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*Trojan Travel*

June 4 to 12, 2025

# Scottish Isles & Norwegian Fjords



# The Rugged Beauty of Scotland and Norway

Across the mist-enshrouded peaks, sensuous glens and velvet moors of Scotland, and through the unsurpassed natural beauty of Norway's mighty fjords, the legacies of Viking and Celtic clans are entwined with rich traditions and compelling archaeological heritage. On this unforgettable sea journey, stand in awe before 5,000-year-old ancient ceremonial standing stones; uncover Neolithic houses, a Bronze Age village and an Iron Age brooch; step inside sacred ancient abbeys, Viking cathedrals and legendary castles; and traverse majestic fjords aboard the breathtaking **Flåm Railway**. As you cruise along the North and Norwegian seas, and the mighty Sognefjord, you'll witness unparalleled, spectacular coastal and fjordland scenery. Along the way, experience the enchanting and sacred, emerald teardrop Isle of Iona; the archipelago of the sandstone-rimmed Orkney Islands; and the spectacular bird life, blue lochs and famous ponies of the Shetland Islands. Our 7-night exclusive cruise aboard the luxurious **World Traveller** takes you on the sea—and on the road “less traveled” — for a rare glimpse of the wild and poetic beauty of these epic destinations. Pre- and Post-extensions offer additional tours in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Copenhagen.

Front cover: *Sognefjord, Norway.*



Bryggen harbor, Bergen, Norway

The logo for the USC Alumni Association Trojan Travel. It features a stylized Trojan helmet on the left, followed by the text "USC Alumni Association" in a large, serif font, and "Trojan Travel" in a smaller, italicized serif font below it.

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Dear USC Alumni and Friends:

This exclusive itinerary traces the cultural crossroads of Scottish and Nordic civilizations during the best time of year, when the weather is mild and the days are long — a rare voyage accomplished only aboard a small ship cruising into smaller ports where larger vessels cannot venture. Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe **World Traveller**, featuring 100 suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony.

Journey from dynamic Glasgow to charming Bergen — where rows of colorful, gabled houses on the historic, UNESCO World Heritage site of the Bryggen waterfront evoke the city's past as a center of Hanseatic League trade. Navigate the ancient shipping lanes of the Vikings and gain an intimate perspective of Norway's spectacular mountain landscape aboard the **Flåm Railway**, one of the world's most scenic train rides.

On the Inner Hebridean Isle of Iona, marvel at the sacred abbey. Bask in the dramatic scenery of the Isle of Skye, with its 11 peaks of the Cuillin Mountains, and visit the evocative Eilean Donan castle. See the untamed shorelines, serrated sea stacks and crystal-clear waters of the Orkney Islands and learn more about the islands' fascinating Neolithic history. Immerse yourself in the Norse history of the tradition-steeped Shetland Islands.

Discover lochs and fjords, bagpipes, tartans and whisky. This unforgettable program will sell out quickly! Reserve now while space and the early booking discount are available. We anticipate much excitement and demand for this very special cruise. More details about this voyage and our other programs can be found at [TrojanTravel.usc.edu](http://TrojanTravel.usc.edu)

Fight On!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda J. Ball". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "L".

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## GUEST SPEAKER

### Neil Price, PhD

Neil Price is Distinguished Professor of Archaeology at the University of Uppsala in Sweden, where he also leads the Centre for the World in the Viking Age. A leading specialist in Norse history and traditional religions, his many publications include “The Viking Way,” “The Vikings” and “The Children of Ash and Elm: A History of the Vikings,” which was named a Times (UK) and Sunday Times Best History Book of the Year. Neil frequently consults on TV and film projects, including documentaries for the History Channel and “The Northman” movie. He currently directs one of Scandinavia’s largest archaeological research projects, “The Viking Phenomenon.”



*Viking long house, archaeology site of Jarlshof, Lerwick*



# Scottish Clans & Norwegian Vikings

The Men of the North were cast as barbarians who plundered their way across the known world during the enigmatic Viking Age, which prevailed for almost 300 years between the 8th and 11th centuries. They sailed on dragon ships from Norway to settle in Scotland around A.D. 800 — in Jarlshof on the Shetland Islands and in the Hebrides, where over one hundred villages are still known by their originally settled Norse names, solidifying the enduring historic link between Norway's Vikings and Scotland's clans. Some of Scotland's best-known clans — the Clan Donald and Clan MacLeod — came from Norse ancestry, influencing the distinct dialects still spoken today on the Orkney and Shetland Islands. The nuances and rich histories of these two complex and deeply intertwined cultures await your discovery across these verdant and storied lands.

