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# **Celtic Lands**

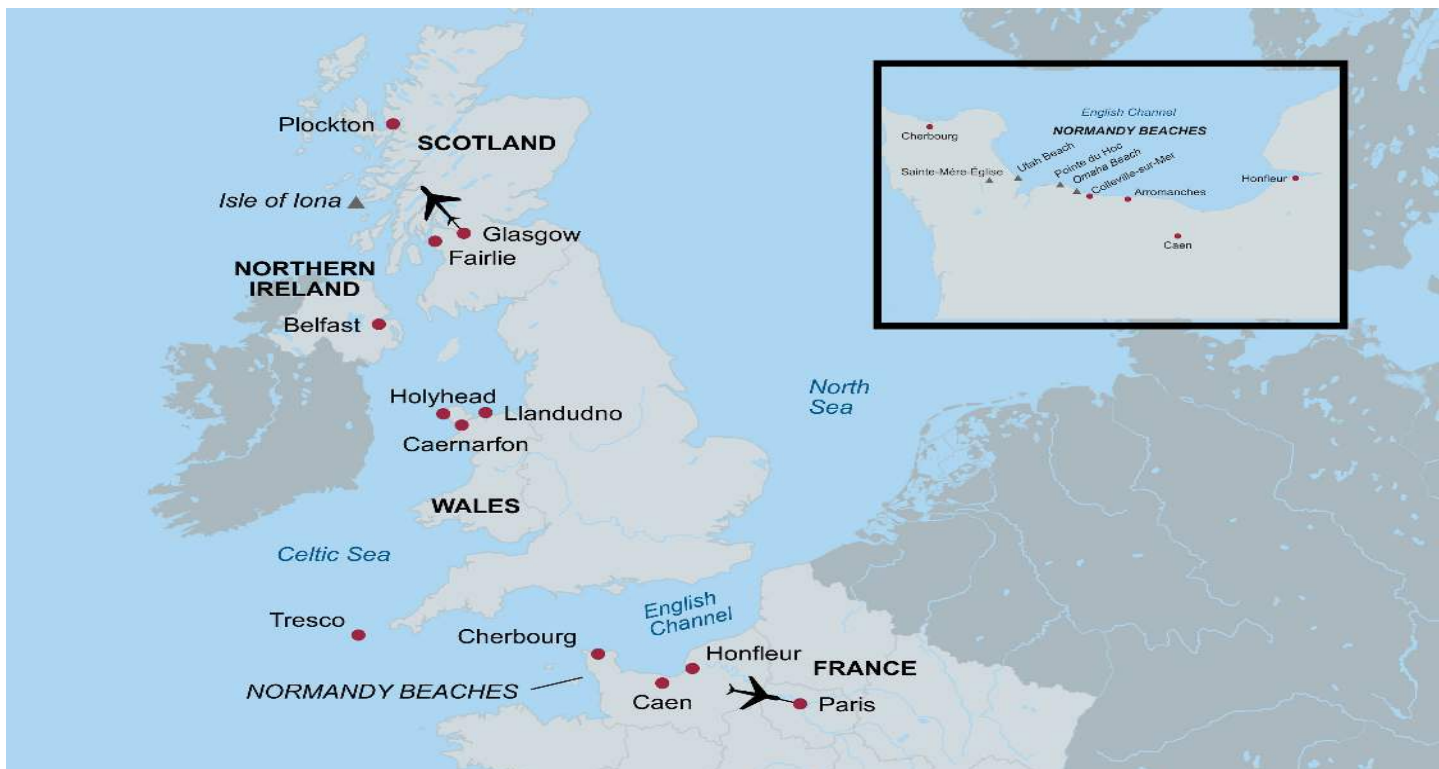
**July 12, 2026 - July 21, 2026**

## Program Overview

Celebrate Celtic culture during an eight-night cruise to France, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Aboard Ocean Victory, your exclusively chartered, deluxe small ship, sail from Honfleur, France, to Fairlie, Scotland. Along the way, visit cultural landmarks and delve into the history of this storied region. Visit Normandy's D-Day battlefields and discuss one of the 20th century's most consequential military campaigns with guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II, historian and grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Choose to explore the UNESCO-listed Caernarfon Castle or the Victorian-era Bodnant Garden. In Belfast, choose between three Traveler's Choice options: a Belfast Walking Food Tour, a Belfast City Highlights Tour or a visit to the RMS Titanic Museum. Stand in the shadow of Scotland's beloved Eilean Donan Castle and delight in the contrast of landscapes: the rugged, windswept islands of Iona and Skye and the botanical panoramas of Tresco Abbey Gardens in the Isles of Scilly. Soul-stirring performances of Welsh airs, traditional Irish music, and dancing complete your experience.

