







From the chalk cliffs of England's Dover to Scotland's windswept Shetland Islands, there's a wealth of nature, culture, and history to be unearthed at every turn when exploring the magnificent British Isles. Our small expedition ships allow us to explore the coastline and isles in depth. We'll drop anchor at forgotten natural harbors and beaches and visit historic Welsh ports and Irish cities.

Birdwatchers are in for a special treat as we cruise to some of Europe's most important seabird colonies, while aficionados of culture and history will be enthralled with the British Isles, from museums and castles to ancient ruins.

Distinct countries and cultures

The British Isles are made up of several nations, each with its own intriguing culture, customs, history, governance, and even language. England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland collectively make up the 'United Kingdom'. We refer to the 'British Isles' when we include the hundreds of smaller islands, such as the Isle of Man. The Republic of Ireland is a separate country.

Each nation's character adds to the rich cultural tapestry of the British Isles, whether it's the quiet politeness of the English, the charisma of the Irish, the romantic and passionate Welsh, or the wit and humor of the Scottish. An expedition cruise with us will help you discover and savor these subtle differences for yourself.

A history stretching back to the mists of time

It's no secret that England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland are soaked in history. Almost everywhere you look, there's a castle, cathedral, or ancient ruin to explore. You'll see



this remarkable history right up close and feel the drama of the past. In seaports and coastal cities, you'll see rich maritime history, ranging from royal Tudor flagships to World War II battleships—and so much more.

With a cast of Romans, Vikings, and Normans having inhabited the region, you'll learn about the islands' complex pasts as you explore age-old monasteries and walk among the ruins of historical settlements. The legacies of ancient peoples remains, too. Few places conjure a mystical sense of antiquity as powerfully as the stone circles, standing stones, and other monuments erected during the Neolithic period.

Coastal nature and wildlife

The seas and coasts surrounding the British Isles are rich with wildlife, from humpback whales and basking sharks to dolphins and seals.

St. Kilda and the Treshnish Isles are home to immense colonies of seabirds, including Atlantic Puffins, razorbills, Black-legged Kittiwakes, and Northern Gannets. European Oystercatchers and

sandpipers are often seen near beaches, White-tailed and Golden Eagles soar above Scotland's islands and glens, and otters frequent the mouths of rivers.

There are also innumerable wildflowers, rockpool life, and smaller creatures to be discovered on the countless nature trails and coastal paths you'll have the opportunity to walk.

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British Isles

April - September 2022

St. Kilda

St. Kilda is a dual UNESCO World Heritage Site and the 'jewel in the crown' of the National Trust for Scotland. Its an unforgettable wildlife haven.

Stornoway

Originally a Viking settlement and now the capital on the Isle of Lewis and Harris, this isle offers interesting museums, Gothic Lews Castle, and the mysterious Callanish Standing Stones.

Atlantic Ocean

Rathlin Island

This L-shaped island boasts Northern Ireland's largest seabird colony and is ideal for exploring by bike or on foot to admire the natural beauty and enjoy the tranquility.

Belfast

Birthplace of the Titanic, the capital of Northern Ireland is filled with seafarer history, elegant Victorian architecture, and many places to try the local food, gin, and whiskey.

Join an exciting expedition cruise in the British Isles with us to discover its rugged nature and fascinating history.

Irish Sea IRELAND Celtic Sea WALES

This charming Welsh fishing village is split in two by a steep, winding hill. Enjoy beautifully landscaped gardens,

the ruins of Fishguard Fort, and views

of the Pembrokeshire coast.

Fishguard

Isles of Scilly

This enchanting English archipelago off the Cornish coast boasts beautiful, uncrowded, pristine islands and islets surrounded by turquoise waters and reefs.



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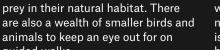
Fauna of the British Isles

With wildlife-rich seas, hundreds of uninhabited islands, and ecologically diverse coasts, the British Isles are a haven for creatures great and small.

Natural inspiration

On an expedition cruise to the British Isles, there's much to delight the nature enthusiasts. Birdwatchers will be delighted to get right up close to some of Europe's greatest seabird breeding colonies and experience the clamor and commotion of thousands of Northern Gannets, Atlantic Puffins, Northern Fulmars, and more. Other nature movers will rejoice in observing seals, otters, and birds of





Seas rich in marine life

guided walks.

