

# **ATLAS ASHORE** 2024 SHORESIDE EXCURSIONS NORTHERN EUROPE & ICELAND









From exotic wildlife and folkloric experiences to highlights of art and architecture, your curiosity and wonder will be piqued. Capture the façades of historic landmarks, vibrant everyday scenes and awe-inspiring marine life with boundless photo opportunities. Whether roaming storybook castles or kayaking majestic fjords, these breathtaking northern lands never fail to inspire. A guest enrichment program with a lecturer, historian, photographer or other expert in their field will enhance your appreciation for each captivating destination.

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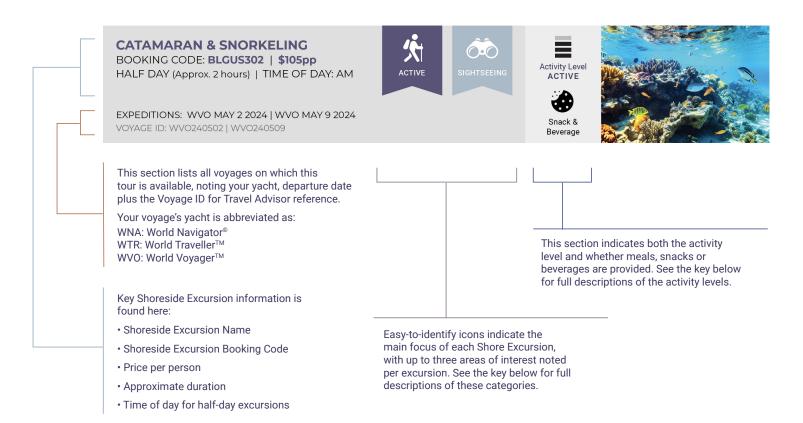
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# HOW TO PICK YOUR SHORESIDE EXCURSIONS

Each shoreside excursion shown in this book contains at-a-glance essential details in the gray boxes, such as price and duration as well as icons to help you quickly find excursions that match your interests.



# **ICONS KEY**

#### SHORESIDE EXCURSION TYPE

EPICUREAN	Exceptional culinary and/or wine experiences
TASTINGS	A taste of the local culture through its small-bite specialties
WINE	Winery visits and wine tastings
SPECIALTY*	Special excursions rarely experienced by visitors to this location
SIGHTSEEING	Viewing places of interest
ACTIVE	Hikes, adventures or expeditions that require physical effort
CULTURAL	Museums & galleries, local customs or historic immersion
	TASTINGS WINE SPECIALTY <sup>*</sup> SIGHTSEEING ACTIVE

\*Specialty excursions require a 30-day advance reservation

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL

Activity Level Activity Level MILD MODERATE



STRENUOUS

Activity Level

ACTIVE

MILD: Little to no physical engagement

MODERATE: Walking mostly along flat surfaces

ACTIVE: Walking on uneven surfaces, riding an off-road vehicle or being in motion for long periods of time

STRENUOUS: Hiking, kayaking, horse-back riding and other physically demanding activities

# **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

Shore Excursions are available for pre-purchase up to 7 days prior to sailing by calling our Voyage Specialists at 1.844.44.ATLAS (28527). Once the pre-expedition purchasing window has elapsed, Shore Excursions may only be purchased once on board the yacht.

Shore Excursions may require a minimum number of participants to operate as described. If this minimum is not met, Atlas Ocean Voyages<sup>®</sup> reserves the right to cancel the excursion.

#### SHORE EXCURSION & PORT CHANGES

All shore excursions are subject to change or cancellation.

Additional ports may be added, or ports shown in this book may be removed, subject to availability.

#### SHORE EXCURSION DEPARTURE TIMES

Exact excursion departure times will be communicated once on board the yacht. AM or PM schedule noted may vary by port and expedition.

#### CULTURAL IMMERSION TERMS

FREE Cultural Immersions are capacity-controlled and are subject to change at any time without notice. Departure times mentioned may vary by port and expedition.

#### SHORE EXCURSION CANCELLATION POLICY

Within 7 days of the expedition departure, a 100% cancellation penalty applies for Shore Excursions.

Specialty excursions require advanced booking and planning, so they must be cancelled a minimum of 30 days in advance to be eligible for a refund.

#### ALCOHOL POLICY

Guests under 18 years old may participate in excursions where wine, spirits and other alcoholic drinks are served unless otherwise indicated, but they will only be permitted to consume non-alcoholic beverages.

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# FREE CULTURAL IMMERSIONS

Embark on a journey of discovery and connection with our FREE Cultural Immersion tours. At one or more of the ports of call you'll visit, immerse yourself in the rich local culture, discovering the hidden gems and authentic experiences that make each place unique. Whether you're seeking to deepen your understanding of a particular culture or simply looking for an inspiring and unforgettable travel experience, our FREE Cultural Immersion tour is the perfect way to connect with the heart and soul of your destination.

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### **BELFAST**, NORTHERN IRELAND

FOLKLORE & FOOD AT THE ULSTER FOLK MUSEUM BOOKING CODE: GBBEFSPL | FREE

HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA

CULTURAL



EXPEDITIONS: WVO SEP 15 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO240915

Experience the Ulster Folk Museum, an eye-opening journey back in time that uncovers a way of life from over a century ago. Upon arrival, you'll be warmly welcomed at the Omagh Meeting House before setting off on a guided tour with your costumed guide. Immerse yourself in the past through replica and authentic period buildings meticulously transported from around Ulster to create the archetypal Ulster Town of Ballycultra.

Visit an old-time movie theater, post office, corner shop, bank, churches, houses, and cottages, each with a unique story to tell. As part of the tour, witness traditional baking over the open fire and even sample the freshly baked bread or pancakes. Enjoy craft demonstrators showcasing two of their traditional heritage skills, parhaps basket making, linen weaving, blacksmithing, or traditional printing.

Relax and unwind at McCusker's, the local pub in Ballycultra, where you can sample local whiskeys such as Bushmills and Titanic Whiskey. Then head to the rustic Parochial Hall, a traditional 1800s church hall, where you'll enjoy beverages and bowl food based on timeless Irish dishes. While you savor your meal, you'll be serenaded by a traditional Irish musician duo on stage.

# BORDEAUX, FRANCE



Delight in a spirited journey into the heart of French musical heritage with an immersive English presentation on the French can-can, delivered by a professional dancer. Discover the intriguing history and whimsical names of dance steps like 'mayonnaise' and 'Corkscrew' in a vibrant atmosphere punctuated by audience cheers. Witness a live demonstration of these iconic moves, followed by an opportunity for the adventurous to don traditional can-can skirts and try their hand at the dance. Cap off the workshop with a memorable photo session alongside the graceful can-can dancers.

Then, settle in for an hour-long show that pays homage to Parisian cabaret, complete with a selection of beloved French melodies and an energetic French can-can performance by a troupe featuring two singers and two dancers. Watch in awe as the dancers, who regularly grace the stages of river cruise ships in Bordeaux, exhibit multiple costume changes, showcasing a variety of colorful skirts. This dazzling exhibition will leave you enchanted by the joie de vivre of a bygone era, all while creating new memories in the historic port of Bordeaux.

# CORK (COBH), IRELAND

**CORK CITY GAOL** BOOKING CODE: IECOBSPL HALF DAY (Approx. 2 hours) | TIME OF DAY: EVE



Snack &

Beverage



EXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 16 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240516

Cork City Gaol, once a bastion of correction, now stands as a compelling museum in the heart of Cork City, Ireland. Designed in the early 19th century, this gool was intended to be a successor to the aged North Gate Bridge prison, known for its dire conditions. Construction commenced in 1818, and by 1824, it opened its doors to contain Cork's miscreants. Fast forward to 1993, and the former prison transitioned into an intriguing visitor experience.

As you traverse the stone corridors and peer into the somber cells, life-like wax figures and historic graffiti echo the plights and pleas of past inmates. The graffiti on cell walls speaks volumes, giving voice to the once voiceless, where even minor crimes of poverty or inebriation could seal one's fate behind bars. But during today's experience, Cork City Gaol will offer not just a historical journey but an immersive cultural event, replete with Irish live music, traditional Irish dancing, and even a touch of whimsy with magic mirrors and caricaturists, all complemented by an assortment of finger foods. It's a venue where the weight of history meets the warmth of Irish hospitality.

# KIRKWALL (ORKNEY ISLANDS), UK



After a scenic drive through Kirkwall past the glorious St Magnus Cathedral, continue to the King Street Hall for an exhilarating plunge into Scottish culture, culminating in the exuberant whirl of a ceilidh dance. These gatherings are the heartbeat of Scottish heritage, where music and dance bind communities in a joyous celebration. As you step through the doors, allow the warmth of a welcoming whisky embrace you.

The Kirkjuvagr Ceilidh Band, a talented ensemble of Orkney locals, is your guide to mastering the ceilidh. They'll lead you through each step and swing, ensuring that by night's end, you're dancing with the best. As the band strikes up a lively tune, let the rhythm take hold, and don't be surprised if you find yourself lost in the laughter and steps of this cherished Scottish tradition.

Amidst the twirls and taps, feast on a spread of Orkney's succulent local seafood, tender Orkney beef, and an array of Scottish cheeses, each a testament to the isles' rich bounty. Wash down these delights with a swig of local beer, the perfect accompaniment to a night of merriment. So don your dancing shoes, bring a hearty appetite, and embrace the spirit of Orkney in this immersive ceilidh experience.

## LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND

BEATLES BAND PARTY BOOKING CODE: NO BOOKING NEEDED, FREE ONBOARD EVENT HALF DAY (Approx. 1.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA

EXPEDITIONS: WVO SEP 23 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO240923 CULTURAL

Activity Level MILD



Enjoy an incredible opportunity to engage in a 30-minute Q&A session with Freda Kelly, former secretary for the Beatles Fan Club and a beloved local figure who shared a genuine friendship with the fab four. Gain exclusive insights and personal anecdotes straight from the heart of Beatlemania.

But the excitement doesn't stop there. Brace yourself for an thrilling 60-minute performance by a sensational Beatles House Band, playing all your cherished favorites. Get ready to sway to the infectious rhythms and sing along to iconic tunes that defined an era. During this unforgettable experience, you'll relive the magic and relish the timeless music that continues to inspire generations.

# MÅLØY, NORWAY



Step into the rhythm and harmony of Nordfjord's folk music with a local ensemble from Stryn. This group's repertoire is an homage to the region's deep musical roots, featuring performances on the traditional fiddle, the uniquely Norwegian Hardanger fiddle, and a celebration of local songs and dances. Their music is not just a set of tunes but a vibrant tapestry of local heritage that resonates with the beauty of Nordfjord.

The ensemble showcases the versatility of its members. Typically, Emma Nygaard Saetren enchants with dance and vocals, Elling Sølvberg brings the fiddles to life with both melody and movement, Ingrid Heieren Sølvberg adds depth with her skill on the fiddle, and Ingrid Schei Stuhaug also captivates with the resonant strings of her own fiddle. For approximately 40 minutes, lose yourself in the authentic expression of Norwegian culture, as this talented group shares the heart of their homeland through music and dance.

# REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

 TRADITIONAL ICELAND

 BOOKING CODE: NO BOOKING NEEDED,

 FREE ONBOARD EVENT

 HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA





Activity Level MILD



Welcome aboard! As you embark on your journey, you'll be entertained onboard by a traditional Icelandic dance group. The music and folk dance are characterized by a unique technique that combines both playfulness and function as it consists of simple yet carefully choreographed movements. The attire is traditional to the region, designed for warmth but with a free flow of movement. During the performance, enjoy a light fare of snacks and beverages provided by our attentive onboard staff. As you set sail, you'll be invigorated by the gracious and friendly nature of the Icelandic dance troupe.

# OPTIONAL SHORE EXCURSIONS

A CALL CONTRACT

Explore the highlights of each port of call on your expedition with our expertly-curated optional shore excursions. Designed to maximize your time on land, our excursions offer an enlightening way to experience each destination, from the natural beauty of rugged coastlines and otherwordly landscapes to the beguiling history and culture of fascinating cities and towns. Step off the yacht and onto the adventure of a lifetime, with our shore excursions as your gateway to a world of cherished memories.

# A WORLD OF DISCOVERY

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Join this unique bird-watching tour with our expert local guide as you travel around magical Lake Mývatn and its surroundings. The first stop on this tour is Goðafoss, the 'Waterfall of the Gods'. The name refers to an important historical event that took place at the Althing, Iceland's early legislative session, in the year 1000. Thorgeir, a chieftain and leader of the Althing, proclaimed that Iceland should become a Christian nation and upon returning home he threw his pagan icons into the waterfall in a symbolic gesture.

After a drive through the arctic tundra, reach the bird oasis of Lake Mývatn. The lake is one of Iceland's greatest natural treasures and attracts bird watchers and nature-lovers from all over the world. The lake and the surrounding wetlands have an exceptionally large fauna of water fowl, especially ducks. You'll travel around the lake and make stops at the most ideal locations for observing the birds. You might see barrow's eye and harlequin ducks, horned grebe and the great northern diver, and with some luck, also glimpse a gyrfalcon or a merlin.



Thrill to an adrenaline-fueled journey through Iceland's West Glacial River Canyon, where the harmony of raw nature and heart-pounding excitement awaits. Your adventure begins with a scenic journey to Skagafjörður fjord, setting the stage for the thrills to come. Suit up at base camp and soak in the safety briefing; anticipation builds as you prepare to conquer the river's embrace.

Navigating the rapids for approximately 1.5 hours, feel the rush of the glacial waters enveloping your raft, with moments of serenity as you drift through the canyon's grandeur. Nature offers its own warm hospitality with steaming hot cocoa made from the hot springs—a toast to the wild! For the daring souls, the cliffs beckon, offering a leap of faith into the crisp waters below. Concluding your rafting odyssey, unwind in outdoor hot tubs, letting the warmth seep into your body and the sounds of the river serenade you. Cap off this extraordinary day with a taste of Iceland's culinary heritage, savoring the rich flavors of the traditional Icelandic meat soup.

Please note: Wear a swimsuit and a warm, long-sleeved fleece top, and bring a towel.

# AKUREYRI, ICELAND (2 OF 3)



Set off on a scenic drive along the stunning Eyjafjörður Fjord, reveling in the picturesque views that lead you to the majestic Goðafoss Waterfall, or the 'Waterfall of the Gods.' Here, seize the opportunity to capture breathtaking photos of the cascading waters that have etched their story into Icelandic Iore. Your adventure continues to Dettifoss, known as the 'Falling Waterfall,' where you'll witness the sheer force of nature as vast volumes of water plunge down with a resonant roar. This spectacle is not just seen, but felt, as the mist dances on your skin and the sound reverberates through the air.

Next, you'll explore the otherworldly landscapes of Lake Mývatn, a gem in Iceland's crown of natural wonders. Traverse Námaskarð's geothermal wonderland, where the earth breathes through mud-pots and fumaroles, and the scent of sulfur hangs in the air, a reminder of the planet's fiery energy below. Venture forth into Iceland's largest national park, Dimmuborgir, where eerie lava formations tell tales of ancient folklore amid its so-called 'Dark Fortress.' Finish your exploration at Skútustaðir's pseudo-craters, a haven for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts alike, where the unique geological formations bear witness to the dramatic dance between lava and water, now a sanctuary for the area's avian inhabitants.

Please note: The order of sites visited may vary. At time of publication, the WNA Jun 9 2024, WNA Jul 12 2024 and WNA Aug 10 2024 tours are pending confirmation.



Depart from the vibrant town of Akureyri, nestled by the sea and mountains, and journey along the picturesque Eyjafjörður Fjord. Your route will take you through verdant farmlands to the historic Goðafoss, the 'Waterfall of the Gods.' Witness the very place where, in a significant turn of events in the year 1000, Iceland's Althing, the island's assembly, decided to embrace Christianity. Thus, the pagan law speaker, Thorgeir Thorkelsson, cast his Norse deities into the falls in a defining moment of unity and faith.

After soaking in the serene power of Goðafoss, circle back to Akureyri, where the charm of this northern gem is palpable. Here, you'll embark on a leisurely tour of the old quarter, a delightful exploration of the town's cultural heartbeat. Conclude your journey with a tranquil visit to the Akureyri Botanical Garden. Established in 1912, this peaceful sanctuary showcases every native plant species in Iceland, along with a diverse collection of flora from the world's coldest regions. Breathe in the beauty of the botanical displays that thrive under the Arctic's midnight sun.



Experience the thrill of whale watching in the world-renowned waters around Akureyri, a prime hotspot for a variety of marine giants. Just a stone's throw from the pier, you'll embark on a voyage across the serene Eyjafjordur Fjord, where the majestic snow-capped mountains stand guard over the tranquil waters.

As you glide through the fjord, keep your eyes peeled for the awe-inspiring dance of over twenty species of whales, dolphins, and porpoises that frequent these feeding grounds. Your guide will be on hand to enlighten you about the marine life you might encounter, fostering an atmosphere of shared excitement and anticipation. While wildlife encounters in their natural habitat cannot be guaranteed, your chances here are exceptional, with a remarkable 95% success rate in sightings, including the majestic blue-fin, humpback, minke, and sei whales.

Please note: Although the whale watching boat has space for collapsible wheelchairs, guests need to be able to step on and off the boat. Encounters with wildlife, while likely, are not guaranteed.



Set off on foot to uncover the charms of Ålesund, a city reborn from ashes into a stunning example of art nouveau design. Here, you'll delve into the tale of the city's transformation following the devastating 1904 fire and the subsequent German support that shaped its unique architectural landscape. Begin your walking tour just steps away from the pier at the Art Nouveau Center, housed in the historically significant Swan Pharmacy. Marvel at the detailed stone façade, spire, turret, and intricate carvings that make it a landmark of Ålesund. Inside, immerse yourself in the artistic splendor of Norwegian art nouveau, from vibrant advertising posters to exquisite jewelry, complemented by engaging multimedia displays.

Continue your stroll along Kongens Gate, where the city's beautifully preserved Jugendstil buildings stand as a testament to its resilience. Meander past the bustling Ålesund Harbor, the heartbeat of Norway's fishing industry, and conclude your journey at a quaint park at the base of Mount Aksla. There, discover the statue of Gaange Rolf, a legendary Viking described in the sagas as the founder of a 10th-century enclave in France that later became Normandy.



Experience the enchanting islands of Giske and Godøy, where history resonates and natural beauty abounds. Your exploration begins with a comfortable motorcoach ride from the pier, traversing bridges and diving through submarine tunnels, including one that stretches nearly 2.2 miles beneath the ocean. Giske, affectionately known as 'Sage Island,' is steeped in ancient lore, having cradled human life since the Bronze Age. It is the storied birthplace of Viking leader Rollon, who went on to establish the Duchy of Normandy. Here, centuries-old burial mounds have revealed treasures from a time before Vikings ruled these lands. Stop to capture photos at the remarkable 12thcentury marble church, a relic of the island's noble past.

After soaking in Giske's rich heritage, you'll be whisked away to the rugged shores of Godøy. While the southern coast beckons with white sandy beaches and world-class waves, it's the northern coast that will capture your imagination with its quaint lighthouse. If you wish, climb its 88 steps for a panoramic spectacle of the frothy sea, the sinuous fjords, and the picturesque Ålesund skyline. Savor a pause for refreshments before your scenic return to the comforts of your yacht in Ålesund, enriched by the day's discoveries.



Embark on an invigorating journey along Norway's majestic coastline with a RIB, a rigid inflatable boat adventure that promises both thrills and awe-inspiring vistas. Your captain awaits just a stone's throw from your yacht, ready to outfit you with the essentials for your high-speed escapade.

As you skim over the waves, the RIB boat will grant you an exhilarating sense of speed coupled with stunning views of the Sunmøre region's coastline. Your destination is the birdwatcher's paradise of Runde Island. En route, marvel at the Grasøyane and Runde lighthouses, peer into captivating caves, and perhaps catch sight of the local wildlife. Runde's cliffs are a sanctuary for an astonishing number of birds, ranging from charming puffins to the sleek razorbill, making it a treasure trove of avian diversity.

Please note: Expect an extensive amount of activity. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs, with mobility issues, or any other medical conditions, including pregnancy or proneness to motion sickness. Wear warm, comfortable clothing in layers and flat, closed-toe walking shoes. Bring water, sunscreen and a parka. Guests must be a minimum of 12 years old to participate, and must weigh under 265 lbs. Although frequently encountered, marine life sightings are not guaranteed. Guests must sign a waiver to participate. This tour only operates under favorable weather conditions.



Set out on a scenic drive through Ålesund, heading towards Sugarlump Mountain on Hessa Island. Just a short distance from Ålesund's bustling city center, you'll find the starting point for an invigorating hike lasting around one hour. The trail, spanning approximately 1.2 miles, will lead you from an elevation of around 164 feet to a breathtaking summit at nearly 997 feet above sea level.

As you ascend, prepare to be captivated by expansive views of the Ålesund skyline, the winding Borgundfjord, and the majestic Sunnmøre Alps stretching into the distance. At the highest point of your trek, take a moment to absorb the panoramic sights of the open sea and the sprawling archipelago. This hike promises a rewarding adventure with some of the best vistas Norway has to offer.

HISTORY & CULTURE DISCOVERY BOOKING CODE: NOARE301 | \$205pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PM EXPEDITIONS: WNA JUL 12 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240712

Embark on a journey to Bratteklev, a shipyard that stands as a testament to Norway's maritime heritage. After a brief 20-minute drive from Arendal Pier, you'll step back in time at this former boat building facility, which dates back to the 1870s. Here, the air is thick with the scent of tar and salt, and the surroundings—a collection of tools, logs, and original interiors—narrate tales of a bygone era when wooden boats were the lifelines of fjord-carved Norway. Your tour will also lead you to the stone-strewn beaches of Raet National Park and offer a glimpse of the historic Tromøya Church, a 12th-century edifice emblematic of Norway's medieval religious architecture.

Back in Arendal, explore Kuben, the Cultural History Museum nestled in the town's oldest Swiss villa. A costumed guide will walk you through both the lavish villa and to a humble worker's dwelling, illustrating the stark contrast between the lifestyles of the rich and the poor in the 1800s. The tragic story of the Fredensborg, a Danish-Norwegian slave ship wrecked near Arendal, will provide a poignant historical context. Conclude your visit with a taste of Arendal's traditional munker pastry and perhaps find a unique keepsake in the museum shop.

Please note: Expect to navigate steps and uneven surfaces. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy walking shoes. The order of sites visited may vary.



Start your exploration of Arendal by meandering along Pollen Pier, the city's vibrant harbor brimming with life. As you weave through the throngs of locals and visitors alike, let the aromas from the nearby cafés and the sounds from the bustling marketplace draw you into the heart of this maritime gem. Next, step into the City Glass Elevator and ascend high above the streets for a panoramic view of Arendal, once a cluster of seven islands, now a 'mini Venice' in the north.

Your guide will point out landmarks before you descend back to the streets to continue your tour through the quaint Old Town. Here, you'll discover historic townhouses and grand merchant homes that hark back to Arendal's days as a thriving maritime city, including the 3-story Kløcker House. As you saunter back towards your yacht, pass the old City Hall, a testament to the Maritime Age, and the picturesque waterfront, where charming houses seem to embrace the sea. At this time, you may return to the pier with your guide, or opt to remain in town to explore the local shops or perhaps sample some coastal cuisine in a nearby restaurant.

Please note: Expect to walk just over three miles. Wear comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, a hat, and a raincoat or other weather protection. The order of sites visited may vary.

#### NATIONAL PARK KAYAK ADVENTURE BOOKING CODE: NOARE303 | \$125pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA JUL 12 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240712

Set off on foot for a short trek to Arendal's guest harbor, where a thrilling kayaking adventure awaits. Upon arrival, you'll be outfitted with all the necessary gear and briefed on safety protocols and the journey ahead. With paddles in hand, you'll take to the water as your guide showcases proper techniques, ensuring you're well-prepared for the excursion.

Gliding through the serene waters of Raet National Park, the kayak tour takes you southward, navigating between the islands of Hisøya and Tromøya. Amidst the tranquility, your guide will unravel the history of these lands, highlighting notable sites and natural features. Paddle through the calm Galtesund on the Hisøya side, weaving around islets before crossing the channel towards Tromøya. Here, you'll skirt past the historic Brattekleiv Shipyard and continue down to Skilsøy, completing a loop back to Arendal.

Please note: Expect to paddle for 2-2.5 hours. This tour is suitable for beginners, but guests must be in good physical condition to participate. The minimum age to participate is 12 years old, and guests must weigh under 243 lbs. Wear comfortable athletic shoes and, depending on the weather, bring a swimsuit and a towel or warm underclothing. Dry bags will be provided for spare clothing. The order of sites visited may vary. This tour requires favorable weather conditions to operate.

#### GARDENS ON GARNISH ISLAND BOOKING CODE: IEBYT302 | \$149pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WVO SEP 23 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO240923

Relax during a scenic crossing to enchanting Garnish Island, a horticultural masterpiece nestled in a sheltered bay. Known as Ilnacullin or 'island of holly', this 37-acre wonder is a verdant world where nature's splendor meets human artistry. Your brief sail might be graced by the curious gazes of local seals adorning the rocky shoreline, introducing you to the region's vibrant wildlife. Here, the mild winters and the nurturing touch of the Gulf Stream create a unique microclimate that allows an array of exotic plants to flourish.

Wander through the transformed landscape of Garnish Island, where once homogeneous greenery has been sculpted into a diverse tapestry of colors and textures. A century ago, Harold Peto shaped the rugged terrain into a living canvas that now belongs to the people of Ireland. Riotous colors of rhododendrons and azaleas herald the spring, while the verdant foliage and delicate flowers preside over the summer months, followed by the rich heather hues of an often balmy autumn. The crown jewel of the island is the Italian Garden, a symphony of structured terraces and reflecting pools. The island's cultivated beauty stands in harmonious contrast to the rugged allure of the West Cork coastline, making it a haven of peace and a feast for the senses.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs. The order of sites visited may vary.



Sail to tranquil Whiddy Island, nestled in the heart of Bantry Bay, an area renowned for its deep-water harbor and rich maritime heritage. From its pivotal role as a US navy seaplane base in WWI to its days as a bustling oil terminal, Whiddy Island whispers stories of bygone eras against a backdrop of stunning seascapes. Today, the island is a sanctuary for nature enthusiasts eager to spot an array of birdlife, and a paradise for those seeking solace in its quiet beauty.

Step ashore to be warmly welcomed by Tim, the island's jack-of-all-trades. As the local publican, postman, and unofficial ambassador of Whiddy, Tim's pub by the shore is a hub of island life. Here, you'll savor the taste of locally farmed mussels, while Jeffrey, the island's storied feline resident, might just curl up nearby. Witness the magic of traditional baking brought to life in a demonstration that will tantalize your senses. Then, relax with a drink in hand, letting the serene ambiance and the delightful flavors of the day wash over you. Upon returning to Bantry, the quaint town invites you to wander its streets and take in the local culture before you conclude your journey at the pier.

