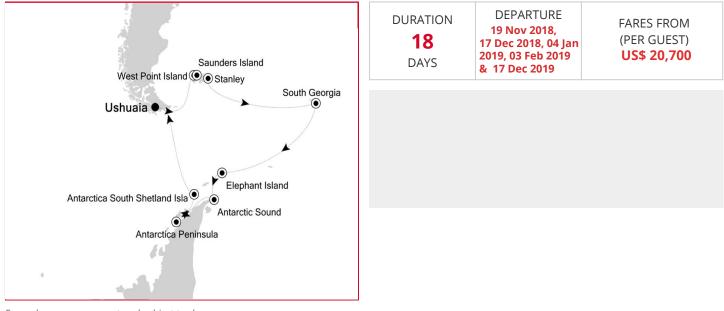




# USHUAIA to USHUAIA

Join the world's most illustrious explorers as you set foot on the white continent and embark on 18-exceptional days of excitement. Revel in the photographic opportunities as you become acquainted with the beauty of the Falkland Islands. Encounter penguins, watch for seals, dolphins and whales and identify seabirds during your spectacular trip.



Fares shown are per guest and subject to changes

## EXPEDITION CRUISE ITINERARY

An expedition with Silversea is unlike any other form of travel – thrilling, awe-inspiring and humbling all at the same time. Below please find itinerary information about this adventurous expedition.



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\*Excluding Full World Cruise 2018

\* One hour free WIFI per day for all guests. Unlimited free WIFI for guests sailing on select suite categories

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DATE	DAY-BY-DAY	ARRIVE / DEPART
Wednesday - Day 3	<b>WEST POINT ISLAND</b> , FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	6:30 AM / 11:00 AM
Wednesday - Day 3	<b>SAUNDERS ISLAND</b> , FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	3:00 PM / 7:30 PM
Thursday - Day 4	<b>STANLEY</b> , FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	7:30 AM / 4:00 PM
Friday & Saturday - Day 5-6	DAY AT SEA	
Sunday & Tuesday - Day 7-9	<b>SOUTH GEORGIA</b> , GEORGIA & SANDWICH ISLANDS	9:30 AM / 7:00 PM
Wednesday & Thursday - Day 10-11	DAY AT SEA	
Friday - Day 12	ELEPHANT ISLAND, ANTARCTICA	9:30 AM / 2:00 PM
Saturday & Tuesday  - Day 13-16	ANTARCTIC PENINSULA, ANTARCTICA	
Wednesday & Thursday - Day 17-18	DRAKE PASSAGE	
Friday - Day 19	USHUAIA, ARGENTINA	8:00 AM

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## SUITES AND FARES

Silversea Expeditions' oceanview suites are some of the most spacious in luxury expedition cruising, and all include the services of a butler. Select your suite and Request a Quote - guests who book early are rewarded with the best fares and ability to select their desired suite.



