

BAY OF BENGAL

COLOMBO - SINGAPORE



Sail the coasts of the Bay of Bengal from India's teardrop, via the subcontinent and Myanmar to Singapore. Expect a plethora of experience over the next 16 days, including heritage sites, a life-changing visit to the Gunung Leuser National Park in search of orangutans. The virtually unknown Mergui archipelago would come a close second however as would a trip to Port Blair's (in)famous prison. There are so many highlights on this voyage it would be impossible to name them all.



DATES: 2022 – MAY 02

DURATION: 18 DAYS/17 NIGHTS

EMBARK: COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

DISEMBARK: SINGAPORE

SHIP: Silver Explorer

FROM: \$10,710

After 10% Early Booking Savings
Free Economy or reduced rate
Business Class Air

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DAY 1 – ARRIVE COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Transfer to your included hotel.

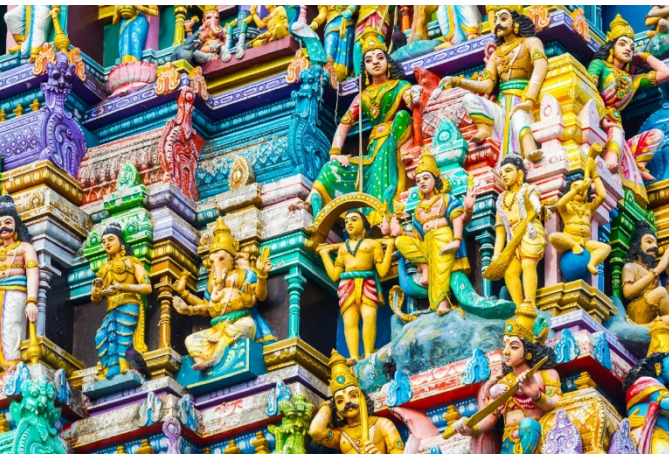
Perfumed flower garlands, colonial roots, and lavish afternoon teas welcome you to the former garden city of Colombo. Sri Lanka's easy breezy city is certainly intoxicating, with its cinnamon dusted air, steaming cups of delicate ceylon, and sassy seaside charm.

DAY 2 – EXPLORE COLOMBO, EMBARKATION

Enjoy your free time to explore the city and surrounds. Transfer to the pier for embarkation and departure.

DAY 3 – GALLE, SRI LANKA

Galle is an ancient Muslim port where different political influences from Europe have merged. In fact, the Galle Fort was occupied by the Portuguese, Dutch and British until the late 19th century. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988, it is surrounded by the sea on three sides. The surviving Dutch-colonial architecture and narrow streets exude the historic atmosphere of this living fort. The 18th century Dutch church has a splendid wooden memorial to one of the commanders of Galle, while the Arab quarter has a distinctly Moorish touch.



DAY 4 – HAMBANTOTA, SRI LANKA

Far to the south of Sri Lanka is the city of Hambantota with a colorful and storied traditional Ruhuna past and great promise for the future. This gateway to Sri Lanka is rich in resources and since being upset by the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, has put great emphasis on rebuilding and moving progressively into a central role in the development of the southern region of Sri Lanka. Traditionally an agricultural area, the region is also known for having some of the country's most skilled jewelers and crafts people. The bazaar or 'pola' is a

popular market where locals sell produce, goods, and fish.



DAY 5 – TRINCOMALEE, SRI LANKA

Built on a truly majestic natural harbor - one of the world's largest - Trincomalee is a gateway to the deep historical interests of Sri Lanka. Richly cultural and historic, Trincomalee is surrounded by treasured sites, which hark back thousands of years - and hold unprecedented cultural value. Set on the eastern coast of Sri Lanka - on the peninsula that it shares its name with - venture inland to explore some of the world's most majestic and evocative archaeological and holy sites.

DAYS 6 & 7 – DAYS AT SEA

DAY 8 – PORT BLAIR, ROSS ISLAND, ANDAMAN ISLANDS, INDIA

DAYS 9 – LONG ISLAND, ANDAMAN ISLANDS, INDIA

Long Island is a small island off the east coast of India's Middle Andaman Island and has a population of some 2,000 residents in the southern part of its 18 square kilometers. Dense tropical forests range from tidal swamp to evergreen forests and can only be reached or crossed by narrow concrete footpaths when coming from the south. Secluded Lalaji Bay on Long Island's eastern shore offers a white sandy beach for relaxation, swimming, snorkeling and bird-watching. Green sea turtles and Olive Ridley turtles are often seen between November and February as their nesting grounds are close by.

DAY 10 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 11 – KAWTHAUNG, MYANMAR

A popular port of entry into Myanmar, Kawthaung was formerly known as Victoria Point. It has a strong Muslim and Indian influence, in addition to a Buddhist

monastery atop the hill to the north of town. The monastery has impressive carved guardian dragons and offers nice views of Kawthaung. The city is diverse claiming people of Bamar, Thai, Shan, Karen, and Mon descent. Kawthaung has a large port, but the fishing industry is restricted by the government and tourism is beginning to constitute a larger segment of the local economy. The nearby Mergui Archipelago plays a significant role in attracting visitors to the region thanks to the islands' pristine forests, coral reefs, and wildlife.

DAY 12 – NORTH LAMPI, MERQUI ARCHIPELAGO | FROST ISLAND, MYANMAR

Lampi Island is a large and mountainous island of the Mergui Islands located in the Lampi Group. Lampi is officially uninhabited but does host fishing nomads who stop to camp on the island's shores. It is rich in biodiversity, mangroves and coral reefs, and is big enough to hold wild animals. With rainforest and a fringing coral reef, Lampi's outstanding beauty is enhanced by monkeys and hornbills in the forests, and sea eagles soaring in the blue skies overhead. Lampi was established in 1995 as Myanmar's first marine national park.

