

# SOUTH AMERICA

## Expedition Cruise

From the Pacific to the Atlantic



From the Chilean deserts to Patagonia, this voyage around the tip of South America is simply one of our best yet. Cruise past glaciers and fjords, explore the Atacama Desert and marvel at the mysterious and beautiful Nazca lines from above. See the exceptional wooden churches of Chiloe, sample Peruvian wines and stroll the eerily beautiful salt flats of Antofagasta. And we have not even mentioned the wildlife yet!



**DATE:** OCT. 29-NOV. 24, 2019

**DURATION:** 27 DAYS/26 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** LIMA, PERU

**DISEMBARK:** BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

**SHIP:** *Silver Cloud Expedition*

**FROM:** \$15,750

*Free Economy Air – Reduced Rate  
Business Class*

**Pre- and Post-Cruise tour are available.  
25% SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - TUE – OCT. 29 - ARRIVE LIMA, PERU

Transfer to your included hotel.

### DAY 2 – WED – OCT. 30 – LIMA, PERU

Peru's capital has an oceanfront setting, colonial-era splendor, sophisticated dining, and nonstop nightlife. Explore Lima on an included tour before heading to the port of Callao to board the *Silver Cloud*.

### DAY 3 – THU – OCT. 31 – PARACAS, PERU

The port city of Paracas is blessed with magnificent natural beauty and rich historical importance, offerings inviting beaches, ideal weather and pleasant scenery — a combination that draws visitors throughout the year. The shores of the **Paracas Peninsula** and waters of the bay teem with wildlife and have been declared a national reserve. Condors frequently can be seen gliding on the sea winds or perched on the cliffs.

### DAY 4 – FRI – NOV. 01 – AT SEA

### DAY 5 – SAT – NOV. 02 – ARICA, CHILE

Arica boasts that it is "the land of the eternal spring," but its temperate climate and beaches are not the only reason to visit this small city. Walk to the pier and watch the pelicans and sea lions trail the fishing boats as the afternoon's catch comes in.

### DAY 6 – SUN – NOV. 03 – AT SEA

### DAY 7 – MON – NOV. 04 – ANTOFAGASTA, CHILE

Situated between the ocean and the mountains of the Coastal Range is Chile's largest city of the northern region. Antofagasta's role as port for the exportation of nitrate began in 1866. In 1872, when silver was discovered, the first municipality was established. Today, Antofagasta is still the center of nitrate and copper mining, as well as an important hub for rail traffic to La Paz, Bolivia, and Salta, Argentina.

### DAY 8 – TUE – NOV. 05 - ISLA PAN DE AZUCAR, CHILE

The rugged shores of Isla Pan de Azucar (or Sugarloaf Island) are home to thousands of Humboldt Penguins. The penguins come to this arid island to breed and spend their days fishing, swimming and diving, as do many of the other birds found here.

### DAY 9 – WED – NOV. 06 – COQUIMBO, CHILE

The name Coquimbo is derived from a native Diaguita word meaning 'place of calm waters'. In fact, Charles Darwin had noted that the town was 'remarkable for nothing but its extreme quietness'. Since then,

Coquimbo has developed into a bustling port and the region's major commercial and industrial center from which minerals, fish products and fruits are exported.

### DAY 10 – THU – NOV. 07 – VALPARAISO, CHILE

Valparaíso's dramatic topography—45 cerros, or hills, overlooking the ocean—requires the use of winding pathways and wooden ascensores (funiculars) to get up many of the grades. The slopes are covered by candy-color houses most of which have exteriors of corrugated metal peeled from shipping containers decades ago. Valparaíso has served as Santiago's port for centuries. Before the Panama Canal opened, Valparaíso was the busiest port in South America.

### DAY 11 – FRI – NOV. 08 – AT SEA

### DAY 12 – SAT – NOV. 09 – NIEBLA, CHILE

Niebla is a small village on the banks of the Rio Valdivia where Chile's Corral Bay meets the Pacific Ocean. Today Niebla is a beach resort, but in 1671 it was a defensive fortress built by the order of the Viceroy of Peru to prevent attacks against the town of Valdivia by pirates and corsairs. Niebla is well-known for its lively markets, the remains of the colonial fortress declared a National Monument in 1950 and restored in 1992, and a museum dedicated to its history.

