

FALKLAND ISLANDS & ANTARCTICA



This all-encompassing journey is an explorer's dream. Begin with discovering the wild tranquility and rolling moorland of the Falkland Islands, before the astonishing landscape of Antarctica hoves into view. Wild, surreal, stunning and yes, cold, to say that this icy expanse that covers over 14 million square kilometers is a bucket list experience is an understatement. Expect to come back a different person.



DATE –

Dec 19, 2021 to Jan 5, 2022

18-Days/17-Nights

Round Trip Ushuaia, Argentina

Celebrate Christmas and New Years in the Southern Oceans!

Ship – Silver Cloud

From - \$19,995

Expedition Highlights

- Marvel at spectacular iceberg sculptures and calving glaciers
- Set foot on the continent and mainland of Antarctica
- Encounter Gentoo, Chinstrap and Adelie Penguins
- Spot elephant seals, Antarctic fur seals, Weddell seals, leopard seals and crabeater seals
- Watch for whales – humpback, Minke, orca, pilot, and beaked whales
- Identify seabirds – Snowy Sheathbill, Antarctic Cormorant, Kelp Gull, Antarctic Tern, Cape Petrels, Wandering Albatrosses, Southern Fulmars, Blue-eyed Shags, Southern Giant Petrels, skuas, Black-browed Albatrosses, Wilson’s Storm Petrels, Sooty Shearwaters

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Day 1 – Dec 19, 2021: Arrive Buenos Aires

You will be met at the international airport and transferred to your deluxe hotel. Remainder of the day is free. Arrive a day or two early to see more of the area.

Day 2 – Dec 20: Buenos Aires - City Tour

Enjoy a full day tour of Buenos Aires, "Paris of South America", arranged exclusively for Explor Cruises' guests. Visit the unique neighborhoods of San Telmo, Recoleta, La Boca, Puerto Madero and Palermo. Lunch is included. This evening, you will be taken to a Dinner & Tango Show at Tango Porteño, Includes round trip transfers and a tango lesson of 1hr before the dinner. Return to your hotel late.

Day 3 – Dec 21: Flight to Ushuaia - Embarkation

Join our included flight to Ushuaia and transfer to board the *Silver Cloud*. Departure is scheduled for 6:00 PM.

Day 4 – Dec 22: Day at Sea

Day at sea are the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and catch up with what you've been meaning to do. So whether that is going to the gym, visiting the spa, whale watching, catching up on your reading or simply topping up your tan, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to busy days spent exploring shore side.



Day 5 – Dec 23: West Point and Saunders Islands – The Falklands

A north-westerly outpost of the scenic Falkland Islands, you'll be welcomed ashore by the calls and cries of a huge colony of black-browed albatross. Indeed, the island was originally known as Albatross Island before being renamed to reflect its geographic location. While the albatrosses - that flash white feathers in the rugged cliffs above the waves - are the most well-known residents, they are far from the only animal inhabitants of this remote, isolated land. A huge army of birdlife calls the island sanctuary home, overwhelming the tiny human population and sheep that roam West Point Island's grasses. Meet the rockhopper penguins who scamper and burrow along the coast's boulders, as well as the imperial cormorants who rest here in great numbers. You're also likely to encounter Magellanic penguins during your explorations. Hike the island's quiet landscapes, and look out for endemic plants like Felton's flower carpeting the green interior. Meet some of the world's most incredible wildlife, on the remote Saunders Island. Sitting to the north-west of the Falkland's archipelago, the British established their first settlement here in 1765, at Port Egmont. Remote, wild and wonderful, the island now serves as a lush grazing ground for plenty of sheep - but it's an astonishing place to encounter far rarer animals - from elephant seals to silvery grebes and Peale's dolphins. Connected by sinewy links of beach and sandy dunes, which create some of the most dramatic scenery in the Falklands, the archipelago's fourth biggest island is home to its best birdlife - including a colony of neatly tuxedoed king penguins

Day 6 – Dec 24: Stanley, Falklands Islands

Despite it being a stalwart of Britishness, Stanley more resembles Patagonia than Portsmouth. But, despite the windswept, vast and achingly beautiful landscape of the Falkland Islands, don't be too surprised to find the odd pub serving ales and even fish'n'chips. While landmarks such as Christ Church Cathedral, with its whalebone arch are 100% local, there is also good smattering of imported garden gnomes and Union Jacks to remind you whose territory you are really on. The Falkland Islands' ownership has long been a matter of controversy, ever

since colonization in the 18th century. At various points in their life they have been considered French, British, Spanish and Argentine. The Falklands War in 1982, despite only lasting for a short while, proved that the Brits clung to this remote outpost and the islands remain part of the British Commonwealth today.

