Denise Piddington invites you to join her on a 12 night voyage of discovery visiting some of the most lovely, most remote and most unspoilt parts of Northern Europe visiting Scotland, the Faroe Islands and Iceland departing on Saturday 27th June 2020.

Your Holiday Itinerary

**Saturday 27th June – London Tilbury**

**Sunday 28th - Rotterdam (Netherlands)**
Rotterdam is Holland’s second city and also Europe’s largest port city. Rotterdam is a lively, contemporary and culturally rich city with a strong maritime heritage and attractive waterfront and varied architectural skyline.

**Monday 29th – At Sea**

**Tuesday 30th - Lerwick, Shetland Islands (United Kingdom)**
Originally settled by the Norsemen in the 9th century, Lerwick was founded as an unofficial marketplace to service 17th century Dutch herring fleets. The core of the town is a maze of narrow, flagstone streets set behind 18th century sandstone buildings overlooking the busy harbour. Hay's Dock, once the centre of Shetland’s fishing and boat building industries, is home to the marvellous Shetland Museum and Archives. On the southern tip of Mainland the extraordinary archaeological site of Jarlshof tells the story of some 4,000 years of human history on this remote archipelago with a wealth of wildlife.

**Wednesday 1st July - Tórshavn (Faroe Islands)**
Once the site of an annual Viking gathering, Tórshavn is today one of the smallest and most pleasant capital cities in the world. It sits on the southern tip of Streymoy, one of eighteen islands in the Faroese archipelago. Tinganes is the old part of the town where characteristic, red wooden buildings with turf-covered roofs cluster on a narrow peninsula. It juts into the natural harbour around which the modern town has been built. The Faroe Islands have a wild and dramatic landscape, which is a magnificent backdrop to optional excursions showing how islanders live on this remote and unspoiled archipelago.

**Thursday 2nd - Seyðisfjörður (Iceland)**
Located on the eastern tip of Iceland Seyðisfjörður is a small town comprising just 700 inhabitants, it is quirky, charming, fun, lively, lovely, different, friendly, creative, historic, peaceful, artistic, beautiful, active, bohemian, and natural and special.

**Friday 3rd - Akureyri (Iceland)**
Akureyri lies at the head of the 60-kilometre long Eyjafjörður, which is the longest fjord in Iceland. The capital of the north, which was founded as a trading post, is today an attractive town with colourful houses and well-kept gardens. It is also home to both the northernmost botanical garden and northernmost golf course in the world. Optional excursions highlight Iceland’s extraordinary landscapes including surreal rock formations, the lunar-like pseudo-craters at Skutastadir and the stunning, crescent-shaped Godafoss Waterfall. Laufas Folk Museum, or Myvatn Nature Baths, Iceland’s newest spa, are relaxing alternatives.

**Saturday 4th - Ísafjörður (Iceland)**
Situated just below the Arctic Circle, Ísafjörður is the largest town in the Westfjords region of Iceland. It sits on a gravel spit that stands out into the Skutulsfjördur flanked on three sides by towering mountains. There are only three roads leading out of the town and all are through tunnels. The Westfjords region is a nature lover’s paradise and a popular excursion visits the magical island of Vigur, which is home to a large eider duck colony and vast bird population.

**Sunday 5th - Reykjavík (Iceland)**
Part old Norse, part modern city, the Icelandic capital has a quirky character of its own. Although Reykjavík is one of the world’s smallest capital cities, it is home to almost half of Iceland’s population. Mosaics, murals and sculptures are found throughout the oldest part of the town where brightly coloured houses with tin roofs are watched over by the towering Hallgrímskirkja Church. The classic ‘Golden Circle’ featuring vast lava fields, bubbling mud pools, crashing waterfalls and spouting geysers, is a popular optional excursion along with the chance to bathe in the famous geothermal Blue Lagoon.

**Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th - At Sea**

**Thursday 9th - London Tilbury**
Introducing Columbus

Originally built in 1989, Columbus was refurbished in 2015 and then again in May 2017 before joining the Cruise and Maritime Voyages fleet as their new flagship. Columbus is a small to medium sized adult only cruise ship, offering a comfortable traditional 3*+ cruise experience specially tailored for her British guests. She features eight bars, five different dining options, two speciality coffee shops and two heated swimming pools. In addition she has a large main show lounge and several additional entertainment venues, a library and separate card room, as well as a wellness centre with a fully equipped gym and even a guest laundry. Particular strengths include her well-appointed public areas and standard cabins that are amongst the largest at sea.

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The above pricing expires on Wednesday 27th March 2019

Other cabin grades (both cheaper and more expensive) are available upon request and subject to availability. However those featured above have been deliberately chosen for their size, features and location.

Important Notes:

• This holiday has been arranged on behalf of the members, family and friends of Bushey U3A by Martin Hay from GoCruise in association with Cruise and Maritime Voyages. Martin Hay is a national award-winning independent ocean and river cruise specialist, he is also a director of AGTO, the Association of Group Travel Organisers. Both GoCruise and Cruise and Maritime Voyages are members of ABTA under which your money is 100% protected.

• This cruise has already been on sale for nearly a month and as such the availability of certain grades of cabin, particularly single cabins, is already limited. Accordingly those interested in joining this holiday are recommended to contact Denise or Martin Hay from GoCruise at the earliest opportunity in order to secure their preferred cabin type in the most favourable location on the ship.

• The required deposit is just £200 per person and the balance is due approximately 12 weeks before departure.

• Lastly it is a requirement that all guests take out a comprehensive travel insurance policy, no later than the final balance due date at the very latest, preferably before then. NB: if anyone has difficulty in arranging cover they are encouraged to contact Martin Hay on the number listed below for further advice.

Further Information and Booking Procedure:

• Anyone with any questions regarding this this rather special holiday, who want further advice on final cabin selection or those who want to book are asked to either call Denise or call Martin Hay at GoCruise on 01202 027559.

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