Head up to the observation deck and keep an eye out for marine life. Some 16 species of cetacean—a whale, dolphin, or porpoise—can regularly be observed, from pods of common dolphins to the graceful humpback

whale. During the summer months, mighty whale sharks visit these isles, along with enormous Atlantic bluefin tuna and the peculiar-looking ocean sunfish.





A bright beak – The Atlantic Puffin is adored around the world for its soulful eyes and colorful, oversized beak. In the winter, the colorful parts of its bill fall off, leaving behind a gray beak that becomes orange again in the spring. It's thought that the brighter the color, the better chance a puffin has of attracting a mate. The puffin uses its beak to hold fish in neat stacks, securing the fish with his tongue.



Song of the seas – The humpback is the most common species of whale to be found in British waters. These gentle giants are known for their acrobatics and their complex and magical 'songs', which can last up to 30 minutes, and whose sounds can travel through the water over vast distances. Sounding like a long series of clicks, deep bass noises, and whines, only the males make these melodies. Scientists have spent years trying to understand what they are saying, yet it still remains a mystery.



A tale of tails – The common
European otter has made something
of a comeback across the British Isles
in recent years. Closely related to
badgers and ferrets, the otter has a
powerful tail that enables it to swim
very fast. Its tail is also used to fight
off rivals, as a 'third leg' when standing
upright, and as a rudder when floating
on its back. Look for them at river
mouths and in lochs.



Explore the beautiful, scenic British Isles, from rugged cliffs and remote islands that are havens for wildlife to historic cities filled with culture.

Experience the best of the British Isles on shore landings, guided walks, and nature treks. Amble along sandy shorelines, coastal footpaths, rocky islands, and remote lochs. You'll also explore captivating ports and cities, such as Liverpool, Portsmouth, Glasgow, Waterford, and Belfast.



Landings with small boats (RIBs)**

Your expedition ship will take you to wild places where there are no jetties or docks to get ashore! This is where our small boats (RIBs) come in. From landings on beaches and remote islands to Scottish lochs and wide, English estuaries, our small boats (RIBs) will bring you directly to the natural wonders of the British Isles.

^{*} Please note that these are optional activities subject to additional cost.

^{**} Not available on all British Isles expedition cruises.



Town and city walks

There are many fascinating villages, ports, and cities around the British Isles to explore by foot. From the picturesque, Viking-founded city of Waterford, Ireland, to small fishing villages on the coast of Cornwall, there are plenty of trails and nature walks within a short distance from wherever we dock.



Nature walks*

With the Expedition Team or local guides, join walks to viewpoints and sites of interest, such as the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland and the fabulous Tresco Abbey Garden on the Isles of Scilly. Wherever we go, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy the scenery by foot, and your guides will take you to the most scenic spots for you to enjoy.



Wildlife watching

While we're cruising the British Isles, there'll be an abundance of wildlife to keep an eye out for. St. Kilda and the Treshnish Isles are home to colonies of thousands of seabirds, while otters, seals, and shorebirds can be observed around the coasts. From the observation deck, see if you can spot one or more of the 16 types of whale and dolphin species inhabiting these waters.

Science Center

The microscopes and other high-tech equipment in our onboard Science Center allow for hands-on demonstrations and workshops, deepening your understanding of the places you visit. You can also participate in Citizen Science projects, which contribute to current scientific research projects.





Lectures and talks

On board and ashore, members of the Expedition Team give in-depth lectures on a variety of topics to enhance your cruise. The subjects chosen are specific to your destination and cover the unique histories, cultures, and wildlife of the British Isles.

Photo program

This included program is designed for photographers of all skill levels, giving you tips that will help you better capture the spectacular, picturesque British Isles. There may also be the opportunity to join an intensive one to two hour Photo Adventures* session.



Shore excursions*

Our optional shore excursions offer you additional ways to immerse yourself in the places we visit. Visit one of the nine whisky distilleries on the Isle of Islay, experience the world's largest indoor tropical rainforest at the Eden Project in Cornwall, or choose another fine optional excursion.





