

ICELAND

Ten days exploring Iceland by land
Twelve night cruise from Reykjavik to Southampton on
Silversea's Silver Moon

Tuesday 15 August to Saturday 9 September 2023



Join us on a twenty-four day tour to explore Iceland's amazing landscape, from both land and sea. Experience ten days and nights on land in Iceland exploring its scenic beauty, then join Silversea's luxurious **Silver Moon** for a twelve-day all-inclusive cruise around Iceland, before heading to the Isle of Lewis, Oban, Belfast, Liverpool, Waterford, Fishguard and Falmouth to Southampton. (There is also the option to continue aboard **Silver Moon** for another fourteen days to Honfleur, Saint Malo, Montoir de Bretagne, La Rochelle, Bordeaux, Bilbao, Vigo, Oporto and Lisbon – call for details.)

ITINERARY

The itinerary for the tour, with key activities, is below. On some days additional activities are possible, some at no extra cost, others at additional cost. Options on the tour (at extra cost) are shown below and followed by (O). Some sightseeing on shore is included whilst aboard **Silver Moon**, whilst other ship organised shore excursions are optional and at additional expense. Meals included are shown as Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D), Light Refreshments (LR). Our time on land in Iceland will focus on locations and sights that will not be visited during the three nights our cruise ship is docked in the ports of Heimaey, Djúpivogur and Seyðisfjörður around the coast of Iceland.

The **all-inclusive cruise** covers a wide choice of restaurants, diverse international cuisine, open seating dining, 24hr room service, beverages in-suite and throughout the ship, including champagne, selected wines and premium spirits. Each suite receives butler service, and a selection of included shore excursions is offered at each port, with optional paid excursions on offer.

Tuesday 15 August 2023 – Australia to Reykjavik

Depart from Australia and fly to Reykjavík. We'll discuss your flight preferences with you. Overnight aboard the flight.

Wednesday 16 August 2023 – arrive Reykjavík

On arrival in Reykjavík transfer to our hotel, enjoy a harbour-side walk before a light meal and the sun sets late evening. There is much to see and do in and around Reykjavík, and we will have a full day tomorrow, and on our return before boarding the **Silver Moon**, to explore. Overnight Reykjavik.

Thursday 17 August 2023 – Reykjavík (B/D)

As the capital and largest city of Iceland, and with an urban population of around 200,000, Reykjavík is the home of the majority of Iceland's inhabitants. After breakfast we enjoy a tour of Reykjavík, the nation's nerve centre and government seat. On a bay overlooked by proud Mt. Esja, with its ever-changing hues, Reykjavík presents a colourful sight, its concrete houses painted in light colours and topped by vibrant red, blue, and green roofs. In contrast to the almost treeless countryside, Reykjavík has many tall, native birches, rowans, and willows, as well as imported aspen, pines, and spruces. Reykjavík's name comes from the Icelandic words for smoke, reykur, and bay, vík. We'll visit the cities museums, art galleries, city hall, the immense white-concrete church, and provide some free time to explore. Join our 'Welcome to Iceland' dinner this evening. Overnight Reykjavík.

Friday 18 and Saturday 19 August 2023 (B/D) – Skaftafell National Park, Svartifoss, Jökulsárlón and to eastern Iceland

After breakfast we leave Reykjavík and travel along the ring road towards Vík, paralleling the haunches of foothills which rise to glaciers, mountain tops and volcanoes inland, while rivers descend from mysterious gorges and course across the broad sweep of pastures to black sand beaches and the crashing ocean. Skaftafell, the jewel in the crown of Vatnajökull National Park, encompasses a breathtaking collection of peaks and glaciers. It's the country's favourite wilderness area with many who come to marvel at thundering waterfalls, twisted birch woods, and the tangled web of rivers threading across the sandar. We'll visit Svartifoss (Black Falls) – a relatively easy 3.6km return walk from the Visitor Information Centre – star of many postcards, the waterfall, flanked by geometric black basalt columns, is a dramatic sight. Sparkling glaciers and dark mountains parallel the road as we head east from Skaftafell towards the iceberg-filled lagoon at Jökulsárlón. Experience a trip on the lagoon in an amphibian boat - sail among the huge icebergs in the picturesque scenery of Jökulsárlón. Aboard you'll get to taste the 1000 year old ice and if we're lucky we might even see seals. Dinner is included both nights.



