

# Treasures of the Celtic Sea

From **26/04/2021**  
to **04/05/2021**

Ship: **L'AUSTRAL**

From **Saint-Malo**  
to **Glasgow, Scotland**



Set off to discover the treasures of the Celtic Sea. This **9-day** cruise between **Saint-Malo** and **Glasgow** will take you into the heart of landscapes of wild and melancholic beauty: between lush green prairies, sheer cliffs, colourful little villages, moss and heaths, fall under the spell of these lands infused with mystery.

Your first port of call will be **Guernsey**, whose green prairies and romantic cliffs welcomed Victor Hugo during his exile, then the **Isles of Scilly**, a strange little archipelago whose landscapes seem to have come straight out of Enid Blyton's famous story, *The Rockingdown Mystery*. Here, long sandy beaches lie alongside green fields, while ruins of old castles stand proud on hilltops.

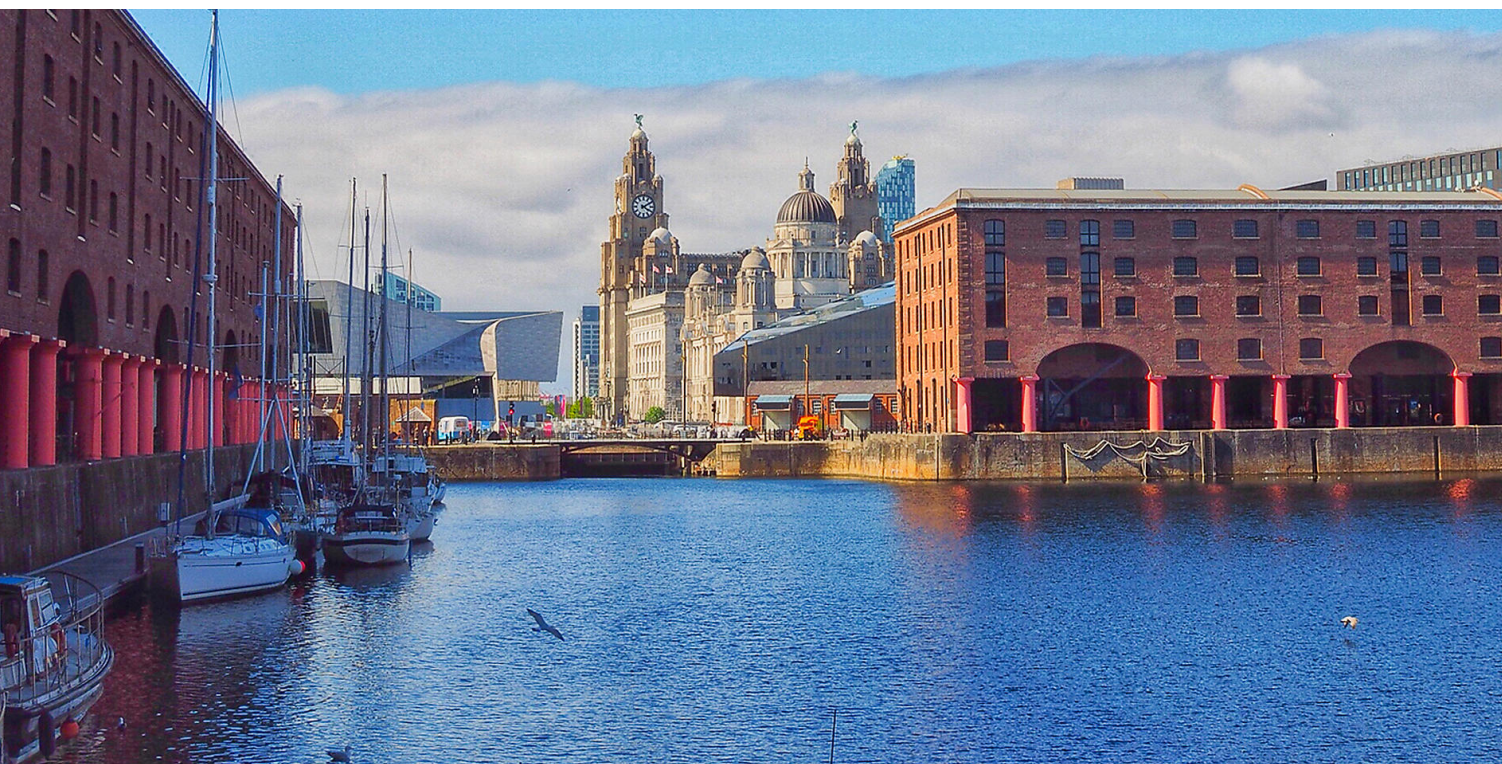
On the south coast of Ireland, you will discover **Kinsale**, a charming little port sheltered within the Bandon Estuary.

*L'Austral* will take you then to **Liverpool** and **Dublin**, the Irish capital brimming with convivial atmosphere and authentic charm.

In the **Isle of Man**, located between the United Kingdom and Ireland, you will discover the capital **Douglas**, a postcard from United Kingdom of yesteryear with a Victorian atmosphere.

During your stopover in **Belfast**, you can visit the Giant's Causeway. This massive geological formation is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and features over 40,000 basalt columns.

You will disembark at **Glasgow**, end of this beautiful cruise.



