

SVALBARD & EAST GREENLAND

TROMSØ, NORWAY to REYKJAVIK, ICELAND



Join us for a journey to Svalbard and East Greenland, to see isolated islands, difficult to reach areas and to look for polar bears, walrus and musk oxen. Take advantage of the ship and her Zodiacs to go past spectacular bird cliffs in Bear Island and Svalbard. In Svalbard you will encounter fascinating landscapes, mountains, fjords and glaciers while looking for walrus and polar bears and in East Greenland we will meet the Inuit that still fish and hunt in this harsh but beautiful area.



DATES: 2020 -
September 17-October 01

DURATION: 15 DAYS

EMBARK: TROMSØ, NORWAY

DISEMBARK: REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

SHIP: Silver Explorer

FROM: \$13,770*

*After 10% Early Payment
Savings – AUG 30

ITINERARY – 2020

DAY 1 – THU – SEP 17 — TROMSØ, NORWAY - EMBARK

Tromsø surprised visitors in the 1800s: they thought it very sophisticated and cultured for being so close to the North Pole—hence its nickname, the Paris of the North. It looks the way a polar town should—with ice-capped mountain ridges and jagged architecture that is an echo of the peaks. The midnight sun shines from May 21 to July 21, and it is said that the northern lights decorate the night skies over Tromsø more than over any other city in Norway. Tromsø is home to only 69,000 people, but it's very spread out—the city's total area, 2,558 square km (987 square miles), is the most expansive in Norway. The downtown area is on a small, hilly island connected to the mainland by a slender bridge.

Arrive early to see more of Norway and Tromsø. Tours of Norway are available to suit your interests. Depart 10 PM.



DAY 2 – FRI – SEP 18 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 3 – SAT— SEP 19 – EXPLORE BEAR ISLAND (SVALBARD)

Almost halfway between Tromsø and Svalbard is isolated Bear Island – considered the southernmost island of the Svalbard Archipelago. The unglaciated island is an impressive Nature Reserve of steep, high cliffs that are frequented by seabirds, specifically at the southern tip. Brünnich's Guillemots, Common Guillemots, Black Guillemots, Razorbills, Little Auks, Northern Fulmars, Glaucous Gulls, Black-legged Kittiwakes, and even Atlantic Puffins and Northern Gannets nest along the cliffs south of Sørhamna. Because of the large numbers of birds and the isolated location, Bear Island has been recognized as an Important Bird Area. It was once a hotspot for whaling and walrus hunting, and at one stage even mining. Bear Island received its name because of a polar bear encountered by early explorer Willem Barentsz. Today polar bears rarely visit the island and its only settlement

is a meteorological station manned all-year round on the north side.



DAY 4 – SUN – SEP 20 – SVALBARD SOUTHERN REGION, NORWAY

Svalbard's Southern Region and specifically Spitsbergen's west coast is less ice-clogged than the rest of Svalbard due to the moderating influence of the Gulf Stream. Several fjords cut into the western coast of Spitsbergen and have been used by trappers and hunters, as well as the different mining companies that tried to exploit the riches of the archipelago's largest island of Spitsbergen. Remains of huts and mines, as well as active commercial and scientific settlements can be found and visited. Depending on the time of the season, glaciers can be visited on foot or by sea. Northern places like Magdalenefjorden and Hornsund will reveal fascinating views of geological formations, craggy mountains, spectacular glaciers and a variety of seabirds and seals.



DAYS 5-7 – MON-WED – SEP 21-23 – SVALBARD NORTHERN REGION, NORWAY

There are several deep fjords and prominent glaciers in the northern reaches of Svalbard, as well as the northern hemisphere's widest glacier front. Ice conditions will dictate how much can be accessed in terms of cruising bird islets like the Andøyane Islets or

approaching glaciers like Monaco Glacier and Seliger Glacier. The Northern Region is also known to have several walrus haul-outs and areas defined as "Arctic Desert". Walks and hikes ashore to have a closer look at flora and wildlife are a possibility in the spectacular Northern Region of Svalbard.

