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## FROM SCOTTISH SHORES TO NORWEGIAN FJORDS LUXURY CRUISE

Fall under the spell of Europe's northern shores, between Scotland and Norway, where seascapes and cultural heritage come together subtly. From Glasgow, admire the wild coasts of Western Scotland, with its deep lochs, windswept moors and captivating nature. Around Oban, fishing villages and heritage reveal an insular Scotland profoundly anchored to its traditions. Further north, the Hebrides, the Orkneys and the Shetland Islands unveil their wide-open horizons, marked by Viking history and an intimate relationship with the sea. Between Stavanger and Eidfjord, in the heart of the Hardangerfjord, sheer cliffs and deep waters sketch out dreamlike landscapes that inspire both contemplation and wonder.



### ITINERARY

Day 1 - Glasgow, Scotland

In the heart of the **Clyde Valley**, the bustling city of **Glasgow** contrasts starkly with the wild beauty of the surrounding countryside. Scotland's biggest city overflows with landmarks from its extensive artistic heritage and outstanding architectural tradition. The city's chequerboard layout makes walking through the major pedestrian thoroughfares easy: go with the flow and let the lively street atmosphere take you past the many Victorian monuments. Don't miss the collections on display in the numerous museums and art galleries. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is an outstanding example.

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### Day 2 - Oban, Scotland

**Oban** is on the west coast of Scotland, opposite the Isle of Mull. It is the capital of the county of Argyll, a rural region of the Highlands considered to be the cradle of Scotland. Coming from Ireland, the Gaels settled here, bringing their language and culture. From "the Little Bay", its name in Scottish Gaelic, you will arrive in **Kilmartin Glen**, the site renowned for having the largest concentration of Neolithic and Bronze Age remains in Scotland. Among this spectacular site's 350 ancient monuments, you will discover standing stones, alignments of cairns and stone circles. **Glen Coe Valley** will then reveal its dramatic landscapes, shaped by volcanic activity. This valley, one of the wildest in Scotland, has been used as a location for the series *Outlander*. The discovery of the region will end with a visit to a whisky distillery, a unique opportunity to taste an exceptional product.

### Day 3 - Stornoway, Hebrides

Discover **Lewis**, the largest island of the Hebrides, considered to be the cradle of Gaelic culture. Here, the peat- and heather- covered valleys and lochs stretch on to infinity, and numerous bird colonies have taken up residence in the long, jagged coastlines where. Not far from **Stornoway**, the island's main town, built by the Vikings in the 9th century stands one of Scotland's most prominent prehistoric sites: The **Standing Stones of Callanish**. Dating back to more than 3,000 years B.C., these imposing stones placed in a cruciform pattern were laid out according to the moon and stars and their main purpose was to keep track of seasonal cycles, as this was essential for farmers at the time.

### Day 4 - Kirkwall, Orkney

Capital of the **Orkney archipelago**, **Kirkwall**, which means "church bay", is an ideal stopover before continuing on to the **Northern Isles**. Sheltered in a wide bay, the lively town welcomes the visitor with its charming paved alleyways edged by old houses and craft shops. **Tankerness House**, the oldest homestead in the town, is a must-see landmark. But the true architectural treasure of the aptly named Kirkwall is none other than its remarkable red and gold stone cathedral. And because whisky is inseparable from Scotland's identity, stop at the Highland Park Distillery for a highly instructive visit.

### Day 5 - Lerwick, Shetland Islands

The small and charming **capital of the Shetland Islands**, with its sea front of old houses and narrow streets, offering travellers its old districts and a warm port atmosphere. **Geopark Shetland**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, is located to the north. Incredibly well-preserved archaeological sites and ruins prove that the islands' occupation dates back to the first Neolithic colonies. **The Shetland Museum** and Archives recounts the Shetlands' history of heritage and culture: Lerwick's abundant waters were even fished by the Dutch in the past.

