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SAILING WITH THE VIKINGS - BRITISH ISLES & NORWAY CRUISE

Follow in the wake of the legendary Vikings on this breathtaking cruise. Beginning in the Arctic city of Tromsø, Norway, we'll traverse the mythical Trollfjorden and experience the quaint charm of Leknes in the Lofoten Islands before taking in the coastal beauty of Brønnøysund and Molde. Sail from Geiranger's majestic fjords across the North Sea to the United Kingdom. Explore Kirkwall's ancient heritage, immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Aberdeen and Edinburgh in Scotland, and discover the historic charm of Newcastle upon Tyne. By the time we arrive in Amsterdam, you'll have sailed the same seas and explored the same lands as generations of Vikings before you.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 PRE CRUISE

DAY 2 TROMSØ

Known as the Arctic gateway, Tromsø is a remote Norwegian city at 69° north, 250 miles above the Arctic Circle, where you can take in the soft glow of the midnight sun. Learn more about early polar explorations at the Polar Museum. Famed for the Northern Lights on winter nights, you can find out more about this natural



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spectacle at the Science Centre.

DAY 3 CRUISING TROLLFJORDEN & LEKNES, LOFOTEN

Trollfjorden is unbelievable – a 100 m-wide entrance to a narrow fjord with near-vertical mountainous sides up to 1,100 m high. The passage slices through Austvågøya, on the edge of the Lofoten Islands, and there's no way in, other than by boat or a dizzying hike. Appreciate the silence while you cruise gently onward as white-tailed eagles soar overhead – and marvel as the ship slowly spins around to leave. Explore the Lofoten Islands, an archipelago just above the Arctic Circle. Leknes, the islands' main town, on Vestvågøya, sits on bay-like Buksnesfjorden. The scenery is otherworldly, little red-painted houses against a backdrop of craggy, mountainous isles. In the height of summer the white sand beaches look almost like the South Seas – and this is the Land of the Midnight Sun for almost two months each year. Tours take in the mountainous interior while there are also whale watching excursions.

DAY 4 BRONNOYSUND

A pretty town on a narrow peninsula amid a world of islands halfway up the Norwegian coast. Nearby, Torghatten, a granite dome of a mountain on the isle of Torget, is famed for the hole through the middle, which you can walk right through. Boat trips head to the Vega Archipelago UNESCO site, with shallow waters, fishing docks and nesting spots for down-rich eider ducks. The Norwegian Aquaculture Centre gives guests a taste of salmon farming with aquariums, underwater cameras – and a restaurant.

DAY 5 MOLDE

As Romdalsfjord nears the open sea it's a very different place, bigger and even more placid yet still wild – from the town of

Molde it's reckoned you can see 222 peaks. From here the Atlantic Road darts across bridges and islands on its extraordinary journey, and a replica Viking ship departs for Håholmen island, an 18th-century fishing port. Another boat takes you into the spine-tingling caves of Bergtatt, where marble has been mined for more than 80 years.

DAY 6 GEIRANGER

Geirangerfjord is a truly magnificent fjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its staggering mix of snow-capped peaks and clear blue waters, lush greenery and the magnificent Seven Sisters waterfalls. See the falls from a tiny boat, or take a bus along hair-raising roads to the 1,500 m Mount Dalsnibba Skywalk viewpoint and learn about your surroundings at the Norwegian Fjord Centre. The village of Geiranger at the head of the fjord is well over 100 km from the sea.

DAY 7 DAY AT SEA

Sea days are rarely dull. Take the time to sit back and let the world go by. The ship's observation decks provide stunning views of the passing ocean. A day at sea gives you the opportunity to mingle with other passengers and share your experiences of this incredible trip or head to our library which is stocked full of reference books. Get an expert's view in one of our on-board lectures or perhaps perfect your photography skills with invaluable advice from our onboard professional photographers.

DAY 8 KIRKWALL, ORKNEY, SCOTLAND

Old Kirkwall was once one of the most important towns of the Norse Western Empire. Officially a Royal Burgh since 1486, the town's name comes from the Norse 'Kirkjuvagr', meaning 'Church of the bay'. From the 9th to 15th centuries, Orkney and



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the surrounding islands belonged to the Norse king, a thralldom held by earls. This Viking heritage is still very much alive today in the town of Kirkwall. A highlight is the magnificent St Magnus Cathedral. Regarded as the finest medieval building in Northern Scotland, the sandstone structure was erected by skilled builders in 1137, brought north from their work on the revered Durham Cathedral.

