

# SECRETS OF SCOTLAND



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**DATES:** 2020 – MAY 24

**Duration:** 8 days / 7 nights

**Embark:** DUBLIN, IRELAND  
**Disembark:** GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

**Ship:** *Le Boreal*

**FROM:** \$3,560\*

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\$600 off these fares  
Book and deposit by Mar 31, 2019**

Set sail on an exceptional 8-day cruise in Scotland aboard *Le Boréal*.

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The Inner Hebrides will then welcome you with **Tobermory**, a charming fishing port with multi-colored houses whose distillery produces a renowned single malt, and **Iona**, the cradle of Christianity in Scotland where the famous *Book of Kells* was written.

You will also discover the **Isle of Skye**, a bastion of Gaelic culture, its famous bridge, and its stunning scenery.

Before you disembark in **Glasgow**, do not miss the visit to **Liverpool**, a former industrial powerhouse, today completely redeveloped, located on the banks of the Mersey and famous as the birthplace of the Beatles.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- With the on-board presence of the Celtic music trio Ewen Delahaye Favennec.
- Between Dublin and Glasgow, sail into the heart of Celtic shores, lands of magic and legends.
- UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Dublin, city of literature (embarkation port); from Belfast, the mysterious Giant's Causeway site, the old port of Liverpool.
- Iona, the sacred island of Scotland, and its abbey dating back to the Middle Ages.
- The Isle of Man and its capital, Douglas, a postcard from United Kingdom of yesteryear with a Victorian atmosphere.
- Portree, the main town of the Isle of Skye, with its lively port and its cultural center

## ITINERARY:

### Day 1: DUBLIN

The Irish capital stretches along the banks of the Liffey to Dublin bay, on the East coast of Ireland. Discover Ireland's warm conviviality in the pedestrian district of **Temple Bar**. Its cobbled streets are brimming with fabulous shops, pubs and arts centers. Next to Trinity College, famous for its 18th century library, you can stroll along Grafton Street: in one of its famous tea

shops, try a delicious scone and clotted cream served hot and melt-in-the-mouth with jam. Not far from here, the majestic O'Connell bridge leads you to the avenue with the same name, on which **Spire**, a luminous contemporary sculpture presides.



### Day 2: BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

The capital city of Northern Ireland is located on the very tip of Belfast Lough, in the north-east of the Emerald Isle. Along the waterfront, the building shaped like a fragmented liner is no other than the Titanic Belfast, a homage to the famous transatlantic liner, with full-scale reconstructions making for an insightful experience of the Belle Epoque. In the historical centre, you'll also travel back in time when you see the majestic Edwardian columns of the City Hall, and the imposing neo-gothic towers of Queen's University for example. The carved wooden façades of the Victorian pubs will certainly entice you in for a pint of beer or chilled cider.

### Day 3: TOBERMORY, ISLE OF MULL - IONA, HEBRIDES

Located at the northernmost tip of the lovely **Isle of Mull**, **Tobermory** has to be one of the most beautiful natural seaports on Scotland's West Coast. Founded in 1788, this ancient fishing village has been converted to a leisure port highly appreciated today for its surroundings and the quiet charm it exudes. You will definitely be won over by the row of many-storied houses on the hillside, illuminating the harbor with their vibrant colors. Although the real spectacle is outdoors, a visit to the interesting Mull Museum dedicated the local history and the exhibitions at the An Tobar art gallery is well worth the time.

Of all the islands in the **Inner Hebrides**, **Iona** is by far the most conducive to contemplation and meditation. And for good reason... it is here that St Columba landed from Ireland in 563 and undertook to establish Christianity in **Scotland**. Now an abbey, the island's true

spiritual center stands where the ancient monastery founded by the Irish missionary was built. Many kings of Scotland, including the legendary **Macbeth**, are buried in the nearby cemetery. In sunny weather, arriving on the Isle of Iona is a stunningly beautiful experience.



#### **Day 4: STORNOWAY, HEBRIDES**

Discover **Lewis**, the largest island of the Hebrides, considered to be the cradle of Gaelic culture. Here, the peat- and heather- covered valleys and lochs stretch on to infinity, and numerous bird colonies have taken up residence in the long, jagged coastlines where. Not far from **Stornoway**, the island's main town, built by the Vikings in the 9th century stands one of Scotland's most prominent prehistoric sites: The **Standing Stones of Callanish**. Dating back to more than 3,000 years B.C., these imposing stones placed in a cruciform pattern were laid out according to the moon and stars and their main purpose was to keep track of seasonal cycles, as this was essential for farmers at the time.

#### **Day 5: PORTREE, ISLE OF SKYE**

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 colourful 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**.