Please note: Expect to walk for approximately 500 feet, including navigating over uneven surfaces, steps and steep inclines. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues. The order of sites visited may vary.

#### SCENIC GOUGANE BARRA

BOOKING CODE: **IEBYT305** | **\$125pp** HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WVO SEP 23 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO240923

Travel to the enchanting Gougane Barra Forest Park, perched in the Shehy Mountains above Bantry Bay. As you veer north through the quaint town of Ballylickey, the scenic route unfolds through Kealkill, leading you to the tranquil Gougane Barra, a place where nature's drama meets serenity. Gougane Barra captivates with its sheer cliffs and the mysterious waters of the lake. At its heart lies a sacred isle, once the retreat of St. Finbarr, Cork's patron saint. While his ancient hermitage has vanished, the spirit of pilgrimage lives on with a little 18th-century church.

Your exploration takes you through Forest Park, a verdant expanse of towering lodge pole pines and Sitka spruces, alongside the resilient Japanese larch. Pause at a local hotel for an indulgence in the warmth of a traditional Irish coffee. Following this delightful interlude, seize the chance to stroll and capture the serene beauty of St. Finbarr's Oratory on the isle, a gem set amidst this rugged landscape.

Please note: Expect minimal walking except to get on and off the coach at photo stops. This tour is suitable for guests in foldable wheelchairs or with mobility issues that can get on and off the coach unassisted or with the help of a companion. The order of sites visited may vary.



Set off from the pier to the vibrant village of Skibbereen, the heart of West Cork, nestled by the flowing Ilen River. Your excursion commences at the Skibbereen Heritage Centre, a testament to resilience, housed within the reclaimed Old Gasworks Building. Skibbereen holds a poignant place in Irish history, bearing witness to the Great Hunger that gripped Ireland in the 1840s. A local historian will transport you back to this era, detailing the famine that reshaped the nation and its people. Post-talk, immerse yourself in the comprehensive exhibits, and delve into the natural wonders of Lough Hyne, Ireland's first Marine Nature Reserve.

Next, journey to Ballydehob, a town that exudes rural allure and historical richness. Here, you'll step into the timehonored Levi's Pub, where for over a century, one family has preserved the spirit of Irish hospitality. In this quaint and characterful pub, you'll hear live traditional music that resonates with the soul of Ireland. Enjoy the harmonious blend of past and present in this town that charms and captivates with its untouched rustic beauty.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs, and guests with mobility issues must have a companion to assist them. The order of sites visited may vary.

# BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND (1 OF 3)

# PANORAMIC BELFAST<br/>BOCKING CODE: GBBEF301 | \$65pp<br/>HALF DAY (Approx. 3 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AMImage: Comparison of the compa

This panoramic drive through the city will introduce you to the many and varied features of Northern Ireland's largest city, including its rich past and 19th-century buildings that tell of its prosperous heyday. See the Grand Opera House and the Albert Memorial before passing Queen's University. You'll drive past Belfast City Hall, an impressive building with a 300-foot-long façade constructed of Portland stone. Pause to view what is perhaps the most noteworthy of the statues found on the grounds, a marble figure of Thane on a granite pedestal. Sculpted by Sir Thomas Brock, this figure commemorates the 1912 sinking of the ill-fated, Belfast-built ocean liner Titanic.

Travel a short distance outside the city to see Stormont, seat of the Northern Ireland Assembly and a symbol of progress from Northern Ireland's troubled past. At Cave Hill, discover Belfast Castle, one of the most celebrated landmarks of the city, the presence of which is ingrained into Belfast's social history and culture. The castle boasts beautiful gardens and an adjoining country park. Don't miss the splendid views of Belfast Lough and the city below you. McArt's Fort, a small fortification where United Irishmen planned the rebellion of 1795, overlooks the castle.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in collapsible wheelchairs or with mobility issues, but guests should be able to navigate the coach's steps unassisted or with the help of a companion.

# TITANIC BELFAST & CITY LANDMARKS<br/>BOOKING CODE: GBBEF302 | \$99pp<br/>HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AMImage: Constraints<br/>ConstraintsImage: ConstraintsImage: ConstraintsImage: ConstraintsImage: ConstraintsImage: ConstraintsImage: ConstraintsImage: ConstraintsImage: ConstraintsImage: Const

Explore Belfast, a city steeped in history and elegance, on a panoramic tour that showcases its varied past. From the ancient fort controlling the ford across the River Lagan to the 19th-century industrial buildings, Belfast is a fascinating blend of the old and new. You'll learn about the city's rich history as you drive past landmarks like the Grand Opera House, the Albert Memorial, and Queen's University. Take in the stunning Botanic Gardens, home to the impressive Palm House, an iconic 19th-century structure of cast iron and curved glass.

Pause for a moment at Belfast City Hall, an imposing building with a long façade constructed from Portland stone and a noteworthy marble statue of Thane commemorating the sinking of the RMS Titanic. Then, you're off to the purpose-built Titanic Belfast, where you'll be transported back in time with interpretive materials, media, and a thrilling ride that takes you through recreated shipyards and the Titanic under construction. Learn the stories of the passengers, crew, and heroes of the day, all told in a modern and exciting way. The experience concludes with an immersive exhibit on the wreck of the Titanic at her resting place on the ocean floor.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in collapsible wheelchairs or with mobility issues, but guests should be able to navigate the coach's steps unassisted or with the help of a companion.

# BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND (2 OF 3)

# BELFAST & HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE BOOKING CODE: GBBEF304 | \$115pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PM EXPEDITIONS: WVO SEP 15 2024 YOYAGE ID: WVO240915

Begin with a panoramic drive amid Belfast's stunning Victorian and Edwardian architecture. Admire the building's stone-carved heads of poets, gods, queens, scientists, and kings that watch over the streets. On your way, pass by some of Belfast's most iconic landmarks, such as City Hall, Queens University, Waterfront Hall, and the famous political wall murals. Leave the city and head to the charming village of Hillsborough, where you'll discover Hillsborough Castle, the local residence of the British Royal Family and visiting dignitaries.

Enjoy a guided tour through this magnificent Georgian mansion and gain insight into the history of the Marquis of Downshire family. Learn about the castle's role in Northern Ireland's recent history and admire the beautiful furnishings and works of art. Visit the State Room, where all visiting dignitaries are formally welcomed. Explore the beautiful gardens, woodlands, waterways, and rare plant species that cover the castle's 96 acres. Your visit includes a tour of the two dining rooms and the Throne Room, where citizenship ceremonies are held. Conclude your tour with some free time to take a leisurely stroll through the village or continue to discover the castle's gardens.

Please note: The order of sites visited may vary.



Experience a culinary adventure through Belfast's top eateries on this epicurean delight of a tour. Lace up your comfortable walking shoes and join your friendly and knowledgeable guide for a delectable cultural and culinary experience.

Start with a short coach ride to Belfast before delving into a variety of dining establishments in the city center, each specifically chosen to highlight the iconic foods of Northern Ireland. Your food trail will explore Belfast's top gastronomic hot spots, showcasing the colorful heritage of Belfast.

Your passionate foodie guide will share fascinating insights into the country's folklore and introduce you to locals who know and love the foods of Northern Ireland. By the conclusion of this tour, you'll agree that the best way to appreciate a city is through its food.

Please note: This tour is suitable for vegetarians and those with food allergies. Please inform the staff of food allergies and dietary requirements in advance. The order of sites visited may vary.

# **BELFAST**, NORTHERN IRELAND (3 OF 3)



Weave through the verdant counties of Down and Antrim toward the natural splendor of the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Giant's Causeway. In the summer of 2012, the opening of the new Visitor Center offered a modern gateway to this ancient marvel. Within, delve into a world of folklore and scientific wonder, as stories of mythology, history, geology, and the vibrant local flora and fauna introduce you to the Causeway before you even set foot on its storied stones.

The Giant's Causeway, a dramatic coastal formation, boasts an assembly of 40,000 interlocking basalt columns, the result of ancient volcanic fissure eruptions or, as legend has it, the handiwork of giants. This geological masterpiece has stood for millennia as a fortress against the wild Atlantic, its hexagonal pillars forming a staircase that leads from the cliff foot and disappears under the sea. Contemplate the Causeway's grandeur, which has captured the human imagination for centuries. Whether sculpted by nature's powerful geological forces or the mythical strides of giants, the Causeway is a canvas for the mind and a bridge to the past. After soaking in the beauty and mystery of the Causeway, you'll reboard your coach, taking the scenic coastal road with vistas that capture the untamed beauty of Northern Ireland's shoreline.

Please note: This full-day tour departs in the afternoon.

#### BRYGGEN, FUNICULAR & FANTOFT STAVE CHURCH

BOOKING CODE: **NOBCO302** | **\$115pp** HALF DAY (Approx. 3.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WVO JUN 10 2024 | WNA JUL 12 2024 | WNA AUG 10 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO240610 | WNA240712 | WNA240810

Enjoy a captivating exploration of Bergen, starting with the historic Håkonshallen, the city's grand ceremonial hall dating back to 1261, and the formidable Rosenkrantz Tower, constructed in 1560. As you reach Bryggen, the city's famed wharf area, wander the charming alleyways bordered by colorful warehouses. These historic buildings, once the bustling center for German merchants of the Hanseatic League, now host a vibrant mix of shops, eateries, and artisan studios, all part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Your adventure continues as you ascend Mount Fløien via funicular. Though just 1,050 feet above sea level, the summit provides a spectacular panorama of Bergen, the surrounding seas, and islands. Upon descending, your coach tour resumes, weave through quaint neighborhoods adorned with well-kept wooden homes, and by the royal residence. Next, marvel at the reconstructed Fantoft stave church, an architectural gem that faithfully replicates the original 1150 structure, symbolizing the region's rich medieval heritage. Your return to the city center takes a scenic route, allowing for a photo stop with breathtaking views from one of Bergen's highest points. En route back to the pier, pass through neighborhoods filled with picturesque wooden buildings from the 18th and 19th centuries, culminating your tour with a sense of Bergen's unique charm and history.

Please note: Churches may be closed for religious services without advance notice.



As you step off the pier, prepare to be whisked back in time through the historic Hanseatic neighborhood of Bryggen. This iconic medieval quarter, although reconstructed after an 18th-century fire, retains the architectural essence of its 14th-century origins. As you meander through the slender alleys, your guide will unravel the rich tapestry of Bryggen's past.

Your journey continues as you ascend Mount Fløien aboard a funicular. You'll soar nearly a thousand feet, where a breathtaking panorama of Bergen unfolds before you. At the peak, relish time to explore independently, soaking in the vistas from this beloved urban retreat.

After descending the mountain, the tour takes a historical turn at the Schøtstuene, offering a glimpse into the lives of the German Hanseatic merchants during the flourishing stockfish trade era. Following this insightful exploration, you'll enjoy a leisurely stroll back to the yacht, enriched by the cultural heritage you've just experienced.

Please note: The order of sites visited may vary.



Your exploration of Bergen unfolds as you depart for a scenic panoramic tour, taking in the city's iconic landmarks. Then, embrace the grandeur of Mount Ulriken, the tallest of Bergen's seven mountains. You'll ascend 2,109 feet above sea level via a cable car, where a breathtaking panorama awaits – a sprawling view of Bergen, surrounded by fjords and a dramatic mountainous backdrop.

During the 7-minute gondola journey, marvel as the landscape of Norway's second-largest city unfolds beneath you. Upon reaching Ulriken's peak, you'll be welcomed into the summit's modern restaurant. Here, indulge in a comforting refreshment, sipping coffee or tea complemented by a delicious slice of cake, all while the vast beauty of Norway stretches endlessly from your vantage point.

Please note: The venues visited on this tour are wheelchair accessible.



Drive from the pier to the foothills of Mount Ulriken, the tallest of Bergen's seven mountains. Favored by locals yearround, the Mount Ulriken trails offer a natural escape into the beauty of Norway. Your adventure commences on a gravel path winding through verdant woodlands before ascending to meet the main trail, recently enhanced by skilled Nepalese Sherpas.

As you climb higher, the landscape unfolds spectacularly – the fjords dotted with myriad islands spread out behind you, the city of Bergen nestled in the distance, and the vast North Sea stretching to the horizon. Leaving the tree line behind, panoramic vistas greet you from every angle. Reaching the summit at about 2,109 feet, take a moment to breathe in the crisp mountain air. Here, you'll enjoy a snack, capture memories with your camera, and bask in the 360-degree views that make Ulriken a beloved landmark. The descent is an effortless glide down the cable car, revealing the landscape from a new perspective.

Please note: To participate, guests must be in good physical condition. The minimum age to participate is 14 years old.

# BILBAO, SPAIN (1 OF 2)

BILBAO & GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM BOOKING CODE: ESBIO304 | \$169pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA





Activity Level MODERATE



EXPEDITIONS: WVO OCT 12 2024 (TBA) VOYAGE ID: WVO241002

Discover the fusion of history and modernity in Bilbao, the beating heart of the Basque Country's industrial and financial prowess. Nestled amid hills on either side of the River Nervión, the city's rich past stretches back to Roman times with the discovery of iron ore mines that set the stage for its thriving foundries.

Today, Bilbao is a canvas of urban reinvention, transforming former factories and docks into stunning projects like the iconic Guggenheim Museum. Begin your exploration in the medieval Old Town district, where winding streets and historic charm lead you on a journey through time.

Then, visit the architectural marvel that is the Guggenheim Museum. Its ultra-modern design symbolizes Bilbao's dynamic evolution and stands as a beacon of contemporary art and culture. Roam the museum independenly, uncovering masterworks by Richard Serra, Louise Bourgeois, Jeff Koons and many more. This tour is an invitation to experience the dual narratives of Bilbao: a storied past and a visionary future.

Please note: a cell phone is required to download the Guggenheim's museum guide. At time of publication, the WVO Oct 12 2024 tour is pending confirmation.



Venture to Bilbao for a taste of its rich history and the celebrated Basque culinary tradition of pintxos, as local tapas are known. Culture and leisure intertwine, delivering the distinct flavor of the Basque region. Pintxos, more than just food, represent a social culture—best enjoyed amongst friends while unraveling their gastronomic pleasures or simply soaking in the vibrant street life.

Enjoy a guided stroll through the Old Town, where Bilbao's narrow alleyways exude a timeless charm. This historic enclave, teeming with life, stands as one of the city's most cherished and dynamic districts. Here, amidst a tapestry of tastes, aromas, and colors, discover the artistry of Basque tapas. You'll pause to indulge in two drinks and a selection of four tantalizing pintxos, a perfect introduction to the communal spirit and flavors of Bilbao.

Please note: At time of publication, the WVO Oct 12 2024 tour is pending confirmation.

**BIO PINTXOS MASTERCLASS** BOOKING CODE: ESBI0306 | \$195pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA





ACTIVE



EXPEDITIONS: WVO OCT 12 2024 (TBA) VOYAGE ID: WVO241002

Discover the heart of Basque culinary tradition with pintxos, the region's signature small plates that are perfect for socializing. Relish the opportunity to delve into the secrets of these gastronomic treasures, and enjoy the vibrant local atmosphere. You'll begin your day of discovery with a walking tour through the city's enchanting Old Town, including a stop at the bustling La Ribera Market, and art deco masterpiece that is one of the world's largest covered markets, with approximately 180 stalls.

Next, seize the chance to master the art of pintxos making with guidance from top chefs. This hands-on experience will equip you with the skills to impress your friends by recreating these miniature delights at home. As you learn, you'll gain the confidence to infuse your own style into each bite-sized creation, guided by insider tips from culinary masters.

Please note: Expect a significant amount of walking. Wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen, a hat and bring a bottle of water. At time of publication, the WVO Oct 12 2024 tour is pending confirmation.



Uncover the Basque Country's charm with a stroll through the vibrant harbor of Bermeo, a picturesque fishing town nestled in the Bay of Biscay, steeped in history since the 13th century. Pause for a photo at a viewpoint over the scenic Urdaibai Estuary, a backdrop to thrilling surfing action. Conclude your cultural immersion by visiting local cellars, where you can refresh with txakoli, a distinctive dry, sparkling white wine, embodying the spirit of the region. Thrill at the fun of watching the libation being poured from a significant height into slender glasses by the expert servers.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs. At time of publication, the WVO Oct 12 2024 tour is pending confirmation.

# BORDEAUX, FRANCE (1 OF 3)

GOURMET WALKING TOUR BOOKING CODE: FRBOD302 | \$125pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM





Activity Level ACTIVE Snack & Beverage



EXPEDITIONS: WNA SEP 20 2024 | WVO OCT 2 2024 (DAY 1) VOYAGE ID: WNA240920 | WVO241002

Immerse yourself in the heart of Bordeaux for a walking tour that's a treat for the senses. In the city center, recognized by UNESCO for its cultural significance, uncover the delights of local gastronomy. Begin your stroll with the sight of the Grand Theater, an 18th-century architectural masterpiece and one of Europe's most splendid opera houses. Your journey then weaves through the storied streets of old Bordeaux, taking you to the vibrant squares of Parlement and Bourse.

Admire the towering Cathedral of Saint-André and the stately City Hall, each a chapter in Bordeaux's rich history. The tour culminates in the "Triangle," an area known for its high-end boutiques, and the expansive Quinconces Square. Along the way, indulge in a curated selection of Bordeaux's traditional specialties, perhaps sumptuous chocolates, the iconic canelé cakes, a variety of cheeses, and, naturally, the renowned local wines. This experience includes three tasting stops, each offering a unique flavor of the region.

Please note: Expect to walk on cobblestone surfaces. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or those with mobility issues. Wear flat, comfortable shoes. The order of sites visited may vary.



Enjoy an exploration of Saint-Émilion, a region synonymous with the lush merlot grape and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The landscape, fondly described as the "hill with a thousand châteaux," marries viticulture with history, its vineyards stretching up to the 13th-century town walls. In this town, traditions linger- the Jurats of the local wine brotherhood still herald the new vintage as their forebears did in the days of Richard the Lionheart. Your visit will take you through the town's historic heart, starting with the Collegiate church and its stunning 12th-century cloister.

Wander past the ancient ramparts and the bustling marketplace, leading to the monolithic church, an underground marvel hewn from rock between the 9th and 12th centuries. The church stands as a testament to the town's namesake saint, who lived in seclusion in the 8th century. Beside the church, behold the catacombs with their ossuaries and sepulchers dating back to the 11th and 12th centuries. As you amble through the streets, encounter landmarks like the Cadène Gate and the King's Tower. After your guided exploration, enjoy time at leisure to shop or discover more of Saint-Émilion's enchanting corners on your own.

Please note: Expect to walk approximately 2 miles.

# BORDEAUX, FRANCE (2 OF 3)



Set off on a scenic drive through Bordeaux, the illustrious city of wine. Your journey unfolds along the Chartrons Riverfront, birthplace of Bordeaux's wine trade, leading you to the majestic 18th-century Place de la Bourse. As you meander through the city, witness historic marvels such as the 15th-century Cailhau Gate and the 14th-century Big Bell. Cast your eyes upon the elegant Palais Rohan, now the City Hall, and the 13th-century Saint-André Cathedral, the matrimonial site of Eleanor of Aquitaine and Louis VII.

Your tour continues past Gambetta Square, Tourny Square, and the Grand Theater, a neoclassical wonder designed by Victor Louis in 1773. Marvel at the Girondins Monument in the vast Quinconces Square before venturing into the vineyard-clad landscapes that encircle Bordeaux. Here, amidst verdant estates such as Château La Louvière or Latour Martillac, delve into the world of winemaking with a cellar visit at one of the region's prestigious châteaux. Learn the vintner's art and indulge in a wine tasting, savoring the flavors that make Bordeaux wines revered across the globe.

Please note: Wear flat, comfortable shoes. The order of sites viewed may vary.



Journey to the esteemed Margaux wine appellation, where viticulture meets artistry. Margaux, a jewel in the Médoc vineyards, is celebrated for its exquisite wines, predominantly crafted from cabernet sauvignon. Your adventure through this storied region includes a photo stop at the iconic Château Margaux, a paragon among the First Classified Great Growths.

Marvel at how the local terroir, rich in gravel for optimal drainage and scant nutrients, challenges the vines to delve deep into the earth, strengthening them and imbuing the grapes with the nuanced essence of the land. While the wines of Margaux are famed for their delicate finesse, it is the interplay of climate and soil that shapes their unique character.

Your visit will continue to another Classified Great Growth Château—be it Château Dauzac, Desmirail, Giscours, or Château Prieuré Lichine. Here, you'll delve into the sophisticated process of winemaking and partake in a curated wine and cheese tasting, a pairing that echoes the harmony of Margaux's rich heritage and the timeless elegance of its wines.

Please note: There may be steps to navigate at the wine château.

# BORDEAUX, FRANCE (3 OF 3)



Join a coach from your yacht's berth and be swept away by the architectural splendor of Bordeaux, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2007. Your panoramic journey reveals the city's stunning unity of style, from the historic Chartrons Riverfront, where the wine trade was born, to the expansive Esplanade des Quinconces, one of Europe's largest squares. Witness monuments that have stood the test of time, such as the 18th-century Place de la Bourse, the 15th-century Cailhau Gate, the 14th-century Big Bell, and the Palais Rohan, now the City Hall, all culminating in the sight of the Saint-André Cathedral, where Eleanor of Aquitaine wed Louis VII.

A highlight of your discovery is the Cité du Vin, a mesmerizing wine museum that promises a journey across time, cultures, and civilizations, celebrating wine's universal essence. Marvel at the structure's evocative design, crafted to reflect the liquid nature and soul of wine. Inside, no classical museum approach confines your experience; instead, 20 themed spaces offer a sensory adventure, making wine culture accessible whether you're a novice or an enthusiast. Accompanied by a state-of-the-art guide, ascend to the belvedere, where Bordeaux unfolds in a 360° panorama, and toast to the wonders of the vine with a glass of world-class wine.

Please note: Expect to walk just under a mile.

# CORK (COBH), IRELAND (1 OF 3)

# PANORAMIC CORK BOOKING CODE: IECOB301 | \$115pp HALF DAY (Approx. 2.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM

Activity Level MILD



EXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 16 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240516

Set off on a guided drive through Cork, a city that blends academic vibrancy and the cultural richness of jazz, film, opera, and theater. Known for its Georgian splendor, Cork combines the offerings of a metropolis with the warmth of a quaint country town. Time permitting, there will be pauses for photo opportunities throughout the tour. As you weave through the city, you'll encounter the towering spires of St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, an architectural marvel consecrated in 1870, marking a place of continuous Christian worship since the seventh century.

As the narrative of Cork unfolds, glide past the historic City Hall, which was rebuilt after the Black and Tans burned it down during the Irish War of Independence. In 1935, the elegant new building you see today was inaugurated. The tour continues, revealing captivating highlights such as the Old Courthouse, the esteemed Cork University, and the iconic Bells of Shandon that chime over the River Lee.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchair or mobility issues, but guests must be able to enter and exit the vehicle unassisted or with the help of a companion.



Enjoy a scenic journey to the enchanting village of Blarney, famed for historic Blarney Castle and its storied stone of eloquence. Wander through the castle's robust walls and battlements, and seize the opportunity to kiss the legendary Blarney Stone, said to bestow the gift of gab upon those who dare. Beyond the allure of the castle, Blarney invites you to the celebrated Blarney Woollen Mills. Established in 1823, this premier craft center showcases Ireland's finest wares, from luxurious woolens to exquisite crystal. Savor an authentic Irish coffee as you peruse the array of traditional crafts, a true feast for the senses.

Your excursion also offers a panoramic view of Cork, the country's second city, rich in history and culture. Traverse its numerous bridges and channels, each turn presenting another picturesque view. Discover the Gothic grandeur of St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, the University's scholarly elegance, and the melodic chime of the Shandon Bells. Despite its urban flair, Cork maintains the inviting atmosphere of a quaint country town, ensuring a memorable experience for all who visit.

Please note: Expect to navigate 108 steps on a narrow stairway to reach the stone, with frequent queues. This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues that can get on and off the coach unassisted or with the help of a companion. The stone, however, is not wheelchair accessible. Ascending to view the stone is optional and is not recommended for guests with mobility issues or vertigo.

# CORK (COBH), IRELAND (2 OF 3)



Set off on a captivating tour of Cork, Ireland's second city, where modern life flows amidst the channels of the River Lee. As you traverse the city's numerous bridges, witness the grand spires of St. Finbarr's Cathedral, the historical Old Courthouse, City Hall, and the famed Bells of Shandon. Cork, with its bustling university life, is a cultural nexus for jazz, film, opera, and theatre, yet it exudes the warmth and charm of a cozy country town.

Venture eastward from the urban delights of Cork to the village of Midleton, synonymous with the esteemed Jameson Distillery Midleton. Here, you'll delve into the heart of Ireland's revered whiskey-making heritage. A guided tour of the meticulously restored 18th-century complex reveals the inner workings of whiskey production, from the majestic operational waterwheel to the world's largest copper still. A vivid audio-visual presentation will bring the storied past of Irish whiskey to life. Your visit culminates in a whiskey tasting set within the inviting ambiance of a traditional Irish pub. Savor the smooth notes of Ireland's finest whiskey and enjoy leisure time to browse the craft shop or unwind at the heritage center's restaurant or coffee shop.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues that can get on and off the coach unassisted or with the help of a companion.



As you leave the pier, set out on a scenic drive through Cork, affectionately known as Ireland's 'real capital' by its proud locals. Cork city, a vibrant hub of culture, began as an island in the swampy estuary of the River Lee and has evolved into the commercial heart of the south. The city is speckled with bridges that lend it a distinctive European flair. Landmarks such as St. Fin Barr's Cathedral and the Old Courthouse add to the city's rich tapestry.

Your journey from Cork's bustling streets will sweep you through the lush Irish countryside, dotted with flowers and traditional hedgerows. A brief pause by the Bandon River offers a picturesque photo opportunity before you arrive in the historic town of Kinsale. Nestled between rolling hills, Kinsale's charm is captured in its award-winning environmental and architectural heritage, with influences ranging from 18th-century naval history to Dutch-style buildings. Take the time to explore Kinsale's winding streets, shop for unique finds, or unwind in one of the town's cozy cafes or pubs. Before returning to the port, you'll visit Charles Fort, perched above Summer Cove. Here, enjoy panoramic views of Kinsale Harbour and reflect on the day's journey through one of Ireland's most captivating landscapes.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues that can get on and off the coach unassisted or with the help of a companion.

