

# Classic International Cruises

## Funchal

### Scotland Cruise

#### **Gothenburg - Gothenburg**

**14<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012**

## **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

### **KIRKWALL (Orkney Islands, Scotland), United Kingdom**

#### **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May**

##### **A – Orkney's Archaeological Wonders (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.**



Heading to the heart of Neolithic Orkney, this tour encompasses the world heritage sites of the Ring of Brodgar a Neolithic henge and stone circle set on a small isthmus between the Lochs of Harray and Stenness. Also Skara Brae one of the best preserved Neolithic villages in Europe dating from 3,000 b.C., beautifully interpreted in the visitor centre with its replica house, and nearby the 17<sup>th</sup> century mansion Skail House, built on an ancient graveyard. Whilst following the coastal route around Scapa Flow, the base of the British home fleet during both World Wars, towards Kirkwall, you will be captivated by stories of the German High Seas Fleet, Lt Gunther Prien and the sinking of HMS Royal Oak, making this one of the best-known stretches of water in the world.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 140 participants.*

*We recommend the use of comfortable walking shoes.*

*Walking involved: Skara Brae & Skail House - total walking distance 950m; path between sites (no tarmac). Skail House has 2 staircases. Skara Brae Centre is accessible for wheelchairs but full participation at Skara Brae and Skail House hindered by steps, stairs, and narrow paths. Soft grass paths prevent participation at the stone circles. No photographs or filming allowed in Skail House.*

**ADT price between: 500 SEK to 600 SEK**

##### **B – Light of the North (Afternoon) – approx. 3 ½ hrs.**

This tour encompasses the 'Miracle of Camp 60' the beautiful hand painted Italian Chapel built by Italian POWs during the construction of the Churchill Barriers in the Second World War to protect Scapa Flow. You will be captivated by stories of the German High Seas Fleet, Lt Gunther Prien and the sinking of HMS Royal Oak, making this one of the best-known stretches of water in the world. Water is one of the main components in making "The Best Spirit in the world". Visit the Highland Park Whisky Distillery. The distillery has an excellent audiovisual display with an enchanting shop. The rich, succulent, complexity of this exceptional single malt inspires passion in single malt enthusiasts everywhere. Continue on to the magnificent 12<sup>th</sup> century sandstone St. Magnus Cathedral. Britain's most northerly cathedral was built for the

Bishops of Orkney when the islands were ruled by the Norse Earls of Orkney.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 135 participants.*

*Everything visible from coach and can be reached within 40m.*

*Distillery tour includes two steep sets of stairs (30 steps in total) but no steps in visitor centre.*

*410 metres is the total distance walked during the distillery visit; and 160 metres is the distance from parking area to the entrance. Distillery tour is in groups of strictly 12 guests per tour, so coach groups will be split into smaller groups to tour the distillery. Wheelchairs information: Distillery: limited tour possible, disabled toilet. Italian Chapel: ramp but narrow, heavy door. Cathedral: tour possible.*

*Photos permitted with some restrictions at Highland Park Distillery.*

**ADT price between: 450 SEK to 550 SEK**

## **INVERGORDON, (Scotland) – United Kingdom**

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

### **A – Loch Ness & Highland Castles (Full day with packed lunch) – approx. 8 hrs.**

This tour will appeal to those who wish to see Scotland's most famous loch, Loch Ness, world-renowned for its mythical monster, the Highland Capital City at the head of the loch, and two of the country's most romantic mediaeval castles (one a ruined fort, the other a fully furnished residence). Travelling south-west from Invergordon you follow the banks of the beautiful Cromarty Firth, then drive via Muir of Ord and Beaulieu ('beautiful place'), with its atmospheric ruined abbey, eventually down a steep hill towards the stupendous Loch Ness, Britain's deepest, freshwater loch, whose murky depths conjure up such lurid tales and sightings of weird creatures, including its most famous legendary inhabitant, the Loch Ness Monster. A stop will be made at the 14<sup>th</sup> century Urquhart Castle, situated in a magnificent setting right by the loch's edge, one of the most photographed scenes in Scotland, and its brand new, state-of-the-art visitor centre.

