



ALASKA

SILVERSEA VANCOUVER TO SEWARD - SILVER MUSE (TOUR CODE: 12990)

STARTS AND ENDS

Vancouver to
Seward

TRAVEL PERIODS

13 Jun 24 - 15 Aug 24

EXPERIENCE

Cruising
Luxury

TRAVEL STYLE

Cruise

Sail in luxury from Vancouver to Seward on the Silversea Muse, where breathtaking scenery meets impeccable service.

Highlights

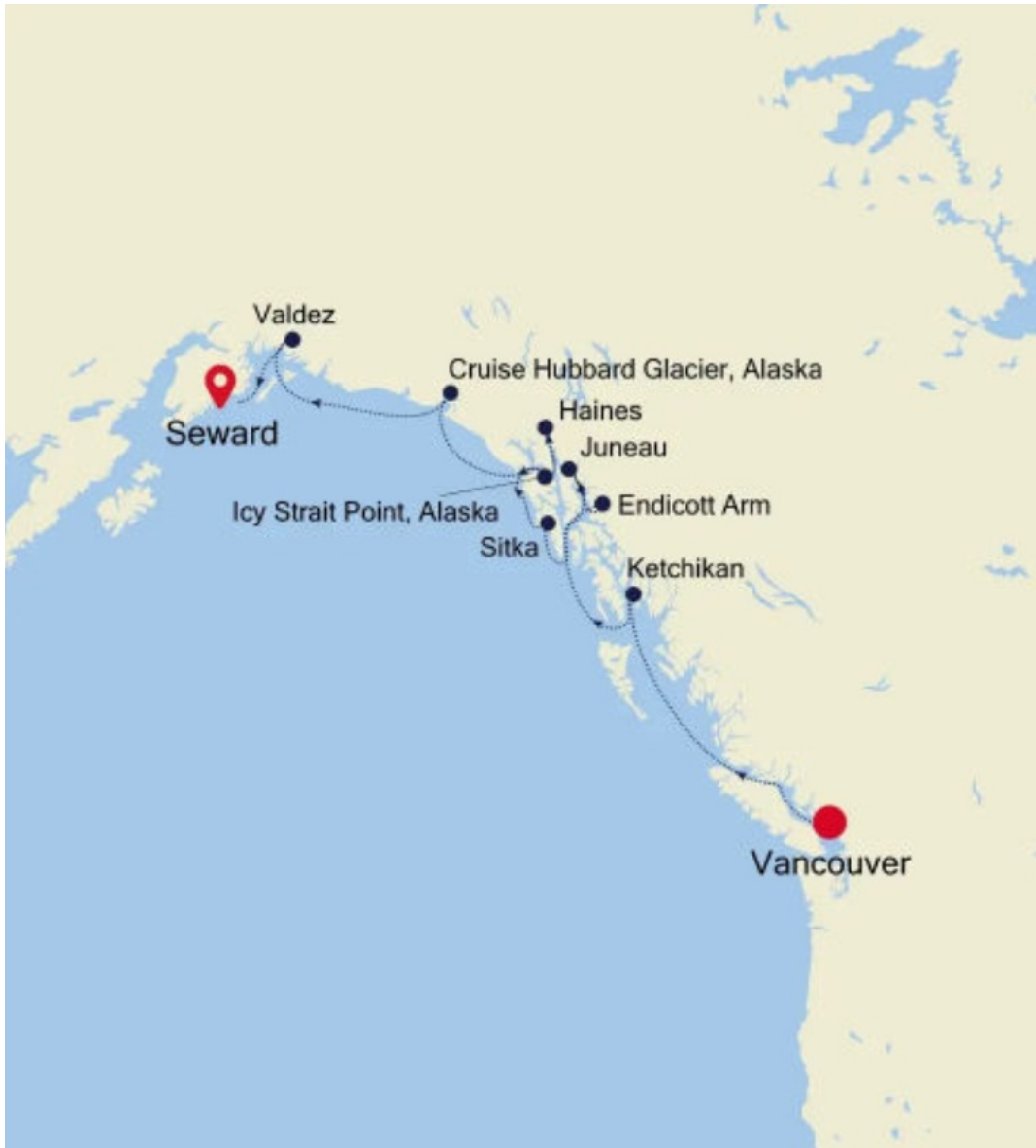
- **Unique Shore Excursions:** Silversea offers a range of shore excursions that allow you to explore the Alaskan wilderness. Whether it's taking a helicopter ride to a glacier, going on a wildlife-watching tour, or embarking on a guided nature hike, these experiences provide a deeper connection to the destination.
- **All-Inclusive Luxury:** Silversea is known for its all-inclusive approach, which means you can enjoy top-notch service, gourmet dining, fine wines and spirits, gratuities, and even some shore excursions as part of your cruise fare. This level of luxury sets Silversea apart and ensures that you can fully relax and indulge during your Alaskan adventure.
- **Intimate and Small-Ship Experience:** Silversea's ships are smaller than many other cruise liners, which allows for a more intimate and personalized experience. With a lower passenger-to-crew ratio, you can expect exceptional service and attention to detail throughout your journey.
- **Wildlife Viewing:** Alaska is home to incredible wildlife, and Silversea cruises often feature opportunities to spot animals like whales, bears, eagles, and sea lions. The open decks and expert guides provided by Silversea enhance your chances of having unforgettable wildlife encounters.

