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Dear Princetonian,

The height of summer, when sunlight extends into the evening hours and temperatures are mild, is the ideal time to explore the nations bordering the Baltic Sea. On this journey, we'll have the good fortune to visit five of these nations aboard the all-suite, 118-passenger *Hebridean Sky*.

The scope of the experience will be grand, from the **stylish capital cities Stockholm and Helsinki** to the **quaint islands of Gotland, Saaremaa, and the Åland archipelago**, with port calls to see marvelously **untouched medieval quarters in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia**. Along the way, we will experience privately arranged concerts, meals, and events to celebrate this corner of the world's unique heritage.

A robust educational program rounds out this fascinating journey. Professor and Chair of Princeton's Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures **Ilya Vinitsky**, along with other expert study leaders, including Steven Pifer, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, will offer a series of lectures and discussions along the way. Guest speakers will offer their perspectives on current affairs and this pivotal moment with Russia.

Princeton Journeys will be sharing this experience with travelers from the Archaeological Institute of America and Stanford Travel/Study, so I encourage you to reserve your preferred cabin today by contacting our partner tour operator, Criterion Travel at **(888) 328-2089** or **res@criteriontravel.com**.

With kind regards,

Bridgett St. Clair

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Executive Manager, Princeton Journeys



Study Leaders



Ilya Vinitsky is Professor of Russian literature in the Slavic Department at Princeton University. His main fields of expertise are Russian Romanticism and Realism, the history of emotions, and nineteenth-century intellectual and spiritual history. His books include *Vasily Zhukovsky's Romanticism and the Emotional History of Russia* (Northwestern University Press, 2015), *Ghostly Paradoxes: Modern Spiritualism and Russian Culture in the Age of Realism* (Toronto University Press, 2009; Choice Magazine's list of Outstanding Academic Titles for 2010) and *A Cultural History of Russian Literature*, co-written with Andrew Baruch Wachtel (Polity Press, 2009). In 2019 Vinitsky received a Guggenheim Fellowship for his project of a comprehensive study of political and literary activities of Ivan Narodny (Jaan Siboul), a Russian-Estonian expat writer, art critic, and con-man, who lived in America from 1906 until his death in 1953 and was labeled by FBI as "the worst fraud that ever came out of Russia. His most recent book on translation as provocation has been published in Moscow in January 2022.

Vinitsky has taught a variety of classes on Russia and the West, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Russian thinkers, criminals and justice in literature, spiritualism and literature, and history of emotions. In 2020 he received a UPenn School of Arts and Sciences Ira Abrams Award for Distinguished Teaching (2010).

Steven Pifer is former US Ambassador to Ukraine, special assistant to the President, and served as senior director for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia on the National Security Council.





RIGA



VISBY



TALLINN



KLAIPEDA



STOCKHOLM

Itinerary

Tuesday & Wednesday, August 9 & 10

Depart U.S. / Stockholm, Sweden

Depart home on an overnight flight to Stockholm, Sweden. Arrive on the 10th and gather for a welcome reception this evening.

HOTEL DIPLOMAT (R)

Thursday, August 11 Stockholm

This morning offers a choice of excursions in Stockholm before embarkation:

OPTION 1: Enjoy a guided visit to the award-winning Vasa Museum, which features a 17th-century warship that sank in Stockholm harbor on its maiden voyage and was salvaged and restored more than 300 years later. Continue to Skansen, the first open-air living history museum and zoo in Sweden, located on the island of Djurgården. Also visit Stockholm's oldest quarter, Gamla Stan (Old Town), for a brief guided walk along the narrow, cobble streets and alleys.

OPTION 2: Travel just outside the city to the 17th-century Drottningholm Palace, the residence of the royal family and Sweden's first UNESCO World Heritage site. See the main palace building, the impeccably preserved

theater with its original stage machinery, sprawling formal gardens, and impressive Chinese Pavilion.

ALL: Embark *Hebridean Sky* this afternoon

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Friday, August 12 Visby / At Sea

Arrive this morning at the Swedish island of Gotland for a choice of excursions:

OPTION 1: Journey to the countryside to explore several of Gotland's unique medieval ruins.

OPTION 2: Enjoy a walking tour along the charming cobblestone lanes of Visby, Gotland's only city and a UNESCO World Heritage site, including the Historical Museum and castle-like medieval city walls.

ALL: Gather on board for the Captain's welcome evening.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 13 Klaipeda, Lithuania

Founded in 1252, Klaipeda is Lithuania's oldest city. Monuments and ruins tell the rich, varied heritage as part of East Prussia, Germany, the Soviet Union, and now Lithuania. Enjoy the views of the Baltic Sea en route to the coastal town of Palanga. On arrival, explore a 19th-century Neo-Renaissance style

mansion, part of the Lithuanian National Museum of Art and home to one of the world's largest Amber collections. Learn about the formation, extraction, and trade routes of "Baltic gold." Return to Klaipeda and explore the old town this afternoon, including a stop in Theatre Square, before strolling along the atmospheric narrow streets where shoemakers, blacksmiths, and bakers lived and worked. A Lithuanian diplomat will join the group to share thoughts and insights on current affairs this afternoon.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 14 Riga, Latvia

Explore Riga, capital and largest city of Latvia. Enjoy a tour of the historical center, a UNESCO World Heritage site noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil and 19th-century wooden architecture. Following a private folkloric performance, explore Riga independently or visit the Museum of the Occupation of Riga, which documents the 51-year period in the 20th century when Latvia was occupied, successively, by the U.S.S.R., Nazi Germany, and the U.S.S.R. again.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)



