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Iceland and Northern Isles Cruise

Early Booking Bonus offers substantial savings while cabins are still available. Don't delay – book now! These cruises on comfortable, small ocean liners, combine sailings from the UK and Ireland with visits to the stunning Faroe Islands and fascinating Iceland, as well as a stops at Scotland's isolated Orkney or Shetland Islands.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

12 days/11 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1-13: Sailing from the UK and Europe - North Atlantic islands - Iceland

This is your chance to explore the islands of the North Atlantic on one of distinct, small cruise-ship voyages. These are a more traditional and leisurely cruises done in British style. The itineraries differ slightly depending on the date and ship. The journeys start and finish in London Tilbury, Newcastle, Dundee, Amsterdam or Dublin. All itineraries circumnavigate Iceland.

Discover why Iceland is legendary as the "Land of Fire and Ice". An exciting circumnavigation of this extraordinary country introduces an amazing landscape of vast ice caps, active volcanoes, thundering waterfalls, bubbling mud pools and spurting geysers.

Each stop will offer the opportunity for optional shore excursions to see the remarkable scenery, village life and catch a glimpse of these fascinating, traditional and distant lands Or, you may choose to simply explore on your own.

14 Day/13 Night cruises are available in March and August

13 Day/12 Night cruises are available in June, July and August

12 Day/11 Night cruises are available in October

Accommodation on board varies somewhat between the ships sailing these itineraries, the Magellan (max. 1,250 passengers); the Columbus (max. 775 passengers); the Marco Polo (max. 800 passengers) and the Astoria (max. 550 passengers). Each ship offers a range of inside and outside cabins and suites, so there will be an option to suit any budget.

Ports of Call: Each cruise has slightly different ports of call in its itinerary. All stops are subject to weather and the itinerary may be changed at any time by the cruise company or captain of the ship to ensure the safety of passengers, crew and vessel.

Originating port and en route ports of call do vary depending on the sailing date – please ask one of our travel experts for full itinerary details of the date or port of call you are interested in, so we can match up your requirements with the best cruise and create a customized package for you.

England - ports

London Tilbury, UK: The cruise terminal for the city of London, located on the River Thames at Tilbury in Essex. A coach transfer or private car transfer can be added to your cruise reservation.

Hull, or Kingston upon Hull: A port city in East Yorkshire, England. Where the River Hull meets the Humber Estuary. In the old town's Museums Quarter, the Streetlife Museum focuses on modes of transport and Wilberforce House



documents the abolition of the slave trade.

Liverpool, UK: A city of culture, heritage and people (and, of course, home to the Beatles!). With its unique attractions, unrivalled musical heritage and famously warm welcomes, Liverpool is the ideal destination to visit and explore.

Newcastle upon Tyne: This university city is situated on the River Tyne in northeast England. With its twin city, Gateshead, it was a major shipbuilding and manufacturing hub during the Industrial Revolution. Spanning the Tyne, modern Gateshead Millennium Bridge, noted for its unique tilting aperture, is a symbol of the 2 cities.

Poole: A coastal town in Dorset, southern England, known for its large natural harbour and sandy beaches. The Old Town has Georgian houses and Poole Museum. Nearby Brownsea Island is home to a red squirrel population and the 16th-century Brownsea Castle, now a private hotel.

Scotland - ports

Dundee: A coastal city on the Firth of Tay estuary in eastern Scotland. Its regenerated waterfront has 2 nautical museums: RRS Discovery, Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition ship, and 19th-century warship, HM Frigate Unicorn. North of the water, Verdant Works is a museum celebrating the city's jute-manufacturing heritage.

Invergordon: Situated on the shores of the deep Cromarty Firth with a fine natural harbour, Invergordon is a key, historic port. The small, modern town is a charming coastal gateway to the beautiful Scottish Highlands, Capital of the Highlands' Inverness, the Glenmorangie Distillery and legendary Loch Ness with its resident monster Nessie.

Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, UK: The capital of the amazing Orkney archipelago, the Royal Burgh of Kirkwall sits almost exactly in the centre of Mainland, dividing the island into East and West. The magnificent St. Magnus Cathedral, a legacy of the town's rich Viking heritage, dominates Kirkwall's skyline. In its shadow, the town is a cluster of grey stone buildings lining narrow, flagstone streets. Excursions explore these beautiful islands whose history can be traced back some 6,000 years through Neolithic standing stones and the magnificent archaeological site of Skara Brae. Modern day Orkney is a hive of creative activity and its craft workshops are perfect for a special souvenir.

Lerwick, Shetland Islands, UK: Originally settled by the Norsemen in the 9th century, Lerwick was founded as an unofficial marketplace to service 17th century Dutch herring fleets. The core of the town is a maze of narrow, flagstone streets set behind 18th century sandstone buildings overlooking the busy harbour. Hay's Dock, once the centre of Shetland's fishing and boat building industries, is home to the marvellous Shetland Museum and Archives. On the southern tip of Mainland the extraordinary archaeological site of Jarlshof tells the story of some 4,000 years of human history on this remote archipelago with a wealth of wildlife.

Ireland - ports

Belfast, Northern Ireland: Samson and Goliath, the two giant, yellow cranes, soar above Belfast's skyline, a reminder of the shipbuilding industry that put Northern Ireland's capital firmly on the map. The state-of-the-art Titanic Belfast museum brings to life the city's golden era and traces the story of the ill-fated liner built in the shipyards of Harland & Wolff. The extraordinary Giant's Causeway is a popular excursion from this city with omnipresent Irish charm.

Dublin, Republic of Ireland: The capital of the Emerald Isle is, with its friendly locals, fascinating history, legendary literary tradition and charming mix of medieval, Georgian and modern architecture, a city of unforgettable character. It lies on the east coast of Ireland along the banks of the River Liffey. Dublin Castle, Christchurch Cathedral, Trinity College and the beautiful square St Stephen's Green lie south of the Liffey, whilst the glorious Custom House, majestic Four Courts and famous General Post Office add grace to Dublin's Northside. Crossing the river the high-arched Ha'penny Bridge is one of Dublin's most famous landmarks.

Europe - ports

Rotterdam, The Netherlands: This city is divided north and south by the River Nieuwe Maas with the city centre located on the northern bank of the River. Built mostly behind dykes, large parts of Rotterdam are below sea level. There is a whole host of attractions – a city of modern architecture and delightful culture. Over the centuries, Rotterdam has grown from a fishing village into an international centre of trade. From Rotterdam choose to take an optional tour to Delft & The Hague or the UNESCO World Heritage site Kinderdijk.

Dunkirk, France: A commune in the French department of Nord, it is the northernmost city in France, lying 10km (6.2mi) from the Belgian border. It is most famous for Operation Dynamo, the WWII evacuation of Allied soldiers from the beaches, most recently featured in the film "Dunkirk". Now, resorts line the soft sands of Malo-les-Bains beach.

Faroe Islands - ports

Torshavn: Once the site of an annual Viking gathering, Tórshavn is today one of the smallest and most pleasant capital cities in the world. It sits on the southern tip of Streymoy, one of eighteen islands in the Faroese archipelago. Tinganes



is the old part of the town where characteristic, red wooden buildings with turf-covered roofs cluster on a narrow peninsula. It juts into the natural harbour around which the modern town has been built. The Faroe Islands have a wild and dramatic landscape, which is a magnificent backdrop to optional excursions showing how islanders live on this remote and unspoiled archipelago.

Kollafjørður: A small fishing port on the island of Streymoy. Initially there were just a few dwellings adjoining the village church, which dating from 1837 is a typical black-tarred wooden building with white painted windows and a turf roof. Today, although it is home to less than a thousand people, the village stretches over four miles along the northern shore of the Kollafjørður Fjord. From the port of Kollafjørður optional excursions visit the island communities that live on this isolated archipelago where the landscape is both wild and dramatic.

Klaksvík : A town on the island of Borðoy, in the Faroe Islands. The 1963 Christian's Church has a 19th-century wooden boat hanging from the ceiling and a 4,000-year-old font. Norðoya Fornminnasavn museum is partly housed in an old pharmacy. Outside town, there are Viking-era remains at Úti í Grøv. Trails to Hálsur lookout and Klakkur peak offer rich birdlife and views across the straits to Kunoy and Kalsoy islands.

