

# THE BOURBON WHISKEY CRUISE



September 21 - October 02, 2019

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**Whiskey is simply sunshine  
held together by water.**

Willett

Platinum Travel is proud to host our Bourbon and Whiskey Cruise, sailing to Scotland and Ireland, both destinations claiming the birthplace of the distilled spirit. Bourbon Whiskey will also be celebrated onboard, as we compare and enjoy the differences between the Kentucky spirit and its counterpart from across the “pond”. And we’re delighted to welcome Mr. Tim Laird, America’s Chief Entertaining Officer, leading us through tastings, showing us ways to entertain using spirits, and raising a glass as we sail through the islands of the U.K. and Ireland in search of new adventures! There’s no better way to do so than on the beautiful Oceania Nautica with only 684 guests, enjoying “The Finest Cuisine at Sea” and The Canyon Ranch Spa at sea.

We have a limited number of staterooms available on our voyage, so don’t miss out on this singular event, whether you’re an aficionado or novice – you’ll come away with an appreciation of spirits and fantastic memories of your time in port!

*“If I cannot drink bourbon and smoke cigars in heaven, than I shall not go.” – Mark Twain*

# NAUTICA

Sleek & elegantly charming, *Nautica's* decks are resplendent in the finest teak, custom stone & tile work, & her lounges, suites & staterooms boast luxurious, neo-classical furnishings. Nautica offers every luxury you may expect on board one of our stylish ships. She features four unique, open-seating restaurants, a world-class fitness center & spa, eight lounges & bars, a casino & 342 lavish suites & luxurious staterooms, nearly 70% of which feature private verandas. With just 684 guests to pamper, our 400 professionally trained staff ensure you will wait for nothing.

## SHIPS' SPECIFICATIONS

**Year Built:** 2000

**Year Refurbished:** 2014

**Gross Tonnage:** 30,277

**Length:** 593.7 feet

**Beam:** 83.5 feet

**Guest Decks:** 9

**Guest Capacity:** 684

**Staff Size:** 400

**Guest-to-Staff Ratio:** 1.71 to 1

**Nationality of Officers:** European



## CULINARY MASTERPIECES

Under the expert culinary direction of legendary Master Chef Jacques Pépin, Oceania Cruises offers its guests exquisite dining experiences:

- The Grand Dining Room—Continental cuisine
- Polo Grill—Steakhouse
- Toscana—Gourmet Italian
- Terrace Café—Casual breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Waves Grill—Casual breakfast and lunch







VERANDA STATEROOM

Elegant décor graces these handsomely appointed 216-square-foot veranda staterooms that boast our most popular luxury – private teak veranda for watching the ever-changing panoramas. The conveniences within each stateroom are just as accommodating and include a vanity desk, refrigerated mini-bar, breakfast table, and spacious seating area.

- Prestige Tranquility Bed, an Oceania Cruises Exclusive, with 1,000-thread-count linens
- Refrigerated mini-bar with free and unlimited soft drinks and bottled water replenished daily
- Complimentary 24-hour room service
- Plush cotton towels, thick cotton robes and slippers
- Bulgari amenities
- Handheld hair dryer
- Flat-screen television with live satellite news and programming & DVD player

# CASTLES TO CROWNS

## A ROYAL HISTORY

The shores of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales tell the history of kings and queens, and the hills are dotted with the castles built by the contending monarchs, all of which makes for a fascinating cruise through these celebrated lands.



DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sep 21 Sat	London (Southampton), United Kingdom	Embark 1 PM	6 PM
Sep 22 Sun	Cruising the North Sea		
Sep 23 Mon	Newcastle, United Kingdom	8 AM	9 PM
Sep 24 Tue	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	11 AM	8 PM
Sep 25 Wed	Cruising the North Sea		
Sep 26 Thu	Glasgow (Greenock), United Kingdom	10 AM	10 PM
Sep 27 Fri	Belfast, Ireland	8 AM	8 PM
Sep 28 Sat	Dublin, Ireland	8 AM	10 PM
Sep 29 Sun	Holyhead, United Kingdom	8 AM	6 PM
Sep 30 Mon	Waterford, Ireland (Anchor Port)	8 AM	5 PM
Oct 1 Tue	Portland, United Kingdom	12 PM	9 PM
Oct 2 Wed	London (Southampton), United Kingdom	Disembark 8 AM	



## DAY 1 & 12: LONDON (SOUTHAMPTON)

Take a trip up to London and get a bird's eye view of the city from the London Eye. See sights like Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Piccadilly. Stroll along Lower Regent Street or visit the British Museum.

