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## CRUISING THE BRITISH ISLES: SCOTLAND, IRELAND & ENGLAND (2024)

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Cruises, A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises



Europe, Scotland, England,  
Ireland



14 days from AU\$33,070 pp



148 Guests

## Journey Overview

Voyage beyond mainland Scotland, Ireland and England for a completely unique experience exploring spectacular coastlines, natural landscapes and historic treasures. Joined by A&K's famed Expedition Team, discover the velvet-green Orkney archipelago, wild Hebrides, UNESCO-designated St. Kilda and ravishing cliffs of Donegal and Moher. Enjoy luxury pre- and post-cruise stays with one night in Edinburgh and two nights in London.

### Journey Highlights

- Cruise for 10 nights on luxury, all-balcony 'Le Dumont d'Urville,' with a capacity limited to just 148 guests
- Explore alongside A&K's captivating Expedition Team for an unforgettable enrichment program
- Experience a choice of included, immersive, A&K-only excursions in every port, spanning everything from visits to legendary historic sites and jaw-dropping coastal landscapes to hyper-local culinary and cultural experiences
- Explore dramatic and wild coastal landscapes from Scotland to Ireland, including stunning seabird habitats in the Inner and Outer Hebrides and Galway's spectacular Connemara
- Experience the fantastic history of the British Isles, visiting Urquhart Castle in the Scottish Highlands, the thrilling Ring of Brogdar in the Orkney Islands, UNESCO-designated St. Kilda Islands, and Sligo in Ireland, hometown of poet William Butler Yeats
- Savour culinary excursions, opting for experiences that include guided whisky tasting at the legendary Glenmorangie distillery in the Scottish Highlands and lunch with a former executive chef to the Royal family in London
- Before and after your cruise, experience a night in Edinburgh with a welcome dinner and two nights in London, each complete with luxury hotel stays and guided A&K-excursions

**Take 10 with an A&K Expert to Hear More About This Journey**



## Itinerary

### Sep 10: Arrive Edinburgh, Scotland

Arrive in Edinburgh and transfer to your landmark luxury hotel, The Balmoral. This evening, gather for a welcome briefing and themed dinner at your hotel.

***The Balmoral / Meals: D***

### Sep 11: Edinburgh | Vibrant Capital

Edinburgh embodies the Scottish national heritage like few other places. After a morning at leisure, tour Scotland's vibrant capital, taking in Edinburgh Castle and inspiring city views. Later, board your expedition vessel and set sail on the Firth of Forth. Conditions permitting, view Bass Rock, home to the world's largest gannet colony.

***'Le Dumont d'Urville' / Meals: BLD***

### Sep 12: Invergordon | Majestic Highlands

Northern Scotland is legendary for its dramatic, windswept mountains, wooded hills and rich history. Today, explore the magnificent Highlands, choosing from excursions that may include a visit to Inverness, a private cruise on mythic Loch Ness and stop at Urquhart Castle, an exploration of Culloden's battlefield, or a whisky tasting at Glenmorangie Distillery.

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### Sep 13: Orkney Islands | Kirkwall & the Ring of Brodgar

Rich in Viking heritage, the landscapes of the Orkneys span rolling hills, dramatic cliffs and wave-swept sea caves. Today, you might explore historic Kirkwall; Skara Brae, one of the best-preserved Stone Age settlements in Western Europe; or the spine-tingling Ring of Brodgar, a circle of standing stones dating to 2700 BC.

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### **Sep 14: Outer Hebrides | Prehistoric Western Isles**

Framed by wild, windswept beaches, Scotland's Western Isles span the rolling moorlands of Lewis and the towering mountains of Harris. Today, you might opt for a drive through the moorlands, stopping to explore the Calanais Standing Stones and the island's crofting traditions, or drive the Golden Road, pausing to visit a Harris tweed weaver and a local distillery.

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### **Sep 15: Outer Hebrides | Sea Stacks of St. Kilda**

Inhabited for over 2,000 years, Hirta, the largest of the St. Kilda islands, harboured an isolated, hardscrabble agricultural community until 1930. Conditions permitting, pass the island's staggering sea stacks and come ashore to explore the deserted stonework settlement, the highest cliffs in all of Britain, and a vital seabird habitat.