Day 7 – Dec 25: CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Day 8 – Dec 26: Elephant Island, Antarctica

Promising thrilling adventure, legendary tales and immaculate Antarctic beauty, Elephant Island is perhaps Antarctica's best-known location. The exploits of its early explorers have immortalized this harsh, monochrome island in the tomes of human history. Believed to take its name from the elephant seals that early explorers spotted lolling on its rocks, the volcanic island was not properly explored until 1916 - when Ernest Shackleton and his men were stricken by the weather and sought salvation on its shores. Their story of survival, stranded in this barren land, is one of humanity's most evocative and inspiring accounts. Elephant Island is written deep into the legend of Antarctic exploration, and you'll discover Shackleton's tale for yourself as you arrive in the island's icy realm. The remarkable, slowly flowing Endurance Glacier - which you'll see on arrival here - takes its name from their ship, the *Endurance*.

Day 9 - Dec 27: Antarctic Sound

Awesome glaciers flecked with pink algae can be seen approaching Elephant Island — so named either for its elephant-like appearance or for sightings of elephant seals here. Elephant Island is home to several Chinstrap Penguin rookeries, as well as 2,000-year-old moss colonies. Weddell seals and Macaroni Penguins can also be spotted. In 1916, when Ernest Shackleton's ship *Endurance* was crushed in pack ice in the Weddell Sea, the crew was stranded here for more than 4 months finding shelter under two upturned lifeboats on the spit of land Shackleton's men named 'Point Wild'. The bust of the Chilean captain Luis Pardo has been erected here to commemorate the successful rescue in the tug *Yelcho*.

Days 10-14 - Dec 28-Jan 1, 2022: Antarctic Peninsula

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 and the iconic penguins. The Antarctic Peninsula – the

main peninsula closest to South America – has a human history of almost 200 years, with explorers, sealers, whalers, and scientists who have come to work, and eventually intrepid visitors coming to enjoy this pristine and remote wilderness. It is a region of protected bays, unscaled snow-capped mountains, vast glaciers and a few places where whalers or scientists have worked. Just as irresistible are the many Gentoo and Chinstrap Penguin colonies, the seals basking on ice floes, the whales and orcas.

Day 15 - Jan 2: South Shetland Islands

Some 770 kilometers (478 miles) south of Cape Horn, the South Shetland Islands are usually the first land seen in Antarctica. Separated from the Antarctic Peninsula by the Bransfield Strait, nine major islands make up the group. The region was the first to be exploited by sealers in the early 19th century, and because of its proximity to South America, it still is the most visited by scientists and tourists. Chinstrap, Adelie, Gentoo and Macaroni Penguins all breed here. In addition, because it is the warmest part of the continent, large moss beds as well as orange, black, grey and green lichens grow –even hair grass and pearlwort manage to survive. Leopard seals, Weddell seals, crabeater seals, Southern elephant seals and Antarctic fur seals can be seen in the water and on the beaches.



