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# NEW OFF-THE-BEATEN-PATH TOURS HIGHLIGHT SILVERSEA'S 2015 VOYAGES

Eleven new overland adventures in some of the world's most exotic locales are among more than 60 extended mid-voyage excursions ultra-luxury Silversea Cruises will be offering in 2015

Unlike a partial day shore tour, single or multiple day inland adventures offer a more intimate, in-depth and personal encounter with the local people, history, wildlife, and natural attractions that lie just beyond the ports of call.

"We always strive to offer fresh, innovative programmes that provide a variety of authentic onshore options," said Darius Mehta, Silversea's Vice President of Air and Land programmes. "These new mid-voyage adventures are carefully designed for travellers seeking one-of-a-kind experiences that will take them further into a region, giving them plenty of time to actively engage in its scenery, activities, and cultural heritage."

From the soaring Andes to the glistening lakes of Patagonia, from the beaches of Polynesia to the glaciers of New Zealand, from the grasslands of Kenya to the monuments of India, Silversea's new overland adventures offer rare access to transformational places and experiences. On these exciting overland tours, participants may come face-to-face with a giant tortoise in the Galapagos, track mountain gorillas in Africa, or marvel at unique marine life from the balcony of an overwater bungalow in Polynesia.

The following is a sampling of the new mid-voyage land adventures for 2015:

### AFRICA

**Tsavo East National Park Bush-Walking Safari** - (2 Days / 1 Night -- Depart / Rejoin Ship: Mombasa)

The Tsavo East National Park offers a vast and untapped arena of arid bush washed by the azure and emerald meandering of



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the Galana River. Visitors who explore the diversity of the park on foot may observe lions, cheetahs, serval cats, zebras, elephants, monitor lizards, and more. Two game drives are included. Available on *Silver Whisper's* March 6 voyage (#4506).

**Gorillas in the Forest** - (6 Days / 5 Nights -- Depart: Cape Town / Rejoin Ship: Luanda)

A truly inspiring experience awaits visitors to the Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp. Nestled deep inside Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in southwest Uganda and home to half the world's mountain gorillas, the sanctuary's tented camp is the ideal base for launching guided safaris to track and interact with these amazing primates in the wild. Available on *Silver Whisper's* April 5 voyage (#4508).

## ASIA

**Taj Mahal & Jaipur - A Magical Journey to India** - (4.5 Days / 4 Nights -- Depart: Phuket / Rejoin Ship: Colombo)

There are few places in the world that evoke such profound impact on its visitors as the Taj Mahal in Agra. Once the capital of the great Mughal Empire, Agra itself is well worth a visit for its repository of some of the Mughals most famous monuments. And there are few places in the world that compare with the Pink City of Jaipur, where guests stay on this magical journey into India's wonders. Available on *Silver Whisper's* March 6 voyage (#4506).

## OCEANIA

**Over-the-Water Overnight** - (1.5 Days / 1 Night -- Depart: Moorea / Rejoin Ship: Papeete)

Perched above the water on stilts, the overwater bungalows of Moorea's InterContinental Resort & Spa offer a unique escape. They are iconic, thatch-roofed symbols of a tropical paradise. Guests can watch marine life from their balcony or climb down steps to snorkel directly in a Pacific lagoon. Available on *Silver Whisper's* January 5 voyage (#4501) and *Silver Spirit's* sailing of January 22 (#5502).

**New Zealand Explorer** - (4 Days / 3 Nights -- Depart: Akaroa / Rejoin Ship: Milford Sound)

New Zealand's highest peaks, longest glaciers, and many of its most beautiful lakes are revealed with scenic drives through its two famous national parks – Mount Cook and Fiordland – both located in the Te Wahipounamu area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Memorable highlights include a ski plane flight to the Tasman Glacier, a cruise on Lake Tasman, and a jet boat excursion on the Shotover River. Available on *Silver Spirit's* February 12 voyage (#5504).

## SOUTH AMERICA

**The Andes & the Train to the Devil's Nose** - (5 Days / 4 Nights -- Depart: Manta / Rejoin Ship: Callao)

Travelers can immerse themselves in the cultural and natural

diversity of Ecuador's majestic Andean region, witnessing up-close its grassy highlands, cloud forests, mountain lakes, active volcanoes, colonial towns, and haciendas. Highlighting the program is the Devil's Nose, a thrilling train ride through the Andes featuring a 45-degree descent. Available on *Silver Shadow's* January 7 voyage (#3501).

**Galápagos Adventure** - (5 Days / 4 Nights -- Depart: Manta / Rejoin Ship: Callao)

There is no place on earth quite like the Galápagos Islands, carved out by roaring volcanoes and titanic geothermic upheavals. Visitors may come face-to-face with a giant tortoise, or admire blue-footed boobies and sunbathing sea lions. The program includes two days exploring the islands by boat, plus accommodations at the Royal Palm Hotel, located in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island. Available on *Silver Shadow's* January 7 voyage (#3501).

**Patagonia Express** - (3 Days / 2 Nights -- Depart: Punta Arenas / Rejoin Ship: Ushuaia)

The southern cone of South America, known as Patagonia, is home to ice-clad mountain peaks, ancient forests, dazzling lakes, and immense glaciers. Visitors can experience this spectacular scenery in the national parks of Torres del Paine, in Chile, and Los Glaciares, in Argentina, both included in this tour. Available on *Silver Shadow's* January 25 voyage (#3502).

The optional mid-voyage land programs feature deluxe accommodations (if overnight stays are required), all transportation, transfers, guided sightseeing and some meals. Prices for the above-listed adventures range from \$1,899 to \$8,999 per person, based on double occupancy.

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**Notes to editors:**

Silversea Cruises, which is chaired by Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio, is recognised as an innovator in the luxury cruise line industry, offering guests large-ship amenities aboard its intimate, all-suite vessels: *Silver Cloud*, *Silver Wind*, *Silver Shadow*, *Silver Whisper* and *Silver Spirit* – all designed to offer an atmosphere of conviviality and casual elegance. With the inclusion of the expedition ships *Silver Explorer*, *Silver Galapagos* and *Silver Discoverer* Silversea Cruises' itineraries encompass all seven continents and feature worldwide luxury cruises to the Mediterranean, Caribbean, both polar regions and over 450 fascinating destinations in between.

In the U.K, Silversea has been voted:

“Best Small-Ship line” by Readers of Condé Nast Traveller (10 times including 2013)

Best Cruise Line' by The Guardian and The Observer Travel Awards (2009, 2010)

Best Luxury Cruise Line' at UK's Travel Weekly Globe Awards (7 times including 2012)

World's Leading Luxury Cruise Line" from World Travel Awards (2009, 2010)

Best Luxury Cruise Provider" from Travel Bulletin Star Awards (5 times, including 2011)

"Best Luxury Cruise Line" by Scottish Passenger Agents Association Award (2004-2009, 2011, 2013)

"Best Luxury Cruise Line" from Travel Bulletin Star Awards (6 times)