From here you will continue to Inverness, "Capital of the Highlands". A short city tour will take you in some of the more historic sites, such as the Gothic-style Town House and Tolbooth Steeple, as well as the pretty, tree-lined River Ness where you will have free time to enjoy your packed lunch. Continuing inland but never far from the Moray Firth, famous for its dolphins, you will reach Culloden Battlefield, an eerie, windswept moorland and site of the last battle on British soil, when the Jacobites were finally subdued, marking a turning-point in Scottish history. You then continue to the pretty, conservation village of Cawdor and the impressive Cawdor Castle, a truly beautiful residence, romantically furnished and surrounded by exceptionally pretty gardens. From here you return to Invergordon and the ship.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 180 participants.*

*We recommend the use of comfortable walking shoes, as this tour involves some steps, slopes and uneven surfaces in both Castles and grounds. During the tour a stop will be made for lunch (packed lunch).*

*Please note that all food waste from the packed lunch must be placed on the garbage bin.*

***This tour conflicts with Tour B and C.***

**ADT price between: 1050 SEK to 1150 SEK**

### **B – Cawdor Castle & Gardens (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.**

This excursion takes you to one of Scotland's most enchanting and romantic medieval castles, Cawdor, still occupied by descendants of the original family.

Departing the quayside, you will travel to the village of Cawdor and the impressive Cawdor Castle, a truly beautiful traditional medieval castle and residence, associated with Shakespeare's Macbeth. The approach is by a drawbridge, inside it is romantically furnished

and outside, surrounded by exceptionally pretty gardens. Dating back to 1372, it is still in the hands of the Cawdor family after six centuries. History reads that the castle was built on the site where a donkey lay down under a thorn bush, and this thorn is still there to view in the 14<sup>th</sup> century tower. After the visit, there is time to explore the beautiful gardens – North, Paradise, Knot and Thistle. Soft fruits, flowers, vegetables, and orchards combine to form the North Garden. The other half is divided into the individual Paradise, Knot and Thistle Gardens, as well as an orchard that has been planted with old Scottish fruit trees. The wild garden on the bank of Cawdor Burn (stream) leads into the wonderful Cawdor Forest. From here you will return to Invergordon and the ship.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 135 participants.*

*Use of comfortable and flat walking shoes recommended.*

***This tour conflicts with Tour A.***

**ADT price between: 510 SEK to 610 SEK**

### **C – Loch Ness & Urquhart Castle (Afternoon) – approx. 4 ¾ hrs.**

This tour is a half-day tour to Scotland's most famous lake, Loch Ness (renowned throughout the world for its mythical monster) and to picture-postcard Urquhart Castle. Afterwards, you will head for the Highland Capital, Inverness, which you can explore at your own pace: stroll along the river bank, browse around the numerous shops and boutiques or see a kilt-maker in action. Travelling south-west from Invergordon, you will follow the banks of the beautiful Cromarty Firth and continue past Muir of Ord and Beaulieu ('beautiful place') with its atmospheric ruined abbey. Reaching a steep hill, you will then descend to the phenomenal Loch Ness, Britain's deepest freshwater loch, whose murky depths conjure up such lurid tales of weird creatures, including its most famous legendary inhabitant, the Loch Ness Monster.

Head for the 14<sup>th</sup> century Urquhart Castle ruins, magnificently situated right on the edge of the loch and one of the most photographed scenes in Scotland. You will take a guided tour here at the state-of-the-art visitor centre.

From here, you will proceed to Inverness "Capital of the Highlands", for a brief city tour, followed by a chance to wander around on your own. The town is full of historic sites, such as the gothic-style Town House and Tolbooth Steeple, and also offers lovely walks alongside the pretty, tree-lined River Ness. Return to Invergordon and the ship.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 participants.*

*Use of comfortable and flat walking shoes recommended, as this tour involves some steps, slopes and uneven surfaces in the Castle.*

***This tour conflicts with Tour A.***

**ADT price between: 480 SEK to 580 SEK**

## **ABERDEEN, (Scotland) – United Kingdom**

### **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **A – Royal Deeside & the Queen's Balmoral Castle (Full day with packed lunch) – approx. 7 ½ hrs.**

This full-day tour takes you along Royal Deeside, so-called because of Queen Victoria's decision to create her Highland home in this arrestingly beautiful valley which has ever since been associated with the monarchy. A visit to Her Majesty's residence at Balmoral Castle will be made, gaining entrance to the magnificent Ballroom and Gardens, and culminate the tour with a visit to the enchanting Crathes Castle with its beautiful gardens.

You will enter the pretty Dee valley, an area that revels in its connections with the royal family, who regularly holiday there, and follow the enchanting river to Ballater, a Victorian Spa town

ever since the local waters were supposed to cure many ailments. It is hemmed in by fir-covered mountains and the disused, old train station still displays elegance in its interior.

