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NORMANDY & GREAT BRITAIN
Campaigns, Castles & Coastal Wonders
A Springtime Voyage aboard *Hebridean Sky*

May 2–14, 2022
(13 days)

This new itinerary features a two-night hotel stay in Normandy combined with a nine-night cruise aboard the 59-cabin *Hebridean Sky* from Cherbourg in northwest France to Aberdeen on Scotland's east coast. Excursion options in each port allow guests to select excursions to historic battle sites or magnificent castles, country estates and/or premier art sites. The itinerary is designed to offer an appealing combination of small scenic ports, cosmopolitan cities, military and maritime sites, architectural landmarks, and world-class gardens at their springtime best. After two nights in Normandy, including the chance to see the iconic sites commemorating the D-Day invasion, board the *Hebridean Sky* in Cherbourg and cruise across the English Channel to Plymouth, the beginning of a nine-night cruise with port calls at Portsmouth, Dover, Tilbury (for an overnight in London), as well as three ports in Scotland: Newcastle upon-Tyne, Berwick, and Aberdeen.

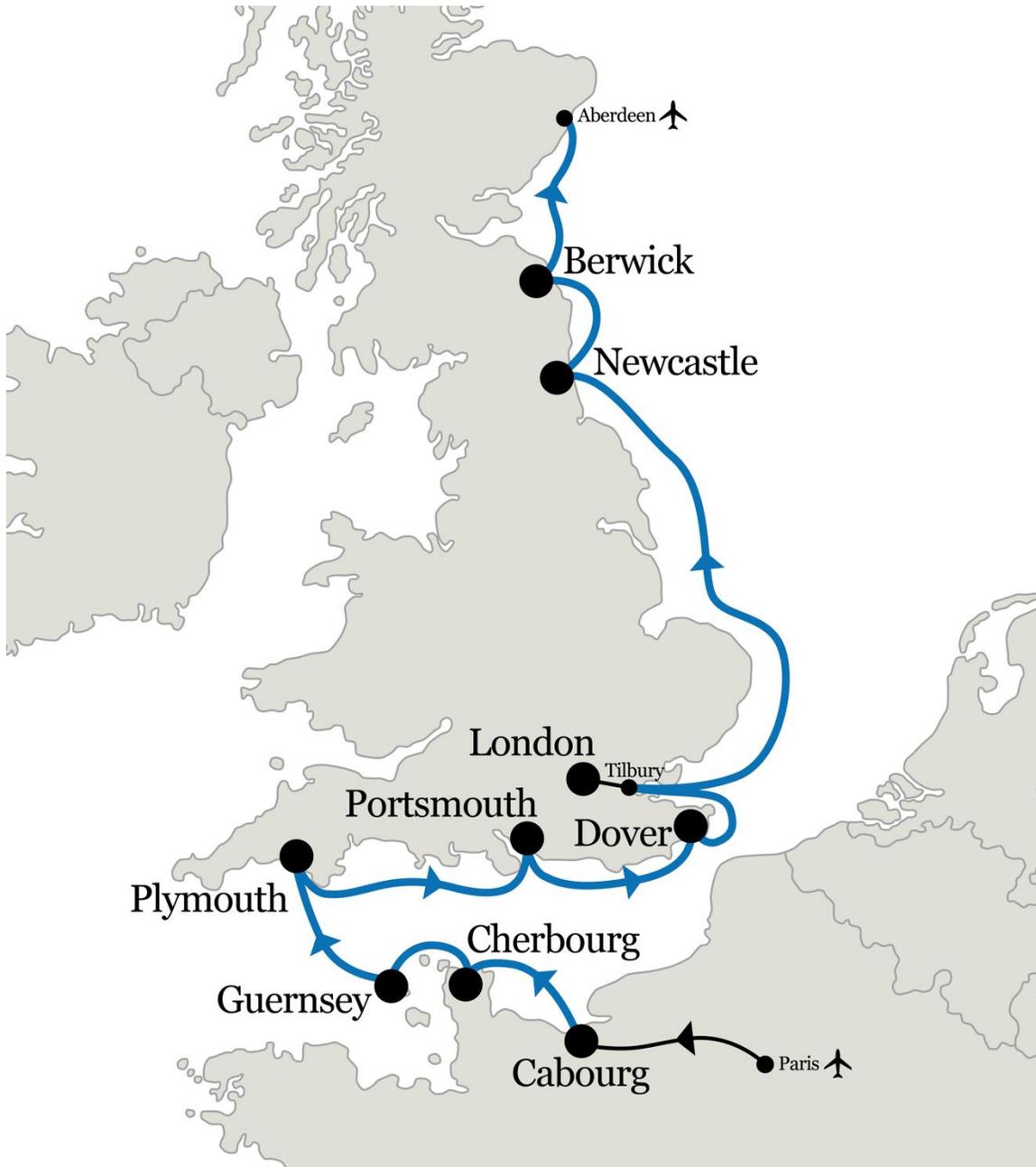
We will offer a pre-trip extension in Paris and a post-trip extension in the Scottish Highlands.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Customize your experience with a choice of shore excursions in each port, usually with one excursion following a wartime history theme and the others featuring visits to historic estates, grand castles, or beautiful parks & gardens.
- Learn about landmark battles and events of the 19th century and World Wars I and II with visits to D-Day sites in Normandy; Portsmouth dockyards with magnificent 19th century warships; Dover Castle's secret wartime tunnels; and Churchill's War Rooms in London, the site of a British government command center throughout WWII.
- Enjoy the option of exploring a rich variety of architectural gems including Somerset's Montacute House, perhaps the finest Tudor house in England; Leeds Castle, one of Europe's most impressively situated; and Banbrough Castle, one of the most important Angle-Saxon archaeological sites in the world.
- Marvel at the stunning countryside and world-class gardens alive with color in early May—from Guernsey, the "Island of Flowers," and Dartmoor National Park, the countryside of Daphne du Maurier to the grounds of Downton Abbey's Highclere Abbey (subject to confirmation; our back-up option is the Petworth country estate).