#### **Days 6: DOUGLAS**

**Douglas** is the capital of the **Isle of Man**, a self-governing island in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland. The Isle of Man is best-known for its grueling annual TT motorbike race but Douglas itself is a charming traditional seaside resort. Take a stroll or

horse tram along the busy **promenade** and visit the **Manx Museum**, which retraces the island's fascinating Celtic and Viking heritage. You can take a steam train into the mountainous interior, where you'll see medieval castles and pretty villages and farms.

#### **Day 7: LIVERPOOL**

The fast-moving and appealing city of **Liverpool** sprawls along the banks of the River Mersey. This former bastion of industry in England's north-west has found its second wind, thanks especially to the highly successful redevelopment of its docks, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2004. The city, the Beatles' birthplace, has lots to offer to its visitors. While a walk down the Waterfront from Pier Head to Albert Dock is a major highlight, you'll also love the quality of museums such as the **Walker Art Gallery** and the wealth of architecture in the city. But what will really impress you is the playful and open-minded spirit of its inhabitants, which John Lennon referred to as "positive energy".



#### **Day 8: GLASGOW**

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 checkerboard 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.

**NOTE- Pre- and post-cruise activities can be added – let us know what you would like to do and see!**





Rates are per person, Double Occupancy  
**Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.**

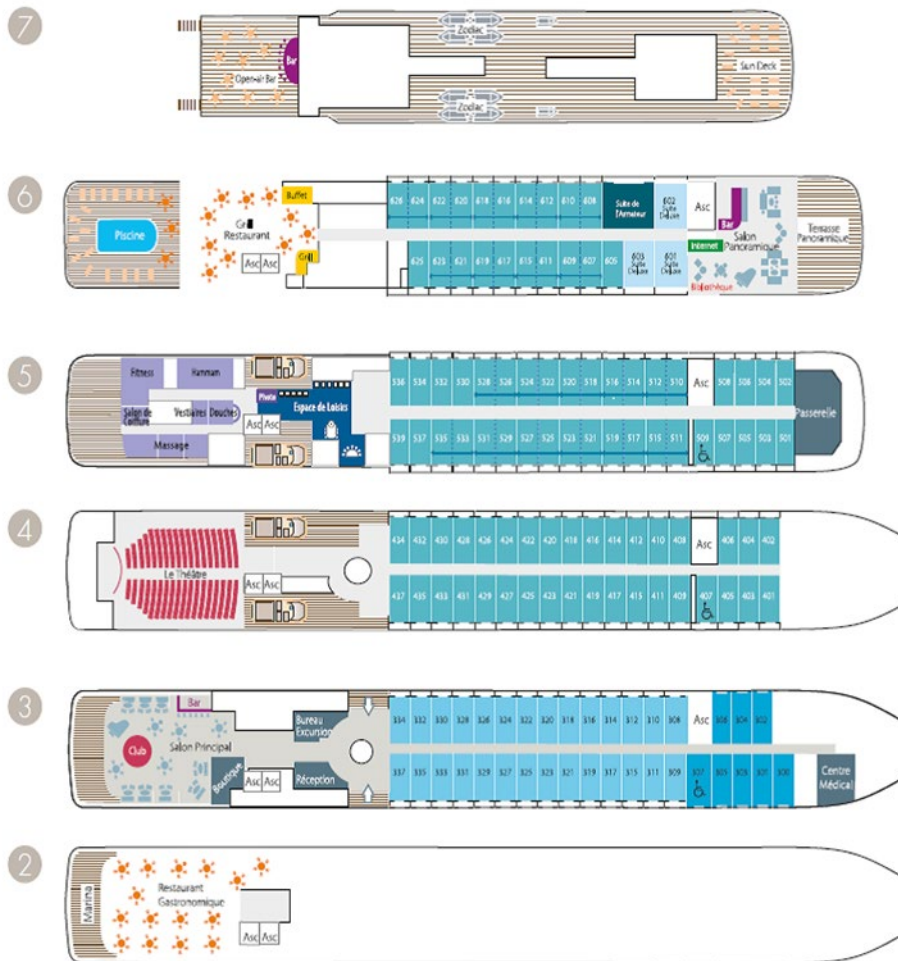
**Included features:**

- All accommodations, meals, and excursion described above
- Gratuities to crew guides and drivers on included excursions
- Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Boreal, with all the amenities for which Ponant ships are famous.

**Not included:**

- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, Internet, etc.)

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SUITE – 2020 Rates	
Superior – Deck 3	\$3,560
Deluxe – Deck 3	\$3,440
Prestige – Deck 4	\$3,830
Prestige – Deck 5	\$4,270
Prestige – Deck 6	\$4,470
Deluxe Ste – Deck 6	\$5,780
Prestige Ste – Dk 5	\$7,790
Prestige Ste – Dk 6	\$8,170
<b>OWNER SUITE</b>	<b>\$12,300</b>



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