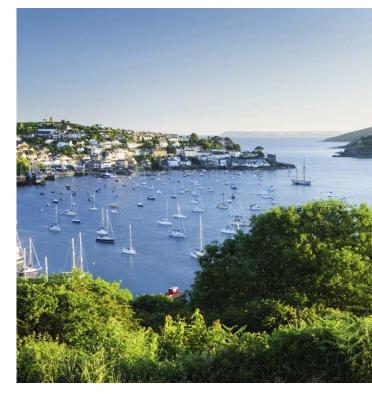
Historic ports in England and Ireland

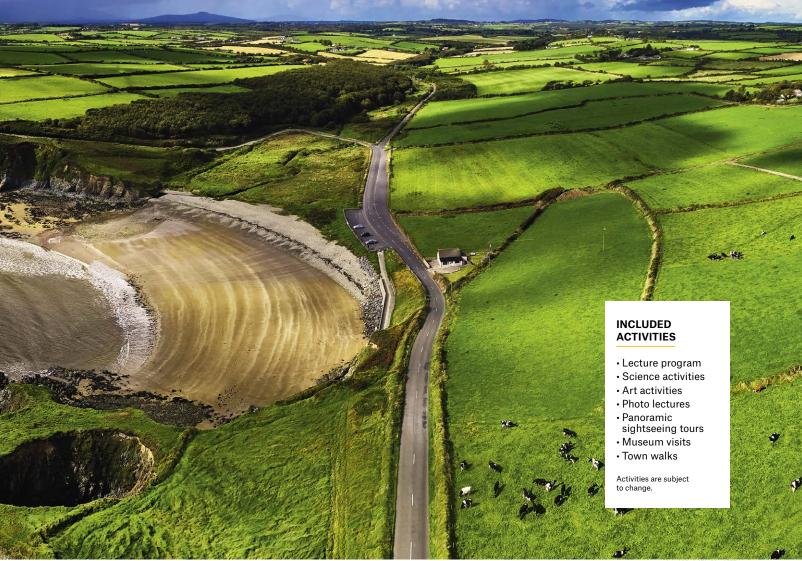
Voyage back in time as we sail up the beautiful coasts of England and Ireland. After embarkation in Portsmouth, which played a key role in World War II, we'll visit Fowey, in Cornwall, where pirates once smuggled rum and gold along the picturesque coast. Then we'll head to Waterford, Ireland, founded by the Vikings in the 9th century. We'll finish in Liverpool, a city steeped in modern popular culture and nostalgia.

There'll be plenty to entice curious, from ancient ruins, castles, and Viking settlements, to picturesque fishing villages and famous historic ships. You'll visit Cornwall's rugged coastline and rocky coves and the nearby Eden Project, which features the world's largest indoor tropical rainforest.

Cultural highlights, learning, and relaxation

There will also be plenty of time to wander and discover at the ports, where you can pop into old pubs, sample cream teas in quaint harborside cafés, or stroll along sandy beaches. Our experienced Expedition Team is on hand to ensure you'll have the best possible experience on this short but eventful cruise, both on board and ashore.









Above: Copper coast, Waterford, Ireland Left: Fowey, England



Day 1: Portsmouth Day 2: Fowey

Day 3: Waterford Day 4: Liverpool

Price from USD \$1,157 per person, double occupancy

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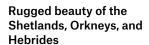
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THE SCOTTISH ISLES -**WHISKY AND** WILDLIFE FROM THE HEBRIDES TO THE SHETLANDS

SOUTHBOUND

Discover Scotland's rugged and magnificent isles as we sail from Bergen to Glasgow, sampling unique malts and admiring amazing wildlife along the way.



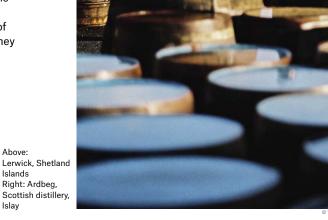
After embarking in Bergen, we'll head across the North Sea to visit the archeological treasures of the Shetland Islands. Next, we'll visit lonely Fair Isle, home to incredible birdlife. Our first 'whisky stop' is at Kirkwall, in the Orkneys, whose roots go back to the Viking age.

On the Isle of Lewis and Harris, you'll find pristine beaches, tweed workshops, and the mysterious Callanish Stone Circle. While tiny St. Kilda is a UNESCO World Heritage Site deserted by humans and rewilded by birds.

Diverse landscapes and unique whiskies

Next, we'll visit the peaceful Isle of Canna. Then, we'll visit the Isle of Skye to pay homage to the ethereal beauty of Loch Coruisk. After visiting the wildlife haven in the Treshnish Isles, we'll move on to mystical lona, which has a famous abbey.