DAY 9 ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND

Aberdeen's ubiquitous grey buildings have given the city its epithet, the Granite City. Located a stone's throw from the North Sea oil reserves, Aberdeen is also known as the UK's petroleum capital. Thanks to this twist of geology, the city benefits from oil-infused affluence as well as multicultural influences. Disembark to explore; the Aberdeen Arts Centre, the Maritime Museum, the Gordon Highlanders Museum and Marischal College are just some of your options. One of the city's biggest draws, however, is its proximity to Scotland's famed castle and whisky trails. Aberdeenshire, that great shoulder of land which pushes into the North Sea, has more castles per hectare (260) than anywhere else in the United Kingdom. There are plenty near Aberdeen itself; you could visit the impressive cliff-top ruins of Dunnottar Castle, the fairytale Crathes Castle or Drum Castle, an elegant Jacobean mansion house. Whisky lovers might be interested to note that also close by are the distilleries of Glenfiddich, Strathisla and Glen Grant.

DAYS 10-11 LEITH, SCOTLAND

No visit to Edinburgh would be complete without strolling along the Royal Mile from the Queen's official residence in Scotland, Palace of Holyroodhouse, to that lauded landmark, Edinburgh Castle, which sits on Castle Rock, a volcanic hill. Nearby is the contemporary, design-forward Scottish Parliament building and

the National Museum of Scotland, which presents a detailed history of the country. Or climb to the top of Calton Hill, it's steep, but the views are worth it. You'll sail from Leith, Edinburgh's port on the Firth of Forth, so make your way down to the waterfront, where you'll find your chic ship waiting.

DAY 12 NEWCASTLE UPON THE TYNE, ENGLAND

Newcastle upon Tyne is a vibrant and eclectic city in northeast England. Its attractions include the Tyne Bridge, St James' Park, Eldon Square, Laing art gallery, and the great north run. You can also visit Quayside, Victoria Tunnel, The Discovery Museum, and more.

DAY 13 SCHEVENINGEN, THE HAGUE

Scheveningen is a district in The Hague, Netherlands. It is known for its beautiful beaches and many attractions such as De Pier, Westduinpark, Oostduinpark, and more.

DAY 14 AMSTERDAM

Our port is the gorgeous Dutch city where a boat cruise along the canals gets to the very heart of things, but where walking the narrow streets and over the hundreds of bridges is magical too. Discover a treasure trove of fabulous museums such as the Rijksmuseum, filled with Dutch Masters – and just around the corner from the Van Gogh Museum. While, south of the city, explore windmill-filled stretches of countryside canal.

Please Note:

Itinerary changes and surprising experiences are part of expedition cruise life. The world has a habit of amazing us with incredible things when we yield to the unexpected. Join us with an open mind and a sense of adventure and you'll find that this can pay off in the most rewarding ways.

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YOUR SHIP: DIANA

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Launched in 2023, SH Diana provides elegant and spacious 5-star accommodation for 192 guests in 96 spacious staterooms and suites, the vast majority with large balconies. Operated by an onboard team of 140 she provides a high level of personal service, exploring the Mediterranean and its famous sites of antiquity. Now sit back, relax and take a moment to get to know this amazing new ship, purpose-designed for our unique cultural expedition cruises. Named after the Ancient Roman goddess of light, the moon, hunting and the wilderness, SH Diana has been specially designed for worldwide cruising to explore the most inspiring and inaccessible places on earth. Building on the outstanding amenities of her sister ships, she adds a dedicated Multifunctional Room next to the Observation Lounge, a Private Dining Room for special occasions, and two tenders which bring guests a comfortable alternative to Zodiacs for expedition landings. A Polar Class 6 ice-strengthened hull combines with extra-large stabilisers to make your journey as comfortable as possible. SH Diana has been designed for immersive experiences, with extensive outside deck areas, multiple observation points and bright, open and relaxing public spaces with unobstructed views. The pleasure and safety of our

