

## KRISTIANSUND to LONGYEARBYEN

With thousands of miles of coastline, vast wildernesses and lush forests, this journey is a joy for all adventurers in search of unforgettable birds and wildlife. Set within unrivalled beauty, this seldom visited part of the world is a melting pot of flora and fauna and every opportunity is optimised so that you make the most of your wildlife sightings. Don't forget your camera!



DURATION <b>12</b> DAYS	DEPARTURE <b>JUL 06</b> 2018	FARES FROM (PER GUEST) <b>US\$ 11,700</b>
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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	<b>KRISTIANSUND, NORWAY</b>	4:00 PM
Saturday - Day 2	<b>VEGA ARCHIPELAGO, NORWAY</b>	9:00 AM / 12:00 PM

See following page for the rest of the itineraries [➤](#)

\*Excluding Full World Cruise 2018 and 2019

\* 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
Saturday - Day 2	<b>CRUISE VISTENFJORD, NORWAY</b>	12:30 PM / 4:00 PM
Saturday - Day 2	<b>VISTEN NATIONAL PARK, NORWAY</b>	4:30 PM / 8:00 PM
Sunday - Day 3	<b>VAEROY ISLAND, LOFOTEN ISLANDS, NORWAY</b>	8:30 AM / 12:30 PM
Sunday - Day 3	<b>REINE, LOFOTEN ISLANDS, NORWAY</b>	3:30 PM / 9:30 PM
Monday - Day 4	<b>TYSFJORD, NORWAY</b>	6:30 AM / 1:00 PM
Tuesday - Day 5	<b>GVERSTAPPEN ISLANDS, NORWAY</b>	11:30 AM / 6:00 PM
Wednesday - Day 6	<b>KIRKENES, NORWAY</b>	7:30 AM / 2:00 PM
Thursday - Day 7	<b>CRUISE &amp; EXPLORE BEAR ISLAND, NORWAY</b>	4:30 PM / 9:30 PM
Friday to Tuesday - Day 8-12	<b>SVALBARD SOUTHERN REGION, NORWAY</b>	12:30 PM
Wednesday - Day 13	<b>LONGYEARBYEN, NORWAY</b>	8:30 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)
<b>OWNER'S SUITE</b>	827 ft <sup>2</sup> / 77 m <sup>2</sup> incl. veranda (Veranda: 89 ft <sup>2</sup> / 8 m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>US\$ 39,700</b>
<b>GRAND SUITE</b>	1,019 ft <sup>2</sup> / 95 m <sup>2</sup> including veranda (Veranda: 145 ft <sup>2</sup> / 14 m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>US\$ 36,800</b>
<b>ROYAL SUITE</b>	736 ft <sup>2</sup> / 69m <sup>2</sup> including veranda (Veranda 126 ft <sup>2</sup> / 12 m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>US\$ 35,400</b>
<b>SILVER SUITE</b>	541 ft <sup>2</sup> / 50 m <sup>2</sup> Including veranda (Veranda: 92 ft <sup>2</sup> / 8 M <sup>2</sup> )	<b>US\$ 26,900</b>
<b>MEDALLION SUITE</b>	437 ft <sup>2</sup> / 40.6 m <sup>2</sup> Including veranda (Veranda: 81 ft <sup>2</sup> / 7.6 M <sup>2</sup> )	<b>US\$ 24,300</b>
<b>DELUXE VERANDA SUITE</b>	295 ft <sup>2</sup> / 27 m <sup>2</sup> including veranda (Veranda 49 ft <sup>2</sup> / 4,5 m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>US\$ 15,000</b>
<b>VERANDA SUITE</b>	295 ft <sup>2</sup> / 27 m <sup>2</sup> including veranda (Veranda 49 ft <sup>2</sup> / 4,5 m <sup>2</sup> )	<b>US\$ 14,400</b>
<b>VISTA SUITE</b>	240 ft <sup>2</sup> / 22m <sup>2</sup>	<b>US\$ 11,700</b>

## 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 CLOUD EXPEDITION



After extensive refurbishment, *Silver Cloud* will be the most spacious and comfortable ice class vessel in expedition cruising. Her large suites, her destination itineraries and her unparalleled service make her truly special. Her five dining options will tantalise your taste buds and as 80% of her suites include a veranda, watching a breaching whale or a few cavorting penguins has never been so personal. Broad sweeping decks with multiple open spaces and a swimming pool complete what is surely the most distinctive expedition ship sailing today.

