

# SILVER CLOUD'S CLASSIC ANTARCTICA



The heart-stopping landscape of Antarctica is made up of frigid waters, huge rivers of ice and gigantic glaciers that loom overhead. And yet who has not dreamed at least once in their life of visiting the white wilderness? Join our team of passionate and expert professionals who will accompany you throughout this unforgettable 10-day adventure that sees you on Zodiac cruises, hiking onshore and enjoying a region that remains a mystery to many.



**DATES:** 2021 - Dec 09  
2022 – Jan 03; Jan 13

**DURATION:** 13 DAYS

**EMBARK:** USHUAIA, ARG  
**DISEMBARK:** USHUAIA, ARG

**SHIPS:** Silver Cloud

**FROM:** \$14,250\*

*\*After 10% Savings - Free Air or  
reduced rate Business Class –  
Buenos Aires Pre-Tour*

## 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

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive Buenos Aires, Argentina

You will be met and transferred to your deluxe hotel. Remainder of the day is free.



*Buenos Aires*

### Day 2: Buenos Aires Tour

Enjoy a full day tour of Buenos Aires, "Paris of South America", arranged exclusively for Explor Cruises' guests. Visit the unique neighborhoods of San Telmo, Recoleta, La Boca, Puerto Madero and Palermo. Lunch is included. This evening, you will be taken to a Dinner & Tango Show at Tango Porteño, Includes round trip transfers and a tango lesson of 1hr before the dinner. Return to your hotel late.

### Day 3: Flight to Ushuaia – Embarkation

Transfer from your hotel to the city airport for your included flight from Buenos Aires 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.



## Days 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 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

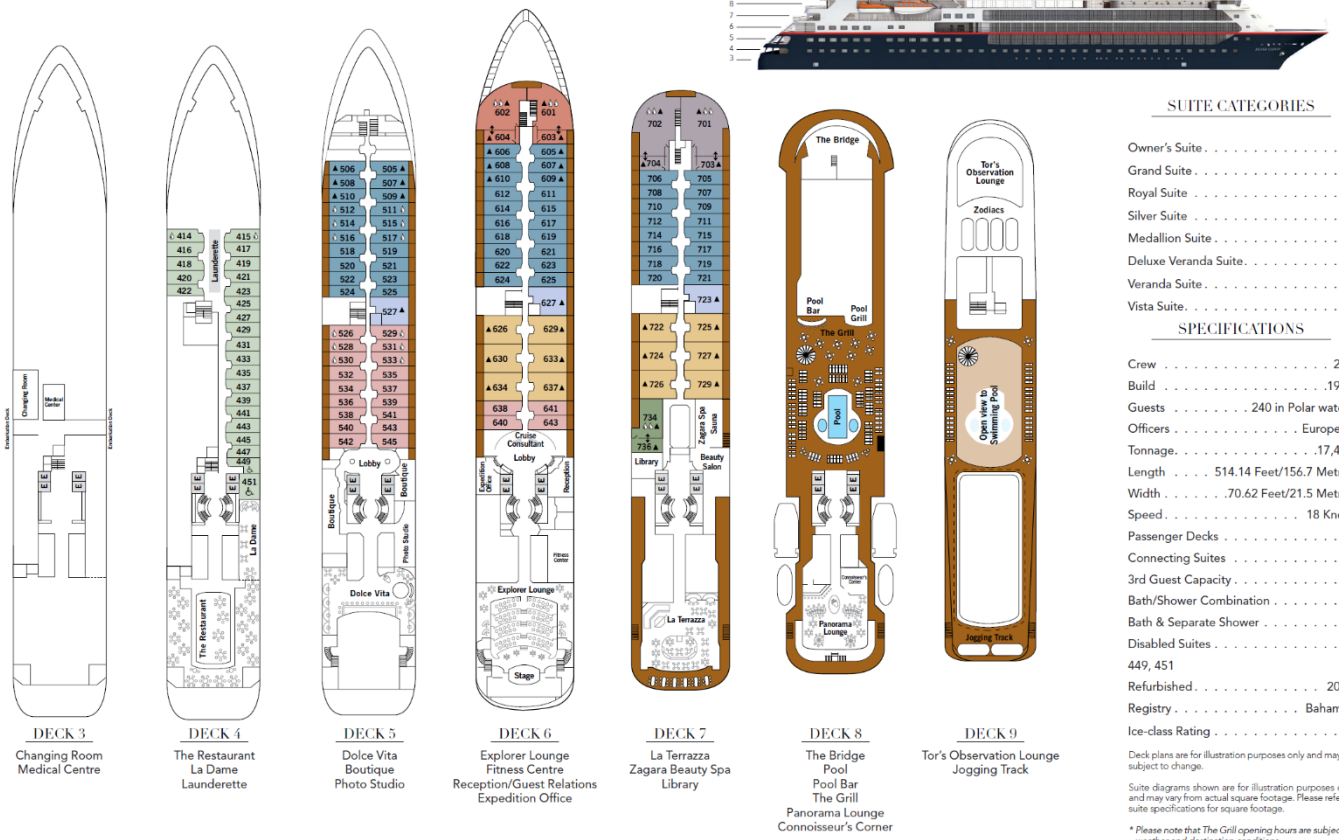
Navigating our return through the Drake Passage, we will watch for seabirds and wildlife we may have missed on the first leg. Take this opportunity to attend additional presentations offered by the Expedition Team lecturers and to swap photos with new friends as we travel towards Ushuaia.

## Day 13 — Ushuaia, Argentina

After breakfast, disembark Silver Cloud.



## SILVER CLOUD



### SUITE CATEGORIES

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

### SPECIFICATIONS

- Crew . . . . . 212
- Build . . . . . 1994
- Guests . . . . . 240 in Polar waters
- Officers . . . . . European
- Tonnage . . . . . 17,400
- 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 . . . . . ▲
- Bath/Shower Combination . . . . . δ
- Bath & Separate Shower . . . . . δ δ
- Disabled Suites . . . . . ♿
- 449, 451
- Refurbished . . . . . 2017
- Registry . . . . . Bahamas
- Ice-class Rating . . . . . 1C

Deck plans are for illustration purposes only and may be subject to change.

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

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

Date \ Suite	Vista	Veranda	Dlx Veranda	Medallion	Silver	Royal	Grand	Owner
Dec 09, 2021	\$13,530	\$14,610	\$16,680	\$21,270	\$24,690	\$30,270	\$33,510	WL
Jan 03; 13, 2022	\$14,250	\$15,780	\$18,120	\$23,250	\$27,120	\$31,800	\$37,020	\$43,860

### Rates 2021-22 – Per Person, Double – All Inclusive\*

Rates subject to change. \*All Beverages in-suite and throughout the ship, Unlimited Free Wifi, Port charges, and Gratuities always included in your fare.



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