Sunday 20 and Monday 21 August 2023 (B/D) – through Egilsstaðir and eastern Iceland to Lake Mývatn and northern Iceland

We continue our journey through Höfn í Hornafirði, a small Icelandic fishing town in the southeastern part of the country, near Hornafjörður fjord, and on towards Djúpvogur. The scenery continues to be spectacular around the eastern and northern fjord villages, backed by sheer-sided mountains etched with waterfalls. The fishing village of Breiðdalsvík is beautifully sited at the end of Breiðdalur. The road meanders around Berufjörður, a long, steep-sided fjord flanked by rhyolite peaks. There is no village, just a handful of farms strung along the scenic shores. We traverse a mountain pass at the empty moors of Breiðdalsheiði and then travel through to Egilsstaðir on the banks of the Lagarfljót river. Mývatn, the standout gem of the northeast, boasts Mývatn Lake - and the surrounding area is starkly beautiful, with a geothermal terrain of spluttering mudpots, weird lava formations, steaming fumaroles and volcanic craters, set around a bird-filled lake. The Mývatn basin sits on the mid-Atlantic ridge and the violent geological character of the area has produced an astonishing landscape unlike anywhere else in the country. As a volcanic lake, Mývatn is home to hot baths, and a naturally heated man-made lagoon, with mineral-rich waters known for their health-giving properties. Dinner is included.

Tuesday 22 August 2023 (B) – to Akureyri, Iceland's 'Capital of the North'

Akureyri is the second-largest city in the country after Reykjavík. Calling it a 'city' may be too generous a term as there are only 20,000 people who live there, which makes it closer to the size of what is considered a town elsewhere in the world. Akureyri is the gateway to the north's spectacular beauty, with highlights including Dettifoss waterfall, Godafoss waterfall, and Asbyrgi canyon. Dinner is at leisure.



Wednesday 23 August 2023 (B/D) – to west Iceland (Vesturland) and the Snæfellsnes Peninsula

Today we head for west Iceland and to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Vesterlund boasts historic villages, windswept beaches and impressive terrain, and although not far from Reykjavík, tends to be off the beaten track. It also provides an opportunity to see a cross-section of Iceland's natural highlights in a relatively small area. Sparkling fjords, dramatic volcanic peaks, sheer sea cliffs, sweeping golden beaches and crunchy lava flows make up the diverse and fascinating landscape of the 100km long Snæfellsnes Peninsula. The area is crowned by the glistening ice cap Snæfellsjökull, immortalised in Jules Verne's Journey to the Centre of the Earth. Dinner is included tonight and overnight at our lovely hotel at Hellnar, on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean. The hotel restaurant is known for its local organic produce sourced for its Icelandic menu.

Thursday 24 July 2023 (B/D) – Snæfellsnes Peninsula

Today we explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula - this 100 km long peninsula comprises a world of diversity. Friendly towns and villages, spectacular mountains, a multitude of bird species nesting on treacherous cliffs, beaches of sand and pebbles popular among horsemen and rock skimmers, remnants and relics scattered here and there of times and ways of life long past. Saga sites and hiking trails. The Snæfellsjökull National Park is at the westernmost part of the peninsula, including the mystical glacier Snæfellsjökull, as well as other unique sites such as Djupalonssandur, Thufubjarg and more. Dinner and overnight at Hellnar.



Friday 25 July 2023 (B) – Hellnar to Reykjavík

After a relaxing morning we travel south through Upper Borgarfjörður and Borgarnes towards Reykjavík, with a number of scenic stops enroute. Like its Nordic neighbours Denmark and Sweden, capital Reykjavík is a design lover's delight, packed with edgy products and lifestyle haunts both inspired by and built to withstand the harsh climate, with an eye to modernist aesthetics. We stay in Reykjavík for two nights, and explore the famed *Golden Circle* as well as the museums, galleries and style of modern day Reykjavík. Our hotel is centrally located, with a range of restaurants nearby the hotel. Dinner is at leisure and overnight Reykjavík.



Saturday 26 July 2023 (B) – the Golden Circle - Þingvellir National Park, Geysir Area, and Gullfoss waterfall

Today we explore Iceland's well known *Golden Circle* - three equally stunning locations in southwest Iceland: Þingvellir National Park, the Geysir Geothermal Area, and Gullfoss waterfall. Overnight Reykjavík. Þingvellir National Park is an amazing site, steeped in history and folklore, and surrounded by incredible geology. It has the honour of being the first of Iceland's three national parks to be established, and it is the only one that is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Geysir Geothermal Area, within the Haukadalur Valley, enables you to see the volcanic activity of the earth grow more and more intense. Steaming vents and chimneys are dotted along the way and notably concentrated in the village of Laugarvatn. This settlement has a spa that is heated by the currents of hot water beneath the surface of the ground, even having steam rooms that are situated right on top of bubbling hot pots, which reach a sweltering 60°C. Our next stop is one of the most spectacular waterfalls in Iceland, Gullfoss. Located in a plunging, ancient valley, this powerful falls tumbles down two drops, from an overall height of 32 metres. At its heaviest flow during summer, an average of 140 cubic metres of water pours down it every second. Our last stop is at Kerið, a volcanic crater with a lake in the middle. At approximately 6500 years old, Kerið is more than 55 metres deep, 170 metres wide and 270 metres across. Kerið is comprised of red volcanic rocks, green moss grows on its sides, and the lake in the middle is filled with minerals which give the water a vivid aquamarine colour. This offers a great contrast of colours and a highly impressive scenery. We end the day at the Blue Lagoon, and there is the opportunity for those who wish to bathe in these amazing hot geothermal waters. We return to Reykjavík for dinner at leisure, and overnight.



