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## LONDON TO DUBLIN: BRITISH ISLES EXPEDITION CRUISE

Join us to experience the British Isles and Ireland on a magic-filled journey that highlights the natural beauty of this region as much as its rich ancient history. We will sail from London's Tower Bridge to Dublin, over 10 days. Experience the English Channel as it has been travelled for centuries, stopping first at St. Peter's Port on Guernsey Isle, one of the world's most beautiful ports. See the incredible Tresco Abbey Gardens at the Isles of Scilly off Cornwall and stop to visit ancient medieval castles in Pembroke, Wales. Most of your time will be spent in Ireland, where we will find the massive and ornate Kylemore Abbey with its 6-acre Victorian Walled Gardens nestled in Druchruach Mountain. This voyage will delight nature-lovers: see for yourself why the Cliffs of Moher are Ireland's most popular natural attraction, view thousands of flowers and plants at Tresco Abbey, and observe over 27,000 pairs of Northern Gannets and other birds at Skellig Islands. Throughout the voyage, learn about the history, geology, wildlife and botany of these naturally beautiful locations from lecture presentations offered by your knowledgeable onboard Expedition Team.



### ITINERARY

#### Days 1 - 2 LONDON (TOWER BRIDGE)

London is an ancient city whose history greets you at every turn. If the city contained only its famous landmarks—the Tower of London or Big Ben—it would still rank as one of the world's top cities. But London is so much more. The foundations of London's character and tradition endure. The British bobby is alive and well. The tall, red, double-decker buses (in an updated model) still lumber from stop to stop. Then there's that greatest living link with the past—the Royal Family with all its attendant pageantry.

#### Day 3 ST PETER PORT

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Cobblestone streets, blooming floral displays, and tiny churches welcome you to this wonderfully pretty harbour. The town of St Peter Port is as pretty as they come, with glowing flower displays painting practically every street corner and window-ledge with colour. As the capital, and main port of Guernsey, St Peter Port puts all of the island's gorgeous beaches, wonderful history and inspiring stories at your fingertips. Feel the gut punch of the midday gun firing at Castle Cornet, which stands guard over one of the world's prettiest ports.

#### Day 4 ST MARY'S (ISLES OF SCILLY)

St Mary's is the Isle of Scilly's largest island with a population of 1800 residents and an area of 6.58 square kilometres; this is the gateway to the rest of the magnificent islands. Hugh town - a beautiful Old town with its own beach, nature reserve and church is the main attractions of St Mary's, with tiny streets brimming with shops to pick up the perfect souvenir. St Mary's is a hidden gem, with long stretches of white sandy beaches and a breath-taking untouched landscape. The coastline holds many archaeological sites along with miles of splendid walks along the coastal and country paths.

#### Day 5 TRESCO (ISLES OF SCILLY)

For many visitors Tresco is the most attractive of the Isles of Scilly. This is especially due to its Abbey Garden, which is home to thousands of exotic plant species from around 80 different countries. Plant collector Augustus Smith began the gardens in the 1830s on the site of an old Benedictine Abbey by channelling the weather up and over a network of walled enclosures built around the Priory ruins. He had three terraces carved from the rocky south slope and maximised Tresco's mild Gulf Stream climate. Even in mid-winter there still are hundreds of plants flowering here.

#### Day 6 PEMBROKE

Pembroke is located on the Pembroke Peninsula of Wales amidst long stretches of sandy beaches and stunning coastal scenery. This historic valley settlement features a number of timeless buildings centered along its quaint Main Street that runs inside the original walls of the town. The municipality itself is surrounded by residential estates, farmland and woods along the estuary of the River Cleddau. Pembroke's rich history dates back to the 11th century when the namesake was little more than a timber fortification on the banks of the Pembroke River.

#### Day 7 SKELLIG ISLANDS & KNIGHTS TOWN (VALENTIA ISLAND)

The magnificent Skellig Islands lie 8 miles (12 km) off the coast of Portmagee in South West Kerry. Rising majestically from the sea, Skellig Michael towers 714ft. (218 metres) above sea level. On the summit of this awe-inspiring rock you will find a remarkably well preserved sixth century monastic settlement now designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Small Skellig is equally renowned in matters of ornithology as the home of some 27,000 pairs of gannets - the second largest colony of such seabirds in the world. Knightstown is the largest settlement on Valentia Island, County Kerry, in Ireland and has a population of 156 people. Knightstown itself is one of the few 'town-planned' villages of Ireland. The village of Knightstown was laid out by Alexander Nimmo in 1830-31, but it wasn't built until the early 1840's when the local quarry was greatly expanded and the works were moved to Knightstown. The local RNLI lifeboat station moved to Knightstown in 1869 from Reenard Point and has since been known as the Valentia Lifeboat Station.

#### Day 8 GALWAY & CLIFFS OF MOHER

Galway is a city in the West of Ireland in the province of Connacht. It lies on the River Corrib between Lough Corrib and

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Galway Bay and is surrounded by County Galway. It is the fourth most populous urban area in the Republic of Ireland and the sixth most populous city in the island of Ireland. It is both a picturesque and lively city with a wonderful avant-garde culture and a fascinating mixture of locally owned speciality shops, often featuring locally made crafts. Indeed local handcrafts are a feature of the entire region including hand knits, pottery, glass, jewellery and woodwork. Stretching for 8km (5 miles), as the crow flies, the Cliffs of Moher have long enjoyed the status of one of Ireland's most visited tourist attractions – and the visitor centre provides the pivotal point to direct lovers of nature, geology and simple beauty in the right direction. The cliffs also form part of the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark. They are made up of various types of perpendicular or overhanging rocks including sandstone, siltstone and shale.

