

Australia Grand Expedition
Melbourne to Darwin aboard the Silver Explorer.
30 Day Luxury Adventure – February 21 March 22, 2021

Join us for a journey to partly circumnavigate Australia and to see some of Australia’s hidden treasures. Explore geological features, taste some of the best wines and seafood Australia has to offer, snorkel with sea lions and whale sharks, feel the thunder of waterfalls, explore spectacular gorges, witness variations of Aboriginal rock art, and look for wildlife in destinations that in many cases are accessible only by ship. Cruise by Zodiac through an untamed wilderness to spot wallabies and crocodiles.



Vast and wildly beautiful, Australia is a country whose red-hued palette is complimented by its surrounding blue seas. Home to so much and so many, join us on this semi circumnavigation of the Land of Oz. Explore the Kimberley region, taste some of the best wines and seafood on offer and snorkel with sea lions. Add an in-depth exploration of Aboriginal rock art and you have a voyage of superlatives. Throughout the voyage learn about the history, geology, wildlife and botany of this spectacular area from lecture presentations offered by your knowledgeable onboard Expedition Team.

Day 1	Depart CANADA		
Day 3	Melbourne, AUSTRALIA		Free Hotel Stay*
Day 4	Melbourne, AUSTRALIA	Embark	4:30 pm
Day 5	At Sea	~	~
Day 6	Port Lincoln, AUSTRALIA	9 am	Overnight
Day 7	Port Lincoln, AUSTRALIA	~	1 pm
Day 8	At Sea	~	~
Day 9	At Sea	~	~
Day 10	Esperance, AUSTRALIA	6:30 am	11:30 am
Day 11	At Sea	~	~
Day 12	Busselton, AUSTRALIA	Noon	6 pm
Day 13	Jurien Bay, AUSTRALIA	12:30 pm	6:30 pm
Day 14	Abrolhis Islands, AUSTRALIA	6:30 am	6 pm
Day 15	At Sea	~	~
Day 16	Turquoise Bay, Ningaloo, AUSTRALIA	12:30 pm	7 pm
Day 17	At Sea	~	~

Day 18	Rowley Shoals, AUSTRALIA	am	pm
Day 19	Buccaneer Archipelago Region	am	Overnight
Day 20	Buccaneer Archipelago Region	~	pm
Day 21	Hunter River / Kimberley Region	am	Overnight
Day 22	Hunter River / Kimberley Region	~	pm
Day 23	King George River / Kimberley Region	am	pm
Day 24	Wyndham, AUSTRALIA	8:30 am	5 pm
Day 25	At Sea	~	~
Day 26	Saumlaki, INDONESIA	12:30 pm	7:30 pm
Day 27	At Sea	~	~
Day 28	Darwin, AUSTRALIA	Disembark	
Day 29	Darwin, AUSTRALIA	Free Hotel Stay*	
Day 30	Depart for CANADA		

FREE airfare and hotel stays if booked by November 30, 2018*:

- ***FREE Airfare to Melbourne and returning from Darwin, AUSTRALIA.**
- ***FREE 1-Night first class hotel stay in Melbourne, AUSTRALIA prior to your cruise.**
- ***FREE 1-Night first class hotel stay in Darwin, AUSTRALIA after your cruise.**
- **Early Payment Bonus: Save 10% if paid in full by DECEMBER 17TH, 2018**
- **All Bookings with Expo Cruises & Tours: Receive FREE \$400 US shipboard credit per suite.**
- **Venetian Members save an additional 5% of the cruise fares.**

Day 1 — Wednesday, February 21, 2021
Depart Canada for Melbourne, AUSTRALIA.

Depart CANADA

Day 3 — Thursday, February 23, 2021

Melbourne, AUSTRALIA

Upon arrival in Melbourne, you will transfer to your hotel (please note standard check-in time is at 3 pm).
Accommodation: TBA (1 night).

