

ORKNEY ISLANDS, SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND WITH LONDON: RUGGED COASTLINES AND THE BRITISH CROWN

A poetic cruise combining the mysticism of Scottish castles and big city flair. A constantly changing showcase of history and modernity between the North Atlantic and the North Sea - with cruising under Tower Bridge as a grand finale.





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Day 1 Reykjavik/Iceland
Reykjavik/Iceland, departure 19.00 hrs

Day 2 Heimaey/Westman Islands Heimaey/Westman Islands, 07.00 - 14.00 hrs

Mysticism and adventure characterise the Westman Islands off the south coast of Iceland. Heimaey is not only the largest and only inhabited island in the archipelago, but also the one with the most known volcanic eruptions. In 1973, the Eldfell volcano erupted and buried most of the village under itself. Thanks to a quick evacuation, mostly by fishing boats, all residents could be brought to safety in time. The lava landscape and the Eldheimar Museum bear impressive witness to the event. Your on-board expedition team offers hikes of various lengths. Take the opportunity, for example, to climb Eldfell or marvel at the lava formations on the cliffs.

Day 3 Relaxation at sea

Days 4 - 5 Orkney Islands/Scotland/Great Britain

Orkney Islands/Scotland/Great Britain (Stromness, cruising through Scapa Flow, Kirkwall)

Discover charming Stromness, the "grey town by the sea", which owes its name to its characteristic scenic houses. In the listed centre, inviting piers, imposing warehouses and trading houses combine history and maritime flair perfectly. An absolute highlight is the impressive former Viking settlement, which allows you to immerse yourself in the fascinating history of this region. But the Orkneys also mean wind, water and walking: enjoy spectacular views on nature trails. The experts at your side will take you on a journey of discovery to important testimonies of the past - from a Neolithic stone circle to a Stone Age village and a 17th-century manor house.

Cruising through Scapa Flow, a large harbour bay in the south of the Scottish Orkney Islands, combines the North Sea world with history. Around you is nothing but a wide expanse of water lined with gentle coastal strips. And below you are the remains of the dramatic scuttling of the German High Seas Fleet in 1919: during the negotiations for the Treaty of Versailles, the German Rear Admiral Ludwig von Reuter feared that the ships could fall into the hands of the Allies. To prevent this, he ordered the sinking of his own entire fleet in order to preserve the honour of



the German Navy. Today, Scapa Flow is a popular diving destination known for its wrecks.

Untamed charm envelops the Orkney Islands. The archipelago, consisting of around 70 islands, forms a spectacular backdrop for your insights into European cultural history. Kirkwall on the mainland, with its red and yellow sandstone St Magnus Cathedral built in 1137, is an imposing reminder of the Middle Ages - one of the most interesting buildings in northern Scotland. Narrow, cobbled streets are lined with traditional shops and pubs. Enjoy the opportunity to go for an independent stroll. Kirkwall is also an ideal starting point for exploring the surrounding area, with its prehistoric sites, rugged coastline and gently rolling hills.

Day 6 Invergordon

Invergordon, 07.00 - 17.00 hrs

Invergordon lies in the middle of the classic Scottish Highlands. Previously known by the Gallic name An Rudha (meaning "headland"), the town owes its current name to Sir William Gordon, a local landowner in the early 18th century. The town has grown since then and now has around 4,000 inhabitants. Invergordon is an important centre for the oil industry, repairing and producing equipment for the nearby oil rigs in the North Sea. For nature lovers, the town serves as a starting point for excursions to the beautiful surrounding area, such as Loch Ness or Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands.

Day 7 Newhaven (Edinburgh)

Newhaven (Edinburgh), arrival 12.00 hrs

Close at hand and yet still unknown: on Scotland's east coast,

prepare to be surprised as you explore Edinburgh from the harbour in Newhaven. The capital is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, an open book of cultural and architectural history. Winding streets, ancient and neoclassical architecture, society and monarchy - a walk through the city on your own or on excursions with your experts will show you the main facets of the city, crowned by Edinburgh Castle. Home to many Scottish kings, the castle sits majestically in the middle of the city on an extinct volcano. Edinburgh is also a delight for fans of literature: Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson were born here and J. K. Rowling drew inspiration from the city for her Harry Potter novels, some of which she wrote in The Elephant House cafe. Look forward to creating your own stories in Edinburgh.

Day 8 Newhaven (Edinburgh)

Newhaven (Edinburgh), departure 18.00 hrs

Newhaven is our starting point for exploring Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. Edinburgh boasts historic architecture, the majestic Edinburgh Castle and the famous Royal Mile. Visit the unique Camera Obscura museum and enjoy the breathtaking view from Carlton Hill. Discover Edinburgh's lively culture, charming historic streets and warm hospitality.

Day 9 Farne Islands/England

The Farne Islands off the coast of Northumberland are a revelation for nature lovers. The archipelago has around 20 islands, some of which are only visible at low tide. Here, the untamed sea meets impressive cliffs, which are home to thousands of sea birds including puffins and gannets. You can also often see seal colonies lying on the beaches. Historic lighthouses are a reminder of the story of brave Grace Darling if the weather permits a Zodiac ride, you will feel particularly





close to her story: the lighthouse keeper's daughter became a heroine in 1838 when she helped her father rescue the victims of a capsized steamship using a small rowing boat. Her spectacular feat made her a national treasure and a symbol of courage and humanity, while the islands took on a heroic aura of their own.

