

# AMSTERDAM TO DUBLIN

## Expedition Cruise to UK and Around Ireland



From cycling the cobbled streets of Amsterdam to wandering atop beautiful Cliffs of Moher as the late spring bursts into bloom, this colorful palette of the British Isles and Ireland is not to be missed. Experience the legendary hospitality of the Celts, island hop some of the most beautiful British and Irish isles and drink in colorful vistas infused with drama, decadence and eons of history.



**DATE:** MAY 13-23, 2019

**DURATION:** 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

**DISEMBARK:** DUBLIN, IRELAND

**SHIP:** Silver Cloud Expedition

**FROM:** \$8,500

*Pre- and Post-Cruise tour are available.*



## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 — Monday 13 May - AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam combines the unrivaled beauty of the 17th-century Golden Age city center with plenty of museums and art of the highest order, not to mention a remarkably laid-back atmosphere. It all comes together to make this one of the world's most appealing and offbeat metropolises in the world. Built on a latticework of concentric canals like an aquatic rainbow, Amsterdam is known as the City of Canals—but it's no Venice, content to live on moonlight serenades and former glory. **Pre- and post-cruise tours are available.**



### DAY 2 — Tuesday 14 May - DAY AT SEA

### DAY 3 - Wednesday 15 May - ST PETER PORT

Cobblestone streets, blooming floral displays, and tiny churches welcome you to this wonderfully pretty harbor. As the capital, and main port of Guernsey, St Peter Port has all of the island's gorgeous beaches, wonderful history and inspiring stories.

### DAY 4 – Thu 16 May - ST MARY'S (ISLES OF SCILLY) - TRESCO (ISLES OF SCILLY), UNITED KINGDOM

St Mary's is the Isle of Scilly's largest island with a population of 1800 residents and an area of 6.58 square Kilometres; this is the gateway to the rest of the magnificent islands. Hugh town - a beautiful Old town with its own beach, nature reserve and church is the main attraction of St Mary's, with tiny streets brimming with shops to pick up the perfect souvenir. St Mary's is a hidden gem, with long stretches of white sandy beaches and a breath-taking untouched landscape. The coastline holds many archaeological sites along with miles of splendid walks along the coastal and country paths.

For many visitors Tresco is the most attractive of the Isles of Scilly. This is especially due to its Abbey Garden, which is home to thousands of exotic plant species from around 80 different countries. Plant collector Augustus

Smith began the gardens in the 1830s on the site of an old Benedictine Abbey by channeling the weather up and over a network of walled enclosures built around the Priory ruins. He had three terraces carved from the rocky south slope and maximized Tresco's mild Gulf Stream climate.

### DAY 5 – Fri 17 May – PEMBROKE - SKOMER ISLAND, UK

Located on the Pembroke Peninsula of Wales amidst long stretches of sandy beaches and stunning coastal scenery, this historic valley settlement features a number of timeless buildings centered along its quaint Main Street that runs inside the original walls of the town. The municipality itself is surrounded by residential estates, farmland and woods along the estuary of the River Cleddau. Pembroke's rich history dates back to the 11th century when the namesake was little more than a timber fortification on the banks of the Pembroke River.

The cliffs of small Skomer Island off the southwest coast of Wales are accessible only by boat. Skomer has a large population of breeding seabirds .

### DAY 6 – Sat 18 May - SKELLIG ISLANDS - KNIGHTS TOWN (VALENTIA ISLAND), IRELAND

The magnificent Skellig Islands lie 8 miles (12 km) off the coast of Portmagee in South West Kerry. Rising majestically from the sea, Skellig Michael towers 714ft. (218 metres) above sea level. On the summit of this awe-inspiring rock you will find a remarkably well preserved sixth century monastic settlement now designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Skellig is equally renowned as the home of some 27,000 pairs of gannets – the second largest colony of such seabirds in the world.



Knightstown is the largest settlement on Valentia Island, and has a population of 156 people. Knightstown itself is one of the few 'town-planned' villages of Ireland. The

village of Knightstown was laid out by Alexander Nimmo in 1830-31, but it wasn't built until the early 1840's.

#### **DAY 7 – Sun 19 May - CLIFFS OF MOHER – GALWAY, IRELAND**

Stretching for 8km (5 miles), as the crow flies, the Cliffs of Moher have long enjoyed the status of one of Ireland's most visited tourist attractions – and the visitor center provides the pivotal point to direct lovers of nature, geology and simple beauty in the right direction. The cliffs also form part of the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark. They are made up of various types of perpendicular or overhanging rocks including sandstone, siltstone and shale.

Galway is a city in the West of Ireland in the province of Connacht. It lies on the River Corrib between Lough Corrib and Galway Bay and is surrounded by County



Galway. It is the fourth most populous urban area in the Republic of Ireland and the sixth most populous city in the island of Ireland. It is both a picturesque and lively city with a wonderful avant-garde culture and a fascinating mixture of locally owned speciality shops, often featuring locally made crafts. Indeed, local handcrafts are a feature of the entire region including hand knits, pottery, glass, jewellery and woodwork.

#### **DAY 8 – Mon 20 May - KILRONAN (AARAN ISLANDS) - CLARE ISLAND, IRELAND**

Kilronan is the principal town on the island of Inismore (Inis Mór) in the Aran Islands located in Galway Bay, and is one of them most picturesque spots in Ireland. Once for the sole purpose as a fishing port for the Aran fisherman, today it is the main port for the ferry companies and with its white sandy beach it has a wide selection of first class restaurants serving seafood, and traditional Irish bars, buskers, and accommodation.

