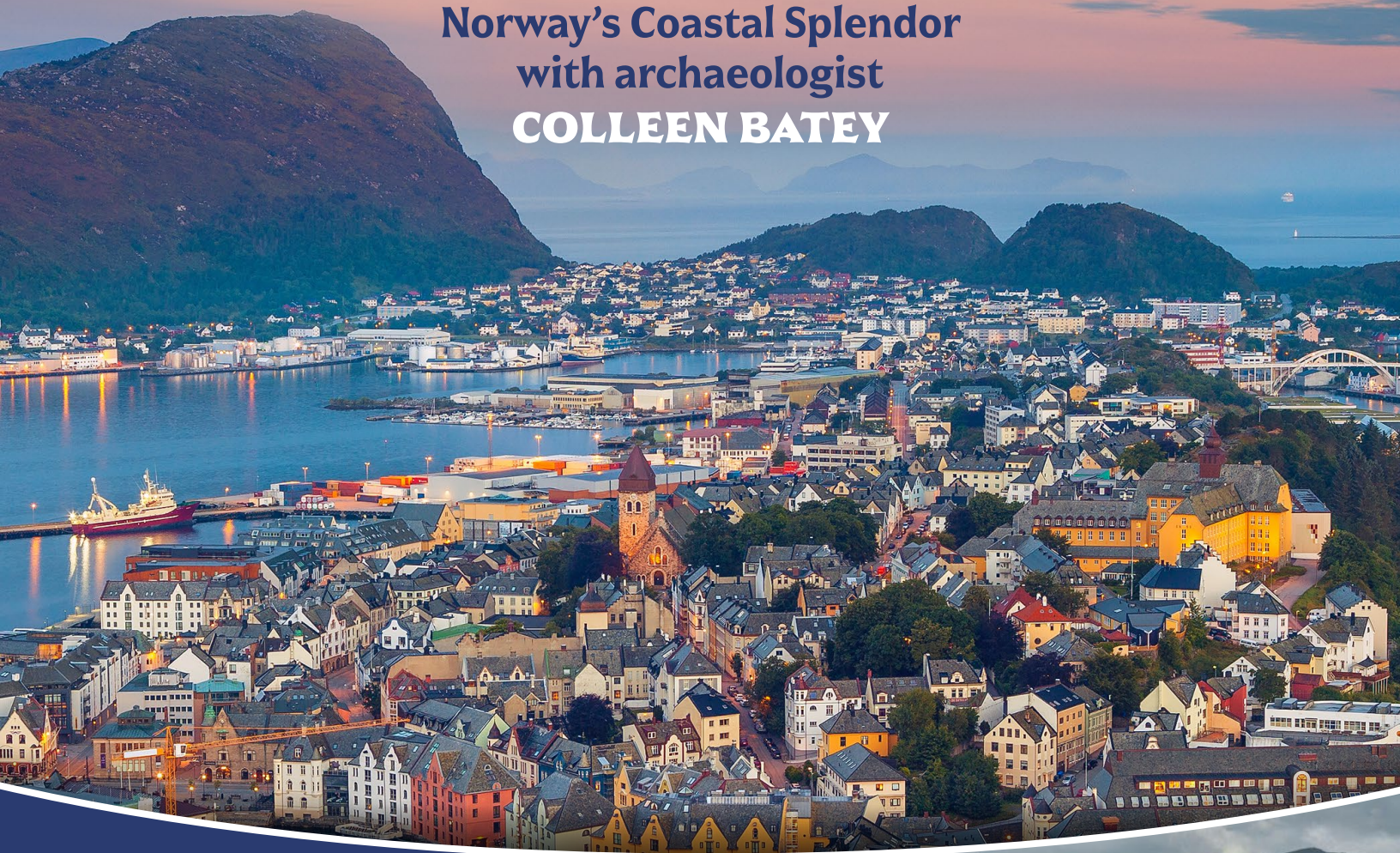




ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
OF AMERICA TOURS

HIGHLANDS, ISLANDS & FJORDS

From the Scottish Highlands to
Norway's Coastal Splendor
with archaeologist
COLLEEN BATEY



