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Cast off to the ends of the Earth on a Silversea Expedition and experience the rush of setting foot on the unknown and rarely explored. Enter the realm of the polar bear, and the untamed landscapes of the Arctic. Or witness the stark raw beauty and staggering wildlife of Antarctica and the Sub-Antarctic islands. All while enjoying the distinctive, all-inclusive lifestyle that discerning travellers prefer. And that is ours alone.

You will travel in the wake and in the spirit of bold navigators like Amundsen, Ross and Shackleton. Venture north to Viking ruins, colourful villages and remarkable wildlife — polar bear, walrus, whale, musk ox. Or sail to Antarctica and her islands and share the dazzling landscapes with raucous rookeries of penguins and seals, unafraid and unperturbed by your presence. All while enjoying a sense of refined indulgence and international cachet that attracts travellers from around the globe.

Exhilarating Experiences Ashore

Hike through forests, trek through the tundra, go Zodiac-cruising through ice-choked fjords and witness the remarkable: a humpback whale calf riding a swell on its mother's back, a wandering albatross lifting its enormous wings to take flight. However, please understand that weather and ice, not clocks and calendars, set the schedule for a journey in these latitudes, and no landing can be guaranteed. But if our forays ashore vary, the quality of your experience will not. Every mile will reveal something wonderful and astonishing.

Expedition Team

To truly experience your destination — be it in the wild, in a city, or along the fringes of civilisation — we've assembled a team of experts from all relevant fields. You'll have the opportunity to learn from eminent naturalists, geologists, biologists, historians, and ornithologists, all of whom have the education, research experience and personal accomplishments to make them ideal companions for your adventure.

You can attend daily briefings and lectures presented by professionals hand-picked for their expertise in specific areas depending upon your destination. Join our ornithologist on deck and learn to identify the seabirds in New Zealand's Sub-Antarctic. Or make your way to the Bridge to visit the navigational officers. The marine biologist can usually be found here too, searching the seas for signs of whales and dolphins.

Onboard Lifestyle

Both *Silver Explorer* and *Silver Discoverer* were purpose-built for expedition cruising. Their ice-strengthened hulls enable them to navigate safely through the ice floes of polar regions. And their intimate size and shallow draft allow for maximum maneuverability around icebergs and through narrow fjords.

Notable Silversea distinctions such as elegant, all-suite accommodations with butler service, complimentary spirits and fine wines, and truly world-class cuisine are luxuries rarely seen in expedition cruising. Complimentary WiFi throughout the ship allows you to connect with friends and family any time you please. The onboard ambience is warm and friendly, and with fewer than 150 guests, there's considerable opportunity to meet and mingle with your expedition team and fellow travellers. After all, one of the great joys of an expedition voyage is the company you meet — and keep.

We've also taken great care to assemble a truly top-notch team of naturalists and other experts to accompany each ship. For we know full well that those who yearn to explore the farthest reaches of our planet are driven by a quest for knowledge and discovery.

The Royal Geographic Society: An Exclusive Partnership

Thanks to this distinguished alliance, Silversea Expedition guests can enjoy detailed scientific and historical information collated from centuries of scientific exploration by the Royal Geographic Society.

Founded nearly 200 years ago, the Society, whose patron is The Queen of England, has supported some of the world's most acclaimed explorers and scientists, celebrated names like Darwin, Livingstone, Hillary, Shackleton, Wallace and Scott. Its archives contain over two million items from maps and photographs to artefacts and books — a vast treasure trove to historians and scientists alike. And now to the guests of Silversea.

THE ARCTIC

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Discover the wonder of the Arctic. Revel in the raw beauty of its landscapes, and the abundance and diversity of its wildlife. Follow in the path of explorers who sought the Northwest Passage and Vikings who sailed to conquer new lands. Enter the realm of the polar bear. Marvel at the vast herds of caribou, whales, and enormous colonies of seabirds that thrive in these frozen regions. Join us as we venture into the unsullied whiteness of this magnificent and majestic frontier.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise amidst pristine landscapes of rugged mountains, glaciers, icebergs and deep into fjords
- Search for polar bears, walrus, seals and Arctic fox
- Observe seabirds such as auks, puffins, fulmars, eiders, terns and skuas
- Watch for whales including Minke, beluga and narwhals
- Marvel at Iceland's geothermal landscapes of geysers, sulphur pits and boiling mud pots, and soak in a hot spring
- Explore ancient Norse and Viking sites
- Enjoy close-up encounters with indigenous cultures including the Inuit people
- Photograph breathtaking landscapes in the light of the Midnight Sun
- Trek along the tundra to see caribou, musk-ox and reindeer

Nothing quite prepares you for the raw power of nature and the majestic scenery that lies in the arctic regions of Europe and North America. Far from a frozen wasteland, these remote and forbidding lands support dense populations of wildlife, indigenous cultures and other-worldly landscapes. Here the midnight sun allows more time to scan the surrounding waters for the fluke of a whale's tail or signs of the mysterious narwhal with its long single tusk. Vast colonies of seabirds nest among cliffs. Walruses haul-out on shores. There are seals, reindeer, Arctic fox and, of course, the polar bear, the iconic symbol of the Arctic world. From Russia, Finland, Norway and Iceland to Greenland and Canada, our Arctic expeditions span the polar regions at the very top of the world.

A TASTE OF YOUR ITINERARY

Expedition Greenland — Voyages 7518 & 7618

Magnificent scenery, Inuit villages, incredible wildlife — be dazzled by the myth-making landscape of the world's largest island. Look for polar bears hunting along the far reaches of the ice, whales including the elusive narwhal, Arctic fox, walruses and ringed seals. Cliffs are dense with seabirds; over 60 species breed here. Visit the world's smallest capital. Unwind in a natural hot spring See the famous Qilakitsoq mummies. Watch icebergs explode and marvel at the unsullied beauty of this fragile wilderness.