Whisky is on the menu at many of our stops, and on the Isle of Islay, there are nine distilleries to choose from. There'll be a port stop at the Isle of Man before we visit the historic maritime city of Belfast. We'll end our journey in cosmopolitan Glasgow.





Lerwick, Shetland Islands Right: Ardbeg, Scottish distillery Islay





Peel ISLE OF MAN

IRISH SEA

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Day 1: Bergen

Day 2: Lerwick

Day 3: Fair Isle

Day 4: Kirkwall

Day 5: Stornoway

Day 6: St. Kilda

Day 7: Loch Scavaig &

Isle of Canna

Day 8: Isle of Iona &

Treshnish Isles

Day 9: Oban

Day 10: Isle of Islay

Day 11: Peel

Day 12: Belfast

Day 13: Glasgow

Price from USD \$5,323 per person, double occupancy

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BRITISH ISLES REMOTE ISLANDS, NATURAL WONDERS, AND A DIVERSE COASTLINE

Enjoy a unique coastal expedition along the full length of the British Isles, discovering the diverse wildlife, nature, and distinct cultural heritage of these wide-ranging destinations.

Nature and heritage

After embarking in Dover, we'll sail along the south coast of England and up the west coast of the British Isles to the Hebrides before returning to Dover.

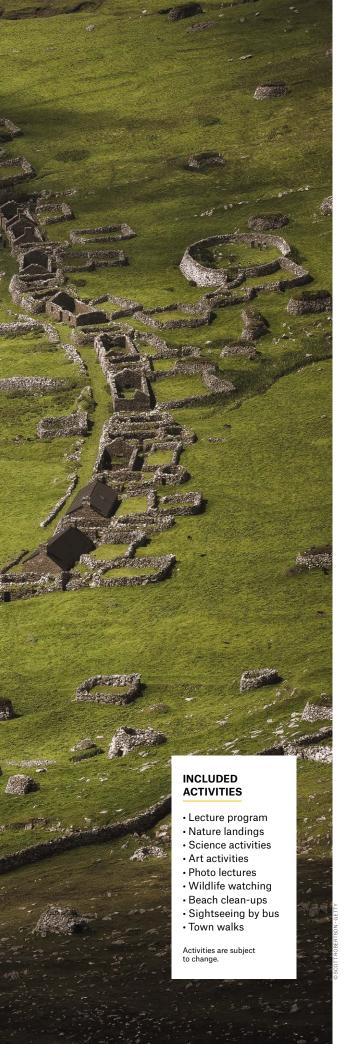
We'll feature stops at different ports while traveling in each direction. This expedition is full of discovery, taking in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland, and the Hebrides Islands. See how nature and heritage have distinctly shaped the culture of each destination. Alongside picturesque towns and historical landmarks, we'll encounter wild landscapes, scenic coastal paths, and impressive natural landforms.

Natural wonders and history

Bird enthusiasts will be in awe of the birdlife on Rathlin Island and at the largest seabird colony in Europe on the UNESCO-listed archipelago of St. Kilda. Then, you'll learn about the ancient history of the Isle of Man and Waterford, Ireland, and marvel at the Devon's scenic beauty. Drink in the views of the 'whisky island' of Islay, while the natural acoustics of Fingal's Cave will have you singing on the Isle of Staffa.

The true meaning of expedition cruising will become apparent as we head for rarely visited destinations and take you on nature landings, while our knowledgeable and experienced Expedition Team is always on hand to guide you and ensure you get the most out of your cruise.







Above: Coastal path, Pembrokeshire, Wales Left: St. Kilda, Outer Hebrides



Day 1: Dover

Day 2: At Sea

Day 3: Fishguard

Day 4: Rathlin Island

Day 5: Isle of Iona & Staffa

Day 6: St. Kilda, Hirta Island

Day 7: Stornoway, Lewis

Day 8: Isle of Islay

Day 9: Douglas

Day 10: Waterford

Day 11: Isles of Scilly

Day 12: Dartmouth

Day 13: Dover

Price from **USD \$7,061** per person, double occupancy

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Adventure, at your own pace

On this exciting expedition cruise, we'll make full use of the ship's fleet of small boats (RIBs). Opportunities abound for exploring remote islands and wandering lonely beaches at your own pace, while immersed in the wild beauty of the Inner and Outer Hebrides.

