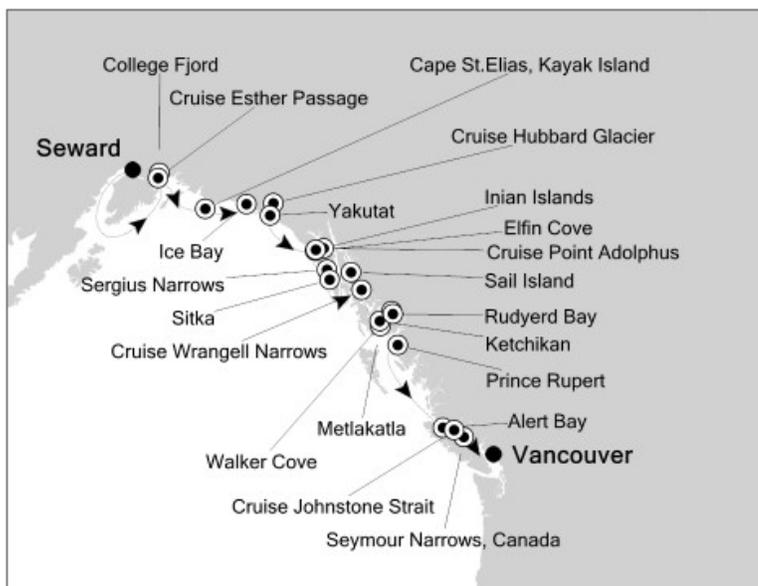


Splendors of Alaska

FROM SEWARD, ALASKA to VANCOUVER, CANADA



From searching for the tiny hummingbird to the mighty Bald Eagle, a wide and varied program is promised. Expert lecturers take you on thrilling excursions to show you the remarkable wildlife, indigenous cultures and magnificent landscapes of these remote lands. As mighty glaciers rise up from the frigid waters and Orcas breach for your camera, experience an Alaskan adventure as never before.



DATES: August 25-Sept 06, 2018

DURATION: 12 DAYS/11 NIGHTS

EMBARK: SEWARD, ALASKA

DISEMBARK: VANCOUVER, BC

SHIP: Silver Explorer

FROM: \$8,145*

After 10% Early Payment by May 02, 2017

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Day 1 — Seward, Alaska, USA

Embark *Silver Explorer* and depart on your exciting 12-day Silversea Expedition — “Splendors of Alaska”.

Day 2 — College Fjord and cruising Esther Passage, Alaska

During the morning *Silver Explorer* will enter Prince William Sound and will be heading for an area first visited by the Harriman Expedition in 1899 -and named by the participants for prominent East Coast Colleges. Although the expedition was predominantly male it had been decided to name the tidewater and valley glaciers in a specific way: men’s colleges on the eastern side, women’s colleges on the western side.

Day 3 — Cape St. Elias, Kayak Island, and Icy Bay, Alaska

After cruising the Gulf of Alaska, *Silver Explorer* will approach Kayak Island, a historical landmark -as this was the only island in Alaska where Georg Steller landed during the Bering Expedition of 1740. Cape Elias, on its southern tip, not only has an automated lighthouse and a log-strewn shore, but during a Zodiac cruise a few haul-outs of Steller sea lions on the flat rocks might be spotted. Some of the island’s haul-outs are quite large, containing several huge males and their harems of females. On the water, rafts of Short-tailed Shearwaters and Red-necked Phalaropes are not uncommon.

Day 4 — Yakutat, Alaska

Shortly after breakfast we will be in front of Hubbard Glacier –and depending on conditions will either cruise with our Zodiacs or *Silver Explorer* will be taken along the front of the Hubbard Glacier and while cruising we hope to see some glacier calving.

We will visit the community of Yakutat and will have the opportunity to see the indigenous St. Elias dance performance at the Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall, listening to traditional songs by the Tlingit tribe.

Day 5 — Elfin Cove, Inian Island, Point Adolphus, Alaska

This morning we visit the small community of Elfin Cove where you will have good opportunities to go for a walk on wooden boardwalks, exploring the unusual set-up of



the village.

At Inian Island you will be going on a spectacular Zodiac cruise, searching for some of the emblematic animals of Alaska: Bald Eagles, Steller sea lions, and humpback whales. The Zodiac cruise will permit you to be up close to the wildlife.

During the evening *Silver Explorer* will be near Point Adolphus, a well-known area for whale watching.

Day 6 — Sergius Narrows and Sitka, Alaska



Today be prepared for a very early wake-up call if you want to see the Sergius Narrows which separate Chichagof and Catherine Islands.

In the late morning *Silver Explorer* will arrive in Sitka, one of Alaska’s major fishing ports. Tlingit natives settled the area thousands of years ago. Russians came to trade in the late 18th century, making Sitka the capitol of Russian America. Apart from exploring the town itself, there are trails within the Sitka National Historic Park/Totem Park that will permit you to see some of the emblematic totem poles, and the Russian Bishop’s House, a National Historic Landmark.

Day 7 — Sail Island and Wrangell Narrows, Alaska

Silver Explorer will be at Sail Island before breakfast and we will scan the area surrounding the island for whales.

Humpback whales like this area and we will try to see them from our Zodiacs. Our Marine Biologist and other experts will be looking for these leviathans during the morning and therefore be prepared to join all those interested on a Zodiac cruise at a moment's notice. Heading south we will transit the Wrangell Narrows at dinnertime.