Expedition Disco Bay — Voyage 7519

Norse legends and Greenland mummies, the "Valley of the Winds" and the world's smallest capital, hot springs, dog sleds, Inuit settlements and the most active calving glacier on earth. All this is included in just seven days. Listen to the thunder of ice breaking off into the sea at Illulissat, where glaciers are born. Share *Kaffee-mik* with local villagers. Be on the lookout for the bowhead whale as we explore deep into the bay.

White Sea Expedition — Voyage 7612

Rarely do travellers have a chance to visit the islands in the remote regions of the Russian Arctic. Ports such as Arkhangelsk and Murmansk that edge the Barents and White seas are typically icebound much of the year. Explore the massive 15th-century Solvetsky monastery, once one of Stalin's infamous gulags. Discover the Neolithic labyrinths on Zayatsky Island. Look for beluga whales, permanent resident of the White Sea, and witness some half million pairs of puffins on Gjesværstappan Island.

Svalbard — Voyages 7613, 7614, 7615, 7616

Only 600 miles from the North Pole, the "Land of the Polar Bear" is a true High Arctic archipelago with rugged mountains, ice caps, glaciers and amazing wildlife. Our goal is to explore the eastern and least-visited sections of Spitsbergen, the largest island and one of the most prolific in terms of wildlife. There are walruses, seals, arctic foxes, and a resident population of some 2,500 polar bears. Tundra hikes and shore walks bring us up close to the dramatic settings. At the southern end of the archipelago, Bear Island is home to some of the largest seabird colonies of the North Atlantic.

Svalbard & Scoresby Sund — Voyage 7617

Along with Svalbard (see above), this two-week expedition includes the magnificent panoramas of South Scoresby Sund in East Greenland, at 300 kilometres the largest fjord system in the world. Gaze wide-eyed at the dazzling icebergs that throng the fjords. Witness enormous colonies of seabirds nesting in the cliffs and shores. Enjoy the thrilling antics of whales and dolphins at sea, and seals and walrus hauled out on the rocks, and scan the shoreline for the King of the Arctic himself, the polar bear.

Expedition High Arctic — Voyage 7619

Journey into the lands within the Arctic Circle. Explore colourful villages in Western Greenland and see the 1,000-foot cliffs that are home to hundreds of thousands of nesting seabirds. Marvel at the dazzling glacier strewn Illulissat fjord and the echoing sounds of new glaciers calving in this UNESCO World Heritage

MEET THE EXPEDITION TEAM



Stefan Kredel

Sr. Expedition Leader & Geologist

Never the idle tourist, Stefan has cycled throughout Europe, traversed Nepal's Annapurna Circle, hiked the Inca trail to Machu Picchu, and explored copper, gold and diamond mines in Austria, Italy, South Africa, and his native Germany. He has travelled extensively throughout Iceland, Greenland, and the North Pole regions. Stefan has a bachelor's degree in geology/palaeontology from Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich.

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Dr. Danae Sheehan

Ornithologist & Ecologist

As a conservation ecologist, Dr. Sheehan holds an interest in ornithology and landscape ecology. For the last 14 years, she has overseen a migratory Africa-Eurasia bird programme for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. She has published several scientific papers and presented at numerous international conferences. Danae's love of the natural world and remote places is also reflected through her passion for art and photography.

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Kit Van Wagner

Marine Biologist & Dive Master

Inspired by her experiences growing up in Japan, Norway and England, Kit Van Wagner has been steadily working her way around the globe, sharing her infatuation with marine life as she goes. Since 1999, Kit has enjoyed working internationally as a naturalist, lecturer, dive master and Zodiac skipper on small expedition ships. At sea, Kit is keen to share her good humour and enthusiasm for wild places, wildlife, and remote cultures.

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Susan Currie

Geologist

Having started her career in the oil industry, Susan was first tempted by the cruise industry in 2002 when she was offered her first expedition cruise in the Antarctic Peninsula. From that point on, all of her vacation time and a considerable amount of unpaid leave-of-absence was spent exploring different parts of the world on expedition cruise ships. In 2012, she left the oil industry and devoted herself full-time to expedition cruise work.

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Site. Encounter the thriving Inuit culture of Pond Inlet, one of Canada's "jewels of the North," Prince Leopold Island is a migratory bird sanctuary, and more than 70 bird species can be found on Bylot Island. We'll also visit the ruins of the ill-fated Franklin expedition and search the majestic fjords of Northeast Baffin for whales, seals, and the indomitable polar bear.



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REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Golden Circle Blue Lagoon

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Thingvellir National Park, the majestic Gullfoss waterfall and the geothermal phenomena at Geysir. Relax in the famed Blue Lagoon — a natural geothermal spa located in the middle of a blue lava field.

Three nights pre-cruise: Voyages 7518, 7618
Two nights post-cruise: Voyage 7617

SILVER SHORE SIMPLY HOTEL

Overnight at a 4.5- or 5-star hotel before or after your cruise. Includes one night standard room accommodation and breakfast. Transfers, additional nights and upgrades available.

Kangerlussuaq, Greenland
St. Petri (Copenhagen, Denmark)

Longyearbyen, Norway
Radisson Blu Scandinavia (Oslo, Norway)

Reykjavik, Iceland
1919 Hotel

Tromsø, Norway
Radisson Blu Scandinavia (Oslo, Norway)

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ARCTIC

The search to discover the Northwest Passage linking the Atlantic and the Pacific led to a series of expeditions throughout the nineteenth-century. Often inadequately clothed and with insufficient rations (and reticent to seek advice from the indigenous Inuit peoples of the region, whose expertise was second to none) these first explorations of the Arctic were to set the scene for future explorations of Antarctica.



Much was learnt and lost in the icy chill of the Arctic: from the early explorations of Sir William Edward Parry to the tragic fate of Sir John Franklin's lost expedition on board the ships *Erebus* and *Terror* — and the bravery of the subsequent expeditions that sought to find him — uncover the thrilling and spine-tingling stories behind one of the most famous episodes in the history of exploration.