CATEGORY	DIMENSIONS	FARES FROM (PER GUEST)
OWNER'S SUITE	728 ft² / 67m² including private balcony	19 Nov 2018 - U\$\$ 59,700, 17 Dec 2018 - U\$\$ 66,000 04 Jan 2019 - U\$\$ 81,000, 03 Feb 2019 - U\$\$ 68,300, 17 Dec 2019 - U\$\$ 60,400
GRAND SUITE	618 ft² / 57m² including a private balcony	19 Nov 2018 - US\$ 53,700, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 59,100 04 Jan 2019 - US\$ 73,600, 03 Feb 2019 - US\$ 62,100, 17 Dec 2019 - US\$ 54,500
SILVER SUITE	422 ft <sup>2</sup> / 39m <sup>2</sup> including 2 French balconies	19 Nov 2018 - US\$ 47,500, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 52,400 04 Jan 2019 - US\$ 66,800, 03 Feb 2019 - US\$ 56,400, 17 Dec
MEDALLION SUITE	400 ft² / 37m² including a private balcony	2019 - US\$ 48,600 19 Nov 2018 - US\$ 44,500, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 49,000 04 Jan 2019 - US\$ 62,400, 03 Feb 2019 - US\$ 54,600, 17 Dec 2019 - US\$ 45,500
VERANDA SUITE	206-216 ft² / 19-20m² including a French balcony	19 Nov 2018 - US\$ 32,200, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 35,500 04 Jan 2019 - US\$ 46,200, 03 Feb 2019 - US\$ 39,000, 17 Dec 2019 - US\$ 33,400
VISTA SUITE	192 ft² / 18m² with large picture window	19 Nov 2018 - US\$ 26,000, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 28,700 04 Jan 2019 - US\$ 34,100, 03 Feb 2019 - US\$ 28,800, 17 Dec 2019 - US\$ 25,500
VIEW SUITE	192 ft² / 18m² with view window	19 Nov 2018 - US\$ 24,900, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 27,300 04 Jan 2019 - US\$ 32,500, 03 Feb 2019 - US\$ 27,400, 17 Dec 2019 - US\$ 24,100
EXPLORER SUITE	175-190 ft² / 16-18m² with view window	19 Nov 2018 - US\$ 22,600, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 25,000 19 Nov 2018 - US\$ 29,500, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 24,900, 17 Dec
ADVENTURER SUITE	157-167 ft² / 14-15m² with 2 portholes	2018 - US\$ 21,700 19 Nov 2018 - US\$ 21,400, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 23,600 19 Nov 2018 - US\$ 28,200, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 23,800, 17 Dec 2018 - US\$ 20,700

## INCLUDED IN THE CRUISE FARE

- Personalised service the best crew-to-guest ratio in expedition cruising
- Butler service in every suite and stateroom all guests are pampered equally
- Open-seating dining options dine when and with whomev er you please
- Beverages in-suite and throughout the ship select wines, premium spirits, specialty coffees and soft drinks, plus your own tailored mini-bar
- In-suite dining and room service available 24 hours aboard Silver Explorer, and from 06:00 to 23:00 aboard Silver Galapagos and Silver Discoverer

- Enrichment lectures by a highly qualified Expeditions Team
- Guided Zodiac, land and sea tours, and shoreside activities led by the Expeditions Team
- Gratuities always included in your fare
- Free WiFi throughout the ship; unlimited in select suite categories
- Complimentary Haglöfs Parka



## SILVER EXPLORER

Silversea's purpose-built luxury Silver Explorer expedition cruise ship has been designed specifically for navigating waters in some of the world's most remote destinations, including both of earth's polar regions. A strengthened hull with a Lloyd's Register ice-class notation (1A) for passenger vessels enables the Silver Explorer Expedition Cruise Ship to safely push through ice floes with ease. A fleet of Zodiac boats allows Silversea Expedition guests to visit even the most off-thebeaten path locations and an expert Expedition Team provides insight and understanding to each unforgettable Silver Explorer luxury cruise adventure.

Please note that Silver Explorer will undergo a major refurbishment on the 29th of April which will result in considerable changes to the suites and capacity. If you are travelling after the 20th of May we invite you to please download <u>the new</u> <u>deck plans here</u>.

**Guests:** 144 **Crew:** 117 **Length:** 354 Feet / 107.9 Meters

## **VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS**

Your expedition will lead to one discovery after another. A complimentary programme of unique, small-group shore experiences, led by our team of expert guides and lecturers, allows you to fully experience the lands you'll visit.

**Explorer's Antarctica** 

Roundtrip / 18 Days

Join us on a voyage to the Falkland Islands and the last untouched continent during Southern Hemisphere's summer. While the Falkland Islands will offer varied birding experiences and have a decidedly British flavour, South Georgia is almost uninhabited except for a very small contingency of British officials and staff of the British Antarctic Survey near Grytviken. Antarctica on the other hand is irresistible for its spectacular iceberg sculptures and calving glaciers, and for the possibility of up-close encounters with penguins and marine mammals. Each day in the Falkland Islands, South Georgia or Antarctica we will attempt Zodiac departures. Conditions permitting, we will visit albatross colonies and local homes in the Falkland Islands, look for King Penguin colonies and Sir Ernest Shackleton's grave in South Georgia and cruise amidst colourful icebergs or step ashore to visit a variety of penguin rookeries in Antarctica.

