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Package #323

Spend a month in luxurious bliss aboard Silversea's Silver Shadow, exploring Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. The amalgamation of country and culture is phenomenal: from the iconic landmarks of Sydney to the dazzling lagoons of New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Fiji, then back to the mainland of New Zealand for Auckland. Follow this with an extravaganza of beauty in NZ – wide sweeping beaches, Maori culture and eerily silent fiords. End with an overnight in Melbourne. This is a sensational cruise not to be missed!

## Package Inclusions

- 30 night luxury cruise aboard Silver Shadow
- All meals on board
- Select wines, premium spirits, specialty coffees, as well as bottled water, juices and soft drinks are complimentary in all bars and lounges. Your suite's mini-bar is also stocked with your preferred beverages including wines and spirits. Your butler will replenish them upon request.
- Butler service in every suite
- Shore excursions in every port
- Gratuities

**PLUS!** Also receive:

- Round trip business class airfares\*
- Transfers from airport to ship

**PLUS!** Ultimate Cruising guests also receive:

- Chauffeur driven luxury car transfers from your home to the airport return (within 35km)
- 1 night accommodation pre-cruise

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## Cruise Highlights

### SYDNEY

With its glorious harbour, lavish golden beaches and iconic landmarks, Sydney is Australia's showpiece city. Creative and curious, discover the world-class cuisine, indigenous culture, and irresistible beach life that make Sydney one of the world's most dynamic, exciting destinations. Sydney's sparkling harbour is the heart of a richly cultural city. Overlooked by the metallic curves of the masterpiece of an Opera House, and that grand arched harbour bridge. Take it all in from the water, and admire the iconic landmarks, which are set before the city's gleaming skyline backdrop. If you're feeling adventurous, take the legendary climb up the smooth curve of the bridge – nicknamed the Coathanger - to soak in the shining city's spread from a unique perspective. Spread out to tan on one of the world's most famous stretches of sand - Bondi Beach. Restaurants and bars burble away in the background, while the sun beams down, and surfers curl and leap over pure rollers. Swim in spectacular salty ocean pools, or wander the beautiful Bondi to Coogee coastal walk for more of this sun-gorged stretch of prime coastline. Leaving the thrills of Australia's largest city behind is surprisingly simple – take to the skies to be flown above skyscrapers and rippling ribbons of waves, out to majestic peaks, sheer cliffs and iconic rock formations - like the Three Sisters of the Blue Mountains. Or, drop in on wildlife sanctuaries caring for the country's animals – from hopping kangaroos to adorably cute, cuddly koalas.

### NOUMEA

Perched overlooking the life-filled reefs of Noumea Lagoon, Noumea is the vibrant and colourful capital of New Caledonia. Catch some shade in the city's centre, below Coconut Palm Square, and absorb the vibrant fusion of French and Kanak cultures. Or take a leisurely open-air stroll along the waterfront, where white boats bob and jostle on the lapping waters. Bring your tongs - the local word for flipflops - there will be plenty of time to swim, sunbathe and leaf through paperbacks on dazzling beaches. Noumea is a perfect jumping-off point for serene island adventures too. Enjoy a voyage to the island paradise of Amedee Isl - a tiny green land with a narrow historic lighthouse rocketing up from its centre. Climb 247 steps for the stunning view of the blotchy blue waters all around. Or, explore the waters to swim among turtles and orange clownfish. Set among the New Caledonian barrier reef, there are incredible diving opportunities, and glass-bottom boats offer you a dry window into the underwater world. Kick back on some of the softest sands imaginable and enjoy glorious sea views from the inviting shade of coconut palms. More island jaunts like Illot Maitre - which translates as the Master Isle – tempt, where you'll find idyllic strings of stilted bungalows laced across the crystal-clear, shallow waters. Swim in the sparkling sea, and sprawl across the white sand beaches that are waiting. Back in the city, try soft coconut crab, following a starter

of New Caledonian prawns. Bougna is the traditional Melanesian meal of choice, and a social experience where locals share a mix of vegetables and chicken in coconut milk, slow-cooked for hours in a bed of banana leaves.

## **PINE ISLAND**

From the name alone, you know what to expect when setting sail for Pine Island - a South Pacific refuge decorated with an elegant gathering of tall, thin New Caledonian pine trees. What you can't prepare for is the sheer beauty of it all – a mesmerising drop of paradise in the crystalline waters, accented by the rocketing pine trees. Powdery white sand beaches fringe glorious bays, and the southern lagoon glows rich turquoise. The intensity of colours at alcoves like Kanamera Bay is utterly mesmerising - breathe in deep to appreciate the pine fragrances mingling with purest sea air. The island was given its name by James Cook, after he fell under the spell of the spindly trees, on landing here in 1774. One of the blissful islands of the French oversea collectivity of New Caledonia, enjoy the uncomplicated pleasure of lying back on the bed of a brilliant beach and soaking in the sunshine. Once used as a French penal colony, these days Pine Island is an indulgent escape, but you can still seek out the mossy ruins that hint at the more macabre past. The island harbours some of the world's most beautiful bays, sprinkled with powder-soft sand. Edging onto the New Caledonia Barrier Reef – the world's third-biggest barrier reef - the diving is exceptional, as you move between swirls of colourful fish and gliding turtles and rays. N'ga Peak rises gently over it all, rewarding with a great vantage point, following the jungled climb to its summit.