## DAY 3: NEWCASTLE

A delightful blend of ancient and modern, Newcastle is one of the liveliest cities in northern England. Originally built in the 11th century, the Castle Keep was the “new castle” for which the city is named. Stroll along the River Tyne and marvel at the different bridges that have transformed the face of the city. Modern art is the main attraction at the BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, while the history of Newcastle unfolds at the Great North Museum.







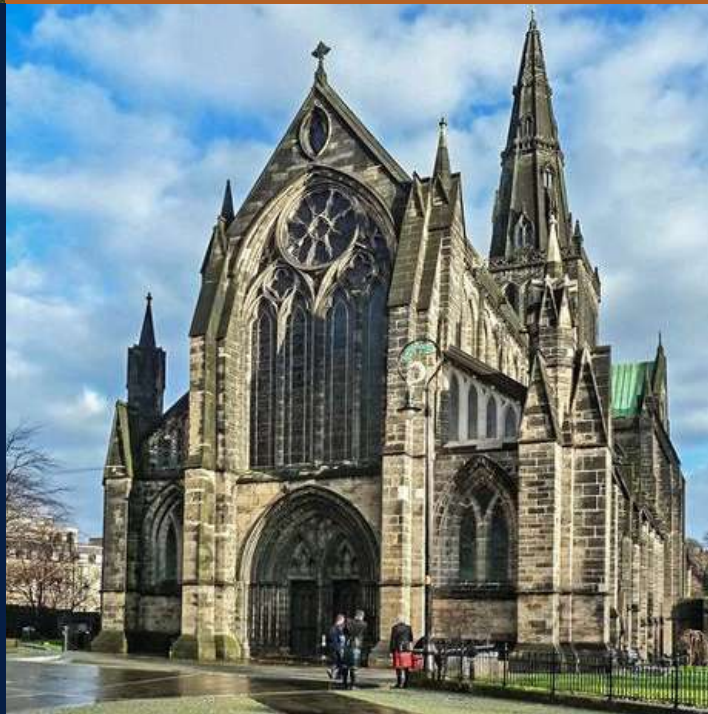
## DAY 4: EDINBURGH

Savor the old town's marvelous Georgian and Victorian architecture and impressive Edinburgh Castle, high on its volcanic crag with a fabulous view. Stroll along the medieval Royal Mile to the Palace of Holyroodhouse to see the abbey and Queen Mary's chambers. Visit St. Giles' Cathedral where John Knox once preached.

## (DAY 5: At Sea)

## DAY 6: GLASGOW

Offering some of the finest Victorian architecture in the UK, Glasgow is a major center of commerce and culture. Glasgow Cathedral is one of the only cathedrals in Scotland to have survived the Reformation intact and houses a celebrated collection of stained glass windows. When exploring Scotland's culinary culture, be sure to taste some of the famed single malt whiskies.







## DAY 7: BELFAST

Delight in this vibrant city of ornate Victorian and Edwardian architecture, gracious gardens and friendly pubs. Thrill to the natural phenomenon of the Giants' Causeway, and the enigmatic ruins of Grey Abbey.

## DAY 8: DUBLIN

Tour majestic St. Patrick's Cathedral, where Jonathan Swift is buried, and stroll through lovely St. Stephen's Green, a beautiful city park immortalized by James Joyce in *Ulysses*. The magnificently decorated Book of Kells is on display at the venerable Trinity College. For more secular pursuits, tour the Guinness Storehouse or the Jameson Distillery and learn the secrets to making great Irish beer and whiskey.





## DAY 9: HOLYHEAD

Enjoy the beautiful Welsh countryside with its charming towns and farms, and visit the imposing Caernarfon Castle begun by Edward I in 1283. This mighty fortress was a residence and seat of government as well as a military stronghold. The current Prince of Wales received his title here in 1969.

## DAY 10: WATERFORD

Stroll through this 1,100-year-old Viking town and admire Rodney's Tower, still in use, and see the exquisite treasures in the museum. Visit the Waterford Crystal Visitors' Centre, where you can see how the artisans cut their famous designs. Or enjoy the beautiful Irish countryside as you pass majestic abbey ruins, stroll through quaint villages and see remnants of Viking heritage.