JUNE 29-JULY 11, 2027

Aboard the 59-Cabin
Hebridean Sky





Norway

Dear Traveler,

Join **AIA lecturer and host Colleen Batey** on this **cruise from Scotland to Norway aboard the 59-cabin, all-suite *Hebridean Sky*** amid magnificent landscapes, historic coastal settlements, and idyllic villages. The Midnight Sun's long northern days will illuminate snowcapped peaks, glittering glaciers, cascading waterfalls, and fjords framed by bright green valleys.

Beginning with an overnight stay in historic **Aberdeen**, Scotland, this varied and balanced itinerary combines the wonders of the natural world with the historical and cultural highlights of Norway's dramatic coastline. Spend time in remote and historically significant island and coastal settings, approaching by ship as would have the Vikings and early settlers.

Uncover layers of North Atlantic history, from Scotland's mysterious Pictish stones and the prehistoric and Norse settlement of **Jarlshof** in the Shetland Islands; to **Stavanger**, Norway's renowned Archaeological Museum and **Hopperstad Stave Church**, one of the country's oldest surviving wooden churches. Step ashore at peaceful fjord-side towns, fishing villages, and rural communities off the beaten track. Cruise onward along Norway's coast, spending several days within some of the country's most celebrated fjords, including majestic **Sognefjord**, Norway's longest; and **Lysefjord**, where sheer cliffs rise beneath Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock).

Discover splendid, Art Nouveau **Ålesund**, set across a cluster of coastal islands stretching into the ocean; explore the valleys and farms of **Sunnfjord**, including a rare call at **Bygstad**, a quiet inland community seldom visited by cruise itineraries; and call at **Rosendal**, with opportunities to experience the beautiful **Hatteberg Valley** or the striking landscape of the **Folgefonna Glacier**. There are also opportunities for **wildlife viewing**, with puffins, gannets, and sea eagles often seen overhead.

Dr. Batey, archaeologist and AIA lecturer/host, will be part of a **team of onboard experts** who together will share knowledge and insights through a **series of lectures and informal discussions**. Delight in cruising for ten nights aboard the elegantly appointed *Hebridean Sky*, well-suited for navigating Norway's coastal waters in comfort. The ship's 59 exceptionally spacious suites are all outward-facing, with select accommodations offering private balconies. A highly attentive crew provides exceptional service.

This program is co-sponsored by other organizations, so I encourage you to contact AIA Tours today at aia@studytours.org or **800-748-6262** for your preferred cabin.

Sincerely,

Lauren Cummings, Education & Program Manager
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THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA & 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.





Archaeological Institute of America lecturer and host **COLLEEN BATEY** has excavated widely at several major Viking sites, including Jarlshof in Shetland, Orphir in Orkney, and Hofstaðir in Iceland. Colleen's main research interests lie in the field of Viking and Late Norse archaeology, particularly in the Northern Isles of Scotland; Caithness, Scotland; and the North Atlantic region. Most recently, she published a major book on her work at the Earl's Bu, Orphir, Orkney, where a Norse horizontal mill was identified as part of the Earl's Hall and round church complex. This work provides indications of local farming as well as international and national trading connections. In addition, Colleen is actively involved in the research of Viking pagan graves in Scotland.

Colleen has spent nearly 30 years working with small expedition ships, undertaking visits to the main UNESCO site in Orkney, for example, in addition to those in Greenland, Newfoundland, and the Baltic region. This has included seven prior AIA-sponsored cruises in the North Atlantic and the Baltic Sea. She now lives in Orkney permanently. In early 2026, Colleen was appointed Honorary Inaugural Professor for the World Heritage Site in Durham, England. She also holds Fellowships in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Durham (from where she graduated as both undergraduate and Ph.D.) as well as at the University of the Highlands and Islands in Scotland.