## **PORT VILA**

An archipelago of smiles and warm welcomes, Vanuatu enjoys a reputation as the happiest place in the world. With an abundance of stunning isolated beaches, and endless reefs offering idyllic escape from the humdrum, it's easy enough to understand why. Green-clad volcanoes rise from the depths of the South Pacific Ocean, creating 83 lush islands. Port Vila is the capital of this scattering of geothermal isles, where mountains brood, hot springs gurgle, and thick rainforests sway. The sounds of water rushing - as you cut through rainforest trails - offers a clue that you're getting close to the Mele Cascades - one of Port Vila's most dramatic and spectacular natural sights. A remarkable collection of plumes rolls through the jungle, and down into the refreshing splash pool waiting below. Jump in, to experience the cool hit of the fall's pure waters. Offshore islands offer exemplary snorkelling opportunities, and glass-bottom boat rides give privileged windows into the swirling worlds of colour below the waves. Explore more of the islands, to encounter traditional villages and Vanuatu island culture, or to seek out secluded beaches of crystal-clear water - where worries you didn't even realise you had will drift away. Set on Efate Island, Port Vila is close to a selection of marvellous beaches like Eton Beach and Crystal Blue Lagoon. Visit one of the many restaurants serving food from across the globe, to try fresh Spanish mackerel and meaty chunks of seared tuna. Or the adventurous can pound through the jungle on horseback, kayak on the river, or hook fish from the island's sparkling waters.

## **TANNA**

The largest town on the island of Tanna, Lenakel has traditionally been the first place visitors to the island see. And what a sight it is. Translucent aquamarine waters lap gently at sugar white sands, which are dotted with a few off ground bungalows. And this is the main city! Located on the west coast of the island, the island's easy port of entry made it a natural choice for the capital, and there was a time in the 19th century when this was the case. This was in the island's heady days of colonialisation, when the British arrived (and quickly departed) after unsuccessful attempts to grow cotton. The capital was then changed to Isangel – less than two kilometres away – leaving Lenakel with the largest population (today this is over 1,500 inhabitants, 46% of which is under 15). Thus Lenakel is a feast for the eyes and ears. Long sweeping bays, dotted with tall, skinny coconut trees stretch on for ever, while tropical birds provide a very pleasant chirruping soundtrack. Mount Yasur, the island's active volcano, hovers 361 metres high in the background. If you are feeling adventurous, a hike up its sides to see the 400 metre crater is spectacular. If you do not want to leave the paradisiacal shores, venture inland, where you'll find tradition is the name of the game in Lenakel. "Kastom" – loosely translated as traditional values and cultures – is strongly revered. A wander to the local market and tasting local "kaikai" (freshly prepared, local island food) is an unmissable experience.

## **SAVUSAVU**

An island paradise of rich colours and verdant scenery, Savusavu is a staggeringly beautiful, and gloriously undeveloped South Pacific island. Fiji's more tourist-orientated Viti Levu island is close by, but the joy of Savusavu comes in venturing off the beaten track and delving into the heart of a tropical idyll, where hidden villages welcome you with open arms. Revelling in its nickname as Fiji's hidden paradise, the country's second-largest island is a place of adventure - and geothermically fuelled relaxation. Mud baths burble and hot springs simmer across the island, adding to the sense that the land itself is alive and breathing. Trek the rainforests, with parrots chattering overhead, and see the colours splashed across the green landscapes and gardens by orchids and water lilies. Gardens overlook the gorgeous Savusavu Bay, and you can walk between hundreds of palm varieties and trees that droop, laden with exotic fruits. The sprawling rainforest opens up briefly to reveal Savusavu, the island's compact main town. Thriving coral reefs add yet more colour and life to the surrounding seabeds, with spectacular snorkelling opportunities, and the chance to spot bottlenose and spinner dolphins skipping and skimming acrobatically across the tips of the waves. The fertile environment also encourages black lip pearl oysters to thrive here, leading to the development of one of the island's treasured exports, beautiful black pearls. Visit the bay's farm to find out more.

