

# SOUTH GEORGIA & ANTARCTICA



It's a journey that every traveler has dreamed of making – taking the Strait of Magellan from Patagonia's Punta Arenas to step foot on the Antarctic Peninsula. But first get to grips with South Georgia – said to have more wildlife per square foot than any other destination on the planet. Continue your epic voyage by crossing the Drake Passage for seabird spotting opportunities extraordinaire before arriving in Antarctica proper.



**DATES:** 2021- Nov 13-30

**DURATION:** 18 DAYS/17 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE

**DISEMBARK:** USHUAIA, ARG

**SHIP:** Silver Cloud

**FROM:** \$18,300\*

*\*After 10% Early Payment Savings- Free Economy, or reduced Business Class international air. All Inclusive Expedition Cruise*

## 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



### Days 6-8 - South Georgia Island

Charcoal-black mountains ladled with snow, giant glaciers and thriving wildlife combine to make South Georgia one of the great natural islands. Adventure to these far flung lands - where the animals are in charge and humans come a distant second. Here you'll witness a cacophony of calling birds, natural set pieces like elephant seals clashing and thrashing, and crowds of king penguins stretching out as far as the eye can see. Written into explorer history due to its links with Ernest Shackleton's tale of Antarctic exploration, shipwreck and survival, the Endurance's crew were saved when he reached the salvation of these shores in 1916 - before returning to collect the remaining sailors from Elephant Island. A museum commemorates the legendary mission, and you can see the memorial to Shackleton that stands over his final resting place on this fabled island.



### Days 9-10 - Nov 21-22: Cross Drake Passage

Sailing the legendary Drake Passage is an experience that few are ever lucky enough to experience. Drake

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 – Nov 13: Arrive Santiago, Chile

Transfer to your included deluxe hotel. Remainder of day is free.

### Day 2- Nov 14: Arrive Punta Arenas, Chile

Transfer to the airport for your included flight to Punta Arenas. Welcome to Chile's City at the End of The World – a wind-whipped, fractured land of islands, glacial fjords and mountains, which drop away towards Antarctica. A hardy city, where the temperature hovers in single figures throughout much of the year, Punta Arenas nevertheless offers a warm welcome and refuge, ahead of - and following - epic adventures and expeditions south across the Drake Passage. Captain Scott stopped here in 1904 – testing the postal service sending 400 letters of his successful return - and the city welcomed the rescued Ernest Shackleton and his Endurance crew to these shores in 1916.

### Days 3-5 – Nov 15-17: AT SEA

Days at sea are the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and catch up with what you've been meaning to do. So whether that is going to the gym, visiting the spa, whale watching, catching up on your reading or simply topping up your tan, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to busy days spent exploring shore side.

Passage is an extraordinary voyage of romantic ocean faring legend, as you aim for Antarctica's icy realm. On arrival, skyscraper sized icebergs salute you, as you traverse the waters of this continent where snow and ice dwelling creatures like penguins and whales roam undisturbed. Your first sight of this most-unexplored place will most likely be the South Shetland Islands.

#### **Day 11- Nov 23: Elephant Island**

Promising thrilling adventure, legendary tales and immaculate Antarctic beauty, Elephant Island is perhaps Antarctica's best-known location. The exploits of its early explorers have immortalized this harsh, monochrome island in the tomes of human history. Believed to take its name from the elephant seals that early explorers spotted lolling on its rocks, the volcanic island was not properly explored until 1916 - when Ernest Shackleton and his men were stricken by the weather and sought salvation on its shores. Their story of survival, stranded in this barren land, is one of humanity's most evocative and inspiring accounts. Elephant Island is written deep into the legend of Antarctic exploration, and you'll discover Shackleton's tale for yourself as you arrive in the island's icy realm. The remarkable, slowly flowing Endurance Glacier - which you'll see on arrival here - takes its name from their ship, The Endurance.



#### **Days 12-14 - Nov 24-26: Antarctica Peninsula**

The Antarctic Peninsula unravels upwards towards South America, reaching out a beckoning finger to the adventurous, who dare to explore this untamed realm. Stretching up from the heart of the world's southernmost continent, the Antarctic Peninsula lies a mere 620 mile from Tierra del

Fuego and, for many, offers a spectacular first taste of the snow-blanketed landscapes and colossal ice sculptures, which make up Earth's least-explored continent. Unseen by humans until 1820 - a blink of an eye ago in relative terms - this is an adventure sure to make your hairs stand on end, as you experience the thrill of the truly unknown and extraordinary. The vast peninsula is sprinkled with research bases, which are at the frontline of human scientific endeavor, pushing to study and understand this unique landscape, its exceptional wildlife, and the impact that humans are having on this pristine continent.

#### **Day 15 - Nov 27: 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. Leopard seals, Weddell seals, crabeater seals, Southern elephant seals and Antarctic fur seals can be seen in the water and on the beaches.

