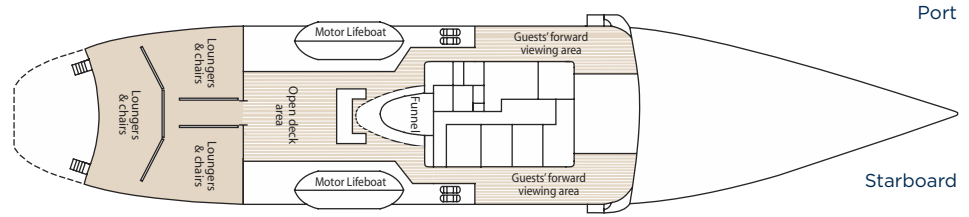
The ship was especially designed and built to sail in the waters of the Scottish Western Isles and has proven her ability over the years.

	Price category	Deck location	Separate day room	Private balcony	Windows	Portholes	Bath	Shower	Double bed	King-size bed	Single bed	Interchangeable twin/super king-size bed	Bedroom (m ²)	Bedroom (sq ft)	Bath with shower Walk in shower (m ²)	Bath with shower Walk in shower (sq ft)	Day room/ balcony (m ²)	Day room/ balcony (sq ft)	Total private floor size (m ²)	Total private floor size (sq ft)
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
Ardreck 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
Loch Scresort								•			•		10.2	109.7	3.2	34.4			13.4	144.1
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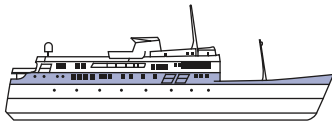
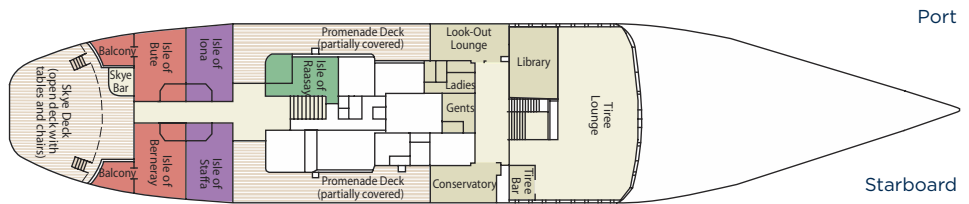
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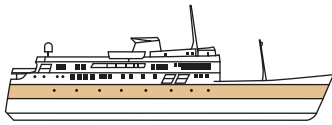
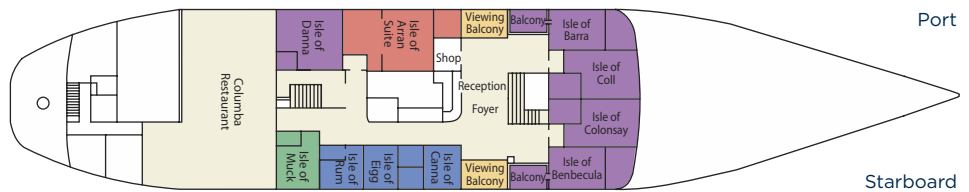
Boat Deck
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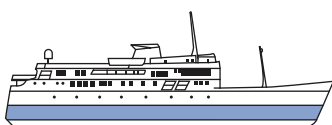
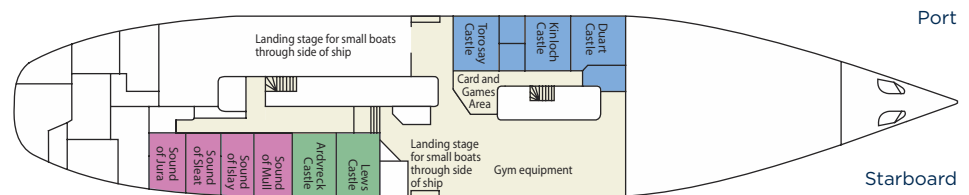
Promenade Deck
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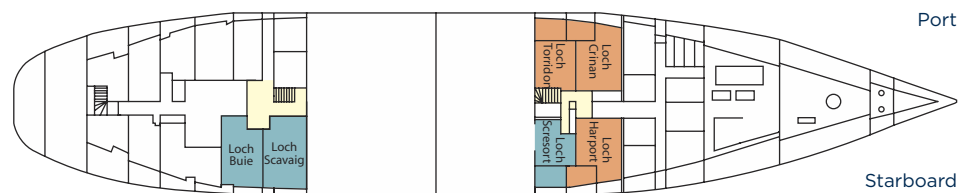
Princess Deck
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Waterfront Deck
(No 2 Deck level)



Hebridean Deck
(No 1 Deck level)





HEBRIDEAN RIVER CRUISES

A Hebridean River Cruise is a truly unique way to see central Europe. From on board the elegant river cruiser, *Royal Crown*, you can sail into the very heart of iconic towns and romantic cities and explore the rich history and colourful centres this part of the world has to offer.



Hebridean's European river cruises are more enchanting than ever before with exciting itineraries on the Dutch and Belgium Waterways, Rhine, Main and Danube rivers, providing you with time to notice the small things and allowing you to wonder at how past generations managed to tend steep vineyards or scale the walls of indomitable castles hanging precariously above the river bank.

Each of our itineraries, all enhanced by a passionate and renowned guest speaker, has been carefully planned to ensure that the romance and history of each port of call is brought to life – and for those who prefer a longer holiday, our Grand Voyages provide a choice of stunning and unforgettable cruises.

With our own personnel accompanying every Hebridean river cruise you can sit back and relax in the knowledge that Hebridean's legendary service and attention to detail will form part of a truly memorable holiday – and each cruise will also have that special Hebridean ingredient that no other cruise line can replicate.

The Hebridean Difference - Genuinely all-inclusive cruises

Hebridean river cruises are all-inclusive; not an empty promise, but a Hebridean pledge to ensure that you have a carefree holiday both on board and ashore.

Each cruise includes...

- Accompanied flights from London Heathrow and return, together with assistance and pre-flight refreshments at the outbound departure terminal. Overseas transfers to and from the vessel are also included.
- All meals and snacks on board and ashore as shown in the itineraries.
- Selected wines of the day, served at the table to complement your meal, plus all other house wines and spirits, including Champagne by the glass (shipped from *Hebridean Princess!*), soft drinks and beers, tea, coffee and other hot drinks.
- Shore visits, entrance fees and transport to and from shore visits, as shown in the itineraries.
- All gratuities are included in your cruise fare both on board and ashore.
- Renowned guest speakers accompany each Hebridean river cruise. Passionate about their subject, these captivating orators bring each itinerary to life.

2018 Hebridean Princess Cruise Calendar

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