guests is paramount at all times, cared for by our attentive crew and seasoned expedition leaders. Cutting edge hygiene technology protects the health of all on board to the highest standards and includes air conditioning with UV sanitisation systems. SH Diana's 96 staterooms, including 11 suites, are each a superbly comfortable home from home and all feature panoramic sea views, a flame-effect fireplace, original works of art, plush couches, premium pocket sprung mattresses, en-suite bathrooms with glass-enclosed rain showers, and Egyptian cotton towels, bathrobes and sheets. A pillow menu offers customised head and neck comfort during rest, while a large flat screen TV, espresso machine with Illy premium coffee, tea making facilities with the finest Kusmi teas, and a minibar with refreshments enhance relaxation at any time. In-room dining is of course available at all hours. Wheelchair access Guests who use wheelchairs must bring their own, as we have only a small number of wheelchairs stored onboard for emergencies. To ensure ease of movement on the ship, wheelchairs and mobility aids must be no wider than 65cm. All mobility or medical equipment brought on board must be capable of being carried safely and must be declared before sailing. To ensure that all guests can safely evacuate during an emergency, guests requiring a wheelchair can only be accommodated in our ADA-accessible cabins. We offer an Oceanview and a Balcony stateroom on Diana. These staterooms are specifically designed to be completely ADA compliant and have a fully operable wheelchair-access wet unit. Diana has two lifts, serving every passenger deck apart from the Stargazing top deck, which is, therefore, more difficult to access, as are the Aft Marina and



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Swan's Nest forward observation platform. Also, we don't have special equipment to access the swimming pool, jacuzzi, or sauna. Otherwise, the ship is entirely at your disposal. Many of the expeditions ashore in remote places are by Zodiac. Boarding these boats and returning aboard can present challenges for wheelchair users, as can navigating uneven terrain. These challenges are by no means always insurmountable, though, and our highly experienced crew is trained to provide reliable advice and assistance. They will make every effort to ensure wheelchair-using guests enjoy a memorable experience at each destination. Our general guidance, however, is to recommend wheelchair users travel with a companion for their ease and enjoyment. If you prefer to remain aboard, our panoramic interiors and ample open decks ensure an immersive, intimate experience of your inspiring



surroundings.



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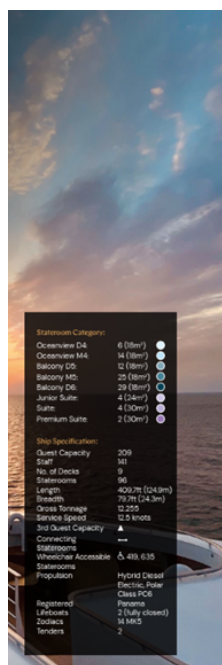
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INSIDE YOUR SHIP



Stateroom Category	
Oceanview D4	6 (8m²)
Oceanview M4	14 (8m²)
Balcony D5	12 (8m²)
Balcony M5	25 (8m²)
Balcony D6	29 (8m²)
Junior Suite	4 (24m²)
Suite	4 (30m²)
Premium Suite	2 (30m²)
Ship Specifications	
Guest Capacity	209
Crew	101
No. of Decks	9
Staterooms	98
Length	400.7m (1243m)
Breadth	39.7m (124.3m)
Gross Tonnage	12,225
Service Speed	12.5 knots
1st Guest Capacity	A
Connecting	---
Staterooms	---
Wheelchair Accessible	5, 419, 635
Staterooms	---
Propulsion	Hybrid Diesel
	Electric, Polar
	Class PC-6
Registered	Parsons
Lifboats	2 (fully closed)
Deckchairs	14 M&S
Tenders	2



Deck 9
Stargazing Deck



Deck 8
Open
Sauna
Jacuzzi
Spa
Beauty Salon
Bridge



Deck 7
Swimming Pool
Pool Bar & Grill
Club Lounge
Events Room
Observation Lounge



Deck 6
Premium Suites
Suites
Junior Suites
Balcony Staterooms D5
Senior's Nest



Deck 5
Balcony Staterooms D5, M5
Junior Suites
Suites



Deck 4
Swan Restaurant
Reception
Oceanview Staterooms D4, M4
Laundrette



Deck 3
Marine Deck
Zodiac Boarding
Basecamp
Library
Expedition Lab
Clinic
Laundry



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