#### **Expedition Highlights:**

- Follow in the footsteps of the great Antarctic explorers: Amundsen, Byrd, Charcot, Cook, Fiennes, de Gerlache, Hillary, Shackleton, Stromness and Weddell
- See snow-covered mountains, mighty glaciers and spectacular icebergs
- Encounter Rockhopper, Gentoo, Macaroni, King, Adelie, Magellanic and Chinstrap Penguins
- Watch for seals, dolphins, and whales
- Identify seabirds including albatrosses, shearwaters and petrels
- Visit historic sites of the early explorers and the remains of whaling operations

#### Day 1 — Ushuaia, Argentina

Embark *Silver Explorer* and meet some of your fellow explorers as you become acquainted with the luxurious amenities found on board. A mandatory safety drill will take place before you set sail. During the afternoon you will be introduced to your Expedition Team and important members of the crew. At sail-away enjoy the mountain-lined shoreline of the Beagle Channel while you leave Ushuaia and bid farewell to Tierra del Fuego, the Land at the End of the World.

#### Day 2 — At Sea

The Expedition Team's expert lecturers will present ornithological and historical insights into the Falkland Islands, our first destination. You might hear about the early European explorers and the different attempts at settling the Falkland Islands/Malvinas. Get introduced to the specific birdlife we expect to see during our stay by our onboard Ornithologist.

Tonight, you are invited to attend a special Welcome Aboard cocktail party hosted by the Captain, who will introduce his senior officers.

#### Day 3 — West Point Island and Saunders Island, Falkland Islands

Today's adventure introduces you to the remarkable beauty of the remote Falkland Islands.

In the morning, watch for Peale's dolphins and the distinctive black and white markings of the Commerson's dolphin as *Silver Explorer* approaches West Point Island. Upon arrival, photographic opportunities are everywhere as you walk across rolling moorland and admire colonies of Black-browed Albatrosses that nest side-by-side with feisty Rockhopper Penguins. Learn about the island's unique vegetation. The hospitable island owners are always happy to answer your questions and share their stories.

During lunch *Silver Explorer* will reposition to Saunders Island, the second-largest of the offshore islands. Apart from its historical importance –this is where the first British settlement was located- Saunders' wildlife is quite varied. Depending on the weather conditions we will attempt a landing at the Neck, to see several penguin species, as well as other seabirds and land birds. Gentoo Penguins and King Penguins reside in the open dune and sand flat area, while Rockhopper Penguins (with the odd pair of Macaroni Penguins in between them), Imperial Shags and Black-

browed Albatrosses frequent Mount Richards. Other key bird species are the Black–throated Finch, Ruddy-headed Goose and Falkland Steamer Duck.

#### Day 4 — Stanley, Falkland Islands

Stanley is the capital of the remote Falkland Islands, and has a distinct British ambience.

A classic 'City Highlights' tour which covers Stanley and surrounding environs will be offered this morning. This excursion passes by older and newer portions of Stanley, stopping at the local harbor for small boats, both in current operations as well as half sunken hulks from 100 years ago -some of which are now being used as docks. Additional stops will be the shipwreck of the *Lady Elizabeth*, the peat cutting area, an outdoor whale bone display, war memorials and the museum.

Stroll through the charming streets of this colourful little town, lined with quaint cottages and a variety of traditional pubs, and visit the 19th-century Anglican cathedral. Some lingering reminders of the 1982 Falklands War between Britain and Argentina may still be seen though the island has settled back to its quiet business of raising sheep.

#### Days 5–6 — At Sea

Binoculars and camera in hand, head out on deck to watch for seabirds and marine mammals. Gather in The Theatre to perhaps hear about Captain Cook's first visit to South Georgia or to learn about the region's wildlife and remarkable nature. Our knowledgeable onboard experts will present lectures and seminars in a variety of scientific fields. Other onboard diversions may include photography workshops, Spa treatments, a workout in the Fitness Centre, and, of course, exquisite dining experiences.

