



**NEW** LUXURY EXPEDITION CRUISES

## Cruising the British Isles: Scotland, Ireland & England 2024

14 days from **\$19,495** per person *was* \$21,495

Limited to 148 guests

**OFFER**

Book early and save \$2,000 per person on all stateroom categories and suites. Plus, save 75% on the single supplement on categories 1-3.

Voyage beyond mainland Scotland, Ireland and England for a completely unique experience exploring spectacular coastlines, natural landscapes and historic treasures. Joined by A&K's famed Expedition Team, discover the velvet-green Orkney archipelago, wild Hebrides, UNESCO-designated St. Kilda and ravishing cliffs of Donegal and Moher. Enjoy luxury pre- and post-cruise stays with one night in Edinburgh and two nights in London.

### Included With This Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led Excursions
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment programming, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet<sup>®</sup> Laundry Service
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

### A&K Advantages

Cruise for 10 nights on luxury, all-balcony 'Le Dumont d'Urville,' with a capacity limited to just 148 guests

Explore alongside A&K's captivating Expedition Team for an unforgettable enrichment program

Experience a choice of included, immersive, A&K-only excursions in every port, spanning everything from visits to legendary historic sites and jaw-dropping coastal landscapes to hyper-local culinary and cultural experiences

Explore dramatic and wild coastal landscapes from Scotland to Ireland, including stunning seabird habitats in the Inner and Outer Hebrides and Galway's spectacular Connemara

Experience the fantastic history of the British Isles, visiting Urquhart Castle in the Scottish Highlands, the thrilling Ring of Brogdar in the Orkney Islands, UNESCO-designated St. Kilda Islands, and Sligo in Ireland, hometown of poet William Butler Yeats

Savor culinary excursions, opting for experiences that include guided whisky tasting at the legendary Glenmorangie distillery in the Scottish Highlands and lunch with a former executive chef to the Royal family in London

Before and after your cruise, experience a night in Edinburgh with a welcome dinner and two nights in London, each complete with luxury hotel stays and guided A&K-excursions

# Itinerary

## SEP 10 ARRIVE EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Arrive in Edinburgh and transfer to your landmark luxury hotel, The Balmoral. This evening, gather for a welcome briefing and themed dinner at your hotel.

The Balmoral | Meals: Dinner

## SEP 11 EDINBURGH | VIBRANT CAPITAL

Edinburgh embodies the Scottish national heritage like few other places. After a morning at leisure, tour Scotland's vibrant capital, taking in Edinburgh Castle and inspiring city views. Later, board your expedition vessel and set sail on the Firth of Forth. Conditions permitting, view Bass Rock, home to the world's largest gannet colony.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 12 INVERGORDON | MAJESTIC HIGHLANDS

Northern Scotland is legendary for its dramatic, windswept mountains, wooded hills and rich history. Today, explore the magnificent Highlands, choosing from excursions that may include a visit to Inverness, a private cruise on mythic Loch Ness and stop at Urquhart Castle, an exploration of Culloden's battlefield, or a whisky tasting at Glenmorangie Distillery.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 13 ORKNEY ISLANDS | KIRKWALL & THE RING OF BRODGAR

Rich in Viking heritage, the landscapes of the Orkneys span rolling hills, dramatic cliffs and wave-swept sea caves. Today, you might explore historic Kirkwall; Skara Brae, one of the best-preserved Stone Age settlements in Western Europe; or the spine-tingling Ring of Brodgar, a circle of standing stones dating to 2700 BC.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 14 OUTER HEBRIDES | PREHISTORIC WESTERN ISLES

Framed by wild, windswept beaches, Scotland's Western Isles span the rolling moorlands of Lewis and the towering mountains of Harris. Today, you might opt for a drive through the moorlands, stopping to explore the Calanais Standing Stones and the island's crofting traditions, or drive the Golden Road, pausing to visit a Harris tweed weaver and a local distillery.

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## SEP 15 OUTER HEBRIDES | SEA STACKS OF ST. KILDA

Inhabited for over 2,000 years, Hirta, the largest of the St. Kilda islands, harbored an isolated, hardscrabble agricultural community until 1930. Conditions permitting, pass the island's staggering sea stacks and come ashore to explore the deserted stonework settlement, the highest cliffs in all of Britain, and a vital seabird habitat.

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## SEP 16 INNER HEBRIDES | GREEN JEWELS OF STAFFA & IONA

The approach to Staffa by sea is breathtaking, with great basalt columns flanking the deep caves of the island. Conditions allowing, enjoy a Zodiac experience near Fingal, a sea cave formed by hexagonally jointed basalt. Continue cruising to the tranquil island of Iona, where you might discover Iona Abbey, an ancient center of Gaelic monasticism.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 17 DONEGAL, IRELAND | UNSPOILED COAST

Today, your Captain charts a course past Ireland's Killybegs to County Donegal, a rugged enclave of deep-sea inlets, sandy beaches and spectacular mountains. Once ashore, you may opt for a scenic tour of Donegal Town; drive through the countryside to the Slieve League Mountains; visit Sligo, the mecca of "Yeats Country"; or cross into Northern Ireland's walled city of Londonderry to reflect on the legacy of "Bloody Sunday" and "The Troubles."

