

Join OZ Bridge Travel
on board the elegant Nieuw Statendam

Britain & Ireland Cruise

with Gary Brown

20 August to 8 September 2025

London, Amsterdam, Edinburgh,
Shetland Islands, Kirkwall,
Stornoway, Belfast, Liverpool,
Glasgow, Isle of Man, Waterford

Comprehensive Bridge Program



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Embark on another memorable Bridge Cruise/Holiday with Gary Brown and the OZ Bridge Travel team. Gary, the author of six Bridge books, including one that clinched the 2007 American Bridge Teachers' Association's 'Book of the Year', has also created Flash Cards (the Ultimate Guide by the Bridge Player's Side). Gary conducts duplicates, teaches seminars, and arranges Bridge Holidays globally, with over 59 Cruise Holidays/Bridge Boot Camps to his credit. We are dedicated to making your journey a 'trip of a lifetime'. Our Bridge program is extensive yet laid-back; you can play when you want to, with a partner guaranteed. Non-bridge playing Spouses/partners are also welcome – as there's a world of activities to discover and enjoy!



Itinerary

DAY 1 Wednesday 20 August 2025

Departure

Today we depart Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, and Perth on our overnight flight to London.

DAY 2 Thursday 21 August 2025

London, Britain

This morning, we arrive at London's Heathrow Airport. After clearing customs a private coach will pick us up to embark on a sightseeing tour of the city with a focus on Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square and St Paul's Cathedral. In the afternoon, we'll check into our hotel.

DAY 3 Friday 22 August 2025

London

This morning, we visit Buckingham Palace and enjoy a tour of 19 spectacular State rooms. Buckingham Palace is furnished with the wonderful treasures from the Royal Collection, including paintings by Rubens, Rembrandt, Poussin and more world-renowned artists. The afternoon is free time for shopping, leisure and private time.



DAY 4 Saturday 23 August 2025

Embarkation

Mid-morning we will depart London and be transferred to Dover to board the Nieuw Statendam for our voyage around the British Isles. Dover is the closest point to mainland Europe and is known as the "Gateway to England." Be on deck to view the famous White Cliffs of Dover – as we set sail for our Britain cruise.

DAY 5 Sunday 24 August 2025

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

This morning, we arrive into the port of Rotterdam for an overview tour of the old town before being transferred to Amsterdam where we will enjoy a city canal cruise with fantastic views of the 17th-century buildings lining the canals.

DAY 6 Monday 25 August 2025

At Sea

Our first day at sea and our first full day of Bridge! Morning coaching followed by lunch, then an afternoon Duplicate.



DAY 7 Tuesday 26 August 2025

Edinburgh, Scotland

Today, we explore Edinburgh, the historic and regal capital of Scotland, renowned as one of Europe's most picturesque cities. Our tour highlights the venerable Royal Mile, whose cobblestone streets are the core of the medieval Old Town, stretching from the Palace of Holyrood House (His Majesty the King's official Scottish residence) to the formidable Edinburgh Castle. We'll relish a guided tour of the castle, the custodian of the Scottish Crown Jewels and the celebrated Stone of Destiny. The panoramic views from the castle are breathtaking.

DAY 8 Wednesday 27 August 2025

Lerwick, Shetland Islands

This morning, we arrive in Lerwick, Shetland's sole town, and commence our tour with a brief panoramic drive around this small capital, established in the 1600s. Next, we'll proceed to Central and West Mainland to explore Scalloway, the erstwhile capital of Shetland. Our visit includes the Scalloway Museum, home to the notable Shetland Bus exhibit that illustrates the village's distinctive



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On each sea day, a 'Coaching Session' will be held every morning, followed by a Duplicate game in the afternoon. Additionally, on numerous port days, an afternoon Duplicate game will be scheduled if we return to the ship on time. A partner is always provided, ensuring you can always participate when a game is on.

role during World War II when the German occupation of Norway led to a surge of refugees to Shetland. Our journey will take us through Tingwall Valley, steeped in Norse legacy. We will pause to admire the renowned Shetland ponies with time for photographs.