Embark on a voyage like no other as you set sail from the vibrant coastal city of Vancouver, Canada, to the picturesque and remote wonderland of Seward in Alaska, aboard the opulent Silver Muse. This remarkable journey promises an unforgettable blend of luxurious cruising and awe-inspiring natural beauty. The voyage offers a unique opportunity to explore the rugged landscapes of the Last Frontier in unparalleled style and comfort.

Silver Muse, renowned for its exceptional service and lavish accommodations, ensures that every moment of this cruise is a true indulgence. The

sleek and modern design of the ship, along with its personalized service, elevates the Alaskan adventure to a new level. Indulge in the magnificence of the generously sized and beautifully furnished suites, offering either captivating oceanfront panoramas or exclusive private verandas. Revel in the splendor of the Alaskan wilderness, right from the comfort of your suite.

From the lush rainforests and fjords of the Inside Passage to the majestic glaciers of Icy Bay, this journey will immerse you in the natural wonders of Alaska, all while basking in the luxury of the Silver Muse.



INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights onboard Silver Muse in a Vista Suite
- Onboard meals and entertainment
- Multiple restaurants, diverse cuisine, open-seating dining
- 24-hour dining experience
- Beverages in-suite and throughout the ship, including champagne, select wines and spirits
- Butler service in every suite
- Onboard gratuities
- Included shore excursions
- Unlimited free Wi-Fi

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Ship Onboard Silver Muse

Silver Muse is an inspirational work of art. With her eight dining venues, spacious outdoor areas and up-to-the-minute technology, she's the best place between sea and sky.

This marked a new era of ultra-luxury ocean travel for everyone - enhancing the small-ship intimacy and spacious all-suite accommodation that are the hallmarks but raising the bar in terms of luxury. Silver Muse offers a wealth of enhancements to the onboard experience while satisfying the uncompromising requirements for comfort, service, dining and quality of the world's most discerning travellers.

This ship pioneered the balance between small-ship intimacy and spacious all-suite accommodation. One of the larger ships in Silversea's fleet, she offers eight dining offers, plenty of onboard entertainment and a wide choice of public areas. She's simply divine!

The **Vista Suite** provides generous living space for all travellers. The Vista Suite offers all the comfort and attention to detail that you can expect aboard. A generous expanse of interior comforts — elegant décor, stunning marble bathroom and ample seating area, make this a cosy home away from home. The seating area of the Vista Suite has plenty of room to relax, while large picture windows frame panoramic ocean views, the perfect backdrop for breakfast in bed!