Jarlshof, Scotland



Reine, Lofoten

HIGHLIGHTS

LINGER in Norway's most beautiful fjords including **Sognefjord**, Norway's longest; **Hardangerfjord**, the "Queen of Fjords"; and **Lysefjord** beneath Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock).

UNCOVER layers of ancient history with visits to Scotland's mysterious **Pictish Stones**; the prehistoric and Norse settlement of **Jarlshof** in the Shetland Islands; Stavanger's world-renowned **Archaeological Museum**; and the **Hopperstad Stave Church**, one of the oldest in Norway.

WATCH for extraordinary wildlife — puffins, gannets, and sea eagles overhead, and minke whales, porpoises, and seals in the waters of Norway's southern fjords in summer.

DISCOVER Loen's **Kjenndal Valley**, with sweeping glacier views, serene lake crossings, and a breathtaking ride on the **Loen Skylift**.

EXPLORE the valleys and farms of **Sunnfjord**, a quieter, more intimate fjord experience; and connect with local life during a day in **Bygstad**, a quiet inland community seldom visited on cruise itineraries.

CALL ON Rosendal for an opportunity to walk in beautiful **Hatteberg Valley** or take in the icy magic of **Folgefonna Glacier**.

STEP ASHORE at peaceful, picturesque towns, fishing villages, and farms off the beaten track—splendid Art Nouveau **Ålesund**, set on a cluster of coastal islands, and charming **Lillesand**, for its picturesque collection of traditional, white-painted, wooden houses.





Sognefjord



Ålesund

ITINERARY

Tuesday, June 29 - Wednesday, June 30

DEPART HOME / ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND

Depart home on overnight flights to Aberdeen, Scotland. Arrive in Scotland's historic "Granite City" on June 30th and transfer to the heart of the city for an overnight stay. In the evening, gather with fellow travelers for a festive welcome orientation and reception. *Sandman Signature Aberdeen Hotel and Spa* (R)

Thursday, July 1

ABERDEEN / EMBARK *HEBRIDEAN SKY*

Spend the morning exploring **Old Aberdeen**, including **St. Machar's Cathedral**, or take an excursion along the **Pictish Stones Trail** to see intricately carved relics of Scotland's ancient people. Enjoy a traditional Scottish lunch before embarking our ship and cruising in the evening toward the Shetland Islands. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)

Friday, July 2

LERWICK, SHETLAND ISLANDS

Arrive this morning in **Lerwick**, capital of the Shetland Islands, to explore its lively harbor and Norse heritage. Visit nearby **Jarlshof**, an extraordinary archaeological site spanning 4,000 years from ancient dwellings to Viking longhouses. Return to sea this afternoon as the lecture series begins and gather this evening for the Captain's welcome reception and dinner. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,R,D)

Saturday, July 3

VIK, SOGNEFJORD, NORWAY

Wake this morning in Norway, cruising majestic **Sognefjord**, the country's largest and deepest fjord. Come ashore in the village of Vik to visit the ornate **Hopperstad Stave Church**, the 12th-century **Hove Stone Church**, and the **ancient Mohaugane burial mounds**. Sample "**gamalost**," a **traditional Viking-era cheese**, still crafted locally, before spending the afternoon on deck cruising through dramatic fjord scenery and attending enriching lectures. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)

Sunday, July 4

ÅLESUND

Enjoy a relaxing morning at sea as the lecture series continues. Following lunch onboard, spend the afternoon in **Ålesund**, one of Scandinavia's most picturesque towns,

celebrated for its fairytale Art Nouveau architecture rebuilt after the great fire of 1904. Ålesund offers three optional excursions: **1.** a visit to a historic World War II bunker carved into the mountain above the city; **2.** a coach tour through the scenic Giske Islands; or **3.** an in-depth guided walking tour of the city, including Mt. Aksla, followed by free time to explore at leisure. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)