Sunday 27 August 2023 (B/D) – Reykjavík and then board Silversea's Silver Moon

After breakfast we have free time to explore and visit your favourite places in Reykjavík – whilst most of Reykjavík's buildings stand together in a low huddle, the magnificent Hallgrímskirkja church is a solid exception, with its bell tower rising resolutely over the city. Iceland's largest church's design echoes the lava flows that have shaped this remote land and boasts a clean and elegant interior. The Harpa Concert Hall's sheer glass facade helps it to assimilate into the landscape, mirroring back the city and harbour. Enjoy luncheon around the harbour, before we transfer to Silversea's *Silver Moon* for our twelve night cruise around Iceland, to the to the Isle of Lewis, Oban, Belfast, Liverpool, Waterford, Fishguard and Falmouth to Southampton. (There is the option to cruise from Southampton for fourteen days to Honfleur, Saint Malo, Montoir de Bretagne, La Rochelle, Bordeaux, Bilbao, Vigo, Oporto and Lisbon – call us for details.)

A selection of **shore excursions is included** in the fare at each port, with additional paid options also offered.

Our ship – Silversea’s *Silver Moon*

Launched in 2020, and at 40,700 gross tons, with a capacity to accommodate 596 passengers, Silver Moon maintains the small-ship intimacy and spacious all-suite accommodation which are the hallmarks of the Silversea experience. It also features the all-new Sea And Land Taste (SALT) programme – an immersive culinary concept that enables guests to travel deeper through a range of destination based gastronomic experiences.

Al fresco dining with panoramic ocean views. Warm clubby spaces for evening cocktails with friends. The plush comfort of your ocean-view suite after a day of incredible sights. **Silver Moon** strikes the perfect balance of yacht-like intimacy combined with the space, amenities and diversions typically reserved for larger vessels. Warm welcomes and gracious personalised service inspire guests to call **Silver Moon** their “home away from home.”

Your stateroom – a Deluxe / Superior Veranda Suite is included in the tour fare

A Silversea signature, the Veranda Suite is spacious and welcoming. The Veranda Suite offers a comfortable living space, close to the heart of the ship. With its preferred mid-ship location and all the comfort and attention to detail that you can expect aboard, the Veranda Suite is the savvy traveller’s paradise— both inside and out. Elegant décor, stunning marble bathroom and ample seating area, make this a cosy home away from home. But perhaps this suite’s finest asset lies just outside, as floor-to-ceiling glass doors open onto a private veranda, making every sunset feel as if it is yours alone. (One bedroom: 387 ft² / 36 m² including veranda.)

The suite features:

- ◇ Dedicated butler
- ◇ Veranda with patio furniture and floor-to-ceiling glass doors
- ◇ Twin beds or queen-sized bed
- ◇ Down duvets
- ◇ Pillow Menu
- ◇ Marbled bathroom with vanity, separate shower and full-sized bath
- ◇ Luxury bath amenities
- ◇ Plush bathrobes
- ◇ Slippers
- ◇ One 40” / 102 cm flat-screen HD TV
- ◇ Interactive Media Library
- ◇ Unlimited Standard Wifi
- ◇ Wall mounted USB-C mobile device chargers
- ◇ Refrigerator and bar setup stocked with your preferences



Superior Silver suites, offering up to 104 sqm including veranda, and additional onboard benefits, are available on request.



Monday 28 August 2023 (B/L/D) – Heimaey, Westman Islands

Rising like craggy icebergs from the waves, Heimaey and the Westman Islands are a perfect example of nature’s extraordinary power to both create and destroy. Haunted by the same volcanic forces that once forged the islands, it was only the brave actions of the island’s villagers - who stopped the flow of lava from the Eldfell volcano with a wall of seawater - that saved this charming whitewash wooden town from destruction. The volcano that exploded in 1973 made headline news around the globe and saw the islanders evacuated during an elaborate rescue mission.

Learn more of the most fateful day in the islands' history at the museum, and see houses - charred black by lava - which have been salvaged and exhibited, frozen in time. The volcanic forces created a beautiful mosaic of craggy islands, just off-shore from the mainland. Alive with animal life - pods of orca whales roll through the Atlantic's choppy waves, seabirds call in the skies overhead, and baby puffins take tentative first steps on the cliffs hugging these islands. You'll notice that the islanders have a particular bond with the 8 million Atlantic puffins who live here. Statues of the birds stand on the streets, and extraordinary rescue missions sometimes take place at night – when locals comb the streets to help return lost pufflings to their cliffside homes. Be sure to walk out along the coast to Stórhöfði, to view the extraordinary colony of these remarkable, adorable birds that live here.