Day 8 — Metlakatla and Ketchikan, Alaska

During the morning *Silver Explorer* will be at anchor in front of Annette Island, Alaska. The Tsimshian of Metlakatla are famous for their totem poles. During the visit of the town we will get to see at least 12 of these emblematic pieces of art and we will experience a dance performance at their longhouse. Apart from the ceremony we will be led to the William Duncan Memorial Museum to understand their culture and history, specifically why and when they moved to Annette Island.

Ketchikan is one of the larger towns of the area and will offer a variety of exciting options.

Day 9 – Walker Cove and Rudyerd Bay, Misty Fjords, Alaska



Located within the Tongass National Forest is the wilderness area of Misty Fjords National Monument. Extending over 2.3 million acres it is the largest wilderness area in Alaska's forests and the second largest in the nation. It has been described as an almost untouched coastal ecosystem with outstanding geological features. Misty Fjords is called "Yosemite with water" due to the soaring granite walls rising straight from the sea, reminiscent of El Capitan. During our Zodiac exploration we will be looking in the air for Marbled Murrelets, which unlike most members of the auk family nest in trees, and Bald Eagles, brown and black bears on the ground, and harbor seals and sea otters in the water.

Day 10 — Prince Rupert, British Columbia, Canada

Before breakfast, *Silver Explorer* will arrive in Prince Rupert, the "City of Rainbows", our point of entry into Canada. Prince Rupert's port is the deepest natural harbor in North America and ice-free all year round, making it an ideal port for cargo between Asia and North America since it is connected to the Canadian Railway.

In Prince Rupert coaches will meet you at the dock to take you to tour the North Pacific Cannery, the longest running cannery in British Columbia (and now a museum), to better understand part of Prince Rupert's economy. The North Pacific Historic Fishing Village is a National Historic Site and is the most complete cannery that remains of these remote villages that once dotted the West Coast.

Day 11 — At sea

Silver Explorer sails south through Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound.

Day 12 — Alert Bay, Johnstone Strait and Seymour Narrows, British Columbia, Canada

Located near the northern entrance of Johnstone Strait, Alert Bay is a small but culturally and historically very rich village on Cormorant Island (named after HMS Cormorant). The Kwakwaka'wakw are well known for their art, and especially their carvings. Not only were totem poles of importance, masks are central to the representation of the different characters of their dances and feature prominently. We will spend the morning in Alert Bay and will see a cultural presentation and walk to the Memorial Totem Poles at the Namgis Burial Ground, one of the few places where the Totem Poles have not been disturbed nor removed.

At the U'mista Cultural Center we take a walk into the past and hear about the potlatch system and the ancient way of life. The museum holds a precious collection of masks and artefacts previously confiscated during the potlatch ban from 1884 to 1951. We will experience traditional First Nations songs and dances.

During the afternoon we cruise the Johnstone Strait. This spectacular waterway invites you to take in the scenery from the outer decks of *Silver Explorer*. The strait that is between 2.5 km and 5 km wide, 110 kilometers in length and is home to large numbers of orcas during the summer months. The largest member of the dolphin family, orcas (also known as killer whales) can measure nearly ten meters in length and weigh up to six tons.

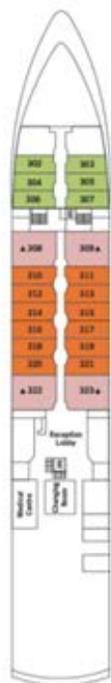


Day 13 — Vancouver, Canada

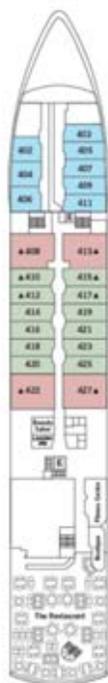
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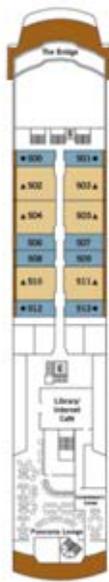
Silver Explorer – DECK PLAN



DECK 3
 Reception Desk
 Medical Centre
 Changing Room
 Expedition Office



DECK 4
 Beauty Salon
 Launderette
 Boutique
 Fitness Centre
 The Restaurant



DECK 5
 The Bridge
 Library / Internet Cafe
 Connoisseur's Corner
 Panorama Lounge



DECK 6
 Observation Lounge
 The Theatre
 The Spa
 Outdoor Grill



DECK 7
 Viewing Deck



SUITE CATEGORIES

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

SPECIFICATIONS

- Lloyd's register
- Ice-class rating :1A
- Crew 115/115
- Officers International
- Guests 132
- Tonnage 6,072
- Length 254 Feet/107.9 Metres
- Width 52 Feet/15.8 Metres
- Speed 14 Knots
- Passenger Decks 5
- 3rd Guest Capacity ▲
- Fixed Queen beds ●
- Connecting suites
- 702/704, 703/705, 500/502, 501/503, 504/506, 505/507, 510/512, 511/513
- Refurbished 2008
- Registry Bahamas

2017 RENOVATIONS-

We are excited to announce that the Silver Explorer will undergo a \$15 million refurbishment and dry dock from April 29 through May 17, 2017. She will receive significant upgrades to the suites and many of the public areas, including new flooring and new furniture. The Observation Lounge will get a cozier feel and a private library, the gym will almost double in size and The Spa will get special attention.

Contact us for availability and more details-



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