Day 4 — Friday, February 24, 2021

Melbourne, AUSTRALIA

Free morning at your leisure. Afternoon, you will embark the SILVER EXPLORER for your exciting 26-day Silversea Expedition. You will be introduced to your Expedition Team and attend a Zodiac briefing as well as an Antarctic regulations refresher course that outlines the environmental policies we must all adhere to in order to enjoy the privilege of visiting this pristine region at the top of the world. Tonight, we invite you to familiarise yourself with the elegant Silver Explorer, meet some of your fellow travellers and enjoy the first of many memorable meals in one of the restaurants. **(B/D)**

Day 5 — Saturday, February 25, 2021

Day at Sea

Days at sea are the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and catch up with what you've been meaning to do. So whether that is whale watching from the Observatory Lounge, writing home to your loved ones or simply topping up your tan by the pool, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to busy days spent exploring shore side. **(B/D)**

Day 6 — Sunday, February 26, 2021

Kangaroo Island, AUSTRALIA

Kangaroo Island is with 1,740 square miles the third largest island off the coast of Australia. It is 96 miles long and 34 miles wide, and known for its outstanding natural beauty. Due to its remote location, Kangaroo Island was less affected than the mainland by the impact of European development. To this day, the island is rich in diverse flora and fauna seldom found elsewhere. As one of the world's last unspoiled wilderness places, about 30 percent of the island has been designated as National Parks. **(B/L/D)**

Day 7 — Monday, February 27, 2021

Port Lincoln, AUSTRALIA

Day 8 — Tuesday, February 28, 2021

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Port Lincoln is the second-largest city on the lower Eyre Peninsula in the Australian state of South Australia. Nestled on the shore of Boston Bay, Australia's largest natural harbour, Port Lincoln opens eastward into Spencer Gulf. Port Lincoln is the largest city in the west coast region, and located approximately 174 miles (280 kilometers) from the capital city of Adelaide. Port Lincoln has a contrasting coastal landscape, ranging from sheltered waters and beaches to surf beaches and rugged oceanic coastline. Named by Matthew Flinders in 1802, Port Lincoln is a port and town on the Southern Eyre Peninsula. Home to Australia's largest commercial fishing fleet, the town also considers itself to be the "Seafood Capital of Australia". Famous for the white shark cage dives, the area surrounding Port Lincoln offers Lincoln National Park, Coffin Bay National Park, and Kellidie Bay Conservation Park all in close vicinity. **(B/L/D)**

Day 9 — Wednesday, March 1, 2021

Day at Sea

Day 10 — Thursday, March 2, 2021

Day at Sea

Day 11 — Friday, March 3, 2021

Esperance, AUSTRALIA

The Recherche Archipelago is just east of Esperance and borders the Cape Le Grand National Park with some of Australia's whitest beaches and kangaroos sunbathing on them at Lucky Bay. **(B/L/D)**

Day 12 — Saturday, March 4, 2021

Day at Sea

Day 13 — Sunday, March 5, 2021

Busselton, AUSTRALIA

Yet another town that has its origin in the famous race of Flinders and Baudin circumnavigating Australia, Busselton's claim to fame is its wooden jetty—the longest in the southern hemisphere- and an underwater observatory beneath it. Busselton is also the gateway to see the Margaret River Wine Region and to taste some of South Australia's excellent wines. If you are geologically interested you might want to explore some of the caves and an ancient riverbed in the Leeuwin Naturaliste National Park. **(B/L/D)**

Day 14 — Monday, March 6, 2021

Jurien Bay, AUSTRALIA

The area north of Jurien Bay is known as an outstanding wildflower country in spring. Australian sea lions can be found in the Jurien Bay Marine Park, while the Nambung National Park offers thousands of limestone pillars jutting out of the sand of the Pinnacle Desert and coastal dune systems and low heathland rich in flowers for plant lovers. **(B/L/D)**

