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Book online now, up until 10 days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your approximate tour departure times. You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information.

Remember, online shore excursion reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling.

GENERAL INFORMATION
At the time of making your reservations online, we will advise you whether or not your reservations are confirmed or whether you have been waitlisted. Your credit card will be charged immediately for all confirmed reservations. Should space become available for a waitlisted shore excursion request, we will e-mail or otherwise contact you at that time and either immediately charge your credit card if you have already given us your credit card information or ask you to provide us with that information for immediate charge processing. Shore excursion reservations are subject to cancellation by us at any time prior to the credit card charge being accepted by your bank. If you or Holland America cancel a tour more than 10 days prior to cruise departure, we will issue a credit on the credit card that you used to pay for the reservation. For any cancellation within 10 days of departure, a credit will not be given on your credit card. Instead, we will apply an ONBOARD CREDIT ONLY policy under which the refund (less any cancellation fee) will show up as a credit to the shipboard account of the person who was to take the shore excursion. If the credit is not fully utilized during the cruise, the balance will be paid to that guest by the ship’s Purser.
WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?
Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all shore excursions. When you visit places of worship (cathedrals, churches, etc.), we recommend dressing conservatively (shorts and sleeveless sundresses should not be worn), but casual clothing is perfectly acceptable. Dress in layers and have a jacket along. Bring an umbrella or raincoat, a hat and sunscreen.

WHAT ABOUT MEALS?
Most tour departures complement the ship’s meal service hours. 24-hour room service is available on board.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TIME EACH TOUR DEPARTS?
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I HAVE A DISABILITY. HOW DO I KNOW WHICH TOURS WILL BEST SUIT ME? WILL I HAVE A PROBLEM (DIS)EMBARKING THE SHIP?
Guests with disabilities should inquire in advance whether a shore excursion will be able to accommodate their needs. We have graded the Shore Excursions according to the relative level of activity they entail. The walking icons that appear at the beginning of each tour description provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect. Please refer to the “Choosing Your Tours” section in this brochure for specific information on the walking icons. Most guests will find it beneficial to attend the shore excursion briefing on board the ship for evaluating the required activity level for each tour. It is important to keep in mind that shore excursion operators are subject to the laws of their own country including with respect to accommodating the needs of guests with disabilities. In most foreign countries, the laws are not as stringent as those in the United States. Please speak with the Shore Excursion Office as to whether you can expect to encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship in a particular port of call. In this regard, the decision whether or not to carry or provide other mobility assistance to a guest and their mobility assistance device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) up or down a ship’s gangway, or on or off a tender boat, is at the sole discretion of the Captain, made based on his evaluation of guest and crew safety. We encourage you to bring a collapsible wheelchair as space limitations may restrict the ability of some tour operators to accommodate motorized mobility aid devices.

DO ALL THE PORTS AND TOURS IN THIS BROCHURE PERTAIN TO MY CRUISE?
Not necessarily, as this brochure may cover more than one sailing. Please refer to your cruise itinerary to determine which ports you will visit, then turn to those port sections to see the tours. Not all tours in each port are available on all ships or all cruises.

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TOUR DURATIONS
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Holland America Line is proud to present the Medallion Collection—a series of tours designed to accommodate our most discerning guests. Each of these carefully chosen tours offers a truly different experience, providing an in-depth perspective appropriate for seasoned travelers. You will find the Medallion Collection insignia, as shown, next to a select few tours in this brochure. Our Shore Excursion staff on board will gladly answer any of your questions regarding this innovative program. Space is extremely limited.

The Signature Collection

Have you ever toured ashore at your own pace? Had a driver and guide at your service, seen everything you wanted to see, had a luxury vehicle all to yourself? Learn more...

Holland America Line introduces the Signature Collection—a new touring option as part of the Medallion Collection. This exclusive series allows you to completely customize your time ashore and discover at your own pace the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of a quality car or minivan, with a driver and English-speaking guide, exclusively for your own use. Create your own itinerary, maximize your time in port and visit destinations more in-depth. Since your experience includes only those with whom you choose to travel, your experience is intimate.

The Signature Collection is suited for single/solo travelers, couples, families, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. This may also be an excellent choice for non-ambulatory guests. Value and flexibility are just two of the advantages of first-class touring and a luxury vehicle. Privacy, comfort, safety, and personalized guide service are also yours to enjoy.

About the Signature Collection

Enjoy guaranteed, first-class guide service and a luxury vehicle that you can book in advance during the height of the busy season. Each port offers a fleet of vehicles perfect for families, groups, couples and individuals looking for privacy, comfort, flexibility and personalized guide service that motor coach tours can’t provide. The tour operators will advise the ship of any vehicle delays prior to sailing.

About the Vehicles

Each car or minivan will be of the highest grade available in that port, and will be air-conditioned. More details can be found on our website at www.hollandamerica.com. Not all vehicle sizes are available in all locations. Vehicles available and the capacities of each:
Car—maximum number of guests: 2
Minivan—maximum number of guests: 4-8 (varies by port)

Also Included

The cost includes the service of a driver and English-speaking guide, unlimited mileage within the 4 or 8 hours reserved, motorway tolls, parking fees, and bottled water in the vehicle.

Not Included

Guests’ entrance fees for attractions are not included in the vehicle price (except in St. Petersburg, Russia, where entrance fees ARE included), due to the wide range of attraction possibilities, uncertain number of attractions to be visited, and varying number of guests participating. We strongly recommend that you bring some local currency to cover such costs as credit cards are not readily accepted in some ports. Lunch will not be included on any tour as many guests prefer to select their own dining venue.

Itinerary Planning

If you need help planning your personal itinerary, the Port Lecturer can assist you and will gladly answer your questions.
How to Choose Your Tours

Choose the shore excursions that interest you by using the icons as a general guide to the level of activity involved, and select the shore excursions best suited to your physical capabilities. These icons will help you interpret this brochure.

**Easy Activity:** Very light activity including short distances to walk; may include some steps.

**Moderate Activity:** Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or steps.

**Strenuous Activity:** Requires active participation, walking long distances over uneven and steep terrain or on steps. In certain instances, paddling or other non-walking activity is required and guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty breathing.

**Panoramic Tours:** Specially designed for guests who enjoy a slower pace, these excursions offer sightseeing mainly from the transportation vehicle, with few or no stops, and no mandatory disembarkation from the vehicle during the tour. As vehicles outside the United States are rarely lift-equipped and ramps are seldom available, a very small amount of walking will be necessary. The pace will be gentle and taking your time is encouraged.

**Limited Capacity:** The number of people able to participate in this tour is strictly limited. Reasons for limiting capacity may include the number of transportation seats available, or the need to maintain a safe ratio of guides for hikes, fishing and water activities. Tours require a minimum number of participants in order to operate.

**Meal:** This tour includes a meal—lunch on daytime tours, or dinner on evening tours.

**Snack:** This tour includes a small snack or tasting of local specialties. The snack is not a meal.
When you book your shore excursions with Holland America Line, you can count on our Signature of Excellence® to consistently offer a superior experience ashore:

**QUALITY**
Clean and comfortable transportation equipment; we engage professional independent tour operators dedicated to customer satisfaction.

**SAFETY**
Tour operators have contractually agreed to comply with local government requirements and to carry liability insurance in amounts consistent with local standards to address personal injury and property damage claims.

**CONVENIENCE**
English-speaking guides; tour departure times set to coincide with the ship’s schedule as well as with that of other tours so that guests desiring to do so can take multiple tours.

**PEACE OF MIND**
If a tour that you have purchased through Holland America Line returns late to the ship, we will almost never leave without you. In the very rare event that the ship must leave, we will arrange at our expense to get you to the next port of call (with independently booked tours, you are responsible for rejoining the ship at the next port of call).

**VARIETY**
Around the globe, our programs include “A Taste of...”, Off the Beaten Track, Panoramic, Medallion, flightseeing and motor coach tours, with such adventures as camel rides, kayaking, diving, rock-climbing, glacier hiking and private vehicle/vessel touring.

**VALUE**
Our award-winning shore excursions offer superior quality and competitive pricing; our guests consistently rate their shore excursion experience as excellent.

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Prices can be found on our website at www.hollandamerica.com and are quoted in U.S. funds. Prices are subject to change without notice. Prices for children 12 years of age and under are available on some, but not all, tours. If no child's price is published online, the tour may be available to children at the adult rate; however, all children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 21 or older, regardless of rate. A general guideline to pricing is found under each tour listing with symbols as follows:

- $ – up to $50USD
- $$ – $51USD to $100USD
- $$$ – $101USD to $150USD
- $$$$ – more than $150USD

Make the most of your time in each port by combining different half-day tours to complete a full day of sightseeing. You might want to consider a morning cooking class with an afternoon walking tour; a morning stroll through a mosaic-lined church and an afternoon of sampling local wine at a vineyard; or even a bike ride and an evening cultural performance—all in one day! Whatever your interests, and whichever pace suits you best, there’s a huge variety of tours to mix and match in this brochure. To make combining easy, for tour departure times and durations, visit our website at www.hollandamerica.com.
Akureyri, Iceland

Signature Collection
Private Car or Minivan

Approximately 4 or 8 hours
Car – half day/full day: $$$$$ per vehicle
Minivan – half day/full day: $$$$$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Polar Flight to Grimsey

Approximately 2½ hours • $$$$$

The Arctic Circle passes right through the island of Grimsey, off the north coast of Iceland. This flight tour gives you a unique opportunity to say that you have actually stepped on the Arctic Circle (and a certificate to prove it!). A light plane takes you from Akureyri on a 20-minute flight to Grimsey Island, with magnificent views of Eyjafjördur fjord, the mountains around it and a bird’s-eye view of Grimsey Island. Only three square miles in size, Grimsey is green and grassy on the top, with steep shoreline cliffs, and boasts fabulous bird watching opportunities with a dozen different bird species. Explore Grimsey on foot, and perhaps meet some of the 115 inhabitants of the island.

Please note: Aircraft used are Twin Otters, Piper Chieftains, or Fokker 50. Many species of birds migrate from Grimsey starting in mid-August; therefore, bird sightings may be very limited.

Akureyri, & Santa’s House

Approximately 3 hours • $$

Akureyri has 15,000 inhabitants and is Iceland’s second most important commercial and industrial center. As you travel through its timeline of cityhood, stop at a modern church whose stained glass windows are renowned, stroll through the lovely Botanical Gardens, and visit the Nonni Museum. An exhibit here commemorates the children’s books written by Pastor John Sveinsson in the 1930s-1950s. See the fishing boats in the busy harbor en route to Listagil Street, where artisans keep their workshops and galleries. Browse for a while, then you’ll drive out to Santa’s House—a Christmas store that operates all year round. This is a great opportunity to pick up a memento of your trip to Iceland!

Akureri Falls & Farmland

Approximately 4 hours • $$

Leaving Akureyri, cross the waters of the fjord and travel along the slopes of Vadlaheidi Mountain, via the Fnjóskadalur Valley to Vaglaskogur Forest—one of Iceland’s rare woodlands which is part of an extensive soil and vegetation reclamation project. From Fnjóskadalur, you’ll travel to historic Godafoss—waterfall of the heathen gods—which figures prominently in Iceland’s 12th-century Book of Settlement. From Godafoss, continue to Laufás, a 19th-century farmhouse built in the traditional Icelandic style of stone and turf—now one of the last turf farms in the country. This interesting regional museum has the original implements and equipment so essential to life in former centuries, and a beautiful country church (1865). Return to Akureyri for a short panoramic sightseeing tour of the city, including an outside view of the modern church and a stop at the Botanical Gardens.
Lake Mývatn

Approximately 8 hours • $$$

Begin with a drive along the coast of Iceland’s longest fjord, Eyjafjörður, with an excellent view of Akureyri and its surrounding mountains. After crossing Vikurskard Pass, you will view Fjóskadalur valley, where geological remains of glacial and post glacial times can clearly be seen. The first major stop is by Godafoss—the waterfall of heathen gods. From there, you will drive directly to the Lake Mývatn area, stopping by the unique craters at Skútustadir. Head to a local restaurant for lunch, then you will tour the most interesting places in the Lake Mývatn area and drive to the famous boiling sulphur pits at Hverarönd, near Námafjall. After a stop at the unique underground bathing springs Grjóttagjá, continue to Dimmuborgir—a true labyrinth of lava formations.

