

ANTARCTICA – *SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITION*

CLASSIC ANTARCTIC PENINSULA



It is the journey of a lifetime in the truest sense of these words. Traversing Drake's eponymous passage is a must for any explorer. With diverse seabirds attracted to the area, have your binoculars and cameras ready and as you sail closer to the Antarctic Peninsula, look for seals basking on ice floes, Macaroni penguin, and the prodigious Orca whale. Begin and end your expedition at the "world's end", Ushuaia.



DATES: 2018- November 20, 30;
December 10

2019- January 04, 14, 24;
February 03, 13, 23; December 08

2020- January 17, 27;
February 06, 16

DURATION: 13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS

EMBARK: USHUAIA, ARG

DISEMBARK: USHUAIA, ARG

SHIPS: Silver Cloud Expedition

FROM: \$10,740*

*After 10% early Payment Savings

Expedition Highlights

- Marvel at spectacular iceberg sculptures and calving glaciers
- Set foot on the continent and mainland of Antarctica
- Encounter Gentoo, Chinstrap and Adelie Penguins
- Spot elephant seals, Antarctic fur seals, Weddell seals, leopard seals and crabeater seals
- Watch for whales – humpback, Minke, orca, pilot, and beaked whales
- Identify seabirds – Snowy Sheathbill, Antarctic Cormorant, Kelp Gull, Antarctic Tern, Cape Petrels, Wandering Albatrosses, Southern Fulmars, Blue-eyed Shags, Southern Giant Petrels, skuas, Black-browed Albatrosses, Wilson's Storm Petrels, Sooty Shearwaters

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Day 1: Arrive Santiago, Chile or Buenos Aires, Argentina

You will be met and transferred to your deluxe hotel. Remainder of the day is free. Arrive a day or two early to see more of the area.

Day 2: City Tour

Enjoy an included half-day tour of the capital city. Overnight.

Day 3: Flight to Ushuaia – Embarkation

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your included flight from to Ushuaia. Meet and transfer to ship. Capital of Argentina's Tierra del Fuego province, Ushuaia lies in a bay opening into the Beagle Channel, at the country's southernmost tip.

Embark your ship, settle in and attend a mandatory safety drill before leaving port. During the afternoon you will be introduced to some of the important crew members and your Expedition Team. At sail-away bid farewell to Tierra del Fuego, the 'Land at the End of the World'.



Days 4–5 — Drake Passage

The Drake Passage has a notorious reputation for its turbulent seas due to the westerly winds and the funneling effect of the passage. The Antarctic Convergence, a natural boundary where cold polar water flows northward and warmer equatorial water moves southward, is within the Drake Passage. When these two currents meet, nutrients are pushed to the surface, often attracting a multitude of seabirds and whales. Spend some time on deck watching the horizon and the variety of seabirds that glide in the air currents of our ship's wake such as the Black-browed Albatross, Sooty Shearwaters and White-chinned Petrels. Have your camera ready to capture the magical color of a late night sunset.

Attend wildlife, geography and history discussions hosted by our expert naturalists and guest lecturers that will prepare you for the exciting adventures that lie ahead. When available, visit the Bridge and meet our Captain and officers; information will be posted in the "Chronicle", our daily onboard newsletter.

Day 6 - Antarctic Sound

The Antarctic Sound is a stretch of water named after the first ship to have passed through this body of water from the Bransfield Strait to the Weddell Sea in 1902. The Antarctic eventually sank and crew and scientists had to spend quite some time in this area before they were could be rescued. Sites that have to do with this story - like Hope Bay or Paulet Island - are sometimes visited. At Paulet, Hope Bay and Brown Bluff Adelie and Gentoo Penguins breed, as do Kelp Gulls and Cape Petrels, Snow Petrels and Skuas. The Sound's main

attractions are the spectacular tabular icebergs that come from the Larsen Ice Shelf further south.