Tuesday 29 August 2023 (B/L/D) – Djúpivogur

Slow the pace and discover the refreshing approach to life that Djúpivogur has made its trademark. You can leave your phone behind as you step out into this Icelandic town, which has won awards celebrating its leisurely outlook and stubborn rebellion against the frenetic pace of modern life. After all, who needs emails and notifications when you have some of the most humbling monochrome scenery and gashed fjords, waiting on your doorstep? Sitting on a peninsula to the south-east of Iceland, the glacial approach to life here wins many hearts. A place where hammers knock on metal in workshops, artists ladle paint onto canvases, and where you might spot a few Icelandic horses roaming across mountains, Djúpivogur is an uninhibited artistic hub - full of makers and creatives. The most expansive project is the 34 egg sculptures that dot the coastline, created by the Icelandic artist, Sigurður Guðmundsson. Each egg represents a different native bird species. Fishing remains the primary industry, and you can savour the soft fruits of the labour in restaurants serving up smoked trout and fish soup within their cosy confines. Wander the surrounding landscapes, where snow-freckled mountains rise, and lazy seals lie on dark rock beaches, to feel Djúpivogur's natural inspiration seeping under your skin. Alive with greens and golds in summer, further ventures reveal glaciers and the sprawling waterfalls of Vatnajökull National Park. The cliff-hugging puffins of Papey Island are a must see, while Bulandstindur Mountain's pyramid shape is a stand out even among these fairy-tale landscapes.

Wednesday 30 August 2023 (B/L/D) – Seyðisfjörður

A world of tumbling waterfalls and colourful creativity, Seyðisfjörður is Iceland at its most epic and eccentric. A spectacular fjord lends the town its name, and the structures are dwarfed by this majestic setting, as they huddle around its glassy waters. Sail around the fjord, head out on a kayak amid the scenery, or venture to meet Puffins and other nesting birds settled on sharp cliffs. Encounter sea lions, or try some fishing as you immerse yourself in this highlight of the wild and wonderful Eastfjords. Herring fishing sustained this settlement founded by Norwegians in 1848, leading to a town of colourful wooden buildings, which gleam white against the moody scenery's palette, providing a spirit-lifting splash of colour during the harsh winter months. A rainbow pathway leads to a pretty, pastel-blue church and there's more local art and culture to unravel at Skaffell, which displays bright and bold contemporary art. Its bistro also serves up a perfect caffeine hit and refreshments. Waiting on the open jaws of the Seyðisfjörður, this is a gloriously picturesque town, and the steep fjord banks reflect beautifully on the smooth waters below. The snow-capped Bjólfur mountain stands above the town and invites you to crunch along hiking trails amid untouched nature - rewarding with mesmerising views across the fjord and town below. These hills can literally sing thanks to a unique sculpture - which resonates with a traditional five-tone harmony. The remote and gorgeous Skalanes Nature reserve is a major draw, with 47 bird species resting on its dramatic bird cliff, along with countless plant varieties.

Thursday 31 August 2023 (B/L/D) – at sea sailing from Iceland to the Isle of Lewis

Days at sea are the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and catch up with what you've been meaning to do. So whether that is whale watching from the Observatory Lounge, writing home or simply relaxing by the pool, these blue sea days are the perfect balance to busy days spent exploring shore side.

Friday 1 September 2023 (B/L/D) – Stornoway (Isle of Lewis) Scotland

Scotland's Outer Hebrides can be rainy, remote and cold – yet their inhabitants rank as the happiest people in the UK. What is their secret? One trip to the lovely port of Stornoway and you'll soon understand why. Like something on the front of a chocolate box, Stornoway is almost a cliché of everything that is lovely about remotest Scotland: buttercups glowing at the side of single track roads, wisps of bog cotton swaying in the breeze, heather was blooming on the swathes of moorland that cover the interior of the islands, dramatic, romantic landscapes as far as the eye can see ... But far from being just beautiful – the mountains, hills, lunar-like rocky plateaus, moorlands, meadows, rugged coastlines and white sandy beaches not to be undermined - Stornoway is full of history, culture and unsurprisingly, more wildlife that you can shake a stick at. Set on the eastern coast of the Isle of Lewis and the Isle of Harris, Stornoway is the capital of the Outer Hebrides, and the jumping off point for all those who want to venture even further north. Although it may sound like two separate islands, Lewis and Harris are actually two parts of the one island, and as such, is full of interesting things to do while you are here. Historians will certainly want to start with the truly magical 5,000 year old Callanish Stones. Scotland's answer to Stonehenge, these impressive stones are actually part of a cluster of several different archaeological sites in this area.

Probably positioned in several stages between 3000 BC and 1500 BC, the grouping consists of an avenue of 19 monoliths extending northward from a circle of 13 stones, with other rows leading south, east, and west. Ruins of a cairn sit within the circle on the east side. Researchers believe they may have been used for astronomical observations, but you can create your own explanations.

