



THE  
CALEDONIAN  
CLUB

## An EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY to EXPLORE SCOTLAND'S WESTERN ISLES & REMOTE ARCHIPELAGOS



### SCOTLAND'S DRAMATIC COAST

St. KILDA, COLONSAY, IONA, the OUTER HEBRIDES, LEWIS,  
SHIANT ISLES, SKYE, the SMALL ISLES & MULL

*in the warmth & long days of June.*



*Killer Whales off Canna*

In June's long summer days, we head south from Oban cruising the 'Isles of the Sea', to sail past the uninhabited **Garvellachs Isles** to gentle **COLONSAY**. This, our first magical island has the famous gardens of **Colonsay House**, with exotic shrubs and unexpected plants, we can wander the empty beaches or the fields of wildflowers .



*The Abbey on Iona*

Continuing south west towards **Mull**, lies the holy island of **IONA**, where the Abbey is lit with reflections from the sea. Walking across the island takes us to the '**Bay at the Back of the Ocean**' where St Columba landed in 563AD. On to **TIREE** redolent of Viking raids, an island of empty beaches and Iron Age remains, to visit the evocative museum illustrating the building of Robert Louis Stevenson's **Skerryvore Lighthouse** – "*the noblest of all the deep-sea lights*". Crossing the **Sea of the Hebrides**, abundant with marine life, **basking sharks**, **killer whales**, **seals** and **dolphins** are regularly spotted from the decks, we sail past **Barra Head**, the southern tip of the **Outer Hebrides**, making our way to the spectacular, **world-famous ARCHIPELAGO of ST KILDA**, one of only 20 UNESCO sites listed worldwide for both environmental and cultural heritage.



*St Kilda Archipelago*



We cruise the archipelago to anchor in **Village Bay** and explore the main island of **HIRTA**, once home to Britain's most remote island community. Strung like pearls around the bay, the tiny, empty houses abandoned in the 30's, are redolent of the once-thriving community. The tiny museum tells the dramatic story of the inhabitants' extraordinary existence and sad evacuation. Wildlife is everywhere, from the endemic **St Kilda wren** and **mouse** to **Arctic skua** chasing the **puffins** returning to their nesting burrows amongst the scentless mayweed on the jagged island spine of nearby **DUN**. Across the caldera, the towering, formidable island mass of **BORERAY** has fearsome sea cliffs rising over 1,260 foot. Raucous with nesting bird colonies, **guillemots, kittiwakes, razorbills, fulmars** and **gannets** jostle on the rocky ledges. Seals, porpoises and whales are regularly seen in the surrounding deep waters.



On board Guide, **AMELIA DALTON** began her life in Scotland in a vintage Arctic trawler transporting the National Trust for Scotland's work parties to **ST. KILDA**. She has voyaged these waters for over twenty years, delighting in the scenery, people, flora, wildlife and history and has visited St Kilda over 40 times. As a speaker, she has entertained passengers on rivers and at sea across the world, spoken at **Literary Festivals from Scotland to Cornwall**, appeared on **Saturday Live, BBC World Service, Radio Scotland** and **Radio London**. **IN ADDITION** we will



have on board **MARTIN TREACHER** who has been **musician in residence at Skibo Castle** as well as involved with an alliance of Scotland's leading hotels from Gleneagles to One Devonshire Gardens. He will pipe from the top deck, entertain us on the piano over cocktails and after dinner whilst we enjoy a dram and also lead walks ashore. Martin & Amelia worked together from Scotland to Sri Lanka on board the Hebridean Island Cruises international ship, *Hebridean Spirit*.

We cruise past the lonely **FLANNAN ISLES**, much prized for their excellent grazing and made famous by the mysterious and still-unexplained disappearance of the 3 lighthouse keepers. Rounding the **Butt of Lewis**, the most northerly tip of the **OUTER HEBRIDES**, our ship arrives into the harbour of **Stornoway** in the island of **LEWIS**. As we experience life in these far-flung islands, we see the **Bronze Age standing Stones of Callanish**, dramatic and defensive **Carloway Broch**, a **traditional smoke house** and discover the intricacies of dying and spinning **Harris Tweed**.



