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JOURNEYS

HIGHLANDS, ISLANDS & FJORDS

From the Scottish Highlands to
Norway's Coastal Splendor

JUNE 29-JULY 11, 2027



Aboard the
59-Cabin
Hebridean Sky





DEAR PRINCETONIAN,

Traverse the magnificent landscapes, ancient settlements, and idyllic villages of Scotland and Norway on a cruise from Aberdeen to Oslo, with stops at the Shetland Islands and some of Norway's most celebrated fjords. Under the summer's Midnight Sun, long northern days illuminate snowcapped peaks, glittering glaciers, cascading waterfalls, and fjords framed by bright green valleys.

Begin with an overnight in historic Aberdeen, then board the 59-cabin *Hebridean Sky* and set out for the Shetland Islands, where prehistoric remains and Norse heritage endure at the remarkable Jarlshof archaeological site. Set sail for Norway and its breathtaking fjords, witnessing the unparalleled natural beauty of Sognefjord, Hardangerfjord, and Lysefjorden beneath the iconic flat-topped cliff of Preikestolen.

Step ashore at peaceful seaside towns and villages including the picturesque Ålesund, celebrated for its fairytale Art Nouveau architecture, and Bygstad, a more remote Fjordland community framed by pastures, farms, and majestic mountains. Equally compelling are the extraordinary wildlife viewing opportunities throughout this voyage; spot charismatic puffins, minke whales, porpoises, and seals as you cruise the beautiful coastal waters.

During this co-sponsored program, Princeton travelers will be joined by those from Harvard University, the World Affairs Council, and Archaeological Institute of America. We encourage you to reserve your preferred cabin today by scanning the QR code below. For more information feel free to contact us at journeys@princeton.edu or (609) 258-8686.

With best wishes for continued curiosity and lifelong learning,

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Jarlshof, Scotland



Norway

HIGHLIGHTS

LINGER in Norway's most beautiful fjords including **Sognefjord**, Norway's longest, **Hardangerfjord**, the Queen of fjords, and **Lysefjorden** beneath Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock).

UNCOVER layers of ancient history with visits to Scotland's mysterious **Pictish Stones**, the **Viking ruins of Jarlshof** in the Shetland Islands, Stavanger's world renowned **Archaeological Museum**, and the **Hopperstad Stave Church**, one of the oldest in Norway.

WATCH for extraordinary wildlife — puffins, gannets, and sea eagles overhead, and minke whales, porpoises, and seals in the waters of Norway's southern fjords in summer.

DISCOVER Loen's **Kjenndal Valley**, with sweeping glacier views, serene lake crossings, and a breathtaking ride on the **Loen Skylift**.

EXPLORE the valleys and farms of **Sunnfjord**, a quieter, more intimate fjord experience, and connect with local life during a day in **Bygstad**, a remote community at the innermost point of the fjord.

CALL ON Rosendal for an opportunity to walk in beautiful **Hatteberg Valley** or take in the icy magic of **Folgefonna Glacier**.

STEP ASHORE at peaceful, picturesque towns, fishing villages, and farms off the beaten track—splendid **Art Nouveau Ålesund**, set on a cluster of coastal islands, and charming **Lillesand**, for its picturesque collection of traditional, white-painted wooden houses.

CONCLUDE in Oslo with the option to extend your journey at the **Grand Hotel**, annual venue of the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony, to explore Oslo's vibrant city center, Vigeland Sculpture Park, and Bygdøy Peninsula museums.



Ålesund



Lillesand

Sognefjord



Stave Church



ITINERARY

Tuesday, June 29 - Wednesday, June 30

DEPART HOME / ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND

Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Aberdeen, Scotland. Arrive in Scotland's historic "Granite City" and transfer to your centrally located hotel. In the evening, gather with fellow travelers for a festive welcome orientation and reception.

