

# ALASKA BOUND

With *SILVER SHADOW* September 2010

**SILVERSEA**  
*one aim, excellence.*

Alaska is the perfect place to try your first small ultra luxury cruise ship experience. It is a sailor's paradise.

The Silver Shadow, with a maximum of only 382 guests is small enough to sneak into inlets and bays not accessible to other large cruise ships. The Captain works closely with the local marine research vessels to check out weather conditions and the best bays to visit taking you up close and personal with the glacier and snow capped mountain scenery, cascading waterfalls and tree covered mountains, with the hope of also catching sight of plenty of wildlife, including whales, seals, sea otters, bald eagles, moose even the odd grizzly if you are lucky.

Silver Shadow is an all inclusive, all suite ship. No signing or paying for wines and drinks. A range of complimentary fine international wines, champagnes and spirits is included in the fare, along with gratuities, 24 hour room service and a choice of dining venues. The spacious suites have queen size beds, separate living area, marble bathrooms with separate bath and shower, walk in robes, satellite TV and DVD. Most have a private veranda.

The Inside Passage offers a dream destination for sailing. Sample Alaska King crab and salmon fresh from surrounding waters, cooked to perfection by the team of Relais & Chateau trained chefs.

Internationally renowned lecturers provide an insight to the history and ecology of Alaska and North West Canada. Shore excursions can take you snow-sledding with huskies one day, by helicopter to land on pristine snow-fields and glaciers the next, by seaplane and inflatable to explore the scenery and wildlife of tiny inlets on another. Be sure to sample the Canadian wines. They are a well kept secret.



# THE PROGRAM

## Friday September 03

### Vancouver

Arrive in Vancouver and transfer to "Silver Shadow"

## Saturday September 04

### Cruise the Inside Passage

View wild nature before our first port of call.

## Sunday September 05

### Sitka, Alaska

Sitka began as an important Tlingit Indian village called Shee At'ika. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, Sitka became a full-scale naval base. At one point during the war, Sitka's population totalled 37,000. The biggest boom for Sitka came in 1959 when the Alaska Lumber and Pulp Company built a mill near the city.

Today, picturesque Sitka is known for fishing and its many historic attractions.

## Monday September 06

### Skagway

Skagway's inhabitants number less than 1,000 today, yet the town retains the flavour of the Gold Rush era in its historic downtown area. In addition to its fascinating history, Skagway also offers visitors opportunities to explore its expansive natural beauty. Hiking trails along the Skagway River or a journey on the famous narrow-gauge White Pass and Yukon Line offer incredible panoramic vistas

## Tuesday September 07

### Juneau, Alaska

Juneau the second-largest city in area is one of only two state capitals in the country not accessible by road. Fine restaurants, museums and sophisticated shops highlight the eclectic blend of small-town charm and cosmopolitan flair.

It is famous for the unrivalled beauty of its spectacular mountains, glaciers, fjords, lakes and wildlife. The town is nestled in the rain forest where the mountains meet the sea amidst the 17-million-acre Tongass National Forest, and a 1,500-square-mile ice field. Juneau's terrain is hilly, and its winding narrow streets are filled with character. This quaint yet sophisticated town is also rich in culture and gold-mining history.

In 1880, prospectors Joe Juneau and Richard Harris, led by the Tlingit chief Kowee, beached their canoes along the Gastineau Channel at the mouth of Gold Creek. They staked out a 160-acre town site, and a Gold Rush boomtown was born. After the loose gold in streambeds ran out, Juneau became a centre for hard-rock mining.

These mines yielded over \$158 million in gold between 1880 and 1944. The last of four large mines that operated in the area closed down during World War II. By this time, Juneau had become the capital of Alaska and the business of government had replaced that of mining.

In 1799, Alexander Baranof of the Russian American Company, a Colonial trading company, set up camp at what is now called Old Sitka, located 7.5 miles north of the present-day town. The Tlingit Indians of the area resisted the occupation and, in 1802, burned the fort and massacred the Russian settlers while Baranof was away. Two years later, Baranof returned and besieged the Tlingits. The Tlingits withdrew, and left the Russians to build a new city on a different site. Baranof named this city New Archangel, or 'Novoarkhangel'sk'.

For over six decades, New Archangel was the capital of Russian Alaska. However, by 1867, the Alaskan colony had become too much of a financial burden to Russia. William Seward, U.S. Secretary of State, negotiated with Russia to purchase the Territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million.