After embarking in Glasgow, we'll visit the Isle of Arran, considered 'Scotland in miniature'. It features a little bit of all the wonders a guest might seek on a Scottish island. Then, we're off to the Isle of Islay, which has nine whisky distilleries. Next, mystical Iona awaits you, before we discover the remarkable wildlife of the uninhabited Treshnish Isles. The wild nature of the UNESCO World Heritage

Site of St. Kilda, evacuated by humans and returned to the wild, will amaze you.

Island odyssey

Turning back east, we'll call at Stornoway. Here, you can see Harris Tweed being woven before we drop anchor at the amazing, wildlife-rich Shiant Isles. Next, we'll walk the shores of the dramatic Loch Coruisk, on mountainous Skye, before sailing to the jagged Isle of Eigg and on to colorful Tobermory, on the Isle of Mull.

Lastly, you'll enjoy the unspoiled beauty of Colonsay before returning to Glasgow. During the cruise, the knowledgeable Expedition Team will ensure you get the most out of this island-hopping odyssey.









Day 1: Glasgow

Day 2: Isle of Arran

Day 3: Isle of Islay

Day 4: Isle of Gigha

Day 5: Isle of Iona &

Treshnish Isles

Day 6: St. Kilda, Hirta Island

Day 7: Stornoway &

Shiant Isles

Day 8: Loch Scavaig &

Isle of Eigg

Day 9: Sound of Mull

Day 10: Isle of Colonsay

Day 11: Glasgow

Price from USD \$5,277 per person, double occupancy

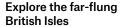
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BRITISH ISLES PICTURESQUE PORTS, ISOLATED ISLANDS, AND WONDROUS WILDLIFE

Explore the coastal treasures of the British Isles. Discover the wildlife, natural wonders, and history of its most beautiful port towns and islands.



Over the course of 15 days and spanning five countries, you'll encounter amazing birdlife and geological wonders, incredible landscapes, and the distinct cultural identity of each destination.

From England's southern coast in Dover, we'll sail up the west coast to Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Hebrides. Then, we'll return to Dover via the Scottish Highlands, Waterford, Ireland, and the most scenic coastal ports in Cornwall and Dorset.

Nature, wildlife, and whisky

Birdwatching enthusiasts will be in awe of the birdlife on Rathlin Island and at the largest seabird colony in Europe on the UNESCO-listed archipelago of St. Kilda. You'll also visit historical landmarks and isolated coves. Enjoy

walks along spectacular coastal paths around Fishguard and Portland. Then, marvel at the gorgeous Isles of Scilly and Fowey. Drink in the views of the whisky island of Islay and wild landscapes around Fort William, while the natural acoustics of Fingal's Cave will have you singing on the Isle of Staffa.

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Above: Kildalton Cross, Islay, Inner Hebrides Right: Giants Causeway, Northern Ireland









Day 1: Dover

Day 2: At Sea

Day 3: Fishguard

Day 4: Rathlin Island

Day 5: Isle of Iona & Treshnish Isles

Day 6: St. Kilda, Hirta Island

Day 7: Stornoway

Day 8: Fort William

Day 9: Isle of Islay

Day 10: Douglas

Day 11: Waterford

Day 12: Isles of Scilly

Day 13: Fowey

Day 14: Portland

Day 15: Dover

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THE SCOTTISH ISLES WHISKY AND WILDLIFE FROM THE HEBRIDES TO THE SHETLANDS

NORTHBOUND

Discover Scotland's rugged and magnificent isles as we sail from Glasgow to Bergen, sampling unique malts and watching for amazing wildlife along the way.

Diverse destinations and distinctive drams

After embarking in Glasgow, we'll sail to industrious Belfast and the Isle of Man before heading north to the Inner Hebrides and the whisky island of Islay, which has nine distilleries. You'll explore the mystical Isle of Iona and its famous abbey, and wildlife enthusiasts will marvel at the rich birdlife on the nearby, tiny Treshnish Isles.

Our next planned destination visit is Loch Scavaig, on the Isle of Skye—said to be the most evocative scene of the Scottish Highlands imaginable. Then, peaceful Canna awaits us, with its monuments and its enchanting scenery, before we journey to the Outer Hebrides.