Frost Island is in the 'Mid-Group' of the Mergui Archipelago, a chain of roughly 800 islands that lies to the west of southern Myanmar in the Andaman Sea. Most of the archipelago is still largely undiscovered by tourism and many islands are undeveloped. The Salone people (known as Moken in Thailand and Malaysia and as Sea Gypsies in English) are the only human inhabitants of this area. Frost Island is also rich in options for snorkeling among schools of brightly colored tropical fish thanks to the surrounding coral reefs, clear waters, and a long sandy beach on the northern shore.

DAY 13 - SOUTH LAMPI, MERQUI ARCHIPELAGO | BO CHO ISLAND | SHARK ISLAND, MYANMAR

Lush and teeming with some of the best seafood in the world, Bo Cho Island is located south of Lampi Island in the Mergui Archipelago. The island's stunning natural beauty, with white sand beaches and aquamarine waters, is complemented by the simple houses built on stilts near the shore, from which residents keep a watchful eye on their boats and the sea. Bo Cho Island is a sacred home for the Moken (Sea Gypsy), and a small resettlement zone has been established on the island which has turned into a year-round Moken village of approximately one thousand year-round residents.

DAY 14 – DAY AT SEA

DAYS 15 & 16 - BELAWAN FOR GUNUNG LEUSER NATIONAL PARK

To call North Sumatra's Gunung Leuser National Park big is an understatement. At over 3,000 square miles, it's behemoth. The park is named after Mount Leuser (10,230 feet) and straddles the border of North Sumatra and Aceh provinces. The range of ecosystems in the park is astonishing; tropical rain forest, lowland forest, mountainous terrain, freshwater lakes and rivers and alpine meadows are just the beginning. This glorious diversity has earned the park its place as a UNESCO World Heritage Biosphere Reserve site. Over 120 mammals, 350 species of birds and 4000 plant species are found in the park, including the exponentially rare Sumatran elephant, Sumatran tiger, Sumatran rhinoceros, sambar deer and leopard cat. The Bohorok Orangutan Sanctuary of Bukit Lawang is located on the eastern side of the park and is one of the world's leaders for Orangutan observation. From its inception in 1973 to its temporary closing after a flash flood destroyed it in 2002, the rehabilitation center cared for and released captive Orangutans to the wild.



DAY 17 – DAY AT SEA

DAY 18 – SINGAPORE - DISEMBARK

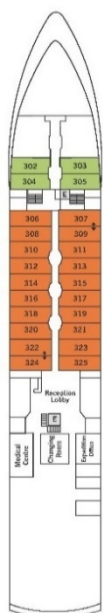
Advanced, airy and elevated, Singapore is a spectacular, futuristic vision of utopian city life. A healthy population of almost six million call it home, but this is a city designed with space to breathe, with gorgeous outdoor parks, massive indoor greenhouses and beautiful recreational spaces spread between the City of Gardens' skyscrapers and soaring structures. The lush green botanical gardens are a spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site, covering 52 hectares and decorated with impressive colorful orchids.

Transfer to airport, or hotel to stay and explore this world-class city-state.

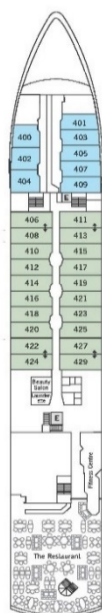
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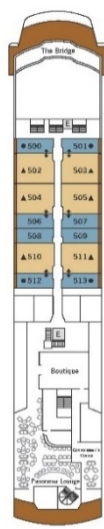
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Medical Centre
Changing Room
Expedition Office



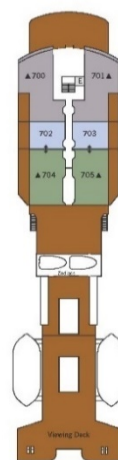
DECK 4
Beauty Salon
Launderette
Fitness Centre
The Restaurant



DECK 5
The Bridge
Boutique
Connoisseur's Corner
Panorama Lounge



DECK 6
Tor's Observation Library
Explorer Lounge
Zagara Spa
The Grill



DECK 7
Viewing Deck



SUITE CATEGORIES

- Owner's Suite
- Grand Suite
- Silver Suite
- Medallion Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Vista Suite
- View Suite
- Explorer Suite
- Adventurer Suite

SPECIFICATIONS

- Lloyd's register
- Ice-class rating
- Crew
- Officers
- Guests
- Tonnage
- Length
- Width
- Speed
- Passenger Decks
- 3rd Guest Capacity
- Queen beds
- Connecting suites
- Refurbished
- Registry

Size diagrams shown are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual square footage. Please refer to suite specifications for square footage.

2022 RATES: PER PERSON – DOUBLE – ALL INCLUSIVE*

*Port fees and taxes; gratuities to crew; open bar throughout ship; all excursions; team of Expedition leaders and guides. Economy air fare, or \$1500 per person credit; one night hotel before the cruise; transfers; guided zodiac, sea and land tours.

SUITE	10% Early Booking Savings
Adventure – Deck 3	\$10,710
Explorer – Deck 4	\$11,160
View – Deck 3	\$11,880
Vista – Deck 4	\$12,420
Veranda – Deck 5	\$16,740
Medallion – Deck 7	\$19,620
Silver – Deck 5	\$20,610
Grand – Deck 7	\$22,770
Owner's – Deck 7	\$25,020



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