

## THE ARCTIC - SCOTLAND SLOWLY FROM GLASGOW | OCEAN ENDEAVOUR



### INTRODUCTION

Absorb the incredible scenery of Scotland on this remarkable 11 day expedition. Discover the beauty of Glasgow, the Western Isles, Orkney, the Shetland Islands and Aberdeen as you revel in culture and marvel at incredible sights. Sample Scotch straight from world famous distilleries, discover neolithic villages and medieval castles, spot rich bird life from dramatic rock cliffs. This is truly an incredible journey.

**\*\*Please note that due to the recent increase in global fuel prices, a fuel surcharge has been applied to all voyages across the Arctic 23 season. This has already been applied to the price\*\***

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Embarkation in Glasgow

The bustling metropolis of Glasgow is the economic engine of Scotland—and an architectural delight. You'll find Italianate steeples, neo-Gothic towers, the Art Nouveau of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and the titanium, glass and steel of contemporary buildings. We depart Glasgow via coach—and travel onward to Greenock, where You will board the Ocean Endeavour, your home for the next ten nights.



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### DAY 2: Islay

The Queen of the Hebrides, Islay is the southernmost of the Inner Hebrides. This island lies only forty kilometres from the Irish coast. Islay is a haven for seabirds, thanks to the warming effects of the Gulf Stream. Islay is world-famous for fine whisky, thanks to clear waters, fine peat, and barley. The capital of Islay is Bowmore, known for its distilleries and is home of the Bowmore Round Kirk.



### DAY 3: Iona and Staffa

The isle of Staffa is famed for basaltic formations and numerous caves. The best known of these is Fingal's Cave, a spectacular geological feature named for the Celtic hero. Originally known in Gaelic as "the melodious cave", it provided the inspiration for Mendelssohn's overture, The Hebrides. St. Columba established his monastery at nearby Iona—the burial place of kings. The restored Iona Abbey complex preserves two outstanding eighth-century crosses and a splendid collection of sculpture.



### DAY 4: Skye

This is a fabulous day for birders, photographers, and hikers. En route to the Isle of Skye, we sail by the cliffs at Lunga, where razorbills, guillemots, and puffins make their nests. You will cruise the southwestern shore of Skye to visit Loch Coruisk, a freshwater loch accessed through Loch Scavaig. Here we find one of the finest mountainscapes in Britain, backed by the Cullin Mountains. We will hike the western shore and revel in the view.



### DAY 5: Outer Hebrides

At times referred to as the Long Isle or the Western Isles, the Outer Hebrides are a fantastic collection of over 100 islands 70km off Scotland's west coast. Known today as a leader in renewable energy and a Gaelic stronghold, The Outer Hebrides have a colourful history. Here we find the oldest evidence of human habitation in Scotland with Pictish, Norse and Scots influence. We'll search out the rich marine and bird life of the islands as conditions permit.



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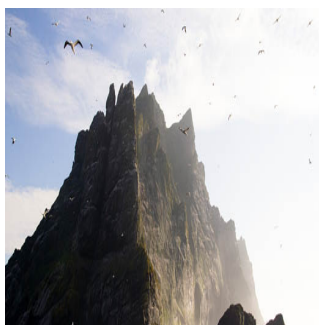
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### DAY 6: St Kilda

The archipelago known as St. Kilda was inhabited until 1930. Today, St. Kilda is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, protecting fascinating ruins as well as natural heritage features. Enormous cliffs offer dramatic ocean views for our hikers! Seabirds thrive on the nearby island of Hirta—notably, puffins, fulmars, and the largest gannet colony in Britain (and the second-largest in the world). Hirta is also home to feral sheep left by the departing islanders.



### DAY 7: Isle of Lewis

Lewis is the largest of the Hebridean Islands and a Gaelic stronghold. Harris Tweed has its headquarters on Lewis. Its product is hand woven exclusively in the Outer Hebrides by weavers working at home. We'll visit Stornoway, the island's capital. On the west side of Lewis is Callanish, one of Britain's most important Stone Age sites. Callanish's standing stones are said to be giants who were punished by St. Kieran for refusing to convert to Christianity.



### DAY 8: Kirkwall, Orkney

At the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage site, we'll find the 4,000-year-old Ring of Brodgar—the third-largest standing stone circle in the UK, predating Stonehenge. Kirkwall is dominated by the massive Magnus Cathedral, dating from 1137. This is the final resting place of the famed Orcadian Arctic explorer, John Rae.



### DAY 9: Papa Stour and Foula

Marine and bird life flourish at Papa Stour among cliffs, caves, sea stacks, and blowholes. There are numerous Neolithic burial sites, as well as Norse Ruins. Twenty-three kilometres west of the Shetland Islands, Foula is the most remote inhabited island in the UK. Here, a few dozen folk make their homes, many preserving traditional methods of agriculture and subsistence. Arctic terns, red-throated loons, and great skuas may be found here.



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## DAY 10: Aberdeenshire

Scotland’s northeast coast features seaside towns, rolling fields, stunning coastlines and countless historic points of interest. The gentle landscape makes it perfect for walking and exploring by foot. We’ll spend our day exploring the vibrant region outside of Aberdeen.



## DAY 11: Disembarkation in Aberdeen

The Ocean Endeavour arrives in Aberdeen in the morning. You may choose to extend your stay in Scotland, take part in one of our optional extensions, or make your way home from here.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

<b>Accommodation</b>	Cabin on board ship
<b>Inclusions</b>	<p>Cabin accommodation on board vessel  All meals whilst on board  Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition crew  All scheduled landings and excursions by zodiac  All port fees, park entry fees and special permits  Nikon camera training program  Complimentary expedition jacket for use during duration of voyage.</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>  International flights  Visa fees (if applicable)  Travel insurance  Gratuities for staff and crew  Beverages (other than tea and coffee)  Personal expenses such as laundry and on board communication</p>
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	2 (light adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	No Single Surcharge on limited number of cabins cat 3 to 7. Contact us for more details.

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### Notes

Please note this itinerary is subject to change depending on weather and seas conditions.

### Price Dependent upon

Departure date, season and availability.

## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

The Ocean Endeavour in the Arctic works closely with the First Nations communities by direct employment and is a part of a Discovery Fund. Every customer contributes directly to the Fund when they purchase a trip to the Arctic. The Fund covers issues like habitat enhancement, youth outreach, community support and charity projects. The Scientist-in-residence program offers spacem time and resources aboard The Ocean Endeavour for practicing scientists and researchers. Passenger contributions to the citizen science program is also facilitated onboard. While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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