# CORK (COBH), IRELAND (3 OF 3)

# CORK WALKING TOUR & IRISH PUBBOOKING CODE: IECOB306 | \$129ppHALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PMEXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 16 2024YOYAGE ID: WNA240516

Walk the streets of Cork, a city prided as Ireland's true capital by its residents, and traverse the bridges arching over the River Lee. Your excursion is rich with local insights as you amble through the bustling streets. Take in the Gothic grandeur of St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, a testament to the city's patron saint, Finbarr of Cork. Constructed mainly from regional stone, this Anglican marvel is accentuated by three soaring spires and resides along the south bank of the River Lee, a sacred site of Christian worship for centuries.

The cathedral's exterior boasts a menagerie of stone carvings, from functional gargoyles to ornate biblical figures, all from the deft hands of sculptor Thomas Nicholls. Scenes of the Resurrection and Judgment Day frame the entryways, inviting you to ponder the tales they tell. After marveling at the cathedral's splendor, your journey through Cork's dynamic avenues and alleys culminates at a typical Irish pub. Savor the iconic taste of Guinness stout and unwind, allowing the city's energy to envelop you in its unique charm.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchair or mobility issues, but guests must be able to enter and exit the vehicle unassisted or with the help of a companion.

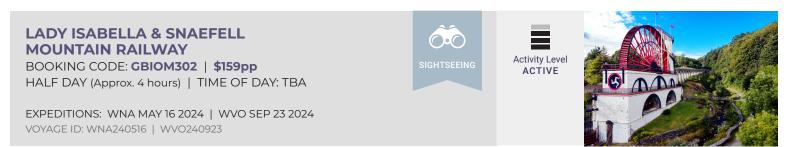
# DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN (1 OF 3)



Embark on a journey from Douglas to explore the enchanting Isle of Man, beginning with a scenic southeasterly drive. As you cross the Fairy Bridge, remember to greet the fairies – simply say "Laa Mie" – as local legends warn of ill fortune for those who neglect this tradition. Upon reaching Castletown, once the capital of the island, you'll be greeted by the impressive sight of Castle Rushen. Although you'll admire it from the outside, its medieval grandeur is undeniable. Take a leisurely stroll along the harbor to soak in the quaintness of the area. Your adventure continues to Port Erin's picturesque bay at the island's southern edge. Then, head along the coast to Peel, known as 'Sunset City' for its breathtaking evening skies. Peel's fishing port, with its charming streets and the striking ruins of Peel Castle, offers a postcard-worthy vista.

In Peel, pause to absorb the coastal town's charms before heading inland to Tynwald Hill in St. John's. This mound is more than just a hill — it's the heart of the world's oldest continuous parliament, dating back to 979 AD. Here, laws are proclaimed annually in both Manx and English, a testament to the island's enduring traditions. Finally, as you return to Douglas, take a moment for photos at Tynwald Hill and marvel at the Plains of Heaven, a lush valley that's aptly named.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues that have a companion to assist them, including getting on and off the coach.



Set off from Douglas and meander along the eastern coast to Laxey, where the grandeur of Victorian engineering comes to life in the form of Lady Isabella, The Great Laxey Wheel. Named in honor of a Lieutenant Governor's wife and crafted in 1854, this waterwheel stands as a towering symbol of the island's rich industrial heritage. As the largest working waterwheel on the globe, with a 72.5-foot diameter, it's a sight to behold. Explore the site of this monumental waterwheel and witness its enduring power as it continues to turn, just as it did over 160 years ago. If you're feeling adventurous, ascend to the top platform for a panoramic view of the picturesque Laxey Valley.

Next, visit the charming Laxey Railway Station, a cornerstone of Victorian transportation still active after more than a century. Set off on an immensely scenic ride aboard the Snaefell Mountain Railway, an electric railway that scales the island's sole mountain. Upon reaching Snaefell's summit at 2,036 feet, if the skies are clear, you'll be greeted with legendary vistas England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland and the Isle of Man. After soaking in the panoramic splendors, descend to the Bungalow, a renowned section of the TT Course, where your coach awaits to whisk you back to Douglas.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues. It cannot be guaranteed that participants will see the Laxey Wheel in motion, as it is occasionally under maintenance.

# DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN (2 OF 3)

VOLCANOES & VIKINGS HIKE BOOKING CODE: GBIOM303 | \$119pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 16 2024 | WVO SEP 23 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240516 | WVO240923

Depart from the port of Douglas, en route to the former capital, Castletown. After a brief interlude in Castletown, your adventure begins along Raad ny Foillan, or 'The Way of the Gull,' the island's celebrated coastal footpath. As you tread around Scarlett Head, the wild beauty of the southern coast unfolds, offering encounters with seabirds, a diverse array of flora, and geological wonders.

This rugged coastline brims with historical intrigue, where remnants of ancient forts, chapels, and farms dot the landscape, alongside a WWII radar station and a quarry whose stone graced the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. In Balladoole, discover a Bronze Age burial site, an Iron Age hill fort, the remnants of a Viking ship burial, and Keeill Vael, the ruins of the 12th-century St. Michael's Chapel. From here, the panoramic views over the island's south are truly unrivaled. As your walk culminates, your coach awaits to return you to Castletown and then Douglas, tracing a route that affords magnificent views over The Plains of Heaven, a verdant expanse cradled by the central valley and northern hills.

Please note: To participate, guests must be in good physical condition. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues. Wear warm, layered clothing, sturdy, comfortable shoes with good tread and ankle support. Bring a snack and a bottle of water. The order of sites visited may vary.



Experience the Isle of Man's legendary Tourist Trophy Course, a nearly 38-mile circuit that has challenged the world's premier road racers since 1907. Known as one of the most thrilling and treacherous motorcycle events globally, the TT races are a testament to the skill and daring of countless racers. Set out on a unique journey on a 3-seater trike, designed for those who seek the thrill of the biker's path, not just the motorist's route. Feel the wind and the unbridled sense of freedom as you navigate through the island's beautiful panoramas.

Your adventure begins in Douglas, roaring to the outskirts of Onchan, then slicing through the Creg Na Baa back road, a historic stretch once part of the Clypse Course for road racing. Pause to pay homage at Joey Dunlop's memorial, remembering a legend who owned these bends and straights. As you ride, the storied pavement beneath you echoes with the legacies of those who've raced before. Your guide, as seasoned as the riders who grace this course annually, leads you through the TT Mountain Course's twists and turns, past the iconic grandstand and the storied start/finish line.

Please note: Each trike seats two guests in addition to the driver. To participate, guests must be a minimum of 16 years old. This tour only operates under favorable weather conditions. The order of sites visited may vary.

### DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN (3 OF 3)

# CREGNEASH & THE SOUND<br/>BOOKING CODE: GBIOM305 | \$125pp<br/>HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBAImage: Constant of the second s

Take a scenic drive through the lush Plains of Heaven and over the Southern Hills, where breathtaking vistas of the southern coast unfold before you. Descend to the quaint village of Port St. Mary and step back in time at the Heritage Hamlet of Cregneash. Cregneash is a living tribute to the Isle of Man's past, a collection of perfectly preserved crofters' dwellings set in a landscape unchanged since the 19th century. Here, traditional Manx life is not just remembered, but vibrantly alive. You'll witness farms worked with horse-drawn ploughs and livestock, including the iconic Loaghtan sheep, roaming freely as they have for centuries. Meander through this picturesque village, where the white-washed cottages and stone walls paint a picture of historical authenticity, and chat with locals who dedicate themselves to maintaining these traditions.

Your journey continues to The Sound, the Isle's southernmost tip. Overlooking the Calf of Man Nature Reserve, this spot is a symphony of natural beauty, with wildlife thriving in and around the waters. Watch seals lounging on Kitterland's rocks, and perhaps catch a glimpse of dolphins or basking sharks in the waves. At the Sound Café's visitor center, delve into the stories of local fauna and the shipwrecks that rest beneath the surrounding seas.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues that have a companion to assist them, including getting on and off the coach. The order of sites visited may vary.

## ESKIFJÖRÐUR, ICELAND (1 OF 3)

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 HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA

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Embark on an extensive exploration of Iceland's picturesque Eastern Fjords, where every curve of the coast offers a new vista. Your journey will take you through charming towns nestled against a backdrop of dramatic fjords, where the stories of the sea and sky intertwine. Delve into the rich nautical heritage at the Maritime Museum, where tales of intrepid seafarers and their voyages across the tumultuous North Atlantic come to life. As you traverse the serene Norðfjörður and Reyðarfjörður fjords, each view is a masterpiece painted by nature's own hand.

The Wartime Museum presents a poignant look into the past, recounting the region's strategic importance and the indelible marks left by historic conflicts. Here, you'll gain a profound understanding of the resilience and ingenuity of the Icelandic spirit. This tour is a testament to the enduring bond between the Icelandic people and their land, offering insights into a culture shaped by isolation and the majestic beauty of the natural world.



Set off for a leisurely exploration of Eskifjörður, a gem nestled between towering mountains and the vast sea. This quaint town, rich with maritime history, invites you to uncover the charm that lies in its serene fjord, welcoming streets, and historical treasures. Begin your discovery at the heart of Eskifjörður, where the Maritime Museum stands as a tribute to the town's seafaring legacy. Here, you'll step through the doors of the past and sail through the stories that shaped the lives of those who braved the North Atlantic.

Continue to Randulff's Mariners Lodge, an evocative space that captures the essence of a sailor's refuge from centuries past. As you stand within its walls, the lodge whispers tales of weary mariners finding solace within its embrace. This stroll is more than a tour; it's an intimate encounter with Eskifjörður's soul.

### ESKIFJÖRÐUR, ICELAND (2 OF 3)



Embark on a voyage through the enigmatic East Fjords, where history and mystery blend seamlessly with the natural world. Your excursion unfolds with a visit to two captivating destinations that offer glimpses into the wonders of Iceland. First, marvel at Petra's Rock Collection, a testament to one person's lifelong passion for geology. This impressive display, lovingly curated over the years, showcases the diverse stones and minerals that the Icelandic earth cradles in its bosom.

Next, indulge your senses at the Aurora Borealis Exhibition. Here, the mesmerizing dance of the Northern Lights is captured and celebrated, offering insights into this celestial phenomenon that paints the polar skies with otherworldly hues. As you weave through the tranquility of the surrounding fjords, with the Hólmanes Peninsula stretching out into the Atlantic, let the silent beauty of the landscape fill you with peace.



Thrill to an adventure along the rugged trails of Iceland. Your journey to the serene Mjóifjörður, which aptly translates as 'Narrow Fjord,' promises a day filled with awe-inspiring vistas and the hushed whispers of nature. As you traverse the untamed landscapes in a robust 4x4, guided by a local expert, you'll be introduced to the thrumming roar of the Klifbrekkufossar Waterfalls. The falls cascade with a grace that captures the essence of Iceland's raw beauty.

The expedition leads you to the quaint village of Brekka, where time seems to stand still amidst the fjord's embrace. Here, the silence is only broken by the occasional bird call or the gentle lapping of fjord waters against the shore. Mjóifjörður, with its majestic serenity, is not just a destination but a celebration of tranquil splendor.

## ESKIFJÖRÐUR, ICELAND (3 OF 3)



Venture into the heart of Iceland's Eastern Fjords, where the echoes of the past blend seamlessly with the pulse of village life. This tour takes you on a revealing journey through the region's history, showcasing the resilience and adaptability of its communities. Your first stop is the Neskaupstaður House Museum, a treasure trove of stories that encapsulate the essence of a time when these remote villages were self-reliant yet intricately linked to the wider world. The exhibits offer a window into the daily lives of the local people, their traditions, and the ways they thrived in isolation.

Witness the imposing avalanche breaker in Neskaupstaður, standing as a testament to the ingenuity and determination of the residents against the raw forces of nature. This structure not only tells a story of survival but also of innovation and community spirit. The highlight of your exploration is the Wartime Museum in Reyðarfjörður, where history comes alive. Here, you'll delve into a seldom-seen aspect of Iceland's past, where the strategic significance of these fjords played out on an international stage during turbulent times. This museum is a poignant reminder of the region's unexpected role in global events and the enduring strength of its people.



Journey through the verdant valley of the River Fowey, nestled between Liskeard and Lostwithiel, to the esteemed Lanhydrock estate, named after Cornwall's own St. Hydroc. Lanhydrock House, a splendid example of 19th-century high-Victorian architecture, welcomes you with the warmth of a family abode steeped in history. Stroll through the diverse gardens, from meticulous Victorian parterres to the ascending wooded sanctuary where magnolias, rhododendrons, and camellias reach for the sky amidst ancient oaks and beeches.

The tour's next chapter unfolds across the Cornish landscape to Fowey, a quintessentially Cornish fishing village whose beauty has earned it the status of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Fowey, pronounced to rhyme with 'joy', is a picturesque tapestry of winding alleys, vibrant cottages, and a harbor that has cradled ships from bygone pirate days to the modern yachts of today. Take your time to explore and dine independently, perhaps indulging in a Cornish pasty, the famed local delicacy.

Please note: Expect to navigate uneven terrain, so this tour is not recommended for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues. Bags larger than a standard sheet of paper are not permitted in Lanhydrock House, but lockers are available.



Venture into Cornwall's horticultural paradise, where the benevolent Gulf Stream bestows a temperate climate, nurturing a lush landscape of camellias, magnolias, azaleas, and rhododendrons. Cornwall's gardens are a serendipitous blend of climate, geography, and soil – from the vertiginous terraces of St. Michael's Mount to the secluded river valleys along the south coast that foster their own microclimates.

Discover the tale of Heligan, a garden estate that slumbered undiscovered from 1918 until its awakening in 1990. It now stands as a testament to nature's resilience and the dedication of volunteers from across Europe who worked to reveal its botanical wonders. Heligan, cradled at the head of a valley with views of Mevagissey's historic fishing harbor, was once the nucleus of a thousand-acre estate, self-sustained by its farms, quarries, and mills.

Untouched by modern alterations, Heligan is a precious time capsule of garden history. As you stroll leisurely through 'The Lost Gardens,' immerse yourself in one of Europe's largest garden restoration projects. Explore the northern garden's intricate footpaths, the Elizabethan mount, rockeries, and the enchanting crystal grotto. Admire the Italian garden, the historic bee-boles, and the wishing well. This living museum not only celebrates the triumphs of restoration but also the endurance of its original plant collection.

Please note: Only some areas of the garden are accessible to guests in wheelchairs.

### SCENIC CORNISH DRIVE & LAND'S END BOOKING CODE: GBFAL303 | \$99pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM

SIGHTSEEING

Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WVO SEP 23 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO240923

Explore Cornwall's western edge, where millennia of Celtic heritage meld with the raw beauty of the landscape. Witness the stark beauty of Land's End peninsula, where rugged cliffs and granite moorlands meet the vitality of subtropical gardens and serene wooded valleys. Your adventure takes you alongside the verdant banks of the River Fal to the charming market town of Helston, through quaint villages and past tranquil farms.

As the countryside unfolds, the land flattens, occasionally offering glimpses of the rugged coastline, leading you to the storied Land's End. Here, atop 60-foot-high granite cliffs, stand at England's westernmost point, where the land makes its final bow to the Atlantic. This fabled locale has long been a symbol of journey's end or the commencement of epic sea voyages. Despite its transformation into a bustling tourist hub, you can still find peace walking down to the cliffs' edge, where on clear days, the views are as endless as the ocean itself.

Your return takes you through the quaint village of Marazion, where the mythical St. Michael's Mount watches over the coast. Capture the timeless scene of this island with its castle and clustered buildings, accessible by a stone causeway at low tide. From the shoreline, cherish a perfect photo opportunity to seal your memories of Cornwall's enchanting end.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs.



Relish the beauty of St Michael's Mount, the crowning gem of Cornwall. This storied isle, which may have been the center of the Cornish tin trade during the Iron Age, is steeped in legend, including the appearance of Archangel Michael in AD 495. After the Norman Conquest, its likeness to France's Mont Saint-Michel inspired the construction of an abbey, which was later fortified by Henry VIII.

This stronghold, once a bastion of defense, became a stately home under the stewardship of Sir John St. Aubyn. Today, it stands as the ancestral abode of Lord St. Levan. Explore the grandeur of the mount, capturing its splendor in photographs and perhaps finding a keepsake in the quaint harbor shops. Depending on the tides, you'll either stroll across the causeway or sail by ferry to the charming seaside town of Marazion, completing your visit to Cornwall's historical treasure.

Please note: Expect to negotiate steps, inclines and cobblestone surfaces. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues.



Relax during an enchanting train journey that begins just steps from the pier. The Flåm Railway, renowned as one of Europe's most scenic rides, awaits to take you on a 12.4-mile marvel of engineering. As you ascend from the fjord's edge to an altitude of 2,844 feet, the train will navigate the rugged landscape, crossing rivers and burrowing through 20 tunnels.

The journey deliberately slows to grant you the full grandeur of the Norwegian wilderness. A highlight is the pause at the Kjosfossen Waterfall, where the train halts, inviting you to step out and capture the moment. The mist from the cascading waters and the lush greenery provide a dramatic backdrop for unforgettable photos.

The voyage culminates at Vatnahalsen, where you'll alight and stroll to the Mountain Hotel. Here, indulge in the local tradition of Norwegian waffles paired with coffee or tea, a treat to delight in amidst the serenity of the highlands. Seize this moment of peace, exploring the idyllic surroundings or simply relaxing in the mountain air. Once you've soaked in the alpine charm, you'll retrace the tracks back to Flåm, carrying with you memories of a journey through Norway's heart.



Step into the world of the Vikings with a journey to the Njardarheimr Viking Village in Gudvangen, once a bustling trading center during the Viking age. Your adventure into history begins with a scenic drive from Flåm, whisking you through verdant landscapes to the majestic Tvindefossen Waterfall for a photographic pause. Continue your journey, ascending the Stalheim, Norway's steepest road, and marvel at the breathtaking vistas.

Arriving in Gudvangen, nestled at the terminus of the awe-inspiring Naerøyfjord, you'll be transported back to the era of the Vikings. Wander through an authentically recreated village where the descendants of Vikings honor their seafaring ancestors. Witness live demonstrations of archery and axe-throwing, and gain insights into the Vikings' shipbuilding prowess and their daring voyages across the seas to lands far and wide. Your experience in this storied village will not only offer a glimpse into the robust Viking culture but also provide an opportunity to admire the natural beauty that frames this historical enclave.

FLÅM VALLEY BY BIKE & TRAIN BOOKING CODE: NOFLA305 | \$325pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM







**EXPEDITIONS: WNA JUN 9 2024 | WVO JUN 10 2024** VOYAGE ID: WNA240609 | WVO240610 | WNA240712

Experience an engineering marvel on the Flåm Railway, a rail journey that boasts some of the most awe-inspiring feats of railroad construction. Starting from the quaint station in Flåm, your trip takes you from the tranquil shores of the fjord to the high altitude of Myrdal Station, over 2,850 feet above sea level. As the train hugs the Flåm River, known for its salmon, the landscape transforms from serene riverbanks to the dramatic drops of the Rjoande Waterfall and the towering heights of Vibmesnosi Mountain.

In the heart of this rugged terrain, you'll traverse through the lengthy Naali tunnel, emerging to the panoramic vistas of Myrdalsberg Mountain. At the Kjosfossen Waterfall, the train pauses, allowing you to step out and capture the essence of the thunderous 300-foot falls. The journey continues to Myrdal, and from there, you switch from tracks to trails. Mount a bicycle and coast back down to Flåm, feeling the rush of the wind as you descend along a gravel path. The river flows beside you, guiding you through a corridor of cascading waterfalls and the expansive beauty of the valley.

Please note: Guests must be able cyclists and in good physical condition. Participants must be a minimum of 12 years old and weigh no more than 330 lbs. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear appropriate for bike riding. Bring a waterproof windbreaker and a light backpack to carry a water bottle. A helmet will be provided.



Embark on a serene kayak journey through the heart of Norway's fjords, where awe-inspiring landscapes await. Begin with an approximately 30-minute coach ride to Gudvangen, the launching point of your aquatic adventure. There, a skilled instructor will welcome you, provide your kayak, and share essential safety guidelines to ensure a secure and enjoyable experience. Once briefed, you'll glide into the pristine waters of Naerøyfjord, part of the West Norwegian Fjords UNESCO World Heritage site, and follow your guide to the tranquil haven of Cape Bleiklindi. As you paddle, you'll be enveloped by the fjords' grandeur, with towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls framing your path. Pause mid-adventure to savor a boxed picnic lunch amidst this natural splendor, a moment of peace to reflect on the majesty of your surroundings.

The return to Gudvangen is no less impressive, offering a new perspective on the fjord's beauty as you navigate back to meet your coach. With each stroke, carry with you the tranquility of the fjords, an enduring memory of your time spent in the silent embrace of Norway's wilderness.

Please note: Expect to kayak for approximately 2 hours, with both single and double kayaks. Although this tour does not require kayaking experience, participants must be able swimmers and wear the provided life vests. Bring a change of clothing and footwear with you as well as water. This tour is not suitable for guests under the age of ten and those with health conditions, including pregnancy. The tour requires favorable weather conditions to operate.

# TVINDEFOSSEN WATERFALL & STALHEIM<br/>BOOKING CODE: NOFLA307 | \$145pp<br/>HALF DAY (Approx. 3 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PMImage: Constant of the constant

Embark on a scenic drive through the verdant Naerøy Valley to witness the splendor of the Tvindefossen Waterfall, a natural marvel steeped in rejuvenating myth. Your journey will take you through landscapes renowned for crystalline rivers that once teemed with salmon, all while being graced by the cascades of towering waterfalls plunging from the cliffs above.

Upon arrival at Tvindefossen, after an approximately 45-minute drive, you'll encounter a waterfall that has captivated visitors for centuries, many of whom believe in the youth-restoring properties of its waters. If you wish, take a moment to fill a bottle and sip the legend for yourself.

Your exploration continues to the storied Stalheim Hotel, a historic traveler's rest perched magnificently on the edge of time. Here, indulge in a refreshing pause with a cup of coffee or tea complemented by local pastries. As you relax, let the breathtaking view of the Naerøy Valley envelop you—a vista that has inspired countless painters and poets of the 19th century. This serene moment offers a tranquil connection to the rich tapestry of Norwegian natural beauty and history.

## FORT WILLIAM (LOCH NESS), SCOTLAND (1 OF 2)



Set off from Fort William and find yourself in the heart of Scotland's rugged splendor at Glencoe. This valley, enshrined by towering peaks, is a quintessential Highland vista, rich in both natural beauty and historical depth. Your route south traces the serene waters of Loch Linnhe, leading you to the formidable presence of Glencoe. Famed as much for its soaring summits as for its dark history, this glen witnessed the tragic events of the 1692 Massacre. Explore the Glencoe Visitor Centre, an award-winning site where you'll delve into the glen's past and discover the intricate tapestry of its geological and ecological makeup.

As you wind through the glen, the formidable Three Sisters mountains stand as silent sentinels to the valley's turbulent past. Capture their grandeur in memory and photograph. Journeying across the spartan beauty of Rannoch Moor, embrace the solitude of one of Europe's last wildernesses. Your return voyage is adorned with the timeless beauty of the Scottish Highlands, where the landscape is a canvas of mountain vistas, reflective sea lochs, and historic castles, with the West Coast guiding you back to Fort William.

Please note: Photo stops are dependent on traffic and parking conditions.



Embark on a captivating journey through the Highlands, where Fort William stands as a nexus of Scottish history and natural beauty. Your first stop is the quaint village of Glenfinnan, home to the iconic railway viaduct that soared to fame in a Harry Potter film. Part of the celebrated West Highland Line, it offers a connection to the enchanting world of steam trains and Scottish lore. If you're keen for a panoramic vista, hike up the nearby hillock for an even more magical perspective. Just across, the Glenfinnan Monument stands as a poignant tribute to the valor of the Jacobite clansmen. Continue on to Banavie, where you'll marvel at Neptune's Staircase, the United Kingdom's longest staircase lock.

A Highlands exploration isn't complete without the warming embrace of local whisky. At the foot of Ben Nevis, the Ben Nevis Distillery beckons with its storied spirits dating back to 1825. Savor a tour and tasting session of the distillery's finest, toasting to your adventures with a heartfelt "Slàinte!" Conclude your journey at the Commando Memorial, set against the stunning backdrop of Ben Nevis. This revered site honors the bravery of the World War II Commandos who trained on these rugged lands.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchair who have a companion to assist them. However, the production areas of the distillery are not wheelchair accessible.

## FORT WILLIAM (LOCH NESS), SCOTLAND (2 OF 2)



Your excursion begins with a coach transfer to the Nevis Range, where a gondola awaits to whisk you to the scenic slopes of Aonach Mor. Bask in the splendor of the natural world as you follow mountain trails with your guide, capturing the grandeur of Ben Nevis, Britain's tallest peak, and perhaps catching sight of the local wildlife.

The Nevis Range gondola, unique in Britain, offers more than just a passage for skiers and climbers—it's a celebrated attraction in itself. Glide up from the base at 300 feet to an exhilarating 2,150 feet, marveling at the Highlands' vistas that unfold before you. The 12 to 15-minute ascent in your gondola, which comfortably seats up to six, promises unparalleled panoramic views.

As you ascend, witness the Great Glen's expanse, the majestic Ben Nevis and, on a clear day, even the distant Inner Hebrides. The changing seasons paint a vibrant tapestry, making each gondola ride a unique experience. Revel in the refreshing mountain air and the kaleidoscope of colors before descending back to terra firma, carrying with you memories of the Highlands' serene beauty.

Please note: On the walks to viewpoints, expect uneven surfaces. One viewpoint requires climbing a steep incline.



Enjoy a captivating half-day adventure through the Scottish Highlands' splendid vistas and take a memorable cruise on enigmatic Loch Ness. Your journey from Fort William unfolds amidst a landscape brimming with magnificence, where each turn of the serpentine road ushers in increasingly breathtaking panoramas. A pause at Invergarry will allow you to capture the imposing beauty of Loch Garry and the encircling peaks. The route continues through the Great Glen, an awe-inspiring rift forged by ancient tectonic forces that sculpted the Scottish Highlands, cleaving the land with a series of vast lochs cradled by some of Britain's loftiest summits. Here, the colossal Caledonian Canal weaves its way through the lochs, a testament to historic feats of engineering, hand-carved into the earth.

Upon reaching the delightful village of Fort Augustus at the foot of Loch Ness, board a vessel to traverse the fabled waters, steeped in mystery and legend. Listen closely as tales of geology, history, and cryptids of the deep are shared, and ready your camera for the dramatic vistas. After your enthralling expedition on the loch, take time to explore charming Fort Augustus, before the scenic drive back to Fort William completes your unforgettable Highland experience.

Please note: Expect to walk approximately one mile, with some steps and gravel surfaces to negotiate. Additional walking is at each guest's discretion. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs.



