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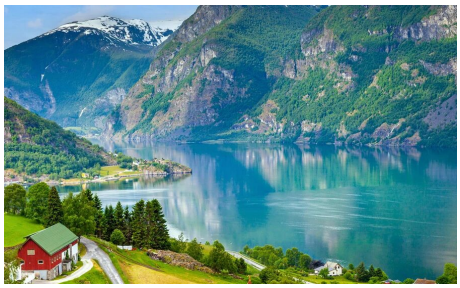
Scottish Isles & Norwegian Fjords

May 2, 2028 - May 10, 2028

Program Overview



Lewis Isle, Scotland



Sognefjord, Norway



Hopperstad Stave Church, Norway

Day-by-Day Program Itinerary

- The Activity Level ratings indicate each excursion's physical expectations. To make the best personal choice, please evaluate each excursion's rating and your ability to meet the tour's physical demands.

Mild excursions involve:

- Walking for 1.5 hours or more over uneven terrain
- Walking on challenging surfaces: cobblestones, uneven paths and/or pavements
- Climbing stairs and hills and crossing rail tracks
- Ascending and descending narrow (and sometimes steep) gangplanks
- Stepping on and off motorcoaches with 3-6 steep steps

Moderate excursions could involve the above, plus:

- Walking for 3 hours for distances of a mile or more
- Walking on uneven terrain: narrow cobblestone streets, stone floors, and/or slippery surfaces. There may be several flights of stairs, some without railings

Active excursions could involve the above, plus:

- Walking on uneven terrain: sandy or rocky beaches and/or steep inclines
- Standing for 2 hours or more at a time, possibly without areas to sit
- Climbing 100 stairs or more
- Additional challenges, such as long jeep rides, bumpy boat rides or hikes

- Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives to active excursions may be available.

Day 1 | Depart Home City

Depart for Glasgow, Scotland.

Day 2 | Glasgow, Scotland | Embark

Arrive at Glasgow International Airport. Transfer to Greenock to embark Ponant La Lapérouse. This evening, attend a Gohagan & Company welcome briefing and lifeboat drill, followed by a dinner on board the ship as we depart Glasgow.

Day 3 | Iona

A delicious breakfast will be served this morning — and every morning on board the ship. Afterward, disembark for your excursion.

Iona Abbey. Visit the Inner Hebridean Isle of Iona. On this emerald-green, teardrop-shaped island, experience an in-depth visit to Iona Abbey, founded in the year 563 and considered the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. It was the monks of Iona who spread Christian ideas across Scotland and the North. Today, Iona remains a place of pilgrimage and spirituality. Enjoy a guided visit of the Abbey and see the cloisters and the graveyard, which is the burial site of numerous Scottish clan chiefs and kings (including Macbeth, buried here in 1057!). There's an impressive collection of over 180 medieval carved stones and crosses. (Moderate)

Free Time: Enjoy free time after the tour to soak up the Abbey's atmosphere and explore the village's lovely little shops and cafes.

Return to the ship for a tasty lunch. Spend the afternoon relaxing on board.

Welcome Reception: Get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner on board the ship this evening.

Day 4 | Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

This morning, disembark in the capital of Stornoway for your chosen excursion.

Traveler's Choice | Choose one of the following included excursions. (Please make your selection on the Traveler's Portal.)

Callinish Standing Stones & Gearrannan Blackhouse Village. Travel by motorcoach across the Isle of Lewis to the rugged west coast and Callanish. Described as Scotland's Stonehenge, the Callanish (also called Calanais) Standing Stones date from around 3,000 B.C. As with Stonehenge, there is mystery surrounding the prehistoric assemblage, with theories of its purpose ranging from a ritual site to an astronomical observatory.

Next, travel north to Gearrannan Blackhouse Village, a traditional crofter's village of thatched-roof stone houses made entirely from local materials. The one-room houses date to the late 1800s. Visit the small museum and observe a typical crofting activity, such as weaving or butter-churning. Drive back across the striking moorland to Stornoway,

where you'll embark the ship. (Moderate)

Lews Castle & Museum Nan Eilean. Overlooking Stornoway Harbor, the impressive Lews Castle is a Gothic Revival-style home built in the mid-1800s by the island's one-time owner, Sir James Matheson. Enjoy an exclusive tour of the castle and learn about its history during World War II, when it housed a naval hospital. The castle has been renovated and restored, and now features hotel accommodations and a museum and interpretative center, called Museum Nan Eilean.

Nan Eilean focuses on life in the Outer Hebrides from prehistory to the present day, with exhibits that include significant archaeological finds. Six of the famous Lewis Chessmen have been returned to the island where they were discovered in 1831, and are on long-term loan from the British Museum. Browse the fascinating exhibits and learn about the islands' history and culture. (Moderate)

Free Time: Return to the ship for lunch, or stay in town and enjoy a meal in one of the local restaurants or cafés. Spend this afternoon at leisure, exploring Stornoway on your own. You can shop for authentic Harris Tweed, stroll the walking trails on the Lews Castle grounds and sample local food — Stornoway is famous for its Black Pudding!