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ITINERARY MAP



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ITINERARY OUTLINE

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	ACTIVITIES
May 2 Mon	Depart U.S.		Overnight flight to Paris, France.
May 3 Tue	Deauville, France	Normandy Barrière Hotel or similar	Arrive at Paris CDG Airport ; morning welcome reception at the Sheraton CDG Airport Hotel; group coach transfers to Normandy region, check into the hotel with time to rest before a welcome dinner. D
May 4 Wed	Deauville	Normandy Barrière Hotel or similar	Morning lecture followed by choice of tours: 1) Caen Memorial Museum combined with Bayeux historic center including the famed Bayeux Tapestry ; or 2) UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mont-St.-Michele ; return to Deauville for an evening at leisure. BL
May 5 Thu	Cherbourg	<i>Hebridean Sky</i>	Check out of hotel for full day visiting the iconic sites of commemorating D-Day, including Juno Beach , Normandy American Cemetery , Omaha Beach , and Airforce Museum in Ste-Mère-Église, the first town to be liberated by American airborne divisions; break for a gastronomic lunch featuring Normandy's famed cheeses; embark the <i>Hebridean Sky</i> in Cherbourg and depart port during cocktails. BLD
May 6 Fri	Guernsey & Herm, Channel Islands, UK	<i>Hebridean Sky</i>	AM anchor off Guernsey , the 'Island of Flowers' with choice of visits: 1) walking tour of St Peter Port featuring a visit to Castle Cornet , a 12th century battlement; 2) panoramic island drive to see the beautiful coastline and beaches; or 3) WWII German occupation history tour including the Guernsey Underground Hospital and German Occupation Museum ; PM over lunch cruise the short distance to Herm , the smallest inhabited Channel Island (1.5 miles long & .5 miles wide); go ashore for free time on foot or join naturalists on the lookout for wildflowers and birds. BLD
May 7 Sat	Plymouth	<i>Hebridean Sky</i>	Choice of morning visits 1) Somerset's Montacute House , perhaps the finest Tudor house in England or 2) exploration of Dartmoor National Park , countryside of Daphne du Maurier of "Hound of the Baskervilles" with stop in lovely village of Widddecombe in the Moor; PM city tour of Plymouth , where the Mayflower set out in 1620 for its final voyage to New World. BLD