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### **Sep 16: Inner Hebrides | Green Jewels of Staffa & Iona**

The approach to Staffa by sea is breathtaking, with great basalt columns flanking the deep caves of the island. Conditions allowing, enjoy a Zodiac experience near Fingal, a sea cave formed by hexagonally jointed basalt. Continue cruising to the tranquil island of Iona, where you might discover Iona Abbey, an ancient centre of Gaelic monasticism.

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### **Sep 17: Donegal, Ireland | Unspoiled Coast**

Today, your Captain charts a course past Ireland's Killybegs to County Donegal, a rugged enclave of deep-sea inlets, sandy beaches and spectacular mountains. Once ashore, you may opt for a scenic tour of Donegal Town; drive through the countryside to the Slieve League Mountains; visit Sligo, the mecca of "Yeats Country"; or cross into Northern Ireland's walled city of Londonderry to reflect on the legacy of "Bloody Sunday" and "The Troubles."

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### **Sep 18: Galway | Cultural Enclave & the Cliffs of Moher**

Today, arrive in Galway, a lively cultural enclave renowned for its vibrant lanes, colourful houses and thriving arts scene. You might enjoy a culinary walking tour and Irish whiskey tasting, explore the Burren's vast karst landscape with a botanist and visit a local sheep farm, or spend the day amid Connemara's jagged, filigreed shoreline. Later, take in iconic vistas from the atmospheric Cliffs of Moher.

***'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: BLD***

### **Sep 19: Celtic Sea | Time to Reflect**

Relish a day at sea, relaxing with new friends and attending lectures to enrich your discoveries.

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### **Sep 20: Plymouth, England | Maritime Heritage**

Come ashore in Plymouth, a Devon port city renowned for its rich maritime heritage. Here, you might choose to tour the city's Mayflower Museum, Barbican architecture, Plymouth Hoe and Royal William Yard. Alternatively, head out to Dartmoor National Park, pausing in Princetown for a Devonshire cream tea, or savour tea and cake at Cornwall's Mount Edgcumbe House, former seat of the Earls of Mount Edgcumbe.

***'Le Dumont d'Urville' | Meals: BLD***

### **Sep 21: London | Storied Legacies Revealed**

Bid farewell to your Captain and crew as you approach the White Cliffs of Dover and disembark. Once ashore, you might visit Canterbury's prestigious cathedral; tour Leeds Castle, home to six English queens; or opt for a stop at Chartwell, the former residence of Winston Churchill. Your excursion ends at the Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square, where you dine this evening.

***Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square | Meals: BLD***

## **Sep 22: London | Iconic Landmarks**

Today, explore a city that defies all introductions — a global hub of commerce, culture and empire dating back to Roman times. Your excursions might include a tour featuring the Tower of London, Kensington Palace, Westminster Abbey and the London Eye; a visit to Buckingham Palace; a culinary experience with a former executive chef to the Royal Family; or a visit to the Churchill War Rooms and the Imperial War Museums.

***Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square / Meals: BLD***

## **Sep 23: Depart London**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on a group extension to the Cotswolds.

***Meals: B***

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## Journey Details

***Note: Itinerary is for guidance purposes only and may be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances including weather, medical emergencies and other conditions beyond A&K's control at the sole discretion of the Captain.***

This journey contains some active elements, including walks over uneven terrain and optional, challenging hikes.

Minimum age is 7 years.

Categories 4–8 include room upgrade at the hotels and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: welcome briefing on Sep 10.

Last group event: excursions on Sep 22.

### Included with this Luxury Expedition Cruise

- An Exclusively Chartered, All-Inclusive Voyage Led by A&K's Expedition Team and Local Guides
- Pre- and/or Post-Cruise Stays at Stylish, Ideally Located Hotels and A&K-Led Excursions
- Airport Meet and Greet and Transfers
- Private Balcony with Every Onboard Accommodation and Butler Service with Every Suite
- Maximum Personnel-to-Guest Ratio of 1 to 1.3 and ship occupancy limited to 80 percent
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed on board
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment program, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service on board
- All Gratuities, Port Charges and Taxes
- Complimentary Wi-Fi on Board and in Hotels
- Onboard Service from an English-Speaking Staff, Including an Accredited Physician
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support



## Map



## Extensions



Edinburgh Pre-Tour  
Extension (2024)

[See Details](#)



England's Cotswolds Post-  
Tour Extension (2024)

[See Details](#)

## Accommodation

### **The Balmoral, Edinburgh**



The Balmoral is a grand railway hotel at Edinburgh's most prestigious address. A landmark in the centre of the city, the historic building's grand clock still dominates the skyline, while its enviable location, stunning views, warm hospitality and world-class facilities provide the perfect retreat. Many of the rooms have views of Edinburgh Castle and the Old Town and dinner in the Michelin-starred Number One restaurant is a treat. Unwind in the award-winning spa and enjoy the timeless elegance of its 188 rooms and suites each with spacious marble bathroom.



