

# LONDON to REYKJAVIK

Expedition Cruise to Wales, Scotland and Iceland



Discover the treasures of the north as you sail towards amazing Iceland. Leave cosmopolitan London and explore the Thames during the morning before heading to the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Observe flocks of Atlantic Puffins and Arctic Terns in the stunning Nordic scenery, big, bold, breathtaking and beautiful.



**DATE:** JUNE 04-18, 2019

**DURATION:** 15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** LONDON, UK

**DISEMBARK:** REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

**SHIP:** *Silver Cloud Expedition*

**FROM:** \$11,300

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

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1-2 - Tue 04 Jun to Wed 05 Jun - LONDON

You will be docked just up river of the Tower Bridge. London is an ancient city whose history greets you at every turn.

### DAY 3 – Thu - 06 Jun - ST PETER PORT, GUERNSEY

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 puts all of the island's gorgeous beaches, wonderful history and inspiring stories at your fingertips.



### DAY 4 - Fri 07 Jun - 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 Treco 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 Treco's mild Gulf Stream climate.

### DAY 5 – Sat 08 Jun - MILFORD (HAVEN WALES) - SKOMER ISLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

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 that include Manx Shearwaters, Razorbills, Great Cormorants, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Atlantic Puffins, European Storm Petrels, Common Shags, Eurasian Oystercatchers and gulls, as well as birds of prey including Short-eared Owls, Common Kestrels and Peregrine Falcons.

### DAY 6 - Sun 09 Jun - ISLE OF MAN (DOUGLAS), UK

The Isle of Man, situated in the Irish Sea off the west coast of England, is a mountainous, cliff-fringed island and one of Britain's most beautiful spots. Measuring just 30 miles by 13 miles, the Isle of Man remains semi-autonomous. With its own postage stamps, laws, currency, and the Court of Tynwald (the world's oldest democratic parliament), the Isle of Man is rich with history and lore. Inhabited from Neolithic times, the island became a refuge for Irish missionaries after the 5th Century. Norsemen took the island during the 9th Century and sold it to Scotland in 1266.

### DAY 7 – Mon 10 Jun – IONA – LUNGA, UK

With a population of 120 residents, Iona is Located off the Southwest of Mull. The island is 3 miles long and 1.5 miles wide but draws in thousands of visitors each year due to its natural beauty and historical interest. Saint Columba and his fellow monks landed here in 563. This beautiful stretch of coastline brings out the true beauty of Iona facing onto the Gulf Stream that gives the island its mild climate.



The stunning Isle of Lunga is the largest island in the Treshnish archipelago. With volcanic origin the isle was



populated until the 19th Century, and remains of houses can be seen around this magnificent coastal jewel. Abundant plant life and exotic birdlife are now the main inhabitants of the area. Fortunate visitors view the magnificent array of birds, especially the great puffins that breed on the islands plateau.

**DAY 8 - Tue 11 Jun - PIEROWALL WESTRAY (ORKNEY ISLANDS), UNITED KINGDOM**

**DAY 9 - Wed 12 Jun - TORSHAVN (FAROE ISLANDS)**

More than 600 miles (nearly 1,000 kilometres) from Denmark's west coast lie the Faroes, a triangle of eighteen windswept islands, seventeen of which are inhabited. Only 48,500 people plus some 70,000 sheep roam these remote lands. Much of the islands' heritage reflects a medieval past, beginning with the arrival of farmers from western Norway who settled here in the 9th century.

**DAY 10 - Thu 13 Jun - VESTMANNA (FAROE ISLANDS)**

The Vestmanna bird cliffs are near vertical, volcanic cliffs that rise steeply out of the ocean to a height of over 600 meters. They are impressively covered with innumerable bird nesting sites as well as rare and hardy vegetation. Literally tens of thousands of seabirds can be seen soaring along the cliffs, sitting on nests as well as swimming across the water. Species include numerous kittiwakes, Common Guillemots, Black Guillemots and the endearing Atlantic Puffin.



**DAY 11 – Fri 14 Jun – DJUPIVOGUR, ICELAND**

Situated in the southeastern part of Iceland, the little town of Djupivogur is one of the easiest spots in Iceland to reach from northern Europe. Evidence of this is apparent in the presence of a trading post built here as early as the 16th century. In the modern era, fishing is still important, but tourism is increasing more and

more. Nearby Bulandsnes has a renowned bird sanctuary, and Papey Island just slightly to the east, is home to large colonies of Atlantic Puffins.

**DAY 12 - Sat 15 Jun – HUSAVIK, ICELAND**

The town of Húsavík sits below Húsavíkurfjall mountain on the eastern shore of Skjálfandi bay. Just above the town is lake Botnsvatn, a popular place for outings. The lake is just the right size for a nice hike around it. The lakes' surroundings are rich in vegetation and bird life and trout is said to be abundant. Húsavík harbor lies below the bank right in the heart of town. The harbor once boasted a large fishing fleet, bustling with the activity of fishermen.

