

LONDON to DUBLIN

Expedition Cruise to Wales and Ireland



With London's gothic landmarks in your wake depart on a 10-day tour of the lesser known British and Irish ports. Outstandingly beautiful, uncrowded and unspoiled, the Scilly Isles are a world apart in every way. From enjoying the music and laughter in Galway to wandering atop the outstandingly beautiful Cliffs of Moher, look into a window of the British Isles and Ireland that is rarely seen.



DATE: MAY 19-29, 2020

DURATION: 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

EMBARK: LONDON, ENGLAND

DISEMBARK: DUBLIN, IRELAND

SHIP: Silver Cloud Expedition

FROM: \$7,380

After 10% Early Booking Savings

Free Economy Air or reduced Business Class
Pre- and Post-Cruise tour are available.

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DAYS 1-2 – TUE-WED 19-20 MAY – LONDON – TOWER BRIDGE - EMBARKATION

Arrive a day or two early to avoid travel problems and see something of London and England. Overnight aboard right next to Tower Bridge.

London is an ancient city whose history greets you at every turn. If the city contained only its famous landmarks—the Tower of London or Big Ben—it would still rank as one of the world's top cities. But London is so much more. The foundations of London's character and tradition endure. The British bobby is alive and well. The tall, red, double-decker buses (in an updated model) still lumber from stop to stop. Then there's that greatest living link with the past—the Royal Family with all its attendant pageantry.

DAY 3 – THU 21 MAY – ST. PETER PORT, GUERNSEY

Cobblestone streets, blooming floral displays, and tiny churches welcome you to this wonderfully pretty harbour. The town of St Peter Port is as pretty as they come, with glowing flower displays painting practically every street corner and window-ledge with colour. As the capital, and main port of Guernsey, St Peter Port puts all of the island's gorgeous beaches, wonderful history and inspiring stories at your fingertips. Feel the gut punch of the midday gun firing at Castle Cornet, which stands guard over one of the world's prettiest ports.

DAY 4 – FRI 22 MAY – ISLES OF SCILLY - ST. MARY – TRESCO

St Mary's is the Isle of Scilly's largest island with a population of 1800 residents and an area of 6.58 square Kilometers; this is the gateway to the rest of the magnificent islands. Hugh town -a beautiful Old town with its own beach, nature reserve and church is the main attractions of St Mary's, with tiny streets brimming with shops to pick up the perfect souvenir. St Mary's is a hidden gem, with long stretches of white sandy beaches and a breath-taking untouched landscape. The coastline holds many archaeological sites along with miles of splendid walks along the coastal and country paths.

For many visitors Tresco is the most attractive of the Isles of Scilly. This is especially due to its Abbey Garden, which is home to thousands of exotic plant species from around 80 different countries. Plant collector Augustus Smith began the gardens in the 1830s on the site of an old Benedictine Abbey by channeling the weather up and over a network of walled enclosures built around



the Priory ruins. He had three terraces carved from the rocky south slope and maximized Tresco's mild Gulf Stream climate. Even in mid-winter there still are hundreds of plants flowering here.

DAY 5 – SAT 23 MAY – PEMBROKE, WALES

Pembroke is located on the Pembroke Peninsula of Wales amidst long stretches of sandy beaches and stunning coastal scenery. This historic valley settlement features a number of timeless buildings centered along its quaint Main Street that runs inside the original walls of the town. The municipality itself is surrounded by residential estates, farmland and woods along the estuary of the River Cleddau. Pembroke's rich history dates back to the 11th century when the namesake was little more than a timber fortification on the banks of the Pembroke River.

DAY 6 – SUN 24 MAY – SKELLIG & VALENTIA ISLANDS

The magnificent Skellig Islands lie 8 miles (12 km) off the coast of Portmagee in South West Kerry. Rising majestically from the sea, Skellig Michael towers 714ft. (218 meters) above sea level. On the summit of this awe-inspiring rock you will find a remarkably well preserved sixth century monastic settlement now designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Small Skellig is equally renowned in matters of ornithology as the



home of some 27,000 pairs of gannets – the second largest colony of such seabirds in the world.

Knightstown is the largest settlement on Valentia Island, County Kerry, in Ireland and has a population of 156 people. Knightstown itself is one of the few ‘town-planned’ villages of Ireland. The village of Knightstown was laid out by Alexander Nimmo in 1830-31, but it wasn’t built until the early 1840’s when the local quarry was greatly expanded and the works were moved to Knightstown. The local RNLi lifeboat station moved to Knightstown in 1869 from Reenard Point and has since been known as the Valentia Lifeboat Station.

DAY 7 – MON 25 MAY – GALWAY – CLIFFS OF MOHER

Galway is a city in the West of Ireland in the province of Connacht. It lies on the River Corrib between Lough Corrib and Galway Bay and is surrounded by County Galway. It is the fourth most populous urban area in the Republic of Ireland and the sixth most populous city in the island of Ireland. It is both a picturesque and lively city with a wonderful avant-garde culture and a fascinating mixture of locally owned specialty shops, often featuring locally made crafts. Indeed, local handcrafts are a feature of the entire region including hand knits, pottery, glass, jewelry and woodwork.