Day 1 Vancouver

Boasting mountains, sea, culture, art and so much more, many cities claim to have it all, but few can back it up like Vancouver. Famously livable, just visiting this highrise city - surrounded by staggering natural beauty - is a thrill. Offering all of the creature comforts of an ultra-modern, worldly metropolis - even downtown has a hint of mountain-freshness to its air - and part of Vancouver's appeal is how easily you can swap the skyscrapers for whale-filled oceans and mountain-punctured skies. Head up to the Vancouver Lookout Tower for the ultimate 360-degree views of the city glistening, amid the beautiful embrace of the beckoning wilderness beyond. But what to see first? Art lovers might choose the Vancouver Art Gallery or the Contemporary Art Gallery. Nature lovers might rush for the ferry to visit Vancouver Island - where they can encounter grizzly bears, whales and orcas. Culture vultures, on the other hand, will probably head for the sights and sounds of Canada's biggest Chinatown. From steaming dim sum for lunch to Chinese apothecaries offering herbs to soothe any illness, it's all here thanks to the migrant workers of the 19th century. The one-of-a-kind treasure of Stanley Park brings wild wonder and natural beauty to this cosmopolitan city's doorstep, and the pine-tree clad park offers isolated trails and amazing views. Wander the Seawall that encircles it - a 20-mile coastal path, full of joggers, whizzing skaters and wandering couples. Grab a bike and cycle between Coal Harbour and Kitsilano Beach. You can top up your tan on the shore, as you soak in the glorious views of the mountains and cityscape from the sands.

Overnight onboard the **Silver Muse** in a **Vista Suite**

Dinner



VANCOUVER | CREDIT: ALBERT NORMANDIN

Day 2

Cruise Inside Passage

Navigate through the intricate outlays of some of Alaska's most staggering winter scenery, threading a needle between craggy, snow-dusted islands, and slipping glacial giants. To cruise this 500-mile stretch of Alaskan beauty is to sail through a living work of natural art - with perfectly sculpted mountains soaring from the shoreline, and clutches of islands scattered across the dark waters with delicate attention to detail. A common sailing route due to its calm sheltered waters, gorgeous natural set pieces constantly play out here - whether it's killer whales accompanying you through the breathtaking icy passages, harbour seals catching a break on floating hunks of ice, or wisps of cloud clinging to distant mountain peaks. Witness Mother Nature at her most dramatic and elaborate along this Alaskan coastline, where glaciers groan and creak melodramatically, before finally releasing colossal shelves of ice, allowing them to free fall into the waters below, and explode with angry booms and thunderous splashes. While fundamental displays of nature's power always awe and amaze, it's the tranquil beauty of this passage - amid still waters, splitting only to reveal the smooth backs of breaching humpback whales - that is relentlessly moving. A journey of glaciers, remote hidden villages, and carved fjords - the Inside Passage is a breathtaking voyage through the intricate mesh of Alaska's fractured, raw and spectacular coastal landscapes.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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Day **3**

Ketchikan

The Salmon Capital of the World is a thrilling introduction to wild and wonderful Alaska, sitting at the southern gateway to the Inside Passage's famed route of larger than life scenery. Cruise through the waters, or soar just above in a sightseeing plane, to take in the full majesty of the magnificent Misty Fjords National Monument. Home to grizzly and black bears - as well as cruising whales and swimming seals - the wildlife spotting opportunities in this majestic corner of the world are nothing short of spectacular. Towered over by steep banks and valley walls, Ketchikan's ocean inlet is peppered with granite stacks, looming from the waters. Surrounded by glorious landscapes, head to the Alaska Rainforest Sanctuary, which is alive with bald eagles, black bears and remarkable, thick, yellow banana slugs - the squeamish are advised to keep well clear. Visit Ketchikan's Heritage Centre, where a collection of intricately carved totem poles rise up, preserving the heritage of the indigenous Tlingit and Haida people of these lands. Ketchikan has the world's largest collection, and some of the oldest and most precious totems in existence. This frontier city hasn't always been so wholesome, however. See the colourful historic street that is built on crooked stilts over Ketchikan Creek, which has a crude history as the main red-light district in the city. The brothels closed in the 1950s, but you can explore this legendarily seedy past at Dolly's House - a brothel turned museum. See the Married Man trail, a historical route used to enter Creek Street away from prying eyes.