A limited number of guests, particularly with just 200 in polar waters, mean that *Silver Cloud* has the highest space to guest and crew to guest ratios in expedition cruising. With her 18 zodiacs, possibilities are almost limitless with ship-wide simultaneous explorations. Finally, a team of 19 passionate and dedicated experts are always at hand to ensure your voyage is enhanced every step of the way.

**Guests:** 200/248      **Crew:** 208      **Length:** 514.14 Feet / 156.7 Meters

## VOYAGE HIGHLIGHTS

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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.

### Day 1 — Kristiansund, Norway

Embark *Silver Cloud* for your exciting 12-day Silversea Expedition — From the Norwegian Fjords to the Ice Edge. You will be introduced to your Expedition Team and important members of the other departments. You will also have to attend a Zodiac briefing to be able to go out and explore the fjords and Svalbard.

Tonight we invite you to familiarise yourself with the elegant *Silver Cloud*, meet some of your fellow travellers and enjoy the first of many memorable meals in one of the restaurants.

### Day 2 — Nes, Vega Archipelago, Norway

The Vega Archipelago, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a myriad of islands scattered in the Norwegian Sea and home to one of Norway's largest eider duck colony. Of the 6,000 Vega islands, 59 were once inhabited by families that made their living from fishing and from eider down harvesting. Today, there are no year-round residents, but the population returns in the summer to continue the 1,500-year-old tradition of caring for the eider ducks and harvesting their precious down. The eider ducks return to their breeding ground in the Vega Archipelago every year and lay their eggs from May into June. In the fishing harbor of Nes, we will visit the Eider Duck Museum, which provides insight into the islander's unique traditions as guardians of these birds and describes the process of producing eiderdown duvets. Nearby exhibitions detail the archipelago's UNESCO status and document the history of Lånan – the largest egg and eiderdown farm in Helgeland. Before returning to the pier we will stop in at the Coastal Museum to have a look at their motor collection and later make a brief visit to see the Vega Church in Gladstad, a wooden church dating from 1864.

*Silver Cloud* will then head north to cruise Vistenfjord and the Visten National Park. Much of the park's bedrock is gneiss, which absorbs very little water, and the water flow in the streams and rivers may vary greatly –causing many

cascades and waterfalls to exist. Visten National Park is an incredibly varied wilderness, ranging from fjords to vast forests and towering mountains. There are some trails at the outskirts of the national park, and depending on conditions, we will hike or take our Zodiacs to explore this enchanting area.

### **Day 3 — Værøy and Reine, Lofoten Islands, Norway**

At the very southern end of the Lofoten Islands are bird cliffs that hold Norway's largest colony of Atlantic Puffins, and also good numbers of kittiwakes, Razorbills, Black Guillemots, shags, Northern Fulmars and White-tailed Eagles. Storm Petrels and Leach Petrels can be seen from early July onwards. Characteristic shoreline species are Whimbrel, Red-necked Phalarope, Arctic Skua, Turnstone and Arctic Tern. Slightly further north is Værøy, an island with quite a few specialties. A special dog was bred to hunt puffins –the Norwegian Lundehund- while islanders caught the White-tailed Eagles with their hands! We will go ashore in Værøy and offer hikes and might do a Zodiac cruise along the rugged coast.

*Silver Cloud* will continue north just a short distance to reach Reine. This village with only 307 inhabitants was once selected as the most beautiful village of Norway. We will go ashore and explore the village and the area.

### **Day 4 — Tysfjord, Norway**

The morning will be used to explore the area of Tysfjord by land or Zodiac. A long hike might lead to a gigantic waterfalls, while others might simply walk up to a beautiful cascade in this "alpine" area. This is the narrowest part of Norway and was formerly used by Sami reindeer herders of Sweden and Norway.

### **Day 5 — Gjesværstappan Islands, Norway**

During the morning *Silver Cloud* will head for the Gjesværstappan Nature Reserve –one of Europe's most accessible and largest nesting areas for Atlantic seabirds. In the late morning *Silver Cloud* will anchor off the Gjesværstappan Islands. We will use our Zodiacs to circumnavigate Storstappen, the largest of the islands, looking for European Shags, Common and Brünnich's Guillemots, Black-legged Kittiwakes, White-tailed Sea-eagles and Europe's largest Atlantic Puffin colony.