Monday, July 5

LOEN

Disembark in the beautiful village of Loen for a drive through the dramatic **Kjenndal Valley** for a boat cruise across **Loen Lake**, surrounded by towering peaks and glacier arms. Enjoy homemade waffles at Kjenndalsbre Fjellstove before continuing to the **Kjenndalsbre Glacier** viewpoint, an arm of the mighty **Jostedal Glacier**. Return to Loen for a free afternoon to explore independently—perhaps riding the cable car for sweeping fjord views—before an evening cruise through Nordfjord. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, July 6

BYGSTAD

Our lecture series continues this morning while cruising to Bygstad, an inland community where ships seldom venture and home to the hidden gem of **Sunnifjord**. Come ashore for a guided valley walk past cascading waterfalls, emerald pastures, and idyllic farms framed by steep mountains. Visit **local homesteads** to learn about life in this fjord land community where traditions endure.

Hebridean Sky
(B,L,D)



Wednesday, July 7

ROSENDAL

Choose from a variety of excursions today: **1.** visit the elegant **Baroniet Rosendal**, Scandinavia's only Renaissance-era manor, where formal gardens and aristocratic history reveal Norway's ties to continental Europe; **2.** discover the power of ice at the **Folgefonna Glacier & Nature Center**, offering insight into Norway's dramatic glacial landscapes; or **3.** hike the scenic Hatteberg Valley, surrounded by waterfalls, forests, and soaring mountains. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)

Thursday, July 8

HARDANGERFJORD, "QUEEN OF THE FJORDS"

Arrive this morning in **Hardangerfjord**, one of Norway's most celebrated fjords, for its breathtaking combination of snow-crowned peaks, thundering waterfalls, and fertile orchards. Disembark in the traditional village of **Eidfjord**, with the chance to visit **Hardangervidda Nature Center** and the roaring **Vøringsfossen Waterfall**, one of Norway's most spectacular. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)

Friday, July 9

LYSEFJORD & STAVANGER

Awake in picturesque **Lysefjord**, cruising its 23-mile length beneath the towering cliffs of **Preikestolen** (Pulpit Rock) and **Kjerag Mountain**. Continue to Stavanger, the coastal gem of southern Norway, to stroll the cobbled streets of the colorful old town or visit the **Archaeological Museum's** rich treasure trove of Viking-era artifacts. We cruise late tonight, allowing time for a final evening ashore in Norway. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,D)



Saturday, July 10

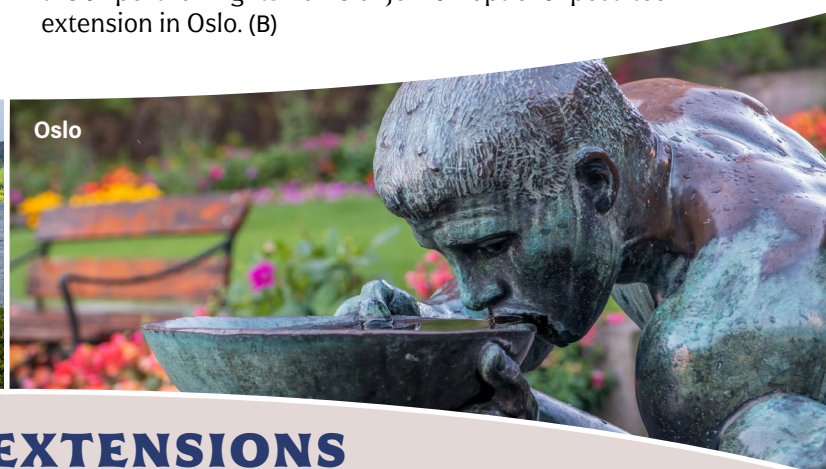
LILLESAND

Enjoy a final lecture from our expert team before arriving in **Lillesand**, a quintessential Norwegian summer town. Thanks to our smaller ship, we dock in the heart of town and step directly into its charming streets for a guided walking tour. Wander among white-painted wooden houses, inviting boutiques, and cozy cafés, with the option to enjoy lunch ashore. This afternoon, cruise toward Oslo through pine-fringed skerries, red boathouses, and quiet summer cottages along Norway's southern coast. Gather this evening for the Captain's farewell reception and dinner. *Hebridean Sky* (B,L,R,D)