Clare Island is a mountainous island guarding the entrance to Clew Bay located 3.5 miles off the west coast of County Mayo, Ireland. The ferry crossing from

Roonagh Pier near Louisburg takes 25 minutes and it's not unusual to encounter a school of dolphins and or a herd of seals.

#### **DAY 9 – Tue 21 May - KILLYBEGS**

The days start early in Killybegs, as this quiet fishing town rumbles to life, and ships with red and blue paint peeling from their hulls quietly depart, ready for a morning's hard work at sea. Located in a scenic part of County Donegal, Killybegs is Ireland's fishing capital, and the salty breeze and pretty streets serve as a revitalizing medicine for visitors. The town is also your gateway to some of the country's most majestic coastal scenery, which is dotted with flashing white lighthouses, keeping watch over invigorating seascapes.

#### **DAY 10 – Wed 22 May - PORTRUSH**

Portrush is adjacent to the stunning North Antrim coastline. Here lies the medieval Dunluce Castle ruins. Perched picturesquely at the edge of a rocky outcropping high above the sea, the castle is dramatically surrounded by terrifyingly steep drops, which the early Christians and Vikings would have considered a very important security feature. The castle and surrounding areas have been frequently used for the filming of "Game of Thrones". Another attraction reached from Portrush is the **Giant's Causeway** -40,000 hexagonal basalt columns that descend in a kind of pathway to the sea.



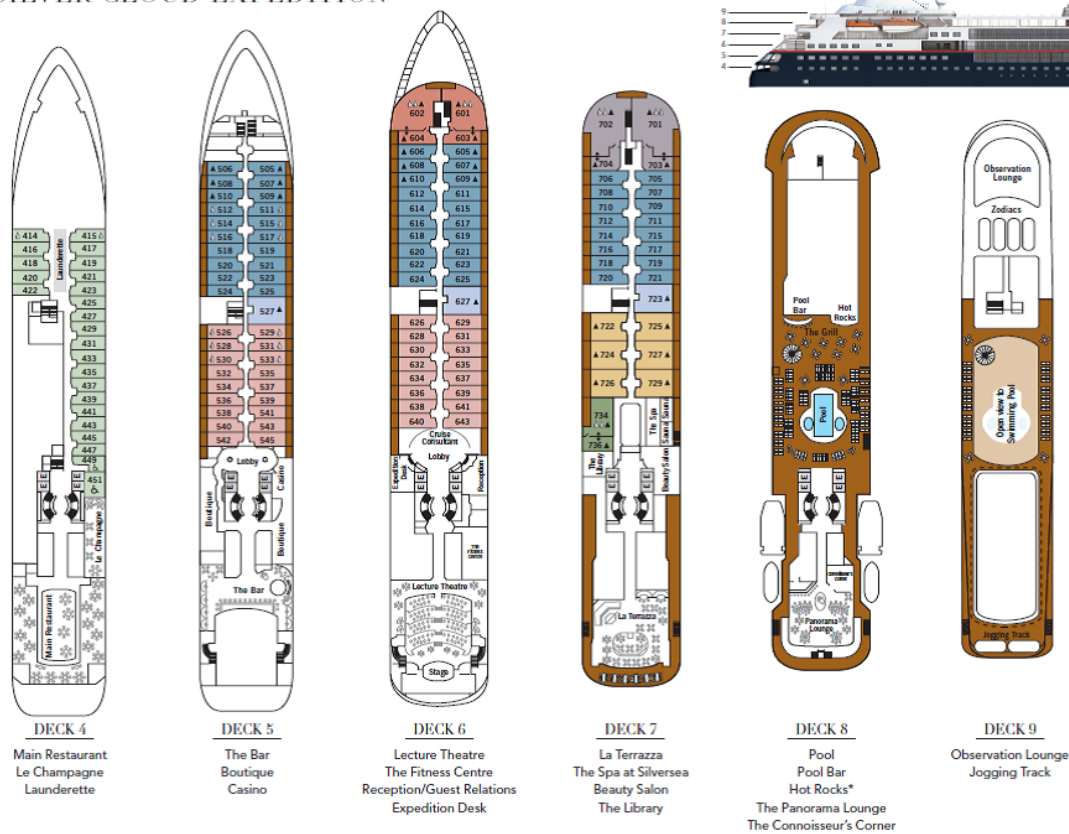
#### **DAY 11 – Thu 23 May - DUBLIN**

Ask any Dubliner what's happening and you may hear echoes of one of W. B. Yeats's most-quoted lines: "All changed, changed utterly." No matter that the decade-long "Celtic Tiger" boom era has been quickly followed by the Great Recession—for visitors Dublin remains one of Western Europe's most popular and delightful urban destinations. Whether or not you're out to enjoy the old or new Dublin, you'll find it a colossally entertaining city, all the more astonishing considering its intimate size.





## SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITION



### 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 . . . . . 200/260
- Tonnage . . . . . 16,800
- Length . . . . . 514.14 Feet/156.7 Metres
- Width . . . . . 70.62 Feet/21.5 Metres
- Speed . . . . . 18 Knots
- Passenger Decks . . . . . 6
- Connecting Suites . . . . .
- 3rd Guest Capacity . . . . . 4
- Bathub/Shower Combination . . . . . 6
- Bathub & Separate Shower . . . . . 4
- Disabled Suites . . . . . 449, 451
- Built . . . . . 1994
- 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 square footage.

\* Please note that Hot Rocks opening hours are subject to weather and destination conditions.



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Deluxe Veranda	\$10,700
Medallion	WAITLIST
Silver	\$18,200
Royal	WAITLIST
Grand	WAITLIST
Owners	WAITLIST

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Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.