Experience Norway's unparalleled natural beauty and spectacular views during a visit to historic Geiranger. Since 2005, the Geirangerfjord has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, and you'll soon appreciate why. After joining your guide ashore, commence a panoramic tour of this small village. Recognized as one of Norway's best-known tourist destinations, Geiranger presents an ever-changing kaleidoscope of mountain farms, waterfalls, lakes and streams that unfold before your eyes as your coach ascends the winding mountain road. Driving past Lake Djupvatn, make your way up the hairpin road to Mount Dalsnibba.

From Dalsnibba's summit 4,900 feet above sea level, enjoy superb views of magnificent mountain peaks and the Geiranger Fjord below. After a stop for photos, proceed to Djupvasshytta Lodge, where coffee and Danish pastries will be served. Enjoy some free time to browse through the souvenir shop, or take a short walk along the lake before reboarding your coach. On the way back, an additional photo stop will be made at the Flydal Viewpoint to take pictures of Geiranger and the fjord where your yacht is anchored.



Set out to discover Geiranger, a picturesque village nestled in the heart of Norway, renowned for its breathtaking views and a storied past. Begin your journey with a leisurely stroll through the village center, soaking in the serene atmosphere of this quaint locale.

Your adventure continues with a hike along the babbling Geiranger River, an easy trek that sets the stage for the exhilarating climb ahead. Prepare yourself for the vigorous ascent beside the roaring Storfossen Waterfall, where a stairway to splendor awaits. Though challenging, this climb promises rewarding views and an unforgettable connection with the raw beauty of Norway's natural wonders.

### KAYAKING THE GEIRANGERFJORD BOOKING CODE: NOGNR303 | \$105pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3 hours)

TIME OF DAY: AM (Jun 9 & Jul) or PM (Jun 10)



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA JUN 9 2024 | WVO JUN 10 2024 | WNA JUL 12 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240609 | WVO240610 | WNA240712

Experience the serene beauty of Geirangerfjord from a different perspective by kayaking on its crystal-clear waters. Your adventure begins as you drive through the charming village of Geiranger to the kayak base. Upon arrival, you'll meet your experienced guides, who will provide you with a safety briefing and instructions on paddling techniques.

Afterward, set off aboard your kayak, viewing the majestic Seven Sisters Waterfall at a safe distance. This waterfall has seven cascades, with the tallest one boasting a vertical plunge of approximately 820 feet. Appreciate a pause at an ideal viewing point for the opportunity to take some prize-winning photos. Your knowledgeable guide will share fascinating information about the Geirangerfjord, the towering mountains that create its walls, and the stunning cascades. After your kayaking experience, paddle back to the base, filled with exhilarating memories of your once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Please note: All guests are welcome, including those with no previous sea kayaking experience. However, it is recommended guests be in good physical condition to participate.



Pedal your way around some of Norway's most impressive sights with a guided bike tour that begins 3,000 feet above sea level and ends at the fjord in Geiranger, with lots of photo stops in between. From the pier, board your transportation for a scenic journey up the mountain to Djupvasshytta Lodge. Along the way, take time to admire the incredible views of Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site, from the Flydalsjuvet Viewpoint.

Once you arrive at the lodge, be sure to soak in the phenomenal beauty of your surroundings and snap a photo or two. Then, be outfitted with a bike and helmet. After you jump onto your bike, it's all downhill from here. Enjoy the stunning views as you follow your guide down the mountain, going as fast or slowly as you wish and stopping wherever you like on the way back to Geiranger.

### GEIRANGER, NORWAY (3 OF 3)

GEIRANGER ZIPLINE BOOKING CODE: NOGNR305 | \$105pp HALF DAY (Approx. 2 hours) TIME OF DAY: AM (Jul) or PM (Jun 9 & Jun 10)



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA JUN 9 2024 | WVO JUN 10 2024 | WNA JUL 12 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240609 | WVO240610 | WNA240712

Experience an exhilarating zipline adventure in the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Geirangerfjord. From treetop to treetop, over gorges and waterfalls, whiz down four thrilling ziplines with the comforting knowledge that you are well secured.

Start your excursion walking along the waterfall path from Geiranger to the nature park, about 30 minutes uphill, then receive instruction and don your safety equipment. Revel in approximately 45 minutes of zipline fun along the waterfalls and through the forest before taking the footpath back to your yacht.

Please note: The footpath is around 2.2 miles and includes around 200 steps. The minimum weight and height for participation are 66 lbs and 3 feet 7 inches. Guests should be fit enough to take on the walking and climbing.

### GREENOCK (GLASGOW), SCOTLAND (1 OF 3)



Discover Stirling's incredible military heritage and immerse yourself in the key highlights of this important historical crossroads. Stirling Castle, situated high on a volcanic rock above the River Forth, controlled one of the primary routes between the Scottish Highlands and the lowlands for centuries, earning the title Key to the Kingdom. From the Castle's walls, you can view a total of seven momentous battlefields. Legend has it that King Arthur took the original castle from the Saxons, although there is no evidence of a castle before 1124. Your guide will share the history of this fortification with you and show you the key areas, including the Palace, Chapel Royal, Prince's Tower, the King's Old Building, now a regimental museum, and the Great Hall. Take some time to explore the castle and Stirling's town center at your leisure.

In one of the country's most iconic battlefields, Bannockburn, you'll see the towering Wallace Monument, which honors the life of Sir William Wallace, who led the struggle for Scottish independence at the end of the 13th century. Inside the monument, you'll find various exhibitions, and climbing the 246 steps to the top provides spectacular panoramic views of Stirling.



Relish a trip to the Falkirk Wheel, Scotland's most exciting masterpiece of 21st-century engineering and the only rotating boat lift in the world. See the 300-ton gondolas holding 132,000 gallons of water, enough to fill an Olympic-size swimming pool, and using only a small amount of energy. Be a part of the action and enjoy the thrill of traveling on the wheel in a barge while it's turning and take a short trip along the wheel's aqueduct. You'll be thrilled by this fantastic feat of engineering.

Next, head over to The Kelpies, which pay homage to the working horses of Scotland that used to pull barges along Scotland's canals. Standing 100 feet tall, they represent mythical water horses and are comprised of a steel structure weighing an incredible 300 tons, taking almost a decade to make. Enjoy an approximate 30-minute guided tour both inside and outside these magnificent structures. Afterward, have some time to browse the visitor center, where you can watch informative audio-visual presentations, pick up a few souvenirs, or perhaps relax in the café.

### GREENOCK (GLASGOW), SCOTLAND (2 OF 3)



Enjoy a panoramic tour of Glasgow and learn about the history of the elegant buildings designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Alexander 'Greek' Thomson, and the City Chambers in George Square. Glasgow is a former City of Architecture and Design, and during your panoramic overview, you'll see the impressive 13th-century Cathedral, the historic Tolbooth Steeple, and the impressive façade of the University of Glasgow.

Scotland and Glasgow's premier civic museum and art gallery, Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, has great significance to the people of Glasgow and its surroundings. The wonderful red sandstone building first opened in 1901 and is home to collections of international importance. It has one of the finest collections of arms and armor in the world and a vast natural history collection. The art collection includes many outstanding European artworks by the Old Masters, French Impressionists, Dutch Renaissance, Scottish Colorists, and the Glasgow School. You can explore the history behind the objects with one of the museum's curators, who can bring the artifacts to life.

Please note: Artwork and exhibitions on display may vary. This tour may operate in reverse.



Relax during a scenic coach drive to the picturesque conservation village of Luss, which sits on the western shore of Loch Lomond. Legend has it that the village takes its name from an adaptation of the French for the heraldic flower, the iris, or fleur de lys. The village has a rich deposit of bluish gray slate stones running through it, and during spring and summer, the neat rows of cottages come alive with elaborate flower displays. You can still find mounds of beautifully stacked slate stones around the village today.

Join your local Luss guide for a walking tour of the village and pass by the local Smokehouse, where fish is traditionally smoked over beech wood. Just to the south of the center of the village, and still overlooking the Loch, is Luss Church, where you can visit inside and watch a short presentation. No visit to Luss is complete without taking in the view from the end of the pier, with Mount Ben Lomond standing proudly over Loch Lomond. After your guided walk, enjoy some free time to stroll, do a bit of shopping, or take refreshments at one of the many lovely bars or restaurants before rejoining your coach for the return journey to the pier.

Please note: If a service or function is taking place in the church, only an exterior viewing will be permitted.

### GREENOCK (GLASGOW), SCOTLAND (3 OF 3)



Immerse yourself in the architectural splendor of Glasgow, a city celebrated for its remarkable synthesis of design and heritage. Glide through the bustling streets on a panoramic tour that unveils the storied façades of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's and Alexander 'Greek' Thomson's masterworks, alongside the grandeur of George Square and the City Chambers — a testament to Glasgow's revered status as a past City of Architecture and Design.

Witness the medieval grandiosity of the 13th-century Glasgow Cathedral and the iconic Tolbooth Steeple, standing as proud vestiges of the city's rich past. Gaze upon the University of Glasgow, its impressive façade a narrative of academic prestige. Your exploratory journey culminates in George Square, where you'll have the freedom to roam, absorb the city's vibrant atmosphere, and perhaps find a quiet corner to reflect on the intertwining of history and modernity that defines Glasgow.

## **GRÍMSEY**, ICELAND (1 OF 1)



Enjoy a guided stroll around Grímsey, perched on the edge of the Arctic Circle. With a modest population of around 86 residents, this secluded island offers a rare glimpse into a serene, close-knit community living in harmony with the untamed Arctic environment.

As you traverse the rugged terrain, a local guide will illuminate Grímsey's rich tapestry of history and nature. You'll tread lightly on paths woven through history, where every rock and cliff tells a story of survival and tradition. The crisp Arctic air and the call of seabirds overhead will be your companions as you explore this remote sanctuary, a place where the pulse of nature beats strong and the dance of day and night under the midnight sun is ever mesmerizing.

### **GRUNDARFJÖRÐUR**, ICELAND (1 OF 3)



Venture out from the quaint harbor of Grundarfjörður and embrace the allure of Snaefellsnes Peninsula, a realm where nature's artistry and historical lore converge. Your excursion unveils the rugged coastal beauty and charming hamlets en route to the mystic Snaefellsjökull Glacier, immortalized by Jules Verne's *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. Pause at Djúpalónssandur beach, where a tranquil stroll leads you to a lookout with commanding views of the wild Atlantic. Here, amid the whispers of ocean waves, discover the haunting remains of a shipwrecked trawler—a stark reminder of the sea's untamed might.

Journey on, skirting the imposing Lóndrangar Cliffs, to Malarrif, where a visit to the informative Visitor Center awaits. Then, it's off to the picturesque village of Arnarstapi, a haven of extraordinary lava formations and a summer symphony of nesting seabirds. Capture this enchanting landscape with your camera during strategic photo stops and savor local refreshments in this serene outpost. The tour culminates in the unique setting of Búðir, set against a canvas of black lava fields and one of Iceland's rare golden beaches. Absorb the tranquility of this remarkable spot before returning to Grundarfjörður, enriched by the day's unforgettable sights.

Please note: Due to the unpredictable nature of weather in Iceland, dress in layers and wear sturdy hiking shoes or boots. The order of sites visited may vary.



Step off the pier and embark on a scenic walking tour to Grundarfjörður's cherished local gem, the picturesque waterfalls at the base of the awe-inspiring Kirkjufell Mountain. Grundarfjörður, a historic Icelandic settlement, has been a bustling trading hub since the Age of Settlement, with archaeological finds revealing its layered history. Once among Iceland's first six official trading centers of the 15th century, its rich past is palpable in every step.

As you ascend the hill from the pier, you'll reach a prime vantage point offering panoramic views of the charming town and its fjord, weather permitting. The path then weaves past quaint horse stables, leading you to the formidable Kirkjufell, often hailed as one of the world's most stunning mountains. At the journey's heart lies the Kirkjufell Waterfall, a natural work of art setting a breathtaking stage for the mountain behind. Seize this moment to capture unforgettable photographs against this iconic backdrop, before meandering back to the pier, enriched by the beauty of Grundarfjörður.

Please note: Expect to walk over uneven surfaces. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues.

## **GRUNDARFJÖRÐUR**, ICELAND (2 OF 3)



Descend into the depths of one of the world's most enigmatic natural wonders on this expedition to the Snaefellsjökull Glacier, a site shrouded in the lore of mystics and the pen of Jules Verne in his storied novel *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. Standing at a lofty 4,744 feet, Snaefellsjökull is not just a towering ice cap but also a beacon of mystery, long regarded as a potent source of ancient energy.

Your path winds through quaint fishing villages, nestled against the stark beauty of Iceland's coastline, leading you to the heart of the Snaefellsnes Peninsula. There, you'll meet with your guide at the mouth of Vatnshellir, the 'Water cave,' an 8,000-year-old lava tube that extends for 656 feet and was forged by the fierce wrath of a volcanic eruption from the nearby Purkhólar Crater.

Prepare to delve 115 feet below the earth's surface into the cave's two main chambers. The upper section boasts a spectacle of surreal lava formations, beckoning you into a world untouched by time. A descent down a narrow stairway transports you to the cave's shadowy recesses, a secret realm that for millennia was hidden away from the outside world.



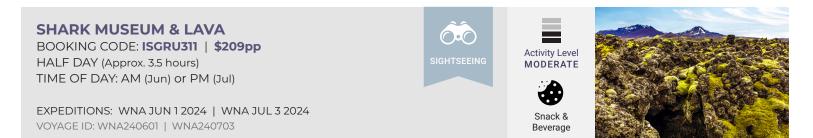
Step back in time as you stroll through Grundarfjörður, an Icelandic harbor town steeped in history. Once a bustling hub in the Age of Settlement, today it stands as one of Iceland's six original trading posts from the 15th century, with layers of time unearthed through ongoing archaeological discoveries.

Your journey begins at the pier, where you'll ascend to a vantage point offering sprawling views of the fjord cradled by the town. If the skies are clear, the hillside panorama will be nothing short of spectacular. Your path then winds past rustic horse stables, leading you toward the formidable presence of Kirkjufell Mountain.

Celebrated as one of the globe's most awe-inspiring peaks, and the most photographed in Iceland, it presents a perfect tableau for your lens. Seize the moment to capture memories against its commanding backdrop before the return to the pier, images of Iceland's enduring beauty forever etched in your collection.

Please note: Expect to walk over uneven surfaces. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues.

### **GRUNDARFJÖRÐUR**, ICELAND (3 OF 3)



Enjoy an exploration that weaves Iceland's tapestry of saga and sea. Departing from Grundarfjörður pier, your first encounter is with the haunting Celtic cross at Kampur, a poignant tribute to a French fisherman's tragedy at sea and a symbol of kinship between Grundarfjörður and the French city of Paimpol.

As the journey unfolds, you'll traverse the eerie expanse of Kolgrafarfjörður, a haven of wildlife and ethereal vistas. The narrative deepens at Berserkjahraun, the Berserker Lava Fields, whose tumultuous surface mirrors the ferocity of the Icelandic Eyrbyggja Saga from which it derives its name.

Climbing through Kerlingaskarð, you'll crest the rise to find yourself on Vatnaleið, where a viewing platform offers a grandstand to nature's drama. Your adventure culminates at the Bjarnarhöfn Shark Museum, where you'll not only delve into the depths of seafaring lore but, if you wish, also brave the traditional Icelandic delicacies of fermented shark and Brennivín Schnapps.

Please note: The venues on this tour are wheelchair accessible, but guests in wheelchairs must be able to enter and exit the tour vehicle unassisted or with the help of a companion.



Step into the world of the Vikings, as a true descendant of these fierce warriors greets you. Together, you'll stride across the Naerøy River bridge, traveling back in time through a millennium. The echoes of the past resonate in Gudvangen, once a thriving hub of Norse seafarers. Today, the spirit of the age is rekindled in Njardarheimr, a Viking village reborn. Immerse yourself in a living tableau of Viking culture, where the community breathes life into the customs of their forebears.

In Njardarheimr, you'll wander amid homes and halls of yore, as your Viking guide unveils the secrets of their ancient world. Delve into the Norse pantheon, discover the flavors of their hearth, and marvel at their crafts. Learn about the art of Viking warfare, an intricate dance of skill and steel. You'll not only absorb the Viking heritage but can opt to partake in their daily toils. If you wish, follow your guide back to the present, carrying with you tales and truths of the Viking way. However, should the hour with the Vikings have ignited a fire in your heart, choose to linger in this realm of the past, eventually making your own way back to the yacht.

### HEIMAEY (VESTMANNAEYJAR), ICELAND (1 OF 2)



Explore remarkable Vestmannaeyjar, a small archipelago that boasts a captivating history and breathtaking natural beauty. Drive into the Herjólfsdalur Valley to discover the ruins of old farmhouses dating back to the settlement period. Continue along the scenic western part of the island, with a chance to view the outer islands of the archipelago. Witness the youngest island, Surtsey, a UNESCO World Heritage site that formed in a volcanic eruption in 1963.

Stop at Cape Stórhöfði and enjoy magnificent views over the islands, and on clear days, glimpses of glaciers on the mainland. Visit two volcanoes, 6,000-year-old Helgafell and Eldfell, also known as Fire Mountain, whose 1973 eruption led to the evacuation of the islanders to the mainland. Stop at a viewing point overlooking the town and drive over the new lava field, passing by Skansinn, the spot where the lava flow stopped in 1973. Here, you'll find a Norwegian stave church, the only one of its kind in Iceland.

Explore the Eldheimar Museum, sometimes called The Pompeii of the North, where the history and aftermath of the 1973 eruption are explored. The museum also features an absorbing exhibition about how nature has developed on newly-formed Surtsey.



Join an informative local guide to explore the island's volcanic highlights up close. Start the tour at the naturally formed harbor, which almost disappeared during the massive volcanic eruption of 1973. Take a short walk to reach Skansinn, a replica of a fort built by orders of the Danish king in the 17th century to protect the islands from theft and foreign trade. Then, hike up a small hill and over the new lava fields formed during the 1973 eruption.

Next, walk along the edge of the lava field with stunning views over the small town, and see signs of old houses buried during the eruption. Continue on to the crater of Eldfell, known as Fire Mountain, and learn more about the power of nature on these picturesque islands. On the way, your guide will share insights about the eruption that forced almost all of the 5,000 inhabitants to be swiftly evacuated to the mainland.

### HEIMAEY (VESTMANNAEYJAR), ICELAND (2 OF 2)



Discover the charm and history of Vestmannaeyjar, a small but remarkable archipelago in the North Atlantic Ocean. Begin your exploration at the stunning natural harbor, where you'll see the towering cliffs filled with a variety of birds that have been an essential food source for the islanders for centuries. From there, drive to the Herjólfsdalur Valley to explore ruins of old farmhouses dating back to the original settlement. As you continue along the western part of the island, take in views of the archipelago's outer islands, including the youngest one, Surtsey, a UNESCO World Heritage site formed during a volcanic eruption in 1963.

Take in breathtaking views of the islands and even glaciers on the mainland from the stunning Stórhöfði viewpoint, then continue to the Helgafell and Eldfell volcanoes. The considerably younger Eldfell, also known as Fire Mountain, erupted in 1973, forcing islanders to evacuate to the mainland. Stop at a viewpoint for a panorama of the area before continuing your journey over the new lava field to Skansinn, a fort where you'll see a unique stave church donated by the state of Norway. As a conclusion to your illuminating tour, enjoy a leisurely drive through town.

### HOLYHEAD, WALES (1 OF 2)

### CAERNARFON CASTLE BOOKING CODE: GBHLH301 | \$139pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PM



Activity Level ACTIVE



EXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 16 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240516

From Holyhead, enjoy a scenic drive from the picturesque Island of Anglesey and across the imposing Britannia Bridge, which rises 105 feet above the channel. Continue to the royal town of Caernarfon and its namesake castle. Part of the Ring of Iron, Edward I's fearsome collection of colossal fortresses in his campaign for the domination of Wales, UNESCO included Caernarfon in a World Heritage site collectively called the Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd.

Your tour of this imposing fortress will take you from the structure's well-preserved battlements to the top of one or more of its eight mighty towers. Soak up the dramatic views that vary as you make your way along the crenellated walls. Look out on the Seiont River estuary and the boat-dotted harbor and let your eyes wander across the rooftops of the 13th-century walled city that hugs the waterfront and climbs the surrounding hills.

Please note: Caernarfon Castle has several tall towers and gateways, and, as a result, many steps. Although the castle can be enjoyed at ground level, much of the site is accessed via steep, narrow spiral staircases, some of which are uneven, including the wall walks and some internal rooms. Throughout the castle, expect to navigate threshold steps at doorways and low door heights.

## HISTORIC BEAUMARIS & CASTLE BOOKING CODE: GBHLH302 | \$139pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PM EXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 16 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240516

Travel across the island of Anglesey to the enchanting small town of Beaumaris, which looks out across the Menai Strait to the mountains of Snowdonia on the North Wales mainland. The town was founded in 1296, after Edward I decided to build a castle on the site. However, the castle was never finished as money and supplies ran out before the fortifications reached their full height. Beaumaris is nonetheless an imposing sight, regarded by many as the finest of all the great Edwardian castles in Wales.

In pure architectural terms, Beaumaris is the most technically perfect castle in Britain. Its ingenious and perfectly symmetrical concentric walls design, involving no fewer than four successive lines of fortifications, was state-of-theart for the late 13th century. The town itself became one of the most important ports in Wales – a center for farming, fishing, seafaring and piracy. During Victorian times, Beaumaris' economy shifted to tourism as the first steamships brought visitors to the town. A stroll through Beaumaris is a journey through history, complete with medieval fortifications, old inns, elegant Georgian and Victorian townhouses, churches and chapels.

Please note: In the exterior, expect to walk over grass and gravel surfaces, and within the castle, over uneven surfaces, steps and narrow doors with the aid of handrails. Although much of the castle can be seen from ground level, access to the corridors within the castle is via various narrow staircases of around 10-15 steps. While the towers are fairly short, there is still a considerable number of steps should you wish to experience the wall walks.

### HOLYHEAD, WALES (2 OF 2)

### SCENIC SNOWDONIA BOOKING CODE: GBHLH303 | \$119pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 16 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240516

Immerse yourself in the grandeur of Snowdonia National Park, a realm where the majestic peak of Snowdon reigns supreme. As you traverse this land rich in culture and heritage, ready your camera to capture the splendor of Wales' soaring heights and the quaint charm of its towns. Your journey through Snowdonia offers vistas that are a photographer's delight, whether it's the grandeur of the mountains or the serene beauty of Caernarfon and Llanberis. Each moment presents a snapshot of nature's artistry.

As the tour unfolds, find tranquility in Betws-y-Coed, the gateway to Snowdonia. Here, appreciate free time to meander down enchanting lanes or discover treasures within the local boutiques. Delight in the unique creations, from handcrafted wonders to the finest local delicacies. Snowdonia is not just a place, but a storied landscape where every hill and valley, every babbling brook and stone-built village, tells a tale of Wales' enduring spirit.



A drive across the Isle of Anglesey and over the suspension Menai Bridge takes you to the mainland, where you will head to the village of Caernarfon. Schedule permitting, enjoy free time to explore this charming town, one of the historic centers of Wales. Its remote past was enshrined in legend when, just over seven hundred years ago, an English king chose it to be the seat of a new administration and gave it new fame as the cradle of a line of English princes.

Then, embark on a scenic journey from the Welsh Highland Railway Station. Aboard this restored narrow gauge steam railway, travel through wide open spaces and narrow valleys from Caernarfon to Rhyd Ddu. After a spectacular, approximately hour-long journey, alight in the town of Rhyd Ddu, where you rejoin your coach for a scenic drive through the Snowdonia National Park and Beddgelert, some of the most beautiful scenery in Wales.

Please note: Expect to walk over steps and uneven ground. Guests must be able to get on and off the train unassisted of with the help of a companion. Participants with mobility issues or other medical conditions should carefully assess their level of ability.

### HONFLEUR (NORMANDY), FRANCE (1 OF 3)



Set off on a leisurely 15-minute journey on foot to the heart of picturesque Honfleur, where a walking tour awaits to transport you through a tapestry of historical marvels. Wander the cobblestone streets, lined with charming timber-framed houses, and witness the storied salt warehouses that whisper tales of a bygone era. Behold the Lieutenance, once the abode of the city's governor, standing sentinel over the Old Port, with its delightful quayside that beckons photographers and romantics alike.

As you meander through this enchanting town, you'll encounter the awe-inspiring Sainte-Catherine church, a testament to France's most significant wooden architecture, dating back to the 15th century. Its bell tower, an architectural wonder, stands detached yet proud. Hear the fascinating story of its origins, born from the ashes of a stone church, reconstructed not by stonemasons, but by the adept hands of shipbuilders who poured their nautical expertise into every beam and truss. Following the tour, savor the opportunity to explore at your own pace, whether it's indulging in local shopping or simply soaking in the ambiance of this historic gem.

Please note: This tour is available to guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues via private vehicle only on request. The order of sites visited may vary.



Set out from the pier on a scenic drive to the captivating countryside of Étretat, where nature's dramatic artistry takes center stage. Here, where the towering cliffs meet the fury of the waves, find yourself in the same landscape that stirred Claude Monet to create his iconic impressionist works.

Your adventure begins with a hike near the quaint Hameau de Jumel, en route to the Antifer lighthouse. Embrace the rich biodiversity as you traverse the Valleuse d'Antifer. Let the raw beauty of La Pointe de la Courtine take your breath away, with views of the immense Manneporte, a natural arch sculpted by the relentless English Channel.

As you follow the coastal path, nature's grandeur unfolds with the imposing Porte d'Aval and its renowned, soaring 167-foot Aiguille piercing the sky. The awe-inspiring Falaise d'Aval offers a panoramic path that promises to be the highlight of your trek. After absorbing the rugged splendor of the cliffs, enjoy some leisure time to explore the charming city center of Étretat. Stroll through the streets, immerse in the local ambiance, and then return to the comfort of your coach for the drive back to Honfleur.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues. The order of sites visited may vary.

### HONFLEUR (NORMANDY), FRANCE (2 OF 3)



Depart Honfleur on an evocative journey to Colleville-sur-Mer, the heart of Normandy's hallowed beaches. Witness the poignant reminders of June 6, 1944, and honor the valor of the Allied forces who stormed these shores during a pivotal day in history. Your pilgrimage begins at the American Cemetery, perched above Omaha Beach, where waves now gently lap against a coastline that once bore witness to the profound sacrifices of 10,000 U.S. soldiers. Take a moment to reflect amid the rows of white crosses that stretch towards the horizon, a stark and moving testament to bravery and liberation.

Next, stand on the sands of Omaha Beach, known as "The Bloody One," and let the gravity of the day's events wash over you. After paying your respects, retreat to a nearby restaurant nestled amidst the D-Day beaches of Port-en-Bessin. After lunch, continue to Arromanches, to encounter the artifacts and stories housed within the Museum of the Landing Day. Glimpse the vestiges of the floating harbor from a vantage point overlooking the beach, a silent sentinel to the monumental endeavors of the Allied forces. Inside, explore illuminating exhibits that bring to life Operation Mulberry and Operation Overlord through models and films.