- 01 "A very extraordinary lump of snow". Painted by Sir John Ross whilst in the Arctic, 1833.
- 02 Passage through the ice. June 16th 1818, Lat. 70. 44 N. From the book 'Voyage of discovery in H.M. Ships Isabella and Alexander, for the purpose of exploring Baffin's Bay and inquiring into the probability of a North-West Passage' by John Ross; London, 1819

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DATE	DAYS	VOYAGE	SHIP	PORTS
15 AUG	12	7518	SILVER EXPLORER	REYKJAVIK > Day at Sea > Skjoldungen > Cruise Prince Christian Sund > Nanortalik > Uunartoq Island > Qaqortoq (Julianehåb) > Hvalsey > Brattahlid > Itilleq > Day at Sea > Nuuk (Godthab) > Sissimiut > Illulisat > Day at Sea > KANGERLUSSUAQ 🏠
27 AUG	7	7519	SILVER EXPLORER	KANGERLUSSUAQ > Sissimiut > Qeqertarsuaq > Qilaqitsoq > Uumannaq > Saqqaq > Eqip Sermia Glacier > Illulisat > Day at Sea > KANGERLUSSUAQ

2016

DATE	DAYS	VOYAGE	SHIP	PORTS
11 JUN	12	7612	SILVER EXPLORER	TROMSØ > Gjesværstappan Islands > Murmansk > Sem Islands > Kanin Peninsula > Shoyna Village > Pyalitsa Village > Chapoma Village, Solovetsky > Zayatski Island > Archangel > Morzhovets Island > Murmansk > Kirkenes > Skarsvag (Nordkapp) > TROMSØ
23 JUN	10	7613	SILVER EXPLORER	TROMSØ > Day at Sea > Cruise and explore Bear Island > Cruise and explore Svalbard (7 days) > LONGYEARBYEN/OSLO
03 JUL	10	7614	SILVER EXPLORER	LONGYEARBYEN/OSLO > Cruise and explore Svalbard (7 days) > Cruise and explore Bear Island > TROMSØ 🌙
13 JUL	10	7615	SILVER EXPLORER	TROMSØ > Day at Sea > Cruise and explore Bear Island > Cruise and explore Svalbard (7 days) > LONGYEARBYEN/OSLO
23 JUL	7	7616	SILVER EXPLORER	LONGYEARBYEN/OSLO > Cruise and explore Svalbard (6 days) > LONGYEARBYEN/OSLO
30 JUL	14	7617	SILVER EXPLORER	LONGYEARBYEN/OSLO > Cruise and explore Svalbard (4 days) > 2 Days at Sea > Scoresby Sund (4 days) > Ittoqqortoormiit > Day at Sea > REYKJAVIK 🏠
13 AUG	9	7618	SILVER EXPLORER	REYKJAVIK > Day at Sea > Skjoldungen > Cruise Prince Christian Sound > Aappilattoq > Nanortalik > Uunartoq Island > Qaqortoq (Julianehåb) > Hvalsey > Day at Sea > Nuuk (Godthab) > Maniitsoq > KANGERLUSSUAQ 🏠
22 AUG	18	7619	SILVER EXPLORER	KANGERLUSSUAQ > Sissimiut > Illulisat > Uumannaq > Upernavik > Day at Sea > Pond Inlet > Milne Inlet > Navy Board Inlet > Prince Leopold Island > Beechy Island > Day at Sea > Gibbs Fjord > San Ford Fjord > Kangiqsualujuaq > Isabella Bay > Cape Dyer > Cumberland Peninsula > Lady Franklin Island > Monumental Island > Day at Sea > KANGERLUSSUAQ

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ANTARCTICA

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It is the “journey of a lifetime” in the truest sense of these words. To revel in the awe-inspiring beauty and overwhelming power of nature, to admire the staggering profusion of wildlife, and to meet the personal challenge of reaching the Earth’s last great wilderness frontier – this is the allure of Antarctica and her islands.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Marvel at spectacular iceberg sculptures and calving glaciers
- Set foot on the continent of Antarctica
- Encounter vast rookeries of penguins and seals
- Watch for whales including humpback, Minke, orca, pilot, and beaked
- Visit historic sites of the early explorers and the remains of whaling operations
- Go birding in pelagic wonderlands

First encountered by Amundsen and Scott just over a century ago, this frozen wilderness still looms in all of its purity — giant, blue-tinted icebergs sparkle like diamonds, towering mountains reach toward a never-setting sun and blinding white snowfields stretch to eternity. The wildlife, too, is overwhelming, and during the austral months a veritable renaissance occurs. There are rookeries of penguins and playful pups in the tens of thousands, seals in glorious abundance and millions of seabirds breeding and raising their young.

A TASTE OF YOUR ITINERARY

Antarctica & Shetland Islands

Discover a virtual parade of nature’s wonders as we sail across the Drake Channel to the White Continent. Here are some of the places we may visit weather permitting: Brown Bluff towers over some 20,000 nesting pairs of Adelie penguins. The large, bare rocks on Cuverville Island provide nesting sites for Gentoo Penguins, and Snow and Pintado Petrels. The former British research station in Port Lockroy is now a museum and post office where you can mail a postcard flaunting the rare Antarctic stamp. Paulet Island is home to one of Antarctica’s largest Adelie rookeries, fertile fodder for the voracious leopard seal which can often be seen cruising for snacks. At

Paradise Bay you can set foot on the Antarctic Continent, itself; its spectacular icescapes include the towering tabular icebergs from the Sound — even more towering aboard a Zodiac! The Shetland Islands unwind along the northwest coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Step ashore in the Aitcho Islands to a greeting of Chinstrap Penguins. Deception Island is the only place on earth where a ship can sail directly into the centre of an active volcano. Just inside lies Whalers Bay with its abandoned whaling station.

