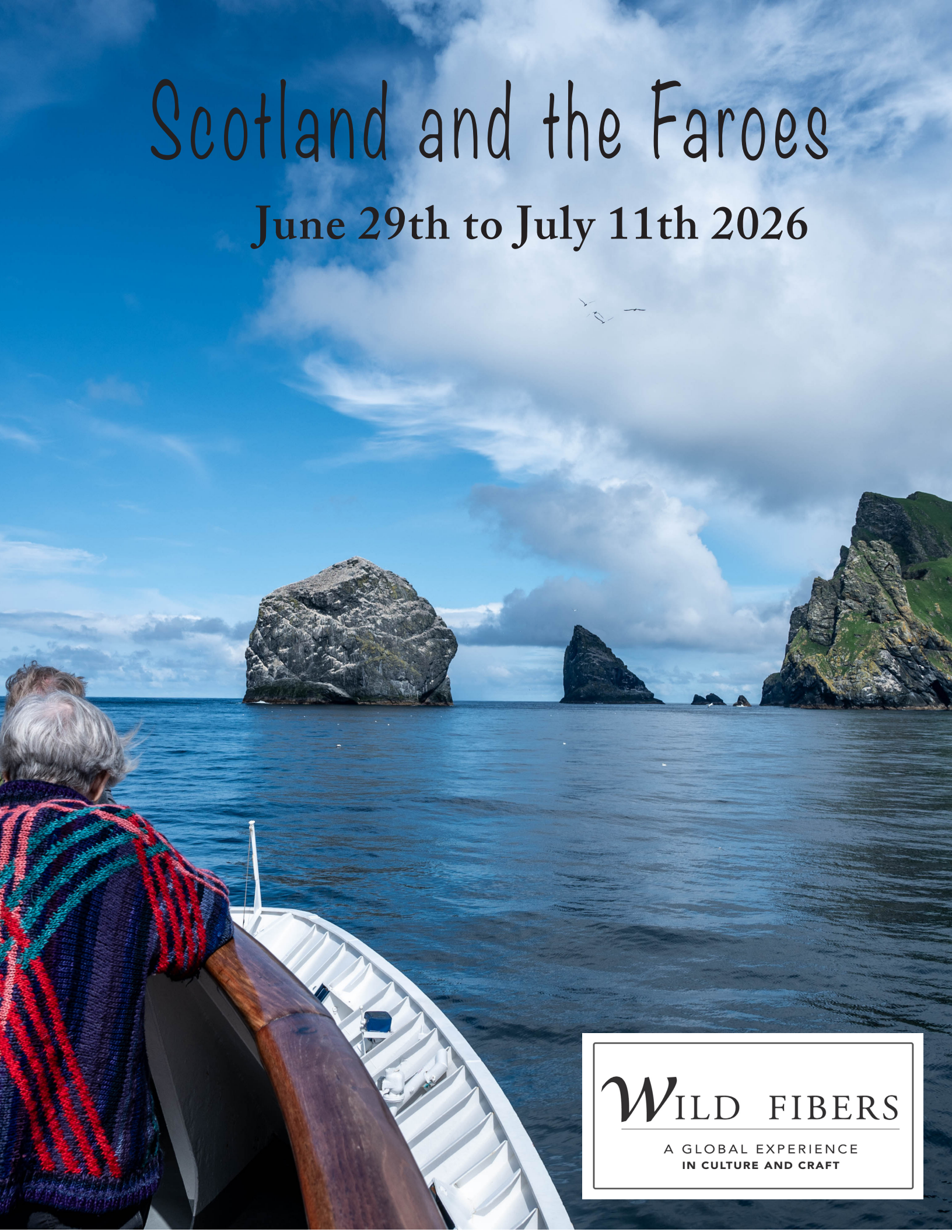


Scotland and the Faroes

June 29th to July 11th 2026



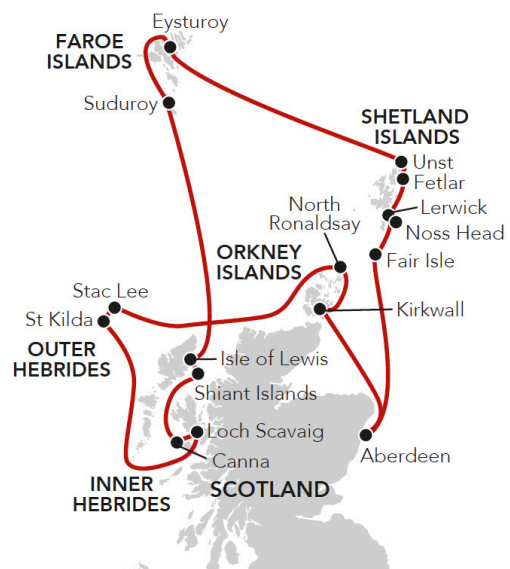
WILD FIBERS

A GLOBAL EXPERIENCE
IN CULTURE AND CRAFT



The islands off Scotland's western and northern coast are simply perfect for expedition cruising and this unique voyage ventures far north to the Shetland, Faroe and Orkney Islands as well as the magical Hebridean islands. During our unique twelve night voyage we will visit both inhabited and uninhabited islands, explore deserted villages and places of great natural beauty rich in birdlife, wildlife and mystical history, many with a long history dating back to the Iron Age.

One of Europe's true last remaining wilderness areas, the islands afford the traveller a marvelous journey through stunning scenery accompanied by breathtaking sunsets. The sheer diversity of the landscapes and lifestyles will amaze you, as will the spirit and warmth of the small communities we will encounter



Itinerary

Day 1 Aberdeen, Scotland.

Embark the MS Hebridean Sky this afternoon. Transfers will be provided from Aberdeen Airport and rail station at a fixed time. Sail this evening to the Orkney Islands.

Day 2 Fair Isle, Shetland Islands

This morning we anchor off the remote island of Fair Isle. Located midway between the Shetland and Orkney Islands, the tiny population of sixty or so islanders always extend a warm welcome. Famous for its birds, knitwear, and historic shipwrecks, our group will enjoy a special meet and greet with the one of the local knitters. Afterwards, there is time for a walk across the island, searching out the puffin slopes, a visit to the community hall for a cup of tea or indulge in something special from the gift shop. If the weather permits, we will sail around to Noss Head in the afternoon where the cliffs will be full of nesting gannets, guillemots and fulmar.

Day 3 Lerwick

In recent history, Shetland's cobblestone streets were filled with the rush of vibrant fishing and ship building industries, and a unique wool history. Approximately 80% of Shetland wool is purchased by Jamieson and Smith who possess a wealth of information they are always delighted to share. To the south of Lerwick is Jarlshoff where we delve into