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Cruising the

BALTIC SEA

Cities and Islands of **Sweden, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Finland**
aboard the all-suite *Hebridean Sky* • August 9–19, 2022

Featuring archaeologist **Elizabeth Pierce**

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Dear Traveler,

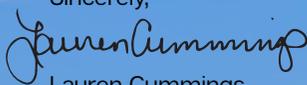
The height of summer, when sunlight extends into the evening hours and temperatures are mild, is the ideal time to **explore the nations bordering the Baltic Sea**. On this journey, we will have the good fortune to **visit five of these nations aboard the all-suite, 59-cabin *Hebridean Sky***.

The scope of the experience will be grand, from the **stylish capital cities of Stockholm and Helsinki** to the quaint islands of **Gotland, Saaremaa, and the Åland archipelago**, with port calls to see marvelously untouched **medieval quarters in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia**. All along the way, we will experience privately-arranged concerts, meals, and events to celebrate this corner of the world's unique heritage.

Your AIA host, **archaeologist Elizabeth Pierce**, has received superb evaluations from travelers on previous AIA-sponsored cruises, including one in the Baltic. She is part of a **team of onboard experts** who will offer **a series of illustrated lectures and informal discussions** along the way, including Steven Pifer, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine.

We are sharing this voyage with other organizations and capacity is limited, so I encourage you to contact AIA Tours today at aia@studytours.org or **(800) 748-6262** to reserve your preferred cabin!

Sincerely,



Lauren Cummings
Education & Program Manager, AIA Tours
Archaeological Institute of America



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA AND THE AIA TOURS PROGRAM

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA's network of scholars and worldwide contacts.