South Georgia

Stunningly beautiful and rugged, South Georgia offers one of the world’s greatest concentrations of wildlife including the beautiful King Penguin and the enormous Wandering Albatross. Half of the world’s population of Southern elephant seals arrives here each summer, as well as 95% of the world’s Southern fur seals. Captain James Cook visited the island in 1775, but even more famous is the epic rescue of Sir Ernest Shackleton, who is buried at Grytviken.

Falkland Islands

Some 3,000 or so hardy British inhabitants live in the frontier capital of Port Stanley with its brightly coloured tin roofs. On New Island, a nature reserve, admire Black-browed Albatrosses nesting side-by-side with feisty Rockhopper Penguins. This stunning island is home to over 40 of the Falklands’ breeding bird species.

Chilean Fjords

Condors ride the currents of the Andes, primeval forests extend along the shores and massive glaciers groan and calve their way into the sea. Visit the wooden churches of Chiloé Island, go glacier cruising by Zodiac and explore Punta Arenas on the Strait of Magellan, icy waters that separate Patagonia from Tierra del Fuego.



MEET THE EXPEDITION TEAM



Kara Weller
Expedition Leader & Biologist

Growing up in Alaska, Kara first became interested in wildlife when bears and moose visited the woods next to her house. She has worked extensively in the ecotourism industry as expedition leader and lecturer aboard cruises exploring the Arctic, Alaska, British Columbia, Russia, Europe, the Mediterranean, the North Atlantic, South America and the South Pacific as well as Antarctica. For two decades, much of her work has focused on the world’s remote Polar Regions.

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Robert Marc Lehmann
Marine Biologist & Scientific Diver

Robert has completed more than 1,500 dives worldwide from the Arctic to New Zealand. He has been exploring continents since he was 18 years old. He is an award-winning underwater photographer, specialising in large underwater animals. He has worked as an expedition guide for professional photographers and filmmaking teams around the world. Robert’s passion for photography and nature always engages his audience.

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Peter Damisch
Adventurer, Explorer, Author

Peter has taken hundreds of trips to polar, temperate and tropical regions, while learning about each locale’s intriguing history and cultural traditions. He has written books, articles and presentations on topics ranging from sailing, maritime history, weather systems, celestial navigation and polar history. He’s sailed alongside the children of many great ‘Golden Age’ explorers and provides unique insight into the human tapestry of history.

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Luke Kenny
Fisheries Expert & Marine Biologist

A native Irishman, Luke gained a deep-rooted appreciation of the environment at a young age. He’s worked as a Fisheries Observer off Ireland’s southern coast and in the Falkland Islands. He also spent two years on South Georgia as a Fisheries Biologist. Luke is always looking for new adventures off the beaten track — and his next goal is to sail in the high latitudes, while researching oceanography and glaciology.

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USHUAIA, ARGENTINA

Iguassú Falls

Spectacular Iguassú Falls lies in the midst of a natural wonderland of subtropical rainforest. Some 275 waterfalls plummet across a bluff in a thunderous roar, while iridescent rainbows and butterflies hover in the mist. Visit both the Brazilian and Argentinean sides of this natural wonder.

Three nights pre-cruise: Voyages 7527, 7528, 7627, 7628, 7629

Three nights post-cruise: Voyages 7527, 7528, 7603, 7626, 7627, 7628, 7629

Vintages of Argentina

Spend two nights at the historic Posada Salente in in the heart of Argentina's wine region. In addition to Merlot and Pinot Noir, the region is notable for its Malbecs. Enjoy tastings at award-winning wineries.

Four nights pre-cruise: Voyages 7527, 7528, 7627, 7628, 7629

Four nights post-cruise: Voyages 7527, 7528, 7603, 7626, 7627, 7628, 7629

SILVER SHORE SIMPLY HOTEL

Overnight at a 4.5- or 5-star hotel before or after your cruise. Includes one night standard room accommodation and breakfast. Transfers, additional nights and upgrades available.

Ushuaia, Argentina
Park Tower (Buenos Aires)

SILVER SHORE GRANDE HOTEL

Extend your Silversea holiday with a stay at a landmark hotel or boutique property. Includes full breakfast and private transfer from airport to hotel. Additional nights and upgrades available upon request.

Ushuaia, Argentina
Alvear Palace (Buenos Aires)

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ANTARCTICA

The Society is synonymous with Antarctic exploration. One of the first papers to be read at the newly-founded Geographical Society of London in 1830 was by a Lieutenant Kendall, describing his charting of Smith's Island (South Shetland Islands) in 1829. Kendall noted that "before leaving, we buried a register thermometer, so that any future visitor might become acquainted with the extreme ranges of this inhospitable climate." As an example of early polar science, Kendall reflected the objectives of this innovative new organization.

In 1893 its charismatic President, Sir Clements Markham, "determined to promote the cause of Antarctic exploration". So began the exhaustive planning for expeditions led by Captain Robert Falcon Scott on the purpose-built vessel the *Discovery* (1901-04), and later the *Terra Nova* (1910-13).

Support was also given to early expeditions led by Sir Ernest Shackleton on the *Nimrod* (1907-09), *Endurance* (1914-17) and *Quest*, or Shackleton-Rowett Expedition (1921-22); as well as engagement with other international figures, including the Norwegian Roald Amundsen. The Society's historical collection relating to Antarctica provides a wealth of artefacts, photographs, archival material, maps, charts and books which tell this important story from its beginnings to the present day with a focus on the early explorers who made an unrivalled contribution to our understanding of the great continent of Antarctica.