more than 4,000 years of human occupation. Neolithic people first settled this site in Shetland around 2700 BC, and it remained in use until the 1600s AD. Discoveries made here include oval-shaped Bronze Age houses, an Iron Age broch and wheelhouses, Norse long-houses, a medieval farmstead, and a laird's house dating back to the 1500s. We will also visit The Shetland Museum offering in-depth exhibit on the islands' wool and farming history. More knitting history can be found at The Shetland Textile Museum.

Day 4 Fetlar & Unst

We continue our exploration of the Shetlands with our visits to the northern islands of Fetlar and Unst. Fetlar has been inhabited for over 5000 years and the island lays claim to being the first Norse landing site in the Shetlands. Known as the most fertile of the Shetland Islands, the wildflowers bring color to the landscape whilst the birdlife on the island is prolific. Over lunch we sail to Unst, Britain's most northerly inhabited island. Our group will visit The Heritage Centre which hosts the most extensive collection of Shetland lace knitting, and encompasses how the islanders have lived over the centuries. We will also visit the Unst Boat Haven, dedicated to the history of the island's distinctive wooden boats which descend from Viking craft.

Day 5 Eysturoy, Faroe Islands

After a morning at sea we arrive in the Faroese Island of Eysturoy at Runavik which due to its sheltered location in the Skalaifjordur has been used as a port since the Vikings. Local guides will show us around the small town including the Forni Historical Museum, the Church of Glyvvar and the



boathouse. There will also be the opportunity to join our naturalists for a walk around Lake Toftavatn seeing the rich birdlife, Faroese flora and the statue of the shepherd and his dog.

Day 6 Elduvik.

Today we enjoy the benefits of small ship cruising as we make our way to the north of the island of Eysturoy and the small traditional village of Elduvik. Located at the end of a lush valley and surrounded by mountains, the village has a resident population of 12 who will welcome us ashore. Villagers will lead walks around the town including the colourful houses and the church and hear stories of the history, myths and culture.

