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**SCOTTISH ISLES AND NORWEGIAN FJORDS**

A voyage from Glasgow to Bergen aboard the
Exclusively Chartered, Five-Star, Small Ship LE CHAMPLAIN
Featuring Norway’s Flåm Railway
*May 16 to 24, 2020*
*From $5195 plus air*

**U.S.**
*Saturday, May 16*
Depart the U.S.

**Glasgow, Scotland**
*Sunday, May 17*
Arrive in Glasgow, where the indelible mark of Viking conquest still permeates the culture, and embark the Five-Star LE CHAMPLAIN. *(D)*

**Fort William and Scottish Highlands**
*Monday, May 18*
The legendary Scottish Highlands and their rich, rugged scenery have inspired countless folktales and storytellers with their magnetic and mysterious pull. Begin your day in bucolic Glenfinnan; view the Glenfinnan Viaduct, immortalized by the Hogwarts™ Express in the Harry Potter film series, and see the Glenfinnan Monument, commemorating the Jacobite Highlanders that Bonnie Prince Charlie rallied against King George II in 1745.

Depart for a photo-worthy stop on the Caledonian Canal at Neptune’s Staircase—the longest staircase lock in Britain. Travel along castle-dotted shores to Glencoe, what is considered Scotland’s most scenic glen, partially owned and preserved by the National Trust for Scotland.

Attend the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening. *(B,L,R,D)*

**Kyle of Lochalsh for Isle of Skye**
*Tuesday, May 19*
Visit one of the world’s most iconic castles, the 13th-century Eilean Donan Castle, named for a sixth-century Irish saint, in Kyle of Lochalsh. Travel across heather-covered moors and through the starkly beautiful Cullin Mountains and stop in the scenic capital of Portree, situated along the unforgettable coastline of ethereal Isle of Skye. *(B,L,D)*

**Kirkwall, Orkney Islands**
*Wednesday, May 20*
This morning, the director and head archaeologist of the Ness of Brodgar site, Nick Card, will provide his keen insights about this impressive ancient compound that lies outside of Kirkwall. Mr. Card’s research and fieldwork are internationally regarded, both in the archaeology field and by the popular press. The Ness of Brodgar excavations were named the Current Archaeology Research Project of the Year in 2011 and were featured in a cover article of National Geographic in 2014.

Nearly 1000 years before the pharaohs built Giza’s pyramids and over 500 years before Neolithic man raised Stonehenge, ancient inhabitants of this archipelago erected Ness of Brodgar, a mysterious compound rivaling the scale of the Acropolis, demonstrating advanced technological

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prowess. Walk among the nearby stone monoliths of the Ring of Brodgar, raised more than 4000 years ago to chart the seasons.

See the ceremonial Stones of Stenness en route to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated settlement of Skara Brae. Archaeologists suggest these sites, along with the Ness of Brodgar, were inhabited by an early Orcadian culture known for decorative arts and sophisticated craftsmanship.

Thousands of years later, the Vikings established the port town of Kirkwall on Orkney’s main island, leaving behind the towering 12th-century St. Magnus Cathedral, known as the “Light of the North.”

Hear the classically haunting sounds of a Scottish bagpiper as you reboard the ship. This evening, a Scottish storyteller weaves traditional tales that have been handed down by word of mouth for generations. (B,L,D)

**Lerwick, Shetland Islands**  
*Thursday, May 21*

Explore the remote Shetland Islands, declared a Global Geopark by UNESCO for their geologically diverse landscapes and seascapes carved by prehistoric ice. Here, nature’s colors and textures endlessly shift, and clamoring gannets and puffins crowd the dramatic rock cliffs.

Dock in Lerwick, Shetland’s capital, and journey to the island’s southernmost point, scanning the verdant landscape for Shetland’s famous ponies grazing on the grass-covered knolls.

Visit Jarlshof, a pending UNESCO World Heritage site revealing 5000 years of human history, including late Neolithic stone houses, a Bronze Age village, an Iron Age broch and wheelhouse, Norse longhouses, a medieval farmstead and a 16th-century laird’s house. (B,L,D)

**Cruising the Norwegian Fjords/Flåm Railway**  
*Friday, May 22*

Norway’s fjords and islands offer some of Europe’s most picturesque coastal scenery, where sea mist and sunlight enhance the fjords’ deep blues and the landscape’s lush greens. Cruise the majestic Sognefjord passing traditional farmsteads and villages flanked by soaring mountains.

This afternoon, board the Flåm Railway for one of *Travel + Leisure* magazine’s most scenic train rides. This masterpiece of Norwegian engineering—the steepest standard-gauge railway track in Europe, ascending 2835 feet—opened to the public in 1940 and travels 13 dramatic miles through 20 tunnels to Myrdal’s mountaintop station. Watch as snowcapped mountains, cascading waterfalls—including the awe-inspiring Kjofossen—and intriguing hamlets unfold along this alpine branch of the world-renowned Bergen Line. (B,L,D)

**Bergen, Norway**  
*Saturday, May 23*

Founded on a Viking settlement in 1070 and the Norwegian capital during the 12th and 13th centuries, Bergen was an important part of the Hanseatic League’s trading empire from the 14th to mid-16th centuries. Walk Bergen’s Bryggen (the old wharf), a UNESCO World Heritage site, and see its characteristically colorful wooden homes. Stroll the grounds of Troldhaugen, the summer home of famed Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg. Visit the reconstructed Fantoft Stavkirke, a traditional 12th-century wooden stave church, noted for its durable post and lintel construction.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Bergen before the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board the ship this evening. (B,L,R,D)

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Bergen/U.S.
Sunday, May 24
Disembark in Bergen and continue on the Wonders or Norway Post-Cruise option or transfer to the airport for your return flight to the U.S. (B)

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