Hardanger & Voss

Approximately 8 hours • $$$

This tour begins with a short city orientation drive, passing the fish and flower markets, the Bergenshus Fortress, Haakons Hall and the Rosenkrantz Tower. Then you're off to Nordheimsund, via winding roads and quaint villages. Tokagjelet Gorge is a popular recreation area for the people of Bergen. More scenic driving takes you through small forests, Hardangerfjord to Granvin, and the Steindalsfoss Waterfall. At Steindalsfossen Waterfall, you can actually walk behind the falls without getting wet! After about 1½ hours, you’ll stop at Voss for lunch consisting of a typical Norwegian buffet with hot and cold dishes, desserts and coffee. After lunch, return to Bergen—an approximately 1½-hour drive.

Panoramic Bergen

Approximately 2 hours • $

Your tour will take in all the main sights, beginning with the wooden warehouses at Bryggen which date back to the Middle Ages. Watch for Haakons Hall (1247)—the largest and most imposing building of royal residency when Bergen was the political hub of Norway. Pass by the Rosenkrantz Tower and St. Mary’s Church—the oldest building in Bergen, dating back to the first half of the 12th century. Before returning to the pier, you will stop at the market in the center of the city. Those passengers who wish to do so may leave the motor coach and make their own way back to the ship.
City Tour with Bryggen & Mt. Fløien

Approximately 3 hours • $$$

Until 1830, commerce and shipping were king in Bergen, and one of the four major Hanseatic trading offices was located here. Your tour starts with a drive along the German pier with its wooden buildings with pointed gables. Walk through the ancient buildings and alleyways straight out of the Middle Ages and now on UNESCO’s World Heritage list. Painters, weavers and craftsmen produce fine quality, original items in these old workshops.

Your walking tour ends at the famous Fish and Flower Market. Continue with a drive to see how the people of Bergen live today and ride up to Mount Fløien, 1,000 feet above sea level, by funicular. From the top you can enjoy a magnificent view of Bergen and its surroundings. Return to the center by funicular.

Troldhaugen & Fantoft Stave Church

Approximately 3½ hours • $$

Bergen was founded in the year 1066. Your tour starts with a drive along the German “Bryggen” pier with its old wooden warehouses from the Hanseatic period, and continues through the city and suburbs to Troldhaugen—composer Edvard Grieg’s home for 22 years. Troldhaugen is beautifully situated by the peaceful Nordnes Lake. Stop at the Fantoft Stave Church, built in Fortun, Sogn in 1150 and moved to Fantoft in 1883. Sadly, the original church burnt down in 1992, but has now been rebuilt just as it was before the fire. Then your coach will stop at the famous Fish and Flower Market in the center of Bergen. Guests who wish to disembark here can enjoy a 15-minute walk along the pier back to the ship.

Mt. Fløien Hiking Tour

Approximately 4 hours • $

Walk with your guide along the Bryggen pier where the German office of the Hanseatic League of Merchants was once located and wooden warehouses stand impervious to the passage of time. Pass the famous Fish & Flower Market and board the funicular for an 8-minute ride to 1,000 feet above sea level. At the top of Mount Fløien, you will walk to Skomakerdiket Lake. The views of Bergen and its surroundings become increasingly spectacular!

After approximately 45 minutes, you’ll reach Rundemannsvegen and the highest point at 1,600 feet, walking on dirt roads and paths. Walk back to the Floibanen, take the funicular down to the center of Bergen and stroll back to the ship along the pier.

Please note: Wear flat, sturdy walking shoes and a windproof jacket; bring a bottle of water.
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Off the Beaten Track: Rock of Cashel & Cahir

Approximately 8 hours • $$$$ 

From the ship, travel in a northerly direction through the towns of Fermoy and Mallow before entering the wonderful picturesque county that is Tipperary. Tipperary is Ireland’s largest inland county, with richly-varied, breathtaking scenery in its hills and mountains, its plains and river valleys. Stop to enjoy morning coffee, then visit the Rock of Cashel—an impressive pre-Christian settlement and the royal seat of the kings of Munster from the 4th century AD. You will have free time in Cashel before lunch, which will be served in a restaurant located beside the impressive Rock. After lunch, you will travel to Cahir, located on the River Suir. Step into Cahir Castle, which dates mainly from the 15th century and was a stronghold of the powerful local Anglo-Norman Butler family and the Dukes and Earls of Ormond. The huge walls enclose three separate wards—outer, middle and inner; the inner one guarded by a gate with a portcullis. Rooms in the keep are white-washed and contain arms or displays and period furnishings from the 16th and 17th centuries. Return to Cobh via the picturesque Vee Road, Lismore, Tallow and Midleton.

Kiss the Blarney Stone in County Cork

Approximately 4 hours • $$

Tour through Cork County, a region steeped in 4,000 years of history, rich in culture and heritage. In the city of Cork, view the splendid French-Gothic Cathedral of St. Finbarre and the medieval core of the city, still intact. Not far away you’ll find the historic Blarney Castle. While visiting the castle you may kiss the Blarney Stone set beneath the battlement wall. Legend says that the stone imparts the gift of eloquence to those who kiss it. You must lean backwards from the parapet walk (held by strong arms of a couple of Irish gentlemen) in order to do so. The unusual 18th-century “rock close” garden is believed to be the remains of a Druid site, with huge boulders and a sacrificial altar. Stop at the Blarney Woollen Mill (1793) to browse through a wide range of Irish clothing, crystal, linen and handicrafts. Enjoy an Irish coffee before you return to Cobh.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes. There may be a wait at the castle.

A Taste of Cobh: Youghal & an Irish Farm Visit

Approximately 4 hours • $$

Depart your ship for Youghal, situated in the southeast of Cork. Youghal used to be a busy textile center and one of Cork’s most popular seaside resorts. Its promenade leads to a magnificent five-mile beach. This ancient seaport town was occupied by the Danes and the Normans, and received a charter from King John. It was part of the great tract of lands granted to Sir Walter Raleigh. His home, Myrtle Grove still stands, and tradition has it that here he smoked the first cigarette and planted the first potatoes. The main street is spanned by an old clock tower. St. Mary’s Parish Church has recently been restored, along with the adjacent town wall. From Youghal, you will travel five miles to the 300-year-old Ballymakeigh Country House and Farm, situated down a lovely private road on 350 acres, with sweeping vistas across the lush countryside. Margaret Browne , your hostess, welcomes you warmly into her 18th-century farmhouse. Farm Guest House of the Year, Housewife of the Year, and the Irish Bread-Making Award have all been bestowed on Margaret—one of Ireland’s
leading chefs and cuisine writers. As you view the house and walk around the grounds and farm, Margaret’s husband Michael will explain how they farmed in the past and how farming is now carried out in modern Ireland. A sumptuous afternoon tea and scones will be served back in the farmhouse.

**Old Town Cork & Whiskey Heritage**

Approximately 4 hours • $\$$

Cork, Ireland’s second largest city (or the “real capital” of Ireland as the inhabitants like to call it) is part of your destination today. Criss-crossing the city’s bridges, you’ll see St. Finbarre’s Gothic Cathedral, the medieval Old Town, the university, City Hall and Shandon Bells. Next, journey outside the city to Midleton where a stop will be made at the Old Jameson Distillery. A guided tour of the distillery will take you to the heart of cherished whiskey-making tradition in a beautifully restored 18th-century industrial complex, with an audio-visual presentation and a tasting! Relax in the atmosphere of a traditional Irish pub and sample Ireland’s finest whiskey, then visit the souvenir store.

**Waterford—City, County & Crystal**

Approximately 9 - 9½ hours • $$$$  

En route to the city of Waterford, you will pass the town of Youghal—an ancient, walled port within a modern seaside resort. A guided tour of the Waterford Crystal factory awaits—its wares are coveted by connoisseurs and collectors alike. See every detail of glass-blowing, cutting, polishing and engraving. Browse through the extensive showrooms with a chance to purchase a memento in the Gallery Store. An orientation tour of the city will reveal evidence of a Viking settlement dating back to the 10th century. The city’s English name comes from the Norse word, Vadrefjord. Enjoy lunch at a central location, then drive inland to the country town of Lismore—the greatest monastic school of the 8th century. Today its Ecclesiastical theme is readily preserved in a range of medieval and historic buildings, vistas and Lismore Castle—once home to Sir Walter Raleigh and today, the Irish home of the Duke of Devonshire.

**Leisurely Landscapes & Cozy Kinsale**

Approximately 4 hours • $\$

Today, travel through Cork’s charming countryside to visit the unique sailing town of Kinsale. From Cobh, you will travel via the Lee tunnel to West Cork. Drive through the picturesque towns of Ballinhassig and Innishannon, before turning south towards the sea. A photo stop will be made at Kinsale Harbour. Next you will enjoy spectacular view as you drive along the coast road to Kinsale, a town where the quality of the environment is a very strong attraction. Kinsale was the winner of the European award for Tourism and the Environment, the Entente Floreale, National Tidy Town and Gourmet Capital! It is a pretty little town lying snugly between hills and valleys. Kinsale is safely sheltered by the rounded contours of a beautiful harbor and is believed to have been founded by the Anglo Normans in around 1177. It was a magnificent naval base in the 17th and 18th centuries, and seemed to have enjoyed a degree of prosperity uncommon in Ireland. For centuries, it had close European connections, and in 1966 became the first town to be awarded the Flag of the Council of Europe. During your tour, you will see that Kinsale owes its unique character to the fact that it was a garrison town and port of consequence for over 300 years—hence the magnificent Georgian homes and the Dutch influence of its architecture. It was also the natural landfall for all the great sailing ships from the continent and the Americas. You will have time to walk around this beautiful town, browse in the shops and soak up the local atmosphere. Before departing from Kinsale, a photo stop will be made at Charles Fort. Your motor coach will return you to Cobh and the ship.
Corner Brook Stream: A Walking Tour

Approximately 3 hours • $

Nestled in the heart of Corner Brook is a picturesque boreal forest. Following a short shuttle ride, stroll along the trail to see the pristine Corner Brook stream and its sweet smelling flora and fauna. Stop at Glynmill Inn pond to view the swans and enjoy the scenic beauty. This trail is meant for recreational walking for people of all ages; the slopes are gentle and the trails have hard gravel surfaces, while footbridges cross wet spots and brooks. Rest areas are located throughout the trail system. The final stop is at the Corner Brook Museum and Archives, a Provincial Heritage site. This museum highlights Corner Brook’s natural, cultural and social history. A light refreshment is included before returning to the ship. You may stay in town to browse and return to the ship later on your own.

Gros Morne National Park

Approximately 8 hours • $$$

Gros Morne was established as a National Park in 1973 and received a UNESCO designation as a World Heritage Site in 1987. Here, you will learn about the collision of the continents and the geology of this unique land that contains rock that is over a billion years old. Re-live the past through archives dedicated to Eskimos, Maritime Archaic Indians, Beothuck Indians and early Europeans—see how they lived and survived in this beautiful and harsh land. Your tour will take you to the Visitor Centre, Lobster Cove Head Lighthouse, Norris Point Lookout and the communities of Norris Point and Rocky Harbour. A light lunch of soup and sandwiches will be served at Rocky Harbour.

