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PORTUGAL, FRANCE AND THE UK: CASTLES, COASTLINES AND CUISINE

Sail north through the rich cultural tapestry of Atlantic Europe on a journey from Portugal to Ireland, discovering regions deeply tied to the ocean through rich maritime heritage. Visit Porto, the birthplace of port wine; trace Celtic legacies from Brittany and Wales to the Isle of Man, the "Gem of the Irish Sea," and hike rugged coastlines that have long inspired artists and legends alike. Along the way, taste the local flavors of each land—fresh seafood, farm-fresh Cornish fare, Breton crepes and more, each telling its own story of place and tradition.



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Day 1 Porto, Portugal / Embark Ship

Arrive in Porto, a UNESCO World Heritage city. Enjoy time at leisure, exploring its hillside streets and sampling local flavors before embarking the ship this afternoon.

Day 2 Porto

The birthplace of port wine, Porto straddles the Douro River, its dramatic landscape linked by elegant bridges and defined by centuries of architectural heritage. Admire the city's iconic azulejo tiles as you explore the hillside streets of the Ribeira district and take in sweeping views from its many scenic

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overlooks. Alternatively, venture beyond the city into the surrounding hills for a hike in Serra do Porto Park.

Day 3 Vilagarcía de Arousa, Spain

Anchor in Vilagarcía de Arousa, a coastal town on the shores of the Ria de Arousa, and spend the day learning about life along this productive estuary. Home to the Rias Baixas wine region and among the world's leading mussel-producing areas, the region offers a fascinating glimpse into Galicia's culinary traditions. Meet local farmers and producers to learn about the craft and care behind these celebrated products. Alternatively, travel to Santiago de Compostela and either walk a portion of the Camino de Santiago before entering the historic Cathedral Square or focus your visit on the cathedral itself, a destination that has welcomed pilgrims for centuries. Enjoy a traditional Galician tapas lunch before returning to the ship.

Day 4 At Sea

Spend a relaxing day at sea, sailing along the French coast as you enjoy the ship's amenities. Join your officers on the bridge to learn about navigating the dynamic Bay of Biscay, attend a naturalist presentation on**** the region or schedule a rejuvenating massage with your wellness specialist.

Day 5-6 Douarnenez, Brittany, France / Roscoff

Arrive in Brittany, where scenic coastal trails, quaint harbors and enduring maritime traditions showcase the region's seafaring character. With the ship docked in the picturesque harbor town of Douarnenez, delve into the history of sardine fishing in the area, indulge in the local gastronomy or opt for a coastal hike. Alternatively, head inland to the ancient Breton city of Quimper, where half-timbered houses, a magnificent Gothic cathedral and a renowned pottery tradition offer insight into the region's

distinctive Breton culture.

Then, venture to the northern side of the Brittany peninsula. Known for its stunning coastline, granite houses and maritime traditions, Roscoff has long been linked to Cornwall through centuries of trade and seafaring connections. Spend time exploring this charming harbor town at your own pace, or venture to nearby Saint-Pol-de-Leon, a historic market town at the heart of France's famed Golden Belt agricultural region and the seat of a powerful bishopric since the Middle Ages.

Day 7-8 Falmouth, Cornwall, England, United Kingdom

Known for its deep natural harbor, Falmouth has been an important maritime hub since the 1600s. Watched over by historic Pendennis Castle at the mouth of the Fal Estuary, the region retains its regal charm while also earning recognition as both an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Special Area of Conservation for its rich marine ecosystems. Explore the shores of this remarkable estuary by venturing upriver to visit historic gardens and a tea plantation, or climb the castle ramparts to learn about the harbor's defense through the centuries.

Day 9 Welsh Coastline

Sail north along the Welsh coastline, known for its rich natural beauty, layered history and shoreline of sheltered coves and rugged headlands along the Irish Sea. Today unfolds at a slower pace, with expedition activities taking center stage. Enjoy opportunities for Zodiac cruising, coastal hikes or kayaking as you explore this remarkable stretch of coast.