## Program Highlights

- Discover the Celtic legacy of France, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland on a 9-day, 8-night cruise from Honfleur, France, to Fairlie, Scotland, aboard the deluxe small ship Ocean Victory.
- Two full-day Normandy excursions to visit historic Omaha and Utah Beaches, Sainte-Mère-Église and the American military cemetery.
- Special guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Caernarfon Castle.
- Included meals | 2 receptions, 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners
- Paris and Giverny Pre-Tour Extension and Edinburgh and Glasgow Post-Tour Extension. (Available at additional cost.)



## Day-by-Day Program Itinerary

### Day 1 | Depart Home City

Depart home city for Paris, France.

### Day 2 | Paris, France | Honfleur | Embark

Arrive at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport. Proceed through the immigration checkpoint to the baggage claim area and retrieve your luggage. After completing a customs screening, meet a Gohagan & Company representative.

Transfer to Honfleur, a picturesque port town in the Normandy region of northern France, located on the southern bank of the Seine estuary, where the river meets the English Channel. Embark the Ocean Victory.

This afternoon, get settled in your cabin and get to know the ship.

Enjoy dinner on the ship, which departs Honfleur tonight.

### Day 3 | Caen | Normandy Beaches

Arrive in Caen for a day of exploring the sites of one of World War II's most significant battles, Operation Overlord. Transfer from Ouistreham to Arromanches.

During leisure time, you may wish to visit the D-Day Museum, which was developed as the first museum to commemorate the Battle of Normandy. Set in the geographical center of the Normandy beaches, the museum has been rebuilt and expanded to support the ever-increasing interest in remembering and reflecting on one of the most significant moments in World War II history.

Normandy American Cemetery and Omaha Beach. Visit Colleville-sur-Mer for a deeply moving exploration of one of the most significant sites of World War II. Accompanied by guest lecturer Professor Dwight D. Eisenhower II, enjoy a guided walk through the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, where rows of white crosses overlook the English Channel and honor the American soldiers who gave their lives during the liberation of Europe. Professor Eisenhower provides expert historical insight and personal context, bringing the events and legacy of D-Day vividly to life. Walk along Omaha Beach, one of the five designated landing sectors of the Allied invasion of German-occupied France on June 6, 1944. Facing the English Channel, Omaha Beach played a critical role in the success of the Normandy landings. Securing this stretch of coastline was essential to linking the British landings at Gold Beach to the east with the American landings at Utah Beach to the west, creating a continuous Allied foothold along the Normandy coast of the Bay of the Seine. Today, the quiet shoreline stands in powerful contrast to its history, offering a place for reflection on the courage and sacrifice of those who fought here. (Moderate)

Canadian Option: If you wish to instead visit sites important to Canadian history, travel by coach to Courseulles-sur-Mer, following a route rich in Canadian military history. En route, stop at Bénvy-sur-Mer, one of the earliest villages liberated by Canadian forces on D-Day, and view the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada House, marking the location reached by this regiment on June 6, 1944. These sites highlight the crucial role Canadian troops played during the Normandy landings. Arrive in Courseulles-sur-Mer and visit the Juno Beach Center, Canada's national memorial to the landings and the Battle of Normandy. Explore the museum's exhibits, memorial gardens and the nearby stretch of Juno Beach, where Canadian soldiers came ashore under heavy fire. The Center offers a powerful perspective on Canada's wartime contribution and the sacrifices made in the liberation of Europe. Conclude at the Bénvy-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery, the final resting place for more than 2,000 Canadian soldiers, many of whom lost their lives in the opening days of the Normandy campaign. Set in peaceful countryside, the cemetery provides a solemn and reflective setting to honor those who served and fell. (Moderate)

Lunch will be served at a restaurant during the excursion.