Sandman Signature Aberdeen Hotel and Spa (R)

Thursday, July 1

ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND

Spend the morning exploring **Old Aberdeen**, including **St. Machar's Cathedral**, or take an excursion along the **Pictish Stones Trail** to see intricately carved relics of Scotland's ancient people. Enjoy a traditional Scottish lunch before embarking your ship and setting sail in the evening toward Norway. *Hebridean Sky (B,L,D)*

Friday, July 2

LERWICK, SHETLAND ISLANDS, SCOTLAND

Arrive this morning in **Lerwick, capital of the Shetland Islands**, to explore its lively harbor and Norse heritage. Visit nearby **Jarlshof**, an extraordinary archaeological site spanning 4,000 years from ancient dwellings to Viking longhouses. Gather this evening for the Captain's welcome reception and dinner. *Hebridean Sky (B,L,D)*

Saturday, July 3

VIK, SOGNEFJORD, NORWAY

Wake this morning in Norway, cruising majestic **Sognefjord**, the country's largest and deepest fjord. Come ashore in the village of Vik to visit the ornate **Hopperstad Stave Church**, the 12th-century **Hove Stone Church**, and the **ancient Mohaугane burial mounds**. Sample "**gamal ost**," a traditional **Viking-era cheese**, still crafted locally, before spending the afternoon on deck sailing through dramatic fjord scenery and enjoying the lecture series. *Hebridean Sky (B,L,D)*

Sunday, July 4

ÅLESUND NORWAY

Spend a relaxing morning cruising as the lecture series continues. Following lunch onboard, spend the afternoon in **Ålesund**, one of Scandinavia's most picturesque towns. Choose from three optional excursions: **1.** a visit to a historic World War II bunker carved into the mountain above the city; **2.** a coach tour through the scenic Giske Islands; or **3.** an in-depth guided walking tour of the city, including Mt. Aksla. *Hebridean Sky (B,L,D)*

Monday, July 5

LOEN, NORWAY

Disembark in the beautiful village of Loen for a drive through the dramatic **Kjenndal Valley** and boat ride across **Loen Lake**, surrounded by towering peaks and glacier arms. Enjoy homemade waffles at Kjenndalsbre Fjellstove before continuing to the **Kjenndalsbre Glacier** viewpoint, an arm of the mighty **Jostedal Glacier**. Return to Loen for a free afternoon to explore independently before an evening sail through Nordfjord. *Hebridean Sky (B,L,D)*

Tuesday, July 6

BYGSTAD, NORWAY

Our lecture series continues this morning while cruising to Bygstad, a remote community where ships seldom venture and home to the hidden gem of **Sunnfjord**. Come ashore for a guided valley walk past cascading waterfalls, emerald pastures, and



idyllic farms framed by steep mountains. Visit **local homesteads** to learn about the daily life and enduring traditions of this fjordland community. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, July 7
ROSENDAL, NORWAY

Choose from a variety of excursions today: visit the elegant **Baroniet Rosendal**, Scandinavia's only Renaissance-era manor, where formal gardens and aristocratic history reveal Norway's ties to continental Europe; discover the power of ice at the **Folgefonna Glacier & Nature Center**, offering insight into Norway's dramatic glacial landscapes; or hike the scenic Hatteberg Valley, surrounded by waterfalls, forests, and soaring mountains. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)

Thursday, July 8
HARDANGERFJORD,
QUEEN OF THE FJORDS

Arrive in **Hardangerfjord**, one of Norway's most celebrated fjords, for its breathtaking combination of snow-crowned peaks, thundering waterfalls, and fertile orchards. Disembark in the traditional **village of Eidfjord** with the chance to visit **Hardangervidda Nature Center** and the roaring **Vøringsfossen Waterfall**, one of Norway's most spectacular. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)



Inverness

Friday, July 9
LYSEFJORDEN & STAVANGER, NORWAY

Awake in picturesque **Lysefjord**, cruising its 23-mile length beneath the towering cliffs of **Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock)** and **Kjerag Mountain**. Continue to Stavanger, the coastal gem of Southern Norway with its colorful old town or visit the **Archaeological Museum's** rich treasure trove of Viking-era artifacts. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)

Saturday, July 10
LILLESAND, NORWAY

Arrive in **Lillesand**, a quintessential Norwegian summer town. Dock in the heart of town and step directly into its charming streets for a guided walking tour. This afternoon, cruise to Oslo through pine-fringed skerries, red boathouses, and quiet summer cottages along Norway's southern coast. Gather this evening for the Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,R,D)