From here you will progress eastward again to Balmoral Castle, which was originally a 16th century tower-house, but has been a Royal residence since 1852, when it was converted into a Scottish Baronial mansion. Visitors have the chance to see the elegant ballroom and parts of the estate. You will also have tea or coffee and shortbread in the self-service restaurant. Opposite the Castle gates lies Crathie Church, where the Royal family attends services while in residence.

Returning eastward along the Dee Valley, the next stop, Banchory, is a neat town, where salmon leap at the Bridge of Feugh.

You will then visit Crathes Castle, a perfect fairy-tale castle, exquisitely furnished on all five floors and surrounded by stunningly beautiful gardens. The castle is supposedly haunted by a ghost. From here you will start your way back to Aberdeen and the ship.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 135 participants.*

*We recommend the use of comfortable walking shoes.*

*This tour involves some steps, slopes and uneven surfaces in both Castles and grounds.*

*No photos are allowed inside the Crathes Castle.*

*During the tour a stop will be made for lunch (packed lunch).*

*Please note that all food waste from the packed lunch must be placed on the garbage bin.*

**ADT price between: 1100 SEK to 1200 SEK**

### **B – The Granite City & Old Aberdeen (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.**

This tour is largely a panoramic of Aberdeen, known as the 'Granite City' because of its striking Victorian buildings in pink and silver granite. The town is Scotland's third largest City, the prosperous hub of its offshore oil industry and often called the "Flower of Scotland" because of its greenery and numerous beautiful parks.

From the harbour the tour starts out at the quaint old fishing village of Footdee, with the lighthouse at Girdleness and its sandy beach, giving an impression of Aberdeen's closeness to the sea and its development from a cluster of small villages.

You will then continue to the City Centre, passing en route the River Dee and Duthie Park, one of many parks in this very green city. You will visit the impressive Winter Gardens, which is the largest exotic hothouse garden in Britain, full of tropical plants, including gigantic cacti and rare birds. Then you will continue to Union Street, the city's dramatic main thoroughfare, which is built on extraordinary pillars and arches (a tremendous architectural feat). It is a fascinating artery, packed with bustling cars and pedestrians. The finest example of the town's Gothic architecture is the nearby magnificent Marischal College, which was built at the turn of this century and is the second largest granite building in Europe after the Escorial Palace in Madrid.

The tour then proceeds a short distance to the beautifully preserved "Old Aberdeen", with its cobbled stones and peaceful atmosphere around the University, comprising picturesque buildings, including King's College Chapel and the Cathedral of St Machar with its soaring twin spires dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century. You will venture inside this fortified ancient building to view its impressive heraldic ceiling, after which the tour continues to the estuary of the river Don, which marks the border of the old City.

Finally, you will return along the sea front to the main city centre, passing St Andrew's Cathedral and the old market area of Castlegate, before re-entering the harbour and returning to the quayside.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 225 participants.*

*We recommend the use of comfortable walking shoes.*

**ADT price between: 550 SEK to 650 SEK**

### **C – Glorious Crathes Castle & Garden (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.**

This special half-day tour takes you on a short journey along Royal Deeside, so-called because of Queen Victoria's decision to create her Highland home there. This astoundingly beautiful valley is associated with the monarchy to this day. We pay a visit to the enchanting Crathes Castle and its Gardens.

Departing the quayside at Aberdeen, you will enter the pretty Dee valley, an area that revels in its connections with the royal family, who regularly holiday there, and follow the enchanting river towards the pretty town of Banchory.

You will then visit the stunningly beautiful Crathes Castle, a perfect fairy-tale castle originally built on land granted by Robert the Bruce in 1323. The current castle dates from the 16th Century and the guided tour views the five floors of wonderfully furnished rooms that are supposed to be haunted by the ghost of the Green Lady.

The visit also explores the delightful formal gardens and estate that the castle sits in. The Walled Garden consists of eight different gardens with varying themes and styles providing a wonderful display at all times of the year. There are massive sculptured yew hedges, dating from 1702, which are lovely examples of the art of topiary and the herbaceous borders that are usually a riot of colour that use the castle as a backdrop.