## **BAY OF ISLANDS**

Every year hundreds of visitors flock to New Zealand's spectacular Bay of Islands. There you will find lush forests, splendid beaches, and shimmering harbours. The Treaty of Waitangi was signed here in 1840 between Māori and the British Crown, establishing the basis for the modern New Zealand state. Every year on February 6, the extremely beautiful Waitangi Treaty Ground (the name means weeping waters) is the sight of a celebration of the treaty and protests by Māori unhappy with it. Continuing north on the East Coast, the agricultural backbone of the region is even more evident and a series of winding loop roads off the main highway will take you to beaches that are both beautiful and isolated where you can swim, dive, picnic, or just laze.

## **AUCKLAND**

Blending beachy recreation with all the delights of a modern, diverse and thoroughly multicultural city, Auckland sits on the lucid blue-green waters of New Zealand's north island. Known as the 'City of Sails', its two harbours will tempt you with waterfront walks, and the chance to breathe fresh sea air deep into your lungs while absorbing spectacular views of Auckland's grand harbour bridge's span. Take in the true scale of Auckland's magnificent cityscape by ascending 192 metres to the Sky Tower, and looking out over the city's

gleaming silver towers, which reflect on the abundant waters below. Views over the bay and adjacent islands await, and you can share elegant cocktails at this dizzying height, above the mingling yachts of Viaduct Harbour. Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of the area at Auckland Art Gallery, Toi o Tāmaki. Set beside tranquil fountains and handsomely landscaped flowerbeds of Albert Park, the French-Renaissance building houses New Zealand's most extensive art collection, and exhibits works from Māori and Pacific artists. New Zealand is world-renowned for its captivating natural scenery, and day trips across the sparkling bays, to nearby islands like Waiheke, Tiritiri Matangi, and Rangitoto, are always tempting. Discover lava caves, grape-laden vineyards and flourishing wildlife in the Hauraki Gulf's islands. You'll also find an exceptional 360-degree panorama over the city, to the horizon beyond, from the heights of ancient Mount Eden. The spectacular dormant volcano rises improbably from a city suburb, and also lends its name to Eden Park – the unusual, translucent stadium of New Zealand's mighty All Blacks.

## **PICTON**

The gateway to New Zealand's South Island waits just across the Cook Strait from Wellington. Pretty Picton is a beautiful harbour town, lying on the cusp of the mighty scenery of the Marlborough Sounds Maritime Park, and providing an attractive link between New Zealand's two main islands. The journey into the scenic Queen Charlotte Sound is a vista that only New Zealand can provide, as you sail through crumpled green peaks and folding hills, towards Picton's little flotillas of yachts and endearing waterfront appeal. You could easily spend days here browsing art studios and galleries, nursing freshly ground coffees, and watching the undulations of the bay's waters from Picton's waterfront eateries. Or enjoying the coastal location and sea views while wandering Picton Memorial Park, among palm trees, bright flowers and benches that sit before sweeping views of the Sound. There's a lot to explore beyond Picton's limits, too, with mighty flayed inlets and glorious sweeping bays enticing you out into the sumptuous panoramas. The Marlborough Sounds are 1,500 km of eye-rubbingly beautiful scenery, formed by submerged valleys cascading down to the sea's waters. With its multitude of bays, coves and islands, you'll find no shortage of walks, as well as plenty of opportunities to get out onto the calm water and push through the gentle waves in kayaks. Or sit back and enjoy weaving through the scenery from the comfort of a sailboat, looking out for abundant wildlife like penguins, dolphins and seals. Vineyards coat the sheltered land between the mountains and ocean – generating the perfect climate for cultivation. Sample a glass of the renowned Sauvignon Blanc, from the Blenheim wine region nearby for a taste of the fruitful produce.

## **STEWART ISLAND**

Within touching distance of the South Island's southern tip, the majority of New Zealand's third-largest island is handed over to a beautiful sprawl of National Park. Taking its name from the Māori word 'Rakiura' which means 'land of the glowing skies' this is an island sanctuary of radiant beauty. Sunsets and sunrise are magical, but it's the swirling patterns of lights that dance across the heavens above that enchant above all else - as the southern hemisphere's version of the northern lights dazzles overhead. Slow the pace, on this island of leisurely fishing villages and swirling Maori legend. The majority of Stewart Island has been claimed by dense forests, which conceal wonderful wildlife watching opportunities, and reveal isolated coves and dramatic cliffs. Bring your hiking boots, as with only 15 miles of road, the best way to see the rugged beauty is by crunching along seaside trails. Coastal hikes along sweeping bays lead to viewpoints like Ackers Point, or you can take to the sea's waves to undulate gently offshore, admiring the island's coastline from the turquoise waters. Pleasure cruises along the scenic Paterson Inlet will take you out to islands teeming with life and animal activity. Stewart Island, and its scattered skerries, provide the perfect sanctuary for crowds of brilliant birdlife. Encounter everything from blue penguins to albatross and New Zealand's national icon - wild kiwis.