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Set out from Honfleur via highway to the enchanting village of Giverny, where the spirit of Impressionism lingers in the air. Upon arrival, you'll enjoy lunch at the Grange de Fontenay, a quintessentially Norman restaurant nestled within an impressionist's dream landscape. Here, you'll savor a lunch that is as visually appealing as it is delicious, fueling you for the afternoon's exploration. Step into the world of Claude Monet with a guided tour of the artist's beloved home and gardens, now a museum dedicated to his legacy. The vibrant pink and green facade of the house welcomes you to discover the personal collection of Japanese prints Monet cherished, set amongst the warm yellow tones of the dining room and the tranquil ambiance of the 'blue' reading room.

Venture outside to the brilliantly hued flower garden, meticulously restored to Monet's original vision. Each bloom contributes to the living canvas that inspired many of his masterpieces. Across the way, the serene water garden, with its Japanese bridge and reflective pond, evokes the tranquil scenes from Monet's celebrated water lilies series. Conclude your visit with leisurely strolls through the picturesque lanes of Giverny, allowing the charm of this artists' retreat to imprint upon your memory.

Please note: This tour is available to guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues via private vehicle only on request. The order of sites visited may vary.

## HONFLEUR (NORMANDY), FRANCE (3 OF 3)



Discover the idyllic landscapes of the Auge country, where the lush Côte Fleurie gives way to a picturesque hinterland of pasturelands, thatched cottages, and noble manor houses. This region is celebrated not only for its bucolic charm but also for its cider and cheeses, the pride of Normandy. Arrive in Beuvron-en-Auge, a village distinguished as one of France's most beautiful, boasting over 30 half-timbered houses that narrate the tale of traditional Norman architecture.

Continue to the esteemed Busnel Distillery, a beacon of Calvados production. Here, you'll witness the apple press at work, the gleaming copper stills, and the aging process in oak casks. Your visit culminates in a tasting of premier apple brandy, complemented by cider and pommeau, a delightful aperitif crafted from Calvados and pressed apple juice. To complete this gastronomic delight, savor a selection of Normandy's soft cheeses: the world-renowned Camembert, the exquisite Pont l'Evêque, and the robust Livarot, all served with classic French bread.

Please note: This tour is available to guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues via private vehicle only on request. The order of sites visited may vary.

## INVERGORDON (LOCH NESS), SCOTLAND (1 OF 1)



Head south of Invergordon and Inverness to famous Loch Ness for a chance to glimpse the mythical Loch Ness Monster. Visit wonderful Urquhart Castle, a critical strategic stronghold in the Highlands. Its position on the banks of Loch Ness placed it on a main route through the Great Glen of the Highlands. Learn the castle's checkered history came to a dramatic demise in 1692 when it was blown up to prevent it from falling into Jacobite hands.

What remains are picturesque and impressive ruins, surrounded on three sides by the cold deep waters of Loch Ness. Visit the excellent visitor's center, which features an exhibition, a film, a shop and a restaurant. Absorb the fortification's dramatic history, which dates back in written records to the 6th century, and even further back in archaeology and folklore. Enjoy ample time to explore the castle's remains and take in lovely vistas of Loch Ness.



Explore Dunrobin Castle, ancestral home of the Sutherland Clan, and delve into centuries of Scottish history. As you arrive, you'll be captivated by the impressive 13th-century keep, which has remained standing despite various additions over the years. Witness the evolution of the castle's architecture as you explore the palatial structure, from its origins as a fort to a Scottish Baronial-style house, remodeled in 1845 by Sir Charles Barry, architect for the Houses of Parliament.

Take a stroll through the enchanting formal gardens, designed by Barry and based on the iconic Versailles. The gardens' walled structure provides a stunning view overlooking the sea. If you're lucky, you'll catch a glimpse of the ancient sport of falconry in action, as displays take place in the gardens at fixed times. The castle's interior is just as impressive as its exterior, with a Scottish Renaissance-style largely the work of Sir Robert Lorimer, who redesigned the rooms after a fire in 1915. As you roam the building and grounds at your leisure, discover the significant contributions that each architect has made to the castle's structure. Throughout your visit, your guide and castle steward will be on hand to offer insights into the stronghold's rich history.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs.

Join us for an exhilarating introduction to the wonderful sport of sea kayaking. You'll paddle under the awe-inspiring mountains that tower over the charming town of Ísafjörður, experiencing the closeness of nature and the beauty of the landscape from an exciting angle, all while being in a safe environment. First, receive a short lesson in paddling, then start exploring the fjord, keeping a sharp lookout for various bird species and seals.

This tour is sure to be an unforgettable experience, giving you the chance to immerse yourself in the stunning scenery, while getting a workout in too. Whether you're an experienced kayaker or a beginner, this trip is perfect for anyone looking for adventure and a chance to connect with Iceland's natural beauty.

Please note: On this tour, participants must be a minimum of 12 years old.

# **ISAFJÖRÐUR**, ICELAND (1 OF 3)

**BACKSTREETS OF ÍSAFJÖRÐUR** 

HALF DAY (Approx. 2 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM

BOOKING CODE: ISISF301 | \$69pp

### EXPEDITIONS: WNA JUN 1 2024 | WNA JUN 9 2024 | WNA JUL 3 2024 | WNA JUL 12 2024 | WNA AUG 10 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240601 | WNA240609 | WNA240703 | WNA240712 | WNA240810

Experience the culture and history of Isafjörður, the capital of the Westfjords, on a fascinating walking tour. As the largest town in the region and the center of its municipality, fishing has always been the main industry here, with one of the largest fisheries in Iceland. Despite its size and isolation, Ísafjörður has a surprisingly urban and cultural atmosphere.

As you walk along the backstreets of the Old Town, gain a unique insight into the lifestyle of the locals. Discover how they cope with the darkness of winter and how the constant sunlight recharges them during the summer. Learn about how the fish industry has changed over time and the impact it has had on the lives of the residents.

Your tour concludes at The Maritime Museum, which houses the oldest house in Iceland, built in 1734, surrounded by other historic home mostly built by foreign traders in the late 18th century. After exploring the museum, take a leisurely walk back to the yacht, taking in the sights and sounds of this charming town.

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## ISAFJÖRÐUR, ICELAND (2 OF 3)



Experience the magnificent beauty of the Westfjords on this memorable tour. You'll start by visiting the stunning Dynjandi Waterfall, one of the area's main attractions, often called the Jewel of the Westfjords. After taking a scenic route from the port of Ísafjörður, enjoy plenty of time to take in the mesmerizing view and capture the perfect photo of this breathtaking waterfall.

Next, head to the remote and quaint village of Suðureyri, known for its sustainable food producers and scenic location. Here, you'll walk the popular seafood trail and get a glimpse into local village life at the edge of the Arctic Circle. Witness the thriving community process Iceland's finest fish and learn how their seafood can go from ocean to plate in only 36 hours. Finally, relish an opportunity to taste their delicious products.



Experience the untamed beauty of Iceland's Westfjords on a thrilling whale-watching tour aboard a small rigid inflatable boat (RIB). You're certain to be captivated by the stunning beauty of the Ísafjarðardjúp fjord. Bask in mesmerizing scenery and picturesque mountain ranges as you sail along spectacular Snaefjallaströnd, which roughly translates to snowy mountain coast and boasts soaring, white-capped peaks.

From your unique viewpoint at nearly sea level, look out for local fauna in their natural environment, as you might spot whales, dolphins and even seals. The rich birdlife of the fjord, especially on the beautiful island of Vigur, is a must-see. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for red-beaked puffins, a delightful species that often calls Vigur home.

Please note: Sightings of specific wildlife, including whales, cannot be guaranteed.

# ISAFJÖRÐUR, ICELAND (3 OF 3)



Venture on a picturesque journey through several stunning fjords, as you leave Ísafjörður for a glimpse into Iceland's past. Within approximately an hour's drive, you'll be transported to Litlibaer, the charming turf house perched atop a hill, offering panoramic views of Skötufjörður—a haven for an array of wildlife. At Litlibaer, you'll be warmly welcomed by a local family, the custodians of this historic home. Immerse yourself in the heritage as the family, deeply rooted in this land, shares stories of generations past. Engage in a hands-on culinary adventure as you churn fresh cream into butter, to be spread upon traditional Icelandic flatbread. As you indulge in coffee and traditional delicacies, let the tranquility of the fjord envelop you.

On your return to Ísafjörður, make a stop at the Hvítanes Viewing Platform for an encounter with seals frolicking in the surf, and take a moment to explore the remnants of old fishermen's huts—a testament to the area's rich maritime history. Your tour concludes with a final stop at the Kambsnes Viewpoint, where you'll be treated to a 360-degree spectacle of the mountainous majesty that defines Ísafjarðardjúp, Iceland's longest fjord.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs, but is suitable for guests with mobility issues who are able to get on and off the tour bus unassisted or with the help of a companion.

## KIRKWALL (ORKNEY ISLANDS), SCOTLAND (1 OF 2)

RING OF BRODGAR BOOKING CODE: GBKWL305 | \$105pp HALF DAY (Approx. 1.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA SEP 12 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240912

Journey to the interior of Orkney's largest island, Mainland, and discover the millennia-old Ring of Brogdar. Traverse a gentle rolling landscape and venture into the Neolithic Heartland, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its wealth of prehistoric archaeology. Pass by the enigmatic Standing Stones of Stenness before stopping at the Ring of Brodgar, a massive ceremonial circle of stones that dates back almost 5,000 years. Take a moment to explore this ancient monument and bask in the serene beauty of the island's landscape.

Afterward, hop back on the coach and continue along a scenic coastal route that overlooks historic Scapa Flow, a renowned body of water that played a critical role as a British naval base during both World Wars.

Please note: Due to the site's soft ground, this tour is not recommended for guests in wheelchairs. Should these guests still wish to take part in the tour, they must be assisted by a companion.



Soak in the charms of Kirkwall on this enlightening walking tour. Begin in the town's quaint harbor, strolling along the ancient shoreline, which dates back to when the town was founded by the Vikings. Follow the flagstone-paved streets to the heart of the town while your guide regales you with tales of Kirkwall's fascinating history.

As you make your way through the enchanting streets, view the magnificent St. Magnus Cathedral, a striking 850-year-old sandstone structure that dominates the skyline of Kirkwall. Next, visit the Earl's and Bishop's Palace, once owned by the notorious Earl Patrick Stewart, illegitimate nephew of Mary Queen of Scots, who used forced labor to build the palace.

Finally, cap off your tour at the intriguing Orkney Museum, where you'll have some free time to explore the exhibits, browse the local shops, or simply stroll back to the yacht at your own pace.

Please note: This tour does not operate on Sundays. On holidays, shops may be closed.

## KIRKWALL (ORKNEY ISLANDS), SCOTLAND (2 OF 2)

# SOUTH ISLES PANORAMA<br/>BOOKING CODE: GBKWL307 | \$109pp<br/>HALF DAY (Approx. 2.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PMImage: Distance<br/>SignatureImage: Distanc

Embark on a scenic coastal drive along the stunning Scapa Flow toward Orkney's charming South Isles. As you journey across the first of the Churchill Barriers, built during World War II to protect Scapa Flow from enemy invasion, take in captivating views of the surrounding scenery. Next, visit the awe-inspiring Italian Chapel, an incredible feat of resourcefulness and creativity built by Italian prisoners of war using only scavenged materials. Admire the intricate hand-painted interior, a testament not only to peace, but also to the prisoners' resilience, ingenuity, and skill.

Continue your journey south to the quaint village of St. Margaret's Hope on the island of South Ronaldsay. According to local legend, the village is named after Margaret, Maid of Norway, who tragically died near the area while en route to her wedding with King Edward II of England. Take a brief stop to stroll through the village's historic streets, which are lined with picturesque stone-built homes.

Please note: The order of sites visited may vary. On Sundays and holidays, shops may be closed



Depart from Kirkwall through the historic Viking town, past stunning St. Magnus Cathedral and into the serene countryside of Orkney's East Mainland. Once you arrive at The Gloup, you'll be amazed by this geological wonder, where a sea cave has collapsed, creating a breathtaking chasm.

As you walk along the cliff tops, discover a natural promontory called the Brough of Deerness. Once a clifftop settlement, this rocky outcrop is now a fascinating archaeological site. Your tour continues along the cliffs, offering spectacular views over Mull Head and the smaller offshore islands. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the local cliff birds and unique flora, adding to the beauty of this inspiring setting.

Please note: Expect to navigate uneven terrain. This tour is not recommended for guests in wheelchairs.

# LA CORUÑA OVERVIEW BOOKING CODE: ESLKN301 | \$59pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA EXPEDITIONS: WNA SEP 20 2024 | WVO OCT 12 2024 (TBA) VOYAGE ID: WNA240920 | WVO241012

This panoramic tour of La Coruña is a perfect way to experience the beauty and history of the city. With its distinctive windows, historic lighthouses, museums, and monuments, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Pass the city's fortress, Castle of San Antón, to reach the Tower of Hercules, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the oldest active lighthouse in the world. Take time to stroll around this colossal structure and the surrounding grounds.

Back on your coach, continue past the Aquarium of La Coruña, the Museum of Humanity and the Obelisk of the Crystal Millennium for a glimpse into the rich cultural heritage of the city. Take in the stunning views from Mount San Pedro and admire the cannon batteries that once protected the city. Stroll around Maria Pita Square, named after the brave woman who roused locals into defeating Sir Francis Drake, and conclude your enlightening tour by returning to your yacht or lingering for a while in this captivating city.

Please note: At time of publication, the WVO Oct 12 2024 tour is pending confirmation.



Discover the rich cultural heritage of Santiago de Compostela and enjoy a traditional lunch on a pedestrian visit to the historic center of this UNESCO World Heritage site, the final destination of millions of pilgrims for 1,200 years. View the Pórtico de la Gloria of the Cathedral of Santiago, a true masterpiece of Romanesque art covered with intricate carvings and reliefs adorning its columns and arches.

After, you'll explore the city's rich cultural heritage, visiting some of its most important squares and buildings, including the Colegio de San Jerónimo, Hostal de los Reyes Católicos, Palace of Raxoi, and the Church of San Fructuoso. Stroll through medieval streets and plazas lined with historic buildings and beautiful gardens, and experience the unique atmosphere of this ancient city.

The tour will conclude with a delicious lunch in the Parador de los Reyes Católicos, an old pilgrim hospital that has been converted into a luxury hotel. This historic building, with its impressive stone archways and high-vaulted ceilings, provides a glimpse into the lives of the millions of pilgrims who traveled to Santiago de Compostela over the centuries.

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## LA CORUÑA, SPAIN (2 OF 2)



Delight in a journey through history and taste as you visit the beautiful town of Betanzos. Nestled in the As Mariñas Peninsula, you'll be surrounded by breathtaking scenery and discover why this region was once the preferred residence of the Galician aristocracy. Drive along the stunning coastline, passing by the sheltered beaches of Bastiagueiro and Gandarío before reaching the so-called City of Knights, Betanzos.

This medieval town boasts a rich past reflected in monuments such as the Gothic churches of San Francisco and Santa María, the Iglesia de Santiago, and the Plaza del Campo. Conclude your captivating visit with a traditional cheese tasting experience, paired with the finest wines from the unique D.O. of Galicia.

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## LEITH (EDINBURGH), SCOTLAND (1 OF 3)

#### **THE CITY OF EDINBURGH & ITS CASTLE** BOOKING CODE: **GBLEI303** | **\$119pp** HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA SEP 12 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240912

Begin your fascinating tour with a panoramic drive through magical Edinburgh. See the elegant Georgian architecture of the New Town and Princes Street, before continuing along the medieval Royal Mile. Marvel at the impressive Edinburgh Castle at one end and the 17th century Palace of Holyroodhouse at the other. The Palace was home to Mary Queen of Scots from 1561 to 1568 and was occupied by Bonnie Prince Charlie in 1745. Uncover the rich history of this iconic residence, which is a British Royal Crown residence in Scotland. Drive up to one of the city's highest vantage points for breathtaking views of the city before visiting Edinburgh Castle.

A true Scottish icon, Edinburgh Castle is the most visited historic building in Scotland. Perched on an extinct volcano, it offers stunning views and is part of Edinburgh's UNESCO World Heritage site. Once inside, discern its many different architectural styles, reflecting its importance throughout Scotland's history from the 12th century to the present day. You'll also have the opportunity to view the Crown Jewels of Scotland and the storied Stone of Destiny, where for centuries Scottish monarchs were crowned.

Please note: If you wish to bring personal belongings, please pack them in a small bag or purse, as large backpacks are not permitted in the castle.



Enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh, one of the most scenic and historically rich capital cities in the world. Admire the impressive Georgian architecture of the New Town, charming Princes Street with its civic gardens, and parts of the medieval Royal Mile, which links imposing Edinburgh Castle with the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Situated atop an extinct volcano, Edinburgh Castle is a powerful symbol of Scotland's colorful history. As you tour the stronghold, you'll see the many different architectural styles that reflect its importance throughout Scottish history, with the oldest section dating back to the 12th century. You'll also have the opportunity to view the Crown Jewels of Scotland and the Stone of Destiny.

The Palace of Holyroodhouse has played a significant role in Scotland's history and is currently the King's official residence in Scotland. This majestic building was the home of Mary Queen of Scots when she returned to Scotland from France in 1561. During the tour, your guide will take you up to an ideally placed viewpoint for spectacular views over the city. Conclude your tour with up to an hour of free time to explore, shop, or relax over some refreshments.

Please note: In the event of the viewpoint being closed, another viewpoint will be visited that is only accessible via a path on an incline.

## LEITH (EDINBURGH), SCOTLAND (2 OF 3)



Join in the fun and learn to play the bagpipes with Louise Marshall, one of Scotland's most renowned pipers. Louise has played for the likes of Pope Benedict XVI, Her Majesty the Queen, Sir Sean Connery, Ewan McGregor, and The Proclaimers, and has even given bagpipe lessons to Brian May of the rock band Queen. Begin the experience with a whisky tasting hosted by a Society Whisky Ambassador, sampling four drams of fine Scottish whisky. Then, as you're welcomed by the sound of The Great Highland Bagpipe played by Louise, learn the basics of the chanter and discover how the bagpipes work, all while hearing a brief history of Scotland's national instrument.

During the workshop, Louise provides some fun Scottish and tartan wear for you to try on, including sporrans, glengarries, feather bonnets, plaids, and kilts. At the end of the session, you'll earn a bagpipe certificate and receive a small Scottish gift to take home as a souvenir. The Marshall family has welcomed millions of visitors to Scotland for almost 70 years, and now it's your turn to have a go at playing Scotland's national instrument with one of the best in the business.



Discover the intriguing history and legends of ornate Rosslyn Chapel. You'll be amazed by the intricate carvings in this intimate church, built in 1446 by Sir William St. Clair, thought to be a Grand Master of the Knights Templar. Originally planned as part of a much larger building, the chapel remains a captivating structure in its own right.

During your visit, learn about the chapel's strong links with the Knights Templar and its place as a site of pilgrimage. Explore the musty, undisturbed vaults that some believe may contain holy relics such as early gospels, the Ark of the Covenant, and even the mummified head of Christ. Marvel at the fascinating and elaborate carvings adorning the pillars, walls, and roof of the chapel, and search for hidden codes and messages, including carvings that suggest America was discovered 100 years earlier than Columbus' arrival.

## LEITH (EDINBURGH), SCOTLAND (3 OF 3)

#### THE ROYAL EDINBURGH BOTANIC GARDENS BOOKING CODE: GBLEI308 | \$79pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA SEP 12 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240912

Journey to the heart of Scotland's botanical heritage at the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens, an oasis of tranquility and natural wonder established over three centuries ago. Here, you'll meander through a living library of over 13,000 plant species, each with its own story. Your adventure begins with a glimpse of Edinburgh's storied past, as the imposing Edinburgh Castle looms above, a silent witness to the history of Scottish monarchs. Glide past the grandeur of Holyrood Palace, the Queen's esteemed Edinburgh residence, and onto the bustling Princes Street. Here, the Scott Monument stands as a tribute to literary greatness amidst the verdant Princes Street Gardens.

As you venture into the Georgian New Town, admire the stately townhouses and hidden private gardens. The culmination of your journey is the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens, nestled over 70 acres with sweeping city skyline vistas. Discover the serenity of the Queen Mother's Memorial Garden and marvel at the plant collections amassed by George Forrest, a botanical explorer whose passion for southwest China's flora enriched these gardens immensely. Be enchanted by the Chinese-style garden, where a traditional pavilion overlooks a cascading waterfall, set within the most comprehensive collection of Chinese wild plants outside China. This green sanctuary in the northern reaches of Edinburgh is a testament to centuries of horticultural excellence and exploration.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs that have a companion to assist them, as most of the gardens are accessible.

#### LERWICK (SHETLAND ISLANDS), SCOTLAND (1 OF 1)

#### JARLSHOF & SUMBURGH HEAD BIRD CLIFFS BOOKING CODE: GBTLD304 | \$155pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 24 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240524

As you depart from Lerwick, the capital of Shetland, you'll be driven down the west coast to the island's most southerly point. Along the way, pause to admire Mousa Broch, the world's tallest and best-preserved broch, or Iron Age round tower, provided weather conditions permit. With any luck, you'll see some seals at Rerwick and catch a glimpse of St. Ninian's Isle, where the 9th-century Pictish horde of silver was found in 1958.

The remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof is your next destination, an extraordinary settlement embracing at least 5,000 years of human history. The site contains a stunning series of stone structures, including late Neolithic houses, a Bronze-Age village, an Iron-Age broch and wheelhouses, several Norse longhouses, a medieval farmstead, and the 16th-century laird's house.

Next, visit the RSPB Reserve at Sumburgh Head, where you'll see Shetland's first lighthouse, built in 1821 by Robert Stevenson. The cliffs around Sumburgh Head are on the southernmost tip of mainland Shetland and attract thousands of seabirds, including puffins, guillemots, shags, and fulmars. On your return to Lerwick, be sure to keep an eye out for Shetland's beloved ponies.

Please note: Only some paths at Jarshof are suitable for guests in wheelchairs, and these guests must have a companion to assist them.



Your tour begins in Lerwick, a quaint fishing port founded in the 17th century. Admire the charming character of the town center, especially along the water's edge where the historic buildings are located. Next, you'll travel through Tingwall Valley, where you can learn about the island's Norse heritage and view a herd of Shetland Ponies up close. A local breeder will share insights about the history and characteristics of these small and hardy ponies.

Continue through the stunning Shetland scenery until you arrive in Scalloway. Here, you can visit the roofless castle built around 1600 by the tyrant Earl Patrick Stewart. Learn about his reign and his execution in Edinburgh in 1615. Then visit the local museum, which has a unique display about the so-called Shetland Bus, the boats that helped the Norwegian Resistance movement during WWII. Alternatively, you can stroll through Scalloway's Main Street and admire the waterfront. Next, cross to the Isle of Trondra and enjoy free time to explore the fishing village of Hamnavoe before returning to your yacht.

#### LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND (1 OF 2)

#### THE BEATLES EXPERIENCE BOOKING CODE: GBLPL301 | \$145pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WVO SEP 23 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO240923

Immerse yourself in the world of The Beatles and discover the iconic places that shaped their music and their legacy. Follow in the footsteps of John, Paul, George, and Ringo and explore the vibrant city of Liverpool, where it all began. Visit legendary sites such as Penny Lane and other lesser-known yet poignant spots. At the Victorian home Strawberry Field, where John took refuge during the post-WWII years, view an exhibition depicting the early years of the band.

Continue to The Beatles Story, an award-winning museum that traces the Fab Four's meteoric rise to fame. Browse replicas of the Casbah, the Cavern, and the streets of Hamburg while hearing The Beatles' history unfold with the help of audio guides. Marvel at rare exhibits and photographs of the band and their extraordinary lives. In the mysterious white room, be moved by John's recording of Imagine. This tour is a must-see for any fan of The Beatles or for anyone who wants to learn more about their influence on music and culture. Conclude the tour at your leisure, returning to the yacht either on foot or by coach.

Please note: Photo stops are subject to traffic conditions.



Uncover the beauty and rich history of Liverpool on this comprehensive tour of the city's visually stunning landmarks and historic architecture. Hear how Liverpool weathered two world wars and periods of decline to emerge as a thriving port and world-class destination. Visit the Anglican Cathedral, which dominates the city's skyline from high on St. James' Mount. This impressive sanctuary is the largest in the UK and fifth largest in the world. Admire the cathedral's fascinating features, including the largest organ in the UK and its stunning and over 18,000 square feet of stained glass. Discover memorials to notable Liverpool citizens such as Kitty Wilkinson, Saint of the Slums, and Thomas Henry Ismay, founder of the White Star Shipping Line.

Afterward, pause at Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, the UK's largest Catholic cathedral, with its striking architectural style and stained-glass lantern tower. In St. George's Quarter, admire fine Victorian architecture including St. George's Hall, an impressive example of neo-classical design. Take in additional sights such as The Three Graces, Albion House, The Royal Philharmonic Hall, and the beautifully restored Royal Albert Dock. At the conclusion of your illuminating tour, return to your yacht either by coach or on foot.

Please note: The order of sites visited may vary.



Explore the ancient Roman city of Chester and discover its superb archaeological and architectural treasures. See the city's impressive two miles of preserved walls and walk in the footsteps of Roman soldiers, medieval archers, and Georgian aristocracy while enjoying panoramic views of the city from atop the ramparts. Admire the largest Roman Amphitheatre ever excavated in Britain, which seated up to 7,000 spectators.

Continue to the town's imposing Chester Cathedral, constructed with weathered red sandstone and the most complete medieval monastic complex in Britain. Marvel at the Gothic architecture and learn about the cathedral's rich history, including its survival of Henry VIII's closure of monasteries in the 1540s. Begin a walking tour and see the famed black-and-white half-timbered structures that line Bridge Street and the Eastgate Clock, one of the world's most recognizable timepieces. Enjoy lunch at a local pub or restaurant before some free time to explore the historic cobbled streets, now lined with enticing boutiques.

Please note: The Roman Amphitheatre is viewed from the coach, but guests can choose to visit it during free time.

#### LONDON, ENGLAND (1 OF 2)



Embark on a captivating excursion starting with a sweep through London's vibrant Docklands before delving into the historic heart of the city. Witness the iconic Tower of London and the majestic Tower Bridge, then marvel at St. Paul's Cathedral's impressive dome, a testament to Sir Christopher Wren's architectural genius. Your journey continues through Trafalgar Square, under the watchful gaze of Lord Nelson atop his towering column, flanked by the illustrious National Gallery. Cruise past Haymarket, colorful Piccadilly, the dazzling lights of the West End and the lush expanse of St. James's Park. Glide along Whitehall, where the Horse Guards stand sentinel, and the nation's leaders strategize in Downing Street.