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Day **4**

Icy Strait Point

If there is one word that sums up Alaska it is nature. Mile and miles of it. And Icy Strait Point – one of Alaska’s most unspoilt destinations has – nature in spades. To begin with, Icy Strait Point is stunningly beautiful. It is the Alaska of your imagination: eagles soaring overhead, whales breaching before your eyes. Moody, low-hanging clouds set the scene while velvety green mountains provide the backdrop. Sparklingly clear waters lap at pebbly shores. These are beaches of the adventure kind, you won’t find sun loungers and sombreros here, more like kayaks and canoes, ready for those who want to take their discovery off shore. The village prides itself on being home to “more brown bears than humans”, so expect immersive wilderness experiences, from ATV adventures to zip lining through a canopy of trees! Located on Chichagoff Island, 35 miles west of Juneau and right in the centre of Glacier Bay, Icy Strait Point began life as a salmon cannery business, providing employment for the residents of nearby Hoonah. The cannery has served the community in many ways, including providing housing for employees after a fire in 1944 destroyed many resident’s homes. It ceased to function entirely in 1999 and in 2001, the landing was repurposed as America’s only private cruise ship terminal. The Alaskan owned and operated terminal funnels all its profits back into the local environment and provides employment for around 85% of local residents, many of whom live in Alaska’s largest Native Tlingit village.

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BALD EAGLE | © SILVERSEA CRUISES LTD

Day **5**

Skagway

Feel the same rush of excitement as the gold rush chasers did, when they first arrived in Skagway, intent on finding their fortune. While the gold may now be gone, a treasure trove of natural glory waits to be discovered here. The adrenaline of America's legendary gold rush still pulses along Skagway's streets, especially in Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park and the historic downtown area - which sprang up during the heady heights of the 1890's goldrush. The jagged mountain ridges - with peaks of white snow above a treeline of soaring pine forests - provide a reward for the ages. Recapture the evocative sense of adventure, as you ride one of the world's most spectacular railroads. Your engine will puff steam below the precipitous, colossal scenery, while the vintage carriages curve around the White Pass & Yukon Route, alongside tumbling waterfalls and spanning deeply-etched gorges. Wander historic trails like the Chilkoot Trail Hike, to walk in the well-trodden footsteps of the gold seekers. Set on the northern tip of the Inside Passage, Skagway luxuriates in a remarkably beautiful and dramatic landscape. Explore mighty rivers teeming with thick salmon leaping over rapids and see brown bears edging from the shelter of the trees. Endless forests spread as far as the eye can see, while bald eagles perch on treetops, surveying the surroundings from above. Whales roam offshore, and glaciers creak and calve nearby, in this magical natural kingdom.

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SKAGWAY | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALASKA

Day **6**

Icy Bay

Formed by the retreat of the Guyot, Yahtse, and Tyndall Glaciers, Icy Bay lives up to its frigid name. Sapphire blue waters are strewn with blocks of ice and the whole feeling is one of eerie, silent solitude. Yet, despite Icy Bay's timelessness, it is a relative new comer to the planet. Icy Bay as we know it is just 100 years old, although the area is of course much older. The Vancouver Expedition passed through the area on 4th June, 1794 and noted that the bay was blocked by "the giant tidewater Malaspina Glacier that calved icebergs directly into the Gulf of Alaska". Described as "an indentation of the glacier face" by Captain Vancouver, the 30-mile strait was named but not recorded on any maps. Geographically located 66 miles off northwest of Yakutat, Icy Bay lies within Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Alaska. Today, it would almost unthinkable to not visit the superlative beauty of Icy Bay during a voyage to Alaska. The chilly waters are fed by a stream from the Saint Elias Mountain Range, making the surrounding scenery some of the most spectacular on Earth. Fjord-like conditions have proved a boon for migrating wildlife; expect harbor seals hauled out on bright-blue ice, a plethora of sea birds and marine mammals and even the odd grizzly perched on the side of the water. The weather might not always be on your side (Icy Bay's temperature in August is just 11°C or 50°F) but if you like big, bold, beautiful coastline then wrap up warm and experience Mother Nature at her very best.