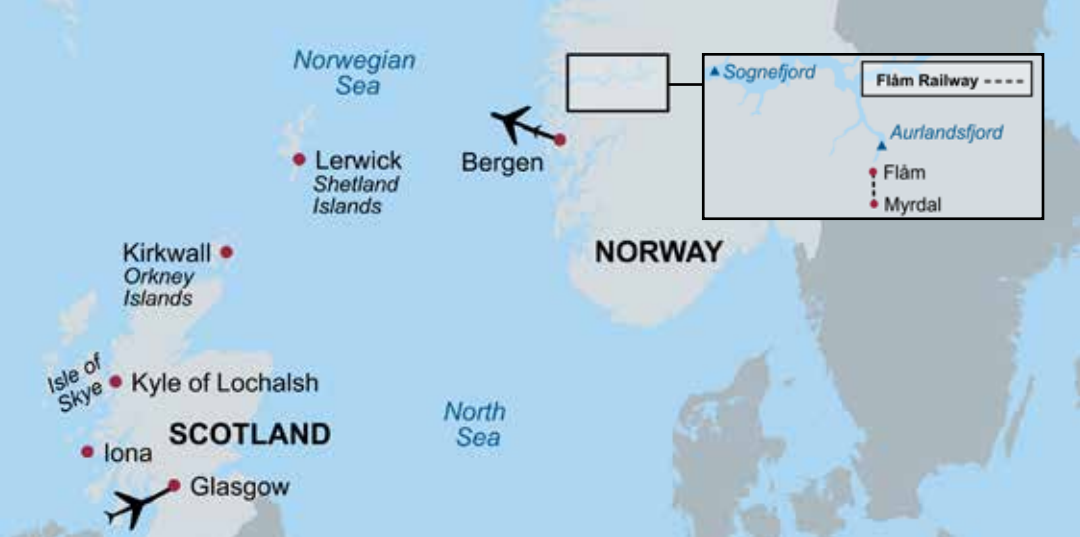


## INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ 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 4

Depart your home city for Glasgow, Scotland.

### Glasgow, Scotland/Embark

#### Day 2 | June 5

Arrive in Glasgow and transfer to embark *Atlas World Traveller*. Set sail accompanied by the soulful sounds of a Scottish bagpiper. (D)

### Isle of Iona

#### Day 3 | June 6

Visit the Inner Hebridean Isle of Iona, the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland and burial place of Scottish kings. Revel in an in-depth, guided visit to its restored abbey and marvel at the intricate Celtic crosses. Return to the ship for lunch on board with the option for leisure time back on shore to experience its idyllic beauty. Attend the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner. (B,L,R,D)

### Kyle of Lochalsh/ Isle of Skye

#### Day 4 | June 7

Visit Eilean Donan Castle, one of the world's most recognized castles — located on a tiny island in the midst of some of Scotland's most dramatic scenery. The castle is named for the sixth-century Irish saint who established the first community on the island. Learn the rich history of this castle, dating to the 13th century, and its clansmen. Take a scenic drive to admire the Isle of Skye with its 11 peaks of the Cuillin Mountains and dramatic peninsulas. Stop at Portree, a charming town founded 200 years ago as a fishing village by the local lord. (B,L,D)

### Kirkwall for Orkney Islands

#### Day 5 | June 8

Head into the west of Mainland, Orkney's largest island, to

visit the Neolithic Heartland of Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage site. View the sacred Standing Stones of Stenness and visit the early Orcadian settlement of Skara Brae to see the dwellings revealed from beneath the sand dunes. Then, follow the coastline of Scapa Flow, made famous for its role in both World Wars, before visiting St. Magnus Cathedral. Also known as the "Light of the North," the cathedral was built by Vikings during their 500-year reign over the islands. Embrace the sounds of a Scottish bagpiper as you re-board the ship in Kirkwall. This evening, enjoy a storyteller's performance of traditional Scottish tales. (B,L,D)

### Lerwick, Shetland Islands

#### Day 6 | June 9

Dock in Lerwick and travel to the island's southernmost point as you pass through the rural