Saturday 2 September 2023 (B/L/D) – Oban (Argyll) Scotland

The Gateway to the Hebridean islands, and the Western Highlands, Oban is a picturesque place of endless Victorian charm and elegance. The name means 'Little Bay,' and this humble town swells dramatically in size during summer, when it welcomes thousands of visitors to revel in its serene setting amid some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery. Three storeys of elegant, slate-roofed buildings gather before the inky expanse of the Firth of Lorn, offering a warm welcome to the lochs, fantasy castles, and green and gold glens of the Highlands. The unmissable granite curve of McCaig's Tower stands high over the town, and beautiful views unravel down below it. Set among a scattering of crumbling coastal castles and sweeping panoramic vistas, Oban is Scotland at its most wild and romantic. Wander the quaint streets, sampling local artisan chocolates, or call in to the esteemed, history-steeped distillery - which has been perfecting Scotland's famous export, smoky whiskey, since 1794. Head to the waterfront to breathe in the salt-whipped air and watch as boats fuss and walkers battle seagulls intent on stealing their fish and chips. A little further along, you'll stumble across the romantic ruins of Dunollie Castle. Hop between the sandy beaches of nearby islands, and hike glacier-carved valleys among stags adorned with tree-like antlers. Or, embark on scenic coastal drives to the grand gardens of extraordinary stone castles. Nearby, Loch Fyne is renowned for its juicy seafood – in particular, plump oysters. Keep an eye on the smooth waters, basking sharks sometimes appear, cruising through the sea loch, hoovering up plankton. You can also visit the majestic, rounded turrets of Inveraray Castle on the loch's banks - a glorious Gothic Revival creation, plucked straight from a fairy-tale.



Sunday 3 September 2023 (B/L/D) – Belfast

Reborn as a cool, modern city, Belfast has successfully left its troubles behind, emerging as a hotbed of culture and architecture, where the comfort of a cosy pub is never far away. Take a voyage of discovery in its maritime quarter, home to a celebrated museum dedicated to the most famous ship ever built, which was constructed right here in the city's shipyards. A walk across the Lagan Weir Footbridge brings you to Belfast's fascinating Titanic District – an area of the city devoted to its rich ship-building heritage. The state-of-the-art Titanic Museum brings the story of the doomed vessel to life, and is the largest museum dedicated to the infamously 'unsinkable' ship. Wind up a nautical-themed ramble along the Maritime Mile with a visit to SS Nomadic, the smaller cousin of the Titanic, and a ship which serves as a fascinating time capsule back to the pomp and grandeur of the Titanic, while also telling its own stories of service in both World Wars. There's just enough time to give the 10-metre long Salmon of Knowledge sculpture a quick peck for luck, before continuing to explore. A stark barbed wire and graffitied sheet metal barrier marks an abrupt scar through the city's residential areas. The Peace Line was constructed during the height of the Troubles, when Belfast was plagued by sectarian divisions between Protestants and Catholics. Nowadays, you can jump in a black taxi tour to see the colourful murals and living history of the walls, which stand as a stark reminder of the fragility of peace. After exploring the city's historic divisions, a reminder of Belfast's uniting creativity can be found at the Metropolitan Arts Centre – a seven-storey tall building, which invites light to gloriously cascade inside. The Cathedral Quarter is a cobbled blend of flower-adorned pubs, restaurants and theatres, and venues where music spills out onto the streets at night, and many a pint is cheerily shared.

Monday 4 September 2023 (B/L/D) – Liverpool

Who can say Liverpool without thinking of The Beatles? Home to the fab four, Penny Lane, Strawberry Fields and the Cavern Club, this northern English city is undoubtedly one of the most important places on the 20th-century music scene. Even UNESCO agrees - Liverpool became a City of Music (one of only 19 in the world) in 2015. So understandably, it's bursting with pride.

Not only for its most famous former residents but also its football team, its maritime heritage and its thriving cultural scene (it was Capital of Culture in 2008). A huge regeneration project over the past two decades has seen Liverpool blossom from being a below-par northern English city to a somewhere buzzing with charm. The arrival of the Tate Liverpool paved the way – quickly followed by the restoration of some 2,500 plus listed buildings (that's more than any English city outside London). The waterfront revitalisation came next with bars, clubs, galleries and independent boutiques, giving Liverpool some of the best dining and shopping there is. Don't leave here without tasting Scouse – a traditional beef stew – and from where Liverpoolians draw their nickname "Scousers". Culturally speaking, Liverpool is "bang on" as Scousers would say. The three Graces (named after the Greek goddesses of charm, beauty and creativity) line the waterfront and are responsible in part for Liverpool's second UNESCO gong as a World Heritage Site. Further afield, the lovely parks and Crosby Beach offer a welcome respite from the urban hub.

