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Silversea Cruises – Silver Muse

CRUISE FROM VANCOUVER TO SEWARD (OR VICE VERSA)

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Renowned for extraordinary worldwide voyages aboard magnificent cruise ships, Silversea Cruises bring you all that you would expect and more from one of the world's finest luxury cruise lines.

Experience the wild natural beauty of Alaska onboard the new ultra-luxury *Silver Muse*. New in spring 2017, accommodating 596 guests, the *Silver Muse* is without question simply divine and offers eight dining venues, spacious outdoor areas and up-to-the-minute technology. Enjoy watching pods of humpback whales feeding on herring, and stroll along the beach for a salmon barbeque – this is a voyage to delight both the eyes and tastebuds. Savour the Russian-influenced town of Sitka before cruising the Hubbard Glacier and finally disembarking in beautiful Seward, home of Alaska's oldest community.

Silver Muse offers the highest number of large suites onboard any of Silversea's ships. *Silver Muse* blends state of the art technology, Italian craftsmanship and luxury modern amenities. Look forward to eight innovative dining venues, multiple culinary options and new and improved facilities on board. Indulge in mellow pursuits of a yoga class or spa treatment. Retreat with afternoon tea and a newspaper, or polish off your astronomy skills in the Panorama Lounge. Cooking classes, a tasting session with a Relais & Chateaux chef or a fascinating lecture by a guest speaker can also be enjoyed.

Key Facts

- * 8 Days / 7 Nights
- * 2020 Departure Dates: Various dates available between May & September
- * Upgrades Available



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Accommodation

Silversea's oceanview suites are some of the most spacious in cruising, and all include the services of a butler. Select your suite then 'Request a Quote' – guests who book early are rewarded with the best fares and ability to select their desired suite.

VISTA SUITE

A quiet sanctuary. The sitting area of the Vista Suite has plenty of room in which to relax. Large picture windows frame panoramic ocean views, the perfect backdrop for breakfast in bed.

VERANDA SUITE

A Silversea signature, the Veranda Suite is spacious and welcoming. Floor-to-Ceiling glass doors open onto a furnished private teak veranda along the suite. Each spectacular sunset feels like it is yours alone.

PANORAMA SUITE

Providing generous living space for voyagers, the seating area of the Panorama Suite has plenty of room to relax, while large picture windows frame panoramic ocean views.

SILVER SUITE

The upper deck location gives the most spectacular of sea views, the spacious living area allows for comfortable relaxing where cosy nights in become veritable experiences in themselves. The two-bedroom configuration of this suite makes this the ideal option for families.

ROYAL SUITE

Commanding and majestic, the Royal Suite boasts a lavish living area perfect for entertaining, plush interior furnishings and sweeping seascapes from the private terrace.



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Dining

THE RESTAURANT

Sparkling with silver, crystal and candlelight, Silversea's main dining room serves contemporary, international cuisine with sophisticated elegance and impeccable service. Menus feature regional specialities unique to the voyage destination. During days at sea aboard your cruise, choose something from La Collection du Monde, a series of signature dishes created exclusively for Silversea by the Grands Chefs Relais & Châteaux. The Restaurant on this luxury cruise ship offers open-seating dining, which means there are no assigned times and no assigned tables. You are free to dine when, where and with whom you please.

THE GRILL

One of the healthiest cuisines to exist, The Grill features lava stone cooking at its finest. Sourced from volcanic rock and placed in an oven to reach an optimum temperature of 400°C, The Grill invites guests to cook their food directly at their table. Place your meat, fish or vegetables on top of the grill stone or inside the soup bowl, and then simply cook to your very own taste. With the stone cooking available in the evenings only, The Grill becomes a daytime rotisserie and gourmet salad and burger bar, offering build-your-own burgers from the best selections of meat.

LA TERRAZZA

Onboard this luxury cruise ship a divine selection of Italy's best cuisine is served à la carte in La Terrazza. Authentic recipes and the freshest ingredients come together with flair and passion aboard this luxury cruise – a flavourful expression of Silversea's distinctive Italian heritage. La Terrazza uses buffalo mozzarella from Naples, organic balsamic vinegar and olive oil from Umbria, and air-dried ham out of Parma. The Emilia-Romagna region also produces Silversea's 24-month aged Parmigiano Reggiano, while the pasta is made daily right onboard.

LA DAME BY RELAIS & CHATEAUX

The only Wine Restaurant by Relais & Châteaux at sea can be found aboard the luxury cruise ships of Silversea. Indulge in an evening where fine wines are complemented by a Set Tasting Menu of regionally-inspired dishes in an intimate, elegant setting. Our wine restaurant offers an extraordinary six-course experience celebrating the world's most distinguished wine regions. Reservations only at an additional charge.



