

Abercrombie & Kent



CRUISING THE BRITISH ISLES: ENGLAND, IRELAND & SCOTLAND (2025)

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Scotland for a completely unique experience
exploring spectacular coastlines, natural
landscapes and historic treasures.

Cruises, A&K Luxury Expedition Cruises



Europe, England, Ireland,
Scotland



12 days from AU\$32,135 pp



148 Guests

Journey Overview

Voyage beyond mainland England, Ireland and Scotland for a completely unique experience exploring spectacular coastlines, natural landscapes and historic treasures. Joined by A&K's famed Expedition Team, discover the ravishing cliffs of Donegal and Moher, the wild Hebrides, and the velvet-green Orkney archipelago. Then, enjoy a luxurious post-cruise stay at The Balmoral, a long-celebrated Edinburgh landmark.

Journey Highlights

- Cruise the enchanting British Isles for 10 nights aboard exclusively chartered Le Laperouse, 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
- Experience the fantastic history of the British Isles, visiting Urquhart Castle in the Scottish Highlands and the thrilling Ring of Brodgar in the Orkney Islands
- Explore dramatic and wild coastal landscapes from Ireland to Scotland, including Galway's spectacular Connemara and stunning seabird habitats in the Inner and Outer Hebrides
- Savour culinary excursions, opting for experiences that include a culinary tour in Galway and a guided whisky tasting at the legendary Glenmorangie Distillery in the Scottish Highlands
- After your cruise, enjoy a farewell reception and luxurious hotel stay at The Balmoral, an Edinburgh landmark

Combine this cruise with [European Coastal Cruise: France, Spain & Portugal \(May 12-21, 2025\)](#) and save 5%. [Contact one of our expert Journey Designers](#) or talk to your travel advisor to learn more.



Itinerary

May 21: Arrive London, England

Arrive in London, where you meet your fellow guests and Expedition Team. Transfer to Dover to board your expedition vessel this afternoon. Later this evening, enjoy a welcome briefing and reception aboard.

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May 22: At Sea | Cruising the Celtic Sea

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

Le Laperouse / Meals: BLD

May 23: Cork, Ireland | Blarney Castle

Go ashore in Cork, the Republic of Ireland's second-largest city. Explore the city centre's renowned university area, as well as Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral, an impressive example of Gothic Revival architecture. Continue a few miles inland to Blarney Castle, one of Ireland's most iconic sites. Here, you might choose to ascend the parapet to see the Blarney Stone, said to bestow "the gift of the gab" on all who kiss it.

Le Laperouse / Meals: BLD

May 24: Galway | 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 rugged shoreline. Later, take in iconic vistas from a scenic lookout atop the Cliffs of Moher.

Le Laperouse / Meals: BLD

May 25: Donegal | 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, a drive through the countryside to the Slieve League Mountains, or a visit to Northern Ireland's walled city of Londonderry to reflect on the legacy of "Bloody Sunday" and "The Troubles."

Le Laperouse / Meals: BLD

May 26: Inner Hebrides, Scotland | Jewels of Mull & Staffa

Come ashore in Mull, a remote island enclave of grand mountains, seaside villages, sandy beaches and some of the wildest coastal scenery in Europe. Here, you might visit Duart Castle, sample fine gins and whiskies at a local distillery, or tour the charming coastal burgh of Tobermory and a nearby farm. Afterward, cruise past great basalt columns flanking deep caves as you make your way to Staffa. Conditions allowing, enjoy a Zodiac experience near Fingal, a sea cave formed by hexagonally jointed basalt.

Le Laperouse / Meals: BLD

May 27: Oban | Gateway to the Islands

Continue cruising toward Oban. Set on the doorstep of the Scottish Highlands, this former fishing town became the "Gateway to the Islands" at the dawn of the steamship era. Once ashore, explore the town's distillery, McCaig's Tower and Battery Hill. Other options may include a visit to the standing stones of Kilmartin Glen, a tour of Inveraray and Kilchurn castles, or a six-mile hike of the West Highland Way.

Le Laperouse / Meals: BLD

May 28: 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.

Le Laperouse / Meals: BLD

May 29: 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.

Le Laperouse / Meals: BLD

May 30: Scottish Highlands | The Place of the Gaels

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.

Le Laperouse / Meals: BLD

May 31: Edinburgh | Vibrant Capital

Bid farewell to your Captain and crew as you sail through the Firth of Forth and disembark in Edinburgh, a city that embodies the Scottish national heritage like few other places. Tour this vibrant capital, taking in Edinburgh Castle and inspiring city views. This evening, gather for a farewell reception and luxurious night's stay at The Balmoral, a longstanding Edinburgh landmark.