Days 7–9 — Antarctic Peninsula

Remote and otherworldly, Antarctica is irresistible for its spectacular iceberg sculptures and calving glaciers, and for the possibility of up-close encounters with marine mammals and the iconic penguins. The Antarctic Peninsula – the main peninsula closest to South America – has a human history of almost 200 years, with explorers, sealers, whalers, and scientists who have come to work, and eventually intrepid visitors coming to enjoy this pristine and remote wilderness. It is a region of protected bays, unscaled snow-capped mountains, vast glaciers and a few places where whalers or scientists have worked.



Day 10 – Antarctica South Shetland Islands

Some 770 kilometers (478 miles) south of Cape Horn, the South Shetland Islands are usually the first land seen in Antarctica. Separated from the Antarctic Peninsula by the Bransfield Strait, nine major islands make up the group. The region was the first to be exploited by sealers in the early 19th century, and

because of its proximity to South America, it still is the most visited by scientists and tourists. Chinstrap, Adelie, Gentoo and Macaroni Penguins all breed here. In addition, because it is the warmest part of the continent, large moss beds as well as orange, black, grey and green lichens grow –even hair grass and pearlwort manage to survive.



Days 11–12 — Drake Passage Return

Navigating our return through the Drake Passage, we will watch for seabirds and wildlife we may have missed on the first leg. Take this opportunity to attend additional presentations offered by the Expedition Team lecturers and to swap photos with new friends as we travel towards Ushuaia.

