# SOUTHEAST PACIFIC

### TAHITI TO VALPARAISO



Silversea excels at taking you off the beaten path and this voyage is no exception! Departing Tahiti's paradisiacal shores, sail to difficult to reach islands where welcomes are warm, traditional and genuine. Listen to stories of the Bounty told by the descendants of the original mutineers in the Pitcairn Islands, enjoy Zodiac cruises spotting endemic wildlife and see rarely visited archaeological site. But surely the pinnacle of this trip is a chance to step foot on the mystical island of Rapa Nui – Easter Island.



**DATES: 2023 -** OCT 26

**DURATION:** 26 DAYS/25 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** PAPEETE, TAHITI

**DISEMBARK:** VALPARAISO, CHILE

SHIP: Silver Explorer

FROM: \$12,900\*

\*Free Economy or reduced rate Business Class Air, Pre-Cruise transfers and hotel.

#### **ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 – ARRIVE PAPEETE, TAHITI, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Transfer to your included hotel.

#### **DAY 2 – TRANSFER TO SHIP - EMBARKATION**

Enjoy time at the beach or explore Papeete and the colorful market.

#### DAY 3 - DAY AT SEA

### DAY 4 – MOTU VAIAMANU RAIVAVAE (AUSTRAL ISLANDS)

Motu Vaiamanu is one of the reef islets found on Raivavae's southeastern side. Covered mainly in coconut palm trees, beach heliotropes, pandanus and casuarina, this motu and its neighboring islets are typical South Sea gems. White sandy beaches, crystalclear waters, seabirds circling above and reef fish next to the coral heads in the lagoon make for perfect relaxation.



#### DAY 5 - RAPA, AUSTRAL ISLANDS

The island of Rapa (or Rapa Iti) is the southernmost inhabited island of French Polynesia. It has a protected central bay and is surrounded by a ring of mountains; the island appears to be a sinking volcano with the bay as the caldera.



#### **DAY 6 - MAROTIRI ISLANDS**

Some 75 kilometers southeast of Rapa are the four uninhabited rocks that make up the Bass Group, known as Marotiri to the Polynesians.

#### DAY 7 - DAY AT SEA

#### DAY 8 - MANGAREVA (GAMBIER ISLANDS)

In the Gambier Islands of French Polynesia, Mangareva is the largest island with a population of over 1,200 people.

#### DAY 9 - DAY AT SEA

#### DAYS 10 - OENO ISLAND, PITCAIRN

Named after whaling ship Oeno, Oeno Island is a small (0.5 square kilometer) islet part of the coral atoll by the same name and the westernmost of the Pitcairn Islands. The little island is surrounded by white sandy beaches inside a stunning blue lagoon studded with vegetation. A sand bar, which is constantly undergoing change, is currently unattached to the island. Oeno has been designated as an Important Bird Area by Birdlife International, as it is home to a number of seabirds such as Murphy's Petrels (with one of the largest colonies of this bird in the world), Sooty Terns and Brown Noddies.



#### DAY 11 – ADAMSTOWN (PITCAIRN ISLAND)

Home to the original mutineers of the Bounty, Adamstown's is today the capital of all four Pitcairn Islands. The islands – the last British Overseas Territory in the Pacific – include the namesake Pitcairn Island itself, plus the uninhabited Oeno, Henderson and Ducie. Pitcairn is the archipelago's only inhabited island, with the population of just 50 centered in Adamstown.

#### **DAY 12 - HENDERSON ISLAND, PITCAIRN ISLANDS**

Henderson Island is a raised coral atoll comprising 86% of the land area of the British Overseas Territory of the Pitcairn Islands. In 1820, a sperm whale rammed and

sank the whale ship Essex, shipwrecking the crew on Henderson, the inspiration for Moby Dick. Henderson is one of the two raised coral atolls in the world which have been relatively untouched by humans, and was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988.

#### **DAY 13 – DUCIE ISLAND, PITCAIRN**

Discovered in 1606 by Pedro Fernandez de Quiros on his way to the Solomon Islands, Ducie is a small isolated atoll and is the easternmost of the Pitcairn Islands.



#### DAYS 14-15 - DAYS AT SEA

#### DAYS 16-17 - RAPA NUI - EASTER ISLAND

Easter Island, the easternmost settled island of Polynesia, received its European name in 1722 when the island was seen by a Dutch expedition on Easter Sunday. The triangular-shaped island of 163 square kilometers is famous for the hundreds of statues known locally as moai. Since 1935 the island has been a National Historic Monument and today 43.5% of the island is a national park administered by the Chilean National Forest Corporation and Mau Henua, a local community group. The island's national park has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995.



DAYS 18-21 - DAYS AT SEA

#### **DAY 22 - ALEXANDER SELKIRK ISLAND, CHILE**

Think of Daniel Defoe's classic novel Robinson Crusoe and you will be picturing an intrepid castaway, marooned on a paradisiacal island. That image might be ideal for movie lovers, but the actual inspiration for Robinson Crusoe was a salty Scottish seadog who went by the name of Alexander Selkirk. Selkirk was marooned in Chile's Juan Fernandez archipelago for four years and four months, rescued by a British private warship.

#### **DAY 23 - ROBINSON CRUSOE ISLAND, CHILE**

Robinson Crusoe Island is located 600 kilometers off the coast of Chile. The island is a rugged volcanic speck where 70 percent of its plant species are endemic, and is the largest of the Juan Fernandez Islands, a small archipelago that since 1935 is a Chilean National Park which in 1977 was declared a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

In 1704 the Scottish sailor Alexander Selkirk was marooned on the island and stayed for more than 4 years, eventually inspiring Daniel Defoe's novel Robinson Crusoe – hence the name of the island.

#### DAY 24 - DAY AT SEA

#### **DAY 25 - VALPARAISO, CHILE**

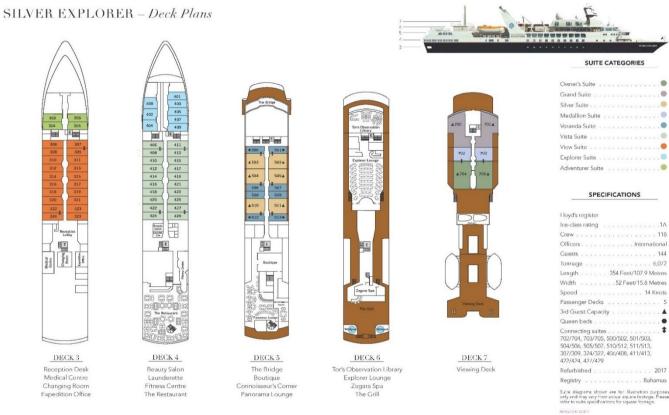
Valparaiso has inspired writers, poets, musicians and artists alike. If the city is still a little rough around the edges, this only adds to its bohemian ambience; the architecture, style, street art, nightlife, and live music scenes of Valparaiso are some of the best in the world. Add colorful clifftop homes to the mix and you'll soon see why Valpariaso is many people's favorite Chilean city.



Stay in Valparaiso for a day or two, or transfer to Santiago airport for your flight home.

Pre- and Post-cruise programs are available to suit your interests.





2023 RATES: PER PERSON – DOUBLE – ALL INCLUSIVE - Port fees and taxes; gratuities to crew; open bar throughout ship; all excursions; team of Expedition leaders, and guided zodiac, sea and land tours. \*Included Economy air fare, or \$1500 per person credit; one night hotel before the cruise; transfers. Payment 75% refundable until 90 days pre cruise.

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Vista – Deck 4	\$21,600
Veranda – Deck 5	\$31,600
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