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Day 7

Valdez

Valdez is a spectacular coastal city tucked into the deep shores of Prince William Sound. The open scenery is one of unspoiled wildness, majestic mountains, tidewater glaciers and deep green rainforests. Take the chance to admire this landscape and to become a part of it. Colombia Glacier is one of the fastest moving glaciers in the world, renowned for its dramatic carving, leaving colossal chunks of ice in the water. Get up close to this icy phenomenon by boat or by helicopter. Flightseeing tours having the advantage of offering exceptional ariel views of the glacier and the surrounding Chugach mountains. Sea kayaking is popular and navigating the vast landscape in a small kayak immerses you in nature like nothing else, visit forgotten glaciers, strange ice formations and icy sea caves.

Valdez holds some of the oldest fish derbies in Alaska with big prize money, a testament to the superb fishing opportunities available. Try your luck to land a prize salmon or big halibut by shore or sea. If not, watch the experts, from mid-June to August when the salmon are spawning and the waters are silver and pink with fish, sealions and brown and black bears come to take their catch of the day.

Hike trails of all levels of difficulty are well maintained and offer awesome views, including dramatic waterfalls and lots of wildlife. With eagles, seabirds, bears, seals, sea lions and sea otters all commonly seen, and whales and porpoises frequent visitors it can be hard to know where to look next.

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VALDEZ © STATE OF ALASKA / REINHARD PANTKE

Day 8

Seward

Monumental scenery surrounds you in this remote corner of the world, where glaciers calve and whales cruise through inky waters, before an immense mountain backdrop. Almost totally submerged by the colossal landscapes around it, Seward - and the wonders of Kenai Fjords National Park - offer some of astonishing Alaska's most thrilling scenery. Located in a deep gash in the Kenai Peninsula, Seward is a place to immerse yourself in nature's majesty. Fjords carve into the landscape, while the Harding Icefield - which caps Kenai Fjords National Park - reaches out its icy fingers, with glaciers spilling down between mountain peaks. Head to Holgate Glacier, to come face to face with a breathtaking stack of intense blue and white ice. Get up close in a kayak or boat ride, to slalom through the discarded confetti of ice chunks, and perhaps even witness the powerful spectacle of an ice ledge creaking and groaning, before plunging to the waters below. The city of Anchorage is easily within reach from here, offering an incongruous contrast to the wild wonders of Alaska. A place where deep-sea fishermen bump shoulders with businesspeople on the 9-5, it's a fascinating, remote city. Home to almost half of the Alaskan population, Anchorage and its humble skyline is dwarfed by the snowy peaks of the wilderness beyond. Don't miss the opportunity to immerse yourself in the unique culture, traditions and heritage of the First Nation people of these lands too.

Breakfast



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English

LOCAL CURRENCY

USD

2024 Departures

June - 13, 27

August - 1, 15

Excluded

- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- **Not included in your cruise fare are:** selected shore excursions, meals ashore, fuel surcharges, dinners in La Dame (Per guest reservation fee of US\$60/ US\$160 for new Silver Nova and Silver Ray), Seishin Restaurant (Per guest reservation fee of US\$40) and Kaiseki Restaurant (Per guest reservation fee of US\$40/ US\$80 for new Silver Nova and Silver Ray), and S.A.L.T. Chef's Table (Per Guest reservation fee of US\$180), accommodations whilst ashore, casino gaming, laundry or valet services, purchases from the ship boutiques or any item or service of a personal nature such as medical care, massages, spa treatments, private fitness instruction, hair styling and manicures. Some champagne, premium wine and spirit selections, caviar, cigarettes and cigars are not included in your fare and may not be available at all times.