In the Footsteps of Captain Cook: A Scenic Tour

Approximately 4 hours • $

Come explore the beautiful Bay of Islands, charted by Captain James Cook in the late 1700s. The local mountain chain is part of the Appalachian Mountains that start in the Southern U.S., and these rocks are more than a billion years old. Small coastal communities such as Little Port, Lark Harbour, John’s Beach and York Harbour will welcome you. Bottle Cove was used as a French fishing station starting in the early 16th century, while Governors Island was used by the Basque Fishermen from the early 1500s. This bay has deep water, wood covered steep hills, and high barren lofty peaks. There will be lots of photo stops and even time for a “mug up” and souvenirs with the local folks at Lark Harbour.

Corner Brook City Tour

Approximately 2½ hours • $

This area has been visited by many people beginning with the Maritime Archaic Indians 3,500 years ago, Eskimos, Beothuck Indians, and the first recorded European visitor was Jacques Cartier in 1534 on his first voyage to the new world. Since that time Portuguese, Basques and even Captain James Cook have frequented this area. Today Corner Brook is a modern, progressive city with a population of 22,000 and is nestled among scenic hills 30 miles from the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Your tour will take you out to the Eastern edge of the city to Marble Mountain and the Heritage Tree, The Old Man in the Mountain, around Corner Brook to Captain Cook’s Monument. You will also stop for souvenirs along the route.

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Glacier Lagoon

Approximately 6 hours • $$$$

Travel by bus from Djúpivogur to the glacier lagoon known to the locals as Jökulsárlón. Here you will find Vatnajökull, the largest glacier in Europe. You will see magnificent landscapes and touch the ice. The boat trip among the floating icebergs is an unforgettable experience. Refreshments of hot chocolate and an Icelandic pastry will be served at a restaurant by the lagoon. From Almannaskar Pass, near Höfn village, there is a striking view of the area.

Papey Island

Approximately 3 - 4 hours • $$

Leaving Djúpivogur you will arrive in Papey 40 minutes later. The tiny island of Papey is a birdwatchers’ paradise. It is only one square mile, but is home to more than 30,000 pairs of puffins (Fratercula arctica) in summertime. Black-gulls, eiders and black-legged kittiwake, as well as 124 species of plants are found on the island that teems with a huge variety of birdlife and seals. Magnificent, sheer cliffs draw nesting birds, and the island also boasts a great history—Irish monks are thought to have lived there before the Vikings. The island also boasts the smallest and oldest wooden church in the country (1807). Above the main bird cliffs stands the Castle rock—reputedly home to the island’s fairy population. Papey is listed as an important bird area by Birdlife International, and is known for its marshy grasslands. Visitors have a chance to see the magnificent bird cliffs, seals, the old wooden church and hear about the history of the island.

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Djúpivogur 4x4 Safari

Approximately 5 hours • $$$
Drive through valleys and moors near the beautiful village of Djúpivogur to enjoy the view of the impressive East Fjords. Towering mountains are scaled by bare rock faces, ridged by the forces of weather and wind. They tumble from lofty heights and plunge vertically into the sea. Magnificent landscapes, nature, waterfalls, mountains and reindeer abound.

Birdwatching

Approximately 2 hours • $
The Djúpivogur experience is one of unspoiled nature and a chance to see many species of Icelandic birds in their natural environment. Seasonally, the island offers gulls, grebes, petrels, shearwaters, boobies, gannets, cormorants, ducks, geese, swans, loons, doves, pigeons, lapwings, plovers, falcons, oystercatchers, sandpipers, skuas, terns, auks, pipits, wagtails, waxwings, ravens, crows, finches, starlings, herons, grous, thrushes, prairie-chickens, ptarmigan, wrens, sparrows, buntings, owls and old world warblers. Walk with your guide from the harbor to the birdwatching area (one mile of easy walking). Binoculars are available along with a birdwatching map and a bird lottery ticket. Mammals such as seals and reindeer are also be seen frequently. The village of Djúpivogur is located between Beru Fjord and Hamars Fjord. Mountains rise steeply from the fjords and the wide variety of natural features around Djúpivogur play a role in supporting the the variety of diverse array of local birds and wildlife. The marsh, ponds and beaches near Djúpivogur are ideal for breeding and many species can be found there. Ducks like the shelduck and shoveler breed here, along with the Slavonian grebe. Oystercatchers, turnstones, curlews, sanderlings, knots, little auks, king eiders, grey herons, common goldeneyes and Brent geese can also be seen there in spring and autumn.

Djúpivogur Museums

Approximately 1½ hours • $
Walk with your local guide through four small local museums, each focusing on a different aspect of Iceland. Begin with the museum of the sculptor Ríkardur Jónson, then visit the office of former minister Eysteinn Jónsson. You will stop at the folk museum to learn about the natural history of Djúpivogur. And finally, view the exhibits of the Bird & Mineral Museum, established in 2004. Around 130 species of stuffed birds are stored in the museum, many of which represent the island’s resident birds but there are a few vagrants as well. Nests and eggs are stored here as well, and books and pictures can be consulted by those who want to refresh their knowledge. The museum also has a stock of interesting minerals that are found in the area.
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A Taste of Dublin: The Guinness Experience

Approximately 4 hours • $$

Welcome to Ireland’s capital city, steeped in history and youthful energy. On your tour you will see the Old Parliament House, Trinity College, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, and Merrion Square—one of Dublin’s grandest Georgian squares and is now the address of the National Gallery of Ireland and the Irish Parliament. View Georgian Dublin, the National Gallery of Ireland and St. Stephen’s Green. You will pass Dublin Castle, City Hall, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick’s Cathedral—the latter founded in 1190 and best known for its association with Jonathan Swift, who was Dean here from 1713 to 1745. At Phoenix Park, Europe’s largest enclosed public park, you will pass by the homes of Ireland’s President and the American Ambassador. Across the River Liffey, see the Four Courts, Ireland’s courts of justice, and the International Financial Services Centre before returning to the ship by motor coach or remaining in town to shop, and returning to the ship later on your own.

Ballyknocken House & Glendalough

Approximately 4½ hours • $$

Tour to County Wicklow, just south of Dublin, as it boasts a great variety of scenery within its borders. Wicklow is known as the “Garden of Ireland” and at its center is a mass of domed granite mountains penetrated by deep glens and wooded valleys—some of the finest scenery in Ireland. Your first stop will be a guided tour of the monastic ruins of Glendalough. Established by St. Kevin in the 6th century, the ruined churches are scattered around two lakes. They once were a famous school of learning, inhabited by thousands of students from Ireland, Britain and Europe. One of Europe’s finest examples of round tower architecture can be found here, as well as a cathedral, stone churches and decorated crosses. Re-boarding your coach, you will travel a short distance to Ballyknocken Country House, farm and Cookery School—one of Ireland’s leading centers of cuisine. You will watch a demonstration in the making of traditional Irish scones, followed by tea or coffee and homemade preserves, which
will be served with the warm scones. Explore the school’s “hard garden” and the farm before returning to the ship.

**Dublin Literary Pub Crawl**

**Approximately 2½ hours • $$**

The Dublin Literary Pub Crawl is an animated and entertaining trail through the sights and sounds that inspired the pantheon of great Irish writers, including James Joyce, George Bernard Shaw, Brendan Behan, Sean O’Casey, Samuel Beckett, Oscar Wilde and W.B. Yeats. Setting out for the Duke Pub, two actors will regale you with verse, prose, drama and songs from Irish literatures best-loved works during your travels. “Sink a pint” while learning about the lives of these great writers and some of the hilarious stories that became folklore in Dublin’s literary circles as you pass through Dublin’s finest literary bars such as the Long Hall, Davy Byrnes or O’Neill’s. There will be no end to the wit and humor, as the Dublin Literary Pub Crawl recreates the heady ambience of Dublin’s literary scene with the funniest stories by Brendan Behan, James Joyce and Oscar Wilde.

**Irish Pub Dinner**

**Approximately 3½ hours • $$**

Depart the ship this evening for a panoramic tour of Ireland’s capital city, steeped in history and youthful energy. On your tour you will see the Old Parliament House, Trinity College, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, and Merrion Square—one of Dublin’s grandest Georgian squares—now the address of the National Gallery of Ireland and the Irish Parliament. View Georgian Dublin, the National Gallery of Ireland and St. Stephen’s Green. You will pass Dublin Castle, City Hall, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick’s Cathedral en route to dinner in the Harbor Master Pub & restaurant. Rebuilt from the shell of the old harbor master’s office, this wonderful bar and restaurant combines the feel of a warm, old-style pub with a modern dining room and private function area. A delicious à-la-carte menu will be offered, along with a glass of wine, beer or soft drink. With its antique wooden floor, hidden nooks and high ceilings providing a warm comfortable and relaxing atmosphere, it’s the perfect place to unwind before return to your ship.

**Powerscourt Gardens with Shopping**

**Approximately 3½ hours • $$**

Wicklow, a natural scenic wonderland of granite mountains, purple glens, rolling hills and silvery streams, is the “Garden of Ireland.” Your tour today begins heading south from Dublin to the wilderness of the Wicklow Mountains where Powerscourt Gardens are situated. The 1,000-acre estate owned by the Slazenger family, boasts gardens, sweeping terraces, statuary, lakes and more than 200 variations of trees and shrubs. In 1974, a fire left only the shell of the main house, but the 16th-century walls remained and the rebuilding process began. Linger in the shop at Powerscourt, which includes a garden gift store and pottery room, a clothing room, and a children’s emporium. At the Terrace Café looking out over the beautiful gardens, enjoy a coffee and sample the delicious food, freshly cooked in-house each day.

*Please note: There are many steps to the centre of the garden and guests who prefer not to climb them can pass the time in the craft and garden shop. Wear comfortable walking shoes.*

**A Taste of Ireland: Whiskey in the Jar**

**Approximately 4 hours • $$**

Depart the ship this morning to discover all things Irish! Nestled in the heart of old Dublin, the Old Jameson Distillery is on the site of the original Jameson Distillery with origins dating back to 1780. Today’s tour depicts the origins of whiskey-making and the history of John Jameson & Sons whiskey. You will discover that the principal ingredients of Irish whiskey are Irish Barley and pure soft Irish water, and how the process of malting, milling, fermenting, distilling and maturing eventually leads to the vatting and bottling of the finished product. No visit to the Old Jameson Distillery would be complete without a complimentary glass of John Jameson’s Irish Whisky in the Jameson Bar, which is full of memorabilia. Volunteer visitors are given a tutored tasting, comparing selected Irish whiskeys against a Scotch and Bourbon whiskey, for which they will receive a diploma conferring them with the title “Certified Irish Whisky Taster.” Return to the ship with new memories of these living Irish traditions.
Life & Culture of Ísafjördur

Approximately 3 hours • $$$

From Ísafjördur harbor, you will head through the center of town with a stop at the Ósvör 19th-century fisherman’s hut, restored in 1988. Drive through Bolungarvík village and back to Ísafjördur with views of the magnificent mountains and Westfjord—a beautiful but sometimes harsh landscape. You will also see Buná River and waterfall in Tunguskogur and sip fresh mountain water that flows down the stream clear and refreshing. Finally, see the Maritime Museum of Ísafjördur, located in one of the town’s oldest houses (1780).

