

REYKJAVIK to LONGYEARBYEN

Learn Viking lore and legends on this voyage north to the Arctic Circle. Behold the majesty of the silent landscapes as you search for Polar Bears, walrus, Arctic fox and seals. Explore deep fjords and lava caves, sulphur pits and boiling mud pools. A trip to the remote Jan Mayen Island completes this fascinating and unforgettable cruise.



DURATION 12 DAYS	DEPARTURE JUN 30 2017	FARES FROM (PER PERSON) US\$ 11,250
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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.



DATE	DAY-BY-DAY	ARRIVE / DEPART
Friday - Day 1	REYKJAVIK, ICELAND	4:00 PM
Saturday - Day 2	ISAFJORDUR, ICELAND	9:00 AM / 12:00 PM
Saturday - Day 2	VIGUR ISLAND, ICELAND	3:00 PM / 7:00 PM
Sunday - Day 3	SIGLUFJORDUR, ICELAND	8:00 AM / 12:00 PM

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* 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
Sunday - Day 3	GRIMSEY, ICELAND	3:30 PM / 8:30 PM
Monday - Day 4	HUSAVIK, ICELAND	6:00 AM / 7:00 PM
Tuesday - Day 5	DAY AT SEA	
Wednesday - Day 6	JAN MAYEN, NORWAY	6:30 AM / 12:00 PM
Thursday - Day 7	DAY AT SEA	
Friday & Tuesday - Day 8 - 12	SVALBARD SOUTHERN REGION, NORWAY	
Wednesday - Day 13	LONGYEARBYEN, NORWAY	6:30 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)
GRAND SUITE	618 ft ² / 57m ² including a private balcony	US\$ 26,350
SILVER SUITE	422 ft ² / 39m ² including 2 French balconies	US\$ 23,450
MEDALLION SUITE	400 ft ² / 37m ² including a private balcony	US\$ 22,050
VERANDA SUITE	206-216 ft ² / 19-20m ² including a French balcony	US\$ 15,650
VISTA SUITE	192 ft ² / 18m ² with large picture window	US\$ 13,450

See following page for the rest of the suites ▶

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CATEGORY	DIMENSIONS	FARES FROM (PER GUEST)
VIEW SUITE	192 ft ² / 18m ² with view window	US\$ 12,850
EXPLORER SUITE	175-190 ft ² / 16-18m ² with view window	US\$ 11,850
ADVENTURER SUITE	157-167 ft ² / 14-15m ² with 2 portholes	US\$ 11,250

INCLUDED IN THE CRUISE FARE

- Highly qualified expedition team with experts in their field (marine biologists, ornithologists, historians and more)
- Excursions and activities, including explorations by Zodiac®
- Complimentary expedition gear: backpack and water bottle on every voyage, Haglöfs parka for polar expeditions
- Personalised service with a butler for all suites and the highest crew to guest ratio in the industry
- Fine dining even in the most remote places of the planet
- Comfortable amenities with the largest expedition suites at sea
- Inclusive room-service, select wines, spirits and soft drinks throughout the ship
- Free WIFI* throughout the ship
- Onboard Gratuities
- Exclusive partnership with The Royal Geographical Society

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-the-beaten 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 [the new deck plans here](#).

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.

Expedition North

Reykjavik to Longyearbyen

Expedition Highlights:

- Cruise amidst pristine landscapes of rugged mountains, massive glaciers, and icebergs
- Explore deep fjords and lava caves
- Search for polar bear, walrus, reindeer, Arctic fox, seals and birds such as Ivory Gulls, auks and puffins, fulmars, and Snow Buntings
- Watch for whales: Minke, beluga, humpback, blue, fin, and sei
- Visit historic whaling sites and remote Jan Mayen Island
- Learn of Viking lore and legends
- See geothermal landscapes of sulphur pits, boiling mud pools, and lava formations

Day 1 — Reykjavik, Iceland

Embark the *Silver Explorer* and depart on your exciting 12-day Silversea Expedition – Expedition North. This evening, you will participate in a mandatory safety drill and a mandatory Zodiac briefing. Your Expedition Team and important members of the crew will be introduced before we invite you to familiarise yourself with the elegant *Silver Explorer*, meet some of your fellow travellers and enjoy the first of many memorable meals in The Restaurant.

Day 2 — Isafjordur and Vigur Island, Iceland

This morning, the *Silver Explorer* will go alongside in Isafjordur (the Ice Fjord).

Although the town has only 2.600 inhabitants it is the largest town in north-western Iceland. Like in many other parts of Iceland, fishing was the main industry, but has declined. Isafjordur can boast to have been settled as early as the 9th century. During a town walk we will see some important historic buildings, many of them dating back to the 18th century, among them the oldest building dating back to 1734 in the local folk museum. Isafjordur has Iceland's largest collection of old timber houses. The Westfjords Heritage Museum's theme is based on fishing as well as the life of the fishermen and has, apart from old boats and fishing gear, a collection of almost 200 accordions.

Isafjordur is also gaining importance as the entry to the Nature Reserve of Hornstrandir. A centre for the study of the Arctic fox is located in the next village.

During lunch *Silver Explorer* will relocate and anchor off Vigur Island. A little more than a mile in length and about 450 yards wide, this green oasis punctuates the waters of the Isafjardardjup 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. One of the export articles from this small island was eider down and we can see where the eider ducks nest and how the down is collected and cleaned.