### DAY 13 – SUN – NOV. 10 – PUERTO MONTT, CHILE

For most of its history, windy Puerto Montt was the end of the line for just about everyone traveling in the Lake District. For all intents and purposes Puerto Montt remains the region's last significant outpost, a provincial city that is the hub of local fishing, textile, and tourist activity. Today the city center is full of malls, condos, and office towers—it's the fastest-growing city in Chile.

### DAY 14 – MON – NOV. 11 – CASTRO, CHILE

Bright, wooden huts teeter on stilts over Castro's estuary waterfront, invite you into a patchwork of color that's sure to brighten any day. These traditional palafitos give the warmest of welcomes, as you prepare to experience Chile at its most vibrant. Castro has faced something of a tumultuous past, having been hit by a succession of earthquakes and fires - the most recent a devastating earthquake in 1960.

### DAY 15 – TUE – NOV. 12 – AT SEA

### DAY 16 – WED - NOV. 13 - TORTEL, CHILE

Tortel is a commune located in Southern Patagonia, a spectacular wilderness region of rugged mountains, glaciers, rivers and forests of infinite beauty. The

uneven geography of Tortel shapes a unique landscape, characterized by an archipelagic area with numerous islands and channels. **Tortel is known as the “footbridge city”** for the unique beauty of its wooden walkways that connect the piers and houses of this quaint place through bridges and stairs, built from cypress wood, that run for four and a half miles around the cove and that respect the rich vegetation that grows under them.

**DAYS 17-19 – THU-SAT – NOV. 14-17 – CRUISE CHILEAN FJORDS - ENGLISH NARROWS – PIO XI GLACIER**

The **English Narrows** warrant time spent on the outer decks as the Captain and local Chilean Pilots expertly maneuver through the slalom course of islands and channel markers. The waterway is home to Magellanic Diving Petrels, Steamer Ducks, and the rare endemic Chilean dolphin. This small dolphin is shy of ships and enjoys spending its time in constricted straits with heavy tidal rips such as the English Narrows.

The **Pio XI Glacier** is classified as a tidewater glacier, which means the river of ice starts in the high mountains and then courses downhill all the way to sea level where it slowly melts into the salty ocean bit-by-bit. The Pio XI Glacier is an offshoot of the South Patagonian Ice Field and approaching from the sea, the ice sprawls out in front of the ship in a wide band that reflects a remarkable shade of brilliant blue.

Winding through the vast expanses of the **Chilean Fjords** will reveal mountains looming on both sides, waterfalls, and the marvel of hardy flora clinging to barren rocks. Seals and dolphins patrol the length of these uninhabited fjords as they have done for millennia.

**DAY 20 – SUN – NOV. 17 – PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE**  
Impenetrable forests, impassable mountains, and endless fields of ice define Chilean Patagonia, and meant that the region went largely unexplored until the beginning of the 20th century. Located in the southernmost part of the country, this area is still sparsely inhabited, though you will find a few populated places—like the colorful provincial city of **Punta Arenas**.

**DAY 21 – MON – NOV. 18 - AT SEA**

**DAY 22 – TUE – NOV. 19 - PUERTO DESEADO - ISLA PINGUINO, ARGENTINA**

Puerto Deseado (Port Desire) is a city and fishing port located along the estuary of the **Deseado River** in the

Patagonia region of Argentina. The estuary is a natural reserve and was visited in 1833 by Darwin, who described the area as one of the most secluded places he had ever seen, a “rocky crevice in the wild plain.”

**Isla Pinguino** (Penguin Island) is a tiny island less than a mile across located off the coastline of Santa Cruz province in Argentina. The island was previously known as an “island of the Kings” for ships traveling on their way to the Magellan Strait; from the 16th to the mid-19th century, sailors and travelers knew this location was a supply point of food. While several bird species live on this island, none are so numerous and distinctive as the southern rockhopper penguins, with their yellow-plumed eyes and squat stature.

**DAY 23 – WED – NOV. 20 - CAMARONES, ARGENTINA**

Cute penguins waddle and skip in the waves that roll ashore near the sleepy, unspoiled town of Camarones. ‘Camarones’ translates as ‘prawns’ and, as the name suggests, this is a great place for seafood

**DAY 24 – THU – NOV. 21 - PUERTO MADRYN, ARGENTINA**

It's hard to believe that the horizon line of buildings perched just beyond the windswept dunes and badlands is the most successful of all coastal Patagonia settlements. But once you get past the outskirts of town and onto the wide coastal road known as the Rambla, the picture begins to change. Ranged along the clear and tranquil Golfo Nuevo are restaurants, cafés, dive shops, and hotels, all busy—but not yet overcrowded—with tourists from around the world.