In the evening *Silver Cloud* will sail north, rounding North Cape with its impressive cliffs.

### **Day 6 — Kirkenes, Norway**

Once we arrive in Kirkenes –the end of the famous Hurtigruten-Coastal/Postal service- one option will be to drive southward into the Pasvik Valley sitting between Russia and Finland. There we can go for nature walks to observe the valley's unique birds and plants. The Pasvik Valley is one of the last wilderness areas in Europe and has Norway's highest concentration of brown bears. The tour also includes a visit to Høyde 96, a former military observation tower dating from the Cold War affording good views of the Pasvik Valley.

Another option might be heading west along Munkefjord to visit Neiden, a small village near the Finnish/Norwegian border, and see Neiden church, St. George's Chapel, and the Neiden Waterfall -and even briefly cross into Finland at Näätämo.

In the afternoon, as *Silver Cloud* sails through the Barents Sea towards Bear Island, a series of lectures will emphasise the special history and natural history of Norway's Far North.

### **Day 7 — Bear Island (Bjørnøya), Norway**

Coming up to Bear Island head out on deck to watch for whales -white-beaked dolphins and minke whales are known to frequent the area.

During the morning a special AECO Briefing will be given. This briefing concerns Arctic regulations that outline the environmental policies we must all adhere to in order to enjoy the privilege of visiting this pristine region at the top of the world of which Bear Island is part.

As we near the southern tip of this arctic island, now a nature reserve, we will see thousands of seabirds diving into and out of the island's steep cliffs. With our Zodiacs and favourable weather conditions, we will explore the rugged coastline. Close to 9 kilometres of cliffs are home to some of the largest bird colonies of the Northern Hemisphere. Common Guillemots, Brünnich's Guillemots, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Northern Fulmars, and Glaucous Gulls are all found along the cliff. Other species have been observed, including Atlantic Puffins and Northern Gannets. Of the more than 120 species registered, slightly more than 30 actually breed on the island. The Expedition Team will provide insights into the environment, the terrain, and the wildlife that exist in these extreme conditions.

### **Days 8 - 12 — Cruise & Explore Svalbard**

Our flexible itinerary allows us to take advantage of favourable ice and weather conditions. Whether cruising by Zodiac amongst ice floes and icebergs or heading ashore for a guided walk, our adventures will bring us up close to mystical settings. Each day our Expedition Leader and Captain will determine our best course depending on changing weather, ice conditions and the wildlife we encounter. We will travel to see walrus haul-outs, might see reindeer, and maybe spot an Arctic fox or a bearded seal. Northern Fulmars will be our constant companions. We might even encounter a few whales. Several species frequent the area, in particular Minke and beluga. Here are a few of the places we hope to visit:

-Hornsund – This is the southernmost fjord on the rugged west coast of Spitsbergen Island. Jagged mountain peaks tower above glacier-filled bays. Amidst floating icebergs, we will watch for bearded seals, the beluga whale and the king of the Arctic – the polar bear. Sightings are fairly common as the polar bear's favourite food, the ringed seal, breeds in the fjord. The surrounding bird cliffs are home to thousands of pairs of nesting Little Auks. We may visit the remains of whaling stations and trappers' huts.

-Magdalenefjorden – Found on Spitsbergen's northwest coast, Magdalenefjorden was already seen by Willem Barents in 1596. Walrus was hunted here in later days and a whaling station was set up. The remains of blubber ovens and a cemetery can still be seen. Silver Cloud will enter this scenic fjord in Northwest Spitsbergen National Park and we might land at Graveneset for a short walk.

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

-Liefdefjorden – At the entrance to Liefdefjorden are several small island groups. On the Andøyane (Duck Islands) we may encounter polar bears looking for bird's eggs. With our Zodiacs we might 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.

-Monacobreen – 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.

-Fjortende Julibreen – The 14th of July Bay is located at the entrance of Krossfjorden. Here we will go ashore for a hike up to the 14th of July Glacier –conditions permitting, we will climb onto the glacier, or, alternatively walk to the Hanging Gardens, a beautiful plant oasis underneath a bird cliff.

### **Day 13 — Longyearbyen, Norway**

After breakfast, disembark *Silver Cloud*.

*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.*

## **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.

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