Prior to heading back to the ship, refreshments will be served at Viktoría House, a wooden farmhouse erected in 1862. We will also have the opportunity to visit one of the smallest post offices in Europe, where we can send home a postcard or two.

Day 3 — Siglufjordur and Grimsey, Iceland

Siglufjordur was the capital of the herring, but steep mountain slopes once kept this fjord secluded. Today two tunnels connect the town and fjord with the outside world, permitting an easier access to hiking in the vicinity. During the morning we will have a look at the small town and its award-winning museum.

Located some 60 kilometres north-east of Siglufjordur, Grimsey lies on the Arctic Circle. The small community lives on the western side of the island and even has a short runway for smaller planes. If you want, you can actually cross the Arctic Circle via a bridge slightly north of the small airport terminal.

Because of the rich waters seals and whales are frequently seen. These riches were already known in medieval times when Norwegian king Olafur requested the island as a gift. Apart from fish the locals hunted birds and collected eggs – a practice still done to some extent today. At Grimsey's southeast corner is an automatic lighthouse from where you have a good viewing point of the cliffs. Slightly further south you have cliffs of beautiful basalt columns. The east side has the highest cliffs (up to 100 metres) but bird colonies can be found all around the island- except for the village. Fortunately, the island is rat and mice free and egg-collecting has been reduced. Birds seen include Black-legged Kittiwakes, Northern Fulmars, Atlantic Puffins, Razorbills, Black Guillemots, Common Guillemots and Brünnich's Guillemot. Apart from Iceland's largest Atlantic Puffin colony Grimsey has also one of the largest tern nesting sites.

We will spend the afternoon ashore, looking for the different attractions and birds.

Day 4 — Húsavík, Iceland

This morning we awake in the idyllic Skjálfandi fjord, which is the blend of the Skjálfandafljót (a glacier river) and the salmon-rich Laxá, a freshwater river. Húsavík is quaint village, where we go ashore. From Húsavík, we tour along the shores of the Tjörnes Peninsula where large Atlantic Puffin colonies can be found, along with a splendid view of Grímsey Island on the Arctic Circle.

In Jökulsárgljúfur –a glacial river canyon- we venture into the mystical realm of Viking lore. Our stop at Ásbyrgi reveals a lush horseshoe-shaped canyon, where legend claims an airborne horse, Sleipnir, belonging to the Norse god, Odinn, shaped the canyon when accidentally touching the ground. Next, a stop is made at Hljodaklettur or "Echo Rocks" where we will walk up to the cliffs and enjoy our lunch. Afterwards, we head to the mighty Dettifoss waterfall, with the greatest volume of any waterfall in Europe –it featured prominently in the film "Prometheus". Marvel at the seething sulphur pits and boiling mud pools near Námaskard; and trek over the sand dunes of Hólasandur.

Alternatively, sail from Húsavík in a local boat across the bay to the magnificent mountains of Kinn that rise more than half a mile (1,000 metres) above sea level. During the cruise, learn more about the many species of whales – Blue, Fin, Humpbacks, Minke and Sei – that may be seen on the trip. Since summer is prime whale watching season, we may see any of a number of them. Following our adventure, we will visit the award-winning Húsavík Whale

Centre, where we will learn about the habitats of whales around Iceland before returning back to the ship.

Day 5 — At Sea

Our Expedition Team will recap our visit to Iceland and prepare you for the next stop, Jan Mayen. Gather in The Theatre to hear their talks about Jan Mayen's interesting history and to learn more about the island's remarkable nature.

Other on-board diversions include spa treatments, a workout in the Fitness Centre, and, of course, exquisite dining experiences.

Ice Cruising – With the strengthened hull of the *Silver Explorer*, we have the perfect platform to search for walrus and polar bears as we devote at least one day to exploring the pack ice around Spitsbergen. Conditions permitting, our Expedition Leader may choose to take us out in the Zodiacs for an even closer look.

-Kongfjord or Kings Bay – Cutting into the west coast of Spitsbergen and reaching inland about 15 miles (24 kilometres) and spanning up to 6 miles (10 kilometres) wide, Kongfjord is a splendid place to behold. Together with our on-board geologist, we will explore its complicated geological formations and visit the 14th of July Glacier, where we might hike onto the glacier itself. We also hope to land at Blomstrand, named in memory of a Swedish chemist, to see the remains of a former marble quarry, its machinery and some of the huts.

-Magdalenafjord – This majestic fjord is normally accessible year-round because of the influence of the West Spitsbergen Current or Gulf Stream. A ship's cruise will permit closer looks at the glacier with in the fjord. Landing via Zodiac, we will walk along the beach and search for wildlife. Remains of graves from the whaling times are found here, too.

-Liefdefjorden – At the entrance to Liefdefjorden are several smaller island groups. On the Andøyane (Duck Islands) we may encounter polar bears looking for bird's eggs. With our Zodiacs we will circumnavigate several of the islands, always on the lookout for active birdlife –when Arctic Terns circle specific areas it usually is a sign for polar bear presence on the islands. Cruising past majestic red Devonian sandstone mountains we will reach the end of Liefdefjorden for a Zodiac cruise along the front of two different glaciers: Monacobreen and Seligerbreen. Monacobreen has a 5 kilometre long front and is a good place to look for seals, Black-legged Kittiwakes and Ivory Gulls.

Day 13 — Longyearbyen, Norway

Following breakfast, disembark *Silver Explorer* and transfer to the airport for your charter flight to Oslo.

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.