Those feeling active may wish to join a strenuous yet scenic hike along the old village path through the Skoratind hills to neighbouring Oyndarfjordur, enjoying views of the nearby island of Kalsoy and the hills of Funningur.

Day 7 Suduroy

Suduroy, the southernmost island of the group is our base for the morning. From the port of Tvoroyri we have a choice of activities. Choose to join an island drive filled with stunning scenery as we pass through villages, fjords, tunnels and on to the southernmost point, the Akraberg lighthouse. In Porkeri we will take the ridge-top



road which winds up the mountain-side for wonderful views towards the steep cliffs on the west coast. Both locals and visitors agree this excursion delivers the essence of the Faroe Islands with mountains and fjords, villages and valleys, birds, sheep and nature. Alternatively, those feeling active may wish to join a hike to Hvaanhagi, a beautiful, uninhabited place north of Tvoroyri on the east coast of Suduroy with fantastic views towards the three islands Litla Dímun, Stora Dímun and Skuvoy. During lunch we begin sailing back to Scotland.

Day 8 Stornoway, Isle of Lewis & Shiant Islands

Today we arrive on the Isle of Lewis, home of the world renowned Harris Tweed, where our group will meet in the home of a young Harris Tweed weaver who left his job as a banker so he could return to life on the island. In the afternoon, we head to the beautiful west coast. Described as Scotland's Stonehenge, the Callanish Standing Stones date from around 3000 BC. There are a total of 32 stones in a circular and avenue design. The stones stand like a petrified forest on the flat top of a peninsula which reaches out into East Loch Roag. Our final stop is the Garrannan Blackhouse Village, a reconstructed settlement of traditional black houses which were made using dry stone masonry and have thatched roofs, distinctively weighted down with rocks. We will board the Zodiacs for a cruise around the spectacular basalt cliffs of the Shiant Islands, a group of little islands located a few miles off the shores of Lewis.





Day 9, Loch Scavaig & Canna, Inner Hebrides

Strategically placed between the mountains of Rum and the Outer Hebrides, the island of Canna and its adjoining neighbour Sanday have an amazingly rich archaeological landscape with remains dating to all periods of settled occupation in Scotland. Canna is run as a single farm and bird sanctuary by the National Trust for Scotland. The fertile soil and its diversity of habitats mean that the island has an incredibly rich plant life with 248 native flowering plants recorded. We will see Canna House and wander across grassy basalt plateaus to the 600 foot cliffs on the north shore. This afternoon we arrive at lovely Loch Scavaig. Just beyond is the freshwater Loch Corruisk with its breathtakingly beautiful view over the Cuillins. This is great walking country, but for those who prefer a less energetic afternoon our Zodiacs will explore the coast looking out for seals.

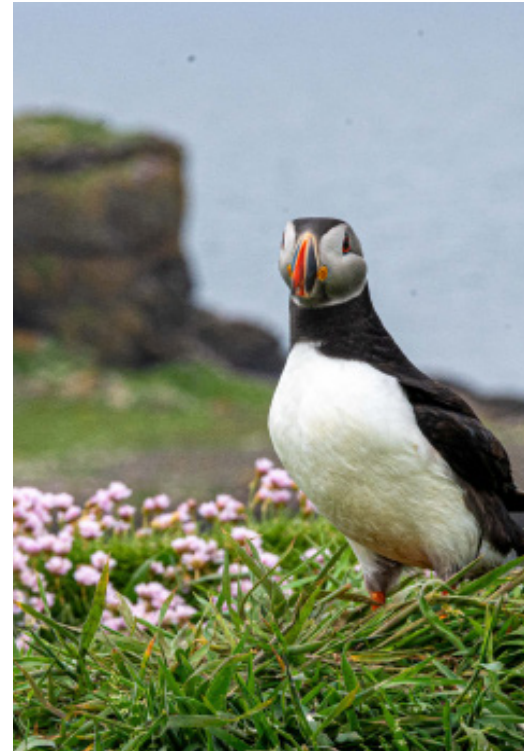
Day 10 St Kilda, Outer Hebrides

Today we set foot into one of the most extraordinary chapters in sheep history, the Soay. For centuries, the people on St. Kilda survived gathering bird eggs from the cliffs and raising sheep. In 1930, this isolated population of just 36 Gaelic speaking inhabitants was evacuated by the government at their own request, leaving the ancient breed of short-tailed sheep to survive. To this day, the feral flock is monitored by scientists, studying their uniquely pure genetics. We also cruise past two of the largest gannetries in the world at Stac Lee and Stac an Armin. These impressive stacs rise 170 meters from the sea and are home to up to 60,000 breeding pairs of northern gannet.