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22 DEC	12	7528	SILVER EXPLORER		USHUAIA > Day at Sea > New Island > West Point Island > Stanley > 2 Days at Sea > Cruise and explore Antarctic Peninsula (4 days) > Transit Drake Passage (2 days) > USHUAIA
2016					
DATE	DAYS	VOYAGE	SHIP	PORTS	
02 FEB	18	7603	SILVER EXPLORER		USHUAIA > Day at Sea > New Island > West Point Island > Stanley > 2 Days at Sea > South Georgia (3 days) > 2 Days at Sea > Elephant Island > Cruise and explore Antarctic Peninsula (4 days) > Transit Drake Passage (2 days) > USHUAIA
14 NOV	18	7626	SILVER EXPLORER		VALPARAISO > Day at Sea > Niebla > Castro > Puerto Chacabuco > Cruise English Narrows > Cruising Pio Xi Glacier > Cruising Chilean Fjords > Punta Arenas > Transit Drake Passage (2 days) > Cruise and explore Antarctic Peninsula (5 days) > Transit Drake Passage (2 days) > USHUAIA
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NEW ZEALAND'S SUB-ANTARCTIC

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In the harsh Southern Ocean, south of New Zealand is a collection of islands. You will find no people there. Isolated from each other and other landmasses, they are some of the most desolate natural environments in the world. And yet, there is life there — in abundance. New Zealand Sea Lions, Elephant Seals, and a collection of sea birds that — both in numbers and variety — offer nothing short of a birder's paradise.



Milford Sound, New Zealand

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the best pelagic birding on the planet
- Sample some of New Zealand's best wines in Nelson
- Witness the awkward flight forays of young albatross and the graceful soar of their elders
- Walk through tall stands of rata trees and among giant ferns on Campbell Island
- Look for nine species of penguins

The rugged, windswept beaches and hills of these islands conceal a rich biodiversity of plant and wildlife — some found nowhere else in the world. Collectively a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Silversea offers its guests a chance to visit a place that few get to see. Watch a Southern Royal Albatross soar high above. Catch a glimpse of the rare Yellow-Eyed Penguin. And learn about the islands' whaling history.

A TASTE OF YOUR ITINERARY

Dunedin, New Zealand

Visit the Edwardian railway station and head out to the world-famous wildlife reserves on Otago Peninsula to the Royal Albatross breeding ground and Yellow-Eyed and Little Blue Penguin colonies.

Ulva Island, New Zealand

Ulva Island delivers a wonderful natural history encounter free of any invasive species. Enjoy a spectacular walk while marvelling at the endemic plants and birdlife in this world-renowned open bird sanctuary.

Campbell Island, New Zealand

Campbell Island was once used for farming, sealing, whaling,

wartime defence, and meteorological observation. The island is New Zealand's southernmost sovereign territory, a Nature Reserve, as well as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Macquarie Island, Australia

Known as Australia's Sub-Antarctic jewel, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to King, Rockhopper, Royal and Gentoo Penguins. In addition we hope to see the Wandering, Black-browed, Grey-headed and Light-mantled Sooty Albatross.

Enderby Island & Auckland Island, New Zealand

Look for the New Zealand Bellbird and Red-Crowned Parakeet, as well as Southern Royal Albatross. Auckland Island is the primary breeding ground for the world's most rare and endangered sea lion, the New Zealand Sea Lion.

The Snares, New Zealand

The Snares remains one of the last near pristine areas in New Zealand. Using Zodiacs we look for endemic bird species such as the Snares Penguin, the Snares Snipe, the New Zealand Fernbird and the Tomtit.

Fiordland National Park, New Zealand

Fiordland National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and includes Milford, Doubtful and Dusky Sounds. Here you have resident dolphins, penguins and seals. Dusky Sound is a prime-breeding site for the Fiordland Penguins.

Nelson, New Zealand

Nelson is home to three national parks and some of the best New Zealand wine. During our wine experience we will sample Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris, Gewürztraminer, and Cabernet Sauvignon.



MEET THE EXPEDITION TEAM



Kit Van Wagner
Expedition Leader, Marine Biologist & Dive Master

Inspired by her experiences growing up in Japan, Norway and England, Kit Van Wagner has been steadily working her way around the globe, sharing her infatuation with marine life as she goes. Since 1999, Kit has enjoyed working internationally as a naturalist, lecturer, dive master and Zodiac skipper on small expedition ships. At sea, Kit is keen to share her good humour and enthusiasm for wild places, wildlife, and remote cultures.

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Each Silversea Expeditions voyage is led by a team of 11 experts*: naturalists, anthropologists, geologists and historians, hand-picked for their knowledge, passion and friendliness.



Robin L. Aiello
Marine Biologist & Ecotourism Specialist

Robin Aiello has spent most of her life on, and under, the oceans of the world. Upon graduation from Harvard, she became a Scientific Expedition Leader in some of the world's most remote areas — Antarctica, the Caribbean and Pacific included. In 1992, Robin emigrated to Australia, working as a coral reef researcher and lecturer before opening her own environmental consulting business. She is also a frequent keynote speaker for Smithsonian Institute study groups.

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Uli Erfurth
Expedition Staff Member

Uli Erfurth, aka "BIO-Uli", likes to travel around the world offering enthusiastic lectures on underwater biology and diving medicine that he calls "edutainment." Uli has worked as staff member on expedition cruise ships since 1994 and has experienced over 3000 biological dives in almost all waters and oceans of the world. Uli is also the departmental head of "UW Biology and Environmental Protection" Association International Diving Schools (VIT).

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Your Expedition Leader and Captain will work together to ensure opportunities for adventure and exploration are the best possible, taking into account prevailing weather activity.



Hanne Nielsen
Antarctic Studies Specialist

Hanne holds a Postgraduate Certificate in Antarctic Studies from the University of Canterbury and has presented academic papers on Antarctic theatre at the 2012 Antarctica New Zealand Conference and the SCAR History and Social Sciences Workshop in 2013. As an active member of the New Zealand Antarctic Society, she enjoys sharing her passion for the Southern Continent. Hanne graduated from the University of Auckland with a BA (Hons) in English and German literature.

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*The Expedition Team members scheduled for these voyages can be subject to change or cancellation.

Extend your voyage with these Land Adventures. Offered before or after select voyages, these excursions explore a region's must-see destinations and include accommodation, transfers sightseeing and some meals.

DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND

South Island Glacier — NEW

Acquaint yourself with Christchurch where building continues apace following the devastating earthquake of 2011. Then, take off on a thrilling flightseeing excursion to the Tasman Glacier, where your plane lands and you walk out on the glacier itself. Your final adventure provides the opportunity to see the glacier from a completely different perspective. Finish your adventure in Queenstown, a city with a distinctive alpine atmosphere.

Three nights pre-cruise: Voyage 9601

SILVER SHORE SIMPLY HOTEL

Overnight at a 4.5- or 5-star hotel before or after your cruise. Includes one night standard room accommodation and breakfast. Transfers, additional nights and upgrades available.

Dunedin, New Zealand
Scenic Hotel

Lyttelton (Christchurch), New Zealand
Novotel Christchurch

Please note that packages, flights and accommodations are subject to change. For more information, please call Silversea Reservations or visit: silversea.com/expeditions



NEW ZEALAND'S SUB-ANTARCTIC

"Most of the beautiful plants of Lord Auckland's group, including the elegant caulescent ferns, are equally abundant here, and from many of them growing in this higher latitude at a proportionally lower elevation, their beauty strikes everyone on first landing."
— Joseph Dalton Hooker, Nineteenth Botanist

From George Vancouver's first European sighting of the Snares Islands (visiting Dusky Bay in October 1791, which had first been visited by Captain Cook in 1770, Vancouver sailed round the southern tip of New Zealand and headed south, where he encountered some hitherto uncharted territory) to the discovery in 1810 by Captain Hasselborough of the brig *Perseverance* of two islands 700 km south of New Zealand which he named Macquarie Island after the governor of New South Wales,

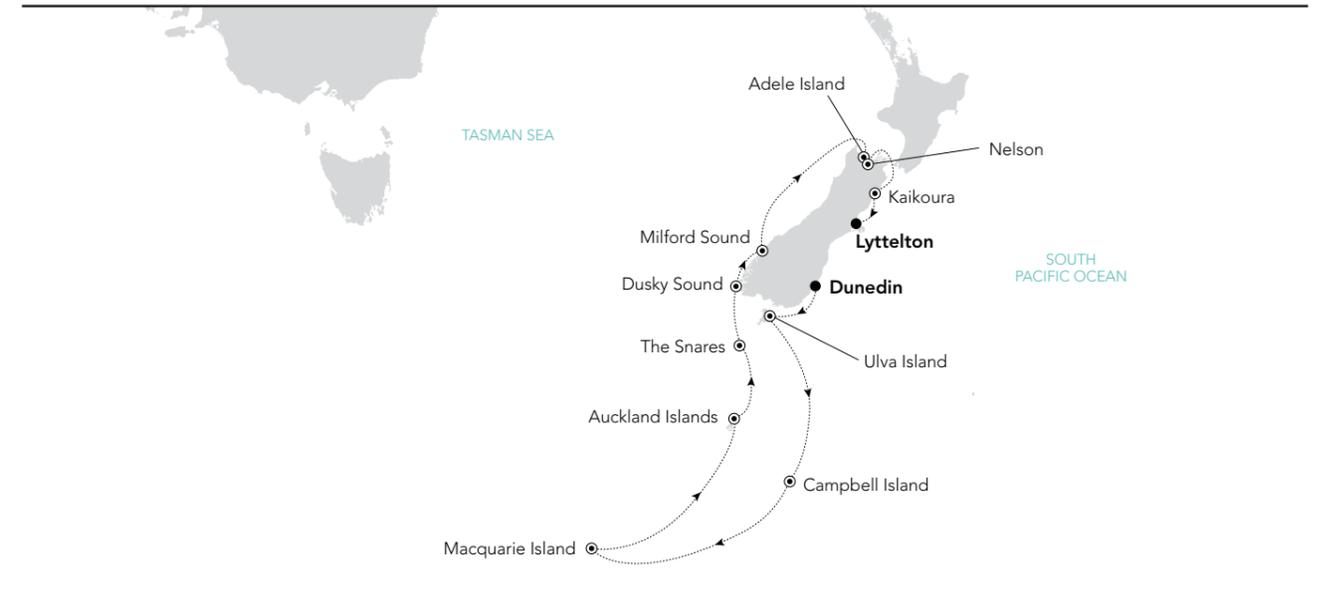


and the other, Campbell Island, after the name of his employers, Campbell & Co. of Sydney, soon the sub-antarctic region of New Zealand opened up a wealth of wildlife and botanical knowledge for western explorers and later travellers.

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- 01 Mitre peak, Milford Sound. Photo by Prof. R. Marshall [1908].
- 02 'Coprosma fatidissima' Plate 13 from 'The botany of the Antarctic voyage of H.M. Discovery Ships Erebus and Terror, in the years 1839-1843' by Joseph Dalton Hooker, 1847.

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DATE	DAYS	VOYAGE	SHIP	PORTS
03 JAN	16	9601	SILVER DISCOVERER	DUNEDIN > Ulva Island > Day at Sea > Campbell Island > Day at Sea > Macquarie Island > Day at Sea > Enderby & Auckland Islands > The Snares > Cruising Dusky Sound > Cruising Milford Sound > Day at Sea > Adele Island > Nelson > Kaikoura > LYTTTELTON (CHRISTCHURCH)

Overnight stay Pre-/Post-cruise Land Adventures Learn More



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Patagonia, Chile



Nanortalik, Greenland



South Island, New Zealand



Grytviken, South Georgia



Solovetsky Islands, Russia



South Georgia Island



Andoya Island, Svalbard

1. The wooden churches and houses on stilts in Chiloé in **Patagonian Chile**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
2. The Indigenous Inuit people inhabit the Arctic regions of **Greenland** and Canada.

3. Ernest Shackleton's final resting place — a must see in **Grytviken, South Georgia**.
4. Wild, rugged panoramas greet you on the **Otago Peninsula** at the tip of New Zealand's South Island.