Sunday, July 11
OSLO, NORWAY / HOME

After breakfast, disembark in Oslo. Travelers may transfer to the airport for flights home or join an optional post-trip extension featuring a walking tour of historic Oslo, the Vigeland Sculpture Park, Opera House, and museums on the Bygdøy Peninsula, including the Fram and Kon-Tiki. (B)



Oslo

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

PRE-TOUR June 26-30, 2027
THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

Spend three nights in historic Inverness at a 4-star hotel dating back to 1785. Cruise the legendary Loch Ness, explore Urquhart Castle, and tour a top malt whisky distillery. Wander through an estate hailed by David Attenborough as "one of the glories of wild Scotland," and stroll the grounds of Balmoral Castle, home of the Royal Family since the 1800s.

Extension Rates (Per Person)

Double Occupancy: \$3,590
Single Occupancy: \$4,780

POST-TOUR July 11-14, 2027
ART & ARCHAEOLOGY IN OSLO

After disembarking from the *Hebridean Sky*, explore Norway's capital city of Oslo for three nights, staying at the elegant and historic Grand Hotel. Opened in 1874, it has been host to international guests, world leaders, celebrities, and Nobel Peace Prize laureates for more than 140 years. Highlights include Vigeland Sculpture Park, *Norsk Folkemuseum*, and the Fram Museum of Polar Exploration.

Extension Rates (Per Person)

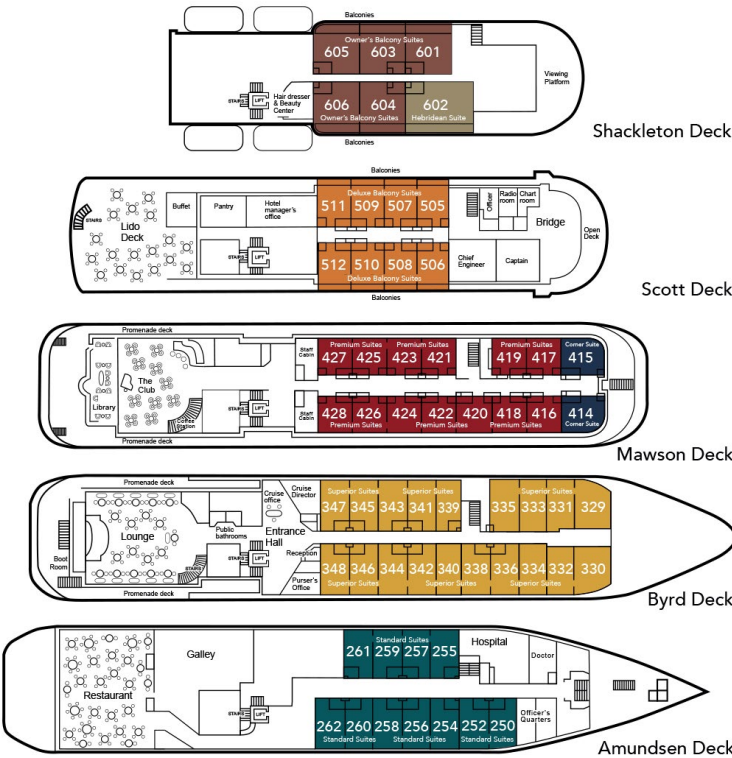
Double Occupancy: \$2,990
Single Occupancy: \$3,785

Further details will be sent to confirmed participants.

HEBRIDEAN SKY

The *Hebridean Sky* has 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. Each suite has ocean views, and several suites have private balconies. All suites feature a sitting room, ensuite bathroom, flat screened TV, spacious wardrobes, a dressing table, and beds that can be configured as twins or a double. After a major refurbishment in 2016, and further enhancements since, the *Hebridean Sky* now boasts beautifully designed public spaces including a large lounge, elegant club and bar with piano, library, and two outdoor seating areas. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. Onboard chefs prepare international and regional cuisine served at a single open seating in the Restaurant or on the Lido Deck, weather permitting. A friendly crew provides exceptional service with a 1:2 crew to passenger ratio. The ship features advanced satellite navigation and communication equipment, roll stabilizers, and a fleet of Zodiacs to access remote shorelines and islands.