Sunday, July 11

OSLO / DISEMBARK / HOME

After breakfast, disembark in Oslo. Travelers may transfer to the airport for flights home or join an optional post-tour extension in Oslo. (B)



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

June 26-30, 2027

THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

Spend three nights in historic Inverness at the *Kingsmills Hotel* dating back to 1785. Cruise the legendary Loch Ness, explore Urquhart Castle, and tour a top malt whisky distillery. Wander through an estate hailed by David Attenborough as "one of the glories of wild Scotland," and stroll the grounds of Balmoral Castle, home of the Royal Family since the 1800s. Adventure and history await around every corner.

Pre-Tour Extension Rates (Per Person)

Double Occupancy: \$3,590 / Single Occupancy: \$4,780

POST-TOUR EXTENSION

July 11-14, 2027

ART & ARCHAEOLOGY IN OSLO

After disembarking from the *Hebridean Sky*, explore Norway's capital city of Oslo for three nights, staying at the elegant and historic *Grand Hotel*, opened in 1874, and for over 140 years the host to international guests, world leaders, celebrities, and Nobel Peace Prize laureates. Highlights include Vigeland Sculpture Park, Norsk Folkemuseum, and the Fram Museum of Polar Exploration.

Post-Tour Extension Rates (Per Person)

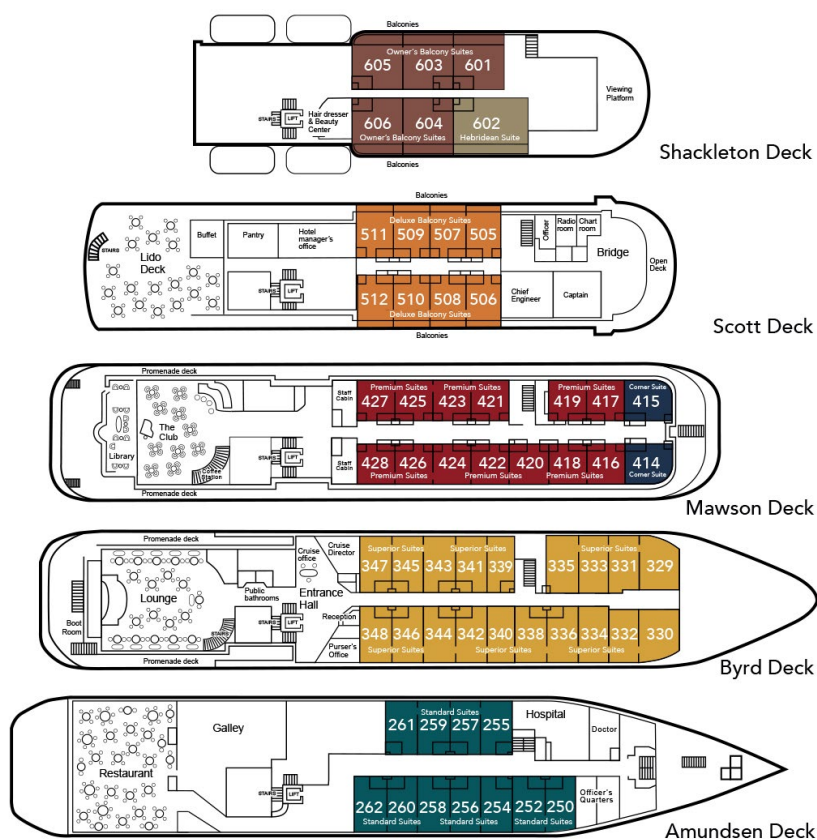
Double Occupancy: \$2,990 / Single Occupancy: \$3,785

Further details will be sent to confirmed participants.

