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Isles of the North

SHETLAND, FAROE & ICELAND



Remote, Rugged Coastlines

Cruise the storied Northern seas to discover exceptional scenery, islands steeped in Viking lore and remote shores boasting captivating histories and jaw-dropping natural splendor. Explore islands brimming with fascinating geology and history, and gaze in awe at thundering waterfalls and wind-blown hills.

On Scotland's Shetland Islands, visit the remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof, an extraordinary settlement embracing more than 4,000 years of human history. On Denmark's Faroe Islands, walk down ancient lanes and among cathedral ruins. In Iceland, traverse fascinating, sometimes otherworldly landscapes: the edge of a river-fed waterfall; a dramatic lava field filled with pillars, towers and caves; and a high-temperature thermal field dotted with fumaroles and mudpots.

In luxurious comfort aboard the **World Traveller**, immerse yourself in proud maritime legends, Faroese hospitality and the wild, untamed landscapes of these epic destinations! Extend this fantastic journey with the Denmark and Norway Pre-Tour Extension and/or the Reykjavik Post-Tour Extension.

Front cover: Old Town, Tórshavn, Faroe Islands, Denmark



Geyser in the Golden Circle, Iceland



Vestmanna, Faroe Islands, Denmark



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Dear Council Traveler,

The remote Scottish and Danish Islands located in the Northern Atlantic, as well as neighboring Iceland, have hosted numerous settlers and invaders since prehistoric times. The fascinating history and cultures of these rugged destinations — along with their wild, windswept beauty — makes them the perfect linchpin for our new, specially curated 9-day program.

You will enjoy the luxuries of the exclusively chartered, deluxe **World Navigator** — featuring only 95 suites and staterooms — as you cruise the North Atlantic from Bergen, Norway, to the remote Shetland and Faroe Islands, ending in Reykjavik, Iceland. Each day offers opportunities to visit diverse ports, from endearing villages with turf-roofed houses to volcanic lava fields. Explore islands brimming with fascinating geology and archaeological sites, and gaze in awe at thundering waterfalls and otherworldly landscapes.

This exclusive travel program is expected to sell out quickly, so book now while space and early booking savings are still available. Other educational groups share this departure, so make your reservation today. Call (800) 942-5004 x option 2 (email: travel@wacphila.org).

Warm Regards,

Andrew Haught, Director of Travel

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GUEST SPEAKER

DR. PÁLL EINARSSON

Dr. Páll Einarsson, Professor Emeritus in Geophysics at the University of Iceland, has had a long and award-winning career as a teacher and scientific researcher. He attended the Reykjavík Conservatory of Music, majoring in cello and music theory, then earned a B.A. equivalent in physics, with minors in mathematics and chemistry, from Germany's University of Göttingen. He went on to receive a master's degree and Ph.D. from Columbia University, studying seismology, geology and physics. He has published numerous scientific papers in international journals. His main research topics are earthquake prediction, volcanoes and volcanic eruptions and crustal structure.



Discover the Faroes



The lush, green archipelago of 18 islands known as the Faroes were formed by volcanic activity over a few million years, some 55 million years ago. Glaciers carved its captivating cliffs, waterfalls and rocky coastlines. These little-known islands, tucked between Norway and Iceland, were settled by the Norse in the ninth century, and remained isolated for centuries. The Faroese language spoken today derives from Old Norse, which was spoken by the Norsemen who settled the islands 1200 years ago.

The name *Føroyar*, or *Faroe*, is Old Norse for sheep, which continue to outnumber residents by nearly two to one. The steep cliff faces — a hallmark of the islands' geography — are home to thousands of seabirds, and hikers and birdwatchers are drawn to the archipelago. Today, the self-governing Faroe Islands — now part of the Danish realm — continue to attract visitors with their authentic Faroese culture, warm hospitality and breathtaking natural beauty.



INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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2025 | 9-DAY/8-NIGHT ITINERARY

Depart Home City

Day 1 | June 11

Depart your home city for Bergen, Norway.

Bergen, Norway

Day 2 | June 12

Arrive at Bergen Flesland Airport. Transfer to the deluxe **World Traveller**. Settle in and enjoy dinner on board the ship tonight. (D)

Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland

Day 3 | June 13

Enjoy a delicious breakfast on board this morning, and every morning of the cruise. Disembark in Lerwick, for a coach tour to the island's southernmost point. En route, pass the magnificent Mousa Broch — the tallest and best-preserved broch in the world — and St. Ninian's

Isle, where the famous Pictish hoard of silver, dating from the ninth century, was found in 1958. Next, embark on a guided visit to the remarkable archaeological site of Jarlshof. This extraordinary settlement embraces more than 4,000 years of human history. Look for sightings of Shetland's famous ponies as you travel back to the ship. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner on the ship. (B,L,D,R)

Tórshavn, Faroe Islands, Denmark

Day 4 | June 14

Explore the island of Streymoy. Begin in the municipality of Tórshavn, founded by Norsemen in the 10th century. Navigate the narrow, historic lanes of Tinganes, which are bordered by traditional

grass-roofed houses. Transfer to Kirkjubøur to visit the ruins of St. Magnus Cathedral and the 900-year-old Roystovan, the oldest wooden house in Europe. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue to Kollafjørður to view a traditional Faroese church and visit the Dúvugarðar, a national heritage museum, located in the remote village of Saksun. (B,L,D)

At Sea

Day 5 | June 15

Spend today cruising toward Iceland. Enjoy the amenities on the ship, perhaps indulging in a sauna or a dip in the hot tub. Spend some time on deck with a book or watching the horizon. Savor three delicious meals on board. (B,L,D)

