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Visit the 5,000-year-old Neolithic ruins of the Standing Stones of Callanish on the Isle of Lewis



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10 DAY ITINERARY

- 1 Depart home city
- 2 Glasgow, Scotland/
Embark LE BELLOT (D)
- 3 Isle of Iona/
Tobermory, Isle of Mull (B,L,R,D)
- 4 Stornoway for Callanish
Standing Stones/Isle of Lewis (B,L,D)
- 5 Tvøroyri, Faroe Islands, Denmark
(B,L,D)
- 6 Tórshavn/Vestmanna (B,L,D)
- 7 Cruising the North Atlantic Ocean
(B,L,D)
- 8 Djúpivogur, Iceland, for Jökulsárlón
(B,L,D)
- 9 Heimaey, Westman Islands/
Cruise along Surtsey Island (B,L,R,D)
- 10 Reykjavík/Disembark ship/
Return to home city (B)

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Dear Traveler,

The earliest records of the Vikings arriving in Gaelic regions of Scotland date from the 8th century, as legions of seafaring warriors sought their fortunes in a new part of the world. Our new, specially curated, 10-day program explores the mighty Norse-Gael kingdom's legendary impact from Scotland to Iceland via the Faroe Islands.

I invite you to join **AIA lecturer and host Mary MacLeod Rivett** to cruise the North Atlantic Ocean from Glasgow to the remote Faroes and then to Reykjavik, enjoying the luxuries of the **exclusively chartered, five-star Le BELLOT—featuring only 92 suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony.**

Admire the austere beauty of the Inner Hebridean **Isles of Iona and Mull** and the ancient treasure of **Iona Abbey** en route to the picturesque port of **Tobermory**. Learn more about the **Standing Stones of Callanish** on an excursion to explore the 5,000-year-old Neolithic ruins on the Isle of Lewis. Visit breathtaking **Tvoroyri** and **Tórshavn** on the archipelago of the Faroe Islands before continuing to Iceland, calling at **Djúpivogur**. Learn about “Pompeii of the North” and the historic Eldfell volcano eruption on a visit to the **Eldheimar Museum**, and complete your journey with a cruise along Iceland’s UNESCO-inscribed **Surtsey**, one of Earth’s youngest islands.

Our superb AIA lecturer, Dr. Mary MacLeod Rivett, is an archaeologist who is intimately familiar with the history of the North Atlantic, having spent years living and working in the Hebrides and with extensive fieldwork and research experience throughout the United Kingdom and North Atlantic. She has accompanied several previous AIA-sponsored cruises in this region, as well as many land tours in the Scottish Isles, and always receives high praise. Mary will be part of a **team of onboard lecturers**.

We are sharing this voyage with other organizations, so this exclusive travel program is expected to sell out quickly. I urge you to reserve your space now, while early booking savings are still available.

Sincerely,

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

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Dr. Mary MacLeod Rivett was born in London, England, to a Scottish-Canadian family. Her father’s family was from Scotland’s Outer Hebrides, and she spent a lot of time in the Hebrides as a child. Mary earned her B.A. from the University of Cambridge, and her M.A. from the University of York. She worked and studied in different parts of the world, including five years in Sweden, until she finished her Ph.D. at the University of Glasgow in 1999, looking at the development of towns in the Viking world. Her publications include many articles on the archaeology of the Viking Age, and of the north of Scotland. Mary began her present job with Historic Environment Scotland after eight years lecturing on Viking Age and Mediaeval archaeology at the University of the Highlands and Islands. She lives between Edinburgh and the Outer Hebrides. Mary will be joined on this trip by her husband, landscape painter **Simon Rivett**. Simon trained in Fine Art at University of London, Goldsmiths’ College, and has been painting landscape from his days as a student. Initially this was the industrial landscape of his home town in Newcastle, then the unique landscapes of the Outer Hebrides and North Atlantic islands, including Iceland, before moving recently to live in Edinburgh. Mary has been a popular and highly-rated lecturer on thirteen AIA tours since 2002.