Iceland - ports

Eskifjörður: A charming, yet isolated, coastal village that lies in the middle of Iceland's East Fjords, a stunning landscape sculpted by ice age glaciers. Not surprisingly the sea has shaped village culture and industry and the Maritime Museum gives insight into how the nature, upon which the community depend, has also seen them adopt self-sufficiency. Further along the coast is a famous spar mine, where some of Iceland's largest spar crystals have been found. The mine features in optional excursions along with the Maritime Museum, and the Icelandic Wartime Museum which recounts Iceland's World War Two history.

Seyðisfjörður: A place of singing waterfalls and peculiar characters, Seydisfjordur is a welcoming town booming with creativity and rich in history. Inhabited by about 700 people the town acts as one big family, and a friendly one at that. Everybody is welcome to our little paradise and we want to share the goodness with you. Visit Seydisfjordur, experience the flourishing art scene, try our guided tours and delightful hiking trails. Enjoy the local cuisine and the sensation of our unique town. Seydisfjordur is one of Lonely Planet's top picks in Iceland. Your adventure awaits.

Akureyri: Lies at the head of the 60-kilometre long Eyjafjörður, which is the longest fjord in Iceland. The capital of the north, which was founded as a trading post, is today an attractive town with colourful houses and well-kept gardens. It is also home to both the northernmost botanical garden and northernmost golf course in the world. Optional excursions highlight Iceland's extraordinary landscapes including surreal rock formations, the lunar-like pseudo-craters at Skutastadir and the stunning, crescent-shaped Godafoss Waterfall. Laufas Folk Museum, or Myvatn Nature Baths, Iceland's newest spa, are relaxing alternatives.

Ísafjörður: Situated just below the Arctic Circle, Isafjörður is the largest town in the Westfjords region of Iceland. It sits on a gravel spit that stands out into the Skutulsfjörður flanked on three sides by towering mountains. There are only three roads leading out of the town and all are through tunnels. The Maritime Museum traces the life and history of the settlement where fishing has been, and remains, the area's main source of income. The Westfjords region is a nature lover's paradise and a popular excursion visits the magical island of Vigur, which is home to a large eider duck colony and vast bird population.

Reykjavik: Part old Norse, part modern city, the Icelandic capital has a quirky character of its own. Although Reykjavik is one of the world's smallest capital cities, it is home to almost half of Iceland's population. Mosaics, murals and sculptures are found throughout the oldest part of the town where brightly coloured houses with tin roofs are watched over by the towering Hallgrímskirkja Church. The classic 'Golden Circle' featuring vast lava fields, bubbling mud pools, crashing waterfalls and spouting geysers, is a popular optional excursion along with the chance to bathe in the famous geothermal Blue Lagoon.

Details

2020 Departures:

March 12 from Poole on the Astoria - Northern Lights
June 27 from London Tilbury / June 28 from Rotterdam on the Columbus
July 23 from Liverpool / July 24 from Dublin on the Magellan
August 09 from London Tilbury / August 10 from Rotterdam on the Columbus
August 17 from Hull on the Marco Polo
October 12 from Newcastle / October 13 from Aberdeen on the Marco Polo

2020 Prices:

From US\$5,089 - twin Inside to US\$7,019 - twin Ocean View



Prices are “starting from” rates, shown in US\$, per person based on two people sharing a twin cabin. Rates are available for three or four people sharing a cabin and one person in a single cabin. Prices shown are the standard published prices for the cabin category indicated. Special offers such as Early Booking Bonus, Promotions and Spot Sales are not reflected in the pricing above. Should a special offer or discount be in place for the cruise of your choice we will always offer you the lowest available price at the time of your inquiry.

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- Cruise accommodations in your selected cabin category
- Full board cuisine
- Afternoon teas and late night snacks
- Captain's Cocktail Party
- Self service tea & coffee (6am to 10pm)
- Big show entertainment, cabarets and classical interludes
- Daytime activities and leisure facilities
- Guest speaker and arts & crafts
- Portage of luggage, port to cabin
- Port Taxes

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel Arrangements to port of embarkation and from port of disembarkation
- Optional shore excursions
- Travel Insurance
- Gratuities
- Items of a Personal Nature
- Alcoholic Beverages

TOUR NOTES

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