PROGRAM RATES (per person):		DOUBLE	SINGLE
A	STANDARD SUITE Amundsen Deck (Cabins 250 & 252) 226 sq ft, portholes	\$10,990	\$17,590
B	STANDARD SUITE Amundsen Deck 226 sq ft, portholes	\$11,990	\$19,190
C	SUPERIOR SUITE Byrd Deck 237 sq ft, picture window	\$13,990	\$22,390
D	PREMIUM SUITE Mawson Deck 226 sq ft, picture window	\$15,990	—
E	CORNER SUITE Mawson Deck (Cabins 414 & 415) 237 sq ft, picture windows	\$17,490	—
F	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE Scott Deck 225 sq ft plus 43 sq ft balcony	\$18,990	—
G	OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE Shackleton Deck 237 sq ft plus 86 sq ft balcony	\$20,490	—
H	HEBRIDEAN SUITE Shackleton Deck (Cabin 602) 264 sq ft plus 101 sq ft balcony	\$22,490	—



GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

One hotel night and ten nights aboard *Hebridean Sky* ■ Meals and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including eleven breakfasts, ten lunches and ten dinners ■ Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations ■ Shared airport transfers on group arrival and departure dates ■ Baggage handling ■ Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, waitstaff, guides, and drivers ■ Port charges ■ Entrance fees ■ Welcome and farewell wine receptions ■ House wine, beer, and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners aboard the ship ■ Filtered water on motorcoaches ■ Complete packet of pre-departure information ■ Professional tour manager throughout the program

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare ■ Passport/visa expenses ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates ■ Travel and trip cancellation insurance ■ Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options ■ 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, internet and email charges ■ Room service ■ Other items of a personal nature

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 or by e-mail at tourflights@vwti.com. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program, at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites over cobblestone, hills, and uneven terrain. Hiking options are available in some ports, with distances of up to three miles. In some instances, elevators are unavailable, and stairs may not have handrails. You will need to climb into and out of Zodiacs for several excursions ashore—and there may be additional use of the Zodiacs to take advantage of opportunities that arise. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Limited medical facilities are available on-board *Hebridean Sky*. All participants will be required to follow safety protocols set forth by Criterion Travel, local staff, and host country laws.

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.

GROUP SIZE
This program can accommodate 96 participants, including travelers from Princeton Journeys, Harvard Alumni Travels, Archaeological Institute of America, and World Affairs Council.

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

TERMS & CONDITIONS
Complete Terms and Conditions, including Statement of Responsibility, will be made available to you at the 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
An initial deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve space on this program. Reserve your space online at https://account.criteriontravel.com/Booking/RefStart/PJ/270629_SNH/tour or complete the reservation form included in this brochure and mail it with your check or credit card information to: Princeton Journeys, P.O. Box 5256, Princeton, NJ 08543. Balance of payment is due **March 1, 2027**. After March 1, 2027, full payment is due upon registration. Final payment may be made by check, bank transfer, or credit card (credit card payments will incur a 2% fee).

PASSENGER CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be in effect until they are received in writing and confirmed by Princeton Journeys. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of

booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After the March 1, 2027 final payment deadline, all payments are 100% non-refundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. **NOTE:** Neither Princeton Journeys nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred with the purchase of non-refundable tickets.

ITINERARY CHANGES
The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by Princeton Journeys and Criterion Travel, the tour operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Princeton Journeys and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION
☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) for _____ place(s) on **Highlands, Islands & Fjords**.
☐ Please charge my deposit of \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person) to my ☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ AMEX

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ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)
Cabin category preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____
Bed Preference: ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

SINGLE TRAVELERS (choose one)
☐ I prefer single accommodations (*limited availability*)
☐ I plan to share accommodations with:

☐ I'd like to know about roommates.
I am a ☐ non-smoker ☐ smoker

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of March 1, 2027, I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

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