### Day 9 KILRONAN (AARAN ISLANDS)

Kilronan is the principal town on the island of Inismore (Inis Mór) in the Aran Islands located in Galway Bay, and is one of them most picturesque spots in Ireland. Once for the sole purpose as a fishing port for the Aran fisherman, today it is the main port for the ferry companies and with its white sandy beach it has a wide selection of first class restaurants serving seafood, and traditional Irish bars, buskers, and accommodation it is a splendid spot to people watch and a base yourself before exploring the island. One of the island's most famous attractions is Dun Aengus.

### Day 10 KILLYBEGS

Killybegs The days start early in Killybegs, as this quiet fishing town rumbles to life, and ships with red and blue paint peeling from their hulls quietly depart, ready for a morning's hard work at sea. Located in a scenic part of County Donegal, Killybegs is

Ireland's fishing capital, and the salty breeze and pretty streets serve as a revitalising medicine for visitors. The town is also your gateway to some of the country's most majestic coastal scenery, which is dotted with flashing white lighthouses, keeping watch over invigorating seascapes.

### Day 11 PORTRUSH

Portrush is adjacent to the stunning North Antrim coastline. Here lies the medieval Dunluce Castle ruins. Perched picturesquely at the edge of a rocky outcropping high above the sea, the castle is dramatically surrounded by terrifyingly steep drops, which the early Christians and Vikings would have considered a very important security feature. The castle and surrounding areas have been frequently used for the filming of "Game of Thrones". Another attraction reached from Portrush is the Giant's Causeway -40,000 hexagonal basalt columns that descend in a kind of pathway to the sea.

### Day 12 DUBLIN

Ask any Dubliner what's happening and you may hear echoes of one of W. B. Yeats's most-quoted lines: "All changed, changed utterly." No matter that the decade-long "Celtic Tiger" boom era has been quickly followed by the Great Recession—for visitors Dublin remains one of Western Europe's most popular and delightful urban destinations. Whether or not you're out to enjoy the old or new Dublin, you'll find it a colossally entertaining city, all the more astonishing considering its intimate size.

### Please Note:

Expedition highlights and itinerary 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

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account the prevailing weather and wildlife activity. Expedition Team members scheduled for this voyage are subject to change or cancellation.



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## YOUR SHIP: SILVER CLOUD

**YOUR SHIP:**

**Silver Cloud**

**VESSEL TYPE:**

**LENGTH:**

**PASSENGER CAPACITY:**

**BUILT/REFURBISHED:**

With 18-brand new Zodiacs, four superlative restaurants in Antarctica and a pole to pole expedition itinerary, Silver Cloud really does break the ice between expedition and luxury. Spacious yet intimate, designed to cross oceans and yet able to slip up rivers and into hidden harbours with ease, the yacht-like Silver Cloud carries just 296 guests in incomparable comfort and style. Combining spacious ocean-view suites and private verandas with stunning dining and entertainment options, Silver Cloud provides world-class cruise accommodations, service and amenities. After extensive refurbishment, Silver Cloud is 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 four 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. She carries a limited number of guests in polar waters, meaning that Silver Cloud has the highest space to guest and crew to guest ratios in expedition cruising. With her 18 zodiacs, 10 kayaks, possibilities are almost limitless with ship-wide simultaneous explorations.



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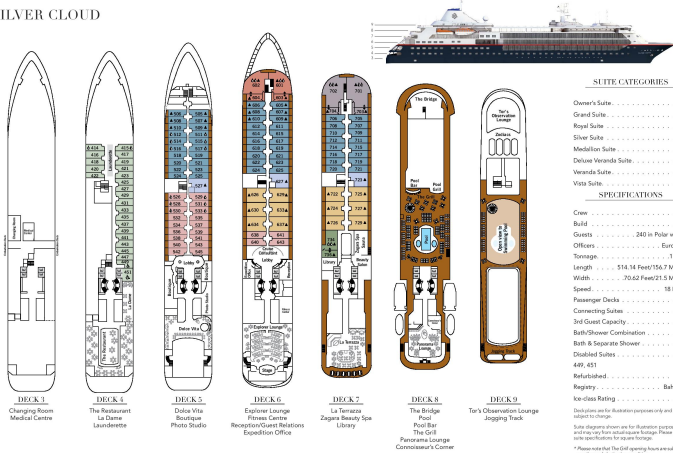


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## INSIDE YOUR SHIP

### SILVER CLOUD



#### SUITE CATEGORIES

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

#### SPECIFICATIONS

- Crew ..... 212
- Build ..... 1994
- Guests ..... 380 (96 Suite)
- Officers ..... European
- Tonnage ..... 17,600
- Length ..... 114.14 Feet/35.03 Metres
- Width ..... 20.62 Feet/6.29 Metres
- Speed ..... 18 Knots
- Passenger Decks ..... 7
- Connecting Suites
- 3rd Guest Capacity
- Bath/Shower Combination
- Bath & Separate Shower
- Disabled Suites
- 499, 451
- Refurbished ..... 2017
- Registry ..... Bahamas
- Ice-Class Rating ..... 1C

\* Please note that the 3rd guest capacity is subject to weight and distribution restrictions.

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## PRICING

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