Day 11 North Ronaldsay, Orkney Islands

This morning we arrive at the northernmost of the Orkney Islands, the remote and isolated North Ronaldsay. Renowned for its beautiful coastal scenery and abundant birdlife, it is one of the crown jewels in the history of Northern European short-tailed sheep. In 1832, a stone wall was erected along the island's perimeter to keep the sheep off the pasture land, pre- serving it for cattle who were deemed more valuable.

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Day 12 Kirkwall.

This morning we arrive at the Orkney capital of Kirkwall from where we will head into the west of Mainland, Orkney's largest island. We will pass through a gentle rolling landscape and into the Neolithic Heartland of Orkney; an area designated as a World Heritage Site due to its wealth of pre-historic archaeology. We will see the Standing Stones of Stenness and the Ring of Brodgar; a huge ceremonial circle of stones dating back almost 5000 years. We continue to the 5000-year-old village of Skara Brae and see the remarkable dwellings revealed from beneath the sand dunes by storms only 150 years ago. By advance reservation, ten members of our group will be able to visit Jane Cooper and her magnificent flock of Boreray Sheep.

The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace, perhaps visit St Magnus Church which dates back over 900 years. It has been occupied for thousands of years and has been a place of pilgrimage and Christian worship for several centuries.

Day 13 Aberdeen Disembark this morning after breakfast. Transfers will be provided to Aberdeen International Airport and Aberdeen Train Station at a fixed time.

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Our tour is in conjunction with Noble Caledonia who is fortunate to have two of the finest small ships in the world, the MS Island Sky and MS Hebridean Sky. These ex-Renaissance Cruises sister vessels accommodate just 102 guests and are not only two of the most comfortable and well equipped small ships, but also two of the friendliest and most efficiently run. With crews of just over 70, many of whom have been with Noble Caledonia for most of their working career, they are dedicated to offering the best possible experience. It is this gentle, kind and efficient atmosphere on board that makes these vessels so popular.

MS Hebridean Sky is equipped with the latest safety, navigation and communications equipment along with roll stabilizers to minimize the ship's motion. During your voyage we hope to offer the opportunity to visit the Captain and Officers on the Bridge to check the vessel's progress by charts and learn more about your journey. You will also find on your suite television a navigation channel showing the routing of the vessel as well as the view from the Bridge. On board you will also find a clinic and doctor and a lift that serves all decks. Smoking on board is restricted to a specific area on deck.

