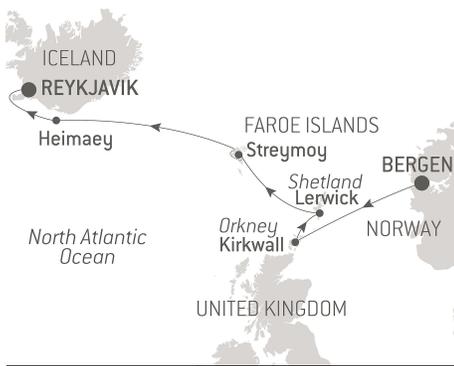


# Island jewels of the North Atlantic

From **7/15/2021**  
to **7/23/2021**

Ship: **LE CHAMPLAIN**

From **Bergen**  
to **Reykjavík**



From Norway, **this brand new 9-day** cruise aboard *Le Champlain* will take you all the way to **Iceland** via **the Orkney Islands, the Shetland Islands, and the Faroe Islands.**

Departing from Bergen, you 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.

You will then set a course for the **Faroe Islands**, the northernmost autonomous territory of Denmark. You will immerse yourself in the wild and spectacular natural environment of these volcanic islands, home to countless birds and flocks of sheep. You will enjoy prime vantage points from the sea to discover fascinating terrestrial landscapes and exceptional marine panoramas. Sailing along the coastlines here will afford you moments of pure enchantment.

You will then discover **Heimaey**, the only inhabited island in the Westmann Islands. Fishing is the main source of income in this exceptional site. You can admire its volcanoes and its almost-desert like landscapes.

Finally, *Le Champlain* will take you to **Reykjavik** the most northerly capital in the world, lying slightly above the 64th parallel. Houses with colourful roofs line its streets and this, coupled with the many ducks in its lake, produces a picture postcard setting. It boasts real **cultural riches**, particularly in **contemporary art**, notably with the **Reykjavik Art Museum**.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### BERGEN

Embarkation 7/15/2021 from 15h00 to 16h00

Departure 7/15/2021 at 17h00

Located at the end of **Byfjord, Bergen** was the capital of Norway in the 12th and 13th Centuries and has preserved some very beautiful monuments from the time when it was home to royalty. Wandering through Bergen's streets means going back in time, in search of the hidden treasures that have been listed as **World Heritage Sites by UNESCO**. A veritable openair museum, Bergen is home to a thriving artistic community of painters, potters, jewellers. The Bergen cable car offers you a splendid panorama over the port and the surrounding fjords. Do not miss the visit to the old quarter with its narrow streets, a testimony of the power of the hanseatic League that controlled trade in Northern Europe at the end of the Middle Ages.

### KIRKWALL, SCOTLAND

Arrival 7/16/2021 early afternoon

Departure 7/16/2021 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 7/17/2021 early morning

Departure 7/17/2021 midday

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.

### STREYMOY ISLAND, FAROE ISLANDS

Arrival 7/18/2021 midday

Departure 7/18/2021 late evening

**Streymoy Island** is the largest and most populated of the **Faroe Islands**, with 22,500 inhabitants. Lying between Scotland and Iceland, the 18-island Danish archipelago boasts natural wonders that will fascinate lovers of the great outdoors. Here, the hilly green landscapes stand in contrast with the huge basalt cliffs and the invigorating air shifts with the moods of the ocean. To the north, the small village of **Saksun**, with its traditional grass-covered rooftops, has 14 inhabitants. In the curve of a magnificent natural amphitheatre, it overlooks a fjord with a lagoon: an idyllic setting in a secluded and peaceful environment. To the west, in **Vestmanna**, myriad birds nest in the crags along the eroded and vertiginous cliff faces.

## SAILING ALONG FAROE ISLANDS COASTS

Arrival 7/19/2021

Departure 7/19/2021

The Faroe Islands, an archipelago formed by volcanic rock, reveal an incredible diversity of reliefs where the sea is ubiquitous: you'll sail past stone pinnacles and unique coastlines. To the west of the island of Vagar stand **Thindolmur** and **Drangarnir**, rocky outcrops that marine erosion have detached from the coast, thus forming independent islets known as stacks. The impressive **Traelanipa cliff**, also known as *Slave Cliff*, stands 142 metres (466 feet) high. It overlooks the superb Lake Sorvagsvatn. Located 30 metres (98 feet) above sea level, this is the archipelago's largest lake. On the island of Streymoy, you'll be able to spot guillemots, screeching fulmars or penguins, nesting in the welcoming crevices of the **Vestmanna** cliffs.

## AT SEA

Arrival 7/20/2021

Departure 7/20/2021

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.

## HEIMAEY, VESTMANNAEYJAR

Arrival 7/21/2021 midday

Departure 7/21/2021 early evening

This land seated off the southern coast of Iceland is the largest of the **Vestmann islands**, and is the only inhabited island in the archipelago. The steep Edfell volcanoes and the green prairies of Herjólfsdalur offer rich contrast of nature. On the Stórhöfði road, look out over grey sand beaches and cliffs carved out by the Arctic ocean. From here, you can also see the bronze landscapes of the mountaintops. You could visit **Eldheimar**, an ultra-modern and interactive museum which traces the volcanic eruption has experienced Heimaey in 1973.

## REYKJAVÍK

Arrival 7/22/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 7/23/2021 at 07h00

Iceland's capital stretches along the edge of a vast bay in the west of the country. **Perlan**, the "Pearl of Reykjavík", a museum located on Óskjuhlíð hill, offers a panoramic view of the lush, green landscapes. A little further, one can easily spot the signpost showing the way to the evangelical **Hallgrímskirkja** church, and to the historical centre where one can stroll along the Skólavörðustígur and the Laugavegur, two lively streets with charming small shops. For some relaxation just outside of the city, visitors have the opportunity to visit the Reykjanes peninsula and its famous thermal lagoons of the **Blue Lagoon**.