*Butt of Lewis.*



*Compton MacKenzie's cottage, Shiant Isles*



*Callanish Stones, Lewis, Outer Hebrides*

Our third archipelago, is the **SHIANT ISLES**, again busy with seabirds nesting on the huge basalt columns linking with Staffa and the Giant's Causeway lava flows. The machair grass is dotted with cushions of sea pinks, **Compton MacKenzie's cottage** nestles under the cliff, whilst puffins whirr overhead. Next we go to **SKYE** to visit **dramatic DUNVEGAN CASTLE** dating from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the castle is the ancestral home of the Clan MacLeod. Tucked away at the head of the loch, the Castle has charming gardens and a resident seal colony. Voyaging south, we call at the **Small Isles** to **CANNA**, the most sheltered and charming. Verdant and peaceful, this is an exceptional island. **Corncrakes** nest regularly in the tiny fields, **puffins** make their burrows on the sea cliffs; **dog roses**, **asphodel**, **Hebridean butterflies** and **spotted marsh orchids** abound in these high summer days of long light. In the afternoon, we call at **MULL** to the pretty fishing harbour of **Tobermory** with its colourful shops, distillery and famous pub. Finally, we cruise the **Sound of Mull**, a beautiful, sheltered stretch of water encapsulating the glories of the West Coast, with its cliffs, lighthouses and crofts: finally we pass **Duart Castle** guarding the historic channel.



*Spotted Heath Orchid*



*The View from Canna House*



*Hebridean Blue Butterfly*



**ITINERARY \*: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025: EMBARKATION**

*Arnamurchan Light with Isle of Eigg beyond*

Transfer Glasgow to Oban for embarkation. Cruise south past the **Isle of Kerrera & Garvellachs, the Isles of the Sea.**

**Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> June: ISLES of COLONSAY & IONA**

**Colonsay**, visit the **Gardens** and see the superb collection of rhododendrons, or walk over the island to **Kildoran Bay**. Afternoon visit holy **Iona**, see the **Abbey**, or walk to **The Bay at the Back of the Ocean**, cruise past **Staffa**.

**Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> June: ISLE of TIREE & Cruising the Sea of Hebrides.**

At Hynish on **Tiree**, visit the famous **Skerryvore Lighthouse Museum**, detailing this extraordinary feat of engineering. Afternoon cruise the **Minch** renowned for its **abundant marine life**, including orca, dolphins & basking sharks.

**Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> June: ST KILDA ARCHIPELAGO & Flannan Isles & OUTER HEBRIDES.**

Anchored in **Village Bay** we land to explore the island of **Hirta**, before a cruise of the **archipelago** alive with seabird colonies before heading north past the lonely **Flannan Isles**, to round the **Butt of Lewis** and berth in **Stornoway**.

**Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> June: OUTER HEBRIDES: Stornoway, ISLE of LEWIS.**

Our visits on **Lewis** include the **Callanish Stones**, the **Carloway Broch**, a defensive structure unique to Scotland, a typical **Harris Tweed Mill**, favoured by **Chanel** and **Vivienne Westwood**, and taste exceptional smoked salmon at a **traditional Smokery**.

**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> June: SHIANT ISLES & ISLE of SKYE, Loch Dunvegan.**

Exploring the seabird colonies of the **Shiant Isles**, puffins, auks & seals surround our tenders. **Afternoon** to the magnificent **Castle of Dunvegan**, the stronghold of the Clan MacLeod tucked into the north west peninsula of **SKYE**.

**Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> June: SMALL ISLES, CANNA & ISLE of MULL, Tobermory**

Walking and exploring **Canna** to see birds, orchids and butterflies. Afternoon on **MULL**, at the pretty little port of **Tobermory**: visit the west coast's most charming little town, pubs, book shops and the island distillery.

**Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025: Cruise Sound of Mull.** Disembark in **Oban, transfer to Glasgow**

*\* If necessary, the itinerary may change to take advantage of differing weather & tidal conditions.*



Hebridean Butterfly



St Kilda Mouse



Puffin & Sea Pinks



**Our ship: the M. V. HEBRIDEAN PRINCESS**



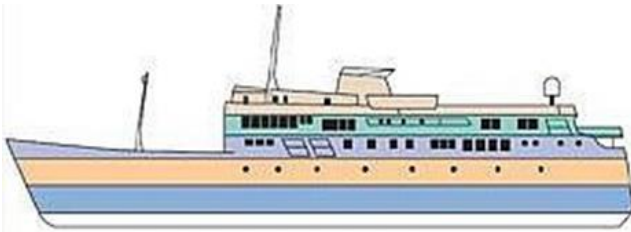
Exploring the islands of Scotland's convoluted west coast can only be done properly by ship. In comfort and style, we voyage on board the ship chosen by **H.M. the late Queen** and specially built for these waters. She carries just **47 passengers** and, with an attentive & experienced crew, we cruise these intricate waters in safety and elegance. Meals are sumptuous and varied, wines abundant and the stunning views of far-flung islands, sea bird colonies, castles and marine life unfurl before us as we dine. An open **Bridge policy** and plenty of **deck** space enable us to absorb the remarkable scenery, or simply marvel at the drama from the large windows of the **Lounge, Library** and **Conservatory**.

**CABINS** are sumptuous. Each is different from the next, but all are furnished in traditional



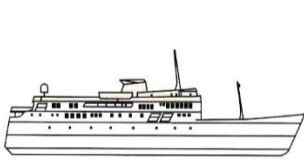
'country house' style, some with a full-sized bath, others with a shower. There are doubles/twins and proper generous singles: some cabins have portholes, some large windows or balconies and there is one suite.

**All cabins include tea/coffee making facilities, a fridge with fresh milk, robes, hair dryer & ironing board.**



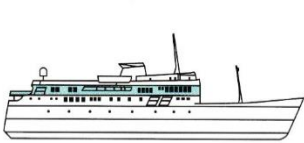
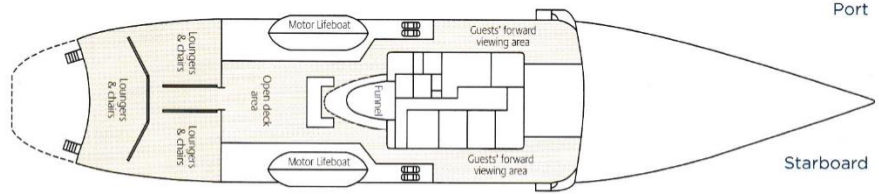
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- PROMENADE DECK
- PRINCESS DECK
- WATERFRONT DECK
- HEBRIDEAN DECK

## Deck plans



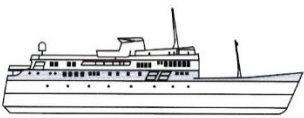
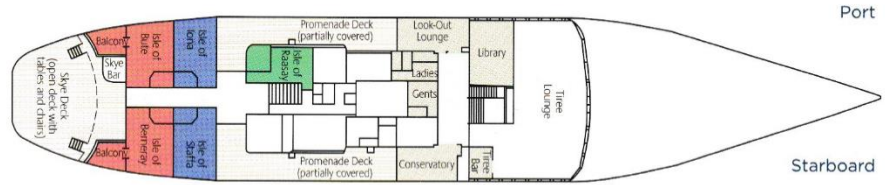
### Boat Deck