Arrive at Parliament Square for a photo stop, a veritable open-air gallery of political luminaries cast in bronze. Here, stand in the shadow of the Houses of Parliament and the famed Big Ben clock tower. Gaze upon Westminster Abbey, a hallowed hall of monarchs and a tapestry of ceremonial splendor, from royal funerals to the jubilant wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Reboard your coach, skirting the Thames Embankment, with the London Eye's grand Ferris wheel spinning slowly across the river, offering unparalleled views of the cityscape. Your scenic drive concludes as you return to your yacht, carrying with you a richer sense of London's enduring allure.

Please note: Depending on traffic conditions, the order of sites visited may vary.



Windsor Castle is an official royal residence and is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. A royal palace and fortress for over 900 years, the castle remains a working palace today. Explore the State Apartments, the extensive suites and other rooms that form the heart of this stunning stronghold. The magnificent chambers are furnished with some of the finest works from the Royal Collection including paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens, Canaletto and Gainsborough, fine tapestries and porcelain, sculpture, and armor.

In the Drawings Gallery, regular exhibitions of treasures from the Royal Library are mounted. Another popular feature is the Queen Mary's Dolls' House, a miniature mansion built to perfection. The fourteenth-century St. George's Chapel is one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in England and is the burial place of ten sovereigns, and it has also been the setting for many royal weddings including Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's. Conclude your captivating day with free time to explore and perhaps partake in lunch in the town of Windsor.

Please note: During official state events, some rooms may be closed to the public. St. George's Chapel is closed on Sundays. Due to security measures, please bring as few personal items as possible. Photography is not permitted on the premises. As Windsor Castle is a working palace, visitor arrangements can change without notice. The order of sites visited may change.

#### LONDON, ENGLAND (2 OF 2)

SOUTH BANK WALK BOOKING CODE: GBLON307 | \$99pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3 hours) TIME OF DAY: AM (May & Oct) or PM (Jun) ACTIVE

Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 16 2024 | WVO JUN 10 2024 | WVO OCT 2 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240516 | WVO240610 | WVO241002

Your London adventure begins with a panoramic drive past the historic Tower of London, along the bustling Embankment to Parliament Square, where the iconic Big Ben and Houses of Parliament stand. Crossing Westminster Bridge, you'll find yourself on the vibrant South Bank, home to the towering London Eye. Upon reaching the Royal Festival Hall, you'll join your guide and set off on an enriching walk along the South Bank. As you meander, you'll follow the Queen's Silver Jubilee Walkway, commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's 25 years on the throne. Stroll beneath the Hungerford Bridge, and marvel at the cultural cornucopia of the Royal Festival Hall, Waterloo Bridge, and the National Theatre.

Gabriel's Wharf reveals a triumph of community spirit, a lively hub born from local advocacy for public space over commercial development. Your journey continues past Blackfriars Bridge, with a nod to the historic Doggett's Coat and Badge Pub, and the transformative Tate Modern, housed in the former Bankside Power Station. Here, you'll cross the Thames via the Millennium Bridge, known for its unique movement, to pause outside the majestic St. Paul's Cathedral for a photo opportunity. This delightful promenade concludes with a walk back towards Tower Pier.

Please note: Expect to walk for approximately 2 ½ hours. Although the pace will be leisurely, guests should be in good physical condition. The coach transfer is one way only.



Unveil a treasure trove of maritime, scientific, and royal history in Greenwich. Celebrated as a Royal Borough for its regal connections, Greenwich offers a tapestry of cultural landmarks to explore. Today, you'll be visiting the cradle of time measurement at the Royal Observatory, delving into seafaring history at the National Maritime Museum, and enjoying the charm of local sights like St. Alfege Church and the bustling Greenwich Market. At the Royal Observatory, experience the thrill of straddling two hemispheres as you stand on the Prime Meridian line, where East meets West. The Observatory is the custodian of Greenwich Mean Time and offers a journey through the cosmos within its galleries. Don't miss the Planetarium and the historic Flamsteed House with its fascinating camera obscura.

Your descent through the verdant Greenwich Park leads you to the National Maritime Museum, a repository of nautical heritage. Its expansive collection, including Admiral Nelson's Trafalgar uniform, narrates Britain's storied naval past. With your guide providing rich historical context, your visits to these iconic institutions will be both enlightening and enjoyable. Before you return to London, seize the opportunity to explore Greenwich's lower reaches. Whether it's savoring local cuisine, shopping in eclectic Greenwich Market, marveling at the Cutty Sark's maritime legacy, or wandering through the grandeur of the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich offers a captivating tapestry of history.

## MÅLØY, NORWAY (1 OF 2)

DEER FARM VISIT BOOKING CODE: NOMAY301 | \$185pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA AUG 10 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240810

Connect with nature at the Nave Deer Farm in Stad, where nature's gentle creatures await your arrival. Here, amidst the verdant landscape, you'll have the unique opportunity to interact with a diverse herd of around 55 to 60 deer, ranging from the majestic adults to the fawns taking their first steps. If you wish, deepen your experience by joining in the timeless ritual of feeding these graceful animals.

The farm is not just home to deer but a menagerie of other friendly inhabitants including llamas, ponies, goats, and dogs, all coexisting in an idyllic setting where the forest meets the nurtured land. This visit promises a serene retreat into the heart of wildlife, offering moments of joy and discovery.



Prepare for an exhilarating journey on a rigid inflatable boat, or RIB, that offers a perfect blend of adventure and awe-inspiring vistas around Måløy. Gear up, absorb the safety briefing, and then set sail on the open sea for an unforgettable expedition. With your camera in hand, capture the raw beauty of nature's masterpieces along the way.

Glide across the waves to Refvika Beach, celebrated as one of Norway's most beautiful shores. Navigate past towering lighthouses that have stood as sentinels for centuries and observe Einevarden, the grand bird cliff of southern Norway. Bird enthusiasts, be on the lookout for majestic sea eagles, charming puffins, guillemots, and a host of other avian wonders.

## MÅLØY, NORWAY (2 OF 2)

#### WALKING TOUR OF MÅLØY

BOOKING CODE: **NOMAY303** | **\$55pp** HALF DAY (Approx. 2 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA AUG 10 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240810

Set out on an exploratory journey through the town of Måløy, where your guide will illuminate the rich tapestry of history and culture woven through this captivating locale. Born as a trading hub on the islet of Moldøen, sandwiched between the island of Vågsøy and the Norwegian mainland, Måløy has stories to tell.

You'll tread paths that echo with the footsteps of the past, particularly the World War II era, when the town was commandeered as a German coastal fortress, resulting in the complete removal of all settlements to accommodate the military stronghold. As you stroll through the town square, take a moment to reflect by the solemn monument dedicated to the citizens who perished during the war.

Please note: Expect to walk for approximately 2 hours, including navigating steep inclines. Wear comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes and bring a jacket.

#### **NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**, ENGLAND (1 OF 2)

#### ALNWICK CASTLE & NORTHUMBRIAN COAST BOOKING CODE: GBNCL301 | \$145pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WVO JUN 10 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO240610

Journey to Northumberland, the northernmost county in England, passing through the pretty village of Tynemouth, overlooking the North Sea. Turn north along the coast, passing through the seaside resort of Whitely Bay and the former coal mining community of Ashington. From here, the coastline opens up to a wide expanse of long, empty beaches separated by small fishing villages including Amble, Alnmouth and Warkworth, the latter dominated by its ruined castle. This Heritage Coast is dotted with the ruins of several impressive castles that reflect the turbulent history of the county – Viking raids, the rule of the lawless Border Raiders and endless battles with Scotland.

Pause to visit the largest of these, Alnwick Castle, the home of the Duke of Northumberland. The Northumberland family has lived here since the early 1300s, and Alnwick Castle – pronounced Annick– is a stunning series of towers and battlements. Step into some of the fabulously decorated and furnished State Rooms, and walk around the immediate grounds, viewing the battlements and fortifications. From Alnwick, the tour heads south, passing lovely farmland, before returning to Newcastle.

Please note: The Alnwick Gardens are accessible to guests in wheelchairs, but some areas of the castle are not, including the State Rooms.



Spend the day visiting one of the region's jewels, the award-winning Beamish Open-Air Museum. Beamish is a recreation of the life and work of the Northern People in the 1800s and early 1900s. The impressively recreated 1913 town contains an extensive collection of rebuilt buildings and period artifacts, exhibitions and galleries. The Beamish Museum is both a set of buildings and an experience where, thanks to the costumed characters, you will almost forget you are in the 21st century. Winner of both British and European Museum-of-the-Year Awards, Beamish vividly recreates the life and times of yesteryear in the north of England.

Your visit will be self-guided, with ample time to explore the many attractions in the town, experience the guided tours at Colliery Village and ride on the unique 1825 steam train. You might also visit the Railway Station, Home Farm and Pockerley Manor, based on a medieval fortified manor house. Watch candy being made at the old-fashioned sweet factory, and then, in a not-unrelated field, find out how dentists once plied their trade.

Please note: Expect to navigate steep slopes and steps in certain parts of the museum. Due to the historic nature of the site, not all areas are accessible to guests in wheelchairs. A wheelchair-accessible touring vehicle may be available but cannot be pre-booked.

#### **NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE**, ENGLAND (2 OF 2)

HISTORIC DURHAM & CATHEDRAL BOOKING CODE: GBNCL303 | \$109pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA EXPEDITIONS: WVO JUN 10 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO240610

Departing the yacht at the port of Tyne, you'll stop for photos at the *Angel of the North*, a colossal steel sculpture with wings the size of a jet plane. Continue with a brief drive to the city of Durham. Disembarking the coach, you'll take a walking tour through the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Climb up the hill to the stunning 12th-century Durham Cathedral, a shrine to St. Cuthbert. Your guide will inform you about the history and architecture of the cathedral, a magnificent example of Norman style.

Across the Palace Green, view Durham Castle, originally the residence of the Prince Bishops of Durham, but now part of Durham University, which is the third-oldest tertiary institution in England after Oxford and Cambridge. Observe some of the medieval buildings and learn about the Prince Bishops who ruled the Northern Kingdom from the 14th century after being granted special powers by the King. On your scenic return to Newcastle, pass through countryside that was once one of the world's most productive coal mining areas.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues.



Enjoy a panoramic tour of the historic city of Newcastle upon Tyne with free time to explore independently, then admire one of the North East's iconic landmarks, the monumental Angel of the North Sculpture. Departing the port, you'll first travel towards Newcastle's city center. Dating from pre-Roman times, the city grew during the industrial revolution through the mining of coal and building of ships, and still boasts several grand Victorian buildings in addition to the iconic bridges over the River Tyne.

The panoramic tour will pass some of the elegant buildings built during the city's Victorian heyday, as well as the monument to Earl Grey, who gave his name to the world-renowned tea. You'll also see the delightful Theatre Royal as well as remnants of the city walls and castle. Drive along the quayside, taking in views of the historic bridges before crossing the river toward the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art. Afterward, enjoy some free time to explore the city at your leisure. Finally, depart the city for a photo opportunity at the Angel of the North, a spectacular contemporary steel sculpture with wings the size of a jet plane.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs and those with mobility issues.

#### **OLDEN**, NORWAY (1 OF 2)



Take in majestic scenery during your drive to the base of the Mount Hoven Cable Car, which was inaugurated in 2017. This spectacular cable car is not for the faint of heart as it's one of the steepest in the world, bringing you from the fjord to the top of Mount Hoven, which towers at 3,316 feet, in just 5 minutes. From here you'll admire magnificent views over Olden and the Loen Valley.

See parts of the grand Jostedal Glacier, the largest glacier in continental Europe, maintained by the heavy snowfall in the region. You'll also overlook the jade green water of the fjord and of course your yacht. From the top you can explore the mountain on your own along a comprehensive network of trails. There are two easy paths, a few are moderate and some even strenuous for those who would like a challenge. Otherwise, take the opportunity to relax and enjoy the view while you are served cake, coffee and tea in the mountaintop restaurant.



Embark on a thrilling maritime adventure in Nordfjord, where the crisp sea air and the promise of a fresh catch await you. After suiting up in your wet suit and absorbing the safety guidelines, you'll board a RIB boat, a rigid inflatable boat that will whisk you away into the heart of the fjord's rich waters. Feel the exhilaration as you zip across the waves to check the crayfish pots that lie beneath the fjord's surface. Your task is as fun as it is rewarding—hauling up the pots to reveal the day's bounty.

Once ashore, the real magic begins. Gather around the crackling open fire inside a lavvo, the traditional Sami people's tent, as you cook your crayfish to perfection. The aroma of the sea mingles with the smoky air, crafting an unforgettable atmosphere. Then, it's time to feast. Sit back and relish the succulent flavors of crayfish, complemented by the simplicity of good bread and mayonnaise, a true taste of the fjord's offerings. As you dine on the banks of Nordfjord, let the beauty of Olden's landscape envelop you, creating memories that linger long after the meal concludes.

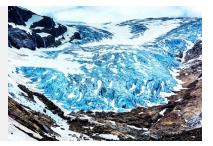
Please note: To participate in this tour, guests must be a minimum age of six years old.

HELICOPTER FLIGHTSEEING BOOKING CODE: NOOLD304 | \$265pp

HALF DAY (Approx. 1 hour) | TIME OF DAY: PM







EXPEDITIONS: WNA JUN 9 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240609

Get ready for an unforgettable flightseeing experience over dramatic landscapes and the Jostedal Glacier. Sit back and admire the stunning scenery surrounding the pretty village of Olden as you take a short transfer to the helipad. The village of Olden, nestled at the head of the Nordfjord and surrounded by towering mountains, superb waterfalls, and several glaciers, offers the perfect starting point for your adventure.

Make sure to have your camera ready as you embark on a truly unique and exhilarating experience. You'll travel into the Jostedal Glacier area on an approximately 13-minute flightseeing trip. From your aerial vantage point, enjoy spectacular views over the valley, lakes, and mountains, including the Jostedal Glacier itself, the largest in continental Europe.



If you are looking for a thrilling adventure, conquer the majestic mountains of Nordfjord via the Via Ferrata, or Iron Path, a challenging activity that takes you over rocky trails along an iron rail. The adventure begins with a short bus transfer and a 90-minute hike to the starting point of the Via Ferrata. Once you arrive, get ready for a 4.5-hour climbing adventure, including breaks. You'll be well secured, so you can enjoy the fantastic view from lofty heights.

Climb over steep rocks and mountain ridges, secured in places with ropes, toward the pinnacle of thrills. At a height of 2,460 feet, you'll find Europe's longest suspension bridge, which stretches 394 feet and looks down into a 525 feet deep gorge. Marvel at the spectacular views, then enjoy a relaxing descent aboard a cable car.

Please note: Guests should be in good physical condition to participate. Please bring warm clothing, gloves, windproof outerwear, long hiking pants and two liters of water or a hydrating beverage. The excursion is not suitable for guests who suffer from vertigo.

# ATHELHAMPTON & THE STONE GIANT<br/>BOOKING CODE: GBPOL301 | \$145pp<br/>HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AMImage: Constant of the store of

Journey through the picturesque Dorset countryside to the historic village of Cerne Abbas. Nestled in a valley with the River Cerne flowing through, this village is a tapestry of history, having flourished around a Benedictine abbey since AD 987. As you travel, the landscape reveals its ancient artistry with the Cerne Abbas Giant, a striking hillside carving that stretches over 180 feet. This enigmatic figure, carved into the chalk downland, has sparked centuries of speculation about its origins, with many believing it represents a fertility deity from a bygone era. Upon, viewing the Giant, you'll understand why it's also humorously known as 'The Rude Man.'

Your exploration continues as you arrive at Athelhampton House, a dwelling rooted in the past. The Great Hall, dating back to 1485, stands as the heart of the home and a testament to Tudor craftsmanship. Wander through the house's storied chambers, including the Great Chamber, the Kings Room, the Library, and the Gallery, each whispering tales of times long past. Outside, the gardens are a harmonious blend of formal design and natural beauty, highlighted by the Great Court's iconic pyramid-shaped yew trees. Conclude your visit with the quintessential English experience, an indulgent cream tea amidst the serenity of Athelhampton's grounds.

Please note: The Giant will be viewed from a distance, and visibility is dependent on weather conditions. In Athelhampton House, only some areas are accessible to wheelchair users.



Enjoy a botanical voyage to Exbury Gardens, a vision of natural splendor crafted by Lionel De Rothschild a century ago and lovingly maintained by the family to this day. Wander through enchanting woodland paths, marvel at the world-renowned bursts of rhododendrons, azaleas, and camellias, and encounter exquisite sculpture exhibitions that grace the landscape. Board the charming miniature steam railway, a delightful addition since 2001, and chug along routes winding through previously hidden garden vistas.

Afterward, journey through the picturesque village of Beaulieu, set in the heart of Hampshire. Pause here briefly to appreciate the quaint surroundings, including the esteemed National Motor Museum and the historic Palace House. A short drive takes you to Lyndhurst, the vibrant hub of the New Forest, where charming shops, galleries, and eateries beckon for a leisurely visit. As the day unwinds, meander through Lyndhurst's inviting streets before returning to Poole, carrying with you the tranquil memories of the day's enchanting discoveries.

Please note: In the gardens, most paths and facilities are accessible to guests in wheelchairs.

#### POOLE, ENGLAND (2 OF 2)

STONEHENGE BOOKING CODE: GBPOL303 | \$145pp FULL DAY (Approx. 5 hours)



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WVO SEP 23 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO240923

Admire iconic Stonehenge, the prehistoric marvel and UNESCO World Heritage site that captivates with its grandeur and enigma. Equal in age to Egypt's ancient pyramids, this awe-inspiring stone circle invites countless visitors to ponder its origins and purpose. Constructed in phases starting around 3000 BC, Stonehenge stands as Europe's quintessential prehistoric monument. While its true significance remains shrouded in time, the precise alignment with the summer solstice sunrise suggests a celestial connection, perhaps as a temple to the sun or a gigantic astronomical calendar.

The sheer determination and advanced understanding of astronomy and geometry by its builders are evident. They transported massive stones from as far as South Wales, using only rudimentary tools to meticulously shape and erect them. Today, the enigma of Stonehenge is as compelling as ever, a testament to the ingenuity of ancient societies. Upon your arrival at the modern Visitor's Centre, access an audio guide via a downloadable app before boarding the shuttle to approach the stones. Although fenced for protection, the pathway encircling the stones offers an intimate view, with your audio guide enriching the experience with detailed commentary. Afterward, the shuttle will escort you back to the Visitor's Centre, where further discoveries about Stonehenge await.

Please note: Most walking will be at each guest's discretion. This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs. To hear the audio guide, guests must bring working cellphones with headphones or purchase headphones on site.



Delight in a tranquil journey along Dorset's Heritage Coast to Chesil Beach, a revered iconic eighteen-mile pebble stretch. Nestled nearby, the quaint village of Abbotsbury is home to the Fleet, a serene lagoon sheltered by the Chesil Bank. Here, the Abbotsbury Swannery has provided refuge to mute swans since 1393, a sanctuary originally established by Benedictine monks. Wander through the Swannery for a rare glimpse into the lives of these graceful birds, where, at times, the population soars to a thousand.

A short jaunt away, the Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens await, a 20-acre haven of rare and exotic plants, thriving thanks to the area's unique microclimate. The gardens owe their existence to the first Countess of Ilchester, who started them in 1765, and over the centuries, her descendants have enriched them with unique species from around the globe. Reimagined following the great storm of 1990, the gardens today are a splendid array of both formal and informal design, with vibrant sub-tropical hues flourishing in the summer months. Stroll through the walled gardens and revel in the stunning valley view.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs, with access to all areas of the Swannery except the telescope platform and with select wheelchair routes at the gardens.

## PORTO (LEIXÕES), PORTUGAL (1 OF 2)



Relish a journey to Guimarães, the storied cradle of Portugal, where the nation's first king emerged and history imbues every corner. This UNESCO World Heritage site awaits with its well-preserved grandeur, a testament to the care taken in its restoration. As you roam the medieval capital, its legacy unfolds in the harmonious array of historic architecture. Admire the intricate ironwork of verandas, the sturdiness of granite, and the nobility of old mansions that line the narrow streets. Stand where history has been made, among the arches and cloisters, and let the city's timeless charm envelop you.

The highlight is a visit to the Palace of the Dukes of Braganza, now a museum brimming with treasures from the 15th century—portraits, tapestries, and exquisite furnishings. Then, meander to the heart of the town center, exploring serene alcoves, centuries-old streets, and a 10th-century church presiding over the main square. Enjoy some free time to soak in the essence of this 'must-visit' destination, as touted by The New York Times. Before you depart, catch a glimpse of the castle tower, proudly inscribed with "Portugal was born here," a fitting epilogue to your exploration of timeless Guimarães.

Please note: Expect extensive walking over irregular and inclined surfaces. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues.

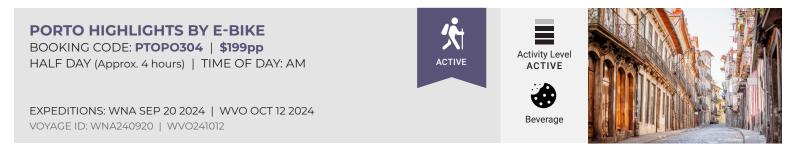


Experience electrifying Porto, one of Europe's oldest tourist destinations. Immerse yourself in the city's rich artistic heritage, taste world-renowned port wine, and discover the city's fascinating districts. As you explore Porto, you'll discover a mix of medieval and modern architecture. Start by heading to the city center and passing by Foz, an exclusive and cosmopolitan waterfront district. Admire views of the 18th-century Clerigos Tower, the highest point in the city at 245 feet.

Next, make your way down Aliados Avenue to Ribeira, the city's most iconic district. Here, you'll board a traditional riverboat known as a rabelo, once used to transport port along the river, and set off on a relaxing cruise along the Douro River. As you pass beneath the city's many bridges, marvel at the city's historic districts, with narrow streets, houses, and buildings that slope toward the riverbank. After the cruise, appreciate the opportunity to visit a celebrated wine cellar and sample some delectable port wine.

Please note: The river cruise is subject to favorable conditions on the Douro River. The order of sites visited may vary.

## PORTO (LEIXÕES), PORTUGAL (2 OF 2)



Get ready for an exciting exploration of Porto aboard a motorized bicycle. The city may be steep, but you'll find that an e-bike makes getting around much easier. You'll effortlessly glide through Porto's historical center, taking in all the highlights of this enchanting UNESCO World Heritage site.

Discover the old palaces, churches, and emblematic neighborhoods of Porto as you delve into the city's rich culture and history. With electric bicycles, you can enjoy the best of both worlds – the thrill of bike riding and the appreciation of culture. Soak in the breathtaking views as you climb hills and traverse cobblestone streets on this exhilarating tour of marvelous Porto.

Please note: This tour is not recommended for those with mobility issues or other health conditions. To participate, guests must be at least 4.3 feet tall and weigh no more than 260 lbs.



Be seduced by the charm of tuk-tuk vehicles during your unforgettable tour of Porto. Take in the beauty of Portugal's second largest city, nestled near the mouth of the Douro River, from the unique perspective of a tuk-tuk. These electric vehicles are adapted to meet European safety and comfort standards while also being quiet, comfortable, and environmentally friendly.

Your sightseeing adventure begins by passing through some of Porto's most iconic landmarks, including Foz do Douro, Matosinhos, Avenida Boavista, and the city center. Across the Douro River lies Gaia, home to many illustrious port wine cellars. Indulge in a tasting of this delicious fortified wine before continuing your panoramic tour. On the Ribeira side, take in the sights and sounds of Aliados Avenue, known as the city's living room, where locals gather to celebrate special moments. Snap some pictures and soak up the atmosphere before your tuk-tuk ride back to your yacht.

Please note: Each covered tuk-tuk vehicle can accommodate up to four guests. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs.

#### REINE, NORWAY (1 OF 1)

# VESTVÅGØY & LOFOTR VIKING MUSEUM<br/>BOOKING CODE: NOREI301 | \$155pp<br/>HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AMImage: Comparison of the compa

Set out on a picturesque journey towards Vestvågøy, where history breathes through the landscape. Your destination, the Lofotr Viking Museum, is a gateway to the past, offering a vivid glimpse into the Viking Age with its archaeological finds and faithfully reconstructed longhouse, complete with ships that once braved the northern seas.

As you traverse the scenic route, make a brief sojourn at the historic Flakstad Church. Built in 1780, it stands as Lofoten's venerable testament to faith, second only in age within the archipelago. It's a serene prelude to the day's historical exploration. Once you've delved into the Viking era's rich tapestry at the museum, your return to Reine will be punctuated with a photo opportunity at the Hamnoy Bridge. Capture the moment and the majesty of Lofoten's landscapes, a perfect keepsake of your Nordic adventure.



Prepare for a scenic expedition through the Lofoten Islands, a realm where nature's drama unfolds in the towering mountains that rise from the depths of the Norwegian Sea. As you navigate the islands, witness the timeless dance of tradition and nature, where red and white fisherman's cabins dot the shores, and the ancient granite peaks of Reinefjorden stand as sentinels to a place that has been hailed as the most beautiful place in the world.

Arrive to Å, the historic heart of the Lofoten archipelago, now a living museum that holds tales of the sea. Wander through this erstwhile bustling village, past the heritage bakery, the boat houses with their salted stories, and the cozy fishermen's cabins that have braved the test of time. Here, the Stockfish Museum awaits to unravel the rich tapestry of Lofoten's fishing legacy, revealing the art of drying and preserving cod on wooden racks under the watchful gaze of the sun and wind. Discover how the stockfish embarked on voyages to distant shores, weaving Lofoten into the culinary cultures across the globe.

## **REYKJAVÍK**, ICELAND (1 OF 2)



Begin with a drive through the Laugardalur Valley, a popular recreation area for Reykjavikians. As you leave the valley, witness the diverse city districts unfold, each with its own story. You'll cross the pristine waters of the Elliðaá River, a rare gem where salmon thrive in the heart of a capital. The journey leads to the Álftanes Peninsula, home to the President's residence, Bessastaðir, against a backdrop of serene Icelandic landscape. Then, dive back into the urban tempo and ascend to Perlan, or The Pearl, a remarkable landmark. Here, a viewing deck promises sweeping views of Reykjavik's eclectic architecture and the vast natural canvas beyond.

Next, encounter the architectural wonder of the iconic Hallgrímskirkja Church, its towering presence a beacon within the city's skyline. Navigate through Reykjavik's old quarter, a tapestry of vibrant wooden houses and quaint streets nestled near the serene city pond, Tjörnin. Conclude your voyage along the scenic coastline, past the historic Höfði House, renowned for the pivotal 1986 summit between President Ronald Reagan and Secretary General Mikhail Gorbachev.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in collapsible wheelchairs who can get on and off the tour bus unassisted or with the help of a companion. The order of sites visited may vary.

