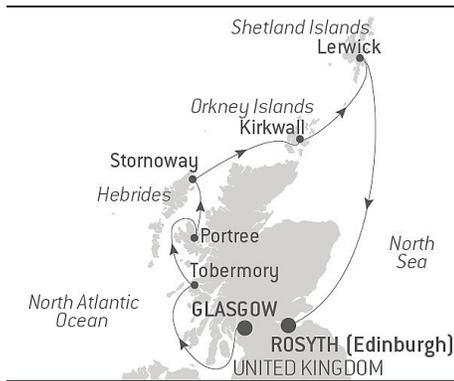


# Shetland, Orkney & Hebrides

From **20/08/2022**  
to **27/08/2022**

Ship: **LE CHAMPLAIN**

From **Glasgow, Scotland**  
to **Rosyth (Edinburgh), Scotland**



From **Glasgow** to **Edinburgh**, **PONANT** brings you aboard *Le Champlain* for an exceptional cruise to Celtic lands following a **8-day itinerary** along the magnificent Scottish archipelagos of Hebrides Islands, Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands.

Departing from **Glasgow**, Scotland's warm cultural capital with a rich artistic and architectural heritage, you will set sail for **the Hebrides archipelago** with **Tobermory**, a charming fishing port with multi-coloured houses whose distillery produces a renowned single malt.

You will also discover the **Isle of Skye**, known for its rich Gaelic culture, its famous bridge, and its stunning scenery, **Stornoway**, the largest city in the Hebrides with a warm and friendly atmosphere.

*Le Champlain* will sail towards **Kirkwall**, capital of the **Orkney Islands**, where numerous seabirds, such as gannets and European shags, have taken up residence.

You will then call at the port of **Lerwick** in the **Shetland Islands**. This port is well known because just a few kilometres inland lie the remarkable ruins of Scalloway Castle, built in 1600.

Finally, you will then reach Edinburgh, city of history and labelled city of literature by UNESCO, your port of disembarkation.



The information in this document is valid as of 06/07/2022

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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Embarkation 20/08/2022 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 20/08/2022 at 18:00

In the heart of the **Clyde Valley**, the bustling city of **Glasgow** contrasts starkly with the wild beauty of the surrounding countryside. Scotland's biggest city overflows with landmarks from its extensive artistic heritage and outstanding architectural tradition. The city's chequerboard layout makes walking through the major pedestrian thoroughfares easy: go with the flow and let the lively street atmosphere take you past the many Victorian monuments. Don't miss the collections on display in the numerous museums and art galleries. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is an outstanding example.

### TOBERMORY, ISLE OF MULL

Arrival 21/08/2022 early morning

Departure 21/08/2022 evening

Located at the northernmost tip of the lovely **Isle of Mull**, **Tobermory** has to be one of the most beautiful natural seaports on Scotland's West Coast. Founded in 1788, this ancient fishing village has been converted to a leisure port highly appreciated today for its surroundings and the quiet charm it exudes. You will definitely be won over by the row of many-storied houses on the hillside, illuminating the harbour with their vibrant colours. Although the real spectacle is outdoors, no less interesting are the Mull Museum dedicated the local history and the exhibitions at the An Tobar art gallery.

### PORTREE, ISLE OF SKYE

Arrival 22/08/2022 early morning

Departure 22/08/2022 evening

Nestling in the crux of a gorgeous bay, **Portree** reflects the magnificence of the grandiose **Isle of Skye** as well as being its main town. Apart from the charm of its colourful houses, the town's outstanding location on the banks of a loch makes it a very pleasant place to be. From its colourful harbour bustling with local craftsmen's shops, you can take in a stunning view of the surrounding hills. Before trekking through the wilderness and drinking in the natural beauty of the Isle of Skye, check out some of the beautiful images in the **Aros Centre**.

### STORNOWAY, HEBRIDES

Arrival 23/08/2022 early morning

Departure 23/08/2022 late afternoon

Discover **Lewis**, the largest island of the Hebrides, considered to be the cradle of Gaelic culture. Here, the peat- and

heather- covered valleys and lochs stretch on to infinity, and numerous bird colonies have taken up residence in the long, jagged coastlines where. Not far from **Stornoway**, the island's main town, built by the Vikings in the 9th century stands one of Scotland's most prominent prehistoric sites: The **Standing Stones of Callanish**. Dating back to more than 3,000 years B.C., these imposing stones placed in a cruciform pattern were laid out according to the moon and stars and their main purpose was to keep track of seasonal cycles, as this was essential for farmers at the time.

## KIRKWALL, SCOTLAND

Arrival 24/08/2022 early morning

Departure 24/08/2022 evening

Capital of the **Orkney archipelago, Kirkwall**, which means "church bay", is an ideal stopover before continuing on to the **Northern Isles**. Sheltered in a wide bay, the lively town welcomes the visitor with its charming paved alleyways edged by old houses and craft shops. **Tankerness House**, the oldest homestead in the town, is a must-see landmark. But the true architectural treasure of the aptly named Kirkwall is none other than its remarkable red and gold stone cathedral. And because whisky is inseparable from Scotland's identity, stop at the Highland Park Distillery for a highly instructive visit.

## LERWICK, SHETLAND ISLANDS

Arrival 25/08/2022 early morning

Departure 25/08/2022 early evening

The small and charming **capital of the Shetland Islands**, with its sea front of old houses and narrow streets, offering travellers its old districts and a warm port atmosphere. **Geopark Shetland**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, is located to the north. Incredibly well-preserved archaeological sites and ruins prove that the islands' occupation dates back to the first Neolithic colonies. **The Shetland Museum** and Archives recounts the Shetlands' history of heritage and culture: Lerwick's abundant waters were even fished by the Dutch in the past.

## AT SEA

Arrival 26/08/2022

Departure 26/08/2022

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

## ROSYTH (EDINBURGH), SCOTLAND

Arrival 27/08/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 27/08/2022 at 06:00

Situated on the southern shore of the Firth of Forth opposite to Rosyth, the great city of Edinburgh has served as Scotland's capital since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Although no longer the largest city in the country, it remains the political, religious, and cultural focus of Scottish pride. **Edinburgh Castle**, in the very center of the city, is one end of the world famous **Royal Mile** that leads through the **Old Town** to the **Palace of Holyrood**, the Queen's official residence in Scotland. A **UNESCO World Heritage site**, it is a wonderful place to shop and to sample local delicacies, like haggis and the whisky for which Scotland is renowned.