DAY 9 Thursday 28 August 2025 **Kirkwall, Orkney Islands**

Today, our journey takes us to the Orkney Islands. Kirkwall, situated on Mainland, the largest of the Orkney Islands, is our first stop. Our sightseeing tour includes the magnificent 12th-century Norse St Magnus' Cathedral, crafted from sandstone. We'll also explore some of Europe's most remarkable archaeological sites, such as the enigmatic Standing Stones of Stenness, and the Neolithic Ring of Brodgar. As we traverse the island, we'll be greeted by its dramatic natural landscapes, from sheer cliffs to the abundant birdlife.



DAY 10 Friday 29 August 2025 **Stornoway, Hebrides**

Today's tour of the Isle of Lewis starts in the historic port and Viking town of Stornoway. We'll delve into the Hebridean island's unique history and culture, and explore landmarks such as the 5,000-year-old Callanish Standing Stones, the 19th-century Blackhouse in Arnol, and the ancient Carloway Broch, dating back 2,500 years.

DAY 11 Saturday 30 August 2025 **At Sea**

A full program of Bridge and/or a day to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

DAY 12 Sunday 31 August 2025 **Belfast, Northern Ireland**

This morning, we arrive in Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland and the seat of its Parliament, known as Stormont. Our tour starts with a visit to the Titanic Dry Dock, followed by a sightseeing journey around Belfast, taking in sights such as the City Hall, the Grand Opera House, Queen's University, and the Albert Memorial Clock.

DAY 13 Monday 1 September 2025 **Liverpool, England**

This morning, we will arrive at the port city of Liverpool, the cultural capital within the county of Lancashire, renowned for its vibrant culture, significant maritime history, and the iconic Mersey waterfront. Globally recognized as the birthplace of The Beatles during the era of the Mersey Beat, Liverpool holds a special place in music history. Our sightseeing tour includes Matthew Street, the location of the Cavern Club where The Beatles performed. We'll also visit the Mersey waterfront and embark on a ferry ride across the River Mersey, immortalized by Jerry & the Pacemakers.



DAY 14 Tuesday 2 September 2025 **Glasgow, Scotland**

Today, we arrive in Glasgow, a city brimming with style, vitality, and a distinct gritty history. Originating from modest beginnings, Glasgow flourished from the wealth of the industrial revolution. Our morning tour will showcase this as we pass by the Glasgow Cathedral and make our way through the Merchant City. Moving from Glasgow Cross, we'll enter the medieval section of the city and Glasgow Green, where we'll encounter the People's Palace and the Victoria Fountain, the largest terracotta fountain in the world.

DAY 15 Wednesday 3 September 2025 **Douglas, Isle of Man**

This morning, we'll embark on a tour of the Isle of Man, nestled in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland. Setting out from Douglas, our journey takes us through the island's heart to Tynwald, the site of the original Viking Manx parliament from the 10th century. This remarkable system of self-governance has persisted for over a millennium, earning it the title of the world's oldest continuous parliament. Our tour proceeds to Peel, situated on the island's western shore, where the remnants of an ancient Celtic cathedral and the pink sandstone fortifications of a 14th-century castle stand. We'll explore the House of Manannan heritage centre, which delves into the Isle of Man's extensive and intriguing past. You'll learn about Manannan, the storied sea deity, the lives of the Celts and Vikings, and the Irish Sea's historic role as a bustling avenue for trade and cultural exchange, once navigated by Viking vessels.



DAY 16 Thursday 4 September 2025 **Waterford, Ireland**

This morning, we relish a scenic drive through the Waterford countryside before arriving in Waterford city. The city's name originates from the Old Norse word 'Vadrefjord', which translates to 'Water Fjord'. Today, it is renowned for its exquisite crystal. We tour the House of Waterford Crystal, witnessing both the production process and the splendid final products. Our exploration of the town includes a visit to Reginald's Tower, an ancient stronghold built in 1003 as part of the Danish defences, which Strongbow later seized in 1171. Our journey concludes with a return to Dunmore East and the port.

DAY 17 Friday 5 September 2025 **At Sea**

Today's schedule is packed with Bridge activities. We have a full day at sea to take pleasure in the ship's amenities.