5. Discover the magnificent monastery and austere beauty of the remote **Solovetsky Islands**, a former gulag during the Stalin era.
6. Admire the 10-ft wingspan of the Wandering Albatross on **South Georgia Island**.

7. Polar Bears are more numerous than people in the **Svalbard Archipelago**.



Milford Sound, New Zealand



West Point Island, Falkland Islands



Hekla Havn, Greenland



Svalbard



Prince Christian Sund, Greenland



Silver Discoverer, Enderby Island, New Zealand's Sub-Antarctic



Bear Island, Svalbard



Gold Harbor, Antarctica

ACTIVE ADVENTURE

Immersive, Experiential, Transformational

Whether it's attending a briefing, exploring by Zodiac, or hiking on terra firma, a Polar Expedition with Silversea will immerse you immediately in your destination. One morning you could be cruising through the pack ice in search of polar bears, the next day hiking around waterfalls, trekking through tundra or soaking in a steaming hot spring while mountains of icebergs float by. The great outdoors is our playground, and we spend as much time as possible on our Zodiacs or ashore.

All-Inclusive Activities

The Arctic

- Lectures and daily briefings
- Zodiac cruising through ice-clogged fjords and beaches
- Hiking and wildlife spotting
- Shore excursions to Inuit settlements, fishing villages and Norse and Viking ruins
- Optional helicopter tour over Illulissat, "Birthplace of the glacier" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Antarctica

- Lectures and daily briefings
- Zodiac cruising around glaciers and to beach landings
- Nature walks and hiking on West Point Island and New Island in the Falklands
- Visit to Grytviken, Sir Ernest Shackleton's final resting place

New Zealand's Sub-Antarctic

- Lectures and daily briefings
- Zodiac cruising through Milford and Dusky Sound and in the Sub-Antarctic
- Hiking and wildlife spotting
- Natural history walks
- Train journey into the Taieri Gorge
- Wine tasting in the Nelson Valley
- Shore excursions to Maori villages and to Otago Peninsula via an all-terrain vehicle

EXCEPTIONAL WILDLIFE

Examples of wildlife that can be seen on these voyages:

Arctic

- Bowhead, Narwhal, Minke, Beluga Whale
- Harp, Ringed, Bearded Seal
- Thick-Billed Murres, Northern Fulmars, Black-Legged Kittiwake, Peregrine Falcon, Pink-Footed Goose, Whooper Swan, Ducks, Guillemots, Auks, Puffins, Common Eider, Arctic Tern, Arctic Skua, Snow Bunting, Purple Sandpiper
- Walrus, Reindeer, Arctic Fox, Caribou, Moose, Snow Hare, Tundra Wolf, Arctic Lemming, Deer, Sled Dog

Antarctica

- Humpback, Minke, Orca., Blue Fin, Southern Right, Wei, Southern Bottlenose and Sperm Whale
- Elephant, Weddell, Antarctic Fur, Leopard and Crabeater Seals
- Wandering Albatross, Black-Browed Albatross, Grey-Headed Albatross, Light-Mantled Sooty Albatross, Royal Albatross, Blue-Eyed Cormorant, Rufus-Chested Dotterel, Falkland Steamer Duck, Southern Fulmar, Kelp Gull, Southern Giant Petrel, Cape Petrel, Snow

- Petrel, White-Chinned Petrel, Wilson's Storm Petrel, Blue Petrel, Hall's Giant Petrel, Black-Bellied Storm Petrel, Grey-Backed Storm Petrel, Yellow-Billed Pintail, Correndera Pippit, South Georgia Pippit, Two-Banded Plover, Antarctic Prion, Slender-Billed Prion, Blue-Eyed Shag, Rock Shag, Imperial Shag, Greater Shearwater, Sooty Shearwater, Great Skua, South American Snipe, Antarctic Tern
- Hourglass Dolphin

New Zealand's Sub-Antarctic

- 126 species of birds including 40 seabirds
- 10 of the world's 22 species of albatross
- Yellow-Eyed, King, Gentoo, Rockhopper, Crested and Royal Penguins
- Leopard seal, fur seal, southern elephant seal and crabeater seals
- Breeding ground for New Zealand Sea Lion and Southern Right Whale



Veranda Suite, Silver Explorer



Silver Explorer



Silver Discoverer



Vista Suite, Silver Discoverer



ABOARD SILVER EXPLORER

Go Further, Get Closer

Silver Explorer can literally spirit just 132 guests to the ends of the earth. Along with voyages in South America, Africa and Europe, her specially-strengthened hull enables her to glide through ice packs in both the Arctic and Antarctica. Settle in to your suite and make yourself at home. Charge your iPod or iPhone in the docking station and toast your anticipated adventures with the bottle of champagne we've left chilling. Come morning there are cosy spa robes and complimentary 24-hour room service so you can awaken to breakfast in bed. Some suites also include French balconies or large private verandas, an extravagance rarely seen in expedition cruising.

ABOARD SILVER DISCOVERER

Explore the Vast Pacific

From Oceania to New Zealand's Sub-Antarctic, adventure travellers can explore the furthest boundaries of the vast Pacific aboard — the 120-guest *Silver Discoverer*. She's the perfect platform for viewing these untamed landscapes, with all oceanview suites and plenty of deck space so that a breaching whale or a pod of dolphins is always within sight. Her shallow draft allows her to navigate closer to shore, and with 12 Zodiacs, guests can land on isolated coasts and explore rivers, wetlands and submerged ecosystems, up-close and in-depth. Some suites include large private verandas, and there's a small pool, too, for a cooling dip in warmer climates.