Day 15 — Tuesday, March 7, 2020

Abrolhos, AUSTRALIA

The Abrolhos Islands' Wallabi Group is famous for its rock lobsters. At this southernmost true coral reef in the Indian Ocean, the three groups of roughly 40 islands each offer exploration on land looking for Tammar wallabies on East and West Wallabi and seabird colonies—one of Australia's most important sites. Swimming and snorkeling is possible and Australian sea lions and bottlenose dolphins can usually be seen. The Dutch East India Company ship *Batavia* shipwrecked on Morning Reef in 1629, leading to one of the most unusual survival stories in Australian waters. **(B/L/D)**

Day 16 — Wednesday, March 8, 2021

Day at Sea

Day 17 — Thursday, March 9, 2021

Turquoise Bay, AUSTRALIA

The UNESCO World Heritage Site Ningaloo Reef has one of the most biologically diverse marine environments and is home to more than 250 species of coral and over 500 species of fish. Ningaloo Reef also permits encounters with manta rays, whales, dolphins, turtles and even dugongs. Turquoise Bay has been voted Australia's best beach on several occasions and is famous for its drift snorkel. **(B/L/D)**

Day 18 — Friday, March 10, 2021

Day at Sea

Days 19 – Saturday, March 11, 2021

Days 20 – Sunday, March 12, 2021

Days 21 – Monday, March 13, 2021

Rowley Shoals, AUSTRALIA

Buccaneer Archipelago Region, AUSTRALIA

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Roughly 800 islands of the Buccaneer Archipelago surround and shelter the impressive spread of Yampi Sound (from the aboriginal word for water, “Yampee”). The area was named in 1821 by Captain Phillip Parker King, in commemoration of William Dampier’s visit in 1688. Pearlers began visiting the area in the late 1800s, and more recently mining operators established open-cut mines on Koolan Island on the east side of the Sound. Some of the richest iron ore in the world is extracted here to this day. The coastline of Yampi shows rock layers wildly twisted and contorted into great folds. The Buccaneer Archipelago has of over 800 islands and was created millions of years ago by erosion-causing tidal changes. The region’s tides present amazing spectacles that can create seemingly horizontal waterfalls at Talbot Bay. Watch reefs and islands come out of the ocean, only to have them disappear before your eyes again. *(B/L/D)*

Day 22 – Tuesday, March 14, 2021

Day 23 – Wednesday, March 15, 2021

Hunter River Region / Kimberley, AUSTRALIA

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The Hunter River is home to an immense mangrove system surrounded by soaring red sandstone cliffs. Narrow mangrove channels shelter numerous bird species, mudskippers, fiddler crabs and the infamous saltwater crocodile; the most aggressive crocodile species known to man. Naturalist Island at the mouth of the river has a stunning stretch of sandy beach that makes a perfect landing site for small helicopters that can pick up visitors wishing to explore some of the Kimberley’s vast interior. Hunter River is home to an immense mangrove system and soaring red sandstone cliffs. Narrow mangrove channels serve as shelter to numerous bird species, mudskippers, fiddler crabs and the enigmatic saltwater crocodile. *(B/L/D)*

Day 24 – Thursday, March 16, 2021

King George River / Kimberley, AUSTRALIA

The King George Falls is one of the Kimberley’s most magnificent natural wonders. At 80 meters (260 feet), the thundering spectacle of twin cascades are among the highest in Australia. The river weaves through an amazing landscape of near vertical red rock formations and a parade of wildlife — carnivorous saltwater crocodiles and amazing birdlife, including giant raptors and the Brahminy Kite. Cruise by Zodiac to the impressive King George Falls, West Australia’s highest twin waterfalls. These magnificent falls drop 80 meters straight down ancient sandstone cliffs into a dramatic gorge, a sight that makes the King George Falls a highlight of visiting the Kimberley Coast. *(B/L/D)*