Westfjord Region
Mountains & Villages

Approximately 3 hours • $$$

Dating back to 1780, the building that houses the Ísafjördur Maritime Museum is well preserved. Then, a three-mile-long series of tunnels brings you to Önundarfjörd. A stop is made at the church in Holt for a musical program. Drive back to Ísafjördur and on to Bolungarvík. En route you will stop at Ósvör, a historic fisherman’s hut and view the beautiful mountains of Westfjord.

Fjords & Flowers

Approximately 3 hours • $$$

Visit the Maritime Museum of Ísafjördur which is in one of the oldest houses in the city (1780). Next is a drive through a series of tunnels two miles long to the Önundarfjörd. If time permits, there will be a short walk in Holt, to view exceptional bird life, or a musical program in the Holt church. Drive over the mountain road Dyrafjörd. Driving down the mountain the Westfjord Alps make a spectacular vista—sharp and jagged. You’ll continue to Núpur to view Skrúdur Park—the first flower garden in Iceland, planted in 1909. The garden was originally an experiment to see if flowers, trees and plants could grow in such a northerly region, and has been recently restored.

Off the Beaten Track:
Cruise to Vigur Bird Island

Approximately 3 hours • $$$

Ísafjörd harbor by boat to sail the large Djupfjord to the island of Vigur. This island offers magnificent bird life including puffins, eider ducks and arctic terns. Here, the farmers live off the land and by harvesting the down of the eider ducks. Vigur is like a time warp. Its 10 friendly inhabitants welcome you with their relaxed easy, manner. A leisurely walk around the island gives you an opportunity to see an abundance of birds in their natural habitat. Refreshments will be served by a farmer’s family in a mid-19th-century house—the perfect way to complete your visit, before returning to Ísafjördur. Many species of birds migrate from Vigur starting in mid-August. Bird-sightings may be limited.

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Suoureyri Fishing Village

Approximately 3 hours • $$$$  
This tour will take you through the longest tunnel in Iceland, over to the green, lushious, narrow Súgandafjord. Your destination is the Sudureyri—a typical fishing village of just 300 inhabitants and a very charming little place that survives by living in cooperatively with nature. Its electricity is made by a hydroelectric power plant, the fish is caught by environmentally-friendly methods, the hot water comes from a hot spring nearby and the garbage is burned in a high-tech garbage incinerator. Upon arrival, you will enjoy the rare opportunity to visit a fully functioning fish factory to witness the process that turns a fresh fish into a fillet. Take a stroll with your guide through the village and visit the men who prepare the bait for the line boats. Next, your guide will take you to the Talisman seafood restaurant in the village. There you’ll be treated to a light snack, all of which comes from the ocean, naturally. Watch a slide show with detailed information about normal life in an Icelandic fishing village. Your last stop is at the cod lagoon. Feed the cod that come so close that you can even pet them!

Önundor Fjord Kayaking

Approximately 3 hours • $$$$  
By coach you will transfer over to Flateyri village in Önundarfjörd. Meet with your kayaking guide, who will instruct you on safety, and get ready for your adventure. Önundarfjörður is the ideal location for kayaking—it boasts beautiful scenery, rich bird life and just about the perfect geographical situation. Enjoy a unique seal level view point of the land and experience becoming one with the ocean. You might get really lucky and have a seal or even a whale joining you along the way. Paddle over to the great white Holt Sandbank—an old parsonage. That’s where your tour ends and the bus will pick you up to rejoin your ship.

Kristiansand Past & Present

Approximately 3 hours • $$  
The city of Kristiansand evokes the atmosphere of yesteryear, with small white cottages and a rectangular pattern of streets between the harbor on two sides and the Otra River on the third. You will drive past the old fortress of Christiansholm, built in 1672, and many delightful old houses typical of southern Norway. Visit Vest Agder Fylkesmuseum—one of the many open-air museums in Norway—to see a reconstructed city street and old farmhouses from the Setesdal Valley. In the village of Søgne, you will see productive farms and breathtaking views of the sea. Stop to visit the rose-painted church of Søgne and follow the winding coastal road back towards Kristiansand, passing small fishing villages and vacation homes.

Lillesand: The Jewel of Sørlandet

Approximately 3½ hours • $$  
A highlight of Kristiansand is a boat trip along the coastline speckled with islands. You will cruise to the neighboring town of Lillesand—a route of unusual beauty via quaint coastal communities of traditional mariners’ houses, now converted to holiday homes. 2½ hours of scenic cruising will bring you to Lillesand—the most beautiful town in the region. Once bustling with maritime activity, Lillesand features 18th- and 19th-century white timber houses, and is endowed with a sheltered harbor and a current population of 8,200. There will be some free time for you to soak in the atmosphere of this charming town, aptly named the Jewel of Sørlandet. The return to Kristiansand will be 30 minutes by motor coach along the scenic coastal road.

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Setesdal Vintage Railway

Approximately 3 hours • $$$

Driving north from Kristiansand for approximately 45 minutes to Grovane. Here, you will board the Setesdal Vintage Railway to ride about 1½ hours, as far as Beihølen. This is a narrow-gauge railway with a 1067mm track—the most commonly used gauge at the time it was built. At Beihølen you will have a nice view over the lake before returning to Grovane. The Setesdal Railway Line opened in 1896 and was the main line of communication with the Setesdal Valley. Of its original 48 miles, only the three-mile stretch between Grovane and Beihølen has been preserved. The line offers sharp bends as well as a bridge spanning the river, and you will pass through a tunnel and a snow shed. It will also pass the remnants of a hydroelectric dam on the Otra River. A large flume running down this stretch of the Otra was built in the 1950s and is now preserved as a historical heritage site. A traditional light snack of coffee and lefse (a thin, soft unleavened bread) is offered at Røykenes. Return to Kristiansand by bus along the Otra River.

Setesdal Mineral Park

Approximately 3 hours • $$

Drive through the center of town to view the highlights as you head towards Evje—gateway to the Setesdal Valley. This area abounds in rare minerals, and the new Setesdal Mineral Park offers a unique collection of minerals and crystal. Copper and nickel has been extracted from the Flåt Mines since 1844, as well as mining of quartz, feldspar and rare minerals. The exhibition area comprises five halls inside the mountain with a total area of 1,000 square meters, containing fabulous minerals and crystals from all over the world. The inner caverns show off magnificent shapes and colors—any preconceived notions about stone will need to be reconsidered after this visit! Return via farmland and small villages to Kristiansand.

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Landmarks of Paris & Views from the Seine

Approximately 10½ hours • $$$$$

It is a three-hour motor coach ride from Le Havre to the timeless city of Paris via the autoroute Normandie. Upon arrival in Paris, you will stop at the Eiffel Tower and Trocadero area for a photo opportunity, and then view the outside of the Notre Dame Basilica. Transferring to the Trocadero Dock, you will board a bateau mouche-style riverboat and cruise through Paris along the River Seine. Enjoy lunch along the way. Continuing with your tour in the afternoon, you will drive past many of Paris’ famous landmarks, including the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées and l’Opéra. On the way back to Normandy, you can simply relax and take in the rural scenery.

Please note: It is a three-hour motor coach ride each way to Paris. Due to traffic congestion in Paris it may not be possible to stop at certain sights. Rest stops will be made en route to and from Paris.

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Paris Highlights

Approximately 10½ hours • $$$$

Depart from Le Havre with a drive to Paris by freeway. Upon arrival in Paris, see the main sights during an orientation tour by motor coach: Place de la Concorde designed by Ange-Jacques Gabriel in 1755 and completed over a period of 20 years; the Eiffel Tower—Paris’ most famous symbol opened in March 1889 for the World’s Fair; la Madeleine; the Louvre—one of the world’s greatest museums; the Pyramid, the Trocadéro and the Arc de Triomphe. Lunch will be served in a French brasserie. After lunch, you will continue with your orientation tour. Stops for photos and shopping will be made as traffic conditions allow. Drive back directly to Le Havre via the motorway.

Transfer to Paris

Approximately 10 hours • $$$

This transfer is intended for those who would like to explore Paris on their own. Your motor coach departs Le Havre and makes the three-hour (each way) trip to Paris with a guide on board in the morning to answer your questions. You will be dropped off at a central location, and your escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have approximately four hours to shop and explore on your own.

Please note: Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time.

D-Day Landing Beaches

Approximately 10 hours • $$$$-

Of the 3.1 million Allied troops ultimately sent into action during the Battle of Normandy, more than half were Americans. Today’s tour honors the Allied troops, beginning with a motor coach drive from Le Havre to Caen and then to the “English” beaches at Arromanches. Here, the Landing Museum tells you the story of the D-Day assault and the incredible courage of this remarkable mission. You’ll stop at a local restaurant for lunch, then at Omaha Beach, where some of the U.S. troops landed. A stop at the American Cemetery at St. Laurent-sur-Mer allows time to wander among the rows of white crosses, then you’ll reboard the coach and return to the ship in the late afternoon.

Land of Impressionism: A Day with Claude Monet

Approximately 10½ hours • $$$$

The inspiration for Claude Monet’s impressionist genius began here in Normandy, in the tiny village of Giverny. Travel about 2½ hours by motor coach through rural France to the famous garden and farmhouse that are so memorably captured in the works of the master. Discover for yourself the lily ponds, the footbridge, the winding paths and the immaculately-tended, landscaped garden’s of the artist’s home and studio. Inside the house, you will see pastel-colored rooms and rustic furniture, as well as the Japanese engravings which Monet himself hung on the colorful walls. Before leaving Giverny, you will have a chance to wander through the American Museum where the works of famous American impressionists are on display. After this interesting visit, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. The final stop on your tour is in Rouen, the capital of Normandy and an important historic city. The cathedral here is a splendid example of Gothic architecture and was painted more than thirty times by Monet. You will walk through the historic center of the town before reboarding your coach to return to the ship.

Transfer to Honfleur

Approximately 4 hours • $$

This transfer is intended for those who would like to explore Honfleur on their own. Your motor coach departs Le Havre and makes the approximately 30- to 45-minute trip to Honfleur with a guide on board to answer your questions. You will be dropped off at a central location, and your escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have approximately two and a half hours to shop and explore on your own.

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Historic Rouen

Approximately 5 hours • $$

Flamboyant architecture and a tumultuous history beckon the visitor to Rouen, the capital of Upper Normandy. This age-old city is a historic enclave located approximately 1½ hours from the port. The central part of Rouen is a living tribute to the will of the people and the power of restoration, having been faithfully rebuilt and lovingly maintained after several World War II bombings. Reserved for pedestrian traffic only, this core area is where you’ll find the highlights of your visit. Begin with a visit to the Gothic cathedral—it’s imposing and striking architecture dates back to 1201 and has been completely immortalized by Monet and his fellow impressionists. Strolling the unmistakably French cobbledstone lanes, you will pass the elegant, arched Gros Horloge clock tower—a landmark symbol for Rouen. 15th- and 16th-century timbered houses line the streets leading to the Vieux Marché (Old Market), and you will see the very spot where Joan of Arc was sentenced to death and burned at the stake in 1431. Then, it’s back to the motor coach by way of the 15th-century Saint Maclou church, where you will complete your walking tour and enjoy some time at leisure before returning to the ship.

A Taste of Normandy: Cheese & Cider

Approximately 5 hours • $$

This journey into the heart of the Auge region leads to the town of Lisieux, offering timber-framed houses and a 12th-century cathedral. You will pass by Saint Peter’s Cathedral where Saint Theresa had the revelation and visit the chapel of Carmel where Saint Theresa is interred. High atop a hill stands the Basilica of Lisieux—one of the most popular pilgrimage places in Normandy. Dedicated to Saint Theresa, the church consecrated in 1954, hosts many items from the Saint. Next you will drive to a farm to observe the production of Norman cheeses such as Pont Lévêque, Livarot and Petit Pavé d’Auge. Enjoy a fine taste of the finished product, served with a traditional Normandy cider.