ALL-INCLUSIVE LIFESTYLE

- All shore and Zodiac excursions
- Outstanding expedition team
- All-suite accommodations with butler service
- Fine cuisine inspired by Relais & Chateaux
- Open-seating dining
- Wines and spirits served throughout the ship
- Room service
- In-room bar setup and refrigerator stocked with your preference
- Spa, Fitness Centre & Beauty Salon
- Complimentary parka, backpack and water bottle
- One hour of free WiFi per day for all guests, and unlimited free WiFi for guests sailing in select suite categories
- Included onboard gratuities

A COMPLEMENT TO YOUR ADVENTURE

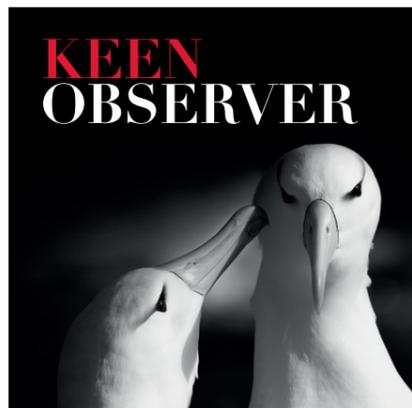
This is the joy of expedition cruising. Incredible scenery awakens the photographer, wild adventure beckons the explorer, close-up encounters with Stone-Age cultures await the adventure traveller. No matter what your special interest, there is an expedition with Silversea that can satisfy your passion for true discovery in a highly personal and immersive way.



DIVING EXPEDITION VOYAGES

Silversea Expeditions offers a series of Scuba Diving Expedition voyages to fully explore the remote destinations we visit, both on land and underwater. Together with our Expedition Team and Dive Masters we will offer experienced divers the opportunity to see the top diving sites of Asia Pacific and the South Pacific. 10 voyages to choose from in 2015 and 2016.

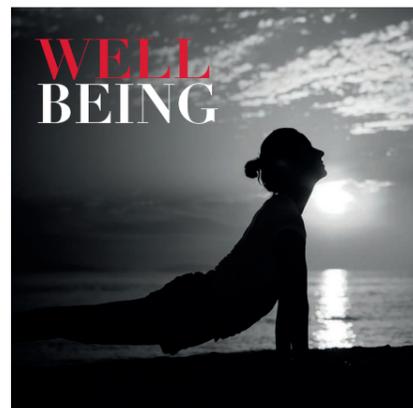
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BIRDING & ORNITHOLOGY EXPEDITION VOYAGES

Silversea Expeditions offers a series of highly immersive Birding Expedition voyages to remote destinations, often inaccessible by land. Together with our Expedition Team and passionate ornithologists, you can enjoy onboard lectures to discover and study a large variety of faraway bird species. 13 voyages to choose from in 2015 and 2016.

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WELLNESS EXPEDITION VOYAGES

Silversea Expeditions offers a series of Wellness Expedition voyages specifically designed to improve your well-being. As well as taking you to some of the most remote and unexplored places in the world, we provide a complete onboard programme of Yoga and stretching classes, spa treatments and daily healthy menus, supported by our Wellness partner, Technogym. 12 voyages available in 2015 and 7 voyages in 2016 to choose from.

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Africa & the Indian Ocean

The West Coast of Africa is largely unknown to tourists. Still raw and innocent. Still utterly authentic. Or set your sights on the gilded pagodas of Myanmar, the leopards of Sri Lanka, and beyond to the jewels of the Indian Ocean including the Maldives, and in the Seychelles, the Garden of Eden, itself.

Alaska

A glacier calving with a thunderous roar. A humpback breaching in a spectacular display. Grizzlies, Bald Eagles, Tufted Puffins and totem poles. Let the timeless sensations of nature renew your spirit on a journey to the Kenai Peninsula and deep inside the Inside Passage.

Asia

Circle the captivating islands of Japan, Indonesia and Malaysia. Discover Torajaland in Sulawesi and dive among the reefs of the Coral Triangle. Stroll through magnificent Japanese gardens, explore Samurai castles, cruise along underground rivers and come face-to-face with one of the world's most endangered species: the Orangutan.

Australia & New Zealand

The world's smallest continent is a land of superlatives with amazing wildlife and unrivalled scenery. It's hard to imagine anything more beautiful than the Kimberley in Western Australia. Unless it's New Zealand's splendour; her Sub-Antarctic islands are a pelagic wonderland, and *Silver Discoverer* is among the few permitted to land in these 'hotspots' of biodiversity.

Central America & Caribbean

Let your thoughts drift to balmy breezes and swaying palms. Hike through tropical rain forests, visit jungle villages, and cruise by Zodiac to a deserted Island. Set sail for some of the most enchanting destinations in the Americas. In the most alluring way imaginable.

Galápagos

Snorkel with penguins, dive with sea lions, hike along lava tunnels and back to the beginning of time. Behold giant tortoises, Blue-Footed Boobies and iguanas basking in the sun. Experience the "Enchanted Isles" from the all-suite comfort of *Silver Galapagos*.

Micronesia, Polynesia and Melanesia

Separated by vast expanses, the islands of Oceania range from the impenetrable mountains of Papua New Guinea to the edens of French Polynesia. These far-flung archipelagos support an incredible diversity of cultures with an intriguing repository of ancestral traditions ... and enough untouched natural beauty to last a lifetime.

Northern Europe and the British Isles

From Atlantic Islands and Iberian shores to France's wine country and the picturesque charm and historic riches of Ireland and Britain, these intriguing expeditions reveal new dimensions of even familiar nations.

Russian Far East

Long closed to the Western World, the Sea of Okhotsk is home to some of the world's least travelled destinations. In the Kuril Islands, the seabird population can only be described as spectacular. The world's largest bear roams the Kamchatka Peninsula, while the Bering Sea supports virtually every form of Arctic life. For nature lovers, welcome to nirvana.

South America

Experience the diversity of South America from the lush Darien Jungle to Chilean lakes and glaciated fjords. Admire the pre-Columbian ruins and desertscapes of the Atacama. Ride a Zodiac around icebergs and calving glaciers. Behold penguins, condors, sea lions — a fantastic array of seabirds and marine life as we journey south.



Silver Explorer, Skjoldungen Fjord, Greenland

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