May 8 Sun	Portsmouth	<i>Hebridean Sky</i>	Choice of visits to Downton Abbey's Highclere Castle (pending confirmation; otherwise, 17 th c Petworth country estate) or Portsmouth's Royal Naval Museum and historic dockyards, with behind-the-scenes tour of HMS Warrior . BLD
May 9 Mon	Dover	<i>Hebridean Sky</i>	Morning of cruising with time for lectures; Choice of afternoon visits: 1) Dover Castle with secret war tunnels where WWII evacuation of Dunkirk was planned, or 2) Leeds Castle , one of the most impressive in Europe. BLD
May 10 Tue	Tilbury (London)	<i>Hebridean Sky</i>	Early this morning cruise up the Thames to the heart of London where the ship moors until midnight. Choice of tours including 1) Churchill War Rooms and Chartwell House , Sir Winston Churchill's beloved family retreat in Kent 2) or guided visit of the British Museum with additional stops (subject to input from faculty leaders); optional evening performance in London's West End (at additional cost). BLD
May 11 Wed	At Sea	<i>Hebridean Sky</i>	Lecture series continues. Enjoy amenities of ship. BLD
May 12 Thu	Newcastle upon Tyne	<i>Hebridean Sky</i>	FD off the ship with optional excursions to 1) Hadrian's Wall , the most famous of all frontiers of the Roman Empire and a World Heritage Site, focusing on the Vindolanda site (35 miles from Newcastle) with its world class museum displaying artefacts from ongoing excavations; or 2) Newcastle including the Discovery Museum highlighting the area's significance during the Industrial Revolution. BLD
May 13 Fri	Berwick	<i>Hebridean Sky</i>	Morning excursion to Holy Island of Lindisfarne , one of the most important centers of early English Christianity and in the 8th century, the site of the Viking's first significant attack in western Europe, and to Bamburgh Castle , one of Britain's finest and still home to the Armstrong family of Northumbria; the site was occupied by Roman soldiers before they retreated south to Hadrian's Wall. Afternoon of cruising followed by Captain's Farewell Reception & Dinner. BLRD
May 14 Sat	Return to U.S.		Disembark in Aberdeen for flights home or continue on the Scottish Highlands extension . B

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Retail Program Fees:

Category A, Standard Suite (forward), per person, sharing	\$9,990
Category B, Standard Suite, per person, sharing.....	\$10,990
Category C, Superior Suite, per person, sharing	\$12,990
Category D, Premium Suite, per person, sharing.....	\$13,990
Category E, Corner Suite, per person, sharing	\$14,990
Category F, Deluxe Balcony Suite, per person, sharing.....	\$15,990
Category G, Owner's Balcony Suite, per person, sharing	\$16,990
Category H, Hebridean Suite, per person, sharing.....	\$17,990
Category B, Standard Suite, single.....	\$16,490
Category C, Superior Suite, single	\$19,490

Fees and services are based on exchange rates of December, 2020 and are subject to change.

Program Length, Capacity:

13 days roundtrip from the U.S.

Minimum capacity: 70 passengers; Maximum capacity: 96 passengers (all sponsors)

Fees Include: All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Scheduled coach transfers on group arrival and departure dates • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Port charges • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Criterion Tour Manager

Fees Do Not Include: U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax, Internet and email charges