Tuesday 5 September 2023 (B/L/D) – Waterford (Dunmore East)

Visit Ireland's oldest city, and delve deep into the Viking Triangle's immense history, as you explore the endlessly scenic Copper Coast. With so much on offer, you'll want to reach Waterford by hook or by crook. That famous phrase is said to have originated here when King Henry II uttered it while sailing for Waterford, passing Hook Peninsular and the village of Crooke en-route. With wind-swept scenery, ancient monasteries, and Kilkenny's castellated stronghold lying inland, this stunning region of Ireland drips with history and intrigue. Arriving feels a little like sailing into a living postcard, as Dunmore East's pearly string of white houses, sewn into the emerald Irish coast, welcome you ashore. Come summer, it's dotted with picnicking families and children darting in and out of the calm waters. Wander the high harbour walls, fill up on pub lunches and pints - and fend off squawking gulls hunting ice-creams. Huff fresh sea air, as you follow coastal trails out over secret rocky coves, filled with chattering Kittiwake gulls. It's a short jaunt from Dunmore East to Waterford, where you can delve into the history of Ireland's oldest city, which was founded in 914 AD. Explore museums telling true-life tales and wander tightknit streets of preserved Viking and Norman history. Reginald's Tower is an icon of Waterford, watching warily out over the waterfront. Look out for the cannonball embedded high up in its stones - left behind from a siege led by Oliver Cromwell. Famous Waterford Crystal adds a little sparkle, and you can explore glittering museums dedicated to Waterford's most precious export. Why not purchase some new glassware for the manh dinner parties you can host with your new found additions to the dining table ?



Wednesday 6 September 2023 (B/L/D) – Fishguard, Wales

Perched on a clifftop and stunningly picturesque, Fishguard is considered the very heart of North Pembrokeshire. A small market town that almost seems untouched by time, you'll find clusters of quayside cottages, family businesses selling local produce and plenty of Gaelic charm! Market day falls on a Saturday and although principally food, there are some stalls selling local arts and crafts too. If you are not lucky enough to be visiting on market day, the pretty high street has some lovely shops where you can easily while away a couple of hours. Known internationally as the place of the last invasion of Britain when the French landed in 1797, the village heaves with history. Historians will of course already know that the two-day invasion soon failed and the peace treaty was signed in the Royal Oak pub in the market square. Over 200 years later the pub still stands and is perhaps one of the best places to soak up the local charm! The real stars of the show here however are the lovely surroundings. The calm waters are perfect for kayaking while walkers will love the national parks that are filled with signposted trails for all levels of ability. Cyclist of all levels will also be pleased; Fishguard and its surroundings do have a few hills, but also lots of straight roads that offer a gentle visit of the stunning landscape. If staying on the water is more your style, then boat trips to see the rest of the lovely coastline can be easily organised in port. If all the activity gets too much for you then why not enjoy a delicious local welsh cake in one of the pretty cafes or head to the town hall and have a look at the 100 foot long Last Invasion Tapestry, a humorous and entertaining story in a Bayeux tapestry style of the 1797 invasion of mainland Britain. Enjoy the opportunity to take tea as you watch over the scenic coastline of Wales, and then enjoy a lovely evening meal aboard in one of the many restaurant options of **Silver Moon**.

Thursday 7 September 2023 (B) – Falmouth, England

England's Cornish coast is often touted as being one of the loveliest on earth, and Falmouth is testament to that. A lovely jumble of traditional seaside charm, long stretches of sandy beach and quintessential Britishness, Falmouth offers much in the way of entertainment. Think bags of style, a community spirit and a modern, arty, edge, and you have just about summed Falmouth up. It was recently voted as the UK's best town to live, so it must be doing something right! With Falmouth, appearances can be deceptive – while one might think it is a twee seaside village that owes its livelihood to tourism, it is actually a university town, full of art galleries, independent book shops and of course buzzing bars and restaurants. Get a taste of the student life by wandering the seafront and the Prince of Wales Pier, ice-cream in hand. While the town might have embraced its future, its past is still very relevant. A major port in the 18-century the National Maritime Museum has a great deal of history on offer. For those who want to stretch their legs further afield and really enjoy the glorious English countryside, why not indulge your senses with a coastal trek along the Lizard Peninsula. Beautifully bordered by sea and open landscapes, expect to see tiny fishing villages hidden in their coves, dramatic coastal landscapes and even the Lizard Lighthouse, one of Marconi's experimental wireless stations. Don't forget to get yourself a cream tea – a Cornish institution – to congratulate yourself at the end!

Friday 8 September 2023 (B) – Southampton, England

This morning we arrive and disembark in Southampton. Home of the ill-fated Titanic departure, Southampton has a long maritime history. Henry V's fleet bound for the battle of Agincourt left from here, as did the Mayflower (not from Plymouth as many believe) and the great British ocean liners, Queen Elizabeth 2 and Queen Mary both departed on their maiden voyages from the port. So suffice to say, that Southampton is a seafaring place. Today Southampton is the cruise capital of Northern Europe, so expect a city that understands how to have fun. This comes in a variety of ways: a castellated old city that has lots of charm, some excellent museums (the most notable of which is the Sea City Museum) and extensive green spaces. Authentic Tudor remains provide a fascinating insight to 15th century living while other landmarks date back even further. A stroll around the city is generous in its attractions, so there is no better way to see Southampton than on foot. Culture wise, the city's bustling Guildhall Square is the centre for art, education and food and drink. Southampton's location on the south coast of England means just a short distance away lie some interesting spots. Pre-historic enigma Stonehenge is less than an hour away while the quintessentially English market town Salisbury is perfect for a bit of shopping. Both are well worth a visit. For those who prefer their entertainment crafted by Mother Nature, a short ride to the New Forest will give you peace; think idyllic glades, ancient woodland, open moors, heathland and cliff top walks. We join a rail service to London, and there is the option to stay overnight in London, or return one evening flights from London Heathrow to Australia.