Trolldaugen, Bergen, Norway



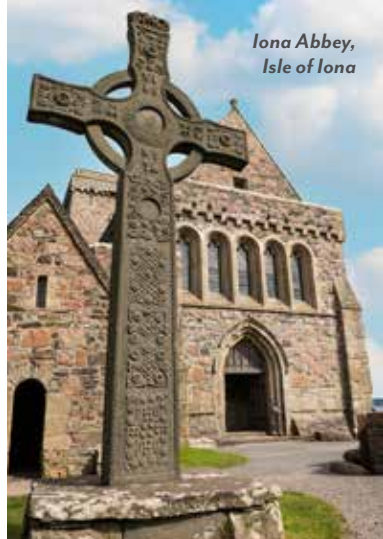
Fantoft Stavkirke, Norway



*Shetland ponies, Shetland Islands*



*Iona Abbey, Isle of Iona*



townships of Fladdabister with a view of the magnificent Mousa Broch — weather permitting — the tallest and best preserved broch in the world. Visit the incredible archaeological site of Jarlshof, uncovered by a violent storm in the winter of 1896 to 1897. See the remains of more than 4,000 years of human history, including an Iron Age broch and wheelhouse, late-Neolithic stone houses, a Bronze Age village, Norse longhouses and a 16th-century laird's house. Look for sightings of Shetland's famous ponies on the way back to the ship. (B,L,D)

### **Sognefjord, Norway/ Flâm Railway**

#### **Day 7 | June 10**

This morning, cruise the mighty Sognefjord, passing traditional farmsteads and villages flanked by majestic mountains and

glaciers. Enjoy a delicious lunch, then board the **Flâm Railway**, one of the world's most scenic train journeys, traveling 13 miles through 20 tunnels to Myrdal's mountaintop station. Watch as intriguing hamlets, snowcapped mountains and cascading waterfalls — including the awe-inspiring Kjosfossen — unfold along this branch of the world-renowned Bergen Line. (B,L,D)

### **Bergen**

#### **Day 8 | June 11**

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Bergen as you travel to the summer home and living museum of famed Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg. Stroll the grounds of Troldhaugen, Grieg's home for 22 years, where he composed many of his best-known works. The living museum features an exhibition center, concert hall,

composer's cabin and Grieg's villa dating from 1885. Then, visit the Fantoft Stavkirke, a 12th-century wooden stave church demolished by fire in 1992, and painstakingly rebuilt in its original post-and-lintel construction. Take a walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Bryggen, Bergen's historic waterfront. Enjoy time at leisure then the Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner this evening. (B,L,R,D)

### **Bergen/Disembark/ Return to Home City**

#### **Day 9 | June 12**

Following breakfast, continue on the Post-Program Option or transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

*Skara Brae, Orkney 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 4 to 12**  
(Embarkation: June 5)

Category-Description	Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1000 Savings*
<b>8</b> Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3	\$7,390	<b>\$6,390</b>
<b>7</b> Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$8,190	<b>\$7,190</b>
<b>6</b> Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$8,690	<b>\$7,690</b>
<b>5</b> Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$9,590	<b>\$8,590</b>
<b>4</b> Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$10,790	<b>\$9,790</b>
<b>3</b> Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$11,590	<b>\$10,590</b>
<b>2</b> Stateroom with balcony. Deck 6.	\$12,690	<b>\$11,690</b>
<b>1</b> Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$13,590	<b>\$12,590</b>
<b>Journey Suite 2</b> Suite with <b>large private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$14,690	<b>\$13,690</b>
<b>Journey Suite 1</b> Suite with <b>large private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$15,590	<b>\$14,590</b>
<b>Discovery Suite</b> Suite with <b>larger private balcony</b> and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$16,390	<b>\$15,390</b>
<b>Navigator 2 Suite</b> Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, <b>large private balcony</b> , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 5.	\$17,590	<b>\$16,590</b>
<b>Navigator 1 Suite</b> Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, <b>large private balcony</b> , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 6.	\$18,590	<b>\$17,590</b>

**\*Early Booking Savings of \$1000 are available when you book by 11/25/24 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

### Edinburgh and Glasgow

**June 1 to 5, 2025** (Program Begins: June 2)

Discover two of Scotland's greatest cities and their histories of clans, medieval knights and royal intrigue on a 3-night itinerary that includes visits to Edinburgh and Glasgow. Tour Edinburgh, visit Edinburgh Castle and see the Crown Jewels of Scotland. Explore the heart of Scotland to see Trossachs and Stirling Castle. In Glasgow, visit the Cathedral, Provand's Lordship and the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum. Accommodations are in the ideally located **Sheraton Grand Edinburgh**.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,795**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,295**

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*



## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

### Norway and Copenhagen

**June 12 to 17, 2025** (Program Ends: June 17)

Our 5-night itinerary extension explores Denmark's storied past, from the reign of Vikings to Danish royalty, while basking in majestic scenery. Visit Stalheim, 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 an award-winning **DFDS Seaways Ferry**.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$3,095**

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**Early Booking Savings\* available | Save \$2,000 per couple!**

*Bagpiper near Eilean Donan castle*



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