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The Best of Manchester

Approximately 7 hours • $$$

Departing from Liverpool, you will travel north to the city of Manchester. On the outskirts of Manchester is Salford, home to The Lowry. Opened at the turn of the millennium to house a variety of performing and visual arts under one roof, The Lowry is an architectural flagship in the area with a unique and dynamic identity. Your visit here will begin with an informative tour offering insights into the program of events offered and the rich history of the Salford Quays area. Performances and rehearsals permitting, you will also have the opportunity to see inside two of the stunning theaters. Next, you will be taken to the Gallery where you will be met by a gallery assistant who will introduce you to the current exhibition of LS Lowry’s work. The Lowry, understandably, has a vast and fascinating collection of LS Lowry’s work and the exhibitions change regularly. Following the gallery visit, a private buffet lunch will be served and there will be time to browse for souvenirs in the gift shop. Reboard your coach and transfer into the center of Manchester. The city boasts a wide array of shops, museums and art galleries, and you will have free time here to explore at your leisure before returning to the ship.
The Roman City of Chester

Approximately 4 hours • $$

On arrival in the historic Roman town of Chester, your guide will take you on a short walking tour of the center. Chester boasts the most complete City Wall, the largest Roman amphitheatre uncovered in Britain, the oldest horse races and the oldest rowing regatta. You’ll stroll along the famous city walls that have protected this settlement since the Romans first founded their fortress here, and enter through one of the great gates of the town. You will pass by the Norman Cathedral and may choose to go inside at the end of the walk, if there are no services taking place. Throughout the walking tour you will constantly encounter living history, from the Roman cobblestones under your feet, to the myriad of genuine old Tudor black and white timber buildings on either side of you. Following the walking tour which lasts for approximately 60 minutes, you will have free time to explore the many shops or cafés and teashops.

Please note: Available only to guests on the ms Maasdam.

The Wedgwood Factory: A Hands-On Tour

Approximately 5½ hours • $$$

Visit England’s finest china factory and have a try at making some pottery or painting a piece in this renowned creative environment. With a heritage of more than 250 years, Wedgwood is a world-famous company with high standards of design, craftsmanship, quality and innovation. On arrival at the factory, you will be given an audio-guide to help you to understand each of the different production processes that you will see as you tour the facility. Having seen how the products are made, it is now your turn to get creative! A hands-on activity will allow you to try “throwing” your own creation on the potter’s wheel or wielding a paintbrush and expressing your own unique taste in color. Whatever you make or paint can be finished and mailed to your home as a completely individual souvenir of your visit.

For the last part of the tour, discover the history of the company through exhibits and an audio-visual presentation. Then, your visit to the Wedgwood Factory will end with a rather tasty experience as you relax over a traditional English tea (or coffee) with cakes and scones—all served on fine Wedgwood china, of course! Enjoy some free time to browse in the factory’s shop before returning by motor coach to your ship in Liverpool.

Please note: Available only to guests on the ms Prinsendam.

A Visit to Arley Hall & Shopping in Chester

Approximately 8 hours • $$

Departing from the pier at Liverpool, you will drive through the Mersey Tunnel and out to the historic Roman town of Chester. Your guide will offer a brief orientation and will show you the famous city walls that have protected this settlement since the Roman days. Then, you will have free time to explore the many shops or enjoy lunch (at your own expense) at one of the numerous cafés and restaurants. In the early afternoon, transfer through the Cheshire countryside to Arley Hall—the private home of Viscount Ashbrook and his wife. Enjoy a tour of the Hall with your guide, including the present hall and chapel built by Rowland Egerton-Warburton between 1832 and 1845 in Victorian-Jacobean style. Each of the main rooms in the Hall has an individual character and charm; there is fine plaster work and paneling, a magnificent library and historic family furniture, pictures and porcelain. The estate contains over 100 acres of gardens and parkland and has been owned and maintained by the same family for more than 500 years. There will be time for you to explore these magnificent grounds at your leisure, browse the gift shop for souvenirs and perhaps enjoy a cup of tea in the converted Tudor Barn.

Please note: Available only to guests on the ms Prinsendam. Lunch is not included. Bring local currency.

Liverpool Highlights

Approximately 4 hours • $$

Liverpool is a vibrant, lively city with a rich cultural heritage. Your tour today will show you some of the many highlights for which this city is so well known. Beginning with The Three Graces at the port entrance, your guide will take you on a journey through the city and the outskirts, giving you panoramic views from your coach of the Walker Museum, Penny Lane,
Sefton Park, Albert Dock and the two cathedrals. You will stop for a visit to the Roman Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral, the seat of the Archbishop of Liverpool. This stunningly modern building is truly awe-inspiring and is guaranteed to provoke a reaction, for better or for worse! From the cathedral it is possible to look straight down the street to the Anglican Liverpool Cathedral, a building of much the same age but offering a stark contrast in style.

**Nuuk (Gotháb), Greenland**

Nuuk is one of the most interesting geological areas in the world—more than 3.8 billion years old. While the oldest signs of human dwellings date back to 2200 BC, Nuuk’s more recent history featured settlement by Erik the Red in approximately AD 1000, and by Inuits after the Norse settlements died out. Since 1397, Greenland has been part of the Danish realm. Also known as Gotháb, Nuuk has a population of 13,500 and is dependent upon hunting and fishing for survival. Today, you will have a chance to venture ashore and explore on your own, perhaps interacting with the Greenlandic people and doing a little shopping in the town.

**North Wales & Conwy Castle**

Approximately 7½ - 8 hours • $$$

Crossing the Mersey River, you will leave Liverpool behind as you travel down through Cheshire and across the top of North Wales to the popular resort town of Colwyn Bay. Continue on and across a suspension bridge that leads you into the town of Conwy, guarded by its famous castle. Built by Edward I in the late 13th century, as part of his coastal defences, it commands a strategic site on the Conwy Estuary and the medieval walls are still impressively intact. You can explore the castle, walk the stone battlements, and look down through the floorless towers and roofless rooms. Following your visit to the Castle, you will transfer the short distance into the town of Conwy itself where you will enjoy a lunch of local delicacies at a local hotel before taking advantage of some free time to explore this picturesque town on your own.

**The Beatles**

Approximately 4 hours • $$

Since the early 1960s when The Beatles first made their appearance, Liverpool has played a leading role in the formation of the world’s popular music culture. This tour will take you on a journey back into the sights and sounds of Liverpool during the heyday of the Beatles’ fame. You will see their former homes, and schools, and pass by the places that inspired their music, including Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields. The Wall of Fame at the Matthew Street Gallery records all the Beatles’ number one hits, as well as those of all the other great artists who have come from Liverpool. You will also see the schools that John and Paul attended, hear the story of how Paul was turned down for the Cathedral choir, and see the places where they worked before they found fame and fortune as musicians. The tour will end at the Albert Docks with a visit to The Beatles Story, an exhibition which charts the success of the band from their early days right through to the height of their success, their subsequent break-up and their later solo careers.

*Please note: Available only to guests on the ms Prinsendam. This is a panoramic tour with some optional walking at Matthew Street. Suitable for guests with a wheelchairs or with walking difficulties.*
Signature Collection
Private Car or Minivan

Approximately 4 or 8 hours
Car – half day/full day: $$$$ per vehicle
Minivan – half day/full day: $$$$ per vehicle

Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. Please see pages 6 - 8 for more details.

Please note: Entrance fees and meals are not included. Bring local currency as credit cards may not be widely accepted.

Viking Ship Museum & Hadeland Glassworks

Approximately 5½ hours • $$

Leave the ship by motor coach for a relaxing drive through the core of Oslo, Scandinavia’s oldest capital founded in 1050. Modern suburbs lead to the lush, rolling countryside of Jevnaker County, pivotal in Norway’s agricultural industry. Continue to Hadeland Glassworks, where you’ll see the tradition of blowing glass—an art-form that has been practiced in this region for over 230 years. A visit to the adjacent glass museum tells the fascinating story of the art and artisans with glassware dating from the 1700s. You’ll have the opportunity to buy some of this fine work in the glass shop. Enjoy refreshments consisting of Danish pastry and coffee or tea, served in one of the old, picturesque houses at the glassworks. Your last stop is at the famous Viking Ship Museum, which houses three Viking ships that were excavated from the Oslofjord region. Built in the 9th century, the ships were found buried in blue clay, which apparently preserved them remarkably well. The Oseberg ship is almost 70 feet long and took 30 people to row. When it was discovered, it contained the largest collection of artifacts ever found in Scandinavia.

Oslo City Tour & Viking Ships

Approximately 3½ hours • $$

Discover beautiful Oslo on a brief city tour with your guide pointing out such memorable highlights as the Royal Palace, the Town Hall, the National Theater and the city’s modern center of shops and office blocks. Take a 45- to 60-minute walk at Vigeland Park to view the world’s largest collection of sculptures executed by one single artist—Gustav Vigeland (1869-1943). Your next destination is the Viking Ship Museum, whose spectacular exhibits will draw you back into a glorious chapter in Norwegian history. Centuries-old wooden vessels, which were discovered by archaeologists, have been carefully restored. After a short transfer, you’ll reach your final destination: a museum that houses the Kon Tiki, Thor Heyerdahl’s balsa raft which became famous for its historic 101-day crossing of 4,970 miles from Peru to Raroia in Polynesia. View Oslo’s busy seaport en route back to the ship.

Historic Tour of Oslo

Approximately 3½ hours • $$

Leaving Oslo, your motor coach will make the climb through the outlying hills to the Holmenkollen Ski Jump for a commanding view of the city and mountains beyond. Return to the outskirts of Oslo for a visit to the open-air Norsk Folk Museum, spread over 3,500 acres with more than 140 rustic buildings. It depicts how people from every walk of life have lived in this country from the 16th-century Reformation to the present day. Before you return to the ship, your final stop will be at the Resistance Museum, portraying the Norwegian people’s life during World War II.

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**Panoramic Oslo**

Approximately 2 hours • $

A pleasant motor coach drive takes you through the center of Oslo, past Akershus Castle, the Parliament Buildings, the Royal Palace, the National Theatre, Oslo’s university and the Nobel Institute. See the Holmenkollen Ski Jump, the main venue of the 1952 Winter Olympic Games and look down over the city and fjord below—a truly beautiful sight. On the Bygdøy Peninsula, pass the open-air Norwegian Folk Museum and the Viking Ship Museum. Then, in the eastern part of the city, see Ekeberg and the Norwegian Maritime School which looks out over the city.

*Please note: This tour has been designed for scenic viewing from the motor coach only.*

**Oslo by Air**

Approximately 1 hour • $$$$$

Your tour starts from pier in Oslo, driving through the city center to Fornebu Airport, set in a fashionable residential area close to the fjord. At the floatplane port, you will board a floatplane and take off towards the highest point of Oslo, Holmenkollen, with its residential areas surrounded by beautiful nature. You will see the Holmenkollen Ski Jump and the surrounding woods. Continue towards the city and fly over the Ullevaal Stadium, Norway’s national football arena. Then, watch for Vigeland Sculpture Park where you can spot the bridge and the park’s centerpiece—*The Monolith*—stretches 50 feet upwards! Closer to the downtown core, you will fly over the Karl Johans Gate, leading up to the Royal Palace. This royal residence is surrounded by a large park with huge old trees. From here, head towards the harbor where you will fly over your cruise ship. You will also see the 700-year-old Aksershus Castle. Aker Brygge with it’s modern architecture comes next, and the Bygdøy Peninsula where the most popular museums in Oslo, such as the Open Air Folk Museum and the Viking Ship Museum, are located. Here, you will also find the Bygdøy Kongsgård farm belonging to the Royal Family, and Oscarshall Castle. You are now back where you started and will land at Fornebu. A car is waiting to drive you back to the pier.

