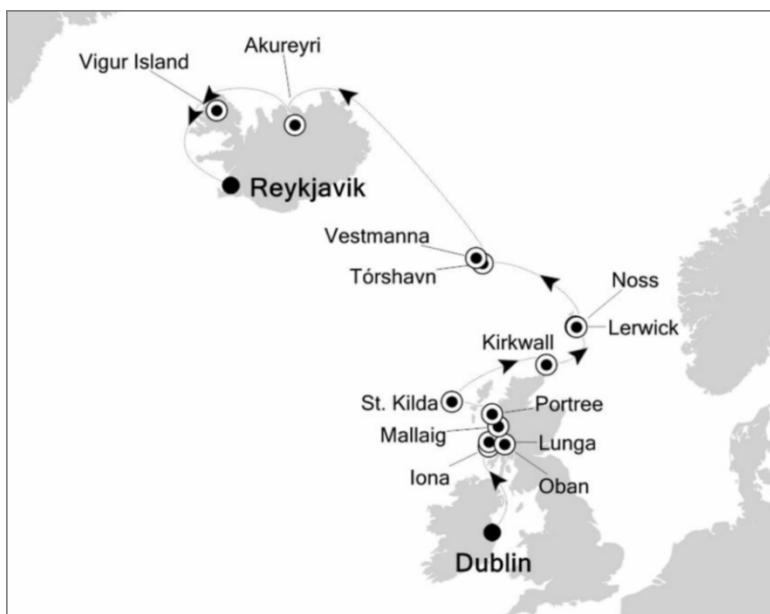


DUBLIN to REYKJAVIK

Expedition Cruise to Scotland and Iceland



The home of the brave requires no foreword. A windswept land of moors and castles, bloody history and rugged beauty, the Scottish Isles will enchant even the most jaded traveler. Legends keep the history alive here, fitting as the next stop on your itinerary, Iceland, is where storytelling takes on a new meaning. Vivid, robust and above all believable, welcome on a journey where folklore is king. Observe flocks of Atlantic Puffins and Arctic Terns in the stunning Nordic scenery, big, bold, breathtaking and beautiful.



DATE: MAY 29-JUNE 10, 2020

DURATION: 13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS

EMBARK: DUBLIN, IRELAND
DISEMBARK: REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

SHIP: *Silver Cloud Expedition*

FROM: \$8,910
After 10% Early Booking Savings

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

ITINERARY

DAY 1 – FRI 29 MAY – DUBLIN - EMBARKATION

Depart 4:00 PM

Arrive a day or two early to avoid travel problems and see something of Dublin and Ireland.

Ask any Dubliner what's happening and you may hear echoes of one of W. B. Yeats's most-quoted lines: "All changed, changed utterly." No matter that the decade-long "Celtic Tiger" boom era has been quickly followed by the Great Recession—for visitors Dublin remains one of Western Europe's most popular and delightful urban destinations. Whether or not you're out to enjoy the old or new Dublin, you'll find it a colossally entertaining city, all the more astonishing considering its intimate size.

DAY 2 – SAT 30 MAY – IONA AND LUNGA, SCOTLAND

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 black 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 island's plateau. One can sit within just a few feet away without disturbing the avian ambassador's peace.

DAY 3 – SUN 31 MAY – MALLAIG, SCOTLAND

The thriving port of Mallaig is situated on the North West coast of Scotland. A vibrant fishing port, its remote location makes it a perfect getaway to this quiet area. Walks around the town present magnificent views over the picturesque harbour and across Loch Nevis to Knoydart. The well-known Jacobite steam train that was featured in the Harry Potter movies follows the wonderful road to the isles that ends at Mallaig.



DAY 4 – MON 01 JUN - PORTREE (ISLE OF SKYE)

The Isle of Skye ranks near the top of most visitors' priority lists: the romance of Prince Charles Edward Stuart, known as Bonnie Prince Charlie, combined with the misty Cuillin Hills and their proximity to the mainland all contribute to its popularity. Today Skye remains mysterious and mountainous, an island of sunsets that linger brilliantly until late at night and of beautiful, soft mists. Much photographed are the really old crofts, one or two of which are still inhabited, with their thick stone walls and thatch roofs.

DAY 5 – TUE 02 JUN - ST. KILDA

St Kilda is a remarkable uninhabited archipelago some 40 nautical miles beyond the Outer Hebrides. The stunning cliffs and sea stacks are home to the most important seabird breeding colony in northwest Europe. St Kilda is one of the few places in the world to have received dual world heritage status from UNESCO in recognition of its natural heritage and cultural significance. Village Bay on the island of Hirta once supported a population of over 200, but the last islanders left in the 1930s.

DAY 6 – WED 03 JUN –KIRKWALL (ORKNEY)

In bustling Kirkwall, the main town on Orkney, there's plenty to see in the narrow, winding streets extending from the harbor. The cathedral and some museums are highlights.