Pointe de Hoc: Visit Pointe du Hoc, where U.S. Army Rangers carried out one of the most daring assaults of D-Day. On June 6, 1944, Rangers scaled a sheer 100-foot cliff under heavy fire to neutralize German artillery that threatened the Allied landings on Omaha and Utah Beaches. Fortified with concrete casemates, gun pits and bunkers, Pointe du Hoc was considered nearly impossible to capture. Yet the Rangers pressed on, securing the position after fierce fighting and holding it against repeated counterattacks. Today, the landscape still bears the scars of battle — craters, ruins and cliffs overlooking the English Channel — offering a powerful reminder of the bravery and sacrifice that helped turn the tide of World War II. (Moderate)

## **Day 4 | Cherbourg | Catz | Angoville Au Plain | Utah Beach | Sainte-Mère-Église**

Wake this morning to breakfast and another full day of exploring Normandy's historic D-Day sites.

Utah Beach, Sainte-Mère-Église and La Batterie d'Azeville. Begin at the Utah Beach Landing Museum for a

comprehensive look at the D-Day battle from planning to its execution. Built on the very sands where the first American troops came ashore on June 6, 1944, the Utah Beach Museum stands at the heart of one of the most decisive moments of World War II. The museum presents the story of D-Day through ten carefully structured chronological sequences, guiding visitors from the early planning and preparation of Operation Overlord to the successful establishment of the Allied beachhead and the liberation that followed.

Continue to Catz to visit the Church of Angoville au Plain, which two U.S. Army medics used to treat both American and German injured soldiers. The church has two stained-glass windows commemorating the medics and the other soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division.

Break for lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to Sainte-Mère-Église. Once a quiet village on the Cotentin Peninsula, Sainte-Mère-Église became one of the first towns liberated on D-Day, June 6, 1944, following the American airborne landings of Operation Overlord. During a visit to the town center, see the church made famous by paratrooper John Steele, whose parachute caught on the spire as he witnessed the battle below. At the Town Hall, view the Kilometre Zero marker, symbolizing the start of the historic Road to Freedom.

Our next stop is Azeville. The Azeville Battery was a World War II German artillery position located near the village of Azeville in the Manche department of Normandy, northwestern France. Part of Germany's Atlantic Wall coastal defenses, it played an active role during the Normandy landings, shelling Utah Beach, 15 km (9.3 mi) away, for three days following D-Day. On June 9, 1944, the battery was heavily bombed and captured by American forces. Today, one of its gun casemates has been converted into a museum, allowing visitors to explore the site and learn about its history. (Moderate)

Meet the ship in Cherbourg.

Welcome Reception and Dinner: Back on board, gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

## **Day 5 | Tresco, Isles of Scilly, England**

Enjoy breakfast on board as you cruise to the island of Tresco, part of England's Scilly Isles. This archipelago consists of over 140 islands and rocks, though only five are inhabited: St. Mary's, Tresco, St. Martin's, Bryher and St. Agnes

Join Featured Guest Speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II for an insightful talk.

Traveler's Choice | Choose ONE of the following included excursions.

Tresco Abbey Gardens with Sea Safari. Begin with a 90-minute sea safari aboard local tender boats before landing on Tresco. You may spot whales, dolphins and seabirds during the ride. Once ashore, wander at an unhurried pace through winding garden paths framed by sculptural succulents, soaring palms and vivid flame trees. Beyond the rich plant life, the island reveals other delights — keep an eye out for red squirrels and golden pheasants, admire striking sculptures and explore the atmospheric Valhalla Figurehead Museum, where shipwreck relics tell their own quiet stories(Moderate)

Tresco Abbey Gardens. Take a relaxed walk along the winding paths, where sculptural succulents, lofty palms, and striking flame trees create a vibrant, layered landscape. The garden's appeal extends beyond its plants — look out for red squirrels and golden pheasants, pause to admire impressive sculptures and visit the Valhalla Figurehead Museum to encounter evocative remnants of the island's shipwreck history. (Mild)

## **Day 6 | Holyhead, Wales**

Arrive in Holyhead, a port town located on the western tip of Anglesey, an island off the northwest coast of Wales. It's best known as a major ferry port connecting Wales to Ireland, but it also has historical sites, natural beauty and coastal charm.

Enjoy a hearty lunch on board before setting off on your chosen excursion.

Traveler's Choice | Choose ONE of the following included excursions.

