

Greenland & Canadian Arctic Reykjavik to Churchill aboard the Silver Cloud Expedition.

18 Day Luxury Adventure – July 19 to August 5, 2020

Join us for a journey that follows the route of the Norse in their explorations of Greenland. Heading first to East Greenland, we will experience the beauty of deep fjords and crystal clear glaciers. In South and West Greenland, we will see the remains of Norse settlements and will visit small towns and villages to encounter a fascinating mix of local and Danish culture. Heading over to Nunavut we will be looking for polar bears and walrus during Zodiac cruises. We will see outstanding local art in Iqaluit and Cape Dorset and will look for beluga whales in Churchill. 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.



Few places on earth harness the raw power and beauty of Mother Nature as effectively as Greenland. From the deep fjords and crystal clear glaciers of East Greenland to the mighty polar bears of Nunavut and beluga whales of Churchill, this is one voyage that defies description. Join our team of experts for a journey that follows the route of the Norse in a region virtually untouched by time.

Day 1	Depart CANADA		
Day 2	Reykjavik, ICELAND	Embark	5 pm
Day 3	Day at Sea	~	~
Day 4	Skoldungen Fjord, GREENLAND	9 am	4 pm
Day 5	Prins Christian Sund, GREENLAND	am	am
	Aapilattoq, GREENLAND	3 pm	9 pm
Day 6	Qaqortoq, GREENLAND	7:30 am	1:30 pm
	Hvalsey, GREENLAND	3:30 pm	10 pm
Day 7	Qassiarsuk, GREENLAND	6:30 am	3:30 pm
	Itilleq, GREENLAND	2 pm	10 pm
Day 8	Day at Sea	~	~
Day 9	Nuuk, GREENLAND	6:30 am	5 pm
Day 10	Day at Sea	~	~
Day 11	Iqaluit, NUNAVUT	7:30 am	4 pm
Day 12	Lady Franklin Island, NUNAVUT	6:30 am	11:30 am
	Monumental Island, NUNAVUT	2 pm	9 pm

Day 13	Lower Savage Islands, NUNAVUT	6 am	3 pm
Day 14	Akpatok Island, NUNAVUT	6 am	1 pm
Day 15	Cape Dorset, NUNAVUT	12:30 pm	6 pm
Day 16	Day at Sea	~	~
Day 17	Churchill, MANITOBA	12:30 pm	Overnight
Day 18	Churchill, MANITOBA	Disembark	
	Depart homebound.		

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Day 1 — Sunday, July 19, 2020
Depart Canada for Reykjavik, ICLEAND.

Depart CANADA

Day 2 — Monday, July 20, 2020

Reykjavik, ICLEAND

Upon arrival in Reykjavik, you will be embark the SILVER CLOUD EXPEDITION for your exciting 17-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 enjoy the privilege of visiting all the unique ports of call. Tonight, we invite you to familiarise yourself with the elegant Silver Cloud, meet some of your fellow travellers and enjoy the first of many memorable meals in one of the restaurants. **(B/D)**

Day 3 — Tuesday, July 21, 2020

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/L/D)**

Day 4 — Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Skoldungen Fjord, GREENLAND

Located on Greenland's relatively rarely visited rugged east coast, Skoldungen Fjord has enchanting scenery with towering mountains tipped with snow, ice-scraped valley sides and sculptured icebergs in shades of white and blue. At the top of the fjord one can easily see the retreating state of the Thrym Glacier. The U-shaped fjord offers spectacular scenery and as an extra perk, it is not uncommon to see whales in the fjord. **(B/L/D)**

Day 5 — Thursday, July 23, 2020

Prins Christian Sund / Aapilattoq, GREENLAND

Connecting the Denmark Strait with Davis Strait, Prins Christian Sund offers a protected course from southeastern to southwestern Greenland, and is one of South Greenland's most dramatic natural features. The water is generally placid and the crisp scent of ice fills the air. On either side of the Sund, waterfalls stream down sharp, wrinkled mountainsides. Depending on weather conditions, icebergs that glitter in the sun may be constant companions during the passage. Aapilattoq is a small settlement near the western end of Prins Christian Sund in southwestern Greenland. In the local Greenlandic language the name means, "sea anemone". This small village of 130 inhabitants, hidden behind a prominent rock, offers a good insight into the life of Greenlandic Inuit. A stroll through the village will reveal a small school and a church, along with the likely possibility of seeing a polar bear skin drying in the wind behind a local dwelling. People have lived off the land in the area around Aapilattoq since the 19th century. **(B/L/D)**

