



Cruise Details

Name:	Orkney Islands, Scotland And England With London: Rugged Coastlines And The British Crown
Reference:	HAPAGSPI2619
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Expedition
Ship:	HANSEATIC spirit
Regions:	Northern Europe
Departs On:	24 Sep 26
Departs From:	Reykjavík
Arrives On:	07 Oct 26
Arrives At:	Hamburg
Cruise Nights:	13
Total Vacation Days:	14

Itinerary

Day 1: Reykjavík (Iceland)

Arrives On: 24 Sep 26

Day 2: Heimaey Island (Iceland)

Mysticism and adventure characterise the Westman Islands off the south coast of Iceland. Heimaey is not only the largest and only inhabited island in the archipelago, but also the one with the most known volcanic eruptions. In 1973, the Eldfell volcano erupted and buried most of the village under itself. Thanks to a quick evacuation, mostly by fishing boats, all residents could be brought to safety in time. The lava landscape and the Eldheimar Museum bear impressive witness to the event. Your on-board expedition team offers hikes of various lengths. Take the opportunity, for example, to climb Eldfell or marvel at the lava formations on the cliffs.

Arrives On: 25 Sep 26

Day 4: Lerwick, Shetland Islands (Scotland)

The town of Lerwick welcomes you to the Shetland Islands with a special sense of calm. The 18th-century stone houses nestle closely together and reveal their history on a stroll through the old town. In the surrounding countryside, you will be captivated by the numerous archaeological sites that tell of the everyday lives of the Stone Age people and Vikings.

Arrives On: 27 Sep 26

Day 5: Kirkwall, Orkney Islands (Scotland)

Untamed charm envelops the Orkney Islands. The archipelago, consisting of around 70 islands, forms a spectacular backdrop for your insights into European cultural history. Kirkwall on the mainland, with its red and yellow sandstone St Magnus Cathedral built in 1137, is an imposing reminder of the Middle Ages – one of the most interesting buildings in northern Scotland. Narrow, cobbled streets are lined with traditional shops and pubs. Enjoy the opportunity to go for an independent stroll. Kirkwall is also an ideal starting point for exploring the surrounding area, with its prehistoric sites, rugged coastline and gently rolling hills.

Arrives On: 28 Sep 26

Day 6: Invergordon (Scotland)

Invergordon lies in the middle of the classic Scottish Highlands. Previously known by the Gallic name An Rudha (meaning “headland”), the town owes its current name to Sir William Gordon, a local landowner in the early 18th century. The town has grown since then and now has around 4,000 inhabitants. Invergordon is an important centre for the oil industry, repairing and producing equipment for the nearby oil rigs in the North Sea. For nature lovers, the town serves as a starting point for excursions* to the beautiful surrounding area, such as Loch Ness or Inverness, the capital of the Scottish Highlands.

Arrives On: 29 Sep 26

Day 7: Newhaven/Edinburgh (Scotland)

Close at hand and yet still unknown: on Scotland’s east coast, prepare to be surprised as you explore Edinburgh from the harbour in Newhaven. The capital is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, an open book of cultural and architectural history. Winding streets, ancient and neoclassical architecture, society and monarchy – a walk through the city on your own or on excursions* with your experts will show you the main facets of the city, crowned by Edinburgh Castle. Home to many Scottish kings, the castle sits majestically in the middle of the city on an extinct volcano. Edinburgh is also a delight for fans of literature: Sir Walter Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson were born here.

and J. K. Rowling drew inspiration from the city for her Harry Potter novels, some of which she wrote in The Elephant House cafe. Look forward to creating your own stories in Edinburgh.

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Day 8: Newhaven/Edinburgh (Scotland)

Arrives On: 01 Oct 26

Day 9: Farne Islands (England)

The Farne Islands off the coast of Northumberland are a revelation for nature lovers. The archipelago has around 20 islands, some of which are only visible at low tide. Here, the untamed sea meets impressive cliffs, which are home to thousands of sea birds including puffins and gannets. You can also often see seal colonies lying on the beaches. Historic lighthouses are a reminder of the story of brave Grace Darling – if the weather permits a Zodiac ride, you will feel particularly close to her story: the lighthouse keeper's daughter became a heroine in 1838 when she helped her father rescue the victims of a capsized steamship using a small rowing boat. Her spectacular feat made her a national treasure and a symbol of courage and humanity, while the islands took on a heroic aura of their own.

Arrives On: 02 Oct 26

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Day 11: London (Greenwich) (England)

Your mind will be on Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, Trafalgar Square and Covent Garden when cruising on the Thames. In London, Tower Bridge opens up and you sail through the Neo-Gothic monument – which is only possible on a small ship like this one. Breathtaking Gothic churches right next to impressive skyscrapers, punks in Camden and the elegant upper class – welcome to London! This city of contrasts is a lively mosaic of history and modern, culture and pleasure: walk along the Thames and visit Borough Market, a place where scents from all around the world tempt curious explorers. In Soho, you will find lively bars and street music, while the heavens above the pubs in Camden are full of faces that will never grow old. But it's also the little things that are the heart and soul of this busy city, such as a hidden garden or a trip on the underground. London is not just a destination in itself, but your own expedition through its diversity and lifestyle. One thing is for sure, you will take a wealth of impressions home with you as crown jewels.

Arrives On: 04 Oct 26

Day 12: London (Greenwich) (England)

Arrives On: 05 Oct 26

Day 14: Hamburg (Germany)

Arrives On: 07 Oct 26

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