Amenities & Services

You will find many amenities and services aboard this luxury cruise such as a beauty salon, casino, card room, internet café and a library. In addition, Silversea offers striking new shipboard boutiques, re-imagined and redesigned by famed Italian architect Tiziano Vudafieri and his team at Vudafieri & Saverino Studio, are stunning modern design spaces befitting the finest creations from an array of legendary designers.

Enjoy great entertainment in the Show Lounge. Every seat in this multi-tiered venue enjoys a clear view to the stage. Applaud a broad spectrum of entertainment presented during the cruise – from full-scale production shows and classical soloists, to cultural entertainment and feature films. The Show Lounge also presents port talks, enrichment lectures and a variety of special events.

The Panorama Lounge is specially designed to provide an uninterrupted view of the day's destination from the comfort of the luxury cruise ship's interior. This is an ideal place to unwind, enjoy afternoon tea, listen to the pianist and watch the setting sun.

Relax your body and mind in the Zagara Spa. Indulge in a wide range of invigorating therapies including facials, body wraps and massages. Men's and women's saunas and steam rooms are perfect for relaxing before your spa treatment or after your workout.

On the Pool Deck you'll find loungers arranged in the sun or shade, bubbling whirlpools and the pool water refreshing in warmer climates, heated for cooler weather.

The Fitness Centre on board this luxury cruise ship is equipped with free weights, weight machines, state-of-the-art treadmills, elliptical trainers and recumbent and upright bicycles. Classes in aerobics, yoga, Pilates and circuit training are available.



DAY 1

Vancouver – Departs at 18:00hrs

Consistently ranked as one of the world's most liveable cities, Vancouver lures visitors with its abundance of natural beauty, multicultural vitality, and cosmopolitan flair. The attraction is as much in the range of food choices – the fresh seafood and local produce are some of North America's best – as it is in the museums, shopping opportunities, and beaches, parks and gardens. Indeed, the Vancouver package is a delicious juxtaposition of urban sophistication and on-your-doorstep wilderness adventure. The mountains and seascape make Vancouver an outdoor playground for hiking, skiing, kayaking, cycling, and sailing, while the cuisine and arts scenes are equally diverse, reflecting the makeup of Vancouver's ethnic (predominantly Asian) mosaic. Yet despite all this vibrancy, the city still exudes an easy West Coast style. More than eight million visitors each year come to Canada's third-largest metropolitan area. Vancouver is wonderfully walkable, especially in the downtown core. The mild climate, exquisite natural scenery, and relaxed outdoor lifestyle keep attracting residents, and the number of visitors is increasing for the same reasons. People often get their first glimpse of Vancouver when catching an Alaskan cruise, and many return at some point to spend more time here.

DAY 2

Cruising The Inside Passage – Cruising Only

The Inside Passage is one of the most scenic sea-locations in the world. You'll see lush forests and stunning turquoise glaciers.

DAY 3

Ketchikan

Ketchikan is famous for its colourful totem poles, rainy skies, steep-as-San Francisco streets and lush island setting. Some 13,500 people call the town home, and, in the summer, cruise ships crowd the shoreline, floatplanes depart for Misty Fiords National Monument, and salmon-laden commercial fishing boats motor through Tongass Narrows. In the last decade Ketchikan's rowdy, blue-collar heritage of logging and fishing has been softened by the loss of many timber-industry jobs and the dramatic rise of cruise-ship tourism. With some effort, though, visitors can still glimpse the rugged frontier spirit that once permeated this hardscrabble cannery town. Art lovers should make a beeline for Ketchikan as the arts community here is very active. Travellers in search of the perfect piece of Alaska art will find an incredible range of pieces to choose from. The town is at the foot of 3,000-foot Deer Mountain, near the southeast corner of Revillagigedo (locals shorten it to Revilla) Island. Despite its imposing backdrop, hillside homes, and many staircases, Ketchikan is relatively easy to walk through. Favourite downtown stops include the Spruce Mill Development shops and Creek Street. A bit further away you'll find the Totem Heritage Centre and Deer Mountain Tribal Hatchery. Out of town (but included on most bus tours) are two longtime favourites: Totem Bight State Historical Park and Saxman Native Village Totem Pole Park.



DAY 4

Juneau

Juneau, Alaska's capital and third-largest city, is on the North American mainland but can't be reached by road. The city owes its origins to two colourful sourdoughs (Alaskan pioneers) – Joe Juneau and Richard Harris – and to a Tlingit chief named Kowee, who led the two men to rich reserves of gold at Snow Slide Gulch, the drainage of Gold Creek around which the town was eventually built. For some sixty years after Juneau's founding, gold was the mainstay of the economy. In its heyday the AJ (for Alaska Juneau) Gold Mine was the biggest low-grade ore mine in the world. Juneau's mines leave a rich legacy, though: before it closed, the AJ Gold Mine alone produced more than \$80 million in gold. Perhaps because of its colourful history, Juneau is full of contrasts. Its dramatic hillside location and historic downtown buildings provide a frontier feeling, but the city's cosmopolitan nature comes through in fine museums, noteworthy restaurants, and a literate and outdoorsy populace. Here you can enjoy the Mt. Roberts Tramway, plenty of densely forested wilderness areas, quiet bays for sea kayaking, and even a famous drive-up glacier. Along with the Alaska State Museum and Mt. Roberts Tramway, make time for a tour to Mendenhall Glacier and the Macaulay Salmon Hatchery.