DAYS 8-9 – THU-FRI – SEP 24-25 – DAYS AT SEA



DAYS 10-12 – SAT-MON – SEP 26-28 – SCORESBY SUND, GREENLAND

Scoresby Sund is the ultimate fjord system; likely the longest, largest and deepest of any in the world. The massive fjord is tucked into the eastern coast of Greenland and on the icy western edges of the Greenland Sea. Scoresby Sund's scale deserves several days to explore, especially while plying the waters between castle-sized icebergs as they gently drift under the persuasion of the Arctic waters in the mighty fjord. Scattered in the remote bays and smaller fjords are places to discover old Inuit settlements, slowly growing over with Arctic willow and dwarf birch. The lower slopes of many mountains are draped in the herbs and grasses favored by muskox, Arctic fox, lemmings, Ptarmigan, Barnacle Geese, and Snowy Owls. Tundra walks give impressive views of landscape, flora and fauna. Not to be neglected, the waters of Scoresby Sund warrant a vigilant eye for sightings of whales, seals, narwhals, beluga whales and walrus.

DAY 13 – TUE – SEP 29 – ITTOQQORTOORMIIT, GREENLAND

On the northern side of the entrance to the Scoresby Sund fjord system stands Ittoqqortoormiit, the only permanent settlement in the region. The population here is approximately 430 people, largely dependent on a subsistence lifestyle. The inhabitants make their living hunting seals, narwhals, muskoxen and polar bears. Ittoqqortoormiit is the northernmost settlement on Greenland's east coast, apart from a few meteorological and military stations. Brightly colored, quaint little

houses and dogsled enclosures dot the rocky slopes of the settlement. It must be incredible to live here every day enjoying the magnificent views of Kap Brewster and the Volquart Boon Coast to the south.



DAY 14 - WED – SEP 30 – DAY AT SEA

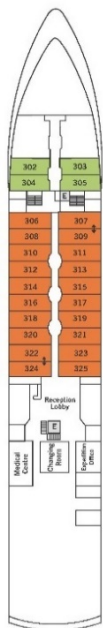
DAY 15 – THU – OCT 01 – REYKJAVIK, ICELAND – DISEMBARK

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 (pronounced eh-shyuh), 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. In contrast to the almost treeless countryside, Reykjavík has many tall, native birches, rowans, and willows, as well as imported aspen, pines, and spruces. Reykjavík's name comes from the Icelandic words for smoke, reykur, and bay, vík. In AD 874, Norseman Ingólfur Arnarson saw Iceland rising out of the misty sea and came ashore at a bay eerily shrouded with plumes of steam from nearby hot springs. Today most of the houses in Reykjavík are heated by near-boiling water from the hot springs. Natural heating avoids air pollution; there's no smoke around.

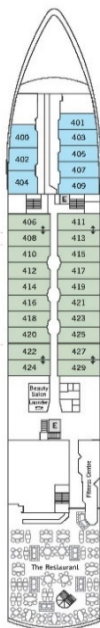




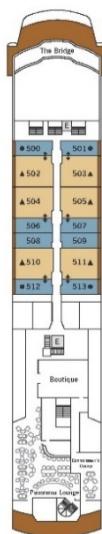
SILVER EXPLORER – Deck Plans



DECK 3
Reception Desk
Medical Centre
Changing Room
Reception Office



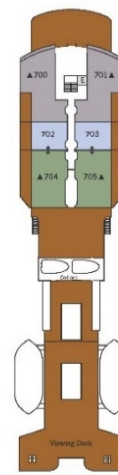
DECK 4
Beauty Salon
Laundrette
Fitness Centre
The Restaurant



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

- Lloyd's register
- Ice-class rating
- Crew
- Officers
- Guests
- Tonnage
- Length
- Width
- Speed
- Passenger Decks
- 3rd Guest Capacity
- Queen beds
- Connecting suites
- Refurbished
- Registry

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

SUITE	2020
Adventure – Deck 3	\$13,770
Explorer – Deck 4	\$14,760
View – Deck 3	\$15,840
Vista – Deck 4	\$16,740
Veranda – Deck 5	\$23,670
Medallion – Deck 7	\$28,710
Silver – Deck 5	\$30,960
Grand – Deck 7	WAITLIST
Owner's – Deck 7	\$37,170



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2020 RATES: PER PERSON – DOUBLE – ALL INCLUSIVE* - After 10% EARLY PAYMENT savings – Until August 30, 2019.

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