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**Wednesday September 08**  
**Cruise Tracyarm/Sawyer Glacier**

The opportunity to cruise the local glacier region is a highlight of this amazing voyage.

**Thursday September 09**  
**Ketchikan, Alaska**

The Tlingit Indians originally settled this area as a summer fishing camp, where five different species of salmon spawn every year. By the mid-1930s, Ketchikan had aptly named itself the 'Salmon Capital of the World'.

Once a quintessential Alaskan logging and fishing town, Ketchikan was a workday place but drastic declines in both the logging and fishing industries forced the city to change course, and today Ketchikan is a charming tourist town catering to cruising guests. Ketchikan also boasts the world's largest collection of standing totem poles, and the nearby Misty Fjords National Monument.

**Friday September 10**  
**Cruise Inside Passage**

**Saturday September 11**  
**Victoria, British Columbia**

This intimate, sophisticated seaside city is the capital of British Columbia, and one of the top tourist destinations in the Pacific Northwest. Victoria is situated on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, and enjoys one of Canada's mildest climates. In terms of environment and lifestyle, it boasts the sunniest spot in the province and the gentlest climate in the country.

Victoria's unique character is deeply rooted in its 150-year history. The city's British Colonial heritage is still very much in evidence, but contemporary Victoria has a distinctly Pacific Northwest flavour.

**Sunday September 12**  
**Vancouver, British Columbia**

Vancouver is the third largest city in Canada. Along the waterfront, visitors can see everything from the cobblestone streets of late-Victorian Gastown to shiny, post-modern cathedrals.

In 1792, Captain George Vancouver explored Burrard Inlet during a coastal survey of what is now known as the Inside Passage. However, it was not until gold was discovered on the Fraser River in the 1860s that Vancouver actually became a town. At that time, the city was known as 'Gastown', named for saloonkeeper John 'Gassy Jack' Deighton, a talkative storyteller who opened Vancouver's first bar in 1867. A fire destroyed the settlement two months after it was incorporated.

Most of Vancouver's structures date back to the time of the rebuilding of the small town in 1886. With the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1889 with Vancouver as its terminus, the city established itself as Canada's main port for trade with the Orient. Today, the Port of Vancouver is still Canada's largest port and serves as a gateway to the Far East.

In the early-1900s, Vancouver city boomed with the development of the fishing and timber industries. World War II catapulted the city's economy into modern times, and successful redevelopment in recent years has made Vancouver a very charming and liveable city.

Several new structures, including Canada Place Pier, were built for the 1986 EXPO housing the Canadian Pavilion. It is currently the home of the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre.

The city will once again take its place in the spotlight when it hosts the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.



# THE PRICE

	SINGLE	DOUBLE / TWIN SHARE
Midship Veranda	\$12,640 .00pp	\$8,495.00 pp
Veranda	\$12,180.00 pp	\$8,220.00 pp
Vista	\$9,490.00 pp	\$7,250.00 pp

## INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy class airfares Sydney - Vancouver - Sydney with Air Canada
- Overnight Twin Share accommodation the night before embarkation in Vancouver including breakfast in a four star hotel
- Ultra luxury, 9 Night Silversea Cruise (twin share) onboard the *Silver Shadow*, in a vista suite departing Vancouver 3 September 2010 via The Inside Passage to Sitka, Skagway, Juneau, Tracyam, Sawyer Glacier, Ketchikan, Victoria Island and return to Vancouver
- All on board meals and entertainment
- 24 hour complementary in-suite dining service
- Champagne upon arrival and replenished as you desire
- Beverage cabinet stocked daily on request with your selection of wines, spirits and beverages
- Complimentary transportation into town
- All onboard gratuities
- Port charges government fees and taxes included

## Why Silversea Ultra Luxury Cruise:

- A small ultra luxury ship experience
- A maximum of only 382 guests so you are assured of professional service
- Experienced captains access the best bays to visit taking you up close and personal with the glacier and snow capped mountain scenery, cascading waterfalls and tree covered mountains
- Opportunity to view wildlife, including whales, seals, sea otters, bald eagles, moose even the odd grizzly if you are lucky
- A great choice of dining venues
- All Suites have queen size beds, separate living area, marble bathrooms with separate bath and shower, walk in robes, satellite TV and DVD. Most have a private veranda.
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