Return to the ship for dinner on board this evening.

Day 5 | Kirkwall, Orkney Islands

Enjoy breakfast, some leisure time and an early lunch on board before departing for the day's excursion.

Mainland, Orkney Islands. The Orkney Islands are an archipelago of 70 small islands, only 20 of them inhabited. The islands are famous for their seals — 15% of the world's seal population lives here! — and their prehistoric settlements. Mainland, the largest island, is home to Neolithic Heartland of Orkney — a UNESCO World Heritage site containing four sites and a wealth of prehistoric archaeology. View the sacred Standing Stones of Stenness and continue to the 5,000-year-old settlement of Skara Brae to see the unusual dwellings and their remarkable stone furnishings. Follow the coastline of Scapa Flow, made famous for its role in both World Wars, before visiting St. Magnus Cathedral. Known as the "Light of the North," the cathedral was built by Vikings during their 500-year reign over the islands. (Moderate)

Free Time: Spend this afternoon at leisure in Kirkwall. Stroll through the colorful harbor town, which blend medieval Norse heritage, stone lanes and a lively modern harbor. Stop in the local shops, some featuring the wares of local jewelry makers and weavers. Be on the lookout for the Big Tree, a historic, hollow 200-year-old sycamore tree, and the Peedie Sea, a small body of water at the edge of town, where you can take a seaside stroll and look for birds.

Be transported by the sounds of a Scottish bagpiper as you re-board the ship.

Savor dinner tonight on the ship. The ship departs Kirkwall and sails overnight to Lerwick.

Day 6 | Lerwick, Shetland Islands

Jarlshof. Disembark in Lerwick, the capital and main port city of Shetland, for a coach tour to the island's

southernmost point. En route, pass through the rural townships of Fladdabister with a view — weather permitting — of the magnificent Mousa Broch, the tallest and best-preserved broch in the world. Continue down the west coast and pass St. Ninian's Isle, where the famous Pictish hoard of silver, dating from the ninth century, was found in 1958. Next, embark on a guided visit to the remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof. A violent storm in the winter of 1896 to 1897 uncovered the site, revealing an extraordinary settlement embracing more than 4,000 years of human history. View the sequence of stone structures, including an Iron Age broch and wheelhouses, late-Neolithic stone houses, a Bronze Age village, Norse longhouses, a medieval farmstead and a 16th-century laird's house. Look for sightings of Shetland's famous ponies as you travel back to the ship. (Moderate)

Free Time: After lunch on board the ship, relax and enjoy the amenities while cruising toward Norway.

Savor dinner on board the ship this evening. The ship sails overnight to the entrance of the Songefjord.

Day 7 | Sognefjord, Norway | Vik-i-Sogn

The ship arrives at the Sognefjord entrance in Norway.

Cruising the Sognefjord. Experience this breathtaking cruise along the mighty Sognefjord. Nicknamed "King of the Fjords," Norway's longest and deepest fjord extends for 127 miles. As we sail along the green glacial water, marvel at the dramatic lush mountains dotted with waterfalls, farmsteads and villages.

Enjoy a delicious lunch on board as the ship sails to Vik-i-Sogn. Vik is a picturesque village nestled within the awe-inspiring landscapes of Norway's fjords.

Traveler's Choice | Choose one of the following included excursions. (Please make your selection on the Traveler's Portal.)

Vikoyri Walk & Cheese Tasting. On a captivating walking tour, delve into the historic heart of town, where traditional wooden houses and charming boathouses stand as a testament to the community's "beachdweller" heritage. The journey through history includes visits to three unique churches, each representing a distinct era: the ancient Hopperstad Stave Church, dating back to the Viking Age around 1130; the Hove Stone Church, a medieval marvel from roughly 1170; and the more recent Vik Church, constructed in the 19th century. The tour culminates in a delightful visit to the Ostebaren (cheese bar), where you can savor a tasting of the locally produced Gamalosten, a traditional mold-ripened cheese with roots stretching back to Viking times. This unique cheese, served alongside freshly made raspberry juice, is a specialty of the region, and this dairy holds the distinction of being the sole producer in Norway of this historic Viking-era delicacy. Note: this walking tour covers about 3.5 miles on level ground with slight inclines in areas. (Active)

Balestrand Cider House. Take a scenic ferry ride across the fjord to Balestrand, home of the family-run Balestrand Cider House. Here, a family member will guide you through their organic orchard, which boasts over 100 varieties of fruit. Discover the craft of turning fruits and berries into delicious juice, cider, and brandy, and savor some samples. Conclude your visit with a guided walk through the village, highlighting local landmarks and the historic, stave-style St. Olaf's Church. Note: the walking portion lasts approximately 60 minutes. (Moderate)

Return to the ship and enjoy a relaxing dinner onboard.