Dúvugarðar, Faroe Islands





Seyðisfjörður, Iceland

Day 6 | June 16

Seyðisfjörður boasts mountainous scenery, lively cafes, a bounty of local handicrafts and traditional Icelandic architecture. Enjoy a specially arranged cultural and musical performance, featuring Icelandic songs. Take advantage of time at leisure to explore more of the town. Witness the picturesque Blue Church with its trademark rainbow pavement leading down to the street. Return to the ship for lunch onboard. Spend your afternoon cruising and marveling at the passing coastline. (B,L,D)

Akureyri

Day 7 | June 17

The 100-foot-wide horseshoe-shaped Goðafoss waterfall is a spectacular

sight. The falls are fed by the Skjálfandafljót River, which runs across a lava flow created several thousand years ago by a volcanic eruption. Gaze across the plain and at the thundering falls — whose name means Waterfall of the Gods — perhaps feeling rising mist and thrumming from the rushing water as it falls 40 feet into a placid pool below. Travel to Namaskard, a high-temperature thermal field where the sulfur cauldrons, fumaroles, mud pots and land colored by minerals in shades of red, yellow, green and orange create an otherworldly landscape. Continue to Dimmuborgir to admire and walk among dramatic lava rock formations. The lava field, filled with pillars, towers, caves and other structures, was created by a volcanic eruption

about 2,000 years ago. The strange dark shapes resemble a dark castle, or *Dimmuborgir* in Icelandic. Tonight, join your fellow passengers for a Farewell Reception and Dinner on the ship. (B,L,R,D)

At Sea

Day 8 | June 18

Spend today cruising toward Reykjavík. Enjoy the amenities on the ship, perhaps taking a run on the outdoor track or a dip in the pool. Spend some time relaxing in one of the comfortable lounges. Savor three delicious meals on board. (B,L,D)

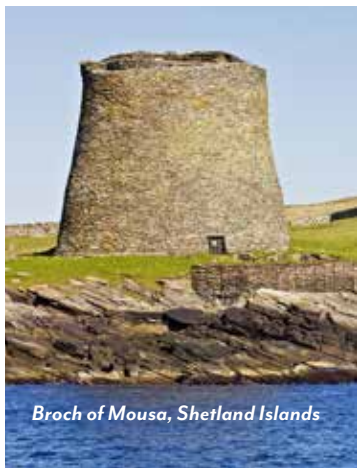
Reykjavík/Return to Home City

Day 9 | June 19

Disembark in Reykjavík and depart for your home city. (B)



Tórshavn Marina, Faroe Islands



Broch of Mousa, Shetland Islands



World Traveller

This newly constructed small ship, an intimate yacht appointed in retro-chic elegance, is able to dock in smaller ports inaccessible to larger ships. Each of the 95 suites and staterooms (up to 465 square feet) features a stunning ocean view, and most include a private balcony. All accommodations in your private haven at sea offer a queen-sized bed that can be separated into two twin beds, a private bathroom with spa shower and luxury hotel-style amenities — including bath products from L'Occitane. Complimentary alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi access are available throughout the cruise. All meals aboard ship are included, featuring culinary adventures that rival your discoveries ashore.



2025 DEPARTURE DATE

June 11 to 19

(Embarkation: June 12)

Category-Description		Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*
8	Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3	\$7,690	\$6,690
7	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$8,590	\$7,590
6	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$9,190	\$8,190
5	Stateroom with private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$10,090	\$9,090
4	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$10,990	\$9,990
3	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$11,490	\$10,490
2	Stateroom with balcony. Deck 6.	\$11,990	\$10,990
1	Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling Juliet-style balcony and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$12,590	\$11,590
Journey Suite 2	Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$13,990	\$12,990
Journey Suite 1	Suite with large private balcony and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$14,990	\$13,990
Discovery Suite	Suite with larger private balcony and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$16,090	\$15,090
Navigator 2 Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, large private balcony , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 5.	\$17,090	\$16,090
Navigator 1 Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, large private balcony , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 6.	\$19,390	\$18,390

***Early Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 12/02/24 and pay in full at time of booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$500 per person.**

All rates are per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes. Single accommodations are available in categories 6, 7 & 8 at 160% of the standard rate, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Early Booking Savings still apply.

Port taxes in the amount of \$195 per person are included in the above prices. Deck plans available upon request.

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PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

Denmark and Norway

June 6 to 12, 2025 (Program Begins: June 7)

Our 5-night itinerary extension explores the storied past of these countries while basking in majestic scenery. Visit Stalheim, Norway, and then travel aboard the **Bergen Railway** from Voss to Oslo, over Europe's highest mountain plateau. Take a scenic walking tour of Oslo and visit the Opera House. In Copenhagen, visit the Viking Ship Museum and explore the ancient Roskilde Cathedral. Take a canal cruise through the city to see Copenhagen's iconic sites. Stay in historic hotels and spend one night aboard the award-winning **Seaways Ferry**.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$3,295

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$4,295

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.



POST-TOUR EXTENSION

Reykjavík, Iceland

June 19 to 21, 2025 (Program Ends: June 21)

Explore the captivating city of Reykjavík and its surrounding natural wonders. Begin with a city tour, stopping at the iconic Perlan museum and the National Museum. Then on a full-day excursion to the legendary Golden Circle, visit the UNESCO-listed Þingvellir National Park, which is both geologically dramatic and historically significant. Gaze at the Strokkur geyser and behold breathtaking Gullfoss, a spectacular double waterfall. **Parliament Hotel Reykjavík**.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,995

Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,595

Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

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