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 18 GALWAY | CULTURAL ENCLAVE & THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Today, arrive in Galway, a lively cultural enclave renowned for its vibrant lanes, colorful houses and thriving arts scene. You might enjoy a culinary walking tour and Irish whiskey tasting, explore the Burren's vast karst landscape with a botanist and visit a local sheep farm, or spend the day amid Connemara's jagged, filigreed shoreline. Later, take in iconic vistas from the atmospheric Cliffs of Moher.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 19 AT SEA | CRUISING THE CELTIC SEA

Relish a day at sea, relaxing with new friends and attending lectures to enrich your discoveries.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## SEP 20 PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND | MARITIME HERITAGE

Come ashore in Plymouth, a Devon port city renowned for its rich maritime heritage. Here, you might choose to tour the city's Mayflower Museum, Barbican architecture, Plymouth Hoe and Royal William Yard. Alternatively, head out to Dartmoor National Park, pausing in Princetown for a Devonshire cream tea, or savor



tea and cake at Cornwall's Mount Edgcumbe House, former seat of the Earls of Mount Edgcumbe.

'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **SEP 21 LONDON | STORIED LEGACIES REVEALED**

Bid farewell to your Captain and crew as you approach the White Cliffs of Dover and disembark. Once ashore, you might visit Canterbury's prestigious cathedral; tour Leeds Castle, home to six English queens; or opt for a stop at Chartwell, the former residence of Winston Churchill. Your excursion ends at the Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square, where you dine this evening.

Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **SEP 22 LONDON | ICONIC LANDMARKS**

Today, explore a city that defies all introductions — a global hub of commerce, culture and empire dating back to Roman times. Your excursions might include a tour featuring the Tower of London, Kensington Palace, Westminster Abbey and the London Eye; a visit to Buckingham Palace; a culinary experience with a former executive chef to the Royal Family; or a visit to the Churchill War Rooms and the Imperial War Museums.

Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### **SEP 23 DEPART LONDON**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on a group extension to the Cotswolds.

Meals: Breakfast

# Extensions



## Edinburgh Pre-Tour Extension

Discover Edinburgh, experiencing the city and castle grounds and historic Scottish Borders.

4 days from \$4,695 per person  
Single Supplement from \$1,495 per person

### Sep 7

Arrive in Edinburgh and transfer to your luxury city hotel, The Balmoral. Meet your guide for a welcome cocktail reception before heading to dinner on your own.

The Balmoral

### Sep 8

Set off on a guided tour of this vibrant city, exploring Edinburgh Castle, the Scottish Parliament and the Royal Mile. Enjoy lunch at a local venue and time to explore at leisure.

The Balmoral | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### Sep 9

Today, venture off the beaten path for a Scottish Borders experience. Visit beautiful and mysterious Rosslyn Chapel, the inspiration for many writers and artists. Later, discover Traquair House — the oldest inhabited house in Scotland — where you enjoy a visit and lunch. Return to Edinburgh for lunch and time to enjoy the city's atmosphere at your leisure.

The Balmoral | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### Sep 10

Embark on a Three Bridges cruise to experience Queensferry Crossing, Forth Road Bridge and Forth Bridge as well as a showing of local marine life and seabirds. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before joining your main program this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



## England's Cotswolds Post-Tour Extension

Explore the rolling landscapes of the Cotswolds, visiting Oxford, Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon, picturesque Arlington Row and Kiftsgate Court Gardens.

4 days from \$5,495 per person  
Single Supplement from \$1,895 per person

### Sep 23

Transfer to Oxford. Enjoy lunch on arrival and then a visit to Christ Church College with its magnificent Great Hall — also the inspiration for Hogwarts Castle's Great Hall in the Harry Potter films — as well as the Bodleian Libraries and Divinity School. Your evening is at leisure.

The Randolph Hotel by Graduate Hotels | Meals: Lunch

### Sep 24

Set off on a guided adventure of the historic Cotswolds, beginning with visits to Anne Hathaway's Cottage and Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of Shakespeare. After lunch, explore Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, and time permitting, pause to see his grave at St Martin's Church. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure in Oxford.

The Randolph Hotel by Graduate Hotels | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### Sep 25

Enjoy another full day in the Cotswolds, beginning in Bibury to see picturesque Arlington Row with its ancient row of weavers' cottages. Take a stroll in Upper and Lower Slaughter, and in the old wool town of Chipping Campden, see arguably the loveliest high street in England. Proceed to Kiftsgate Court Gardens for a special lunch; later, explore Great Tew and enjoy refreshments. Return to Oxford with time to experience the city at your leisure.

The Randolph Hotel by Graduate Hotels | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### Sep 26

After breakfast, transfer to London airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

# Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
<b>Sep 10 - Sep 23, 2024</b>			
Category 1 - Classic Stateroom	\$19,495 (was \$21,495)	\$4,032 (was \$16,125)	Available
Category 2 - Deluxe Stateroom	\$21,995 (was \$23,995)	\$4,499 (was \$17,995)	Available
Category 3 - Prestige Stateroom	\$22,995 (was \$24,995)	\$4,687 (was \$18,745)	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 4 - Deluxe Suite	\$33,995 (was \$35,995)	\$32,295	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 5 - Privilege Suite	\$36,495 (was \$38,495)	\$34,675	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 6 - Prestige Two-Room Suite	\$42,495 (was \$44,495)	\$40,370	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 7 - Grand Deluxe Suite	\$48,995 (was \$50,995)	\$46,545	Waitlist - Call A&K
Category 8 - Owner's Suite	\$51,995 (was \$53,995)	\$43,395	Waitlist - Call A&K

Optional [pre-tour and post-tour extensions](#) available on this departure.

## Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4-8 include room upgrade at the hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: welcome briefing on Sep 10.

Last group event: excursions on Sep 22.

## Special Offer Terms & Conditions

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Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).