DAY 18 Saturday 6 September 2025 **London/Departure**

Early this morning, we return to Dover. Following breakfast and customs clearance, we journey to Windsor to explore Windsor Castle, the world's oldest and largest inhabited castle and an official residence of His Majesty the King. Constructed over 900 years ago, the castle spans an impressive 44,593.5 square metres. Afterwards, we will proceed to London, where we enjoy some free time for last-minute shopping or leisurely sightseeing. Finally, we were transferred to Heathrow Airport for our overnight flight back to Australia.

DAY 19 Sunday 7 September 2025 **In Flight**

DAY 20 Monday 8 September 2025 **Australia**

We arrive back in Australia today and the tour ends.

MS Nieuw Statendam

Launching in December 2018, Nieuw Statendam carries forward the nautical heritage, signature service and classic style for which Holland America Line is known—while raising the bar for 21st-century elegance. Guests onboard Nieuw Statendam will love her interiors; grand light-filled spaces, visual drama and sumptuous interiors inspired by the fluid curves of musical instruments. A beautifully appointed mid-sized ship with elegant lines, she proudly reflects more than 140 years of Dutch seafaring tradition. There are ten delicious dining venues and the wonderfully relaxing Greenhouse Spa. With sophisticated décor and amenities, staterooms provide a welcoming haven at the end of an eventful day, designed with thoughtful modern touches such as bedside USB ports, frameless shower doors and customized wood cabinets. Dazzling entertainment options abound on board Nieuw Statendam. The new Lincoln Centre Stage and Billboard Onboard venues join the already popular B.B. King's Blues Club for a complete new "Music Walk" experience.



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Prices per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin	Description	Deck	Twin-share Fare	Single Fare
L	Inside	4,5,6,7,8	\$ 10990	\$ 14290
K	Inside	4,5,6,7,8,11	\$ 11190	\$ 14390
J	Inside	1,4,5,6,7,8	\$ 11490	\$ 15090
I	Inside	1,4,5,6,7,8	\$ 11590	\$ 15190
F	Oceanview	1	\$ 11790	\$ 15690
E	Oceanview	1,4	\$ 12190	\$ 16590
D	Oceanview	7,11	\$ 12290	\$ 16690
C	Oceanview	1	\$ 12390	\$ 16790
VH	Balcony (Obstructed)	4	\$ 12490	\$ 17190
VF	Balcony	4,8	\$ 12590	\$ 17290
VE	Balcony	7,8	\$ 12690	\$ 17390
VD	Balcony	5,6,7	\$ 12790	\$ 17690
VC	Balcony	5,6	\$ 12890	\$ 17890
VB	Balcony	11	\$ 12990	\$ 17990
VA	Balcony	6,7	\$ 13090	\$ 18190
V	Balcony	5,6,7,8	\$ 13190	\$ 18290
B	Suite	8	\$ 13990	\$ 19990
A	Suite	4,5,6,7	\$ 14190	\$ 20190
Included port and handling charges			\$ 1091	\$ 1782
Included on-board gratuities			\$ 364	\$ 364
Included air taxes as at 1 July 2024			\$ 290	\$ 290

Included in the Oz Bridge Britain & Ireland Cruise:

- Economy-class air travel from Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane to London and return
- Travel on Nieuw Statendam in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and gratuities aboard Nieuw Statendam
- 2 nights' accommodation in London including breakfast
- Sightseeing with admissions and meals as shown in the itinerary
- Tour leadership by Oz Bridge Travel
- Comprehensive Bridge Programme
- All port taxes, air taxes, fees and current fuel supplements
- Transfers to and from Nieuw Statendam
- Cruise gratuities

Not included in the price:

- Travel insurance
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary, including sightseeing tours, while on the ship

Availability: All cabins are subject to cabin availability. Please call 1800 630 343 for fares and information on other cabin categories.

Extending: You can stay longer in London for minimal extra cost. Please contact Travelrite on 1800 630 343 for more information.

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.



TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005817 078) is the tour organiser. The MS Nieuw Statendam is operated by Holland America and the fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the Holland America website www.hollandamerica.com.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$1200 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. The passenger must also complete Holland America cruise personaliser. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the fly/cruise. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by credit card.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	loss of deposit
90 - 61 days	100% of full fare
Non-appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare.

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. If you are not an Australian passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 23kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

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HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a non-refundable deposit of \$1200 per person to:

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