*Please note: Tour includes 20 minutes of flightseeing.*

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**Scenic Oslofjord by Vintage Norwegian Sailing Ship**

Approximately 3 hours • $$

This unique tour of Oslofjord commences with a short walk along the pier to one of the beautiful old sailing vessels of Norway. Fully restored to its former glory, your ship also features modern amenities to ensure your safety and comfort. Setting out from the pier under engine power (the ship’s sails are not used), you will head for the highlights of the fjord, including the ruins of an 1147 monastery on the island of Hovedoya, and the nearby Dyna Lighthouse. You will see the Bygdøy Peninsula, where many maritime museums are located, and the beaches of Oslo, including Huk Bay. During your cruise, a buffet of shrimp, bread, butter, mayonnaise and a glass of wine or beer per person will be served. Following the coastline of the Nesodden Peninsula, you will see the suburbs where many people who work in Oslo live—just a short commute from town by ferry! At the end of the tour, you will return to Oslo and walk back to the ship.

**A Walking Tour of Oslo**

Approximately 3 hours • $

Your ship will be docked close to the old town of Christiania. A guided walk will take you past historic buildings, cozy cafes and art galleries. You will see Engebret’s Cafe—one of the oldest restaurants in Oslo near the Museum of Contemporary Art. You will also find the Astrup Fechnley Museum of Modern Art and Christiania’s old concert hall. Coming into the city’s Golden Center, view the splendid monuments and buildings around Karl Johan street—the Parliament building, the University, the National Theatre and the Royal Palace. Pass the police horse stables and the grounds of Akershus Fortress (1299). On the grounds of Akershus you will find the Norwegian Resistance Museum. There is a path from the fortress leading directly to the pier and your ship, where the tour will end.

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The Best of Oslo

En route to the Vigeland Sculpture Park, you will drive through the centre of Oslo, passing the Akershus Fortress, the Parliament building, Karl Johan Street, the Royal Palace and the Nobel Institute. The Vigeland Sculpture Park was created and completed by one man—Gustav Vigeland. Centrally placed in the park is the 55-foot high monolith featuring 121 stone figures of men, women and children climbing on top of each other in their struggle for life. There are more than 150 stone and bronze sculptures in the park, each symbolizing a different stage in the lifespan of mankind. Walk with your guide through the park; then, continue through some beautiful residential areas up to the Holmenkollen Ski Jump for a fantastic view of Oslo. The first ski jump was built here in 1892 and was the main venue of the 1952 Winter Olympics. Not far from the ski arena, you will stop at the beautiful Holmenkollen Park Hotel for a buffet luncheon of hot and cold dishes served in luxurious a environment. Next, you will head to the Bygdøy Peninsula for a visit to the Viking Ship Museum. It houses three authentic longboats, dating from the Viking Age around 900-1000, that were excavated from the mud banks along Oslofjord. The museum also holds a large collection of items found on board the ships, such as household goods, tools, jewelry and clothing. Adjacent to the Viking Ship Museum is the Open Air Folk Museum where you can “tour” much of Norway in just an hour! Catch a glimpse of Norwegian culture and history, as the museum features 150 authentic buildings from different regions. You will see one of the country’s oldest structures, the Gol Stave Church that was built in the 13th century. Return to the city where the tour will terminate at the pier.

Signature Collection

House, Gardens & Mt. Edgcumbe

Cross the River Tamar via the imposing Tamar Bridge as you head to the very western extremity of the British Isles and the enchanting estate of Cornwall’s Mount Edgcumbe, built in 1550 and surrounded by magnificent formal gardens and an 18th-century landscaped park. The Edgcumbe family’s ancestry dates back 800 years, and the present Tudor mansion was built in 1547, restored after the blitz of 1941. After an introductory talk on the estate with one of the knowledgable House Stewards, you will enjoy a private free flow visit to see the beautifully furnished airy rooms, where the emphasis is firmly placed on elegance and an insight into Grand Country house life over two hundred years ago. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of some of the numerous gardens spread out through out the 865 acres of the estate. Stroll through the recently-restored Earl’s Garden, originally created in the 18th century, admire the flower borders and classical statues, and then head towards the impressive Formal Gardens. Reboarding your motor coach at the end of your visit you will return to Plymouth, crossing the River Tamar by ferry.

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Harbor Villages of Polperro & Looe

Approximately 7 hours • $$

The old smugglers coves and pirate villages of England’s southwest coast blend with rolling countryside and gentle landscapes in this charming corner of the country. Pass through Plymouth and cross the River Tamar to Cornwall. Pastoral scenery, patchwork, green hedgerows and fine coastal vistas are offered en route to timeless Polperro. This village has a rich fishing heritage and enchanting harbor, fringed by a jumble of white-washed cottages where smugglers’ hauls of exotic cargoes landed in years gone by. Its narrow streets and cellar shops were once crowded with contraband, but are now packed with local pottery and paintings, jewelry and maritime crafts. Stroll into Polperro’s pedestrian area along the small stream, passing the quaint cottages with neat flower-filled gardens, pubs, shops and cafés. Explore this small village at your leisure before retracing your steps to the waiting motor coach for your drive to Looe. You will have free time to enjoy a stroll along the Banjo Pier or sit and watch the world go by in the many cafés serving local produce, perhaps taste a “pasty” or Cornish cream tea. Unravel the past walking through narrow streets and browse in the Old Guildhall. A former Magistrate’s court and jail cells, the Tudor building reveals artifacts and photographs chiefly showing the history of Looe as a fishing port. You will then start your return drive across the delightful rural landscapes towards Plymouth.

Off the Beaten Track: Dartmoor Hike & Pub Lunch

Approximately 6 - 6½ hours • $$$

In the heart of Devon lies the National Park of Dartmoor. It is home to more than 30,000 people, and is the workplace of farmers and foresters who depend upon the land for their livelihood. Dartmoor is justly famous for its wide open moors, wooded valleys, rushing rivers and wildlife. Its scenery is dominated by rugged tors and outcrops of granite formed around 280 million years ago. Journey 40 minutes through the park to Princetown for a short visit to the Moorland Visitor Centre and gain valuable insight into the natural and cultural heritage of the moor. Then, a National Park Guide escorts you on a hike of approximately two and a half hours, literally up hill and down dale, perhaps including some rough terrain and towards the hamlet of Postbridge. The actual route taken on the walk will be determined on the day by your guide based on local weather conditions. At the delightfully situated Warren House Inn, a typical Dartmoor pub, enjoy a traditional and simple Ploughman’s lunch—a bowl of soup and a dish of cheeses or meats, with pickles and salad and crusty bread and, of course, a pint of English beer. By coach you’ll travel back across the moor and return to Plymouth.

Please note: Changeable weather is typical around Dartmoor. Wear walking shoes and layered clothing with a waterproof jacket or coat.

Steam Train & Dartmouth

Approximately 7½ - 8 hours • $$$

Travel to the seaside resort of Paignton to board a steam train and then enjoy a 30-minute ride to the river-side town of Kingswear. With whistles blowing and smoke puffing, the train passes around the South Devon coastline at Torbay past fine golden beaches, rocky cliffs and through rolling wooded valleys to emerge alongside the tranquil River Dart and its ever-widening estuary. Leaving the train, you will walk the short distance to the ferry for the three-minute journey across the river. On the other bank, visit the historic town of Dartmouth, with all its royal naval connections, narrow streets, old houses, and imposing river promenade. Lunch is not included on this tour, so make your own choice—perhaps try one of the local pubs, to sample a typical lunch and English draft beer! Rejoining your motor coach, you will take the breath taking coastal scenic drive via the superb Blackpool Sand beach and narrow fishing villages of Stoke, Fleming and Strete. Learn all about the role of Devon as a training ground for the D-Day invasion and, if time allows, stop at the World War II Memorial. You will also drive through the Hoe, the historical part of Plymouth, and catch a glimpse of the Barbican, famous for the Mayflower Steps.
A Taste of Devon: Devonshire Cream Tea

Approximately 3½ - 4 hours • $$

Travel into Dartmoor National Park—a peaceful area of great beauty to the north of Plymouth. Heather, bracken and gorse, bogs, stone walls and granite tors are just a few of the interesting features of Dartmoor. Open vistas stretch across to the skyline as the road crosses undulating terrain. You will also drive through areas of open countryside, passing delightful small towns. You will stop at the High Moorland Visitor Centre in the heart of the Dartmoor National Park, where you will learn about the region from the interpretive center. At one of the area's tea-rooms or country hotels, you will stop to enjoy a Devonshire Cream Tea. Here in the southwest of England, Devon residents claim that all other versions of a cream tea are inferior to their own. The essential ingredient is Devonshire clotted cream which comes from local Jersey cattle. The origins of clotted cream are lost in the depths of history, although it is known that monks were making butter from clotted cream in the early 14th century. The cream is spread thickly on freshly baked scones, with lashings of homemade strawberry jam—a seductive, delicious treat.

Plymouth Historic Walk & Gin Distillery

Approximately 3 hours • $$

Begin your Plymouth walking tour at the immense Plymouth Hoe esplanade studded with reminders of the great events in the city’s history. Take in the glorious views over Plymouth Sound, of Drake’s Island and across to Mt. Edgcumbe Park. It is on Plymouth Hoe that Sir Francis Drake was believed to have played bowls prior to his famous assault on the Spanish Armada, and you will see Drake’s statue honoring his feats. Smeatons Tower, an old red and white striped lighthouse was moved to the Hoe in 1877 and is also a prominent landmark. It overlooks Tinside Pool, a unique 1930s outdoor Lido on the limestone shoreline at the base of the cliff. Head down to see the famous Mayflower Steps that commemorate the sailing of the Pilgrims. A nearby plaque lists the names and professions of the 102 Puritans on board. All three of Captain Cook’s voyages to the South Seas, Australia and the Antarctic also started from here, as did the 19th-century transport ships to Australia, carrying thousands of convicts and colonists. You are then in the Barbican district—the heart of Old Plymouth. Most of the buildings are now shops and restaurants, but your guide will show the Elizabethan captain’s dwelling which retains most of its original architectural features. You will also stop at the Plymouth Gin Blackfriars Distillery in the Barbican area of Plymouth. Plymouth is the only English Gin still brewed at its original distillery. This historic building dates back to 1431 and was the final lodging for the Pilgrim Fathers before they set sail to the New World. Your tour will include an audiovisual presentation tracing the history of gin and the distillery and explaining the processes involved in producing this spirit. Learn all about the ingredients used in making Plymouth Gin, the “magnificent seven botanicals,” and soft Dartmoor water which creates an unrivaled flavor. You will also enjoy a tasting of Plymouth’s fine range of gins, including the original gin, sloe gin, and damson gin. Finally you will visit the Still and see for yourself how the gin is mixed and produced today. Return to the Mayflower Steps to reboard your coach and return to your ship.

Qaqortoq, Greenland

Qaqortoq is a small and remote town boasting a population of just 3,400. The name Qaqortoq means “the White Place” and, indeed, 85% of it is under ice! The weather is highly unpredictable and can change at any moment. Organized shore excursions are not available here; however, the port is small and is easy to see on your own. The ship’s tenders will drop you off in town and you will have the opportunity to stroll through the town and marvel at this isolated community that lives a very simple life.
Iceland on Horseback

Approximately 2 1/2 - 3 hours • $$$
This is an excellent opportunity for horse experts and novices alike to enjoy riding in the Icelandic countryside on a most famous breed of horse. It is a pure-bred descendent of the horses brought to Iceland by the Vikings over 1,000 years ago. Hardy, sure-footed and friendly by nature, Icelandic horses are extremely pleasant to ride. This excursion is accompanied by an expert rider, and takes you through scenic and interesting areas of farm-land and valleys. All necessary riding gear is supplied.

