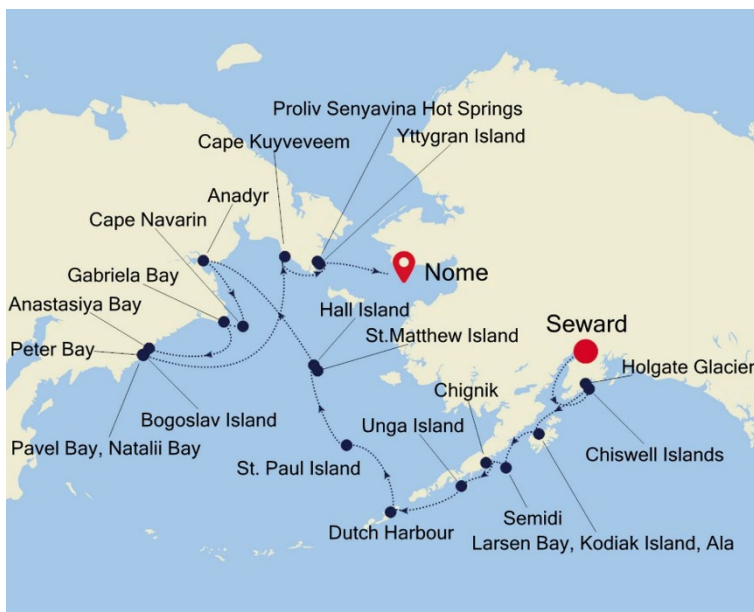


RUSSIAN FAR EAST

FROM SEWARD TO NOME, ALASKA



Join us to sail from Alaska to Russia and back across the Bering Sea, experiencing all the natural wonders these starkly beautiful places have to offer. In Alaska, see Bald Eagles up close in Dutch Harbor. See the large population of Northern fur seals at St. Paul Island before crossing the Bering Sea to search for whales in Gabriela Bay, Russia. Hike to lakes and waterfalls in Peter Bay, look for the major walrus haul-out in Anastasiya Bay, and cruise the spectacular bird cliffs at Cape Kuyveveem. Learn about the culture of Anadyr, Russia and see incredible ivory, mammoth tusk and stone carvings at the Chukotka Museum. Throughout the voyage, learn about the geology, wildlife and botany of these locations from lecture presentations offered by your knowledgeable onboard Expedition Team.



DATES:

July 22 – August 10, 2020

DURATION: 20 DAYS

EMBARK: SEWARD, ALASKA

DISEMBARK: NOME, ALASKA

SHIP: Silver Explorer

FROM: \$12,960*

**After 10% Early Payment Savings*

ITINERARY - 2020

DAY 1 WED – JUL 22 — ANCHORAGE, AK

Arrive Anchorage and transfer to your hotel. Remainder of day is free.

DAY 2 THU – JUL 23 - ANCHORAGE TO SEWARD

Transfer from your hotel to Seward. Surrounded on all sides by Kenai Fjords National Park, Chugach National Forest, and Resurrection Bay, Seward offers all the quaint realities of a small railroad town with the bonus of jaw-dropping scenery.

DAY 3 FRI — JUL 24 - HOLGATE GLACIER – CHISWELL ISLANDS, ALASKA

Kenai Fjords National Park's famous Holgate Glacier is a spectacularly active river of ice. The surrounding glaciated landscape paints a dramatic portrait of the rugged mountains in contrast to the cold blue ice of the glacier. On approach, the waters leading up to Holgate Glacier may be peppered with bits of ice and the crackling noise of ancient air bubbles being released from small bergs.



The Chiswell Islands are part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, and deservedly so. Small bays, inlets and sea cliffs are populated by innumerable seabirds including Black-legged Kittiwakes, Pelagic Cormorants, Horned and Tufted Puffins, as well as guillemots, auklets and murrelets. The Chiswell Islands are blessed with towering cliffs and sea caves offering up spectacular scenery and a Steller sea lion rookery that bustles as the marine mammals commute to feeding grounds, socialize, and care for their pups.

DAY 4 SAT – JUL 25 - KODIAK ISLAND, ALASKA

Today, commercial fishing is king in Kodiak. Despite its small population—about 6,475 people scattered among the several islands in the Kodiak group—the city is among the busiest fishing ports in the United States.

DAY 5 SUN – JUL 26 - SEMIDI, ALASKA

This stunning and nearly uninhabited archipelago is home to some of the largest populations of native and undisturbed wildlife in the United States. There are 2.5 million birds here, almost half the breeding seabirds of the Alaska Peninsula. Large numbers of seabirds including Ancient Murrelets, Parakeet Auklets, Horned Puffins, Northern Fulmars and

jaegers, and over a million murrelets are on hand here. The surrounding sea is home to sea otters, sea lions, seals, Dall's porpoises, Pacific white-sided dolphins and whales.