#### **Days 16-17 - Nov 28-29: 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.

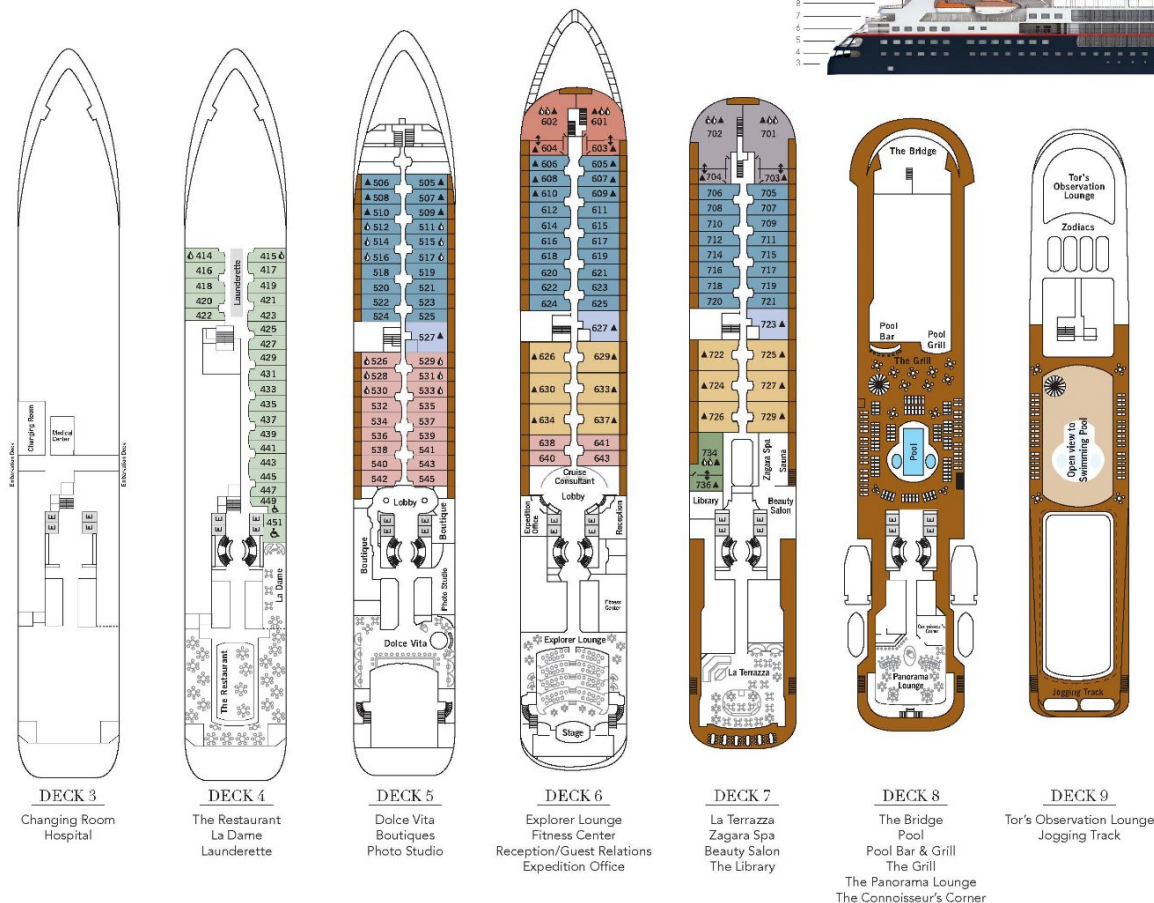
#### **Day 18 - Nov 30: Ushuaia, Argentina**

After breakfast, disembark *Silver Cloud*. Transfer to airport.

We recommend adding a few days to explore Patagonia and Buenos Aires.



## SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITIONS



### 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 . . . . . 200/254
  - Tonnage . . . . . 16,800
  - 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 . . . . .
  - Bathtub/Shower Combination . . . . .
  - Bathtub & Separate Shower . . . . .
  - Disabled Suites . . . . .
  - 449, 451
  - Refurbished . . . . . 2017
  - Registry . . . . . Bahamas
  - Ice-class Rating . . . . . 1C
- Suite diagrams shown are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual suite footprints. Please refer to suite specifications for actual footprints.
- \* Please note that The Grill opening hours are subject to weather and destination conditions.

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### 2021 RATES

Date \ Suite	Vista	Veranda	DLX Veranda	Medallion	Silver	Royal	Grand	Owner
Nov 13, 2021	\$18,300	\$19,900	\$22,800	\$31,200	\$34,800	\$40,800	\$47,700	\$56,800

Rates are per person, double, after early booking savings.

### ALL-INCLUSIVE RATES INCLUDE-

- Gratuities to ship staff
- Open bar and stocked mini bar onboard
- All Excursions
- Team of Expedition Leaders
- Free Economy Air
- Port Charges



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