Please note: Maximum weight is 220 lbs.

A Taste of Iceland

Approximately 5 hours • $$$$$
Combine a taste of Iceland with interesting hot springs and a scenic ocean route, and you’ll have a memorable day! Depart via the Blue Mountains to Eyrarbakki fishing village on the south coast. Many of the old houses have been renovated, forming a lovely hub of traditional homes. The oldest house, Húsid, was built in 1756. Continue to the small fishing village of Stokkseyri for a feast at a restaurant specializing in Icelandic lobster (crayfish) fresh from the ocean. The lobster is served sizzling in the pan, along with a variety of side dishes. There is nothing more Icelandic than a seafood restaurant in a typical fishing village. After lunch, drive along the coast to Lake Kleifarvatn, set in fascinatingly stark, moon-like surroundings. Near the lake’s southern end lies Krisuvik—a geothermal area with powerful jets of steam escaping from beneath the earth’s crust and sulfurous gases rising from numerous vents. Pass through Reykjavik city center by motor coach before arriving at the pier.

Reykjavik Highlights

Approximately 3 1/2 hours • $$
Begin your tour of the world’s northernmost capital by heading for the Breidholt residential district for a panoramic view of the city. Your first stop is at the Árber Open Air Museum, whose specific purpose is to preserve and show a selection of old Icelandic houses, furnishings and implements of ancient times. From Árber, drive to Reykjavik’s largest outdoor swimming pool in Laugardalur which is heated with water from natural hot springs under the city. You will drive past the sculpture garden by Asmundur Sveinsson museum. Short stops will be made at Höfdi House, where the Reagan-Gorbachev summit took place in 1986, and at Hallgrímskirkja Church (whose steeple is a Reykjavik landmark). Your tour will be complete with a drive into the charming city center, where you will stop at the House of Parliament and then drive west to the fishing harbor for a stop to see the fishing boats.

Thingvellir, Gullfoss, Geysir: the Golden Circle

Approximately 7 1/2 - 8 hours • $$$$$
From Reykjavik you will drive over the Mosfellsheidi heath to beautiful Thingvellir National Park, a place of tremendous interest as a primary site of both Iceland’s geological and historical heritage. Walk through the geological fault known as Almannagjá, to the place where Europe’s oldest national legislative assembly, the Icelandic Althing, was established in AD 930, and where it convened, in grandiose surroundings every summer for nearly eight centuries. After your walk in Thingvellir, the tour continues over the Lyngdalsheidi heath into the fertile farmlands of the south, to visit the most beautiful waterfall of the country, Gullfoss. Nearby, you’ll also stop at the Geysir geo thermal area with its multitude of hot springs, where the most active one, Strokkur, spouts every few minutes. A three-course luncheon and coffee will be served at a restaurant in the Geysir area. Returning through the Grímsnes region, enjoy a stop at the beautiful modern church of the historical parish of south Iceland, Skólholt. Your final stop is by Kerid crater, an extinct volcanic crater. You will also pass Hveragerdi village, where geothermal water has been used to build up an extensive greenhouse industry. Pass

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through Reykjavík’s city center by motor coach before arriving at the pier.

**Glacier Safari by 4WD**

Approximately 8 hours • $$$$

Start out early this morning on a four-wheel-drive tour into Reykjavík’s hinterland. Follow the shores of Hvalljörðurfjörð, with its magical landscape, to the Borgarfjörður area. Watch for the historical home of Snorri Sturluson, author of Snorra Edda. Along the way, you will see the lava waterfalls of Hraunfossar and Barnafoss. Turning off the paved road, travel into the gravel desert of Kaldidalur, and from the edge of Langjökull Glacier, you will head out on to the ice for an hour’s fun and excitement. From Langjökull Glacier, continue along Kaldidalur mountain pass, set between two major glaciers with a magnificent view on a clear day! Passing through the National Park of Thingvellir, you will see where the oldest parliament in the world was founded in the year AD 930. Return to Reykjavík by way of Mosfellsheidi heath.

*Please note: Distance traveled and time on the glacier depends on weather and snow conditions.*

**The Blue Lagoon**

Approximately 5 hours • $$

Leaving Reykjavík, your motor coach drives to the volcanic peninsula of Reykjanes with several dormant volcanoes and extensive lavafields. Your first stop is at the 18th-century church of Bessastadir, renowned for its stained glass windows. Nearby is the official residence of Iceland’s President. Head through the fishing town of Hafnarfjörður, set in the haunting landscape of an ancient lava field with a natural harbor. From Hafnarfjörður, the drive is across rugged lavafields and along the coast to the manmade Blue Lagoon for a short photo stop and refreshment. Owing its existence to a nearby geothermal power plant, the water of this lagoon is reputed to have healing properties. See the lively little fishing village of Grindavík, with its many fishing boats. On the southern shore of the peninsula, see the amazing Krísuvík—a moonscape of bubbling sulfuric mud-pools and steam vents whose geo-thermal activity originates deep in the earth. Skirting the shores of beautiful Kleifarvatn Lake and crossing the mossy lavafields, you arrive back in Reykjavík. Pass through Reykjavík’s city center by motor coach before arriving at the pier.

**Swimming in the Blue Lagoon**

Approximately 3½ hours • $$

Don’t miss this chance to swim in the refreshing waters of the Blue Lagoon, whose healing properties are legendary. Its warm waters are heated by natural geothermal activity. This tour departs from the ship and heads straight to the lagoon, with about 40 minutes allocated for swimming before returning to Reykjavík.

*Please note: Bring your swimsuit and a towel.*
A Stroll through Seydisfjördur

Approximately 2½ - 3 hours • $$

In the early 1900s, Seydisfjördur was one of Iceland’s four most populous towns, home to one of its most popular musicians, had the first telephone lines overseas, published busy newspapers and opened a drama club which is now one of Iceland’s oldest. From this amazing heyday, many relics remain in the form of quaint old buildings wearing a delightfully Icelandic variety of color. Stroll past them on your way to Iceland’s first electric power plant. It is located just a short distance above town, and provided Iceland’s first high-voltage and first alternating-current (AC) power; moreover, the original turbine still works! The prosperity of the early 20th century was interrupted by World War II, when the Allied success against enemy ships and submarines stopped the growth of maritime industries in Seydisfjördur. Nowadays, one of the few ships that calls here is Iceland’s ferry to Europe. You will stop at the Technological Museum which displays articles relating to local technology and Iceland’s general technological progress.

Eastern Iceland Wonders

Approximately 5 - 5½ hours • $$$

Via Lake Lögurinn Road, you’ll drive to Egilsstadir. En route, watch for the Litli Nesfoss waterfall, facing Halormsstadur across the lake Lögurinn. You will visit Halormsstadur Forestry Station in the beautiful Halormsstadarskógur Forest, where more than forty species of trees from various parts of the world growing in beautiful, natural surroundings. Halormsstadarskógur is the largest forest plantation in Iceland. To end your tour, you will pass through Egilsstadir, where there are several opportunities for souvenir shopping in the handicraft shops.
L’Anse aux Meadows: A Viking Tour

Approximately 4 hours • $$

Travel back in time 1,000 years to the first European settlement in the New World located at L’Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland. This site is recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and is run by Parks Canada as a National Historic Site. Here you will visit the park interpretation center and see firsthand how this site was discovered. View 3-D displays depicting how the Vikings lived. Travel around the site and see the small smithy where nails and rivets were made from bog ore. A large sod hut will show you how these tough people lived, ate and rested when not at sea. Next you will visit Norsted, a real Viking port of trade located about a mile from L’Anse aux Meadows. Your guide will take you to the Chieftain’s Hall as you journey through this rough and ready site like fierce Viking warriors of the past.

Northland Discovery Boat Tour

Approximately 2 hours • $$

A highlight of your visit to St. Anthony is this award-winning eco-tour. This scenic area is known for its bounty of humpback whales and Atlantic white-beaked dolphins. Sightings of northern gannets, kittiwakes, arctic terns and black guillemots are also common. An experienced local biologist will captivate you with a live interpretive program on the marine wildlife and culture. It’s a refreshing blend of nature, education and Newfoundland hospitality that you will never forget. The vessel and crew are all certified by the Canadian Coast Guard and the cabin is heated with on board restrooms.

Please note: Tour operates weather-permitting. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

The Great Viking Feast

Approximately 2½ hours • $$

Step back in time to AD 100 when the Vikings roamed Canada. Dine like the Vikings at the Great Viking Feast Dinner Theatre. Join a merry band of Vikings who will provide a humorous look at the Viking life while they hold an allthing or Viking Court of Law. The building is a replica of the 1,000-year-old Lief Erickson home at L’Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site. Your buffet lunch will include such Viking delicacies as moose stew, cod casserole, roast beef, baked Atlantic salmon, salads and many other Viking favorites, followed by a special dessert.

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Stavanger & Countryside

Approximately 5 hours • $$

Today’s tour will take you through the center of town and along the North Sea road. Follow the southern hills over long and rocky Jæren to the Hå Vicarage, used as a farm from 1630 to 1919, but now restored for cultural exhibitions and concerts. After a guided tour through the vicarage, continue to Gloppedalsura—the biggest boulder field in northern Europe, with some stones as big as a house. You will stop at nearby Byrkjedalstunet—an old cheese factory that has been converted into a charming restaurant and a candlemaker’s workshop. You will have time to visit the candlemaker’s workshop to watch the process of making candles, buy local souvenirs, or to take a stroll outside. Drive back to the city through the pleasant suburbs.

Stavanger City Sightseeing

Approximately 3 hours • $$

Stavanger was founded in 1125, and later became the “oil capital” of Norway. Today, it is a modern and prosperous town. From the pier your coach drives through the harbor area with its quaint fish and farmer’s market. Continue to Ullanhaug viewpoint for a panoramic view of the city. You will pass Hafsfjord, site of a Viking sea battle 1,100 years ago, then visit a reconstructed farm from the Iron Age. Heading back to the center, watch for Ledal Manor, used as a residence for royalty visiting Stavanger. Stop at the cathedral, built of stone in the 12th and 13th centuries—one of the few churches in Scandinavia that has kept its original design. Walk through the old part of Stavanger’s wooden house settlement, consisting of more than 150 houses. These were built at the end of the 17th century and form a charming area. Stroll back to the ship, or reboard the coach for a ride back to the pier.

Turn-of-the-Century Stavanger

Approximately 4 hours • $$

The Stavanger Museum paints a vivid picture of life in Stavanger around the turn of the 20th century. A historic play depicts the collapse of the economy when the herring disappeared and sardines became the salvation of Stavanger. Learn of the harsh conditions that made child labor a necessity for many families. Visit the Canning Factory in Old Stavanger to see the old tools and machines—it’s easy to imagine how it must have been to work long days in the factory. Take a short walk through the cobblestone streets of Old Stavanger. The small white-painted wooden houses were all built from the late 1700s to mid-1800s. You’ll stop at Breidablik Mansion built by the architect, Henrik Nissen, in 1881. Breidablik is incredibly well preserved, both inside and out, and offers a glimpse of the upper-class lifestyle enjoyed in the 19th century. At the end of your tour, step into the Maritime Museum situated in one of the old warehouses at the pier in Stavanger. The city’s tie to trade and shipping is well documented in this unique museum.