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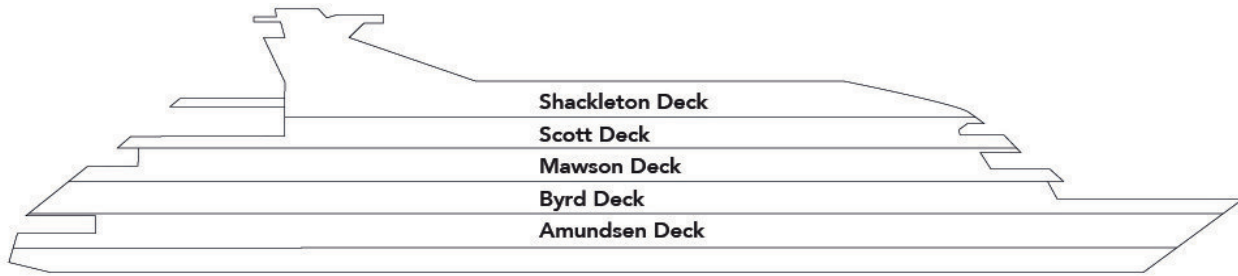
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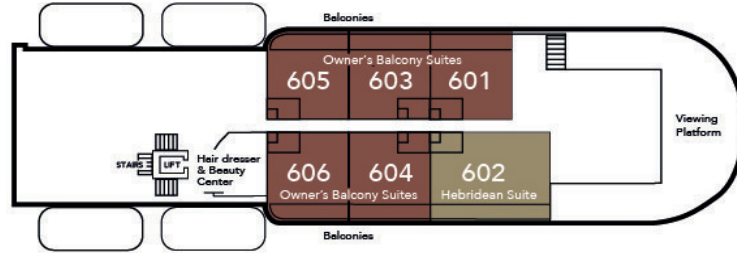
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Mawson	Corner	£8295	£7995
Scott	Deluxe Balcony	£8795	£8495
Shackleton	Owner's Balcony	£9295	£8995
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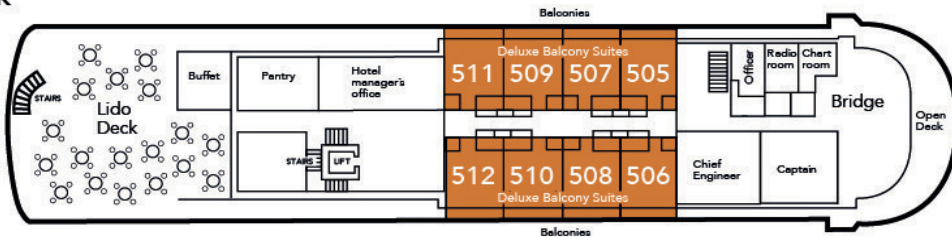
PRICE INCLUDES: 12 nights aboard the MS Hebridean Sky on a full board basis
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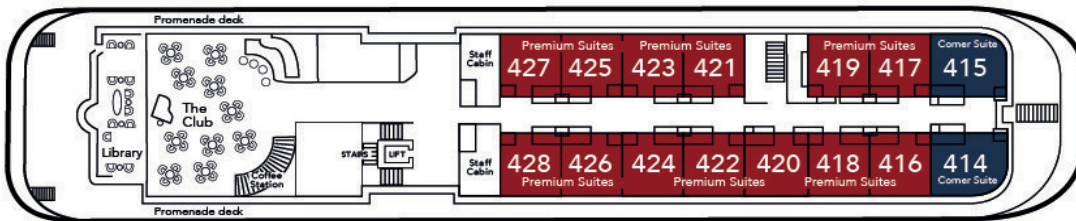
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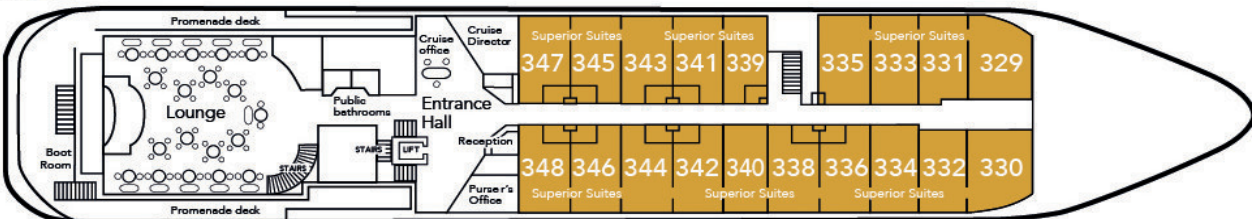
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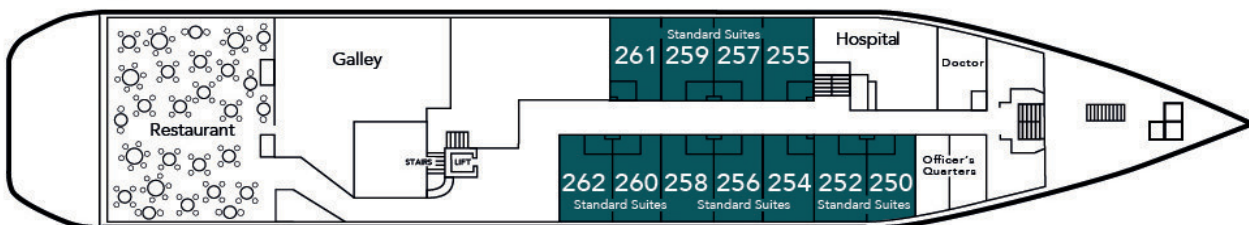
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