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BRITISH ISLES — REMOTE ISLANDS, NATURAL WONDERS AND A DIVERSE COASTLINE

Picturesque towns full of history Experience the beauty and variety of the British Isles on an expedition cruise. Explore the quaint villages, charming towns and impressive historical landmarks. Discover the Viking and Gaelic heritage of Waterford and Stornoway, and sample single malt whisky on Islay. Nature and wild islands You'll encounter the wild landscapes of the Hebrides, the tropical-looking Isles of Scilly and the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve on the Isle of Man, as well as enjoying scenic walks along the Pembrokeshire and Devon coasts.



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DAY 1 Depart from Dover

Set sail on your island-hopping adventure

Your expedition cruise starts in Dover. If you have time before boarding MS Maud, take a walk along the famous White Cliffs at St Margaret's Bay for incredible views of the coastline and the sparkling English Channel below.



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Once you've picked up your expedition jacket and settled into your cabin, you'll have a chance to meet your Expedition Team, who'll be your friendly hosts and knowledgeable guides. Then enjoy your first dinner aboard the ship - your adventure has begun.

[DAY 2 A relaxing day at sea](#)

Get to know your basecamp at sea

Enjoy an idyllic day at sea with plenty to do. Admire the views from MS Maud's Observation Deck, visit the Science Center for insights into the island destinations ahead, or take advantage of the gym and hot tubs.

Photography enthusiasts can pick up some pointers from our onboard photographer on how to capture wildlife and landscapes. You'll find the comfort of the Explorer Lounge a great place to read or watch the world glide by.

You can also enjoy a talk by the Expedition Team, experienced explorers who will share their extensive knowledge of the places ahead with you.

[DAY 3 The 'Land's End' of Wales](#)

Explore scenic coastlines and the UK's smallest city

Nestled between the Preseli Hills and the Pembrokeshire coast is the charming coastal town of Fishguard. You'll find the original

hamlet and harbour in Lower Fishguard and spectacular sea views from the 'Main Town' above.

A short drive away is the UK's smallest city, St Davids. More a village than a city, it owes its city status to its 12th century cathedral. You can explore this conservation area as part of an included excursion.

The dramatic headland nearby is the most westerly point in Wales. Here you can enjoy spectacular views along the beautiful Pembrokeshire coastal path.

[DAY 4 Elegant Belfast](#)

Discover Northern Ireland's capital

We sail into Belfast, a city with a proud seafaring history and the birthplace of the Titanic. History buffs will enjoy Ulster Museum and Belfast Castle, while nature lovers can visit the Botanic Gardens.

Stroll the cobbled streets of the chic Cathedral Quarter, with its elegant Victorian architecture, and pop inside St Anne's Cathedral to see its beautiful mosaics. In Donegall Square, you'll find the historical landmarks of City Hall and the Grand Opera House, with its beautiful façade.

Belfast also allows access to the iconic Giant's Causeway, and the rugged northern coastline. Explore the towering cliffs and distinctive hexagonal columns of this natural wonder.

[DAY 5 Captain's Choice - Castletown](#)



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red sandstone, and the adjacent Earl's Palace to see the stone ruins of this once-grand Renaissance building. The Neolithic settlement of Scara Brae is also only a bus ride away.

Whisky aficionados will enjoy Kirkwall's Highland Park and Scapa distilleries for their distinctive single malts. If you fancy something different, Orkney Distillery produces Kirkjuvagr gin from Orcadian botanicals.

[DAY 7 Stalwart Stornoway](#)

Experience the Gaelic culture of the Hebrides

Our expedition cruise arrives at Stornoway, the Isle of Lewis and Harris capital. As you explore the area around the harbour, keep an eye out for seals, eagles and otters. Enjoy a visit to the Gothic-style Lews Castle with its spacious grounds full of trails and offering fantastic views.

Further afield, take in the 5,000-year-old Callanish standing stones and Dun Carloway, the best-preserved Iron Age broch in Scotland. Enjoy coastal walks along the stunning Dalmore, Dalbeg or Garry beaches, and maybe pick up a memento of Harris Tweed, which is woven here.

[DAY 8 Islay's whisky and nature](#)

Island gems in the Outer Hebrides

One of the best things about expedition cruising is the feeling that anything can happen on any given day. That's why we've carved out one day to take full advantage of exploring the region.

Today, the Captain and the Expedition Team will decide whether we explore Barra or Vatersay, the two most southerly inhabited islands of the Outer Hebrides, linked to each other by a causeway.

Go in search of birds and sea life in our expedition boats or attempt to land in the innumerable coves and beaches that dot the islands close to Castlebay.

[DAY 6 Highlights of Orkney](#)

Learn about Kirkwall's Norse heritage

Today we sail to the Orkney Islands' largest town, Kirkwall. Explore this vibrant and compact Viking-influenced capital on foot.

Visit the regal St Magnus Cathedral, made from distinctive local



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Fire up your spirit of discovery on 'Whisky Island'

Islay is the proud home of world-famous peaty single malts - but that's far from the only reason to visit. Discover fascinating ancient monoliths and the enigmatic settlement of Finlaggan as you explore the island.

Islay is also a wildlife paradise, home to over 200 species of birds - including oystercatchers, gannets and Golden Eagles. From its sandy beaches, you can sometimes spot dolphins and basking sharks.

Port Ellen is the gateway to three of the island's nine distilleries. Of course, no trip to Islay is complete without a 'wee dram' from one of these famous and historic whisky producers, including Laphroaig and Ardbeg.