ABOUT AIA TOURS

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.

The safety and well-being of our travelers remains our highest priority. Cruise lines and some other providers of services (as well as, potentially, some countries) require all passengers traveling on our programs to present confirmation of a full COVID-19 vaccination, and, as well, passengers may have to produce evidence of a recent negative COVID test. All our staff are committed to adhering to all health and safety protocols from the start of your trip to the end as directed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, overseas health officials as well as those protocols mandated by your cruise company (if applicable) and other suppliers of services. Detailed protocol information tailored to your travel program will be mailed to you along with additional pre-departure information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Discover the Faroes



The lush, green archipelago of 18 islands known as the Faroes dates back to the Ice Age, when volcanic activity and glaciers carved its captivating cliffs, waterfalls, and rocky coastlines. Tucked between Norway and Iceland, the name *Føroyar*, or *Faroe*, is Old Norse for “sheep,” which continue to outnumber residents by nearly two to one. Traditionally thought to be settled by the Norse in the 9th century, recent archaeological investigations suggest that the islands may have been home to Celtic-speaking people from Britain, Ireland, or both, as early as A.D. 500. Nevertheless, the archipelago remained isolated for centuries after the Norse arrived. 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 beauty.





Tobermory, Scotland

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Home city/
Glasgow, Scotland/
Embark ship

**Friday, May 26 and
Saturday, May 27**

Depart your home city and arrive on May 27th in Glasgow, famed for its elegant Victorian homes, public buildings, and a storied trade and ship building history, and embark the LE BELLOT.

Isle of Iona/
Tobermory, Isle of Mull
Sunday, May 28

Cruise to the Isle of Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland, and stroll through the serene, restored abbey and see the churchyard's intricate Celtic crosses. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in the picturesque port of Tobermory. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening.

Stornoway
for Callanish
Standing Stones/
Isle of Lewis

Monday, May 29

Call at Stornoway on the Isle of Lewis and continue on an excursion to the 5,000-year-old Neolithic ruins of the Standing Stones of Callanish. Among Scotland's best-preserved ruins, the stones form a cross shape and predate Stonehenge. Although no known reason for their existence remains, historians and archaeologists speculate that the Standing



Puffins

Stones were once a setting for ritual activities and astronomical observances.

Discover Dun Carloway Pictish Broch, one of the best-preserved of its kind in the Hebrides, and continue north to see the Gearrannan Blackhouse Village.

After lunch on board the ship, enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore Stornoway, or choose to visit Lewis Castle.

Tvøroyri, Faroe Islands,
Denmark

Tuesday, May 30

Arrive in Tvøroyri and visit the black wooden Faroese church, built in 1847 with a traditional turf roof. Continue to the village of Sumba and the Akraberg lighthouse to look

for puffins, kittiwakes, gannets, and migrating warblers.

Tórshavn/Vestmanna
Wednesday, May 31

In Tórshavn, explore the historic neighborhood of Tinganes. Transfer to Kirkjubour to visit the ruins of St. Magnus Cathedral and the 900-year-old Roystovan, the oldest wooden house in Europe. Continue to Kollafjordur to visit a traditional Faroese church and see the Duvugardar national heritage museum in the remote village of Saksun.

Cruising the North
Atlantic Ocean

Thursday, June 1

Enjoy five-star amenities on board or attend an enriching lecture as you cruise the North Atlantic Ocean.

Djúpivogur, Iceland,
for Jökulsárlón

Friday, June 2

On a drive from Djúpivogur, enjoy the beauty of the snow-capped mountains that rise amidst the grassy



Private boat through Jökulsárlón, Iceland



900-year-old Roystovan, Faroe Islands

plains. Continue to the legendary Jökulsárlón ice lagoon in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatnajökull National Park. Embark specially designed boats for a private cruise and the chance to touch ice blocks broken from Breidamerkurjökull, one of Vatnajökull's glacier outlets.