## RELAXING IN THE BLUE LAGOON BOCKING CODE: ISREY303 | \$239pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM EXPEDITIONS: WNA JUL 3 2024 YOYAGE ID: WNA240703

Start with a scenic drive through the charming suburbs of Reykjavík, catching glimpses of the city's notable landmarks. Venturing beyond the urban tapestry, you'll traverse the stark lava fields of the Reykjanes Peninsula until the otherworldly landscape of the Blue Lagoon unfolds before you. Here, you'll have the chance to spend approximately two and a half hours immersed in the geothermal marvel that is the Blue Lagoon.

Nestled amidst a surreal terrain, the Blue Lagoon traces its origins to the ingenuity of a nearby geothermal power plant, drawing mineral-rich seawater from the profound depths of a mile below. With a refresh rate of every 40 hours, the waters offer a warm embrace that's famed for its skin-soothing and rejuvenating properties. The lagoon's striking aquamarine hues, coupled with the rising steam and encircling lava fields, craft an ambiance that's both entrancing and serene. This is your moment to unwind in one of Iceland's most enchanting and restorative natural spas.

Please note: Bring a swimsuit, and be aware that due to the lagoon's code of hygiene, all guests must shower without swimwear before entering the water.



Set sail on an unforgettable journey from the heart of the old city center to the open seas, where the thrill of encountering Iceland's gentle giants awaits. Your adventure begins with a short drive to the harbor, where a friendly crew ushers you aboard for the whale-watching escapade. Revel in the splendor of Iceland's natural beauty as you cruise the waters, eyes peeled for the majestic presence of whales.

Whale watching here is not just a pastime; it's a gateway to one of the most profound wildlife experiences in Europe, with Iceland known as the continent's whale watching mecca. While wildlife sightings are a dance with chance, over 90% of expeditions here are graced by these marine behemoths, making your prospects bright for a close encounter. Prepare to be awestruck by the sheer size and grace of these oceanic dwellers in their natural habitat, a memory sure to last a lifetime.

Please note: Wear warm layered clothing with a waterproof outer layer, and bring a hat, gloves, a scarf, sunscreen and sunglasses, as temperatures are cooler and it is windy in the bay. Wildlife sightings are common but not guaranteed.



Set off on a twilight expedition, venturing away from the city's glow into the embracing darkness that's perfect for celestial displays. Your destination is Aurora Basecamp, just a brief coach ride away, where the wonders of the night sky come alive. Nestled inside a spacious geodesic dome, escape the chill of the Icelandic elements and warm up with a comforting cup of hot chocolate or tea. Engage with an Aurora Basecamp guide, who will enlighten you about the mystique of the northern lights, complemented by a live feed showcasing the current auroral activity. No need to worry about missing out on this experience, as special glass cylinders allow for an uninterrupted view of the auroras' dance.

When night fully descends and your eyes have acclimated to the dark, step out onto the ancient lava fields as you chase the elusive northern lights. While their appearance is never guaranteed, the best odds play out from late August to late April, under clear skies and vibrant solar activity. This journey offers a chance, with luck, to witness one of nature's most enchanting performances—the Northern Lights' silent waltz across the Icelandic sky.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in collapsible wheelchairs who can get on and off the tour bus unassisted or with the help of a companion. Northern lights are a naturally occurring phenomenon, so in-person sightings cannot be guaranteed.

#### SAINT-JEAN-DE-LUZ, FRANCE (1 OF 2)

BIARRITZ & THE BASQUE COAST BOOKING CODE: FRZJZ301 | \$129pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WVO OCT 2 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO241002

Explore the crown jewels of the Basque Coast, the seaside towns of Biarritz and Saint Jean de Luz. Begin your discovery in Biarritz, affectionately known as the 'Queen of Resorts and the Resort of Kings'. Visit the city's lighthouse, where you'll be treated to sweeping panoramic views of the town and bay. In the heart of Biarritz, pass by the famous Grande Plage, a haven for surfers worldwide, and marvel at the grandeur of The Hotel du Palais, a beacon of 20's luxury and leisure. Standing since 1855 as a summer retreat for imperial royalty, its E-shaped edifice honors Empress Eugenie. Near the majestic Casino of Biarritz, meander through the city center on a guided stroll. Discover the quaint fishing port, a serene enclave amid the city's hustle, and make your way to the iconic Rock of the Virgin, which is accessible via a robust bridge designed by Gustave Eiffel. Your oceanfront promenade continues, retracing the steps of Biarritz's whaling heritage, before concluding with free time to soak in the vibrant city center.

The journey continues as you depart Biarritz, gliding past the picturesque villages of Bidart and Guethary, where the Basque spirit is palpable in the form of 'pelota' games played against the traditional 'fronton' walls. Your arrival in Saint-Jean-de-Luz is marked by a guided walk through this storied town, including a visit to the revered Saint-Jean-Baptiste Church. As the tour wraps up, choose to explore at your leisure or make your way back to the tender pier.

Please note: Wear flat, comfortable walking shoes. In the event that churches are closed for unexpected religious services, the guide will provide information from the exterior.



Rendezvous with your local guide for an enlightening stroll through the historical streets of Saint-Jean-De-Luz. You'll delve into the town's past as a notorious hub for French-endorsed privateers, once the bane of English merchant vessels. Today, the town's elegant residences stand as monuments to the lucrative endeavors of these authorized pirates. As you meander down the quaint avenues, encounter architectural gems like the illustrious residence of King Louis XIV and the House of the Infanta Joanoenia. The former housed the young monarch in 1660, during the pivotal signing of the Treaty of the Pyrenees and his nuptial union with the Spanish Infanta, Marie Thérèse, while the latter was the Infanta's temporary home during this momentous occasion.

You'll also see the lovely Saint-Jean-Baptiste Church. In a nod to regal superstition, the church's portal, through which the royal couple exited, was sealed for eternity, preserving the royal passage. Your tour culminates with a visit to the Grand Plage on the bay of Saint-Jean-De-Luz. Here, you'll have the choice to linger and soak in the seaside ambience or return with your guide to the tender pier, carrying with you the storied echoes of this piratical stronghold.

Please note: Wear flat, comfortable walking shoes. In the event that churches are closed for unexpected religious services, the guide will provide information from the exterior.

#### SAINT-JEAN-DE-LUZ, FRANCE (2 OF 2)

## SAN SEBASTIÁN<br/>BOOKING CODE: FRZJZ303 | \$149pp<br/>HALF DAY (Approx. 4 hours) | TIME OF DAY: PMImage: Construction of the construction of

Begin a majestic journey to San Sebastian, a city in the Basque Country renowned for its cultural splendor, captivating Spain's Kings and Queens much like Biarritz enthralled Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie. As you depart from Saint-Jean-de-Luz, enjoy the scenic views before your arrival at this resplendent seaside city, renowned for its vibrant energy and royal allure.

Your exploration begins with a stop at Monte Igueldo, offering a sweeping panoramic view of San Sebastian Bay that will leave you breathless. From here, you'll enjoy a panoramic tour that showcases the city's grandeur before delving into the heart of the marvelous Old Town. Stroll through the labyrinth of pedestrian streets, alive with the taverns that beckon with their convivial spirit. During free time to explore at leisure, embrace the opportunity to immerse yourself in the local ambiance, perhaps trying an array of tantalizing tapas paired with fine Spanish wines or the region's traditional cider, an experience that marries the tastes and heritage of this illustrious city.

Please note: Wear flat, comfortable walking shoes.



Relax during a scenic journey through the verdant Basque countryside to the enchanting village of Ainhoa. Once a haven for pilgrims on the historic route to Santiago de Compostela, Ainhoa's charm is rooted in its rich history and the beautifully reconstructed Labourdine Basque houses dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries. These enchanting, white-washed constructions showcase colorful shutters and wood accents painted in vivid colors. Stroll down the main street with your tour guide, where each home shares tales of the past with owners' names and dates etched above the doorways.

Your exploration continues to the quaint village of Espelette, celebrated for its vibrant red peppers that add both color and flavor to the region. In the heart of the Basque mountains, discover the Antton Chocolate House, housed in a quintessential red-timbered building. Here, you'll have the freedom to meander through Espelette, shop for Basque souvenirs, and perhaps sample Antton's exquisite chocolate creations infused with Espelette chili pepper and black cherry—a delectable blend of tradition and taste.

Please note: Wear flat, comfortable walking shoes.



Delight in a journey back to the golden age of seafaring in Saint-Malo, a city etched with tales of swashbuckling pirates and privateers from Brittany. Discover the cosmopolitan history of this 15th-century bastion, where the notorious seafarers of old would lay in wait to levy their "tributes" on the wealth of passing ships.

As you roam the cobbled streets of this ancient walled town, your guide will regale you with stories, unveiling the historical treasures around every corner. Marvel at the imposing castle, part of the formidable ramparts, and stroll past the storied house of Duchess Ann and the majestic cathedral. Delve into the lives of illustrious Malouins—explorer Jacques Cartier, privateer Surcouf, and the romantic writer Chateaubriand.

Your journey through time culminates at the Hôtel Magon, also known as the Corsair's House. In this 18th-century edifice, once the residence of the privateer Malo Magon de La Lande, you'll enjoy a taste of Brittany with a refreshing glass of cider and a savory local snack. After savoring the authentic flavors, a leisurely walk will lead you back to the pier, closing your chapter in the vibrant history of Saint-Malo.

Please note: Expect just over two miles of walking over cobbled streets with numerous steps. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress in layers.



Embark on an inspirational journey to Mont Saint-Michel, a marvel of medieval architecture and spirituality that rivals the grandeur of St. Peter's and Chartres. Perched atop a towering granite cliff, 250 feet above the waves, this abbey is a testament to Norman influence and ingenuity. The vision of Mont Saint-Michel begins on your approach from the mainland, traversing the 5-mile-long causeway from Pontorson. This first glimpse captures the essence of its beauty and the audacity of its location. Prepare for a physical ascent as you navigate the numerous stairs and steep paths. Your effort is handsomely rewarded with breathtaking views and a sense of serenity that only such a historical pilgrimage can provide.

Allow yourself to get lost in the labyrinth of narrow streets within the abbey, with time to explore the quaint shops tucked into its walls. Stand still and absorb the monument's majesty, its fortitude against time and tide. Conclude your visit with a leisurely drive back to the yacht, taking the coastal road through scenic towns and past traditional fishing harbors, each mile adding to the enduring memory of Mont Saint-Michel.

Please note: Expect to walk about half a mile (a walk of approximately 20-30 minutes) from the coach parking lot to the town's tourist shuttle buses, and the same applies to the reverse journey. Note that the shuttles cannot be pre-booked and guests might need to wait. In Mont Saint-Michel, expect cobblestone surfaces and between 195 and 350 steps to climb.

#### SAINT-MALO, FRANCE (2 OF 3)



Relish a culinary adventure to the picturesque town of Cancale, nestled on the shores of Mont Saint-Michel Bay. This charming locale boasts a rich maritime history, with its oyster cultivation dating back to the era of Julius Caesar, whose troops reveled in these briny treasures of the sea. Even Louis XIV, the Sun King himself, indulged in Cancale's oysters, having them transported to the royal tables at Versailles. Today, Cancale remains synonymous with oyster farming, a tradition etched into its very identity.

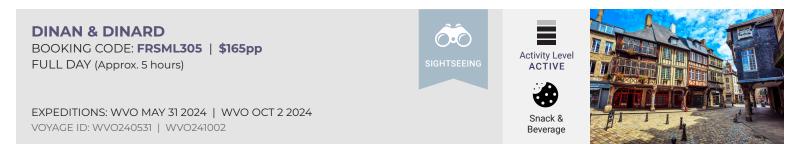
You'll marvel at the expansive oyster beds that stretch across approximately 18 acres along the harbor, a testament to an industry that yields an impressive 25,000 tons annually. During your visit, you'll be treated to a tour of an authentic oyster farm. Here, you'll gain insight into the intricate process of oyster cultivation and savor the taste of freshly harvested oysters, a true Cancale delicacy. This experience is not just a feast for the palate but also a refreshing dive into the heart of local tradition and gastronomy.



Journey to Granville, where the legacy of a legendary fashion icon awaits. The Christian Dior Museum, housed in the designer's childhood home, is now a prestigious institution dedicated to his life's work. Immerse yourself in the elegance of the couturier's collections throughout the decades, surrounded by a treasure trove of vintage accessories, from exquisite hats to classic silk scarves. As you delve into Dior's artistic beginnings and his ascent to the zenith of haute couture, you'll encounter both fashion masterpieces and diverse art objects, chronicling the museum's inception in 1987 through to its grand garden restoration.

Granville, known as the Monaco of the North as it is also located on a rocky promontory, reveals its charm as a seaside resort within the Bay of Mont Saint-Michel, once a hub for cod fishing and now celebrated for shellfish. After an orientation tour, enjoy free time to explore the fortified Old Town, a canvas for artists in the 19th century, perhaps indulging in some seaside gastronomy and boutique shopping. Conclude your excursion with a serene drive back to Saint-Malo, the scenic coastal road offering a picturesque view of the Chapeaux Cliffs and majestic Mont Saint-Michel in the distance.

#### SAINT-MALO, FRANCE (3 OF 3)



Relax during a scenic drive from Saint-Malo to the enchanting medieval town of Dinan, passing by the innovative Rance Tidal Power Station. As you journey approximately 45 minutes through the picturesque countryside, you'll be transported to a town rich in history and nestled on the Rance estuary. Upon arrival in Dinan, you'll be greeted by a tapestry of cobbled streets and half-timbered houses, encircled by formidable 14th-century walls built to deter Norman invasions. Your walking tour reveals the heart of this historic town, from the imposing Saint-Sauveur's Basilica to the bustling Place des Merciers, echoing with the echoes of medieval merchants. Wander down Rue du Jerzual, the storied street connecting the town to its charming port.

After soaking in the town's history, take a moment to savor a local pancake, a delightful taste of Breton cuisine, and enjoy some free time to explore the town's nooks and crannies. Next, you'll reboard your coach for a short journey to Dinard, an exquisite seaside resort gracing the Rance Estuary. Dinard, known as the Breton Riviera, captivates with its Belle Époque elegance, where grand villas crown the cliffs, and the Promenade du Clair de Lune offers a serene path amidst a surprising variety of Mediterranean flora, protected from the coastal breezes.



Set off from the storied streets of Saint-Malo to Bazouges-La-Pérouse, where an enchanting manor and its whimsical gardens await. At the 17th-century Château de la Ballue, wrapped in the embrace of a verdant valley, you'll trace the footsteps of literary giants and artists who have immortalized its grace. Baroque Italian influence weaves through the green tapestry, offering an enchanting, labyrinthine experience that will leave you spellbound by its playful charm and architectural finesse.

The château, a witness to tumultuous history, now graciously opens its doors as an abode of elegance and exclusivity. You'll be personally welcomed by the owner, who will unveil the estate's many secrets and regale you with tales of its past. Immerse yourself in the aristocratic splendor with a tour of the main floor—staircase, salons, and a dining area—all while enjoying panoramic views of the meticulously groomed gardens. Enjoy a pause to partake in homemade pastries, tea, coffee or organic apple juice.

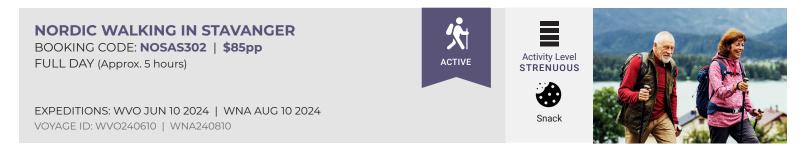
Amidst the serenity of the borderlands between Brittany and Normandy, this castle is not just an estate but a sanctuary where the gardens bloom with the prestige of the French Remarkable Garden designation. Witness a revival of 17th-century splendor in these gardens, where light and shadow sculpt the landscape, evoking a scene from *Alice in Wonderland*.



Step into the charm of Stavanger's old town, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1975, a tapestry of 173 whitewashed wooden houses adorned with seasonal blooms. While these picturesque homes draw countless admirers, few have the chance to cross the threshold and experience their warmth from within. Embrace Norwegian hospitality as you're invited for coffee and pastries in a local family's home, a rare glimpse into the traditions and daily life of the Norwegians.

Your excursion unfolds with an intimate visit to a family's abode, a cozy interlude of about an hour to savor treats and conversation. Then, embark on a leisurely stroll through the cobbled streets of Stavanger's Old Town, absorbing the ambiance of a bygone era. A highlight of your journey will be the panoramic views from Valbergtårnet, once a watchtower, now a sentinel offering vistas over this historic maritime city.

Please note: Expect to walk around 2.5 miles, including over cobblestone surfaces and steps.



Embrace the invigorating essence of Norway with a guided Nordic walk near Stavanger, an activity that turns walking into a full-body exercise with the aid of specially designed poles. It's a simple technique to master and promises a comprehensive workout amidst a beautiful natural backdrop. Your adventure starts in the heart of the city, where you'll be equipped with walking poles tailored to your height. You'll then embark on a picturesque journey towards Godalen, a favored trail among locals on the Storhaug Peninsula.

This almost 2-mile coastal path will lead you from quaint harbors to open fields, hugging the fjord and offering breathtaking views of the Gandsfjord and distant mountains. Along the way, you'll pass beautiful beaches and rugged headlands. During a restful pause in a serene outdoor spot, indulge in a slice of Norway's simple pleasures with brown cheese on rye bread, accompanied by refreshing water – a quintessential Norwegian snack that's as soul-filling as the landscape around you.

Please note: Expect to walk for approximately 3 hours. Wear closed-toe, athletic footwear suitable for walking over uneven, bumpy and potentially wet surfaces. Bring bottled water for hydration.

 PULPIT ROCK HIKE

 BOOKING CODE: NOSAS303 | \$229pp

 FULL DAY (Approx. 8 hours)

 EXPEDITIONS: WVO JUN 10 2024 | WNA AUG 10 2024

 VOYAGE ID: WV0240610 | WNA240810

Traverse through picturesque vistas aboard your comfortable coach to the starting point of your trek at Preikestolhytta, or Pulpit Rock Cabin. After setting off on foot, your path will provide dazzling vistas of diverse terrains, including serene forests, rugged mountains, and marshlands dotted with tranquil ponds. Spanning roughly 2½ miles, the trail ascends 1,100 feet, culminating in an exhilarating final stretch along a narrow ridge with the sheer cliffs on one flank and the majestic Lysefjord sprawling below on the other. At lunch time, you'll pause to partake in a reinvigorating boxed meal.

Reaching Pulpit Rock, reward yourself with a restful break and soak in the awe-inspiring panorama of Lysefjord, a staggering 2,000 feet beneath your vantage point. Invigorated by the landscape's grandeur, you'll retrace your steps on the descent, concluding your adventure with a brief yet enriching sightseeing tour through Stavanger's highlights before returning to the comfort of your yacht.

Please note: Expect to walk approximately 5 miles roundtrip and to climb 1,100 feet in elevation. Prepare for some sections of the path to be steep, narrow, rocky or muddy. Wear sturdy, comfortable hiking or walking shoes. As you ascend, the temperature will drop, so dress accordingly in layers. To participate, guests must be a minimum of 12 years old.



Immerse yourself in Norway's rich maritime heritage with a tour through Stavanger, a city integral to the nation's history from the Viking era to the modern oil industry. Your excursion transports you through the city's evolution, passing by lush farmlands as you venture towards Ullandhaug. Here, history breathes life with reconstructed Iron Age farmhouses offering a portal to the past, while granting a splendid vista of Hafrsfjord—site of the decisive battle where King Harald Haarfagre united Norway into one kingdom in 872.

The journey continues, juxtaposing Stavanger's historic and contemporary quarters, leading you to the city's cathedral. Constructed circa 1125 under the British Bishop Reinald of Winchester's guidance, this ecclesiastical gem has preserved its medieval grandeur. Dedicated to St. Svithun, it stands as a testament to Norway's architectural and spiritual lineage. At this point, you may return to the yacht or choose to meander on foot through Old Stavanger, a delightful maze of well-preserved wooden structures harking back to the 18th and 19th centuries, once home to sailors and merchants.

SANTILLANA & COMILLAS BOOKING CODE: ESSDR301 | \$175pp HALF DAY (Approx. 4.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WVO OCT 12 2024 VOYAGE ID: WVO241012

Journey to Comillas, where aristocratic grace meets artistic flair amidst verdant hills and a quaint, serene beach. Explore this exquisite town, which houses El Ángel, a striking modernist sculpture, and El Capricho, an enchanting palace by the illustrious Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí.

Venture next to the enchanting Santillana del Mar, a mere 22 miles from Santander, where the passage of time is preserved in stone. Wander the cobblestone streets lined with historic stone houses, their wooden balconies adorned with a cascade of flowers, creating a picturesque scene. Discover architectural gems such as the Borja fortified house, the House of the Eagle, and the Merinos Tower. The town's heart is the Collegiate Church, with its tranquil cloister—a testament to Santillana del Mar's enduring beauty as one of Spain's most captivating villages.

Please note: Expect to walk for approximately 2 hours over uneven, cobblestone surfaces and inclines. Wear comfortable walking shoes. The order of sites visited may vary.



Enjoy a scenic panoramic tour of Santander, gliding past the imposing Cathedral, a silent sentinel with centuries of stories etched into its walls. You'll cruise along the celebrated El Sardinero Beach, where the Piquio Gardens unfurl in a lush green divide between two of Santander's most renowned stretches of sand. Pause to capture the moment with photographs, the ocean's expanse a perfect backdrop.

Journey next to the Peninsula of la Magdalena, a royal retreat turned public park, where history and nature dance in a harmonious ballet. As the tour concludes, find yourself at the city's imposing lighthouse, the ocean's vastness inviting a moment of reflection before your return to the yacht.

### SEYÐISFJÖRÐUR, ICELAND (1 OF 2)



Step back in time as you explore the edge of Northern Europe's vast wilderness. Depart from Seyðisfjörður and ascend the remarkable Fjarðarheiði mountain pass, where small, scenic waterfalls punctuate the landscape. Journey past the town of Egilsstaðir, a hub of activity nestled by the shores of Lagarfljót, Iceland's profound lake that dips 328 feet below sea level and is famous for the mythical Lagarfljótsormur, a monster that is said to lurk in the depths.

Your adventure leads to the Fljótsdalur Valley, a testament to nature's artistry, culminating at the Wilderness Center. There, an immersive exhibition awaits, where the echoes of early Icelandic life are recreated with meticulous attention to detail—offering an authentic and emotive experience far from the conventional museum visit.

Savor the local heritage with homemade refreshments before your return. On the way back, the lush Hallormsstaðaskógur forest unfolds before you, a verdant oasis where over forty tree species from around the globe thrive—a serene conclusion to your excursion through Iceland's natural splendor.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in collapsible wheelchairs who can get on and off the tour bus unassisted or with the help of a companion.



Start with a scenic drive over the mountain pass of Fjarðarheiði, taking in the magnificent scenery as you go. Pass through Egilsstaðir, the commercial hub of east Iceland, continue along the shores of Lake Lagarfljót, Iceland's third largest lake, and arrive at Snaefellsstofa, the visitor center for Vatnajökull National Park. You'll have the chance to explore the area and visit Skriðuklaustur, a remarkable building made from basalt blocks and white cement that was once home to one of Iceland's most celebrated writers, Gunnar Gunnarsson.

Next, head to Valþjófsstaður, a 13th-century church estate and manor farm in Fljótsdalur that boasts many valuable treasures, including a stunning chalice and paten. Afterward, pass Hallormsstaðaskógur, Iceland's largest forest, where over forty species of trees from all over the world grow. Before returning to Seyðisfjörður, make a final stop in Egilsstaðir to visit a souvenir shop that offers locally handcrafted items.



Stroll through the serene village of Seyðisfjörður, where history and artistry meld in a tranquil setting. Here, surrounded by the vibrant wooden houses that are a testament to Seyðisfjörður's rich past, you'll feel the essence of this charming enclave. As you meander, your local guide will weave tales of the town's bygone era when it thrived on herring fishing, leading to a bloom of prosperity reflected in the Norwegian-influenced architecture. The multi-hued buildings, crafted by Norwegian hands, still stand proudly, some now housing art studios and craft shops.

Admire the town's iconic Blue Church, a beacon of heritage in a village where time seems to pause. The town's more recent wartime history echoes at the fjord's depths where the El Grillo, a British oil tanker, now lies after a skirmish with German fighters during the Second World War—a submerged relic now explored by divers seeking to touch a piece of history.

#### SKAGEN & SURROUNDINGS BOOKING CODE: DKSKA301 | \$125pp HALF DAY (Approx. 2.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA AUG 10 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240810

Relax during a scenic journey around Skagen, Denmark's northernmost town, known for its enchanting atmosphere and distinct landscape. Your panoramic adventure begins as you glide past Skagen's Museum of Local History, where the stark contrast between the homes of wealthy and humble fishermen is preserved. Gaze upon Klitgaarden, the once regal summer retreat, and meander through Hulsig Heath's rare heathland. Marvel at the Råbjerg Mile, a colossal sand dune birthed in the 16th century that now stands as the largest of its kind in Northern Europe. Pass the seaside hotels in Kandestederne, where acclaimed author Karen Blixen worked on *Out of Africa*.

As you return to Skagen, take in the fashionable coastal hotels and signature yellow houses that define the town's skyline. Notice the Skagen Odde Naturcenter, a testament to the architectural genius of Jørn Utzon. Discover the curious fact of Skagen's four lighthouses and their historical significance to mariners of yore. Conclude your tour with a leisurely drive along the bustling marina, carrying with you a richer understanding of Skagen's cultural heritage and natural wonders, before rejoining your yacht, filled with the day's serene imagery.

Please note: As this tour is strictly panoramic, it is suitable for guests in collapsible wheelchairs or with limited mobility who are able to get on and off the coach independently or with the assistance of a companion. The order of sites visited may vary.



Mount your bicycle and let the charm of Skagen, a gem nestled at the northern tip of Denmark, unfold before you. Pedal through the town's scenic western side, making your first pause at Skagen's Museum of Local History. Glide onwards to glimpse the former royal retreat of Klitgaarden, now a creative sanctuary for thinkers and artists. As you continue, encounter the Buried Church, a testament to nature's relentless force, leaving only its solitary tower as a sentinel above the sands. Pass the homestead of Holger Drachmann, founder of Skagen's vibrant artists' colony.

Navigate towards the modernist lines of the Town Hall, an edifice so distinctive it's been marked for preservation. Your guide will then lead you by the historic haunts of the Skagen painters Michael & Anna Ancher, and the Memorial Column. Drift by Brøndums Hotel, once the retreat of 1800s artists. Your journey culminates as you coast along the waterfront to the venerable Vippefyret timber lighthouse. Listen closely to the stories of Skagen Odde, a sandy natural wonder that stretches into the horizon, and then pass by the bustling marina, where the unique fishermen's warehouses stand as a testament to Thorvald Bindesbøll's architectural virtuosity.