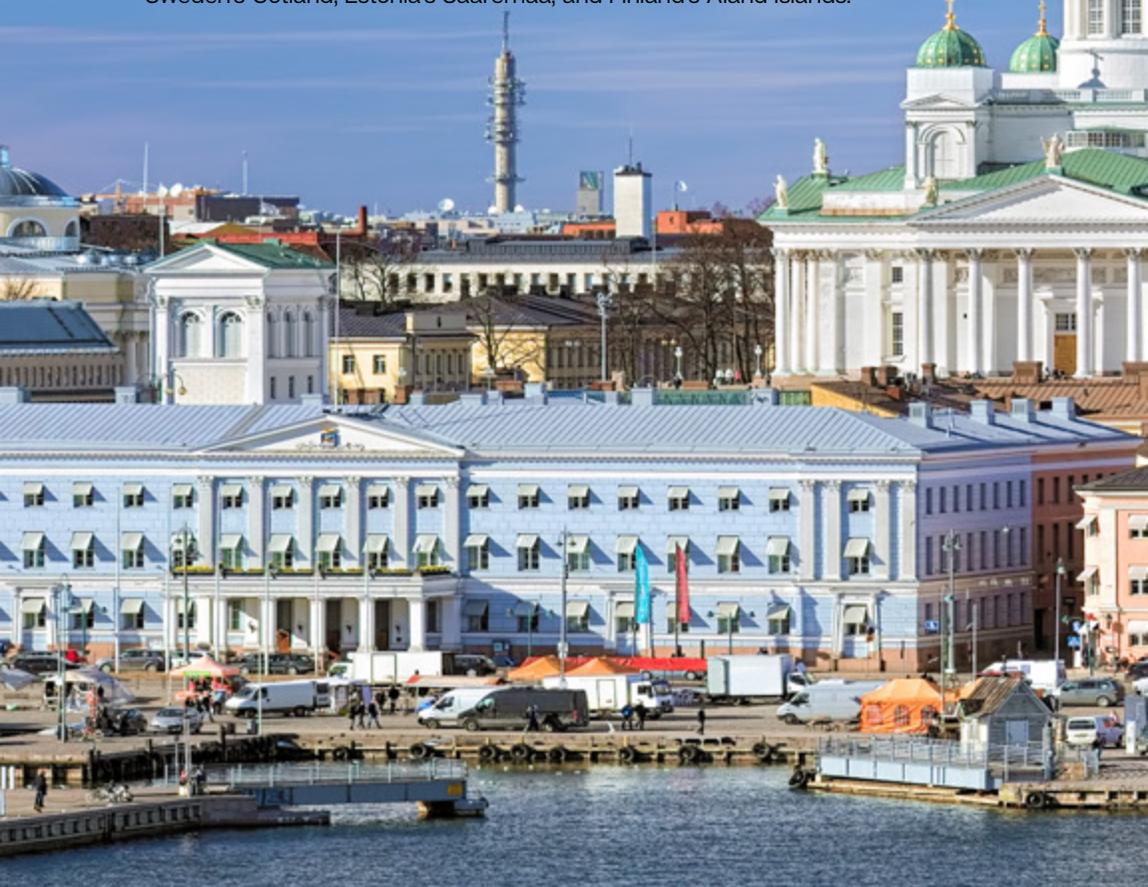
Study Leader



Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host Elizabeth Pierce was a journalist before pursuing her Ph.D. in Archaeology from the University of Glasgow, Scotland. The main focus of her doctoral research was on the Vikings and Norse in the North Atlantic region. Since then, Elizabeth has taught courses on the Vikings and early medieval archaeology at the University of Glasgow in Scotland and the University of Victoria in BC, Canada. She has worked on excavations around Scotland and Iceland, as well as published numerous academic articles. In the past several years, Elizabeth has lectured on archaeology and history on various expedition ships throughout the polar regions and northern Europe. She is also co-editor of a volume on the Vikings in Scotland that is due to be published in 2022. Elizabeth lectured for the AIA on a cruise from Scotland to Denmark annually from 2014 to 2017, and lectured for the AIA on a Baltic Sea cruise in 2018, all to excellent reviews.

Highlights

- ◆ Experience **four UNESCO World Heritage sites** – Sweden’s Hanseatic town of Visby and Drottningholm Palace along a lake in the suburbs of Stockholm; as well as the historic centers of Riga and Tallinn.
- ◆ **Customize your experience with excursion options** geared to different interests and levels of mobility in multiple ports: Stockholm, Gotland Island, Riga, and the Åland Islands.
- ◆ Delight in **private musical events**, including a medieval music concert in Tallinn, Estonia and a children’s folkloric performance in Riga, Latvia.
- ◆ Enjoy the quaint, low-key charm of Estonia’s seldom-visited **Saaremaa Island**.
- ◆ Discover **lovely countryside and historic villages** on three Baltic islands – Sweden’s Gotland, Estonia’s Saaremaa, and Finland’s Åland Islands.





RIGA



VISBY



TALLINN



KLAIPEDA



VASA MUSEUM

Itinerary

Tuesday & Wednesday, August 9 & 10 Depart U.S. / Stockholm, Sweden

Depart home on an overnight flight to Stockholm, Sweden. Arrive on the 10th and gather for a welcome reception this evening.

HOTEL DIPLOMAT (R)

Thursday, August 11 Stockholm

This morning offers a choice of excursions in Stockholm before embarkation:

OPTION 1: Enjoy a guided visit to the award-winning Vasa Museum, which features a 17th-century warship that sank in Stockholm harbor on its maiden voyage and was salvaged and restored more than 300 years later. Continue to Skansen, the first open-air living history museum and zoo in Sweden, located on the island of Djurgården. Also visit Stockholm's oldest quarter, Gamla Stan (Old Town), for a brief guided walk along the narrow, cobble streets and alleys.

OPTION 2: Travel just outside the city to the 17th-century Drottningholm Palace, the residence of the royal family and Sweden's first UNESCO World Heritage site. See the main palace building, the impeccably preserved

theater with its original stage machinery, sprawling formal gardens, and impressive Chinese Pavilion.

ALL: Embark *Hebridean Sky* this afternoon

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Friday, August 12 Visby / At Sea

Arrive this morning at the Swedish island of Gotland for a choice of excursions:

OPTION 1: Journey to the countryside to explore several of Gotland's unique medieval ruins.

OPTION 2: Enjoy a walking tour along the charming cobblestone lanes of Visby, Gotland's only city and a UNESCO World Heritage site, including the Historical Museum and castle-like medieval city walls.