Caernarfon Castle. Tour the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Caernarfon Castle, a fortress built by Edward I of England as a defense against the Welsh, who were resisting English rule. Completed in 1330, 47 years after construction began, the castle is considered to be one of the finest examples of medieval architecture. (Moderate)

Bodnant Gardens. With 80 acres of formal gardens, woodland, and meadows featuring botanical collections from around the world, and exotic and rare plants and trees, Bodnant Gardens is a world-renowned horticultural gem. Tour the gardens, which feature five Italianate terraces, wildflower meadows, two ponds and much more. (Moderate)

This afternoon, listen to a performance by a Welsh choir, a special experience that taps into a deep, centuries-old musical and cultural tradition unique to Wales.

## **Day 7 | Belfast**

Arrive in Belfast this morning.

Traveler's Choice | Choose ONE of the following included excursions.

Belfast Walking Tour. Stroll through Belfast with a local guide on a walking tour that blends local flavors with city history. Stroll through Belfast's streets while stopping at several well-known eateries, including Sawers Deli and Kelly's Cellars, to sample a variety of specialties such as the city's iconic fish and chips. Along the way, visit a renowned local chocolate shop for a sweet treat. As you explore, your guide will share insights into Belfast's rich past, weaving stories of the city's heritage into each stop. (Moderate)

Belfast City Highlights Coach Tour with Pup Lunch. The RMS Titanic, a British luxury ocean liner, tragically sank on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York on April 15, 1912, after colliding with an iceberg in the North Atlantic. Celebrated for its scale and opulence, the ship carried more than 2,200 passengers and crew, of whom over 1,500 lost their lives. Constructed in Belfast at the renowned Harland & Wolff shipyard, Titanic remains a powerful symbol

of the city's shipbuilding heritage. Today, you can explore this legacy at the impressive Titanic Belfast Visitor Centre, which opened in 2012 to mark the centenary of the ship's launch. (Moderate)

RMS Titanic Museum with Pub Lunch. With 80 acres of formal gardens, woodland, and meadows featuring botanical collections from around the world, and exotic and rare plants and trees, Bodnant Gardens is a world-renowned horticultural gem. Tour the gardens, which feature five Italianate terraces, wildflower meadows, two ponds and much more. (Moderate)

During dinner on board, discover the spirit of Belfast with a performance by Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich, an arts and cultural center dedicated to celebrating Irish language and heritage. Enjoy a special show featuring a selection of traditional Irish musicians and dancers.

## **Day 8 | Isle of Iona, Scotland**

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning as the ship approaches Iona, an island in Scotland's Inner Hebrides, a beautiful archipelago off the west coast of Scotland known for its dramatic landscapes and rich Celtic and Norse heritage and history.

Iona. Disembark and travel by tender to land. Despite its tiny size — just about 3 miles long and 1 mile wide — Iona has had a huge impact on Scottish and European history. Venture off the ship for an in-depth visit to Iona Abbey, a stunning medieval monastery with stonework dating back to the 12th century. It was founded in 563 by St. Columba, an Irish monk who introduced Christianity to Scotland. It was the monks of Iona who spread Christian ideas across Scotland and the north. St. Martin's Cross — dated to the eighth century — still stands by the roadside, and a replica of St. John's Cross is found by the doorway of the abbey. (Moderate)

Return to the ship for lunch and dinner.

## **Day 9 | Plockton, Isle of Skye**

The ship arrives this morning in the picturesque village of Plockton, thought of as one of Scotland's most beautiful villages. Disembark and travel by tender to visit Eilean Donan Castle, one of Scotland's iconic fortresses.

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Return to the ship for lunch.

Isle of Skye. This afternoon, enjoy a scenic tour of the Isle of Skye. As you make your way to Portree, see the Cuillin, a range of starkly beautiful mountains with jagged peaks. Upon arrival in Portree, enjoy some free time to explore the island's charming main town. (Moderate)

Join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner on board the ship this evening. Raise a toast to your incredible adventure!

## **Day 10 | Fairlie/Disembark/Return to Home City**

Following breakfast, disembark the ship in Fairlie and transfer to Glasgow Airport for your return flight home. Arrive in your home city and go through immigration and customs.

Those who have reserved the Glasgow and Edinburgh Post-Cruise extension should refer to the separate extension itinerary for more information.