DAY 5

Skagway

Located at the northern terminus of the Inside Passage, Skagway is a one-hour ferry ride from Haines. By road, however, the distance is 359 miles, as you have to take the Haines Highway up to Haines Junction, Yukon, then take the Alaska Highway 100 miles south to Whitehorse, and then drive a final 100 miles south on the Klondike Highway to Skagway. North-country folk call this sightseeing route the Golden Horseshoe or Golden Circle tour, because it passes a lot of gold-rush country in addition to spectacular lakes, forest, and mountain scenery. The town is an amazingly preserved artefact from North America's biggest, most-storied gold rush. Most of the downtown district forms part of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, a unit of the national park system dedicated to commemorating and interpreting the frenzied stampede of 1897 that extended to Dawson City in Canada's Yukon. Nearly all the historic sights are within a few blocks of the cruise-ship and ferry dock, allowing visitors to meander through the town's attractions at whatever pace they choose. Whether you're disembarking from a cruise ship, a ferry, or a dusty automobile fresh from the Golden Circle, you'll quickly discover that tourism is the lifeblood of this town.



DAY 6

Sitka

It's hard not to like Sitka, with its eclectic blend of Alaska Native, Russian, and American history and its dramatic and beautiful open-ocean setting. This is one of the best Inside Passage towns to explore on foot, with such sights as St. Michael's Cathedral, Sheldon Jackson Museum, Castle Hill, Sitka National Historical Park, and the Alaska Raptor Center topping the town's must-see list. In the 1800s the community built a major shipbuilding and repair facility, sawmills, and forges, and even initiated an ice industry, shipping blocks of ice from nearby Swan Lake to the booming San Francisco market. The settlement that was the site of an 1802 conflict is now called Old Sitka. It is a state park and listed as a National Historic Landmark. The town declined after its 1867 transfer from Russia to the United States, but it became prosperous again during World War II, when it served as a base for the US effort to drive the Japanese from the Aleutian Islands. Today its most important industries are fishing, government and tourism.

DAY 7

Cruise – Hubbard Glacier

Hubbard Glacier, off the coast of Yakutat, Alaska, is the largest glacier in North America, with a calving front that is more than six miles wide. One of the main sources for Hubbard Glacier originates seventy-six miles inland. It has been a very active glacier, experiencing two major surges in the past thirty years. This glacier was named after Gardiner Greene Hubbard, a US lawyer, financier and philanthropist. He was the first president of the National Geographic Society.

DAY 8

Arrival in Seward – End of Cruise – Arrives at 07:00hrs

It is hard to believe that a place as beautiful as Seward exists. Surrounded on all sides by Kenai Fjords National Park, Chugach National Forest and Resurrection Bay, Seward offers all the quaint realities of a small railroad town with the bonus of jaw-dropping scenery. This little town of about 2,750 citizens was founded in 1903, when survey crews arrived at the ice-free port and began planning a railroad to the Interior. Since its inception, Seward has relied heavily on tourism and commercial fishing. It is also the launching point for excursions into Kenai Fjords National Park.



What's Included?

- * 7 nights of ocean-view suite accommodation in your selected category
- * Complimentary beverages throughout the ship and your suite
- * In-suite butler service
- * Gourmet dining by Grands Chefs Relais & Châteaux
- * Open-seating dining (dine when and where you choose)
- * Onboard gratuities
- * 24-hour room service
- * Wide choice of entertainment

2020 Departure Dates

VANCOUVER TO SEWARD

- * May 28th
- * June 11th & 25th
- * July 9th & 23rd
- * August 6th & 20th
- * September 3rd

SEWARD TO VANCOUVER

- * June 4th & 18th
- * July 2nd, 16th & 30th
- * August 13th & 27th August

Travelling in the USA

As you will be travelling in the USA you will need to obtain an ESTA. It is your responsibility to ensure you have this before you travel. Please go to <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> for more information.

Effective April 1st, 2016, all Visa Waiver Program (VWP) passengers travelling to the United States are required to have an electronic passport (e-chip) or risk being denied entry upon arrival into the United States.

Please Note

Any shore excursions described in this sample itinerary would be optional. Please enquire for more details.

The Next Step?

Speak to Denise or one of our expert team and get your holiday off to the perfect start!

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