Saturday 9 September 2023 (B) –Australia

Arrival in Australia or travel elsewhere - thank you for joining the tour and we are confident you will have had a memorable experience with us.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Accommodation is in 4 - 4½ star hotels. In some locations, the best available may not be 4 star, and in some locations we have selected superior hotels as part of the experience of the location. Many meals are included as shown - breakfast is included most mornings, and we have included lunch and dinner on many other occasions. Meals included are indicated as (B) Breakfast, (L) Luncheon, (LR) Light Refreshments and (D) Dinner.

PERSONAL SERVICE AND MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

SJR prides itself on its personal service and attention to detail. The tour is escorted by the organiser/s of the itinerary. You are assured of the utmost service and our commitment to your satisfaction. We recognise that each passenger has different interests, and we will aim to provide the opportunity to allow you to rest from the group, explore by yourself or visit special sites you've read about – if you wish. Detailed advice and assistance will be given to help you, and most travel requirements can be made for you.

FARES AND BOOKING PROCEDURES

The tour is limited in size, with a maximum of 24 participants, with bookings confirmed in order of receipt of a deposit of \$4,000 per person. **The tour fare is \$19,965* per person (twin share) – economy airfares from Australia are included, and upgrade to Business Class is available at \$6,998 per person. The single supplement for sole use of a Superior Veranda Stateroom on Silver Moon and sole use of hotels is \$8,800. Please contact us to reconfirm sole use stateroom costs aboard Silver Moon as these prices change based on stateroom availability.** The tour fare includes all hotels and sightseeing, rail and coach travel as indicated, all bus, tram, metro and light rail transfers when part of the group. Aboard Silver Moon, a **deluxe or superior verandah suite is included. Super Silver Suites are available for a supplement of \$6,000 per person.** Included flights are subject to availability at time of booking.

All accommodation is on a double/twin share basis (single accommodation is available on payment of the single supplement); sightseeing and entrance fees to sites as indicated, and meals as shown in the itinerary for each day. The fare does not include meals not identified, drinks, excess baggage charges, gratuities, telephone calls, laundry, any items of a personal nature, travel outside the organised group. Note all-inclusive components of the tour whilst aboard **Silver Moon**. Due to the variety of interests of individuals, and the range of sites, museums etc. available for inspection on some days, we have included key features in the tour cost. Inspection and entry fees when not part of the planned group activity are not included in the tour cost. Additional or optional activities or entrance fees (shown as (O) in the itinerary, are not included in the cost. Bookings should be made on the attached form. The deposit of \$4,000 per person should be forwarded by cheque, payable to Scenic Journeys by Rail, along with the booking form, to SJR, PO Box N400, GROSVENOR PLACE, 1220

You can also pay the deposit by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

Account Name: Scenic Journeys by Rail
BSB: 033 364
Account Number: 612826
Reference: Your name and 'Iceland'

If paying by EFT, include the reference above and your surname, and email to sjr@digitor.com.au to advise you have paid. Please forward the booking form to the postal address above.

Credit card payment is available, with merchant fees of 1.00% for Visa/MasterCard. Please call us to make payment.