Days 16–17- Jan 3-4: Drake Passage

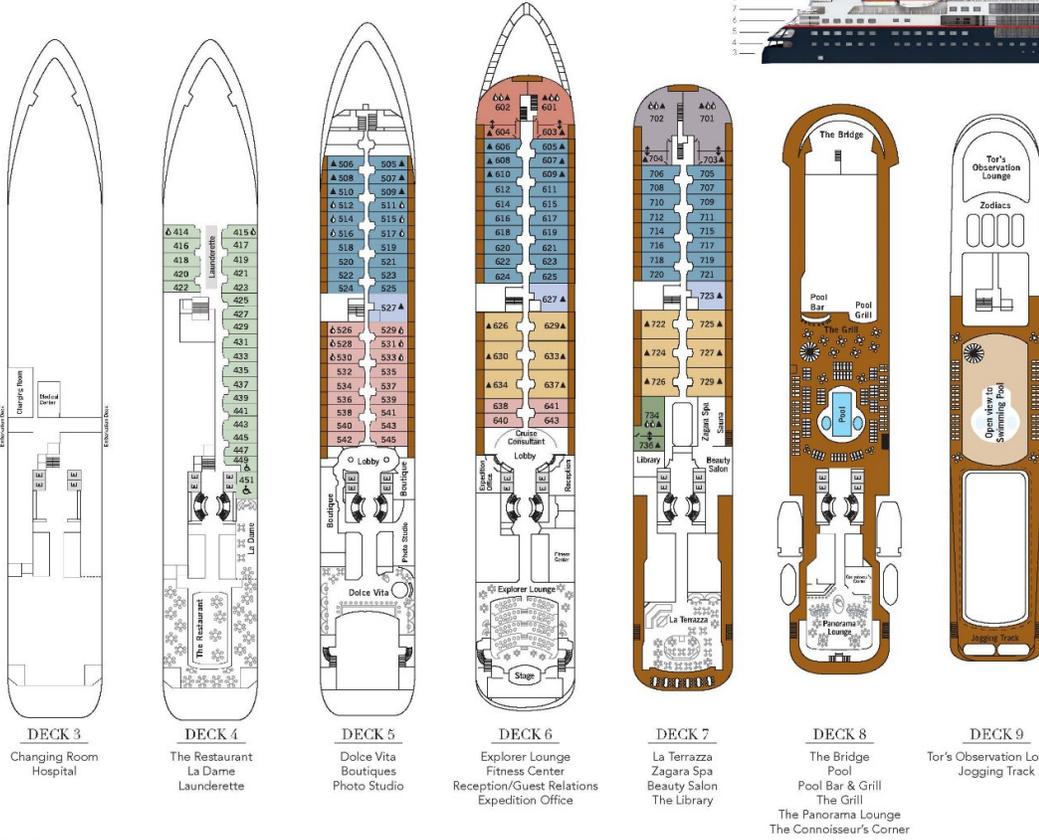
The Drake Passage has a notorious reputation for its turbulent seas due to the westerly winds and the funneling effect of the passage. The Antarctic Convergence, a natural boundary where cold polar water flows northward and warmer equatorial water moves southward, is within the Drake Passage. When these two currents meet, nutrients are pushed to the surface, often attracting a multitude of seabirds and whales.

Day 18 - Jan 5: Ushuaia, Argentina

After breakfast, disembark *Silver Cloud*. Transfer to airport. Visit more of Argentina and South America.



SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITIONS



SUITE CATEGORIES

- Owner's Suite ●
- Grand Suite ●
- Royal Suite ●
- Silver Suite ●
- Medallion Suite ●
- Deluxe Veranda Suite ●
- Veranda Suite ●
- Vista Suite ●

SPECIFICATIONS

- Crew 208
- Officers European
- Guests 200/254
- Tonnage 16,800
- Length 514.14 Feet/156.7 Metres
- Width 70.62 Feet/21.5 Metres
- Speed 18 Knots
- Passenger Decks 7
- Connecting Suites ⬆
- 3rd Guest Capacity ▲
- Bathtub/Shower Combination 6
- Bathtub & Separate Shower 6
- Disabled Suites ♿
- 449, 451
- Refurbished 2017
- Registry Bahamas
- Ice-class Rating 1C

Suite diagrams shown are for illustration purposes only and may vary from actual square footage. Please refer to suite specifications for accurate footage.
* Please note that The Grill opening hours are subject to weather and destination conditions.

2021 RATES

Date \ Suite	Vista	Veranda	Dlx Veranda	Medallion	Silver
Dec 19, 2021	\$19,995	\$23,195	\$27,095	\$39,095	\$41,595

Rates are per person, double, after early booking savings. Other suites are available – Royal, Grand, and Owner.



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