

NORWAY TO SCOTLAND

SMITHSONIAN JOURNEYS



This cruise is part of a collection of PONANT voyages that are specially tailored for English-speaking travelers who want to engage with the world. In addition to the usual elements of the PONANT experience, the listed price for these voyages includes transfers to and from the ship, talks and discussions aboard ship by world class experts, and a shore excursion or activity in each port of call that encourages guests to embrace the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the local environment and culture. Join PONANT aboard Le Dumont-d'Urville for an 8-day cruise on an exceptional itinerary to discover the beauty of the Norwegian fjords and the rugged landscapes of the Scottish Isles.



DATES: 2024 – June 8-15
June 15-22*

DURATION: 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

EMBARK: BERGEN, NORWAY
DISEMBARK: GLASGOW, SCOTLAND
*Reverse itinerary

SHIP: LE CHAMPLAIN

FROM: \$7,110

All Inclusive – Port Charges, Open Bar,
Gratuities to ship crew, Shore Excursions

Expedition Highlights

- Engaging discussions onboard with two Smithsonian Journeys Experts.
- An exceptional itinerary to discover the beauty of the Norwegian fjords and the rugged landscapes and rich cultural heritage of the Scottish Isles.
- UNESCO World Heritage sites en route: Bryggen, Heart of Neolithic Orkney.
- A sailing through the spectacular fjords of Norway, with two stops to visit a glacier and embark on a train journey on the famed Flåm Railway.
- A discovery of two archipelagos in the north of Scotland – Shetland and Orkney – to delve into the Neolithic and Viking history that abounds there.
- An opportunity to visit Eilean Donan castle on the Scottish mainland and to sail the waters of storied Loch Ness.
- A chance to tour a distillery and sample the region's famous scotch whisky.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 – BERGEN, NORWAY

Embarkation from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Departure at 5:30 PM

Located at the end of Byfjord, Bergen was the capital of Norway in the 12th and 13th Centuries and has preserved some very beautiful monuments from the time when it was home to royalty. Wandering through Bergen's streets means going back in time, in search of the hidden treasures that have been listed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. A veritable open-air museum, Bergen is home to a thriving artistic community of painters, potters, jewelers. The Bergen cable car offers you a splendid panorama over the port and the surrounding fjords. Do not miss the visit to the old quarter with its narrow streets, a testimony of the power



of the Hanseatic League that controlled trade in Northern Europe at the end of the Middle Ages.

DAY 2 – FLÅM, NORWAY

Nestled in the heart of the fjord country, less than 200 kilometers from Bergen, the picturesque village of Flåm – pronounced Fløm – offers you an experience of authentic Norway. You can mosey around the brightly colored streets and admire the majestic contours of the surrounding mountains. The town is also the departure point for the mythical train route Flamsbana, 20 kilometers long, whose journey offers a superb view of the scenery, as sublime as it is pristine. This attraction makes Flåm one of the country's main tourist destinations.



DAY 3 – OLDEN, NORWAY

With its two wooden churches, one red and the other white, plus its breathtaking view of the mouth of the river Oldeelva, Olden looks just like a picture post card. Located a few kilometers from the Jostedalsgreen park, home to one of the last glacier polar icecaps, this little village is a definite must for exploring the blue languages of the Briksdal or Kjennalen glaciers. Make sure you find some time to visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum. Absolutely amazing. Another gem is lake Lovatn and its turquoise waters inviting you to quiet contemplation.



DAY 4 - LERWICK, SHETLAND ISLANDS, SCOTLAND

The small and charming capital of the Shetland Islands, with its sea front of old houses and narrow streets, offering travelers its old districts and a warm port atmosphere. Geopark Shetland, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is located to the north. Incredibly well-preserved archaeological sites and ruins prove that the islands' occupation dates back to the first Neolithic colonies. The Shetland Museum and Archives recounts the Shetlands' history of heritage and culture: Lerwick's abundant waters were even fished by the Dutch in the past.



DAY 5 - KIRKWALL, SCOTLAND

Capital of the Orkney archipelago, Kirkwall, which means "church bay", is an ideal stopover before continuing to the Northern Isles. Sheltered in a wide bay, the lively town welcomes the visitor with its charming, paved alleyways edged by old houses and craft shops. Tankerness House, the oldest homestead in the town, is a must-see landmark. But the true architectural treasure of the aptly named Kirkwall is none other than its remarkable red and gold stone cathedral. And because whisky is inseparable from Scotland's identity, stop at the Highland Park Distillery for a highly instructive visit.

DAY 6 - KYLE OF LOCHALSH, SCOTLAND

Kyle of Lochalsh ("Straits of the Alsh Inlet") is a small port town at the foot of the bridge connecting the mainland to the Isle of Skye. It is set amidst extraordinary natural beauty and serves as a gateway to the Scottish Highlands and to several castles that preserve the history and traditions of the clans who once ruled here. Eilean Donan Castle, on a tiny island overlooking the confluence of three lochs, is one of the most picturesque and most-filmed castles in Scotland. Armadale Castle and Gardens, historic residence of Clan Donald, is also within easy reach of the town.



DAY 7 - FORT WILLIAM, SCOTLAND

A port town on the eastern shore of Loch Linnhe, Fort William is sometimes described as the "Outdoor Capital of the UK." Because it sits at the base of Ben Nevis, the highest peak in the British Isles, and is near the dramatic landscape of Glencoe, it is a popular destination for hikers and rock climbers. For those looking for a less adventurous experience, the nearby Ben Nevis Distillery offers tours and tastings, and Old Fort and Old Inverlochy Castle are interesting historical sites.

DAY 8 - GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Disembark at 8:00 AM

In the heart of the Clyde Valley, the bustling city of Glasgow contrasts starkly with the wild beauty of the surrounding countryside. Scotland's biggest city overflows with landmarks from its extensive artistic heritage and outstanding architectural tradition. The city's chequerboard layout makes walking through the major pedestrian thoroughfares easy: go with the flow and let the lively street atmosphere take you past the many Victorian monuments. Don't miss the collections on display in the numerous museums and art galleries. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is an outstanding example.





Le Champlain

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GUESTS: 184

RATES – 2024 (Rates subject to change without notice – Book early for best rates.)

All inclusive – Gratuities to crew; all beverages – open bar; Port Charges; Room Service

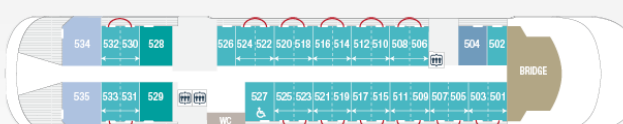
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Prestige – Deck 4	WL	\$7,730
Prestige – Deck 5	WL	\$8,030
Presitige – Deck 6	WL	\$8,410
Deluxe Ste – Decks 3-6	WL	\$11,120
Prestige Suite – Dk 5	WL	\$14,520
Prestige Suite – Dk 6	WL	\$15,190
Privilege Suite – Dk 5-6	\$19,390	\$15,870
Grand Deluxe Suite	WL	WL
OWNER SUITE	\$22,180	\$22,160

DECK 6



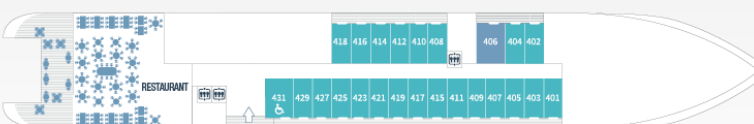
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DECK 4



■ Prestige Stateroom
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