[DAY 9 Enigmatic Isle of Man](#)

Explore Douglas, the capital of the Isle of Man

The scenic approach to Douglas is not to be missed! We head ashore to explore the capital of the Isle of Man. Learn about the island's Celtic and Viking heritage, trace its development as a Victorian tourist resort, and see its stunning rugged coastline.

There's so much to pack into your day in Douglas. Visit the Manx Museum, check out the murals in St Thomas's Church and

discover the impressively spooky Peel Castle, originally a Viking stronghold and now said to be haunted.

[DAY 10 Waterford's Viking Triangle](#)

Uncover Viking history in Ireland's oldest city

Welcome back to Ireland - the Emerald Isle. Today you'll set foot in the oldest city in Ireland, founded by the Vikings in the 10th century beside a ford in the River Suir. Waterford is a well preserved and very walkable small city, famed for its beautiful crystal glass production. Intricate and bold street art daubs walls and houses in this city of culture, so don't forget your camera.

Walk around the Viking Triangle, so named for the three-sided shape made by the thousand-year-old walls that once surrounded the city. Or explore the charming Waterford greenway and historic Kilkenny Castle, a relic of medieval Ireland.

[DAY 11 The Isles of Scilly](#)

Enjoy crystal waters, sandy beaches and natural beauty

Just 30 miles off the tip of Cornwall are the Isles of Scilly. This enchanting archipelago is home to some exquisite small



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islands. If conditions allow, we'll split our time here. You can explore Tresco's white sandy beaches and its renowned 19th century Abbey Gardens, or visit St Mary's, the largest of the isles.

Alternatively, join a trip around the archipelago, visiting shipwreck sites and spying seals lying on the rocks. You'll also sail around the bird sanctuary of Annet to spot puffins and various other breeding seabirds.

[DAY 12 The delights of Devon](#)

End your British Isles adventure where you began

The sight of the White Cliffs of Dover signals the end of this exploration of the British Isles. As we sail into Dover with the iconic cliffs coming into view, we'll dock at the harbour and then it's time to say a fond farewell to MS Maud and to all those who have made your expedition cruise so memorable.

[Please Note:](#)

Itineraries are subject to change.

Get set for historical attractions and idyllic beaches

The picturesque banks of the River Dart mark our arrival into beautiful Dartmouth. Steeped in maritime history and culture, this charming town is home to the Royal Britannia Naval College and Dartmouth Castle.

Tread the coastal paths and trails that extend along this stretch of coastline, exploring secluded coves and remote beaches. Food lovers may wish to try Dartmouth's seafood, while those with a sweet tooth can indulge in the local fudge or the famous Devonshire cream tea.

[DAY 13 Return to Dover](#)



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Equipped with battery packs and other green technology, Maud will operate year-round expedition cruises along the Norwegian coast from 2021. You will be able to explore Norway like never before, with all the comforts, facilities and expertise you need for creating a perfect adventure. Maud will also be equipped for shore power, to cut emissions to zero when docked in ports with shore power facilities, and she will be fitted with low-emission engines, complying with all known and upcoming regulations. Cabins and public areas Norway's stunning scenery is reflected in the ship's interior design. Comfortable cabins and suites feature natural Scandinavian materials, such as granite, oak, birch and wool. Our stylish and welcoming public areas create great places to watch the world's most beautiful coastline pass by. A specially designed Expedition Launch zone - the tender pit area where guests embark on their on their excursions and off-ship adventures - will be added, complete with tender boats and other expedition equipment. A new Science Center will be added. Packed with state-of-the-art technology and high-tech gadgets such as touch screens, science equipment and other interactive features, the edutainment area will also be the on-board HQ for the ship's Expedition Team. A wellness-area,

complete with gym, lounge and treatment rooms, will be built. There will be a range of restaurants : Restaurant Aune, an expedition cruise main restaurant concept. Aune will be social and informal with the use of natural elements in design and interiors, and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner based on a Scandinavian identity. Restaurant Lindstrøm, a specialty restaurant named after the favorite chef of the Norwegian polar heroes, will be added. Lindstrøm will be an upper premium fine dining restaurant with strong roots in traditional Norwegian cooking that are contrasted with modern cuisine. The informal eatery Fredheim, named after a legendary 1920s hunting station in Svalbard that sheltered adventurers from around the world. In addition, a new outdoor grill venue will be added outdoor on the top decks. Honouring explorer heritage MS Maud is named after one of the most famous polar vessels of all time, Roald Amundsen's "Maud" from 1917. The original "Maud" got her name from the first Queen of modern



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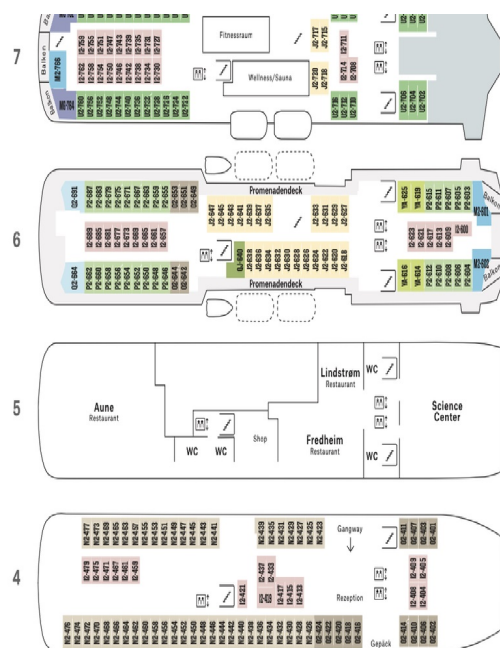
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