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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### SAINT-MALO

Embarkation 26/04/2021 from 20h00 to 21h00

Departure 26/04/2021 at 22h00

The mere mention of Saint-Malo's name is enough to plunge us back into the richness of its past. The fortifications stand as testimony to the Malouins' determination to defend their citadel, fought over by France and Britain in turn. When we drop anchor here, immerse yourself in the diversity of its heritage: the time when privateers sailed the oceans in search of trade and victories; the legendary yacht races the port city is still famous for, such as the Route du Rhum; and the final resting place of the French writer François-René de Chateaubriand, who was born here and chose to be buried here anonymously.

### GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

Arrival 27/04/2021 early morning

Departure 27/04/2021 late afternoon

**Guernsey** is an atypical and unforgettable port of call. This Channel Island will delight you with its mild, iodic climate and its green and floral landscapes. Don't be surprised to come across dolmens and menhirs here and there, testifying to the long history of the island and its rich heritage. The attractive capital of **St. Peter Port** is characteristic of the delightful British atmosphere that gives the island its charm. The memory of the great writer Victor Hugo is also very present, as he lived for fifteen years in exile in **Guernsey**. His home, Hauteville House, preserves his memory. The incredible richness of the decoration gives a clear illustration of the creative genius of this great man.

### ISLES OF SCILLY

Arrival 28/04/2021 midday

Departure 28/04/2021 late afternoon

Nestling in the clear waters of the Atlantic Ocean, at the south west tip of Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly form a small British island chain whose climate, landscapes and lifestyle are unlike any other and seem to have come straight from an Enid Blyton story. Here, everything resembles a tropical paradise. The long sandy beaches run alongside lush green meadows teeming with semi-exotic flowers, whilst the ruins of ancient castles loom from the tops of the hills. Veritable havens of peace that inspired the legendary Avalon of King Arthur, they are today listed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the rugged coastline plays host to wildlife that is as varied as it is exceptional, including the very rare Atlantic grey seal.

## KINSALE

Arrival 29/04/2021 early morning

Departure 29/04/2021 early afternoon

Considered Ireland's most beautiful village, **Kinsale** will captivate you with its sublime natural landscapes and rich cultural heritage. Located at the mouth of the Bandon River in County Cork, this charming little port is home to **picturesque streets lined with colourful houses, art galleries and theatres**, as well as to a 17th-century fort. Not far away, perched on a rocky promontory, stands the **Old Head of Kinsale Lighthouse**: still in operation today, it has magnificent views over the Atlantic Ocean.

## LIVERPOOL

Arrival 30/04/2021 mid morning

Departure 30/04/2021 evening

The fast-moving and appealing city of **Liverpool** sprawls along the banks of the River Mersey. This former bastion of industry in England's north-west has found its second wind, thanks especially to the highly successful redevelopment of its docks, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2004. The city, the **Beatles'** birthplace, has lots to offer to its visitors. While a walk down the Waterfront from Pier Head to Albert Dock is a major highlight you'll also love the quality of museums such as the **Walker Art Gallery** and the wealth of architecture in the city. But what will really impress you is the playful and open-minded spirit of its inhabitants, which John Lennon referred to as "positive energy".

## DUBLIN

Arrival 01/05/2021 early morning

Departure 01/05/2021 late evening

The Irish capital stretches along the banks of the Liffey to Dublin bay, on the East coast of Ireland. Discover Ireland's warm conviviality in the pedestrian district of **Temple Bar**. Its cobbled streets are brimming with fabulous shops, pubs and arts centres. Next to Trinity College, famous for its 18th century library, you can stroll along Grafton Street: in one of its famous tea shops, try a delicious scone and clotted cream served hot and melt-in-the-mouth with jam. Not far from here, the majestic O'Connell bridge leads you to the avenue with the same name, on which **Spire**, a luminous contemporary sculpture presides.

## DOUGLAS

Arrival 02/05/2021 midday

Departure 02/05/2021 early evening

**Douglas** is the capital of the **Isle of Man**, a self-governing island in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland. The Isle of Man is best-known for its gruelling annual TT motorbike race but Douglas itself is a charming traditional seaside resort. The stroll along the busy **promenade** is very popular, as well as the visit of the **Manx Museum**, which retraces the island's fascinating Celtic and Viking heritage. It is possible to take a steam train into the mountainous interior, where

medieval castles and pretty villages and farms can be observed.

## BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

Arrival 03/05/2021 early morning

Departure 03/05/2021 late afternoon

The capital city of Northern Ireland is located on the very tip of Belfast Lough, in the north-east of the Emerald Isle. Along the waterfront, the building shaped like a fragmented liner is none other than the Titanic Belfast, a homage to the famous transatlantic liner, with full-scale reconstructions making for an insightful experience of the Belle Epoque. In the historical centre, you'll also travel back in time when you see the majestic Edwardian columns of the City Hall, and the imposing neo-gothic towers of Queen's University for example. The carved wooden façades of the Victorian pubs will certainly entice you in for a pint of beer or chilled cider.

## GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

Arrival 04/05/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 04/05/2021 at 07h00

In the heart of the **Clyde Valley**, the bustling city of **Glasgow** contrasts starkly with the wild beauty of the surrounding countryside. Scotland's biggest city overflows with landmarks from its extensive artistic heritage and outstanding architectural tradition. The city's chequerboard layout makes walking through the major pedestrian thoroughfares easy: go with the flow and let the lively street atmosphere take you past the many Victorian monuments. Don't miss the collections on display in the numerous museums and art galleries. The Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum is an outstanding example.