Day 25 – Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Wyndham, AUSTRALIA

Wyndham is a small settlement with the spirit of a Kimberley outback township. It was established in 1886 with the Halls Creek gold rush and sits on the Cambridge Gulf where several rivers converge. Today Wyndham has a population of roughly 900 people and operates largely as a port exporting cattle, servicing the mining industry and hosting a few small ships. For these vessels Wyndham is a gateway to the breathtaking Bungle Bungle mountain range and the nearby Ord River. The Bungle Bungle Mountains in Purnululu National Park are now a World Heritage Site. Wyndham is the oldest and northernmost town in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, serving as a key port in the 1886 gold rush. From Wyndham, see the incredible natural sandstone towers of the Bungle Bungle Range from the air, or cruise up the scenic, winding Ord River by local boat. *(B/L/D)*

Day 26 – Thursday, March 18, 2021

Day at Sea

Day 27 – Friday, March 19, 2021

Saumlaki, INDONESIA

Saumlaki is a regional capital city on the island of Yamdena, the main island of the unique Tanimbar archipelago, located in Indonesia between Papua New Guinea and the northern coast of Australia. The Tanimbar Islands have a distinct culture with still-vibrant traditions. They actively produce traditional crafts such as richly-colored ikat cloth and carved wooden statues, and local residents still carry on their own centuries-old forms of music and dance. *(B/L/D)*

Day 28 – Saturday, March 20, 2021

Day at Sea

Day 29 – Sunday, March 21, 2021

Darwin, AUSTRALIA

Darwin is Australia's most colorful, and exotic, capital city. Surrounded on three sides by the turquoise waters of the Timor Sea, the streets are lined with tropical flowers and trees. Warm and dry in winter, hot and steamy in summer, it's a relaxed and casual place, as well as a beguiling blend of tropical frontier outpost and Outback hardiness. Thanks to its close proximity to Southeast Asia and its multicultural population it also seems more like Asia than the rest of Australia. Darwin is a city that has always had to fight for its survival. Upon arrival in Melbourne, you will transfer to your hotel (please note standard check-in time is at 3 pm). **Accommodation: TBA (1 night). (B)**

Day 30 — Monday, March 22, 2021

Darwin, AUSTRALIA

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. **(B)**

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.

Cultural Highlights:

- Explore the Houtman Abrolhos and learn about the Dutch ship *Batavia*.
- Meet members of aboriginal groups who are the Kimberley's traditional landowners.
- Wandjina and Bradshaw rock paintings can be discovered in cliffs, rock ledges and caves.

Wildlife Watch List:

- Bottlenose dolphins, humpback dolphins, whale sharks, lemon sharks, hammerhead sharks, tawny nurse sharks, manta rays, eagle rays.
- Green sea turtles and flatback turtles.
- Australian sea lions.
- Rock and Tammar wallabies.
- Saltwater crocodiles and freshwater crocodiles, monitor lizards.
- Darters, Australian Pelicans, Ospreys, Black and Whistling Kites, White-bellied Sea-Eagles, Comb-crested Jacanas, Little Corellas, Pied Cormorants, Silver-crowned Friarbirds, Crimson Finches, Eastern Reef Egrets, Azure and Sacred Kingfishers, Crested Terns, Red-headed Honey-eaters.

ADVENTURER SUITE	\$14,400	ADVENTURER SUITE – Single Occupancy	\$21,600
EXPLORER SUITE	\$15,000	EXPLORER SUITE – Single Occupancy	\$22,500
VIEW SUITE	\$16,200		
VISTA SUITE	\$16,900		
VERANADA SUITE	\$23,600		

All above cruise fares are in CANADIAN funds per person based on double occupancy and single fares.

Initial deposit of 25% of the total cruise fare is required to secure your reservation.

Final payment to Silversea Cruises is required by OCTOBER 15, 2020

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- 26-day luxury cruise aboard the Silver Explorer Expedition.
- Highly qualified expedition team with experts in their field (marine biologists, ornithologists & historians).
- Excursions and activities, including explorations by Zodiac®.
- Complimentary expedition gear: backpack and water bottle on every voyage.
- 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.
- 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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