

# LISBON to LONDON (Tower Bridge)



The tales and tastes of a region infused with a rich past with a colorful future. Savor the flavors of Portugal, Spain, France and Britain as you travel up the Atlantic coasts on an epicurean adventure. An overnight stay in Bordeaux will have you tasting wine like an oenologist and discover why the pretty Brittany port of Belle Ile carries its name very well. An overnight in London at the Tower Bridge is a great way to end this adventure!



**DATE:** MAY 07-19, 2020

**DURATION:** 13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** LISBON, PORTUGAL

**DISEMBARK:** LONDON, ENGLAND

**SHIP:** Silver Cloud Expedition

**FROM:** \$7,470

After 10% Early Booking Savings

**Free Economy Air or reduced Business Class**  
Pre- and Post-Cruise tour are available.

## ITINERARY



### **DAY 1 - THURSDAY 07 MAY – LISBON, PORTUGAL**

**Departure 5:00 PM**

**Note: We recommend arriving at least one day early. There is much to see and enjoy in Lisbon!**

Spread over a string of seven hills north of the Rio Tejo (Tagus River) estuary, Lisbon presents an intriguing variety of faces to those who negotiate its switchback streets. In the oldest neighborhoods, stepped alleys whose street pattern dates back to Moorish times are lined with pastel-color houses decked with laundry; here and there, miradouros (vantage points) afford spectacular river or city views. In the grand 18th-century center, calçada à portuguesa (black-and-white mosaic cobblestone) sidewalks border wide boulevards. Elétricos (trams) clank through the streets, and blue-and-white azulejos (painted and glazed ceramic tiles) adorn churches, restaurants, and fountains. Of course, parts of Lisbon lack charm. Even some downtown areas have lost their classic Portuguese appearance as the city has become more cosmopolitan: shiny office blocks have replaced some 19th- and 20th-century art nouveau buildings.

### **DAY 2 - FRIDAY 08 MAY – OPORTO, PORTUGAL**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Lively, commercial Oporto is the second largest city in Portugal after Lisbon. Also called Porto for short, the word easily brings to mind the city's most famous product - port wine. Oporto's strategic location on the north bank of the Douro River has accounted for the town's importance since ancient times. The Romans built a fort here where their trading route crossed the Douro, and the Moors brought their own culture to the area. Oporto profited from provisioning crusaders enroute to the Holy Land and enjoyed the riches from Portuguese maritime discoveries during the 15th and 16th centuries. Later, port wine trade with Britain compensated for the loss of the spice trade and the end of gold and gem shipments from Brazil. In the 19th century, the city went through a period of new prosperity with the rise of industries.

### **DAY 3 – SATURDAY 09 MAY – LA CORUNA, SPAIN**

**7:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

La Coruña, the largest city in Spain's Galicia region, is among the country's busiest ports. The remote Galicia area is tucked into the northwest corner of the Iberian Peninsula, surprising visitors with its green and misty countryside that is so much unlike other parts of Spain. The name "Galicia" is Celtic in origin, for it was the Celts who occupied the region around the 6th-century BC and erected fortifications. La Coruña was already considered an important port under the Romans. They were followed by an invasion of Suevians, Visigoths and, much later in 730, the Moors. It was after Galicia was incorporated into the Kingdom of Asturias that the epic saga of the Pilgrimage to Santiago (St. James) began. From the 15th century, overseas trade developed rapidly; in 1720, La Coruña was granted the privilege of trading with America - a right previously only held by Cadiz and Seville.



### **DAY 4 – SUNDAY 10 MAY – BILBAO, SPAIN**

**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Time in Bilbao (Bilbo, in Euskera) may be recorded as BG or AG (Before Guggenheim or After Guggenheim). Never has a single monument of art and architecture so radically changed a city. Frank Gehry's stunning museum, Norman Foster's sleek subway system, the Santiago Calatrava glass footbridge and airport, the leafy César Pelli Abandoibarra park and commercial complex next to the Guggenheim, and the Philippe Starck Alhóndiga Bilbao cultural center have contributed to an unprecedented cultural revolution in what was once the industry capital of the Basque Country. Greater Bilbao contains almost 1 million inhabitants, nearly half the total population of the Basque Country. Founded in 1300 by Vizcayan noble Diego López de Haro, Bilbao became an industrial center in the mid-19th century, largely because of the abundance of minerals in the surrounding hills.

### **DAYS 5-6 – MON-TUE 11-12 MAY – BORDEAUX, FRANCE -**

**Arrive 10:15 AM**

Bordeaux as a whole, rather than any particular points within it, is what you'll want to visit in order to understand why Victor Hugo described it as Versailles plus Antwerp, and why the painter Francisco de Goya, when exiled from his native Spain, chose it as his last home (he died here in 1828). The capital of southwest France and the region's largest city, Bordeaux remains synonymous with the wine trade: wine shippers have long maintained their headquarters along the



banks of the Garonne. Bordeaux is, admittedly, a less exuberant city than many others in France, but lively and stylish elements are making a dent in its conservative veneer. The riverfront is said by some, after a bottle or two, to exude an elegance reminiscent of St. Petersburg, and that aura of 18th-century élan also permeates the historic downtown sector—"le vieux Bordeaux"—where fine shops invite exploration. To the south of the city center are old docklands undergoing renewal—one train station has now been transformed into a big multiplex movie theater.