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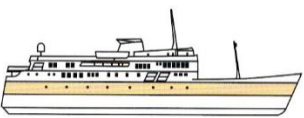
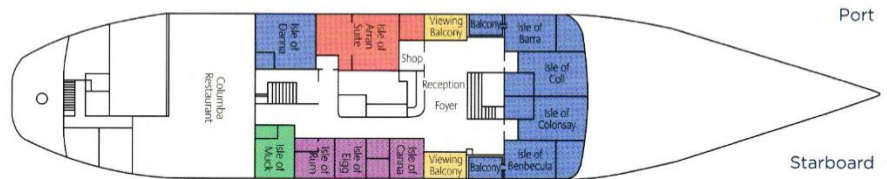
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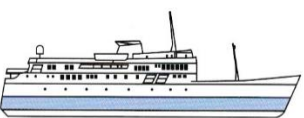
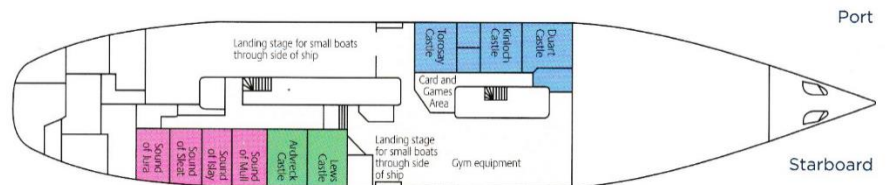
### Princess Deck

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### Waterfront Deck

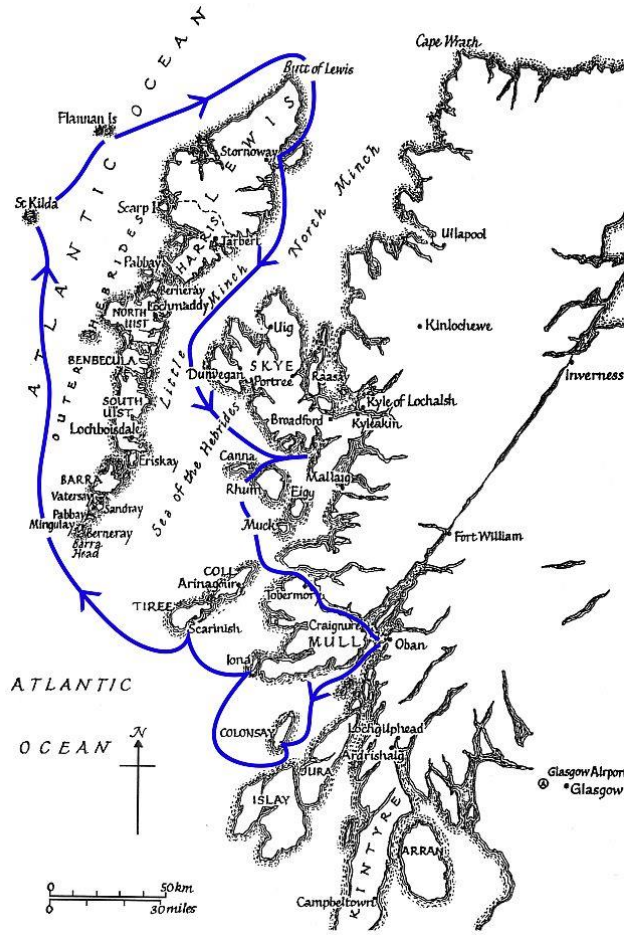
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### Hebridean Deck

(No 1 Deck level)





**Special FARES for Members of the Caledonian Club & Reciprocal with an Early Booking Discount of 10%**  
**The Cruise is genuinely fully inclusive.**

**Including:**

- All meals on board & snacks / picnics organized ashore.
- Champagne, wine (except 'Library Wine' List) beers, spirits, soft drinks, tea, coffee on board.
- Transfers on 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from Glasgow airport & train station to Oban & return on 17<sup>th</sup> at the end of the cruise.
- Complimentary car parking in Oban
- Ship's bikes, fishing trips & speed boat rides.
- Wifi and use of the ship's Ipads in the Library.
- Gratuities to crew and guides.
- Company of Guide **Amelia Dalton** and Musician **Martin Treacher**

**Cost does NOT include:**

- Travel insurance
- Travel other than dedicated transfers as described above.
- Personal expenses e.g. phone calls, private visits ashore, laundry.

**EXCLUSIVELY for the CALEDONIAN CLUB & RECIPROCALs pp:**

**Arran Suite:** £13,930

**Balcony Cabins:** from £12,980 to £14,930

**Doubles/Twin:** from £6,480 to 12,980

**Singles:** from £8,760 to £13,940

**AFTER 10% Early Booking discount**

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