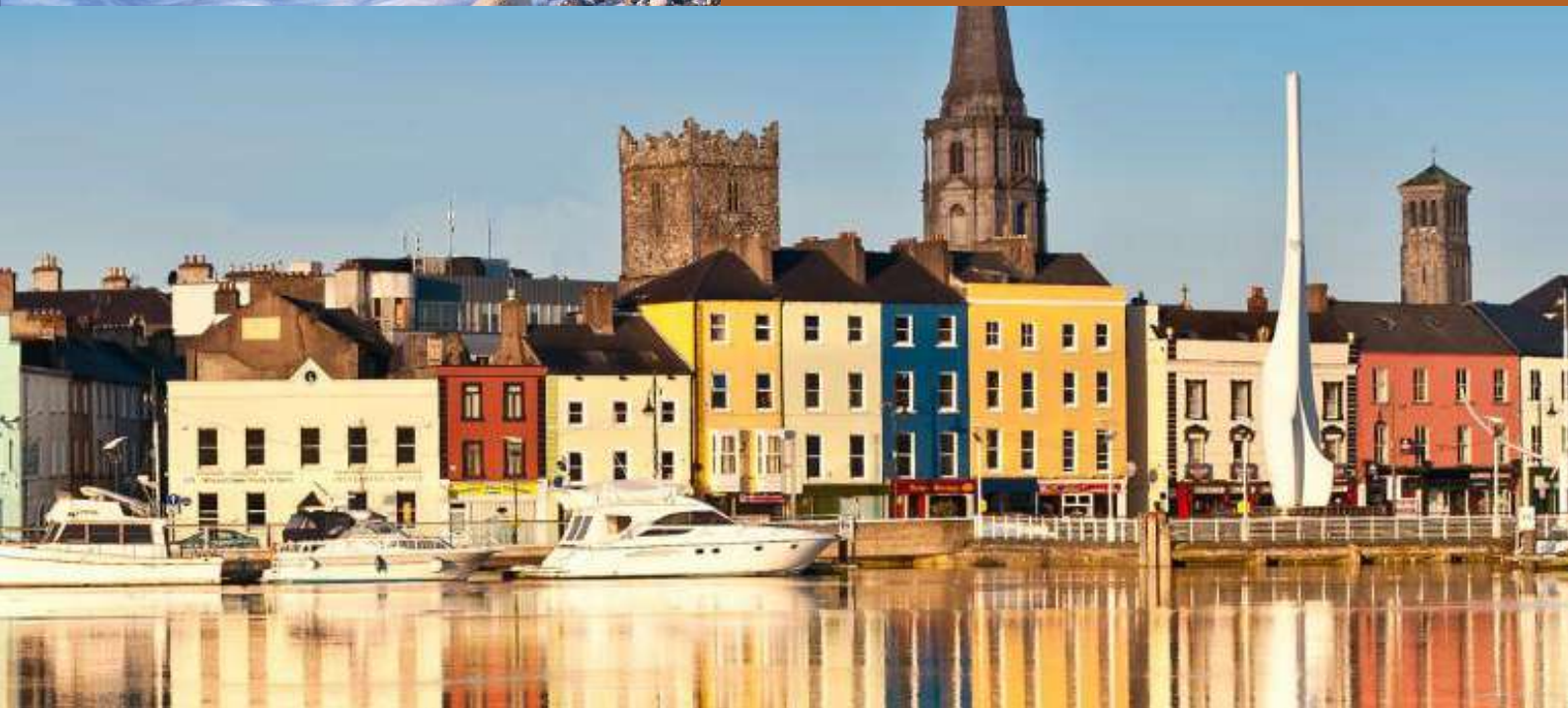






## DAY 11: PORTLAND

Joined to the mainland of Dorset by narrow Chesil Beach, Portland is in the heart of England's dramatic Jurassic Coast, so called because its rock bed dates back 185 million years. The coastal cliffs and area's unique flora and fauna are awe-inspiring, the perfect complement to the town's rich history. Portland Castle overlooks the harbor and is one of Henry VIII's best-preserved coastal fortifications. Portland Bill Lighthouse is another landmark, literally, and has been guiding sailors for more than 300 years. You may also enjoy walking to the abandoned Tout Quarry, which has been turned into a delightful stone sculpture park.





# OUR BOURBON WHISKEY AMBASSADOR



## Tim Laird America's C.E.O Chief Entertaining Officer

Tim Laird is an authority on wines and spirits with more than 25 years experience in the hospitality industry. A connoisseur of fine wines, spirits, and champagnes, Tim is also a gourmet chef and a master at entertaining and execution. He makes hundreds of appearances a year on radio and television programs and has appeared on The Today Show, The CBS Early Show, Fox & Friends, The Tonight Show; ABC World News Now and the CNN, FOX News and CNBC networks.