Lysefjord Cruise

Approximately 3½ hours • $$

Board a boat for a cruise through the Stavanger Archipelago and into Lysefjord, with an overview of how the Norwegians live in this area. Cruise through this area with plenty of small idyllic islands with many homes by the sea. In splendid Lysefjord, one of Norway’s spectacular wonders—Pulpit Rock—juts out more than 1,500 feet above the sea, and you will cruise directly under it! A sea lion colony lives in the inner part of the fjord and, next to a steep hillside, you may be visited by a herd of goats who usually come close to the boat to get some bread and attention. In this beautiful fjord, in many places the water around you is as deep as the mountains are high. You now make a stop at the idyllic beach at Helleren, where coffee and waffles are served in traditional Norwegian style with sour cream and jam.

Please note: Restroom facilities are on board and at Helleren Beach.
A Tour of St. John's: North America’s Oldest City

Approximately 3½ hours • $

St. John’s towers over the pier and is North America’s oldest city dating back to the 1400s. Its first permanent settlers were the British who arrived in the mid-1700s. The city’s architecture is a pleasant blend of colorful, wooden houses, stately stone and brick churches, colonial buildings and modern commercial structures. The first stop on your tour will be at Signal Hill, where Marconi received the first transatlantic wireless signal. Other sights you may see along the route of your tour may include Quidi Vidi Village, the Commissariat House, Government House, Garrison Church and the Basilica of St. John the Baptist.

Please note: Inside church visits may not be possible if religious services are being held.

St. John’s Walking Tour

Approximately 2 hours • $

From either the Basilica of St. John the Baptist or at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, your walking tour will begin following a short shuttle ride. Your guide will point out O’Dywers Block, St. John’s City Hall, the Murray Premises, the Yellowbelly Corner Building, Union Bank, the Courthouse and the Newfoundland Museum.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes. Inside church visits may not be possible if religious services are being held.

Old St. John’s & Cape Spear

Approximately 4 hours • $

Discover that St. John’s boasts a beautiful and busy harbor, whose history dates back to 1497. Visit Signal Hill where Marconi received the first transatlantic wireless signal. You will see an interesting mixture of architecture—brightly colored, wooden houses, stone churches, colonial buildings and modern commercial structures, Government House, Garrison Church and the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Travel to Cape Spear, an escarpment jutting out into the Atlantic Ocean and the most easterly point in North America. Explore Cape Spear Lighthouse and the picturesque fishing village of Petty Harbour.

Memorial University Botanical Garden

Approximately 2½ hours • $$$

The MUN Botanical Garden is 100 acres of habitat featuring limestone and acidic areas, an alpine house, heritage garden, cottage gardens, a heather and rhododendron garden, peat beds, a vegetable garden, medicinal garden, wildlife garden and perennial borders. Trails pass through boreal forest, fen, bog (with orchids, pitcher plants and sundews), rocky barrens, lakeshore and ponds. After a 1½-hour guided walk, spend a bit of free time exploring or at the gift shop and tea room. Tea and scones will be served before you return to the ship in St. John's.
Countryside of Gøta

Approximately 5 hours • $$

The three villages of Sydrugøta, Gotugjógv and Nordragøta comprise the region of Gøta, located at the head of Gøtuvík. Here you will find ruins of a farm that once belonged to a famous Viking chieftain, Tróndur í Gøtu. Nearby, the museum provides insight into the Faroese culture and way of life which, in many ways, has changed little in the last few centuries. The woollen mill at Tøting was established more than 40 years ago, and manufactures Faroese woollen wear. Modern designs are combined with age-old methods and traditions, lending each piece a unique character and the highest quality. Returning to Tórshavn, you will stop at a viewpoint to see the capital from above.

Off The Beaten Track:
Woodcarver & Panoramic Tórshavn

Approximately 3 hours • $$

Board a coach at the harbor across from historic Tinganes, the rocky peninsula in Tórshavn Harbour, where the ancient Vikings met. Travel up to the scenic, ridge-top road that runs along the southern part of Streymoy Island, pausing above Tórshavn for a photo stop at a viewpoint overlooking this colorful capital city. In the green pastures above Tórshavn, be on the lookout for stone cairns which marked the footpaths between villages in olden times. You will pause for another photo stop above Nordradalur (north valley) where, on clear days, a dramatic view of the island of Koltur stands gloriously before you. Further north, views of Kaldbak and Kollafjördur fjords open below. Winding down into a valley, you will pass a charming mountain tarn and pause to admire the hand-hewn stone salmon ladders leading to Lake Leynar. Arriving in Leynar, you will either visit

Highlights of St-Pierre

Approximately 1 hour • $$

The tiny island of St-Pierre et Miquelon comprises a speck of French territory located in the middle of Atlantic Canada. St-Pierre was first settled by the French fishing fleet in the 1500s, and for some reason, the British never bothered claiming these islands during their colonial conquest of North America. The town of St-Pierre is the host to the seat of colonial government and maintains its truly French heritage. Today you will enjoy a one-hour city tour, providing in-depth commentary on the town and the islands. You will notice that the architecture and the people exhibit the true flavor of France. A focal point of the tour is the Hotel Robert which was constructed in the 1920s and was the "home away from home" to Al Capone during the years of prohibition.

Ile aux Marins: A Tour to Sailors’ Island

Approximately 2 hours • $$

Discover Canada’s seafaring past, thanks to a 15-year restoration program and the dedication of the people of Ile aux Marins (Sailor’s Island). This island, situated at the entrance to the Port of St-Pierre, bears witness to a rough-and-ready, fascinating maritime history. Through your guide, hear about life at the end of the 19th century when Ile aux Marins sheltered a small community. Life here was mainly governed by religion, cod and climate. Local heritage protection laws have resulted in Sailors’ Island’s designation as a major center of historic interest. Tour the island with an experienced local guide to learn more about the way of life in this isolated maritime community.

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the local woodcarver and watch him work, or take a walk on Leynar Beach. The journey back to Tórshavn leads through a 1½-mile-long tunnel and then along a fjord at sea level.

**A Glimpse into Faroese Culture**

Approximately 3 hours • $$$

Link arms with your fellow guests and your Faroese hosts, take two steps to the left and one to the right, and repeat! The rhythmic pulse of the medieval ballad chanted by your hosts quickly transports you to a distant age. The enchanting medieval chain dance is practiced nowhere else in the world, and this glimpse into Faroese culture is only part of your exclusive excursion. You’ll travel by coach from the harbor to Tórshavn’s historic playhouse, where your hosts welcome you. Together you will explore the history and culture of the Faroes through a mixture of theater, poetry and song. You’ll even have the chance to sample traditional Faroese cuisine.

**Faroese Farm Life & Woollen Mill**

Approximately 6 hours • $$$$

This excursion begins with a visit to a local farmer’s home in the remote village of Selatra. He offers a short tour of his farm and explains Faroese traditional culture—how the Faroese preserve food and what happens to all the sheep. A traditional Faroese snack will be served for your enjoyment. Then you’ll venture on to Strendur for a visit to the woollen mill at Snaælen, which produces traditional Faroese knitwear. Your hosts will give you a tour of the factory so that you can appreciate the entire process of producing a modern woollen sweater. Follow the mountain road on the return trip to capture the extraordinary panoramic views out over the fjords and the capital.

**Saksun & Kollafjördur**

Approximately 4 hours • $$

Your first stop will be at Kollafjördur, where you will visit an old Faroese church with a traditional turf roof. Then, you will head further north towards the village of Saksun, tucked away at the end of the road. Approaching the village, you will be delighted with the views revealed by every twist in the road. Saksun is one of the most distinctive villages in the Faroes, and its ancient farm, Dúvugardar, is now a national heritage museum. It, and the other out-buildings that comprise the museum, provide an insight into rural life in the Faroes. Below the farm, a round bay once formed a natural harbor, but today it is unusable due to sand deposits that have made its water very shallow. Accessible only to small boats at high tide, the bay is nonetheless a very beautiful landmark. Return to Tórshavn by way of the mountain road and stop at a viewpoint en route to photograph the capital.

**Faroe Highlands by Horseback**

Approximately 2 hours • $$$$

If you savor adventure and long to experience the pure, fresh air of the Faroe Islands, join this tour to explore on horseback the mountain moors above the colorful capital of Tórshavn. Begin your journey at the historic harbor and wind your way up through the capital to the mountaintop vista. Meet up with a guide who helps you select your sure-footed Icelandic pony. Now on horseback, you venture into the highlands, taking in the magical vistas of dark seas and emerald-green mountains. Pause along the way for coffee and a chance to savor the view before returning to your coach that swiftly brings you back to the bustling harbor.

*Please note: Prior riding experience is preferred but is not mandatory. Maximum weight is 220 pounds.*

**Faroese Art**

Approximately 4 hours • $$$

Nathanael Hawthorne once noted that the highest merit of art is its “suggestiveness.” This is especially true of Faroese art, for within the statues and paintings and weavings that abound in the capital, Tórshavn, can be found the very essence of Faroese culture. This stimulating and insightful excursion will explore Faroese culture and history through its art. Begin your tour in the heart of Tórshavn, at the statue of the *Stone Carrier*—an exquisite study of determination and patience. With your docent leading the way, wind your way through the capital up past
numerous statues to the magical Elf Girl. Your destination is the National Gallery of Art, located in an enchanting natural setting. You’ll also spend time with a local artist in his studio to seek out the nuances of Faroese culture and current artistic trends that give expression to the isolated culture. Conclude your excursion in the Nordic House, renowned for its distinctive architecture.

**Vestmanna Seaciffs**

Approximately 4 hours • $$

Ride by coach to the village of Vestmanna. Here, you will board a boat and sail out to the famous bird cliffs. All your senses will awaken with the sound of thousands of sea birds, the salty scent of the sea and its cool spray on your face, the stunning, weather-beaten cliff formations and the raucous riot of squawking birds who call the seaciffs home. You’ll sail along the cliff wall, into a narrow gorge where sheer rock walls rise vertically on both sides towards the sky. The boat slowly enters one of the many grottoes, and for a moment, daylight disappears. Darkness and the sound of dripping water surround you and then, suddenly, you emerge on the other side. The boat stops for a while so you can enjoy the scenery. Take photographs to help you remember the details. After the boat trip, return to Tórshavn via the mountain road and stop at the viewpoint looking over the capital.

**Faroe Panorama**

Approximately 2 hours • $

Board your motor coach and set out from historic Tinganes, the rocky peninsula of Tórshavn’s harbor where the Vikings met. You will travel up to the scenic ridge-top road that runs along the southern part of Streymoy Island. From there, you will have a great view back down to Tórshavn. In the green sheep-grazing pastures outside the town, be on the lookout for stone cairns that marked the stone paths between towns in olden times. Pause for photos above Nordradalur (North Valley). On clear days, there is a dramatic view of the island of Koltur. Heading north, you will spy Kaldbak and Kollafjordur Fjords, then spot colorful villages as you wind down into the valley. Your journey back to Tórshavn takes you through a 1½-mile-long tunnel, and past the fjord at sea level.

**GUIDES, SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION:**

In certain interesting but off-the-beaten-track places, professional guides and vehicles are at a premium. The best available are engaged. For all tours other than the Signature Collection, it is exceptional for drivers of public hire vehicles to speak any language but their own and it is not always possible to obtain air-conditioned buses or taxis in many ports. However, we do our utmost to find the very best excursion packages for your touring pleasure. Guests who leave during a tour for which transportation is included must thereafter provide for their own transportation and services at their own expense. Transportation standards vary from country to country.

**SELF-GUIDED EXCURSIONS:**

Guests who do not join these prearranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port. If you choose to devise your own excursion, we suggest that you remind the driver or tour escort of the ship’s sailing time. Of course, the ship’s facilities are fully available to guests while in port.

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