## Le Dumont d'Urville



Launched in 2019, a luxury expedition ship exclusively chartered by A&K and featuring all-balcony accommodations.

### Ship Details

- Overall length: 131 metres
- Beam: 18 metres
- Average speed: 15 knots
- Passenger decks: 6
- Passenger capacity: 184, but limited to 148 exclusively on A&K charters
- Crew and A&K staff: 122 (personnel-to-guest ratio of 1 to 1.2)
- Gross tonnage: 9,900 GRT
- Standards: USPHS – U.S. Coast Guard's Rules Comfort Class 1 Clean-Ship Certification (meets or exceeds all IMO, EPA, IAATO and AECO operating standards)
- Technology: Advanced dynamic positioning system and highly efficient stabilisers
- Flag: French
- Language: English on all A&K charters

### Amenities

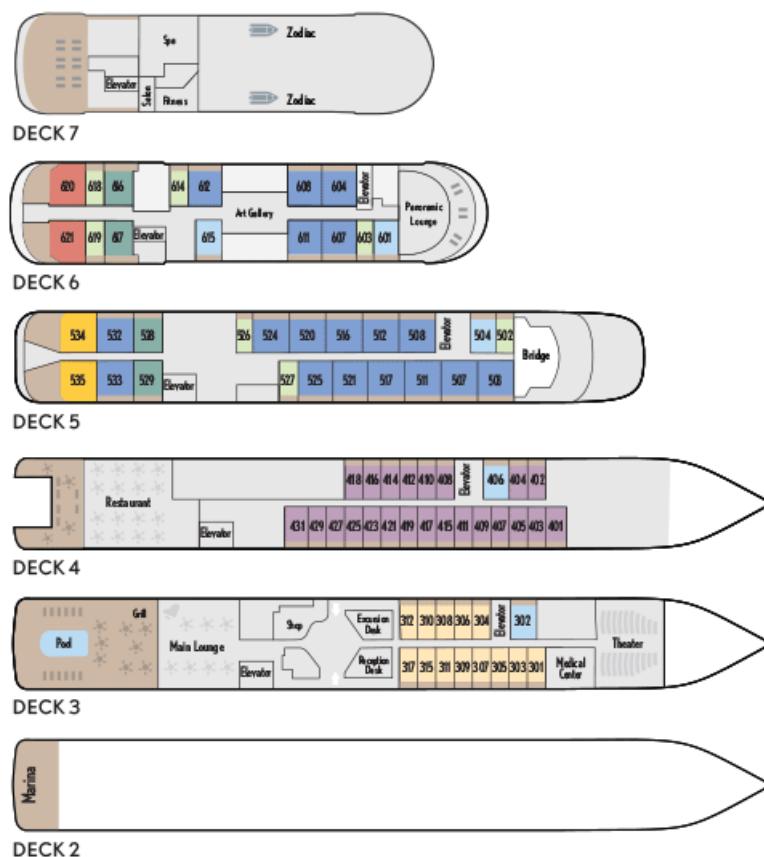
- Private balcony with every guest stateroom and suite
- Complimentary butler service with every category of suite (an exclusive on A&K charters only, including welcome Champagne, nightly canapés, packing/unpacking on request and more)
- Stateroom and suite amenities include a hair dryer, large wardrobe and ample storage, safe, alarm clock, and luxury bath products
- Stateroom and suite electricity: 220v outlets — Europe 2-prong style (plus two 110/220

- U.S. outlets)
- Sun Deck and multiple outer deck observation areas
- Outside heated pool
- Library with selection of books and games
- Two restaurants: Main and outdoor Grill
- Open bar with beer, wine, liquor, cocktails, soft drinks, coffee, tea and mineral water (excludes premium wines and spirits)
- Two lounges with bars: Main with live music and Panoramic with Terrace
- Complimentary 24-hour room service
- Complimentary in-cabin breakfast (on request)
- Three passenger elevators
- Fitness Centre with Kinesis® wall
- Full-service salon with spa, sauna and steam room
- Theatre with comfortable seating for all guests
- Boutique shop
- 24-hour medical facilities with certified doctor
- A&K's complimentary Traveller's Valet laundry service
- Complimentary wireless Internet on A&K charters (due to remote destinations, access and speed vary)