Day 8 | Bergen

Bergen tour. Take a walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Bryggen, Bergen's historic waterfront. The old wharf is a reminder of the town's importance as part of the Hanseatic League's trading empire from the 14th to the mid-16th century. Pass through the bustling fish market. Take the funicular up Mount Fløyen for stunning 360-degree views of Bergen, the harbor and the surrounding mountains and islands. (Moderate)

Free Time: Spend the rest of the day exploring Bergen on your own. You might choose to walk one of the beautiful nearby nature trails or stop in shops and galleries in the downtown area. Return to the ship for lunch or opt to stay in town and eat at one of the many cafes and restaurants.

Farewell Reception: Bid adieu to your fellow travelers at this evening's Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | Bergen | Disembark | Return to Home City

Following breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the Bergen Airport for your return flight home.

Accommodations

Ponant - Le Laperouse (Explorer Series I) -

Le Lapérouse

Aboard Le Lapérouse, Ponant’s intimate yacht, you'll enjoy an exclusive, private atmosphere with just a limited number of guests. This beautifully designed ship sails to iconic ports and hidden harbors that only smaller vessels can reach, offering a unique blend of adventure and luxury. Eco-friendly and equipped with innovative technology, Le Lapérouse offers spacious lounges that open to the exterior, enhancing your connection to the sea. The 92 elegantly decorated cabins and suites feature light, calming tones, private balconies, and stunning views. A standout feature of this extraordinary yacht is The Blue Eye, an underwater lounge where you can immerse yourself in the marine world below. Sailing under the French flag, Le Lapérouse promises an intimate, sophisticated journey in an ethnic chic ambiance, offering both comfort and discovery at every turn.



Dates & Rates

Travel Dates: May 2, 2028 - May 10, 2028

All rates are in U.S. dollars per person, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise stated, and include taxes. The deposit is 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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The Special Savings consist of $500 Early Booking and $500 Pay-in-Full savings. The Special Savings rate is valid if you book by August 16, 2027 and pay in full at the time of booking.

Double Occupancy Rates

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Discount Rate
J	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 3, mid.	$8795.00	$7795.00
I	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 4, mid.	$9595.00	$8595.00
H	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 5, mid.	$10195.00	$9195.00
G	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 6, mid.	$10795.00	$9795.00
F	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 5, mid & aft.	$11395.00	$10395.00
E	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 6, mid & aft.	$11995.00	$10995.00
D	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291sq ft | Deck 3, mid.	$14995.00	$13995.00

C	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 4, mid.	**$15995.00**	**$14995.00**
B	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 5, mid.	**$16995.00**	**$15995.00**
A	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 6, mid.	**$17995.00**	**$16995.00**
PV	Suite with larger private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 344 sq ft | Decks 5 & 6, aft.	**$21995.00**	**$20995.00**
GS	Two-room suite with extra-large private terrace; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft | Deck 6, aft.	**$22995.00**	**$21995.00**
OS	Two-room suite with oversized private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft | Deck 5, aft.	**$23995.00**	**$22995.00**

Single Occupancy Rates

Category	Description	Standard Rate	Discount Rate
I	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 4, mid.	**$15350.00**	**$14350.00**
J	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 3, mid.	**$17590.00**	**$16590.00**
F	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 5, mid & aft.	**$18230.00**	**$17230.00**
E	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 6, mid & aft.	**$19190.00**	**$18190.00**
H	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 5, mid.	**$20390.00**	**$19390.00**
G	Stateroom with private balcony; bathroom with shower. 205 sq ft | Deck 6, mid.	**$21590.00**	**$20590.00**

D	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291sq ft | Deck 3, mid.	**$29990.00**	**$28990.00**
C	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 4, mid.	**$31990.00**	**$30990.00**
B	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 5, mid.	**$33990.00**	**$32990.00**
A	Suite with large private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 291 sq ft | Deck 6, mid.	**$35990.00**	**$34990.00**
PV	Suite with larger private balcony; bathroom with shower; walk-in closet; sitting area with sofa. 344 sq ft | Decks 5 & 6, aft.	**$43990.00**	**$42990.00**
GS	Two-room suite with extra-large private terrace; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft | Deck 6, aft.	**$45990.00**	**$44990.00**
OS	Two-room suite with oversized private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi; bathroom with separate tub & shower; additional half bath; sitting area with sofa. 484 sq ft | Deck 5, aft.	**$47990.00**	**$46990.00**

