



SILVERSEA INTRODUCES GRAND EXPEDITIONS

Guests save 20% off cruise fares paired with connecting land adventure

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For further information and images please contact Paul Charles / Philip Allport / Katie Moine / Alana Fogarty at Perowne Charles Communications Luxury expedition cruise line Silversea is pleased to announce the launch of *Grand Expeditions*. Sailing from October 2015, Silversea has created five epic, once-in-a-lifetime combined voyages, each offering guests a unique experience from sea, to land, to sea again.

Ranging from 18 to 34 days, the *Grand Expeditions* begin with an expedition cruise in the Galapágos Islands, before connecting to a land adventure, and ending with a further expedition cruise exploring the coast of Central America, South America, or Antarctica.

The all-inclusive *Grand Expeditions* package is orchestrated by Silversea and incorporates cruise fares for *Silver Galapagos* and *Silver Explorer* at 20% off the individual published rate. Also featured in the package are hotel accommodations, land tours, return air travel between Ecuador and the Galápagos Islands, intra-tour air travel and ground transportation, as well as charter flights to Ushuaia, if applicable.

"Our *Grand Expeditions* offer a unique blend of overland adventure combined with two amazing expedition cruise experiences - all expertly curated by our destination experts," said Lisa McAuley, Commercial Director UK and Ireland.

The *Grand Expeditions* are briefly recapped as follows:

Latin American Delights / 18 Days / October 1 - October 19

Silver Galapagos will explore the western Galápagos Islands, known for spectacular volcanic landscapes, penguin spotting, and snorkelling. Guests enjoy a post-cruise overnight stay in silversea@verypcc.com

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Guayaquil and then fly to Panama to embark *Silver Explorer*. Sailing from Colón to Guayaquil, guests will witness amazing wildlife, float up river in the Darien Jungle, and discover the beauty of Colombia's Pacific coast. (Combines expedition voyages 8537 and 7522.)

South American Sojourn / 25 Days / October 8 - November 2

Genovesa Island's Great Darwin Bay, formed by a collapsed caldera, and Española Island's abundant wildlife highlight this north central itinerary of *Silver Galapagos*. A two-night, post-cruise stay in Guayaquil features an afternoon tour of the city before guests embark *Silver Explorer*. Voyaging from Guayaquil to Valparaiso, guests will be immersed in the unique cultures and landscapes of Peru and Chile. (Combines expedition voyages 8538 and 7523.)

Frigatebirds, Ice Fields & Fjords / 23 Days / October 22 - November 14

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Conquer S. America & Antarctica / 34 Days / October 29 - December 2 & Southernmost South America / 26 Days / November 26 - December 22

Silver Galapagos will explore the western Galápagos Islands, known for spectacular volcanic landscapes, penguin spotting, and snorkelling. Guests then enjoy a seven-night land adventure, featuring excursions to Machu Picchu and Iguazu Falls, two of South America's most sought-after destinations, before embarking Silver Explorer in Ushuaia for an incredible journey to discover the marvels of Antarctica. (Expedition voyage combinations are 8541/7525 and 8545/7527.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

For complete details, visit Silversea.com/exclusive-offers/gran-expedition.

Notes to editors:

Silversea Cruises, chaired by Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio, is recognised as an innovator in the luxury cruise line industry and in 2015 launched inclusive shore excursions and WIFI on all Mediterranean cruises for the year. Silversea offers 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 800 fascinating destinations in between.

In the U.K, Silversea has been voted:

- "Best Small Ship Cruise Line" by readers of Condé Nast Traveller (11 times including 2013 & 2014)
- "Best Luxury Cruise Line" from Travel Bulletin Star Awards (8 times, including 2014)
- "Best Luxury Cruise Line" Irish Travel Trade Awards (2014)
- "Best Luxury Cruise Line" at UK's Travel Weekly Globe Awards (9 times including 2015)
- "Best Specialist Cruse Line" at TTG Awards (2013)
- "Best Luxury Cruise Line" by Scottish Passenger Association Awards (2004-2009, 2011, 2013)
- "Best Cruise Line" by The Guardian and The Observer Travel Awards (2009, 2010)