DAY 6 MON – JUL 27 – CHIGNIK, ALASKA

Chignik is a fishing village on the Alaskan Peninsula and home for just under 100 year-round inhabitants. Most of the houses in the community are running along a local stream and neighborhood kids can be seen riding their bicycles back and forth on its length. Chignik is a remote outpost at the doorstep of the Aleutian Island chain and offers up a true taste of Alaskan outback life. A few small waterfalls cascade down the surrounding mountains, and eagles can be seen as Hump Salmon (also called Pink Salmon when out in the ocean) swim up the river to spawn.

DAY 7 TUE – JUL 28 – UNGA, ALASKA

The Aleutian island of Unga holds an ancient petrified wood forest and a more recent ghost town that was the site of a small gold rush in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The village was eventually abandoned in the 1960's and now has a somewhat somber appearance. Many of the houses have collapsed and are overgrown with brilliant fuchsia fireweed wildflowers. In the bay kittiwakes, Double Crested and Pelagic Cormorants, Common Murres and Tufted Puffins can be seen.

DAY 8 – WED – JUL 29 - DUTCH HARBOR, ALASKA

The crumpled peaks, and tranquil scenery, of Dutch Harbor belies its history as one of the few places on American soil to have been directly attacked by the Japanese - who bombed the significant US military base here during the Second World War.

DAY 9 - THU — JUL 30 - ST. PAUL ISLAND, ALASKA

The city of Saint Paul is located on a narrow peninsula on the southern tip of St. Paul Island, the largest of five islands in the Pribilofs. These islands are located in the middle of the Bering Sea between the United States and Russia. The city of St. Paul is the only residential area on the island. The first non-natives to 'discover' St. Paul were Russian fur-traders in the late 1780's, led by the navigator, Gavriil Pribylov. Heading up to the bird cliffs you will be rewarded with stunningly close views of Tufted Puffins and Common Murres perched on the rocky ledges.



DAY 10 – FRI - JUL 31 – ST. MATTHEW AND HALL ISLAND

St. Matthew Island is an extremely remote island in the middle of the Bering Sea, more than 200 miles from the nearest Alaska village. The cliffs are home to countless nesting murre, kittiwakes, cormorants and other sea birds. In fact, reports of the island's wildlife by the Harriman Expedition in 1899 convinced Teddy Roosevelt to include St. Matthew in a group of islands designated as America's first wildlife refuges in 1909.

Hall Island is one of the most remote islands in Alaska. Every summer this small rock island, in the middle of the Bering Sea, comes alive as about a million seabirds gather to breed and nest. They cling shoulder to shoulder on every available rock ledge. The most common seabirds include blacklegged kittiwakes, common and thick-billed murre, auklets, cormorants and northern fulmars

DAY 11 - SAT — AUG 01 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 12 - SUN – AUG 02 – CROSS DATELINE – LOSE A DAY

DAY 13 - MON – AUG 03 – ANADYR, RUSSIA

Anadyr is the administrative center of Chukotka Autonomous Region and home to approximately 13,000 people. Like many northern towns that have short summers and very long winters, Anadyr is painted in all colors of the rainbow to lift the spirits of its inhabitants in winter.

DAY 14 - TUE – AUG 04 - GABRIELA BAY - CAPE NAVARIN, RUSSIA

Gabriela Bay is located south and west of the Bering Strait along the coast of the federal subject Russian state of Chukotka Autonomous Okrug (population ~52,000). The bay abuts wetlands that dot the coastline, which in warmer seasons are lush with wildflowers like dwarf azaleas and forget-me-nots that can completely cover the tundra in their peak.

DAY 15 - WED — AUG 05 - ANASTASIYA BAY, RUSSIA

A U-shaped bay on the Bering Sea, Anastasia Bay appears to be carved out of the mountainous cliffs that make up the land that surrounds the tundra-like Koryak Mountains in Kamchatka Krai, Russia. The rare visitor comes to the bay hoping to see walrus and seals, and birders search for Slaty-backed Gulls, Pelagic Cormorants, Horned Puffins, Tufted Puffins, Black-legged Kittiwakes, and White Wagtails, White-fronted Geese, Bean Geese and Whooper Swans.

DAY 16 - THU – AUG 06 - PETER BAY- BOGOSLAV ISLAND- PAVEL BAY, RUSSIA

Peter Bay is a small inlet at the foot of the Koryak Mountain range well north of the Kamchatka Peninsula. At the entrance of the bay is a Largha seal haul-out site and a small hidden lagoon flanked by the ocean and the bay.