BOOKING, CANCELLATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Bookings will be accepted on the attached form. Cancellation fees apply as follows: although the deposit is not-refundable, until 151 days before sailing you can cancel from the tour, with payments made for the cruise component provided as a Future Cruise Credit with Silversea, valid for 24 months from the date of cancellation. Up to 120 – 91 days before sailing – 25% of the full fare will be charged; 90 – 61 days before sailing – 50% of the full fare; 60 – 31 days before sailing – 75% of the full fare; 30 – 0 days before sailing – 100% full fare. Cancellation fees for hotel, rail, coach and other travel components apply in accordance with the terms and conditions of the providers. (Note conditions relating to COVID-19 below.) After further payment towards the final tour cost, costs for tickets, accommodation, sightseeing etc made on your behalf, cancellation will incur charges equal to the cancellation charges incurred to us, imposed by suppliers/operators, plus a fee to cover administrative costs – more than four months prior to departure, \$1,000 per person; within four months, \$2,000 per person. No refund will be made after departure from Australia. All cancellation or administration charges imposed by the suppliers/operators of components of this tour must be borne by you, the passenger. **Responsibility** - St James' Rail acts as the organiser of the tour. Some transportation, accommodation and other tour arrangements are made by licensed travel agent, Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington. On acceptance of tickets and travel documents for this tour, which may be evidenced in writing by a ticket, voucher, letter, or other document, you accept that neither St James' Rail nor representatives from any other firm supplying services in conjunction with this tour programme, shall be liable in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, loss, damage, accident, sickness, delay or additional expense to you or your possessions arising directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part, including, but not limited to, civil disturbance, fire, floods, acts of God, acts of Governments or other authorities, changes in itinerary, weather, strikes, war, transportation disruption, failure of machinery or equipment, industrial action, pandemic, quarantine or any other cause. Where travel is by scheduled carrier, or charter service, that carrier's responsibility is limited in accordance with their conditions of carriage. Similarly, all luggage is your responsibility, and we cannot be held liable for any loss or delay however caused. The care of your travel documents are your own responsibility. All expenses incurred by loss must be borne by you. Airline regulations and conditions are written on the airline tickets and are issued to passengers subject to their acceptance of these conditions. Changes in exchange rates, taxes and any land arrangements costs may alter the price of the tour, and St James' Rail reserves the right to change, amend or cancel this tour and/or itinerary if necessary. We reserve the right to amend the itinerary en route to account for unforeseen changes or conditions, or to improve the tour experience for the majority, as determined by the tour leader. Passports and visas – a valid passport with six months validity from the end of the tour is required. St James' Rail cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred as a result of a passenger not holding valid and necessary passport or visa documents. Full details of terms and conditions: if you would like a copy of the full terms and conditions applicable to all SJR tours please contact us and we will forward a copy to you. **Special conditions relating to COVID-19** – if the tour is unable to proceed due to Government restrictions, SJR may at our election: postpone your travel arrangements to a future date, in which case we will issue you with a credit note equal to amounts paid at the time of postponement; or cancel your travel arrangements, in which case our contract with you will terminate. If we cancel your travel arrangements and our contract terminates, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third-party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund.

SJR will refund payments it is able to recover or not incur from the various suppliers of services to this tour. Refunds will be made when the funds have been received by SJR from third party suppliers. **Full details of terms and conditions:** if you would like a copy of the full terms and conditions applicable to all SJR tours please contact us and we will forward a copy to you.

INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended to protect yourself against cancellation fees, health and other travel risks. If you cancel your participation in the tour, either prior or during the tour, cancellation costs will apply. An insurance policy can be sent to you from our travel agent, Jones and Turner Travel Associates, Paddington, 2021, for your consideration. Obtaining insurance cover is your responsibility.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please call us on (02) 9326 9660, 0418 585 838, email at sjr@digitor.com.au or visit www.stjamesrail.org





ICELAND AND TO SOUTHAMPTON

Tuesday 15 August to Saturday 9 September 2023

Booking Form

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name:

Address: Suburb: Postcode:

Home tel: Work tel: Mobile:

Email:

BOOKING DETAILS (Full passenger names EXACTLY as shown in the passport:)

Passenger 1 Name:

Date of Birth: Passport No: Expiry Date:

Frequent Flyer: Airline No:

Passenger 2 Name:

Date of Birth: Passport No: Expiry Date:

Frequent Flyer: Airline No:

PAYMENT

..... I have enclosed \$ as deposit (\$3,000 per person) for the above booking. Please make cheques payable to St James Rail.

..... I have paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as described previously. Please email SJR to advise and send this form.

Account Name: Scenic Journeys by Rail
BSB: 033 364
Account Number: 612826
Reference: Your name and 'Iceland'

AIR TRAVEL TO REYKJAVIK / FROM LONDON

..... Please book me/us to travel to Reykjavik on Tuesday 15 August 2023, and from London on Friday 8 September 2023.

(Economy Class airfares are included – business class upgrades offered from \$6,998 per person - we will call to discuss flight options at the time of booking.)

..... Economy class air travel Premium Economy class air travel Business class air travel

..... I will make my/our own air travel arrangements and meet you in Reykjavik on Tuesday 15 August 2023.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Single rooms: Double rooms: Twin (two bedded) rooms:

A single supplement is payable for sole use of rooms in hotels.

ACCOMMODATION ABOARD SILVER MOON

Single stateroom: Double stateroom: Twin (two bedded) stateroom:

A single supplement is payable for sole use of staterooms aboard the *Silver Moon*.

..... Please contact me to discuss superior accommodation aboard the *Silver Moon*

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please indicate any dietary or any other sort of special request :

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INSURANCE

..... Please send an insurance policy from Jones and Turner Travel Associates, Paddington.

YOUR SIGNATURE

I have read the reservation conditions outlined above and accept them on behalf of myself and my party by whom I am authorised to make this agreement.

Signature of person making reservation: Date:

Cancellation charges will apply as advised in this itinerary. An insurance policy can be forwarded from our travel agent at Jones and Turner Travel Associates, Paddington, NSW 2021.

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