Day 10 Holyhead

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Arrive in Wales, home to more castles per square mile than any other country in the world. Choose to explore some of the impressive fortresses that form the Iron Ring, the chain of castles built by King Edward I to consolidate his rule over the region. Alternatively, stay on the Isle of Anglesey and walk the Coastal Path--part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty--alongside a member of the local mountain rescue team. Spot falcons, seals and springtime wildflowers as you pass through a mixture of farmland, coastal heath, dunes and more.

Day 11 Isle of Man, British Crown Dependency

Landing on the Isle of Man, often called the Gem of the Irish Sea, provides a fitting connection to the Celtic heritage encountered throughout the voyage. The entire island is designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in recognition of its unique environment and sustainable economy. Home to the world's oldest continuous parliament and a people deeply rooted in Celtic tradition, the Isle of Man offers opportunities to connect with its rich history, dramatic landscapes and vibrant local culture, shaped by a strong tradition of coastal stewardship.

Day 12 Dublin, Ireland / Disembark Ship

Disembark in Dublin after breakfast and transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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YOUR SHIP: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPLORER

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VESSEL TYPE:	Luxury Expedition
LENGTH:	108 meters
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	148 (single & twin cabins)
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	1982 / 2008

National Geographic Explorer is a state-of-the-art expedition ship. It is a fully stabilized, ice-class vessel, enabling it to navigate polar passages while providing exceptional comfort. It carries kayaks and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft. An Undersea Specialist operates a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and sophisticated video equipment, extending access to the underwater world. Public areas : Bistro Bar; Chart Room; Restaurant; Global Gallery; Library, Lounge with full service bar and state-of-the-art facilities for films, slideshows and presentations; Mud Room with lockers for expedition gear, and Observation Lounge. Our "Open Bridge" provides guests an opportunity to meet our Officers and Captain and learn about navigation. Meals : Served in single seatings with unassigned tables for an informal atmosphere and easy mingling. Menu is international with local flair. Cabins : All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Expedition Equipment : Zodiac landing craft, kayaks, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, SplashCam, underwater video camera, Crow's Nest remote controlled camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear. Special Features : A full-time doctor, Undersea Specialist, LEX Photo Specialist and Video

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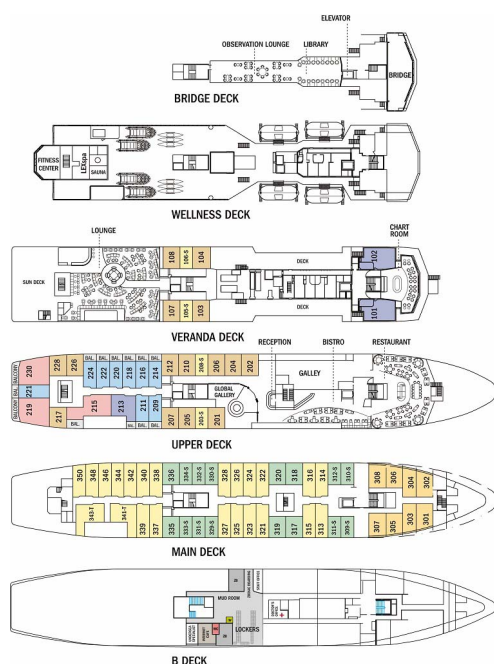
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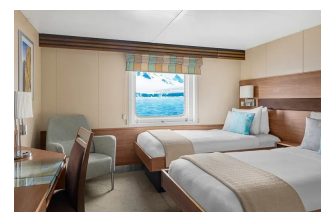
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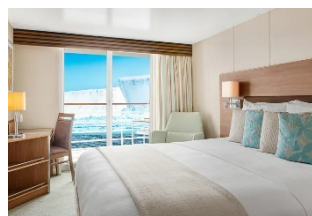
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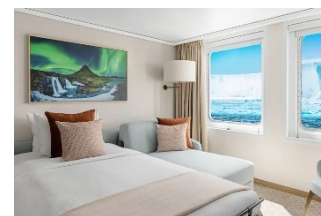
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