#### Days 7–9 — South Georgia

This breathtaking destination of towering snow-covered mountains, mighty glaciers, and low-lying grasslands attracts an astounding concentration of wildlife: Southern fur seals, southern elephant seals and a variety of albatross species including Black-browed, Light-mantled Sooty, Grey-headed and the spectacular Wandering Albatross, plus thousands of King and Macaroni Penguins.

South Georgia is also linked to the early Antarctic explorers. Captain James Cook first stepped ashore in 1775, but perhaps more famous is Ernest Shackleton's arrival in 1916 following the sinking of his ship *Endurance*. Visit the graves of Shackleton and Frank Wild, and the whaling museum at Grytviken. Here are some of the places we may visit:

#### **Cooper's Bay**

Enjoy a Zodiac cruise to see Macaroni and Chinstrap Penguins on the rocks and in the water.

#### **Gold Harbour**

A large King Penguin colony can be found near Bertrab Glacier.Seals can be seen sunning on the beaches.

#### Grytviken

Grytviken is a historic whaling station. You can still see the remains of the activity, including rusted hulls of long abandoned whaling and sealing ships, and some of the working areas.

In the museum guests can learn about past whaling techniques and view various exhibits on exploration and discovery.

At the burial site of famous explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton we will toast the great explorer and his many accomplishments. The remains of his faithful companion Frank Wild have been brought here too.

#### **Salisbury Plain**

-Salisbury Plain is a favourite breeding ground for hundreds of thousands of King Penguins. It is amazing to see how they completely cover the beaches and hills.

#### Days 10–11 — At Sea

Participate in onboard activities, listen to some of the lectures given, relax in one of the lounges, or peruse an array of titles and topics in the well-stocked Library. Take a stroll on deck and enjoy the solitude and splendour of the vast sea and sky. During the cruise towards the Antarctic Peninsula we might see some of the giant tabular icebergs coming from the Weddell Sea.

#### Day 12 — Elephant Island, South Shetland Islands

Awesome glaciers greet us as we approach Elephant Island – so named for its former abundance of elephant seals. In 1916, when Ernest Shackleton's ship *Endurance* was crushed in pack ice in the Weddell Sea, the crew was stranded here for 137 days. Elephant Island is home to several Chinstrap Penguin rookeries, as well as old moss colonies. Weddell seals and Macaroni Penguins can also be found on the spit of land Shackleton's men named Point Wild. A solitary statue can be seen there, honouring the Chilean pilot Luis Pardo, who took the cutter *Yelcho* across the Drake Passage to rescue Shackleton's men.

#### Days 13–16 — Antarctic Peninsula

While sailing along the Antarctic Peninsula, every turn can reveal a new and breath-taking adventure. As the pack ice becomes thicker, it's apparent to everyone that we are moving closer into Antarctica's vast white wilderness. Remote and otherworldly, Antarctica is irresistible for its spectacular iceberg sculptures and calving glaciers, and for the possibility of up-close encounters with marine mammals.

A flexible itinerary allows us to take advantage of favourable sea and weather conditions. In the true spirit of expedition cruising, each day the Expedition Leader and Captain will determine our best course depending on weather, ice conditions and wildlife we may encounter. Here are some of the places we may visit:

#### Brown Bluff, Tabarin Peninsula (a 2,200-foot bluff on mainland Antarctica)

Brown Bluff is an ice-capped, 745-metre-high, flat-topped mountain with a prominent cliff of reddish-brown volcanic rock.

Coming ashore you will be on the Antarctic mainland

Adelie and Gentoo Penguins, Kelp Gulls, and Cape Petrels use this as a breeding area.

As you explore the area, a Weddell seal may be seen basking in the sunlight.

Wait long enough and you might see the Adelie Penguins standing along the shore, finally making their way into the surf.

#### **Cuverville Island, Errera Channel**

The island was discovered by de Gerlache's Belgian Antarctic expedition of 1897–99, and was named for a viceadmiral in the French navy.

Large, bare rock areas provide nesting sites for Gentoo Penguins.

Snow Petrels and Cape Petrels may be seen, and Wilson's Storm Petrels nest in the higher scree of the island.