Tim also hosts two weekly television shows in his home state of Kentucky - Secrets of Bluegrass Chefs and Secrets of Louisville Chefs Live. He is a featured columnist for Louisville's *Food & Dining Magazine*, author of the books, *That's Entertaining! With Tim Laird, America's C.E.O. - Chief Entertaining Officer*, & *That's Entertaining! Cocktails and Appetizers* and the recently released *The Bourbon Country Cookbook*.

In his current role as Chief Entertaining Officer of Brown-Forman, a major producer of fine wines and spirits in Louisville, Kentucky, Tim enjoys teaching audiences around the world how to make entertaining fun and easy, and how to make delicious cocktails. In the past, he also worked for Korbel Champagne, E&J Gallo and Stroh's Brewery.



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# EXCLUSIVE BOURBON EVENTS ONBOARD

*(Selected from the following)*

## **History of Distilling and the Cocktail including a Cocktail Tasting**

Discover what distilling was used for in the Ancient World and how it transitioned in the 18th century and became a consumable spirit. The cocktail has a much storied life and has evolved over the centuries. We'll taste some classics that were known and enjoyed before prohibition.

## **Mixology 101**

Learn how to make great cocktails and get an inside look at the many myths about the cocktail world. We'll talk about where cocktails were invented and what country makes and shakes the best, and include a cocktail demonstration and tasting. Finally, the answer to the question...shaken or stirred?

## **Scotch Tasting**

Join us for a tasting that explores the key Scotch producing regions of Scotland. We will feature many of the styles including single malts and several rare expressions that are highly limited. Our flight of Scotches will excite the senses as each one brings its own unique sight, smell, taste and finish. We will also discuss the rich history of Scotch that dates back to the year 1494.

## **Irish Whiskey Tasting**

We will be offering a fantastic flight of Irish Whiskies that show off the best of Ireland. The tasting includes some of the best known names and also the latest release of Slane Irish Whisky which is finished in three different casks, offering a very unique tasting experience. The Irish have been making whiskey even longer than the Scotch, dating back to 1404. The Irish whiskey category is growing quickly and making a big comeback as Ireland used to be the world's largest country selling whiskey.

## **Food and Whiskey Pairing Experience**

Most know about food and wine pairings but now you can experience a food and bourbon pairing. You will taste all the key components of an aged whiskey by simple pairings with citrus, chocolate, dried fruit and other combinations that bring out all the flavors of whiskey - thousands more tasting notes than wine!

## **Bourbon Inspired Dinner**

Join us for a bourbon inspired dinner presented by the ship's Executive Chef. Bourbon cocktails created by Tim Laird will be paired with each course. The chef and Tim will then talk about each course and how bourbon enhanced each dish as well as the cocktail pairings.

# ADDITIONAL INCLUSIONS

**FREE** Pre-paid Gratuities

**FREE** \$100 Shipboard Credit

**FREE** Wifi (two sign-ins per stateroom)

**FREE** Airfare (from major cities)



**PLUS** choose one:

**FREE Shipboard Credit**  
(*\$300 per person*)

**FREE House Select Beverage Package**  
(*wine and beer with lunch and dinner*)

**FREE Shore Excursions**  
(*3 excursions per person*)

 **Life**  
**CHOICE\***



# RATES

STARTING FROM...



\*Rates are per person and based on double occupancy. All port charges & taxes are included in the rate. A deposit of \$750 per person is due at time of booking. Deposit is refundable until May 24, 2019. Final payment is due June 3, 2019. A precruise hotel, group air & transfer package will be offered at a later date. Please advise if you have previously cruised with Oceania Cruises for any potential Oceania Club membership privileges. A valid passport is required for travel.

THE  Life™ DIFFERENCE

- The Finest Cuisine at Sea™
- A variety of distinctive open-seating restaurants, *all at no additional charge*
- Gourmet cuisine curated by world-renowned Master Chef Jacques Pepin
- Epicurean enrichment programs, including immersive Culinary Discovery Tours™ in the world's most fascinating destinations
- Award-winning itineraries featuring more than 450 alluring destinations
- Spectacular port-intensive voyages featuring overnight visits and extended evening port stays
- Intimate, luxurious ships catering to just 684 or 1,250 guest
- Exceptional personalized service
- Country club casual ambiance
- Acclaimed Canyon Ranch® spa



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