HELSINKI



VASA MUSEUM



DROTTNINGHOLM PALACE

Monday, August 15 Saaremaa, Estonia

Call at Estonia's largest island, Saaremaa, this afternoon. Despite its close proximity to the mainland, the island has maintained a simple, low-key charm and connection to more traditional livelihoods. Visit the lovely capital of Kuressaare and its magnificently preserved medieval castle and moat, then stroll through the streets of the enchanting old town. Continue inland through the countryside of stone walls, thatched roofs, traditional villages to view a traditional windmill park.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 16 Tallinn, Estonia

Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, was the site of mass demonstrations and protests known as the Singing Revolution, which resulted in Estonia's declaration of independence from the Soviet Union in 1990. Tour the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site considered one of the most perfectly preserved medieval centers in northern Europe, including the Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the 13th-century Toompea Castle, now the home of the Estonian Parliament. Gather for local pastries and a private concert of medieval music, followed by a dialogue

with a local journalist and politician about Estonian politics. You may choose to dine independently in town this evening.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Wednesday, August 17 Helsinki, Finland

Dock near the city center and spend the morning exploring Finland's vibrant and culturally rich capital city. See the Rock Church, carved directly into a stone slab in the center of town, including a private concert of pieces by Sibelius. Return to the *Hebridean Sky* for lunch on board or optionally stay in town for an independent lunch. This afternoon enjoy free time in Market Square, a bustling indoor/outdoor market in operation for hundreds of years, with stalls overflowing with everything from fresh produce, meats, and cheeses to local crafts and quirky Finnish souvenirs.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 18 Mariehamn /At Sea

Call this morning at Mariehamn, the capital of Åland, a 6,700-island archipelago situated about halfway between Finland and Sweden, for a choice of three excursion options:

OPTION 1: Tour Mariehamn village, packed with charming

shops selling local arts and crafts, restaurants with summer terraces, tree-lined avenues, and unique "gingerbread" wooden buildings, all concentrated around the pedestrian-friendly city center.

OPTION 2: Venture into the Åland countryside with a stop at a distillery for local spirits tasting.

OPTION 3: Ride alongside rolling green fields and across scenic bridges during a guided bicycle tour.

ALL: Return to the ship in the afternoon for the Captain's farewell evening on board en route to Stockholm.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Friday, August 19 Stockholm, Sweden / Return to U.S.

After breakfast, disembark the *Hebridean Sky* and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

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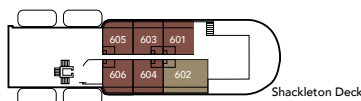


The all-suite *Hebridean Sky* is a spacious, yet intimate, expedition vessel. After a major refurbishment in 2016, she now boasts beautifully designed public spaces that include a single-seating dining room, large lounge, elegant club and bar with piano, library and two outdoor seating areas. All suites have an ocean view and feature a sitting room, en suite bathroom, TV, spacious wardrobes and dressing table.

Program Rates (per person)

| CATEGORY | | DOUBLE | SINGLE |
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| A | STANDARD SUITE FORWARD portholes; queen or twin beds; 238 sq. ft. | \$7,990 | — |
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General Information

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **one hotel night and eight nights aboard *Hebridean Sky*** · Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations · Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates · **Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers for all group activities** · Entrance fees and port charges · Welcome and farewell wine receptions · **House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners** · Bottled water on motorcoaches · Complete packet of pre-departure information · Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Cruising on the Baltic Sea, a large body of water that is relatively isolated from the ocean, should be a pleasant and smooth experience most of the time. Tides are

minimal and the surface is fairly smooth except during a storm. The climate in the region visited is generally mild, with average temperatures in the 60s and infrequent rain. The pace of this trip is moderately active, with up to two miles of walking each day, often on cobbled streets and uneven terrain. Elevators and handrails on stairs may not be available. Participants must be in good health, physically fit, and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. Limited medical facilities are available aboard the *Hebridean Sky*. SARS-COV-2 (COVID 19) vaccinations are required for all participants as well as tour staff and shipboard crew. Up-to-date COVID-related protocols and procedures will be communicated in pre-trip documents.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 84 participants, including travelers from Princeton Journeys, the Archaeological Institute of America, and Stanford Travel/Study.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS

Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport/visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Travel and trip cancellation insurance
- Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour
- Airline baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted
- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges
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- Other items of a personal nature

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

To reserve space, please call (888) 328-2089 or return the completed reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: Criterion Travel, 4250 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005. You may also fax your credit card information to (650) 560-6400 or email res@critteriontravel.com. Balance of payment is due May 26, 2022. After May 26, 2022, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment must be made by check or bank transfer.

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I prefer to have single accommodations (limited availability) or I plan to share accommodations with:

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

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Experience **four UNESCO World Heritage sites** including the medieval town of Visby and Drottningholm Palace, the permanent residence of the Swedish Royal family.

Customize your experience with excursion options geared to different interests and levels of mobility in multiple ports: Stockholm, Gotland Island, Riga, and the Åland Islands.

Delight in **private musical events**, including a medieval music concert in Tallinn, Estonia, and a children's folkloric performance in Riga, Latvia.

Enjoy the quaint, low-key charm of Estonia's seldom-visited **Saaremaa Island** and its magnificently preserved medieval castle, complete with moat.

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