During Zodiac tours, we hope to see hauled-out Weddell and leopard seals

Conditions permitting, we will attempt to hike to the top of the island for some spectacular panoramic views

#### **Paradise Bay**

The bay is well named for its spectacular scenery of mountains, glaciers and icebergs.

From the ship, observe Argentina's "Base Almirante Brown", one of many Antarctic research stations.

View the wildlife from sea level while cruising in your Zodiac with one of our experienced Expedition Team members. There is a good chance you will come across a crabeater seal relaxing on a nearby ice floe. Blue-eyed Shags nest in the cliffs close to Almirante Brown, while Brown Skuas like to be around the Base. Minke whales frequent the area.

#### Port Lockroy, Goudier Island

The British built a listening station here during WWII, which was then used as a research station in the 1950s and since 1996 as a museum and gift shop.

Snowy Sheathbills and Gentoo Penguins roam outside the museum.

Perhaps sight a whale or two during the Zodiac transfer.

Because of the penguin colony leopard seals are quite often found in the vicinity.

#### **Paulet Island**

The island is home to 80-90 thousand Adelies that come here to breed.

On a nearby hill, view a massive colony of Blue-eyed Shags.

Kelp Gulls and Snowy Sheathbills are amongst the birds that breed on Paulet Island, and Wilson's Storm Petrels are regularly seen.

Listen as a member of your Expedition Team tells of Otto Nordenskjold and his party that over-wintered on the island in 1903. Remnants of their hut still remain.

If time permits, hike to view Crater Lake or take a Zodiac cruise, to see impossibly blue icebergs and Adelie Penguins making themselves at home on the ice floes.

#### Port Foster, Whalers Bay (Deception Island)

Deception Island is home to a collapsed volcano and an excellent example of a caldera where it is believed that the volcano's summit collapsed with one section sinking far enough to allow the sea to flood the interior. We plan to sail inside this breached wall through a narrow entrance called Neptune's Bellows.

Our resident Geologist will take the opportunity to explain the unique volcanic features of the area, while our Historian might introduce you to the whaling history of Deception Island.

Still visible on the island are the boilers used to make whale oil in the early 1900s.

The British base's Biscoe House was destroyed by a mudflow after a volcanic eruption in the late 1960s and both the mudflow and the volcanic ash having covered extensive areas can still clearly be seen.

Depending on weather conditions several hikes to viewpoints might be offered.

#### Days 17–18 — Drake Passage

The Drake Passage has a notorious reputation for its turbulent seas due to strong westerly winds and the currents pushed through the 'narrow' gap between South American and the Antarctic Peninsula. The Antarctic Convergence is a natural boundary where cold polar water flows northward and warmer equatorial water moves southward. When these currents meet, nutrients are pushed to the surface, often attracting a multitude of seabirds and whales. Spend some time on deck watching the horizon and the variety of seabirds that glide in the air currents of our ship's wake such as the Black-browed Albatross, Sooty Shearwaters, and White-chinned Petrels. Take this opportunity to attend additional presentations offered by the Expedition Team lecturers and to swap photos with new friends as we travel towards Ushuaia.

#### Day 19 — Ushuaia, Argentina

After breakfast, disembark Silver Explorer.

Expedition highlights and wildlife listed here are possible experiences only and cannot be guaranteed. Your Expedition Leader and Captain will work together to ensure opportunities for adventure and exploration are the best possible, taking into account the prevailing weather, wildlife activity and ice conditions. Expedition Team members scheduled for this voyage are subject to change or cancellation.

#### **GEAR UP**

Not sure what to wear while onboard? **Visit our shop and gear up**. We've got layers to keep you dry and warm, breezy wear to keep you covered and cool, and accessories to keep everything packed up and ready to go. So, no matter the weather, you'll be better prepared for your expedition.

Our Gear Shop has an expert outfitting staff and features all the essentials:

#### Clothes for all types of weather, boot rentals, accessories and more »

#### Packing List »

#### Complimentary Parka »

Make sure you get all your essentials today. We offer packages or individual items, for your convenience, and recommend you place orders at least 30 days before your embarkation date.