After the visit to Crathes you will return to the port of Aberdeen for a brief panoramic tour (subject to traffic conditions), before returning to the ship.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 80 participants.*

*We recommend the use of comfortable walking shoes.*

*This tour involves some steps, slopes and uneven surfaces in both Castles and grounds.*

*No photos are allowed inside the Crathes Castle.*

*The participants on this tour are unable to participate on the afternoon tour due to the very limited time for lunch on board.*

**ADT price between: 710 SEK to 810 SEK**

### **D – Fettercairn Distillery & Dramatic Coastal (Afternoon) – approx. 3 ½ hrs.**

This tour takes you through the rolling hills south of Aberdeen to one of Scotland's oldest licensed distilleries at the pretty village of Fettercairn. You will also see the rugged North Sea coast, the setting of traditional fishing towns & villages and views of the ruins of Dunnottar Castle, one of Scotland's most spectacular cliff-top fortresses.

Departing Aberdeen you will travel through rolling farmland with views of the majestic Grampian Mountains inland to the village of Fettercairn with its lovely Market Square and 17<sup>th</sup> century Mercat Cross. Here will start a guided tour and whisky tasting at Fettercairn Distillery, dating from 1824, one of Scotland's oldest licensed distilleries – and perhaps the location of earlier unlicensed ones!

From Fettercairn you will take the dramatic and stunning coastal road past fishing villages like Inverbervie. A photo stop will be made at Dunnottar Castle, an impressive ruin set on the top of high cliffs and dating from the 12th century. The castle was the impregnable home to the powerful Earl Marischals of Scotland and was the hiding place, in 1652, of the Scottish Crown Jewels, when the castle was the last place in Scotland to hold out against Oliver Cromwell's army. In recent times the castle has become a favourite location for film and television programme makers.

From here you will return to Aberdeen via the neat and picturesque town of Stonehaven.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 80 participants.*

*We recommend the use of comfortable walking shoes.*

*This tour involves some step and grated walkways in the Distillery.*

*This tour can be reversed.*

**ADT price between: 655 SEK to 755 SEK**

## LEITH, Scotland

**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**

### **A – Magnificent Edinburgh, City & Castle (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.**

This tour offers a chance to explore Edinburgh, Scotland's magnificent and historic Capital, whose Old Town and Georgian New Town form a World Heritage Site. Many attractions are seen from the coach, but a major visit to the world-famous and popular medieval Castle is included.

From Leith you will travel into to Edinburgh, Scotland's magnificent Capital City, which possesses a dramatic setting, perched on a series of extinct volcanoes and rocky crags. Following a fascinating City tour that embraces most of Edinburgh's treasure trove of historical monuments and sights in both the medieval 'Old Town', and the 18<sup>th</sup> century 'New Town' nearby, you will visit medieval Edinburgh Castle, which dominates the city and has been home to Scottish Kings and Queens down the centuries.

Following the castle visit you will drive along the historic and atmospheric Royal Mile. After passing Holyrood Palace, the Queen's residence in Edinburgh, you will pass through the extensive, rather wild Royal Park and eventually enter the world famous principal shopping street, Princes Street, with the towering Scott Monument and beautiful Princes Street Gardens. The town possesses an unrivalled number of art galleries and museums, relative to its size and population, like the National Museum on the Mound. You may glimpse some of these, before touring the Georgian New Town with its elegant townhouses and private parks.

Finally, after ascending Arthur's Seat, which affords beautiful views across the city, you will head down towards Leith and the ship.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 225 participants.*

*We recommend the use of comfortable walking shoes.*

*This tour involves some steps, slopes and uneven surfaces in the Castle.*

*Please note that every effort will be made to facilitate photo-stops at the following places: Charlotte Square, Holyrood Palace & Dunsapie Loch (subject to traffic conditions & time constraints)*

*Due to tram works itinerary might be diverted.*

**ADT price between: 950 SEK to 1050 SEK**

### **B – Palaces of the Forth Valley (Afternoon) – approx. 5 ¼ hrs.**

A delightful half-day tour to the shores of the Firth of Forth taking in views of the spectacular Forth Bridges and visiting its wonderful and varied architectural heritage such as the beautiful 18<sup>th</sup> Century mansion of Hopetoun House, the magnificent ruins of Linlithgow Palace and the well preserved village of Culross.

From Leith the tour heads west along the banks of the River Forth to Hopetoun House. A unique gem of Europe's architectural heritage and undoubtedly 'Scotland's Finest Stately Home'. Hopetoun House is one of the most splendid examples of the work of Scottish architects Sir William Bruce and William Adam. The interior of the House with opulent gilding and classical motifs reflects the aristocratic grandeur of the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The house is set in 100 acres of rolling parkland including fine woodland walks, the Red Deer Park and Spring Garden with a profusion of wild flowers.