Hebridean Sky

The *Hebridean Sky* has 59 exceptionally spacious and well-designed suites. Each suite has ocean views, and several suites have private balconies. All suites feature a sitting room, ensuite bathroom, flat screened TV, spacious wardrobes, a dressing table, and beds that can be configured as twins or a double. After a major refurbishment in 2016, and further enhancements since, the *Hebridean Sky* now boasts beautifully designed public spaces including a large lounge, elegant club and bar with piano, library, and two outdoor seating areas. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. Onboard chefs prepare international and regional cuisine served at a single open seating in the Restaurant or on the Lido Deck, weather permitting. A friendly crew provides exceptional service with a 1:2 crew to passenger ratio. The ship features advanced satellite navigation and communication equipment, roll stabilizers, and a fleet of Zodiacs to access remote shorelines and islands.

CABIN CATEGORY RATES (per person):		DOUBLE	SINGLE
A	STANDARD SUITE (forward cabins 250 & 252) 226 sq ft, portholes	\$10,990	\$17,590
B	STANDARD SUITE (cabins 254-262) 226 sq ft, portholes	\$11,990	\$19,190
C	SUPERIOR SUITE 237 sq ft, picture window	\$13,990	\$22,390
D	PREMIUM SUITE 226 sq ft, picture window	\$15,990	—
E	CORNER SUITE 237 sq ft, picture windows	\$17,490	—
F	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE 225 sq ft plus 43 sq ft balcony	\$18,990	—
G	OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE 237 sq ft plus 86 sq ft balcony	\$20,490	—
H	HEBRIDEAN SUITE 264 sq ft plus 101 sq ft balcony	\$22,490	—



GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

One hotel night and ten nights aboard *Hebridean Sky* ■ Meals and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including eleven breakfasts, ten lunches and ten dinners ■ Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations ■ Shared airport transfers on group arrival and departure dates ■ Baggage handling ■ Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, waitstaff, guides, and drivers ■ Port charges ■ Entrance fees ■ Welcome and farewell wine receptions ■ House wine, beer, and soft drinks with lunches and dinners aboard the ship ■ Complete packet of pre-departure information ■ Professional tour manager throughout the program

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare ■ Passport/visa expenses ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates ■ Travel and trip cancellation insurance ■ Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options ■ 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, internet and email charges ■ Room service ■ Other items of a personal nature

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 or by e-mail at tou flights@vwti.com. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program, at times physically demanding and busy, with considerable walking at some sites over cobblestone, hills, and uneven terrain. Hiking options are available in some ports, with distances of up to three miles. In some instances, elevators are unavailable, and stairs may not have handrails. You will need to climb into and out of Zodiacs for several excursions ashore—and there may be additional use of the Zodiacs to take advantage of opportunities that arise. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Limited medical facilities are available on-board *Hebridean Sky*. All participants will be required to follow safety protocols set forth by Criterion Travel, local staff, and host country laws.

GROUP SIZE

This program can accommodate 96 participants, including travelers from Archaeological Institute of America, Harvard Alumni Travels, Princeton Journeys, and World Affairs Council.

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.

CABIN CATEGORY RATES

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

Complete Terms and Conditions, including Statement of Responsibility, will be made available to you at the time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release

from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

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 Street, Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 or fax to 603-756-2922. Balance of payment is due 120 days prior to departure (March 1, 2027). We accept checks, payable to "Eos AIA ScotlandNorwayCRI6/27" 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.

PARTICIPANT CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After March 1, 2027 final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. 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 hotel or aboard any 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 else 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 leader 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) DATE OF BIRTH

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CITY / STATE / ZIP

HOME PHONE MOBILE PHONE

EMAIL #1

EMAIL #2

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program?

☐ Yes

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to "Eos AIA ScotlandNorwayCRI6/27") for _____ place(s) on *Highlands, Islands & Fjords*.

☐ Please charge the deposit to my (circle one): VISA / MC / AMEX

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD # EXP. DATE / CVV SECURITY CODE

CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE

ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

Cabin category preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Bed Preference: ☐ Queen ☐ Twin

☐ I'd like to know about roommates. I am a ☐ non-smoker ☐ smoker
I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of March 1, 2027 I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the tour information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

SIGNATURE #1 DATE

SIGNATURE #2 DATE



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