ALL: Gather on board for the Captain's welcome evening.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Saturday, August 13 Klaipeda, Lithuania

Founded in 1252, Klaipeda is Lithuania's oldest city. Monuments and ruins tell the rich, varied heritage as part of East Prussia, Germany, the Soviet Union, and now Lithuania. Enjoy the views of the Baltic Sea en route to the coastal town of Palanga. On arrival, explore a 19th-century Neo-Renaissance style

mansion, part of the Lithuanian National Museum of Art and home to one of the world's largest amber collections. Learn about the formation, extraction, and trade routes of "Baltic gold." Return to Klaipeda and explore the old town this afternoon, including a stop in Theatre Square, before strolling along the atmospheric narrow streets where shoemakers, blacksmiths, and bakers lived and worked. A Lithuanian diplomat will join the group to share thoughts and insights on current affairs this afternoon.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Sunday, August 14 Riga, Latvia

Explore Riga, capital and largest city of Latvia. Enjoy a tour of the historical center, a UNESCO World Heritage site noted for its Art Nouveau/Jugendstil and 19th-century wooden architecture. Following a private folkloric performance, explore Riga independently or visit the Museum of the Occupation of Riga, which documents the 51-year period in the 20th century when Latvia was occupied, successively, by the U.S.S.R., Nazi Germany, and the U.S.S.R. again.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)



ROCK CHURCH IN HELSINKI



VIKING BURIAL ON GOTLAND ISLAND



DROTTNINGHOLM PALACE

Monday, August 15 Saaremaa, Estonia

Call at Estonia's largest island, Saaremaa, this afternoon. Despite its close proximity to the mainland, the island has maintained a simple, low-key charm and connection to more traditional livelihoods. Visit the lovely capital of Kuressaare and its magnificently preserved medieval castle and moat, then stroll through the streets of the enchanting old town. Continue inland through the countryside of stone walls, thatched roofs, and historic villages to view a traditional windmill park.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Tuesday, August 16 Tallinn, Estonia

Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, was the site of mass demonstrations and protests known as the Singing Revolution, which resulted in Estonia's declaration of independence from the Soviet Union in 1990. Tour the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site considered one of the most perfectly preserved medieval centers in northern Europe, including the Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the 13th-century Toompea Castle, now the home of the Estonian Parliament. Gather for local pastries and a private concert of medieval music, followed by a dialogue

with a local journalist and politician about Estonian politics. You may choose to dine independently in town this evening.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Wednesday, August 17 Helsinki, Finland

Dock near the city center and spend the morning exploring Finland's vibrant and culturally rich capital city. See the Rock Church, carved directly into a stone slab in the center of town, including a private concert of pieces by Sibelius. Return to the *Hebridean Sky* for lunch on board or optionally stay in town for an independent lunch. This afternoon enjoy free time in Market Square, a bustling indoor/outdoor market in operation for hundreds of years, with stalls overflowing with everything from fresh produce, meats, and cheeses to local crafts and quirky Finnish souvenirs.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Thursday, August 18 Mariehamn /At Sea

Call this morning at Mariehamn, the capital of Åland, a 6,700-island archipelago situated about halfway between Finland and Sweden, for a choice of three excursion options:

OPTION 1: Tour Mariehamn village, packed with charming

shops selling local arts and crafts, restaurants with summer terraces, tree-lined avenues, and unique "gingerbread" wooden buildings, all concentrated around the pedestrian-friendly city center.

OPTION 2: Venture into the Åland countryside with a stop at a distillery for local spirits tasting.

OPTION 3: Ride alongside rolling green fields and across scenic bridges during a guided bicycle tour.

ALL: Return to the ship in the afternoon for the Captain's farewell evening on board en route to Stockholm.

HEBRIDEAN SKY (B,L,D)

Friday, August 19 Stockholm, Sweden / Return to U.S.

After breakfast, disembark the *Hebridean Sky* and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

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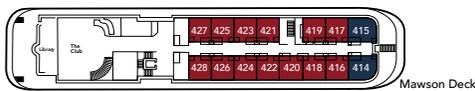
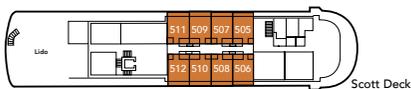
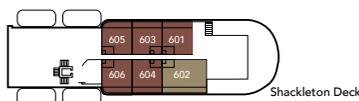
Hebridean Sky



The 59-suite *Hebridean Sky* is a spacious, yet intimate, expedition vessel. After a major refurbishment in 2016, she now boasts beautifully designed public spaces that include a single-seating dining room, large lounge, elegant club and bar with piano, library and two outdoor seating areas. All suites have an ocean view and feature a sitting room, en suite bathroom, TV, spacious wardrobes and dressing table.