Day 10 Cruising on the River Orwell

Cruising on the River Orwell Ipswich, 13.00 - 19.00 hrs

Experience an unforgettable cruise on the River Orwell through the picturesque Suffolk countryside. Your cruise will take you straight into Ipswich, one of the oldest and most charming towns in England. Immerse yourself in the town's fascinating blend of history and modern charm. Admire the magnificent historic buildings, including the impressive St Mary-le-Tower church and the majestic Christchurch Mansion, which stand as testament to the rich heritage of Ipswich. The Romans realised the strategic importance of the town and, in the Middle Ages, it became a flourishing centre of trade. Today, the lively waterfront with its trendy restaurants, cosy cafes and wide selection of shops, is a great place to relax and enjoy the special atmosphere of Ipswich.

Day 11 London

London, arrival 08.30 hrs

Your mind will be on Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden when cruising on the Thames. In London, Tower Bridge opens up and you sail through the Neo-Gothic monument - which is only possible on a small ship like this one. Breathtaking Gothic churches right next to

impressive skyscrapers, punks in Camden and the elegant upper class - welcome to London! This city of contrasts is a lively mosaic of history and modern, culture and pleasure: walk along the Thames and visit Borough Market, a place where scents from all around the world tempt curious explorers. In Soho, you will find lively bars and street music, while the heavens above the pubs in Camden are full of faces that will never grow old. But it's also the little things that are the heart and soul of this busy city, such as a hidden garden or a trip on the underground. London is not just a destination in itself, but your own expedition through its diversity and lifestyle. One thing is for sure, you will take a wealth of impressions home with you as crown jewels.

Day 12 London

London, departure 19.00 hrs Cruising on the Thames

Day 13 Relaxation at sea

Day 14 Hamburg

Hamburg, arrival 08.00 hrs
Individual travel arrangements from cruise arrival point

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.





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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The HANSEATIC inspiration, a small, state-of-the-art expedition ship with a maximum of 230 guests, offers a perfect blend of adventure and comfort for explorers seeking to uncover the world's wonders. As an international vessel conducting cruises in both English and German, it brings over 30 years of expertise from a market leader in German-speaking countries to every journey. Each expedition is a masterpiece, passionately crafted to reveal far-flung worlds--be it icy realms, tropical paradises, wildlife havens, or cultural gems--making every voyage a unique discovery aboard this exceptional ship. Features of all cabins and suites An ocean view with even more: exclusively outside cabins and suites, almost all with balconies or French balconies Spaciously designed - enjoy a relaxing stay in rooms from 21 m²/226 ft² up to 71 m²/764 ft² in size Exceptionally equipped for example, with binoculars, Nordic Walking poles, air conditioning, coffee machine and mini bar (free of charge) and 24-hour cabin service Separable beds Rain shower and heated wall in bathroom (e.g. for towels and wet parkas) Extensive infotainment with live broadcast and recordings of expert presentations, forwardview camera, navigation chart, films and much more Restaurants Aboard the HANSEATIC inspiration, a

new kind of freedom blends adventure and pleasure with a culinary journey across three exceptional restaurants. The spacious HANSEATIC Restaurant offers flexible mealtimes and a free choice of seating, serving a daily-changing menu of global flavors inspired by local specialties, paired with fine wines and supported by attentive 24-hour cabin service. At the Lido Restaurant, guests can savor breakfast under the open sky or enjoy a perfectly grilled steak from the outdoor barbecue, complete with panoramic views and an open show kitchen. The specialty restaurant Nikkei fuses fine Japanese creations with modern Peruvian cuisine, delivering a unique dining experience that elevates exploration to new heights--all while bars in the Observation Lounge and HanseAtrium offer favorite drinks against stunning backdrops, from Nordic fjords to icy Antarctic vistas. Fitness and Wellness On the HANSEATIC inspiration, an extraordinary time out awaits after thrilling Zodiac rides, challenging hikes, or Arctic adventures. Unwind in the Ocean Spa, where a Finnish sauna with stunning ocean views, a gentle steam sauna, an ice fountain, and a relaxation room rejuvenate your senses, complemented by professional massages, cosmetic treatments, and eco-friendly products made from natural, vegan ingredients. Stay active in the 100 m² fitness room or separate course room--both with ocean vistas--guided by a fitness coach offering personalized advice and a variety of courses, either indoors or on deck. The pool area, with its flexible canopy, invites relaxation year-round, featuring water loungers, a whirlpool, and a bar, ensuring a perfect blend of indulgence and revitalization against the backdrop of the open sea. Knowledge Shore excursions and Zodiac rides come alive



with deeper context through fascinating presentations in the HanseAtrium, a high-tech lounge where experts share daily precaps and recaps, doubling as an atmospheric evening bar for films and discussions. The Ocean Academy enhances the journey with a Study Wall and interactive poster of scientific insights, microscopes for exploring hidden wonders alongside experts, and Study Seats--with swivel touchscreens--for personal dives into science. Supported by travel diaries and destination videos, this immersive experience broadens horizons with cutting-edge tools and



expertise.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP

Balcony Cabin. From French Balcony Cabin. From





Grand Suite. From

Junior Suite. From





Outside Cabin. From

Panoramic Cabin. From



PRICING

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French Balcony Cabin. From	£5820 GBP pp
Balcony Cabin. From	£6168 GBP pp
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