## Travel Expert

Dwight David Eisenhower II | Featured Guest Speaker

Grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Dwight David Eisenhower II is a noted historian of World War II and the Cold War. His 1986 bestseller, "Eisenhower: At War 1943–1945," was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History. Eisenhower received a B.A. in history cum laude from Amherst College. Following graduation, he served in the United States Naval Reserve for three years as an officer on the USS Albany; shortly afterward, he earned his J.D. cum laude from The George Washington University Law School.



Today, Eisenhower is Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute and a Public Policy Fellow at the Annenberg School of Communication and the School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches "Communication and the Presidency."

## Accommodations

### Polar Latitudes - Ocean Victory

The Ocean Victory is a state-of-the-art expedition ship purpose-built for the world's most extreme environments, blending luxury, innovation, and sustainability. Its sleek, modern profile — highlighted by the revolutionary X-Bow — reflects decades of polar expertise, ensuring unmatched stability, comfort and safety even in the roughest seas. With a superior 1A ice rating and Polar Class 6 certification, the vessel can venture deeper into icy waters, opening access to remote and rarely explored regions. Onboard, guests enjoy spacious accommodations, expansive observation decks for panoramic views and inviting gathering spaces designed for relaxation and camaraderie. The ship also offers a spa, two Jacuzzis, two gourmet restaurants and an open-air BBQ deck—perfect for taking in the crisp polar air in comfort. Every detail, from the heated mudroom and seamless Zodiac access to its advanced hybrid propulsion system that reduces emissions by 50%, reflects Ocean Victory's commitment to both extraordinary adventure and environmental responsibility.



## Dates & Rates

All rates are in U.S. dollars per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise stated, and include taxes. The deposit is \$1,500 per person. The Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure. Single accommodations are subject to availability.

The Optional Extension(s) is available at an additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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Extended Savings of \$1,000 per person are available when you book by May 15, 2026. This offer is available for new bookings only and cannot be combined with any other offer.

### Travel Dates: July 12, 2026 - July 21, 2026

Prices are subject to change. For up-to-date information and online booking, visit:

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### Double Occupancy Rates

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Discount Rate
<b>E</b>	Stateroom with porthole; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; seating area; work desk. 151-215 sq ft   Deck 3, fwd.	<b>\$9495.00</b>	<b>\$8495.00</b>
<b>D</b>	Stateroom with French balcony; floor-to-ceiling windows; queen-sized bed; seating area; work desk. 140 sq ft   Deck 7, mid.	<b>\$9995.00</b>	<b>\$8995.00</b>
<b>C</b>	Stateroom with private balcony; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; work desk. 215-226 sq ft   Deck 4, fwd.	<b>\$10795.00</b>	<b>\$9795.00</b>
<b>B</b>	Stateroom with private balcony; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; seating area; work desk. 215-237 sq ft   Decks 4, fwd-mid-aft.	<b>\$11595.00</b>	<b>\$10595.00</b>
<b>A</b>	Stateroom with private balcony; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; work desk. 195-237 sq ft   Deck 6, fwd & aft.	<b>\$12595.00</b>	<b>\$11595.00</b>

<b>GS</b>	Suite with private balcony; double bed that can be converted into twin beds, and a work desk. 270-344 sq ft   Deck 4, mid.	<b>\$14095.00</b>	<b>\$13095.00</b>
<b>NS</b>	Suite with private balcony; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; work desk. 280 sq ft   Deck 6, mid.	<b>\$15095.00</b>	<b>\$14095.00</b>
<b>JS</b>	Suite with private balcony, double bed that can be converted into twin beds, dressing table, walk-in closet, spacious bathroom, separate seating area with sofa bed. 388 sq ft   Deck 7, fwd.	<b>\$17095.00</b>	<b>\$16095.00</b>
<b>OS</b>	Suite with private balcony; two bedrooms; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; sofa bed; seating area; dressing table; spacious bathroom; walk-in closet. 452 sq ft   Deck 4, mid.	<b>\$19595.00</b>	<b>\$18595.00</b>