From Hopetoun you will continue along the south bank of the Firth to Linlithgow Palace, birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots, which is set in a beautiful lochside location awash with swans and small boats. All the Stuart kings lived here from 1406 to 1689, as did Cromwell, Bonnie Prince Charlie and, after the landmark battle of Culloden, the troops of the duke of Cumberland stayed at the palace. The fountain can be seen in the centre of the palace built around 1538 and the fireplace in the Great Hall restored in 1906.

After Linlithgow you will cross the river, using the Kincardine Bridge and then travel to the enchanting conservation village of Culross with its cobbled streets and old buildings, possessing 400 year old history and an awe-inspiring atmosphere of bygone times. You will then travel back over the Forth via the spectacular Forth Road Bridge with grand views of the famous Victorian rail bridge. The Forth Rail Bridge seen here spanning the one and a half-mile wide firth, was built from 1883 to 1890 and ranks among the supreme achievements of Victorian engineering.

*Subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 135 participants.*

*We recommend the use of comfortable walking shoes.*

*This tour involves some steps, slopes and uneven surfaces in the Palaces.*

*This tour can be reversed*

**ADT price between: 820 SEK to 920 SEK**

### **C – Edinburgh City Centre On Your Own (continuous service) – approx. 7 hrs.**

This transfer has been planned not only for those who have already visited Edinburgh and want to rediscover the town, but also for those who would like to discover the hidden beauties on their own.

Drive from the port of Leith (approx. 20 minutes) to Waterloo Place in Edinburgh City Centre, the Capital City of Scotland. Spend your time doing shopping, exploring and enjoying the day on your own.

*This transfer is subject to a minimum of 30 participants.*

*The ticket is valid for a return trip (ship – centre – ship).*

*You may return to the ship at the most convenient hour for you. Don't forget to have in mind the time of the last bus from centre to ship, which will be announced on board.*

*Transfer not guided and does not include lunch.*

*Maps of Edinburgh will be supplied for orientation.*

*The principal connecting streets are subject to considerable roadworks at the moment, as a new tram system is under construction.*

**ADT price between: 500 SEK to 600 SEK**

# GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

To enhance the enjoyment of your cruise, we have created a programme of optional shore excursions designed to show you the highlights of each of our ports of call. Our Shore Excursions Manager will be pleased to assist you with your choice of tours to help you make the most of your time ashore.

## HOW TO BOOK

### BOOKING ON BOARD

Just complete the booking form with your tour selections and hand it in at the Shore Excursions Desk in the Reception area. Opening hours and details of the times when bookings close will be featured in the daily programme.

## PAYMENT

Payments are debited to your shipboard account and the Shore Excursion Manager will ask you to sign your agreement that the tours to be charged are correct and will then issue your tickets accordingly.

## EXCURSION TIMINGS

Durations of tours are approximate and may vary. The sequence in which sites are visited may also change in order to avoid congestion and provide better service. Please consult the daily programme, which will direct you to assemble in the Main Lounge fifteen minutes prior to a tour's scheduled departure. A member of staff will escort each group of participants to the quayside and the coaches at the appropriate time. All excursions are subject to a minimum and maximum number of participants. In ports where both morning and afternoon excursions have been proposed, the timings have, wherever possible, been arranged so passengers may, if they wish, take advantage of more than one excursion per day. Lunchtime is scheduled in advance, but passengers selecting two half-day excursions should be aware its duration may be limited.

## EXCURSION PRICES

The prices include transport and entrance fees, meals, drinks and guides where indicated, according to the published itinerary. Teenagers between the ages of 12 to 18 years will be charged full adult prices.

Children under 12 years of age are entitled to 50% discount on the half-day and full day tours. Children under two years old are not deemed to be occupying a seat and will therefore not be charged for the tours and do not require a ticket.

## REFUNDS

Excursions may be cancelled or modified depending on the number of guests participating. Most excursions require a minimum number of guests to operate. If the minimum is not met, excursions may be cancelled by the Tour Operator and full refund will be issued. It should be noted that excursions operate rain or shine.

We regret that we are unable to refund the cost of tours which are cancelled by passengers after bookings close, unless the cancellation is for medical reasons duly certified by the Ship's Doctor. Please note that no refund is payable in respect of meals not taken on board the ship.

## VIDEO AND CAMERA FEES

Information about video cameras and camera fees will be conveyed whenever available. We cannot be held responsible if passengers are required to pay fees we were not informed about in advance.

