



# USHUAIA to USHUAIA

A journey to the end of the earth like nothing you have ever experienced before. This Shackleton infused voyage touches on the most epic of all destinations. This is explorers' Antarctica: a chance to visit the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, The PAntarctic Peninsula and see Elephant Island; multiple Zodiac® landings, hikes, rarely visited outposts and wildlife observation are just the beginnings of our most thorough Antarctic adventure ever.

Silversea Expeditions | Silver Explorer | Voyage 7903

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DURATION <b>18</b> DAYS	DEPARTURE <b>FEB 03</b> 2019	FARES FROM (PER GUEST) US\$ 18,950 <b>US\$ 17,055</b> WITH EARLY BOOKING BONUS
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## 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
Sunday Feb 03	<b>USHUAIA, ARGENTINA</b>	5:00 PM
Monday Feb 04	<b>DAY AT SEA</b>	

See following page for the rest of the itineraries

\*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
Monday Feb 04	<b>DAY AT SEA</b>	
Tuesday Feb 05	<b>WEST POINT ISLAND</b> , FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	6:30 AM / 11:00 AM
Tuesday Feb 05	<b>SAUNDERS ISLAND</b> , FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	3:00 PM / 7:30 PM
Wednesday Feb 06	<b>STANLEY</b> , FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	7:30 AM / 4:00 PM
From Thursday Feb 07 to Friday Feb 08	<b>DAY AT SEA</b>	
From Saturday Feb 09 to Monday Feb 11	<b>SOUTH GEORGIA</b> , GEORGIA & SANDWICH ISLANDS	9:30 AM / 7:00 PM
From Tuesday Feb 12 to Wednesday Feb 13	<b>DAY AT SEA</b>	
Thursday Feb 14	<b>ELEPHANT ISLAND</b> , ANTARCTICA	9:30 AM / 2:00 PM
Friday Feb 15	<b>ANTARCTIC SOUND</b> , ANTARCTICA	
From Saturday Feb 16 to Sunday Feb 17	<b>ANTARCTICA PENINSULA</b>	
Monday Feb 18	<b>ANTARCTICA SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS</b>	
From Tuesday Feb 19 to Wednesday Feb 20	<b>DRAKE PASSAGE</b>	
Thursday Feb 21	<b>USHUAIA</b> , 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)
<b>GRAND SUITE</b>	618 ft <sup>2</sup> / 57m <sup>2</sup> including a private balcony	US\$ 49,150 <b>US\$ 44,235 WITH EARLY BOOKING BONUS</b>
<b>SILVER SUITE</b>	422 ft <sup>2</sup> / 39m <sup>2</sup> including 2 French balconies	US\$ 44,650 <b>US\$ 40,185 WITH EARLY BOOKING BONUS</b>
<b>MEDALLION SUITE</b>	400 ft <sup>2</sup> / 37m <sup>2</sup> including a private balcony	US\$ 41,650 <b>US\$ 37,485 WITH EARLY BOOKING BONUS</b>
<b>VERANDA SUITE</b>	206-216 ft <sup>2</sup> / 19-20m <sup>2</sup> including a French balcony	US\$ 30,850 <b>US\$ 27,765 WITH EARLY BOOKING BONUS</b>
<b>VISTA SUITE</b>	192 ft <sup>2</sup> / 18m <sup>2</sup> with large picture window	US\$ 22,850 <b>US\$ 20,565 WITH EARLY BOOKING BONUS</b>
<b>VIEW SUITE</b>	192 ft <sup>2</sup> / 18m <sup>2</sup> with view window	US\$ 21,750 <b>US\$ 19,575 WITH EARLY BOOKING BONUS</b>
<b>EXPLORER SUITE</b>	175-190 ft <sup>2</sup> / 16-18m <sup>2</sup> with view window	US\$ 19,750 <b>US\$ 17,775 WITH EARLY BOOKING BONUS</b>
<b>ADVENTURER SUITE</b>	157-167 ft <sup>2</sup> / 14-15m <sup>2</sup> with 2 portholes	US\$ 18,950 <b>US\$ 17,055 WITH EARLY BOOKING BONUS</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
- 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

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- 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

## 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

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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.

### Expedition Highlights:

- Follow in the footsteps of the great Antarctic explorers: Amundsen, Byrd, Charcot, Cook, de Gerlache, Hillary, Shackleton, and Weddell
- See snow-covered mountains, mighty glaciers and spectacular icebergs
- Encounter Rockhopper, Gentoo, Macaroni, King, Adelie, Magellanic and Chinstrap Penguins
- Identify seabirds including albatrosses, shearwaters and petrels and look for the South Georgia Pipit, Falkland Steamer Duck and Cobb's Wren

### 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.

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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**

Watch for Peale's dolphins and the distinctive black and white markings of the Commerson's dolphin as *Silver Explorer* approaches West Point Island during the early morning. Walk across rolling moorland to reach colonies of Black-browed Albatrosses that nest side-by-side with Rockhopper Penguins. The hospitable island owners are always happy to answer your questions and share their stories while you have a cup of tea and some home-baked cookies and cakes.

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 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, 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.