Please note: Expect to bike for approximately 5-6 miles. To participate, guests must be confident bikers and be at least 18 years old. Wear comfortable footwear and bring rain protection as well as water. The itinerary is subject to change depending on traffic or weather conditions.

#### SKAGEN, RÅBJERG MILE & EAGLE WORLD BOOKING CODE: DKSKA303 | \$179pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA AUG 10 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240810

Begin with a drive to the prestigious Eagle World. There, amidst the awe of the gathered crowd, you'll witness the world's largest eagles soar and dive. Absorb the spectacle of their feeding, marvel at the grace of falconers in sync with their falcons, and explore the rich tapestry of falconry through exhibits before the live demonstration begins.

A brief drive from this grandeur of feathers and talons leads you to Råbjerg Mile, Denmark's colossal shifting dune. Originating in the 16th century, this dune creeps eastward each year, reshaping the landscape. Ascend 200 meters to its summit, standing 40 meters above the ground, and bask in the expansive views—a haven for any photography enthusiast.

The return to Skagen is equally scenic, meandering through the historic west coast settlement of Old Skagen, now a chic retreat for Danish vacationers. As you near the pier, you'll pass through Damstederne with glimpses of Klitgården, the former royal summer abode, now a haven for the creative minds, and the Skagen Museum of Local History, which echoes with tales of the past.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues. Wear comfortable footwear and bring rain protection as well as water. The itinerary is subject to change depending on traffic or weather conditions.



Set out on a picturesque drive through the quaint streets of Skagen en route to the captivating Skagen Odde Naturcenter. Nestled in the pristine landscape at Grenen, Denmark's northernmost point, this center stands as a testament to the genius of Jørn Utzon, the architect behind the iconic Sydney Opera House. Explore the Naturcenter's diverse exhibits, where you'll be enveloped by the narrative of wind, sea, and sand – the very elements that sculpted this unique land post-Ice Age, along with displays celebrating Utzon's work and contemporary Danish art and design.

Your journey continues at the storied Restaurant Pakhuset, where the essence of Skagen's culinary tradition awaits – the pickled herring. Indulge in a curated tasting menu featuring five distinct variations of this local delicacy, complemented by the bold notes of aquavit and the familiar brew of Carlsberg Beer. Situated in the bustling harbor, Pakhuset, a former fish storage from 1913, now serves as a portal to the past with its intriguing collection of figureheads. Here, you'll savor the flavors and stories of Skagen's intriguing maritime heritage.

Please note: This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues. Wear comfortable footwear and bring rain protection as well as water. The itinerary is subject to change depending on traffic or weather conditions.

## ST. MARY'S (ISLES OF SCILLY), ENGLAND (1 OF 2)



Set sail on a historical journey across St. Mary's Garrison, a leisurely walk that will guide you along the Elizabethanera ramparts and the stately Star Castle Hotel, revealing panoramic vistas of nearby islands and the iconic Bishop Rock Lighthouse.

The Isles of Scilly, a windswept archipelago off Land's End, boast a rich tapestry of history and natural beauty, with St. Mary's as its populous heart. Join a local expert who will illuminate the storied past of Hugh Town's Garrison. Here, the robust coastal fortifications tell a tale of strategic importance that spans over three centuries, from its role as a Royalist stronghold to its pivotal position during World War II's Battle of the Atlantic.

Perched atop the town, the Garrison—with the Elizabethan Star Castle at its core—offers a glimpse into the enduring legacy of England's maritime defenses. Walk the same grounds where soldiers once stood guard, and conclude your excursion with refreshments at the Star Castle Hotel, where history's echoes are complemented by a touch of modern indulgence.

Please note: Expect to walk on a path with some tripping hazards and a steep hill.



As you step ashore to Tresco, Scilly's second-largest island, you'll be met by a local gardener. Walk to the worldrenowned Tresco Abbey gardens, an incredible sub-tropical botanical paradise created during the mid-1830s in the ruins of a Benedictine priory. Be amazed by the 20,000 plant species that call these gardens home, originating from as far as New Zealand, South America, and South Africa. The mild climate and high number of sunshine hours in Scilly have allowed these plants to flourish like nowhere else in the world. The walls of the priory ruins act as a windbreak, providing protection from the powerful Atlantic weather during the winter months. Here, you'll be able to spot red squirrels and bees, both thriving in this safe and beautiful sanctuary.

Take your time to explore the gardens and discover its many treasures, including a collection of shipwrecked figureheads and decorative carvings. Most of these date from the 19th-century merchant sailing vessels and steamships that met their fate off the shores of Scilly. End your visit with a delightful cream tea before returning to the quay.

Please note: The walk to the gardens takes approximately 10 minutes from Carn Near Quay and 30 minutes from New Grimsby Quay. The quay used depends on tidal and weather conditions on the day. Vehicles are available to help transport guests with mobility issues.

## ST. MARY'S (ISLES OF SCILLY), ENGLAND (2 OF 2)



Thrill to a sea safari around the enchanting Scilly archipelago. Each sea safari is uniquely tailored to the day's weather and tidal conditions, ensuring a memorable experience with nature's unscripted beauty. Your aquatic adventure might include a serene cruise around the Eastern Isles, an unspoiled cluster of uninhabited islands cradling the eastern edge of Scilly. Here, you'll have the chance to encounter the majestic Atlantic Grey Seals and a tapestry of seabirds in their natural habitat.

Alternatively, set course for the Western Rocks, where you'll visit Annet's Bird Sanctuary in pursuit of puffins and navigate through historic shipwreck sites. The journey peaks with a visit to the Bishop Rock Lighthouse, a sentinel at Britain's southwestern frontier. For a more rugged experience, the Norrard Rocks await, offering a haven for seals and seabirds, including the charismatic puffins, visible until late July. Or perhaps you'll glide past the Round Island Lighthouse, weaving through history-rich islands and marveling at Men-A-Vaur, a natural skyscraper teeming with avian life.

Eager birdwatchers and wildlife enthusiasts will revel in the Isles of Scilly's pelagic expeditions. With a backdrop of azure waters, you'll be on the lookout for a ballet of British storm-petrels, Manx shearwaters, and the elusive Wilson's storm-petrel, among other marine wonders.



Get ready to discover the hidden gem of St. Martin's, a peaceful island that boasts some of the world's most stunning beaches, where shimmering seas caress pristine white sand. Immerse yourself in St. Martin's rich natural beauty and meet the enterprising residents who are making the most of their idyllic surroundings. One of these thriving local businesses is St. Martin's Vineyard, the UK's most southwesterly vineyard, established on a former flower farm in 1996. The vineyard produces four varieties of wine, two whites, one rosé, and one red, and is a prime example of a thriving vineyard in action.

The owners, James and Holly, moved to the island in 2020 to preserve the traditional management of the vineyard while focusing on biodiversity and sustainability, including a move toward organic production. During your visit, you can meet James and Holly if they are available and take a self-guided tour of the vineyard at your own pace. And, of course, you won't want to miss the opportunity to taste some of the fantastic wines. Next, head to Highertown, along the island's sole concrete road, where you'll find a charming gallery showcasing local artists, a flower farm, and a bustling artisan bakery. After some free time to explore, enjoy your scenic walk back to your yacht.

Please note: Expect to navigate steep, uneven ground. The vineyard is not open for tours on Saturdays. Due to tides and environmental conditions, the tour's duration is subject to change.

#### ST. PETER PORT (GUERNSEY), CHANNEL ISLANDS (1 OF 2)

#### GUERNSEY BY BICYCLE BOOKING CODE: GGSPT301 | \$85pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA



Activity Level



EXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 16 2024 | WNA SEP 20 2024 | WVO OCT 2 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240516 | WNA240920 | WVO241002

After a swift mini-coach ride from the pier, gear up at the cycling departure zone, where you'll be provided with a bike and absorb a quick safety tutorial. Your route sweeps from St. Sampson's toward historic Vale Castle, continuing to the quaint fishing harbor of Bordeaux. Pedal along, and you'll uncover the ancient Le Dehus Dolmen, an intriguing megalithic tomb that harks back to the Neolithic era.

The adventure proceeds through tranquil trails leading to Beaucette Marina, a haven for boathouses, and on to the wild beauty of Fort Doyle and La Platte Fougere Lighthouse. Your path then winds through the golden sands of L'Ancresse and Pembroke, skirting the Royal Guernsey Golf Course, to greet the aviary residents at Vale Church and Vale Pond. This tranquil body of water is a living chronicle of Guernsey's past, standing as the sole testament to an epoch when the island was a mosaic of islets bridged by salt marshes.

Please note: Expect to bike for around six miles, with a section along a busy road. Guests must be confident bikers, including riding downhill and using hand breaks. This tour is not suitable for guests with mobility issues or other health conditions. Wear warm, layered attire and flat, comfortable athletic shoes. It is mandatory to wear the provided helmet. To participate, guests must be a minimum of 12 years old. This tour requires favorable weather conditions to operate. The order of sites visited may vary.



Delight in an exciting voyage aboard a rigid inflatable boat, slicing through the azure waters that envelop Guernsey. As you navigate the pristine waters, keep your eyes peeled for a spectacular array of seabirds making their homes along the craggy cliffs. With a bit of luck, you might catch a glimpse of puffins, gannets, razorbills, and shags, all nearly within arm's reach, thanks to the nimble craft that brings you astonishingly close to their natural habitats.

Venture near Herm Island's northern reefs, a haven for nature, and perhaps discover Atlantic grey seals basking on the rocks, a testament to the island's thriving ecosystem. If fortune favors you, the delightful sight of dolphins or even whales might grace your expedition. Under the guidance of a nature aficionado, you'll learn about Guernsey's rich maritime history, replete with tales of triumph and turbulence, and cap your exploration with an exhilarating high-speed return the pier.

Please note: Expect a bumpy ride. This tour is not suitable for guests with injuries, mobility issues or health conditions, including pregnancy. Wear warm, layered clothing along with the wet weather gear and life jacket provided. Note that wildlife sightings are not guaranteed, and the route taken will be dependent on weather conditions.

#### **ST. PETER PORT (GUERNSEY)**, CHANNEL ISLANDS (2 OF 2)

## TOWN WALK & CANDIE GARDENS WITH CREAM TEA BOOKING CODE: GGSPT303 | \$105pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3 hours) | TIME OF DAY: TBA EXPEDITIONS: WNA MAY 16 2024 | WNA SEP 20 2024 | WVO OCT 2 2024 VOYAGE ID: WNA240516 | WNA240920 | WVO241002

Prepare to be charmed by the quaint allure of St. Peter Port, the delightful capital of Guernsey. Your exploration begins as you meander through the narrow byways, where unique boutiques and cozy cafes beckon with their local warmth. As you wander, you'll unravel the island's rich history and the pivotal role of its bustling port. The walk takes you to iconic Castle Cornet, a sentinel guarding the harbor for over eight centuries and a photographer's dream. You'll enjoy a pause to browse the souvenir shop on site.

Then, it's on to the enchanting Candie Gardens, a horticultural masterpiece set high above the town. Here, breathe in the fragrance of vibrant blooms and gaze out over the marina, with vistas stretching to the neighboring isles. The crown jewel of the gardens is a Victorian greenhouse, the oldest working heated glass house in the British Isles, a testament to the island's heritage. Conclude your tour with the quintessential British tradition of cream tea, a fitting conclusion to your journey through the sights, sounds, and tastes of Guernsey.

Please note: Expect to walk over uneven surfaces, some steps and a few steep inclines. This tour is not recommended for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues.



Embark on a scenic coach journey from bustling St. Peter Port, where you'll traverse the heart of Guernsey, an island adorned with charming villages and quaint farmhouses. Meander down narrow country lanes, framed by a landscape where rugged cliffs give way to serene sandy beaches. As you navigate the island's west coast, the dramatic cliffs of the south come into view, home to thriving bird colonies, including the colorful puffin.

Amidst this verdant paradise, discover the Little Chapel, Guernsey's beloved miniature church. Nestled within a peaceful, tree-shaded glade, Brother Deodat meticulously crafted this architectural gem, intending it to mirror the famous Lourdes grotto. Adorned with an array of pebbles, seashells, and vibrantly hued shards of porcelain, the chapel stands as a testament to unwavering faith and artistic devotion.

Conclude your exploration in the picturesque terraces of St. Peter Port, a haven for seafarers and wanderers alike. Its historic charm, narrow alleys, and aged facades overlooking the natural harbor captivate all who visit. You'll agree that Guernsey, with its unique blend of natural beauty and cultural heritage, truly is an exceptional place.

Please note: Expect to walk over gravel and some steps at the chapel. As most of the walking is at each guest's discretion, this tour is suitable for guests with mobility issues.



Step into the charm of Stavanger's old town, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1975, a tapestry of 173 whitewashed wooden houses adorned with seasonal blooms. While these picturesque homes draw countless admirers, few have the chance to cross the threshold and experience their warmth from within. Embrace Norwegian hospitality as you're invited for coffee and pastries in a local family's home, a rare glimpse into the traditions and daily life of the Norwegians.

Your excursion unfolds with an intimate visit to a family's abode, a cozy interlude of about an hour to savor treats and conversation. Then, embark on a leisurely stroll through the cobbled streets of Stavanger's Old Town, absorbing the ambiance of a bygone era. A highlight of your journey will be the panoramic views from Valbergtårnet, once a watchtower, now a sentinel offering vistas over this historic maritime city.

Please note: Expect to walk around 2.5 miles, including over cobblestone surfaces and steps.



Embrace the invigorating essence of Norway with a guided Nordic walk near Stavanger, an activity that turns walking into a full-body exercise with the aid of specially designed poles. It's a simple technique to master and promises a comprehensive workout amidst a beautiful natural backdrop. Your adventure starts in the heart of the city, where you'll be equipped with walking poles tailored to your height. You'll then embark on a picturesque journey towards Godalen, a favored trail among locals on the Storhaug Peninsula.

This almost 2-mile coastal path will lead you from quaint harbors to open fields, hugging the fjord and offering breathtaking views of the Gandsfjord and distant mountains. Along the way, you'll pass beautiful beaches and rugged headlands. During a restful pause in a serene outdoor spot, indulge in a slice of Norway's simple pleasures with brown cheese on rye bread, accompanied by refreshing water – a quintessential Norwegian snack that's as soul-filling as the landscape around you.

Please note: Expect to walk for approximately 3 hours. Wear closed-toe, athletic footwear suitable for walking over uneven, bumpy and potentially wet surfaces. Bring bottled water for hydration.

#### **STAVANGER**, NORWAY (2 OF 2)

**PULPIT ROCK HIKE** BOOKING CODE: NOSVG303 | \$209pp FULL DAY (Approx. 7 hours)



Meals

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Traverse through picturesque vistas aboard your comfortable coach to the starting point of your trek at Preikestolhytta, or Pulpit Rock Cabin. After setting off on foot, your path will provide dazzling vistas of diverse terrains, including serene forests, rugged mountains, and marshlands dotted with tranguil ponds. Spanning roughly 2½ miles, the trail ascends 1,100 feet, culminating in an exhilarating final stretch along a narrow ridge with the sheer cliffs on one flank and the majestic Lysefjord sprawling below on the other. At lunch time, you'll pause to partake in a reinvigorating boxed meal.

Reaching Pulpit Rock, reward yourself with a restful break and soak in the awe-inspiring panorama of Lysefjord, a staggering 2,000 feet beneath your vantage point. Invigorated by the landscape's grandeur, you'll retrace your steps on the descent, concluding your adventure with a brief yet enriching sightseeing tour through Stavanger's highlights before returning to the comfort of your yacht.

Please note: Expect to walk approximately 5 miles roundtrip and to climb 1,100 feet in elevation. Prepare for some sections of the path to be steep, narrow, rocky or muddy. Wear sturdy, comfortable hiking or walking shoes. As you ascend, the temperature will drop, so dress accordingly in layers. To participate, guests must be a minimum of 12 vears old.



Immerse yourself in Norway's rich maritime heritage with a tour through Stavanger, a city integral to the nation's history from the Viking era to the modern oil industry. Your excursion transports you through the city's evolution, passing by lush farmlands as you venture towards Ullandhaug. Here, history breathes life with reconstructed Iron Age farmhouses offering a portal to the past, while granting a splendid vista of Hafrsfjord-site of the decisive battle where King Harald Haarfagre united Norway into one kingdom in 872.

The journey continues, juxtaposing Stavanger's historic and contemporary quarters, leading you to the city's cathedral. Constructed circa 1125 under the British Bishop Reinald of Winchester's guidance, this ecclesiastical gem has preserved its medieval grandeur. Dedicated to St. Svithun, it stands as a testament to Norway's architectural and spiritual lineage. At this point, you may return to the yacht or choose to meander on foot through Old Stavanger, a delightful maze of well-preserved wooden structures harking back to the 18th and 19th centuries, once home to sailors and merchants.

#### STORNOWAY (ISLES OF LEWIS), SCOTLAND (1 OF 2)



After leaving the island capital of Stornoway, travel across the island to Callanish, on the beautiful west coast. Described as Scotland's Stonehenge, the Callanish Standing Stones date from around 3000 B.C. Observe a total of 32 stones in a circular and avenue design. It is thought that the site, one of several in the area, was constructed for astronomical observations. The stones stand like a petrified forest on the flat top of a peninsula that reaches out into East Loch Roag. Visit the insightful visitor center to learn more about the site and venture out among the stones themselves to experience their mysterious atmosphere.

Next, continue around the west coast to the site of Dun Carloway Pictish Broch, probably built sometime in the 1st century B.C. It would have served as an occasionally defensible residence for an extended family, complete with accommodation for animals at the ground floor level. After that, rejoin your coach and travel north to Gearrannan Blackhouse Village, a reconstructed settlement of traditional blackhouses, where people and animals lived in close proximity. You can visit the small museum, enjoy a display of a typical crafting activity such as weaving or buttermaking (subject to availability), and take in the views from this dramatic site on the wild Atlantic coast.

Please note: Expect to walk over uneven, grassy, stony surfaces and inclines. As most walking is at each guest's discretion, this tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs that have a companion to assist them. Wear warm, weatherproof clothing and sturdy footwear.



Start your captivating tour walking along the seafront, admiring the charming fishing boats dancing on the waves. Cross the bridge and follow the pathway along the coastline. On the way, pass by the grounds that were originally laid out as part of Lews Castle's formal gardens. They were built on the foundations of an estate house dating back to 1680, and the grazing land was transformed into extensive woodlands, large gardens and a conservatory complex to house a wide range of native and exotic plant species. As you stroll along the seafront, your guide will share fascinating local stories and teach you about Stornoway's rich history. You'll learn quite a bit while enjoying the stunning views of the ocean.

Finally, reach an impressive mock Tudor Castle, the lavishly appointed Lews Castle, a Victorian-era home built on the back of opium money by the island's one-time owner Sir James Matheson. During WWII, the house was used as a naval hospital, and in this period, the groomed woodlands fell into a wild state and the fantastic glasshouses dilapidated. The former site of the glasshouses is now home to the Museum for the Hebrides in a custom-built building. Stornoway Trust is working on major projects to enhance some of the features of the castle grounds. Visit the museum before exploring the castle and returning to your yacht independently.

Please note: Expect to walk over mostly level terrain with some steps and uneven or wet surfaces to navigate. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs.

#### STORNOWAY (ISLES OF LEWIS), SCOTLAND (2 OF 2)



Travel across the Isle of Lewis to the parish of Ness and visit the charming little harbor, Port of Ness, which has been home to many seafarers for generations and is celebrated in the work of local artists. Take some free time to explore the harbor area and admire the art pieces at the Harbour View Gallery.

Next, continue to the ancient Church of Saint Moluag, one of the most mysterious sites on the Isle of Lewis. This church has a plethora of legends and beliefs associated with it, so take the time to explore and uncover its secrets before returning to the coach and traveling to the Butt of Lewis Lighthouse.

The lighthouse is set in a stunning location and was built in 1862 by the local Stevenson brothers using red brick, unlike many other Scottish lighthouses. Take some time to photograph the exterior of the lighthouse and immerse yourself in the lovely views out to sea. This area is also notable for being the windiest place in the United Kingdom, so much so that it has achieved a mention in the Guinness Book of Records.

#### TÓRSHAVN (FAROE ISLANDS), DENMARK (1 OF 2)



Experience the breathtaking beauty of Saksun, a remote village on Streymoy Island. Begin with a drive through Tórshavn, one of the smallest capitals in the world. Along the way, see one of the longest fjords in the Faroe Islands, Kaldbaksfjørður, and continue through a tunnel and along the eastern side of Streymoy to the village Hvalvík, where the road to Saksun begins. Drive through the longest valley in the Faroe Islands to reach Saksun, whose unique location above a stunning lagoon surrounded by mountains and waterfalls is sure to leave you awe-struck.

As you explore the untouched and serene village, you'll see one of the island's oldest farmhouses and a pure white, turf-roofed church. Take your time and enjoy the stunning views of the magnificent mountains that surround the small village. On our return trip to Tórshavn, take the old road over the mountains, which offers excellent photo opportunities along the way.



Embark on an excursion to the Faroe Islands and the secluded village of Gjógv, the northernmost village on Eysturoy Island. Tucked at the end of a lush valley, it stands alone, embraced by serene vistas. Your journey begins at Tórshavn harbor, winding through the Sundalagið Valley and passing the legendary sea stacks Risin and Kellingin, which stand guard at Eysturoy's northern tip. Gjógv, named after the gorge that cradles a natural harbor, is your destination. Traverse the narrow but safe mountain pass of Gjáarskarð, which descends dramatically into the village, offering a breathtaking entrance.

The adventure continues to Klaksvík, the Faroe Islands' second largest city, deeply rooted in its maritime heritage. Nestled in the extraordinary landscape of Borðoy Island, Klaksvík's spirit is as boundless as the ocean it faces. There, savor a local lunch and wander the city's streets. Your return to Tórshavn includes a drive through the Norðoyartunnilin sub-sea tunnel, an engineering marvel that links Borðoy island with Eysturoy, completing your circuit of discovery and scenic splendor.

Please note: Expect to walk for approximately 1.2 miles.

#### TÓRSHAVN (FAROE ISLANDS), DENMARK (2 OF 2)



Embark on a journey to the western reaches of the Faroe Islands, where the Isle of Vágar beckons with its stunning vistas. A treasure among natural wonders, you'll venture to the revered Múlafossur Waterfall. Tucked within the serene village of Gásadalur, Múlafossur is a hidden gem, offering photogenic scenes far from the bustling crowds.

Your adventure continues in the quaint village of Bøur. From there, feast your eyes on the iconic Tindhólmur islet, a marvel of stark contrasts with lush green slopes on one side and imposing basalt cliffs on the other. Stroll among Bøur's traditional turf houses and let the tranquil atmosphere envelop you as you stand on the village's secluded beach, a world away from the ordinary.



Discover the old village of Kvívík, Viking ruins, and stunning views. Head north through the city of Tórshavn to reach Kvívík, pausing to take photos above the small village, giving you a chance to appreciate the variety of colors of the houses and roofs. Next, take a short walk to the Viking graves, where excavations date back over 1,000 years, probably to the 10th century. See the remains of a Viking longhouse and barn built beside a small river that flows through a valley to the sea.

On the way back to Tórshavn, drive via an old mountain road called Oyggjavegur. Along the way, stop at Norðradalsskarð for a breathtaking view of Koltur Island and the Norðradalur valley. Continuing along Oyggjavegur, pass the only prison in the Faroe Islands, perched amid unmatched surroundings in the Mjørkadalur valley.

#### A WALK THROUGH THE VIKING CITY BOOKING CODE: IEWAT303 | \$175pp HALF DAY (Approx. 3.5 hours) | TIME OF DAY: AM



Activity Level



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Set forth from the pier on a short drive to the venerable city of Waterford, established by seafaring Vikings over a millennium ago. Your exploration commences in the city's historic core, the 'Viking Triangle,' where the echoes of ancient conquests and medieval sagas resound. Wander amidst six historic monuments that have stood the test of time, from the 12th to the 18th centuries, including the formidable Reginald's Tower, once the linchpin of the city's defenses.

Venture to the esteemed Medieval Museum, where a grand sculpture inspired by a 13th-century relic awaits. Within its walls, you'll find Ireland's only museum dedicated to medieval life, housing the hallowed 13th-century Choristers' Hall and the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. Within this modern structure, witness the meticulous craft of coin minting, dating back to the Anglo-Norman era, and depart with a souvenir coin. The journey culminates at the stately Bishop's Palace. Traverse the timeline of Waterford's storied past from 1700 through the 1970s. Amidst a collection of illustrious artifacts, discover the mournful beauty of the Bonaparte Mourning Cross and gaze upon the 1789 Penrose Decanter, the pride of Waterford Crystal.

Please note: Expect an extensive amount of walking/standing for approximately three hours, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is not suitable for guests in wheelchairs or mobility issues.



Enjoy a scenic journey through County Waterford's breathtaking Atlantic vistas as you travel to Tramore, a quaint seaside gem where Victorian elegance meets the wild Irish coast. The Gaelic name, translating to 'large beach,' barely does justice to the sprawling bay framed by time-honored terraced homes. Tramore is one of Ireland's most popular seaside resort towns and has flourished since the 1850s, when it was linked to Waterford by rail.

Your adventure continues westward, tracing the craggy cliffs through vibrant villages like Fenor and Annestown. Immerse yourself in the history of the Copper Coast, a nod to the bygone era of copper mining near Bunmahon, and witness how the past has shaped the present.

As the landscape transitions to the rolling pastures against the backdrop of the Comeragh Mountains, the heart of Waterford County reveals itself. Here, amid the verdant fields and traditional farmlands, pause to enjoy a refreshing beverage, the captivating strains of Irish music, and the warm embrace of local hospitality.

Please note: This tour is suitable for guests in wheelchairs or with mobility issues that can get on and off the coach unassisted or with the help of a companion. The order of sites visited may vary.



Journey to the historic heart of Ireland's Viking ancestry in Waterford City. As you traverse the landscapes that once welcomed Celtic tribes and Norse invaders, discover the city's etymological heritage, tracing back to the Norse 'Vadrefjord'. Your panoramic drive offers a view of Reginald's Tower, a Viking bastion from a millennium ago, later claimed by Norman invader Strongbow. This enduring edifice stands as a testament to the city's turbulent and storied past.

In contemporary times, Waterford shines as the Crystal City. Your visit to the House of Waterford Crystal is an illuminating encounter with exquisite craftsmanship. Although the famed factory's operations have scaled down, the legacy endures in the sparkling showrooms. In the exhibition area, witness the meticulous artistry that goes into each piece, and in the retail shop, browse the world's most extensive collection of Waterford Crystal. Culminate your cultural expedition with the warmth of a classic Irish Coffee in the inviting ambiance of a local hotel.

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