DAY 7 – THU 04 JUN - LERWICK SHETLAND ISLANDS – NOSS ISLAND

Founded by Dutch fishermen in the 17th century, Lerwick today is a busy town and administrative center. Handsome stone buildings—known as lodberries—line the harbor; they provided loading bays for goods, some of them illegal. The town's twisting flagstone lanes and harbor once heaved with activity, and Lerwick is still an active port today. This is also where most visitors to Shetland dock, spilling out of cruise ships, allowing passengers to walk around the town.



Exploring the sandstone cliff faces of the Isle of Noss will reveal ledges loaded with gannets, puffins, guillemots, shags, kittiwakes, Razorbills, fulmars and Great Skuas. The island was recognized as a National Nature Reserve in 1955 and has one of Europe's largest and most diverse seabird colonies. Sheep have grazed the inland hillsides of Noss since the late 1800s and early 1900s when around twenty people lived on the island to manage the sheep farm. Along with the sheep, shaggy Shetland ponies graze the windblown slopes of Noss.

DAY 8 – FRI 05 JUN - TORSHAVN (FAROE ISLANDS)

More than 600 miles (nearly 1,000 kilometers) 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. Evidence of this Scandinavian heritage is preserved through centuries of isolation; ancient structures can still be seen in villages clustered around old churches.

DAY 9 – SAT 06 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 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 10 – SUN 07 JUN – AT SEA

DAY 11 – MON 08 JUN - AKUREYRI

Akureyri, called the Capital of the North is the second largest urban area in Iceland, and a lively one at that. Hemmed by the 60-km (37-mile) long Eyjafjörður, Akureyri is sheltered from the ocean winds and embraced by mountains on three sides. Late 19th-century wooden houses impart a sense of history, and the twin spires of a modern Lutheran church rising on a green hill near the waterfront, provide a focal point. To the south of Akureyri is the pyramid-shape rhyolite mountain Sútur. Beyond it is Kerling, the highest peak in Eyjafjörður District.

DAY 12 – TUE 09 JUN - VIGUR ISLAND

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. Summer is the best time to see large numbers of Atlantic Puffins, Arctic Terns and Black Guillemots.

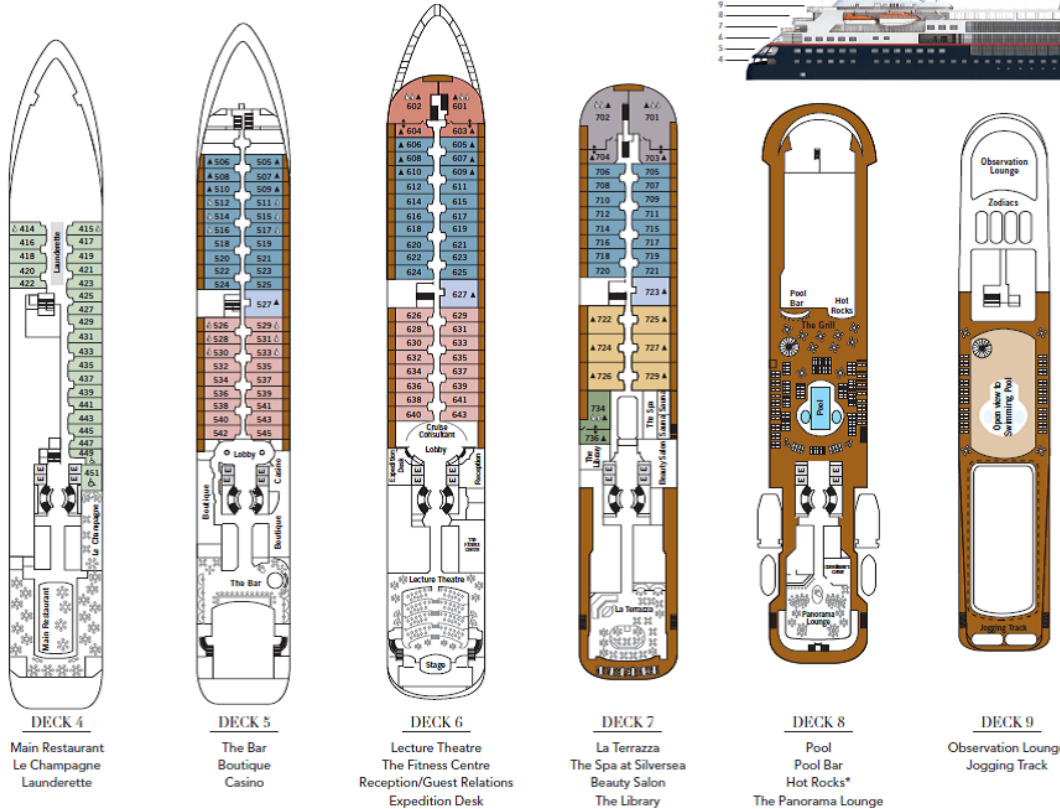
DAY 13 - Tue 10 JUN – REYKJAVIK - DISEMBARK

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, 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

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