Heimaey, Westman Islands/Cruise along Surtsey Island

Saturday, June 3

Visit Heimaey Island for a tour of the Herjólfsdalur valley and its Viking ruins. Continue to Stórhöfði's lava fields of Eldfell, known as the "Pompeii of the North," and tour the Eldheimar Museum.

Cruise past Surtsey Island and attend the Captain's Farewell Reception this evening.

Reykjavík/Disembark ship/Return to home city

Sunday, June 4

Following breakfast, disembark and continue on the Reykjavík Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Heimaey, Westman Islands, Iceland



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Category	LAND/CRUISE RATES <small>excluding taxes</small> <small>Per person, based on double occupancy</small>	Early Booking Rate through Oct. 21, 2022	Rate after Oct. 21, 2022
8	Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony . <i>Deck 3, midship.</i>	\$5,995	\$6,895
7	Prestige stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony . <i>Deck 4, midship.</i>	\$6,595	\$7,585
6	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . <i>Deck 5, midship and aft.</i>	\$6,995	\$8,045
5	Prestige stateroom with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . <i>Deck 6, midship and aft.</i>	\$7,595	\$8,735
4	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . <i>Deck 3, midship.</i>	\$8,395	\$9,655
3	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . <i>Deck 4, midship.</i>	\$8,995	\$10,345
2	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . <i>Deck 5, midship.</i>	\$9,595	\$11,035
1	Deluxe suite with expansive sliding glass door, private balcony . <i>Deck 6, midship.</i>	\$10,295	\$11,835
Prestige Suite II	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony , two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 5, midship.</i>	\$11,295	\$12,985
Prestige Suite I	Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony , two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <i>Deck 6, midship.</i>	\$11,995	\$13,795
Privilege Suite	Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, larger private balcony , one bathroom, sitting area with sofa. <i>Decks 5 and 6, aft.</i>	\$12,995	\$14,945
Grand Deluxe Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace , full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 6, aft.</i>	\$13,995	\$16,095
Owner's Suite	Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, spacious private terrace with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <i>Deck 5, aft.</i>	\$14,995	\$17,245

Single supplements apply across all categories at 160% of the per person double price (limited availability).

Taxes are an additional \$515 per person.

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PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

Edinburgh and Glasgow

May 23 to 27, 2023

Explore two of Scotland's great cities intertwined with Celtic history. In Edinburgh, tour the medieval Old Town and Neoclassical New Town—both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. See the Crown Jewels of Scotland on a visit to the legendary Edinburgh Castle and enjoy a special viewing at the renowned Museum of Scotland. Explore Glasgow's 12th-century cathedral and the St. Mungo Museum, named after a patron saint who brought the Christian faith to Scotland in the 6th century. Spend three nights in the five-star SHERATON GRAND EDINBURGH.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,595

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



POST-PROGRAM OPTION

Reykjavík and the Golden Circle

June 4 to 7, 2023

The captivating city of Reykjavík and its surrounding natural wonders provide you with the perfect conclusion to Iceland. Tour the legendary Golden Circle—UNESCO World Heritage-designated Þingvellir National Park, the thundering terraced cataract of Gullfoss and Strokkur, possibly the world's most iconic fountain geyser. Enjoy a full-day excursion to The Reykjanes Peninsula, a UNESCO Global Geopark and natural marvel with an array of lighthouses and the famous Blue Lagoon. Accommodations are for three nights in the deluxe HOTEL BORG.

Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,595

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Edinburgh and Glasgow Pre-Program Option**May 23 to 27, 2023**

- ☐ Double \$1,595 per person.
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☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.

Reykjavík and the Golden Circle Post-Program Option**June 4 to 7, 2023**

- ☐ Double \$1,595 per person.
☐ Single \$1,995 per person.
☐ I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations.
☐ I/We want you to book my/our air (at additional cost) from:

(fill in departure city)

- ☐ I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

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upon confirmation or request.**

First participant's signature Date

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**Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and must be by check,
ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for
final payment.**

***No land/cruise cancellation fees until 95 days prior to departure
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