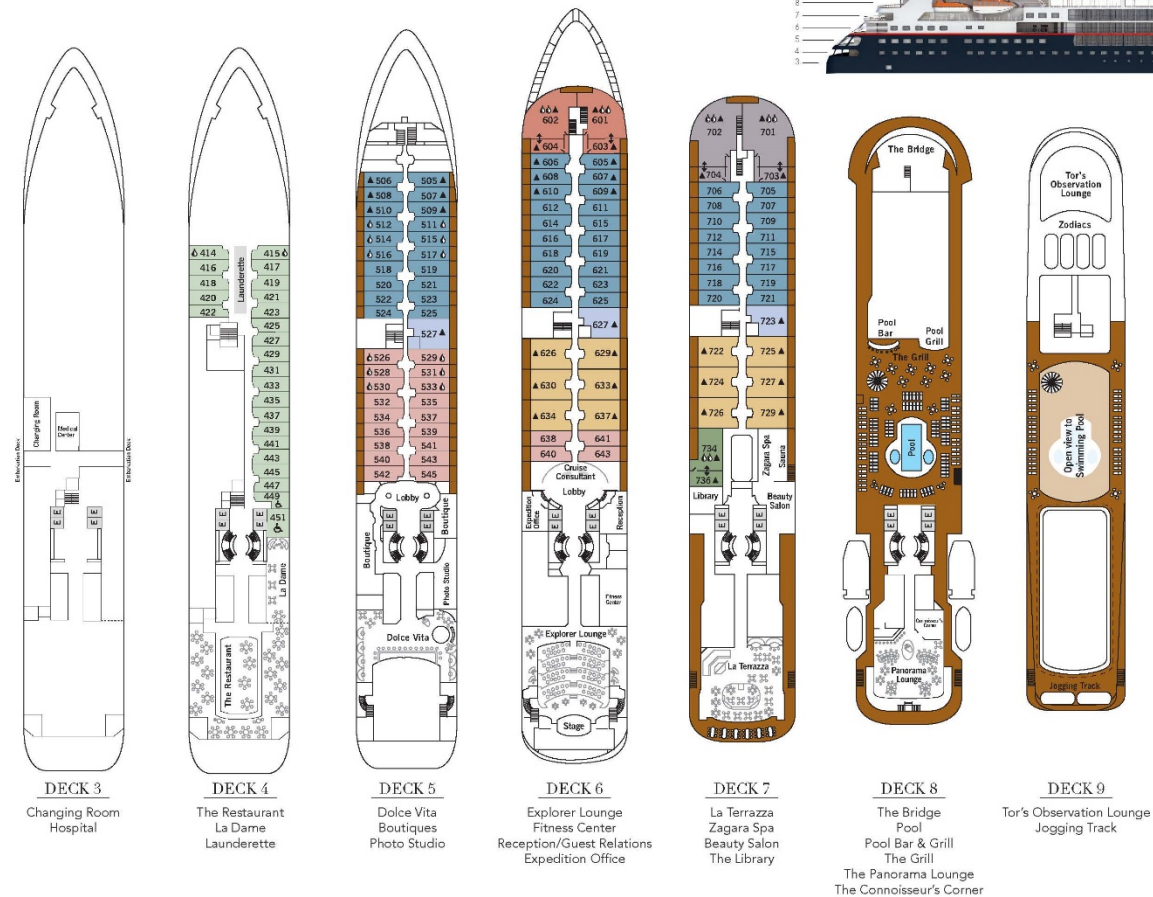


Day 13— Ushuaia, Argentina

After breakfast, disembark Silver Explorer. Transfer to airport for your included flight back to Santiago or Buenos Aires. Or we can arrange a post cruise tour to Patagonia, Torres del Paines, Calafate, Buenos Aires, Iguazu Falls, or Santiago.



SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITIONS



SUITE CATEGORIES

- Owner's Suite
- Grand Suite
- Royal Suite
- Silver Suite
- Medallion Suite
- Deluxe Veranda Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Vista Suite

SPECIFICATIONS

- Crew 208
- Officers European
- Guests 200/254
- Tonnage 16,800
- Length 514.14 Feet/156.7 Metres
- Width 70.62 Feet/21.5 Metres
- Speed 18 Knots
- Passenger Decks 7
- Connecting Suites
- 3rd Guest Capacity
- Bathtub/Shower Combination
- Bathtub & Separate Shower
- Disabled Suites
- 449, 451
- Refurbished 2017
- Registry Bahamas
- Ice-class Rating 1C

Deck plans are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual square footage. Please refer to suite specifications for accurate footages.

* Please note that The Grill opening hours are subject to weather and destination conditions.

2018-2020 Rates

Date \ Suite	Vista	Veranda	Dlx Veranda	Medallion	Silver
Nov 20, 2018	\$12,630	\$15,690	\$16,410	\$26,670	\$29,820
Nov 30, 2018	\$11,820	\$14,700	\$15,240	\$24,870	\$27,840
Dec 10, 2018	\$11,820	\$14,700	\$15,240	\$24,870	\$27,840
Jan 04, 2019	WL	WL	\$17,580	\$27,660	\$29,100
Jan 14, 2019	\$13,710	\$16,320	\$17,850	\$29,010	\$29,550
Jan 24, 2019	\$13,890	\$16,410	\$18,030	\$28,650	\$29,910
Feb 03, 2019	\$13,530	\$15,870	\$17,580	\$27,660	\$29,010
Feb 13, 2019	\$11,010	\$13,080	\$14,340	\$22,350	\$23,430
Feb 23, 2019	\$13,890	\$16,410	\$18,030	\$28,650	\$29,910
Dec 08, 2019	\$10,740	\$13,170	\$13,710	\$21,810	\$24,240
Jan 17, 2020	\$13,260	\$16,140	\$16,950	\$27,120	\$30,180
Jan 27, 2020	\$11,550	\$14,160	\$14,790	\$23,610	\$26,220
Feb 06, 2020	\$10,920	\$13,350	\$13,980	\$22,260	\$24,780
Feb 16, 2020	\$10,920	\$13,350	\$13,980	\$22,260	\$24,780

Rates are per person, double, after early booking savings. Other suites are available – Royal, Grand, and Owner.

Contact us for availability and more details-



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