You can join a classic 'City Highlights' tour which covers Stanley and the surrounding area. This excursion passes by older and newer portions of Stanley, seeing the shipwreck of the *Lady Elizabeth*, 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. After the 1982 Falkland conflict between Britain and Argentina 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 endemic 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 hundreds of 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 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, while elephant 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. Visit the burial site of famous explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton. 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.

### **Days 12-16 — Antarctica**

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. Each day we will attempt Zodiac departures, and, if conditions permit, we will cruise amidst colourful icebergs or step ashore to visit a variety of penguin rookeries and perhaps scientific research stations led by our team of natural history experts. Here are some of the places we may visit:

#### **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 captain Luis Pardo, who took the cutter *Yelcho* across the Drake Passage to rescue Shackleton's men.

#### **Day 13 – Antarctic Sound**

We will start our Antarctic experiences at the top of the Antarctic Peninsula, venturing into Antarctic Sound and its magnificent array of tabular icebergs, historical sites and Adelie and Gentoo Penguin rookeries. Depending on weather and ice conditions *Silver Explorer* might visit Brown Bluff, Hope Bay and cruise the Antarctic Sound.

**Brown Bluff**, (a 2,200-foot bluff on the Antarctic continent) is an ice-capped, 745-metre-high, flat-topped mountain with a prominent cliff of reddish-brown volcanic rock. The coastal area at the base of Brown Bluff is used by Adelie and Gentoo Penguins, Kelp Gulls, and Cape Petrels as a breeding area. Under good climatic conditions a walk onto a nearby glacier might be feasible.

**Hope Bay** has one of the largest Adelie Penguin colonies in Antarctica and a Zodiac cruise past the Argentine Station "Esperanza" will show some of the penguins, Weddell seals and Blue-eyed Shags.

#### **Days 14-15 — Antarctic Peninsula**

While sailing along the Antarctic Peninsula' white wilderness, every turn can reveal a new and breathtaking adventure. Remote and otherworldly, Antarctica is irresistible for its spectacular icebergs and calving glaciers, and for the possibility of up-close encounters with marine mammals. Watch for seals sunbathing on slow-moving ice floes and for humpback, Minke, and orca whales to surface from below the frigid waters in this spectacular wilderness-surely events that you will not forget.

**Cuerville Island, Errera Channel** has 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** is well named for its spectacular scenery of mountains, glaciers and icebergs. From the ship or Zodiac, observe Argentina's "Base Brown", one of many Antarctic research stations, and view the wildlife from sea level while cruising in our Zodiacs. 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 the base, while Brown Skuas like to be around the buildings. Minke whales frequent the area.

**Petermann Island** is named for geographer August Petermann and was discovered by a German expedition in 1873-74. During our landing, we will be able to observe rookeries of Adelie Penguins, Gentoo Penguins and Blue-eyed Shags. Petermann has various geological features, especially rock surfaces showing glacial polish and some glacial grooving. To reach Petermann Island the **Lemaire Channel** has to be crossed. This is one of the most spectacular channels with steep snow-covered mountains on both sides and icebergs of different sizes at the southern end.

### **Day 16 — South Shetland Islands**

The South Shetland Islands run parallel to the Antarctic Peninsula and have both scientific stations and large penguin colonies. Depending on conditions we might visit the Aitcho Islands, Deception Island or Half Moon Island.

**Port Foster (Deception Island)** is an excellent example of a breached caldera flooded by seawater. We plan to sail into Port Foster 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. The British base's Biscoe House was destroyed by a mudflow after a volcanic eruption in the late 1960s but 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. 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 as we travel towards Ushuaia. Our onboard Photographer/Videographer will present the Voyage-DVD.

### **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.*

#### **About Your Tour Leader - Carol Petersen**

**Wildlife photographer Carol Petersen, is an avid wildlife advocate! Carol has been traveling to Africa since 1990 and led over 80 safaris to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Namibia, Madagascar, Uganda, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Tanzania, Egypt, Galapagos, Ecuador and India. The quote "Once you've been a part of Africa, it becomes a part of you" best describes Carol's love for this special part of the world. Whether it be canoeing down the Zambezi River within a few feet of a 5-ton bull elephant, capturing some precious moments with a family of wild gorillas, watching a pair of blue-footed booby's do their magical courting dance or following the alarm calls of Langur Monkey's in hopes of finding the very endangered Bengal Tiger.... that is Carol's idea of spending quality time**

**In her dedication to preserving wild spaces, she encourages travelers' goes to walk lightly and appreciate these special places challenges. Carol walks the talk by contributing to environmental groups such as The Friends of the Galapagos, Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage, The Mara Meru Cheetah Fund and Wildlife SOS in India. Other special projects include providing radio collars for lion conservation and purchasing school supplies, mattresses and supplies for the Kajiado Girls School - home to many rescued girls in Kenya. Her keen interest in our environment, endangered species and the enhancement of the ecosystems of our planet is a never-ending endeavor. She also has a great love for the people she meets on her travels and works to support artisans in many countries by purchasing their art and craft and selling in her Fairly Traded store/office on Bowen Island, BC.**

**Carol has carefully chosen SilverSea Explorer and her February 2019 Antarctica itinerary as it will include prime wildlife viewing AND locations coupled with many specialist on board. Join us for an amazing Antarctica Adventure!**

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