Program Rates (per person)

CATEGORY	DOUBLE	SINGLE
A STANDARD SUITE FORWARD portholes; queen or twin beds; 238 sq. ft.	\$7,990	—
B STANDARD SUITE portholes; queen or twin beds; 238 sq. ft.	\$8,990	\$16,490
C SUPERIOR SUITE picture window; queen or twin beds; 226–241 sq. ft.	\$10,990	\$18,990
D PREMIUM SUITE picture window; queen or twin beds; 221 sq. ft.	\$11,990	—
E CORNER SUITE picture windows; queen or twin beds; 224 sq. ft.	\$12,990	—
F DELUXE BALCONY SUITE queen or twin beds, 221 sq. ft. plus 40-sq.-ft. balcony	\$13,990	—
G OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE queen or twin beds, 245 sq. ft. plus 83-sq.-ft. balcony	\$14,990	—
H HEBRIDEAN SUITE queen bed, 349 sq. ft. plus 101-sq.ft. balcony	\$15,990	—



SPECIAL OFFER: Refer a friend and you'll each receive \$1,000 off per cabin or a cabin category upgrade (pending availability).

General Information

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including **one hotel night and eight nights aboard *Hebridean Sky*** · Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations · Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates · **Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, wait staff, guides, and drivers for all group activities** · Entrance fees and port charges · Welcome and farewell wine receptions · **House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners** · Complete packet of pre-departure information · Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Cruising on the Baltic Sea, a large body of water that is relatively isolated from the ocean, should be a pleasant and smooth experience most of the time. Tides are minimal and the surface is fairly smooth except during a

storm. The climate in the region visited is generally mild, with average temperatures in the 60s and infrequent rain. The pace of this trip is moderately active, with up to two miles of walking each day, often on cobbled streets and uneven terrain. Elevators and handrails on stairs may not be available. Participants must be in good health, physically fit, and able to keep up with the group without assistance from tour staff. Limited medical facilities are available aboard the *Hebridean Sky*. SARS-COV-2 (COVID 19) vaccinations are required for all participants as well as tour staff and shipboard crew. Up-to-date COVID-related protocols and procedures will be communicated in pre-trip documents. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by AIA Tours or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 84 participants, including travelers from the Archaeological Institute of America, Princeton Journeys, and Stanford Travel/Study.

PROGRAM RATES

DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare · Passport/visa expenses · Medical expenses and immunizations · Travel and trip cancellation insurance · Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days · Deviations from the scheduled tour · Airline baggage charges · Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted · Laundry or dry cleaning · Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges · Room service · Other items of a personal nature

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: AIA Tours, P.O. Box 938, 47 Main St., Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 or fax to 603-756-2922. Balance of payment is due 75 days prior to departure (May 26, 2022). We accept checks, payable to 'Eos Passenger Account – AIA BalticCRI8/22' as well as VISA, MasterCard and American Express for deposits. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt. Credit cards are NOT accepted for final payment.

PASSENGER CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours. For cancellations received before final payment date (May 26, 2022, 75 days prior to departure) deposits are fully refundable. Cancellations received after May 26, 2022 are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not participate in any part of the program, who do not complete the tour for whatever reason, or whose entry into any country and/or aboard any hotel or cruise vessel on the itinerary is delayed or denied.

TRIP CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

If the program is cancelled by AIA Tours or Criterion Travel, our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. However, if trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by AIA Tours

or Criterion, or receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as AIA Tours and Criterion are able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Neither AIA Tours nor Criterion shall have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing.

HEALTH

All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary and study leaders presented for this tour are subject to modification and change by AIA Tours and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, AIA Tours and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

RESPONSIBILITY

By submitting your deposit, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure. Due to space limitations these are not AIA Tours' complete Terms & Conditions, which are available upon request, can be viewed on-line at www.aiatours.org, and will be sent to you along with a Release of Liability requiring your signature.

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NAME #2 (as it appears on passport)

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PAYMENT

Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

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DATE

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to 'Eos Passenger Account – AIA BalticCRI8/22') to reserve _____ place(s) on

Cruising the Baltic Sea aboard *Hebridean Sky*

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations (*limited availability*)
or I plan to share accommodations with:

or I'd like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of May 26, 2022, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

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