Day 6 — Friday, July 24, 2020

Qaqortoq / Hvalsey, GREENLAND

The largest town in southern Greenland, Qaqortoq has been inhabited since prehistoric times. Upon arrival in this charming southern Greenland enclave, it's easy to see why. Qaqortoq rises quite steeply over the fjord system around the city, offering breath-taking panoramic vistas of the surrounding mountains, deep, blue sea, Lake Tasersuag, icebergs

in the bay, and pastoral backcountry. Northeast of Qaqortoq and at the end of a fjord, Hvalsey is one of the best examples of South Greenland's many scattered ruins from the Norse period. Today the area is used for sheep-grazing, but until the 15th century the settlement at Hvalsey, and specifically Hvalsey's church, played an important part. Christianity had spread its influence throughout Europe and eventually had reached remote Greenland, where it established itself in the country in 1000 AD. Hvalsey Church was built in the 14th century and is the best preserved of the churches in Greenland from that period. **(B/L/D)**

Day 7 — Saturday, July 25, 2020

Qassiarsuk / Itilleq, GREENLAND

Qassiarsuk is the newer, Greenlandic name for this small village. Brattahlid is the older, Norse name. Here we tour the foundation remains of the manor house of Erik the Red, who found Greenland after being banished from Iceland and Norway for murder. We will also visit the site of the first Christian church ever built in North America (physiographically speaking), see a recently unearthed Norse graveyard that contains remains of 144 Norse colonists, and have a chance to admire Hans Lyngé's remarkable bronze sculpture of Erik the Red. Itilleq is an idyllic little village located on a small island about a half a mile off the west coast of Greenland, and only about a mile north of the Arctic Circle. It is one of the most picturesque villages in Greenland with its quaint colorful houses surrounded by stunning rugged mountains and glaciers. Originally, the village of Itilleq was founded on another island in 1847, but was later moved to its present location. The 100 people living here today survive mainly on hunting and fishing, with a fish factory being the main employer. **(B/L/D)**

Day 8 — Sunday, July 26, 2020

Day at Sea

Day 9 — Monday, July 27, 2020

Nuuk, GREENLAND

Nuuk, meaning "the cape", was Greenland's first town (1728). Started as a fort and later mission and trading post some 240 kilometers south of the Arctic Circle, it is the current capital. Almost 30% of Greenland's population lives in the town. Not only does Nuuk have great natural beauty in its vicinity, but there are Inuit ruins, Hans Egede's home, the parliament, and the Church of our Saviour as well. The Greenlandic National Museum has an outstanding collection of Greenlandic traditional dresses, as well as the famous Qilakitsoq mummies. **(B/L/D)**

Day 10 — Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Cruise Davis Strait

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Day 11 — Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Iqaluit, NUNAVUT

Iqaluit is the capital of Canada's newest territory, Nunavut, which is Inuktitut for "our land". The community is located at the head of Frobisher Bay, an inlet of the North Atlantic extending into southeastern Baffin Island. The Bay is so long that it was first taken to be the possible entrance of a Northwest Passage. In Iqaluit, the Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum and the Nunavut Legislative Assembly Building both house incredible collections of Inuit artwork with interesting local prints for sale in the museum shop. **(B/L/D)**

Day 12 — Thursday, July 30, 2020

Lady Franklin Island / Monumental Island, NUNAVUT

Named in honour of Sir John Franklin's widow, the lonely and uninhabited Lady Franklin Island lies off of Baffin Island's Hall Peninsula at the entrance to Cumberland Sound. The island is named for the wife of Sir John Franklin, the Arctic explorer who died trying to discover the Northwest Passage. The geology of the island is striking with vertical cliffs of Archean rocks, likely to be some of the oldest stone in Canada. The waters around Lady Franklin Island offer an abundance seabirds, ducks, seals, and walrus. Monumental Island in Davis Strait was named by Arctic explorer Charles Francis Hall as a tribute to the memory of Sir John Franklin who died in his quest to find the Northwest Passage. The island is offshore of Baffin Island in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago of the territory of Nunavut. Around the shoreline scores of Black Guillemots dive and fish for little Arctic cods and capelins. Successful birds fly off with a minnow grasped tightly in their beaks. On a far larger scale, it is possible to find groups of walrus with their impressive tusks along the shores of the island. **(B/L/D)**

Day 13 — Friday, July 31, 2020

Lower Savage Islands, NUNAVUT

The Lower Savage Islands are a small group of islands off of the southeastern tip of Baffin Island, and a common location for polar bears to be found during the summer months. With plenty of land to roam while giving each other a wide berth, plus opportunities to feed, it seems perhaps bears can be found here as the ice vanishes with the summer season's warming temperatures. *(B/L/D)*

Day 14 — Saturday, August 1, 2020

Akpatok Island, NUNAVUT

Akpatok Island is a remote spot near the northernmost limits of the Labrador Peninsula. Steep and sheer limestone cliffs jut out of icy waters. Encased in snow and surrounded with sea ice in the winter months, this uninhabited island lures huge amounts of wildlife, most notably the world's largest population of breeding Thick-billed Murres (known as Brünnich's Guillemots in Europe), estimated at well over a million birds. These auks flock to the bare cliffs of the island between June and September, and murrelets incubate their single pear-shaped egg on the cliff ledges. *(B/L/D)*