**DAY 7 – WEDNESDAY 13 MAY – BELLE ILE, FRANCE**

**2:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Lovely Belle-Île-en-Mer is the largest of a small clutch of islands off the coast of Brittany. Just twelve miles long and less than four miles wide, this verdant atoll benefits from a mild climate, which contributes to the abundant flora found here. Fragrant eucalyptus, exotic gingko and mimosa trees, bountiful figs and colorful oleanders are all part of the lush landscape. Secluded, small beaches along coastal paths and quiet roadways are perfect for hiking and biking. Le Palais, the island's main town, boasts a 16th-century citadel standing guard near the harbor. Monet painted the charming village of Sauzon during a stay in 1886 and Sarah Bernhart owned a home on the island for several years. No doubt you too will be enchanted by the isle's charms.

**DAY 8 – THURSDAY 14 MAY – Nantes, France**

**9:30 AM - 8:00 PM**

The gateway to the Atlantic Ocean and the country's seventh largest city, Nantes is located on the north bank of the Loire River. Although officially no longer the capital of Brittany since Nantes was included in the Pays de Loire administrative region, many of the city's inhabitants regard themselves still an integral part of Brittany. During medieval times, much of the city's prosperity resulted from colonial expeditions and the slave trade. Today Nantes is the most important commercial and industrial center in west-central France, and appears as a particularly well-managed city with fine museums and carefully tended parks and gardens. One of the museums is dedicated to Jules Verne, born here in 1828. The Loire, foundation of Nantes' riches, has dwindled from the city center. As recently as the 1930s the river crossed the city in seven separate channels.

**DAY 9 – FRIDAY 15 MAY – DAY AT SEA**

**DAY 10 – SATURDAY 16 MAY– SAINT MALO, FRANCE**

**7:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

Thrust out into the sea and bound to the mainland only by tenuous man-made causeways, romantic St-Malo has built a reputation as a breeding ground for phenomenal sailors. Many were fishermen, but others—most notably Jacques Cartier, who claimed Canada for Francis I in 1534—were New World explorers. Still others were corsairs, "sea dogs" paid by the French crown to harass the Limeys across the Channel: legendary ones like Robert Surcouf and Duguay-Trouin helped make St-Malo rich through their pillaging, in the

process earning it the nickname "the pirates' city." The St-Malo you see today isn't quite the one they called home because a weeklong fire in 1944, kindled by retreating Nazis, wiped out nearly all of the old buildings.



**DAY 11 – SUNDAY 17 MAY – HONFLEUR, FRANCE**

**8:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

Honfleur, the most picturesque of the Côte Fleurie's seaside towns, is a time-burnished place with a surplus of half-timber houses and cobbled streets that are lined with a stunning selection of stylish boutiques. Much of its Renaissance architecture remains intact—especially around the 17th-century Vieux Bassin harbor, where the water is fronted on one side by two-story stone houses with low, sloping roofs and on the other by tall slate-topped houses with wooden facades. Maritime expeditions (including some of the first voyages to Canada) departed from here; later, Impressionists were inspired to capture it on canvas. But the town as a whole has become increasingly crowded since the Pont de Normandie opened in 1995. Providing a direct link with Upper Normandy, the world's sixth-largest cable-stayed bridge is supported by two concrete pylons taller than the Eiffel Tower and designed to resist winds of 257 kph (160 mph).

**DAY 12 – MONDAY 18 MAY – AT SEA**

**DAY 13 – TUESDAY 19 MAY - LONDON (TOWER BRIDGE), UK**

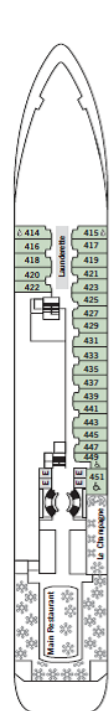
**Arrive 1:00 AM**

London is an ancient city whose history greets you at every turn. If the city contained only its famous landmarks—the Tower of London or Big Ben—it would still rank as one of the world's top cities. But London is so much more. The foundations of London's character and tradition endure. The British bobby is alive and well. The tall, red, double-decker buses (in an updated model) still lumber from stop to stop. Then there's that greatest living link with the past—the Royal Family with all its attendant pageantry. To ice the cake, swinging-again London is today one of the coolest cities on the planet. The city's art, style, and fashion make headlines around the world, and London's chefs have become superstars.

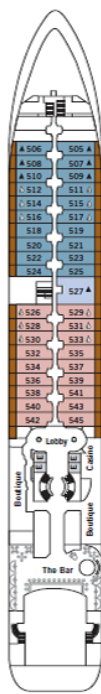
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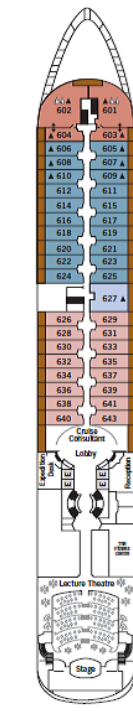
## SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITIONS



**DECK 4**  
Main Restaurant  
Le Champagne  
Laundrette

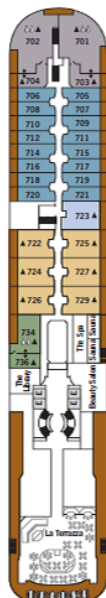


**DECK 5**



**DECK 6**

Lecture Theatre  
The Fitness Centre  
Reception/Guest Relations  
Expedition Desk



**DECK 7**

La Terrazza  
The Spa at Silversea  
Beauty Salon  
The Library



**DECK 8**

Pool  
Pool Bar  
Hot Rocks\*  
The Panorama Lounge  
The Connoisseur's Corner



**DECK 9**

Observation Lounge  
Jogging Track



### 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 . . . . .
  - Bathub/Shower Combination . . . . . 6
  - Bathub & Separate Shower . . . . . 6
  - Disabled Suites . . . . . 449, 451
  - Built . . . . . 1994
  - 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 Hot Rocks opening hours are subject to weather and destination conditions.

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