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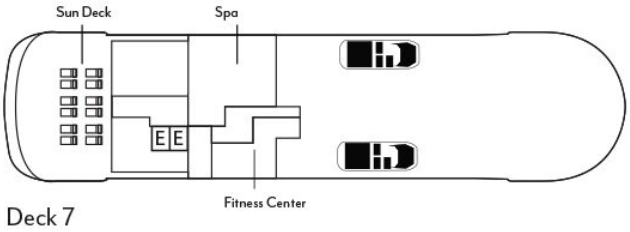
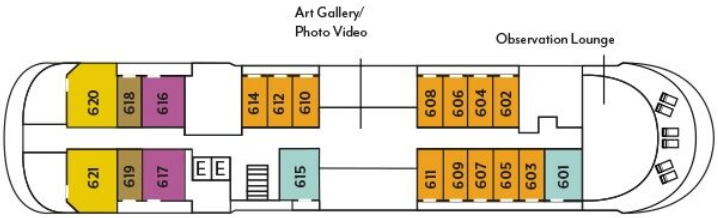


Deck 7



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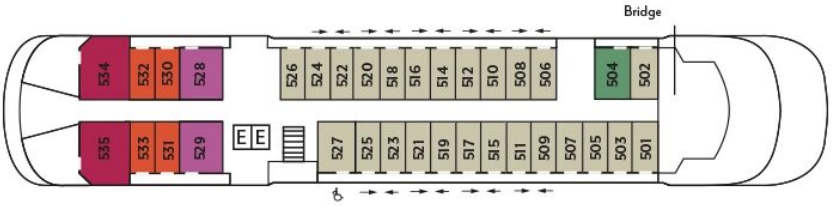

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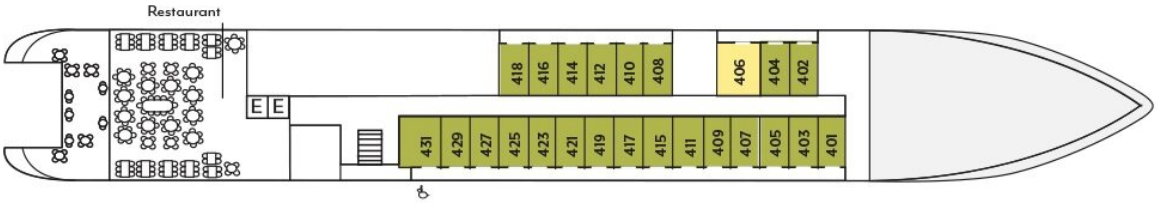

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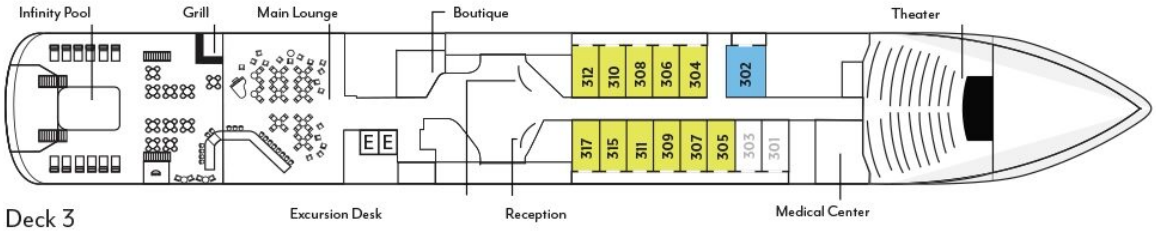

Deck 3

- Convert to adjoining suites
- Modified accessible suites: Feature a queen-size bed (no twin option)
- ✧ Prestige Suites, Decks 5 and 6 capacities to be advised

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Pre / Post - Program

Edinburgh and Glasgow Pre-Tour Extension



Discover two of Scotland's greatest cities and their histories of clans, medieval knights and royal intrigue on a 3-night itinerary that includes visits to Edinburgh and Glasgow. Tour Edinburgh, visit Edinburgh Castle and see the Crown Jewels of Scotland. Explore the heart of Scotland to see Trossachs and Stirling Castle. In Glasgow, visit the Cathedral, Provand's Lordship and the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum. Accommodations are in the ideally located, boutique-style Hoxton Hotel.

Bergen to Oslo Post-Tour Extension



Our 4-night itinerary extension explores Norway's fascinating culture and majestic scenery. Visit Troldhaugen, the lakeside home of famed Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg. Board the Flåm Railway for one of the world's most scenic rail journeys, boasting views of snowcapped mountains, cascading waterfalls, intriguing hamlets and spectacular fjordlands. Take a scenic walking tour of Oslo and visit the Opera House. Choose between a tour of the Fram Museum or the Munch Museum; and enjoy plenty of time for your own discoveries. Spend one night in the historic Fretheim Hotel and three nights in the deluxe Grand Hotel Oslo.

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