Wild islands and wonderful wildlife

You'll love remote St. Kilda. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was deserted by humans but rewilded by an astonishing number of birds. On the Isle of Lewis and Harris, discover pristine beaches, tweed workshops, and the mysterious Callanish Stone Circle.

Next, our expedition cruise heads to the Orkneys, where we'll find a distillery in Kirkwall that traces its whisky's roots back to the Vikings. Lastly, you'll explore the remote Shetland Islands, where archeological treasures await you on lonely Fair Isle, before we cross over to beautiful Bergen, where our journey ends.

Above: Whisky barrels, Islay, Scotland Right: St. Kilda







Day 1: Glasgow

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Day 5: Oban

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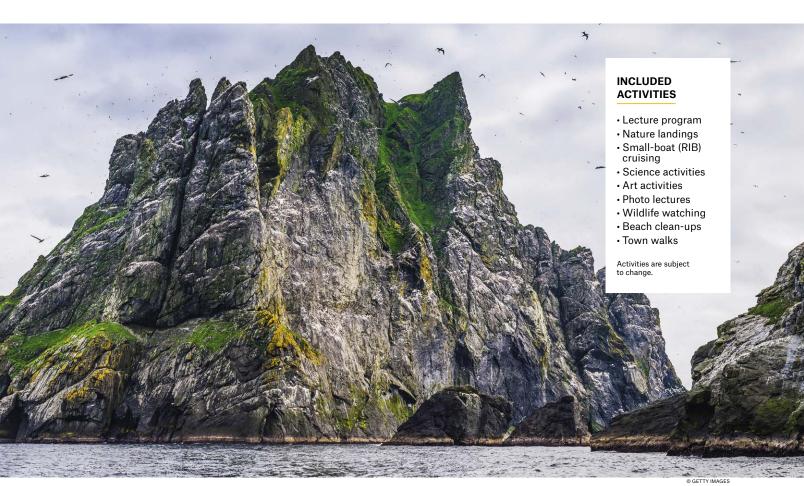
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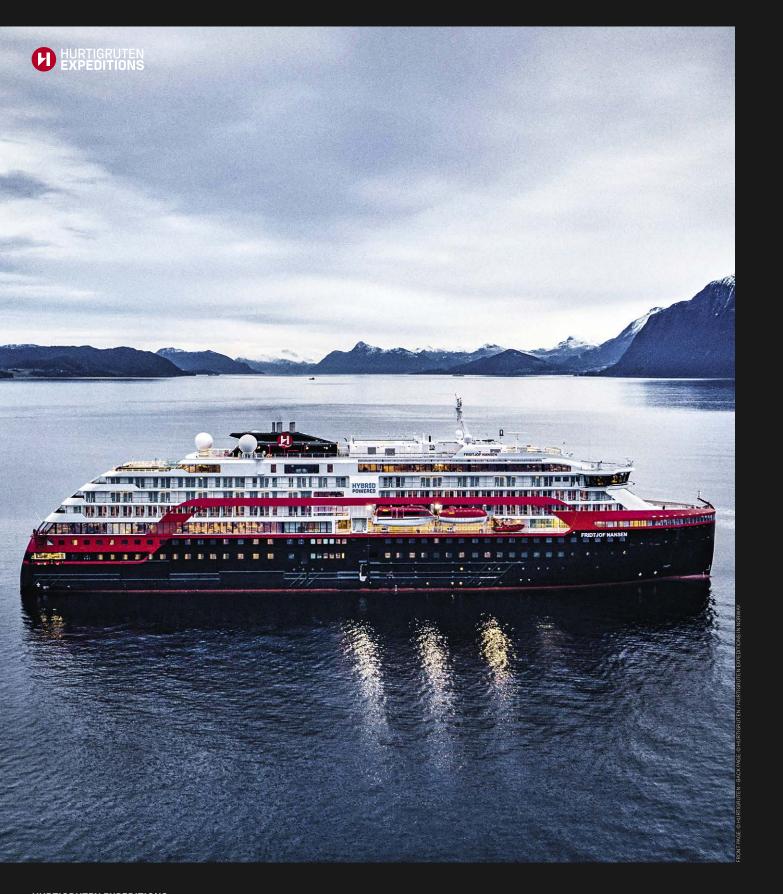
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