Six nautical miles south of the entrance to Natalii Bay are spectacular sea cliffs of Bogoslav Island. The small island rises to 424 meters (1,391 feet) above sea level and is a perfect



place to spot Pigeon, Brünnich's, and Common Guillemots, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Harlequin Ducks, Horned Puffins, White Wagtails, Pelagic Cormorants and Slaty-backed Gulls. Walrus can also be seen at a nearby haul-out.

Due west of Bogoslof Island, a mountain of 787 meters (2,582 feet) marks the entrance to Pavel Bay. Brown bears often walk along the slopes of the bay as it winds towards low-lying tundra dissected by tumbling mountain streams.

DAY 17 - FRI – AUG 07 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 18 - FRI - AUG 08 - CAPE KUYVEVEEM

Like bookends, towering cliffs composed of light-colored granite and streaked by darker rock stand on each side of a large sheltered bay in the spectacular scenery of Cape Kuyveveem. The sandy beach lies at the head of the bay with rolling tundra behind. The sheer granite rocks, distinct basalt caves and arches of the cape are home to thousands of Tufted Puffins that nest in rocky crevasses. Despite the cliffs on either side of the bay being quite close together, the adjacent terrains are slightly different, and each attracts different species of birds.

DAY 19 - SUN – AUG 09 – PROLIV SENYAVINA HOT SPRINGS - YTTYGRAN ISLAND, RUSSIA

To the Proliv Senyavina Hot Springs. We will go ashore by Zodiac, will enter a small lagoon and hike across tundra and some rolling hills to reach a stream with some hot springs. You can choose to either enter a small pool prepared by the local fishermen, or to go into the stream.

Yttygran offers a unique natural history experience – Whalebone Alley - An array of bowhead whale bones and rock arrangements is stunning – it is a place of great archaeological importance combined with natural beauty.

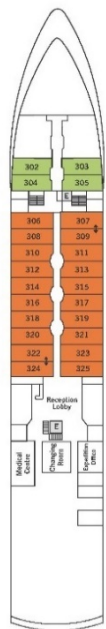
DAY 20 – MON – AUG 10 - CROSS INTERNATIONAL DATELINE – GAIN A DAY

DAY 20 - MON – AUG 10 – ARRIVE NOME

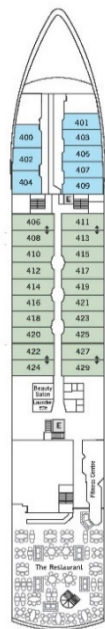
Nome is located on the edge of the Bering Sea, on the southwest side of the Seward Peninsula. Stay on, or head to the airport.



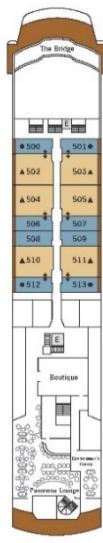
SILVER EXPLORER – Deck Plans



DECK 3
 Reception Desk
 Medical Centre
 Changing Room
 Expedition Office



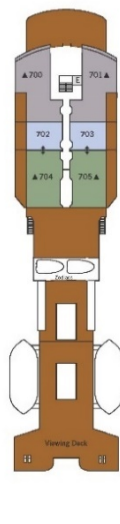
DECK 4
 Beauty Salon
 Laundrette
 Fitness Centre
 The Restaurant



DECK 5
 The Bridge
 Boutique
 Connoisseur's Corner
 Panorama Lounge



DECK 6
 Tor's Observation Library
 Explorer Lounge
 Zagara Spa
 The Grill



DECK 7
 Viewing Deck



SUITE CATEGORIES

- Owner's Suite
- Grand Suite
- Silver Suite
- Medallion Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Vista Suite
- View Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Adventurer Suite

SPECIFICATIONS

- I loyd's register
- Ice-class rating 1A
- Crew 118
- Officers International
- Guests 144
- Tonnage 6,072
- Length 354 Feet/107.9 Metres
- Width 52 Feet/15.8 Metres
- Speed 14 Knots
- Passenger Decks 5
- 3rd Guest Capacity ▲
- Queen beds ●
- Connecting suites ◆
- 702/704, 703/705, 500/502, 501/503, 504/506, 505/507, 510/512, 511/513, 307/309, 324/322, 406/408, 411/413, 427/424, 427/429
- Refurbished 2017
- Registry Bahamas

Suite diagrams shown are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual square footage. Please refer to suite specifications for square footage.

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2020 RATES: PER PERSON – DOUBLE – ALL INCLUSIVE*

*Port fees and taxes; gratuities to crew; open bar throughout ship; all excursions; team of Expedition leaders and guides.

SUITE	2020
Adventure – Deck 3	\$12,960
Explorer – Deck 4	\$13,500
View – Deck 3	\$14,580
Vista – Deck 4	\$15,210
Veranda – Deck 5	\$23,850
Medallion – Deck 7	\$29,700
Silver – Deck 5	\$30,150
Grand – Deck 7	\$35,010
Owner's – Deck 7	\$38,610



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