### Single Occupancy Rates

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Discount Rate
<b>E</b>	Stateroom with porthole; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; seating area; work desk. 151-215 ft   Deck 3, fwd.	<b>\$11795.00</b>	<b>\$10795.00</b>
<b>D</b>	Stateroom with French balcony; floor-to-ceiling windows; queen-sized bed; seating area; work desk. 140 sq ft   Deck 7, mid.	<b>\$12495.00</b>	<b>\$11495.00</b>
<b>C</b>	Stateroom with private balcony; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; work desk. 215-226 sq ft   Deck 4, fwd.	<b>\$13495.00</b>	<b>\$12495.00</b>
<b>B</b>	Stateroom with private balcony; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; seating area; work desk. 215-237 sq ft   Decks 4, fwd-mid-aft.	<b>\$22595.00</b>	<b>\$21595.00</b>
<b>A</b>	Stateroom with private balcony; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; work desk. 195-237 sq ft   Deck 6, fwd & aft.	<b>\$24595.00</b>	<b>\$23595.00</b>
<b>DS</b>		<b>\$27595.00</b>	<b>\$26595.00</b>
<b>NS</b>	Suite with private balcony; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; work desk. 280 sq ft   Deck 6, mid.	<b>\$29595.00</b>	<b>\$28595.00</b>

JS

Suite with private balcony, double bed that can be converted into twin beds, dressing table, walk-in closet, spacious bathroom, separate seating area with sofa bed. 388 sq ft | Deck 7, fwd.

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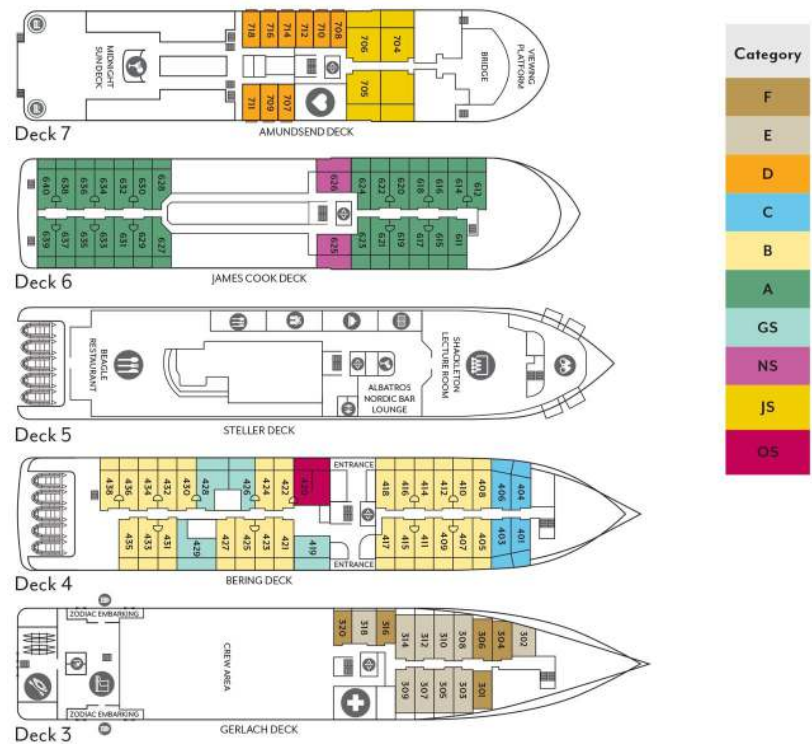
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Suite with private balcony; two bedrooms; double bed that can be converted into twin beds; sofa bed; seating area; dressing table; spacious bathroom; walk-in closet. 452 sq ft | Deck 4, mid.

\$38595.00

\$37595.00

### Polar Latitudes - Ocean Victory



### Paris and Giverny

Enjoy a Paris extension before your Celtic cruise. Stay in the heart of the city at the InterContinental Paris — Le Grand. This extension includes a city tour and an excursion to Monet's home and workshop with lunch at a restaurant in Giverny. An exclusive hospitality desk will be located in the hotel to help you plan your free time in Paris.

The Optional Extensions are available at an additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



### Glasgow and Edinburgh

Continue your Celtic journey with an extension in the lively cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. After disembarking your ship, transfer to Glasgow for a city tour and a visit to St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art. Named after the city's patron saint, the museum takes a look at religion around the world. Continue to Edinburgh, the Scottish capital for a city tour, including a visit to Edinburgh Castle, and ample free time to explore on your own. An exclusive hospitality desk will be located in your hotel, Edinburgh's Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, to help you plan your free time in the city.

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