The Balmoral / Meals: BL

Jun 1: Depart Edinburgh

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on an extension touring Edinburgh and the historic Scottish Borders.

Meals: B

Journey Details

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 hotel and butler service aboard the ship.

First group event: embarkation on May 21.

Last group event: excursions on May 31.

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 1.2
- Culinary Program Featuring French-Inspired Cuisine, Including House Drinks, Afternoon Tea and Pastries
- 24-Hour Room Service and Breakfast in Bed
- Choice of Curated, All-Inclusive Shore Excursions
- Enrichment programming, lectures and presentations
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- 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



England's Cotswolds Pre-Tour Extension (2025)

See Details



Edinburgh Post-Tour Extension (2025)

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 Laperouse



Cruise in intimate luxury aboard brand-new, exclusively chartered mega-yacht 'Le Laperouse', featuring a guest capacity limited to just 148 on A&K voyages and the leadership of our unrivalled Expedition Team. With the signature luxuries of an A&K expedition cruise, each stylish stateroom and suite has a private balcony. Meanwhile, sleek public spaces include a state-of-the-art, interactive underwater lounge, a panoramic lounge with abundant ocean vistas, a main lounge for live music, and a theatre for enriching lectures and special events. Added amenities include an outdoor heated pool, multiple observation areas, a marina for Zodiac adventures, and a salon and spa with a hammam and well-equipped fitness centre. When it comes time to dine, experience lavish French fare, coupled with unlimited house drinks.

Ensuring no detail is overlooked, enjoy complimentary connectivity throughout your cruise and our exclusive Traveller's Valet laundry service.

Le Laperouse 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

Le Laperouse 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 canapes, 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 up to eight items (additional laundry available)
- Complimentary wireless Internet on A&K charters only (due to remote destinations, access and speed vary)

'Le Laperouse'

- 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*



■ Category 7
Grand Deluxe Suite

■ Category 8*
Owner's Suite

*Butler Service Included



DECK 4



DECK 3



DECK 2

BUTLER SERVICE INCLUDED



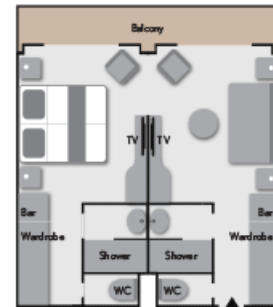
Categories 1-3
Staterooms
Cabin: 19 sq. mt. | Balcony: 4 sq. mt.



Category 4
Deluxe Suite
Cabin: 27.5 sq. mt. | Balcony: 6 sq. mt.

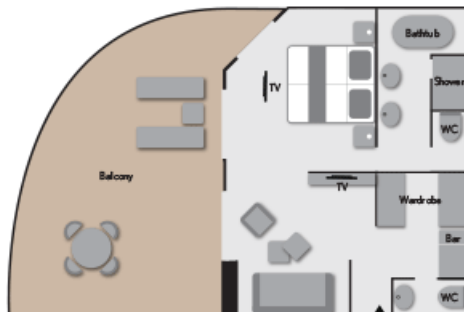


Category 5
Privilege Suite
Cabin: 32 sq. mt. | Balcony: 8 sq. mt.



Category 6
Prestige Two-Room Suite
Cabin: 38 sq. mt. | Balcony: 8 sq. mt.

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Category 7
Grand Deluxe Suite
Cabin: 45 sq. mt. | Balcony: 30 sq. mt.



Category 8
Owner's Suite
Cabin: 45 sq. mt. | Balcony: 30 sq. mt.

Dates & Pricing

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

May 21, 2025 - Jun 1, 2025

Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Classic Stateroom - Category 1	AU\$32,135 pp	AU\$16,065	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Deluxe Stateroom - Category 2	AU\$35,965 pp	AU\$17,980	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Prestige Stateroom - Category 3	AU\$37,495 pp	AU\$18,745	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Deluxe Suite - Category 4	AU\$55,095 pp	AU\$41,320	AU\$0	Call for Availability
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Privilege Suite - Category 5	AU\$59,690 pp	AU\$44,765	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Prestige Two-Room Suite - Category 6	AU\$68,875 pp	AU\$51,655	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Grand Deluxe Suite - Category 7	AU\$78,825 pp	AU\$59,155	AU\$0	Available
Cabin Class	Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Le Laperouse: Owner's Suite - Category 8	AU\$83,415 pp	AU\$79,205	AU\$0	Call for Availability

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