Stretching for 8km (5 miles), as the crow flies, the Cliffs of Moher have long enjoyed the status of one of Ireland's most visited tourist attractions – and the visitor center provides the pivotal point to direct lovers of nature, geology and simple beauty in the right direction. The cliffs also form part of the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark. They are made up of various types of perpendicular or overhanging rocks including sandstone, siltstone and shale.

DAY 8 – TUE 26 MAY - KILRONAN (AARAN ISLANDS)

Kilronan is the principal town on the island of Inismore (Inis Mór) in the Aran Islands located in Galway Bay, and is one of them most picturesque spots in Ireland. Once for the sole purpose as a fishing port for the Aran fisherman, today it is the main port for the ferry companies and with its white sandy beach it has a wide selection of first class restaurants serving seafood, and traditional Irish bars, buskers, and accommodation it is a splendid spot to people watch and a base yourself before exploring the island. One of the island’s most famous attractions is Dun Aengus.

DAY 9 – WED 27 MAY – KILLYBEGS, IRELAND

The days start early in Killybegs, as this quiet fishing town rumbles to life, and ships with red and blue paint peeling from their hulls quietly depart, ready for a morning's hard work at sea. Located in a scenic part of County Donegal, Killybegs is Ireland's fishing capital, and the salty breeze and pretty streets serve as a revitalizing medicine for visitors. The town is also your gateway to some of the country's most majestic coastal scenery, which is dotted with flashing white lighthouses, keeping watch over invigorating seascapes.



DAY 10 – THU 28 MAY – PORTRUSH, IRELAND

Portrush is adjacent to the stunning North Antrim coastline. Here lies the medieval Dunluce Castle ruins. Perched picturesquely at the edge of a rocky outcropping high above the sea, the castle is dramatically surrounded by terrifyingly steep drops, which the early Christians and Vikings would have considered a very important security feature. The castle and surrounding areas have been frequently used for the filming of “Game of Thrones”. Another attraction reached from Portrush is the Giant’s Causeway - 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns that descend in a kind of pathway to the sea.

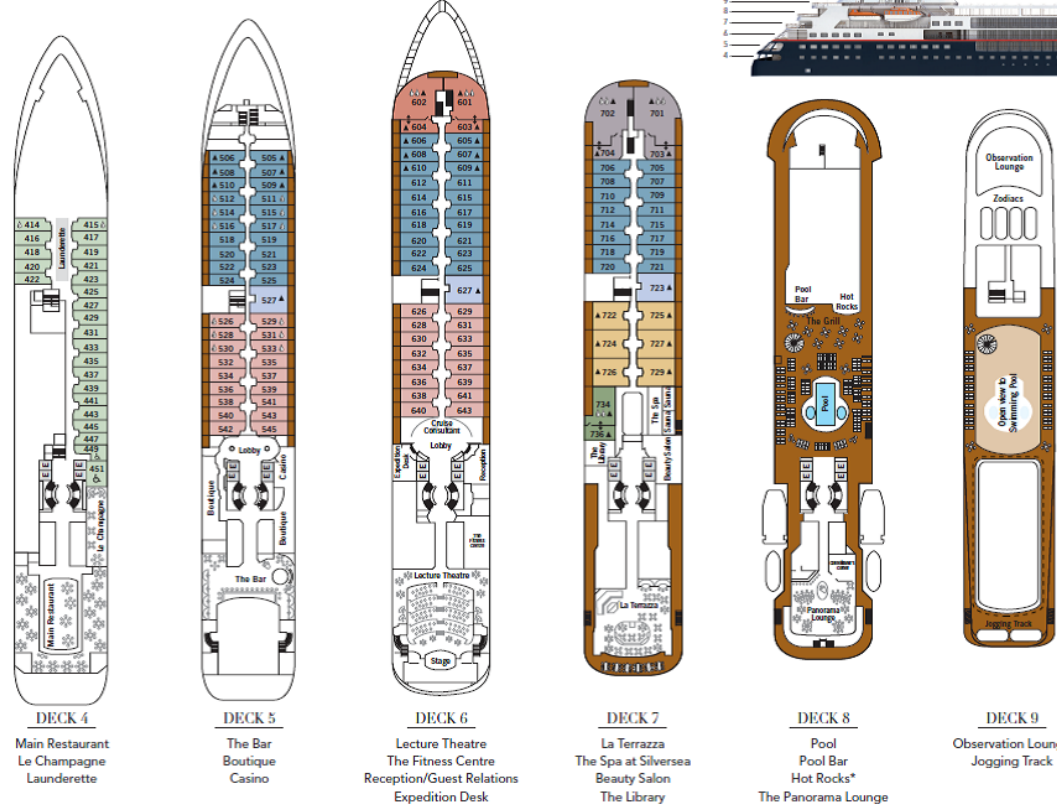
DAY 11 – FRI 29 MAY – DUBLIN - DISEMBARK

Whether or not you're out to enjoy the old or new Dublin, you'll find it a colossally entertaining city, all the more astonishing considering its intimate size.

Add a few days after the cruise to explore Dublin and Ireland while you are here.



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