Day 15 — Sunday, August 2, 2020

Cape Dorset, NUNAVUT

Cape Dorset is a small Inuit hamlet located on Dorset Island, off the southern shore of Baffin Island. The traditional name for Cape Dorset is Kinngait (meaning "high mountain"), describing the 'Cape', which is actually a 800 foot mountain. This is a nature-lovers paradise with breath-taking landscapes and an amazing abundance of arctic wildlife, such as migratory caribou, seabirds, whales, seals and walrus. Ancient native Thule (Dorset Culture) peoples lived in this area for three thousand years, and it is here where the first archaeological remains were found. *(B/L/D)*

Day 16 — Monday, August 3, 2020

Day at Sea

Day 17 — Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Churchill, MANITOBA (*Overnight in Port*)

Churchill is not only known for its winter attraction of polar bears and the polar bear jail, but also as an important site for beluga whales that congregate in the Churchill River in June and July. Conditions permitting a Zodiac cruise will be done looking for the whales. *(B/L/D)*

Day 18 — Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Churchill, MANITOBA

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.

Voyage Highlights:

Skjoldungen Fjord, Greenland – Skjoldungen, a large uninhabited island off of Greenland's east coast, offers a spectacular ship's cruise and (weather permitting) a Zodiac cruise to approach Thrym Glacier. Keep an eye out for whales, which are often spotted at the entrance to Skjoldungen Fjord. The island was named after Sjoldr, one of the first legendary Danish kings mentioned in the Old English poem *Beowulf*.

Prince Christian Sound, Greenland – *Silver Cloud* will cruise through the Prince Christian Sound, the waterway connecting the east and west coasts of Greenland. This is one of Greenland's most dramatic natural features, with its steep mountains, waterfalls and glaciers.

Qaqortoq, Greenland – The colorful houses of Qaqortoq are cheerfully painted in bright primary shades. The modest Qaqortoq Museum houses a unique collection of contemporary artwork, and a superb collection of Inuit artefacts associated with hunting and fishing. The town is also famous for "Stone and Man," an open air sculpture gallery consisting of rock carvings and etchings.

Qassiarsuk, Greenland – Brattahlid is the ancient home of Erik the Red and the community houses replicas of a Norse manor house and chapel as well as a statue honouring Erik's son that stands on a hilltop above the village.

Nuuk, Greenland – Nuuk is Greenland's capital. A walking tour will permit to take in Nuuk's natural

beauty and to see Hans Egede's home and the Church of our Saviour. Nuuk gives visitors a chance to view the famous Qilakitsoq mummies and traditional clothing and artefacts at the Greenlandic National Museum.

Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada – The Nunavut Legislative Assembly Building has a remarkable collection of Inuit art. The local museum (the only in the territory) has two galleries with a permanent exhibition of old and contemporary artefacts and art. In town very interesting street art and local carvings are exhibited along the main roads.

Lower Savage Islands, Nunavut, Canada – At the Lower Savage Islands Zodiac cruises (weather depending) will cover the channel between the islands in search of seals and polar bears.

Cape Dorset, Nunavut, Canada – Cape Dorset (Kinngait in Inuktitut, the local language) has been an important site for the Thule culture, but today is best known for the drawings, prints and carvings of its inhabitants. It considers itself to be the "Capital of Inuit Art" and we intend to visit the Kinngait Studios to hear more about the local artists and their output.

Churchill, Manitoba, Canada – Churchill is not only known for its winter attraction of polar bears and the

polar bear jail, but also as an important site for beluga whales that congregate in the Churchill River in June and July. Conditions permitting a Zodiac cruise will be done looking for the whales.

Kayaking – Weather permitting, the *Silver Cloud* offers the opportunity to kayak in a small group under the guidance of certified kayak instructors. These special expeditionary excursions allow you to experience the wilds of Greenland and Nunavut in a peaceful silence.

Cultural Highlights - Retrace the route taken by the Norse and see the remains of Norse manors, chapels and churches. Visit a small village in Southwest Greenland to see how the Inuit live in current day. A visit to the Greenlandic National Museum in Nuuk will provide an excellent overview of the different cultures that have lived in Greenland. See the outstanding artwork produced by Inuit in Nunavut.

Wildlife Watch List - Humpback whales, minke whales, beluga whales and orcas. Seabirds of note: Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Common Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Arctic Tern, Black-legged Kittiwakes. Land birds: Ravens, White Wagtail, Common Redpoll, Lapland Bunting, Lapland Longspur, Northern Wheatear, Red-throated Diver, Purple Sandpiper.

VISTA SUITE	\$21,500	VISTA SUITE – Single Occupancy	\$32,250
VERANDA SUITE	\$25,000	VERANDA SUITE – Single Occupancy	\$37,500
DELUXE VERANDA	\$29,100	DELUXE VERANDA – Single Occupancy	\$43,650
MEDALLION SUITE	\$38,000		
SILVER SUITE	\$44,800		

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 MARCH 12, 2020

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