## UNDERAGE PASSENGERS

In order to participate in shore excursions, passengers would have to be of legal age. Alternatively, they would have to be accompanied by a parent and/or lawful guardian, or a responsible adult.

Participants must be of legal age to be entitled to any alcoholic drink that might be included in the tour programme.

No refund will be granted to underage passengers that have booked a tour which includes alcoholic drink(s)

### **DRESS WHILST ASHORE**

We recommend that you wear appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable shoes, as some walking will be necessary in order to gain full enjoyment from the excursion programme. When visiting churches and other religious sites, conservative dress will be required.

When going ashore we suggest that you do not wear expensive jewellery or carry more cash and credit cards than necessary.

### **PASSENGERS WITH SPECIAL MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Please note that access on certain forms of transport and entrance to some attractions, visitor sites and venues may be restricted. Should you have any concerns whatsoever about the suitability of any of our tours, we strongly advise you to discuss it with the Shore Excursion Manager prior the reservation of the tours.

Guest requiring the use of a wheelchair on excursions must be accompanied by an able bodied companion to assist and must provide their own collapsible chair.

### **SMOKING**

For the comfort of all passengers, smoking is not permitted on coaches or any other means of transport.

### **RESTORATION WORK**

Please note that restoration work on certain buildings or sights in a port of call may involve the use of scaffolding and/or screens, which may impair the view.

### **GUIDES SPEAKING SPECIFIC LANGUAGES**

In order to guarantee a guide speaking a specific language (if available), a minimum of 20 participants per excursion is required.

Please note that in certain ports it is difficult to find guides speaking specific language and in a considerable number of ports only guiding in English is available. In these circumstances and whenever possible a staff member will escort the group in order to translate.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Guests should consider that standards of transportation vary considerably throughout the world. Air-conditioned motor coaches are not available in many areas. In some destinations, local buses are the best available. Guests wishing to join the tours with their fellow travellers should leave the ship together, as this will help the shore excursion staff to allocate sufficient space in the same vehicle. Passengers who leave during a tour, for which transportation is included, must thereafter provide for their own transportation and services at their own expense. Passengers who do not join these pre-arranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port.

### **LIABILITY**

The provisions in these Terms and Conditions presented herewith govern the company liability towards passengers in respect of Shore Excursions. Participation by a passenger in Shore Excursions is upon such passenger's acceptance of the present terms and conditions. Participation may also be subject to the independent tour operators' own terms and conditions. Shore Excursions are performed by independent local Shore Excursion providers. The company acts only as an agent for such independent Shore Excursion operators and does not provide or supply the excursion services. We will exercise reasonable care and skill in selecting the excursion providers and require them to comply with all relevant local, national and/or international standards and legislation. The health, safety and comfort of our passengers is paramount. We therefore require all Shore Excursion providers to have insurance and to have and to adhere to their own safety management rules and systems. The company shall have no liability for claims of loss, damage, injury, or death under any circumstances whatsoever arising out of passenger(s) participating in excursions and/or activities operated by independent Shore Excursion providers. The company assumes no responsibility or liability for any goods purchased while participating in a Shore Excursion.

## **INSURANCE**

The company recommends that you obtain insurance protection before leaving home against loss or damage to baggage and personal effects, trip cancellation and emergency evacuations, accidental death or injury, illness and medical expenses sustained or incurred in connection with your voyage. We cannot assume liability for baggage or other personal effects lost or damaged while those items are in the custody of an airline, hotel or other service providers. For further information, should you require, please consult with your travel agent.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

For the safety and assurance of passengers, all the tours are operated under the management of responsible and experienced local agents. Only the authorized Shore Excursion Manager on board is permitted to arrange or accept payment for such excursions or act as an excursion agent during the cruise. Passengers are cautioned not to leave anything behind or unattended during the tour, especially items such as identity documents, cash, debit or credit cards, medicines, valuables, cameras, mobile phones, coats, umbrellas or other items, and are reminded that the Company is not liable for any loss of, or damage to any baggage or other property which occurs ashore, for any reason whatsoever.

*This information represents the shore excursion plans and intentions at the time of publication of the present document (October 2011). Subsequent unforeseeable events may cause us to change our plans, thus affecting the published itineraries and/or fares. In the event of such changes you will be notified promptly. However, all information must be considered as subject to alterations, amendments and modifications. We do not accept liability for any loss resulting from our failure to provide an advertised service, or where delay occurs to those services, for any reason whatsoever.*