### Day 6 - Eidfjord

**Eidfjord** is nestled in one of the last branches of the beautiful **Hardanger Fjord**, 'the Norwegian orchard', which has been famous for its fruit production since medieval times. All the forces of nature seem to come together in this ancient glacial valley. Imposing and majestic mountains border the **Hardangervidda National Park**, the largest high-altitude plateau in Europe. The serene waters of the fjord and **Lake Eidfjord** are matched by the roar of the **Voring Falls**, one of Europe's highest waterfalls and

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Norway's main source of hydroelectric power.

### Day 6 - Sailing in the Hardangerfjord

In the heart of Norway's natural scenery, to the southeast of Bergen, you will sail the peaceful waters of the **Hardangerfjord**, the second longest fjord in Norway. At the wide mouth of this majestic fjord, gently sloping valleys offer the sight of lush meadows and fruit trees galore. Moreover, it is rightly nicknamed the "fruit orchard of Norway". As you continue sailing and move further inland, the fjord narrows and the rolling surroundings make way for vertiginous walls and high mountainous areas. Enhanced by the reflections of the light on the soft waters, at times clear, at times deep, the landscapes become wilder and reveal an uncut diamond of singular beauty.

### Day 7 - Stavanger

At the far end of the country, stands the harbour town of **Stavanger**, with its warm, friendly atmosphere. A friendliness you'll notice in the little old town cobbled streets, which has some **170 old wooden houses**, as well as in its modern city centre, always bustling. Strategic place during the Viking era, you will be able to discover a recreated traditional village as well as the famous Swords in Rock, three granite swords standing 10 metres (33 ft) tall, symbolising the last victory of the King of Norway Harald I, in 872.

### Day 8 - Bergen

Located at the end of **Byfjord**, **Bergen** was the capital of Norway in the 12th and 13th Centuries and has preserved some very beautiful monuments from the time when it was home to royalty. Wandering through Bergen's streets means going back in time, in search of the hidden treasures that have been listed as **World Heritage Sites by UNESCO**. A

veritable openair museum, Bergen is home to a thriving artistic community of painters, potters, jewellers. The Bergen cable car offers you a splendid panorama over the port and the surrounding fjords. Do not miss the visit to the old quarter with its narrow streets, a testimony of the power of the hanseatic League that controlled trade in Northern Europe at the end of the Middle Ages.

Please note:

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**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

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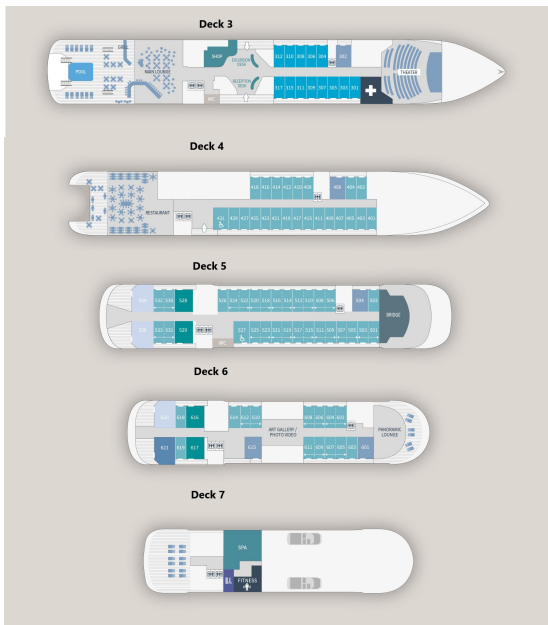
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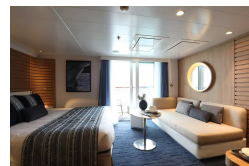


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Deluxe Suite Deck 5



Deluxe Suite Deck 6

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Owner's Suite

Prestige Stateroom Deck 4

Prestige Stateroom Deck 5

Prestige Stateroom Deck 6

Prestige Suite Deck 5

Prestige Suite Deck 6

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