

SCOTLAND TO NORWAY

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: 2025 –

May 30 – Jun 06 / Jun 21-28

Jul 04 – 11*

DURATION: 8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

EMBARK: GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

DISEMBARK: BERGEN, NORWAY

**Reverse Itinerary*

SHIP: LE BELLOT/ LE LAPÉROUSE

FROM: \$7,310*

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

***AFTER 25% EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS**

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 Flâm 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.

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DAY 1 - GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Embarkation from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Departure at 5:30 PM

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.



DAY 2 – 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 3 – PORTREE, ISLE OF SKYE, SCOTLAND

Nestling in the crux of a gorgeous bay, Portree reflects the magnificence of the grandiose Isle of Skye as well as being its main town. Apart from the charm of its colorful houses, the town's outstanding location on the banks of a loch makes it a very pleasant place to be. From its colorful harbor bustling with local craftsmen's shops, you can take in a stunning view of the surrounding hills. Before trekking through the wilderness and drinking in the natural beauty of the Isle of Skye, check out some of the beautiful images in the Aros Centre.

DAY 4 – KIRKWALL, ORKNEY, 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 5 - LERWICK, SHETLAND ISLANDS

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 6 – NORDFJORDEID, NORWAY

Nordfjordeid is a small town lying south of Alesund, nestling in one of the arms of the Nordfjorden and its wild and magnificent shores. Between valleys with abundant vegetation and mountainous terrain, nature here offers a 360-degree view which was conducive to the early settlement of Viking communities, judging by the large number of tombs, among the country's largest and richest. You may get to deepen your knowledge of the Nordic culture and traditions at Sagastad, a surprising museum with interactive exhibitions and home, among other sights, to the Myklebust, one of the world's largest Viking ships, measuring 30 meters (98 feet) in length.

NOTE: Reverse itinerary July 04 calls at Olden today.



DAY 7 - FLAM, NORWAY

Nestled in the heart of the fjord country, less than 200 kilometers from Bergen, the picturesque village of Flåm – pronounced Flôm – 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 Flåmsbana, 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 8 – BERGEN, NORWAY

Arrival early morning

Disembarkation at 8:00 AM

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.





Le Bellot – MAY 30 / Le Lapérouse - JUNE 21
GUESTS: 184

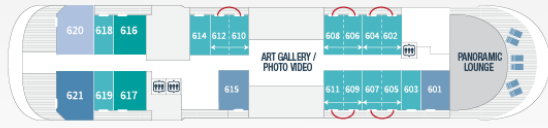
RATES – 2025 (Rates subject to change without notice – **Book early for best rates below.**)

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

SUITE – 25% SAVINGS	5/30 & 6/21	7/04
Deluxe – Deck 3	\$7,310	\$7,334
Prestige – Deck 4	\$8,060	\$8,084
Prestige – Deck 5	\$8,440	\$8,464
Prestige – Deck 6	\$8,880	\$8,904
Deluxe Ste – Decks 3-6	\$12,170	\$12,194
Prestige Suite – Dk 5	\$16,280	\$16,304
Prestige Suite – Dk 6	\$17,110	\$17,134
Privilege Suite – Dk 5-6	\$17,920	\$17,944
Grand Deluxe Suite	\$19,640	\$19,664
OWNER SUITE	\$27,190	\$27,214

DECK PLAN

DECK 6



■ Prestige Suite (Prestige Suites consist of two combined Prestige Staterooms) Not available in 2018
■ Prestige Stateroom
■ Deluxe Suite
■ Privilege Suite
■ Grand Deluxe Suite
■ Owner's Suite

DECK 5



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■ Grand Deluxe Suite
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DECK 4



■ Prestige Stateroom
■ Deluxe Suite

DECK 3



■ Deluxe Stateroom
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