**DAY 13 - Sun 16 Jun - CRUISE ALONG HORNBJARD CLIFFS - VIGUR ISLAND, ICELAND**

Vigur Island is a little more than a mile (1.6 km) in length and about 450 yards (412 m) wide. This green oasis punctuates the waters of the Ísafjarðardjúp fjord east of the town of Isafjordur. The island is home to a single farming family and has some meticulously preserved historical landmarks including Iceland's only windmill, built in 1840 and used until 1917 for grinding imported wheat from Denmark; and a 200-year-old rowing boat, which is still in use to ferry sheep to the mainland.

**DAY 14 - Mon 17 Jun - DYNJANDI WATERFALLS - LATRABJARG CLIFFS**

Iceland is well-known for its spectacular waterfalls. The iconic Dynjandi waterfall is regarded as one of Iceland's most impressive and majestic waterfalls. At the top, the cascading water is roughly 100 feet wide and tumbles down about 330 feet into the fjord.

On Iceland's north coast and close to the westernmost tip of the country are the impressive cliffs of Latrabjarg; Europe's largest bird cliff. Millions of individual seabirds make their home along the promontory safe from the range of scavenging foxes on the steep ledges. The Latrabjarg cliffs reach heights of up to 440 meters along a staggering 14 kilometer stretch of the coast.

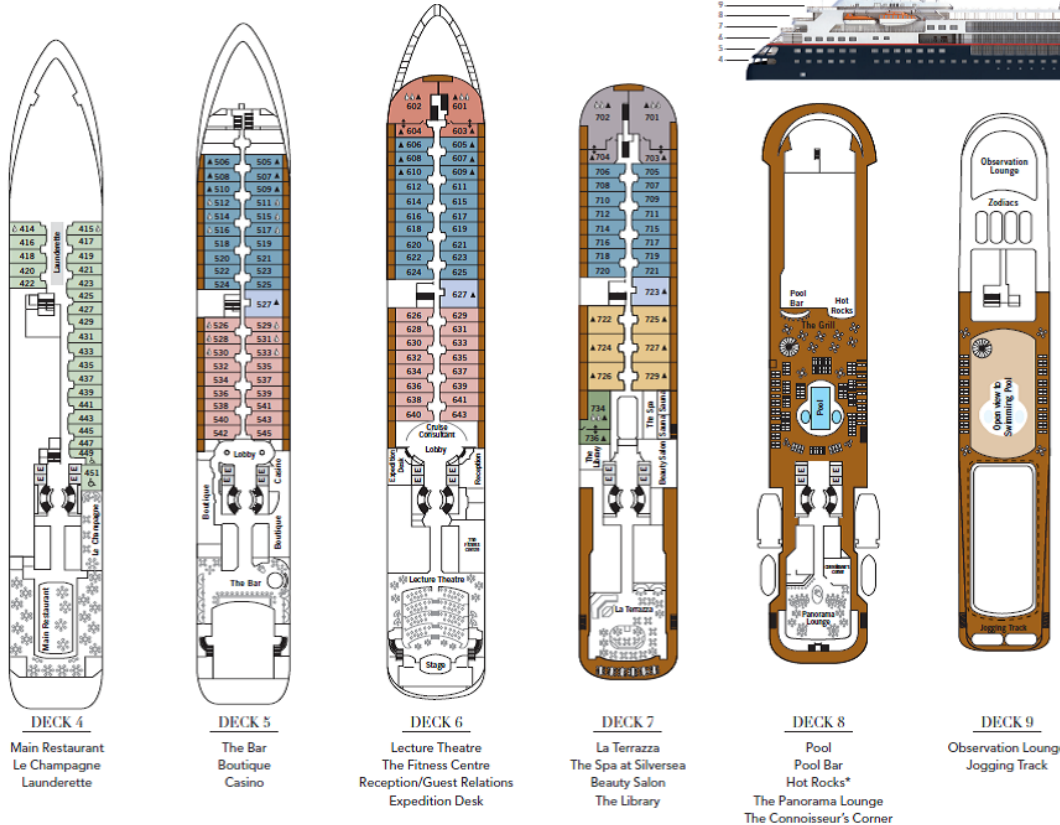
**DAY 15 - Tue 18 Jun - REYKJAVIK**

Sprawling Reykjavík, the nation's nerve center and government seat, is home to half the island's population. On a bay overlooked by proud Mt. Esja, with its ever-changing hues, Reykjavík presents a colorful sight, its concrete houses painted in light colors and topped by vibrant red, blue, and green roofs.

**Tours of Iceland are available after your cruise.**



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

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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Medallion	\$22,600
Silver	\$25,000
Royal	WAITLIST
Grand	\$27,400
Owners	\$31,200

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