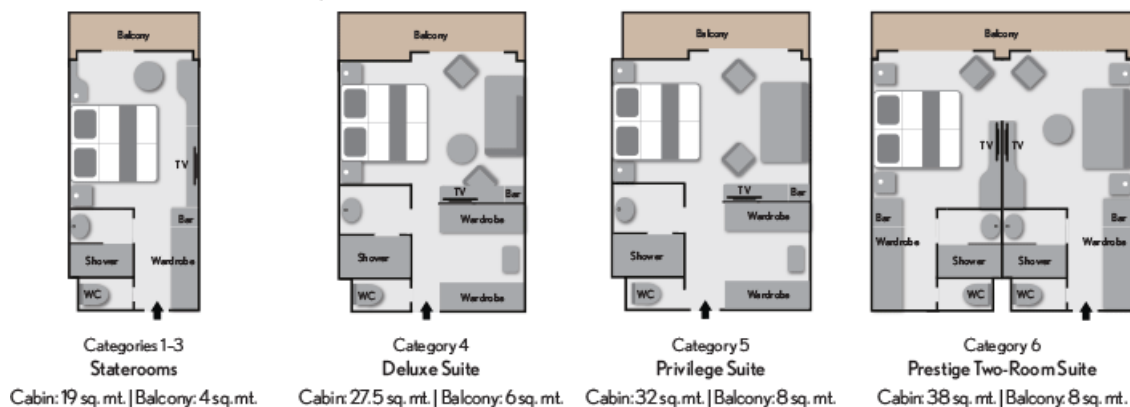
## 'Le Dumont d'Urville'

- Category 1  
Classic Stateroom
- Category 2  
Deluxe Stateroom
- Category 3  
Prestige Stateroom
- Category 4\*  
Deluxe Suite
- Category 5\*  
Privilege Suite
- Category 6\*  
Prestige Two-Room Suite
- Category 7\*  
Grand Deluxe Suite
- Category 8\*  
Owner's Suite

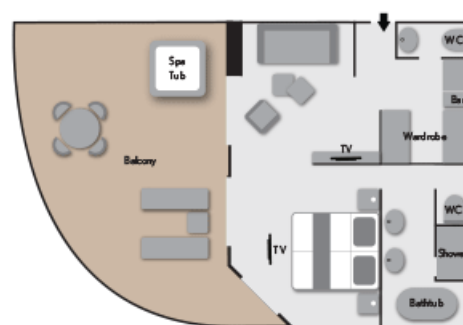
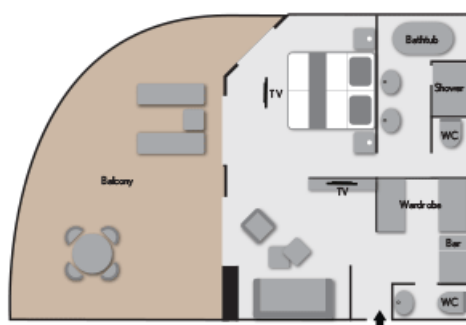
\*Butler Service Included



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# Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

## Sep 10, 2024 - Sep 23, 2024

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Classic Stateroom - Category 1	<b>AU\$33,070 pp</b>	AU\$24,810	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2	<b>AU\$36,915 pp</b>	AU\$27,685	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Prestige Stateroom - Category 3	<b>AU\$38,455 pp</b>	AU\$28,840	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Deluxe Suite - Category 4	<b>AU\$55,375 pp</b>	AU\$49,685	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Privilege Suite - Category 5	<b>AU\$59,225 pp</b>	AU\$53,345	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Prestige Two-Room Suite - Category 6	<b>AU\$68,455 pp</b>	AU\$62,110	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Grand Deluxe Suite - Category 7	<b>AU\$78,455 pp</b>	AU\$71,610	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Dumont d'Urville: Owner's Suite - Category 8	<b>AU\$83,070 pp</b>	AU\$75,990	AU\$0	Call for Availability

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