## **MILFORD SOUND**

Named after Milford Haven in Wales, Milford Sound is not a sound but a fjord, yet the name has stuck. In 1998 the Maori name Piopiotahi has been added and officially it should be written as Milford Sound/Piopiotahi. The local name refers to the extinct New Zealand Thrush (the piopio). Milford Sound sits within South Island's Fiordland National Park, one of the four national parks forming the UNESCO World Heritage site "Te Wahipounamu" –pounamu being the local greenstone highly estimated for carvings by the Maori. The fjord has a length of approximately 16 kilometers and a depth of more than 290 meters. Steep cliffs, several impressive waterfalls and dense rainforest characterize the fjord. Halfway down the fjord is Stirling Falls, the second tallest. Near the end of the sound the U-shaped Sinbad Gully and the famous Mitre Peak which rises to a height of 1,692 meters can be seen, while on the eastern side is Lady Bowen Falls, at 162 meters the tallest of the falls. The Piopiotahi Marine Reserve protects the flora and fauna in the water. Apart from bottlenose dolphins in the fjord, New Zealand fur seals can be seen resting on Seal Rock on the northern shore, while on the opposite side is a Fiordland Crested Penguin site.

## **MELBOURNE**

Australia's metropolitan cultural capital is a refined, contemporary and richly liveable city - which has a blend for every taste. The smells of freshly ground, artisan coffees fill the streets of this hip, youthful city, which is generously sprinkled with fine dining establishments, art galleries, and absorbing museums. With an airy outdoor lifestyle, Melbourne is a vibrant global hub of fashion, fun and festivities. Multicultural and diverse, Victoria's capital is crisscrossed by narrow alleys and splashed with street art. It's fair to say Melbourne's bearded baristas take their coffees seriously. Settle in to sample the unique coffee culture that is an essential part of Melbourne life. Looking for something a little stronger? The city's rooftop bars come alive with clinking cocktails as the sun sets. A world leader in culinary arts, take your seat at award-winning restaurants, and sample world foods alongside delicious wines, cultivated in the vineyards of the surrounding valleys. Savour a glass while cruising the arching Yarra River, for an unbeatable introduction to Melbourne. An outdoor city, it's no surprise that Melbourne is one of Australia's sporting giants. The vast bowl of Melbourne Cricket Ground serves as the city's sporting cathedral – squeezing in over 100,000 fans and hosting various sports on its hallowed, oval turf. Whether it's the rumble of hoofs during the Melbourne Cup, revs of engines during the Formula One, or thwacks of tennis balls during the Australian Open - few places can boast such a comprehensive list of high-profile sporting appeals.

## **Departure Dates & Pricing**

Cruise departs Sydney on 05 March 2022. Prices start at A\$17,280 per person share twin, including Early Booking Bonus\*

Please ask us for the latest availability, pricing and special inclusions.

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## Cruise Category

- Luxury Expedition

## Onboard Features

- 24 Hr Room Service
  - All meals
  - Boutique &/or Salon
  - Drinks All Day
  - Gratuities
  - Pool &/or Spa
  - Shore Excursions
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## trip itinerary

Day 1

Sydney, Australia

Day 2-3

At Sea

Day 4

Noumea, New Caledonia

Day 5

Pine Island, New Caledonia

Day 6

Mare Island, New Caledonia

Day 7

Port Vila, Vanuatu

Day 8

Lenakel, Tanna Island

Day 9

At Sea

Day 10

Lautoka, Fiji

Day 11

Savusavu, Fiji

Day 12

Dravuni Island, Fiji

Day 13-14

At Sea

Day 15

Bay of Islands, New Zealand

Day 16

Auckland, New Zealand

Day 17

Tauranga, New Zealand

Day 18

At Sea

Day 19

Napier, New Zealand

Day 20

Wellington, New Zealand

Day 21

Picton, New Zealand

Day 22

Akaroa, New Zealand

Day 23

Dunedin, New Zealand

Day 24

Stewart Island, New Zealand

Day 25

Cruising Doubtful & Milford Sounds, New Zealand

Day 26-27

At Sea

Day 28-29

Melbourne, Australia

Day 30

At Sea  
Day 31  
Sydney, Australia  
□ The Vessel  
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## Technical Details

- Tonnage
- Crew 302
- Capacity 382
- Length 186M

## Cruise Category

- Classical Luxury
- Modern Style

### Silver Shadow

Slightly larger in size than ships Silver Cloud and Silver Wind, Silver Shadow retains Silversea's essence – spacious suites, a complement of only 382 guests, superior service – paired with a lively cosmopolitan atmosphere and enhanced amenities. Images Courtesy Silversea Cruises.

### Vessel Features

- **24 Hr Room Service**
- **Drinks All Day**
- **Gratuities Optional**
- **Meals + Wine**
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