**DAY 25-26 – FRI-SAT – NOV. 22-23 - AT SEA**

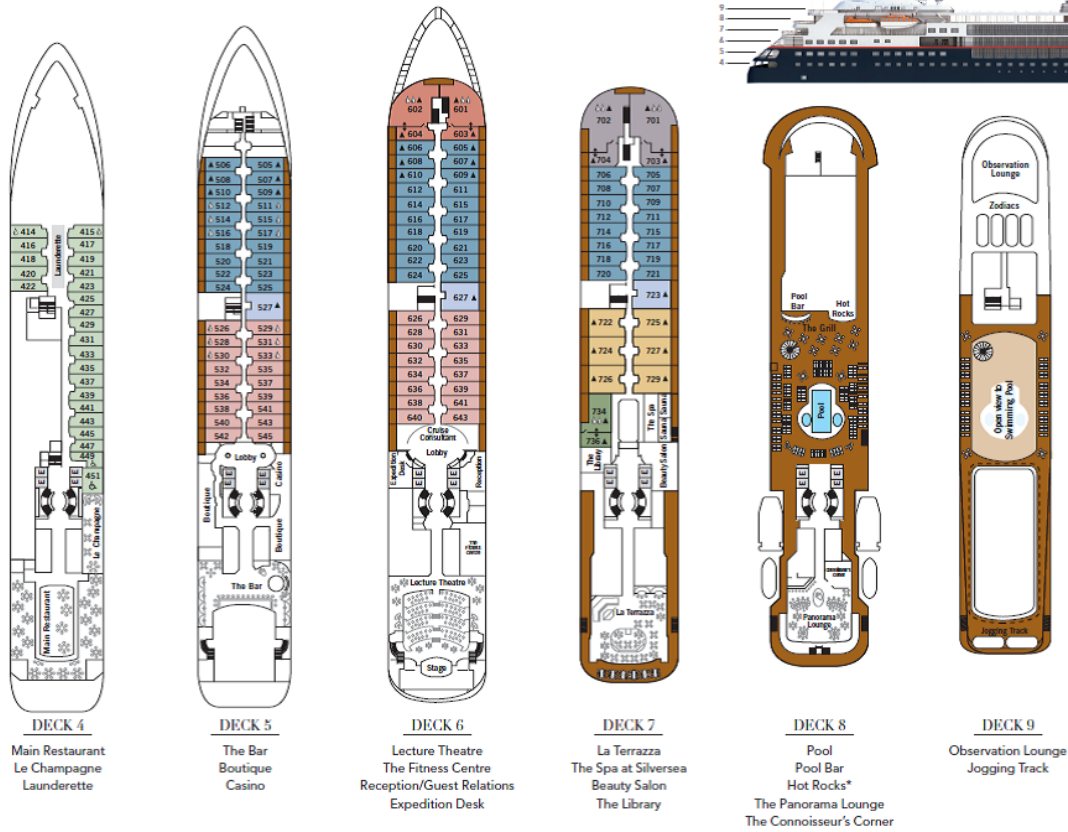
**DAY 27 – SUN – NOV. 24 - BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

Glamorous and gritty, Buenos Aires is two cities in one. What makes Argentina's capital so fascinating is its dual heritage—part European, part Latin American. Plaza de Mayo resembles a grand square in Madrid, and the ornate Teatro Colón would not be out of place in Vienna. But you'll know you're in South America by the leather shoes for sale on cobbled streets and impromptu parades of triumphant soccer fans. Limited-production wines, juicy steaks, and ice cream in countless flavors are among the old-world imports the city has perfected.

**STAY A FEW DAYS – VISIT IGUAZU FALLS**



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- 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 . . . . .
  - Bathub/Shower Combination . . . . . 4
  - Bathub & Separate Shower . . . . . 6
  - Disabled Suites . . . . . 6
  - 449, 451
  - Built . . . . . 1994
  - Registry . . . . . Bahamas
  - Ice-class Rating . . . . . 1C

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