

 SILVERSEA®
EXPEDITIONS

BEYOND THE BEACHES

DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF
CUBA, COLUMBIA
AND PANAMA

October 2017



JEWELS OF THE CARIBBEAN SEA

Voyage: 7722
Departure date: 6 Oct 2017
Days: 11 | Ship: *Silver Explorer*
Embark: Nassau, Bahamas
Disembark: Colon, Panama

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
6 Oct 17	Nassau, Bahamas		17:00
7 Oct 17	Day at Sea		
8 Oct 17	Havana, Cuba	06:30	
9 Oct 17	Havana, Cuba		12:00
10 Oct 17	Punta Frances, Isle of Youth, Cuba	13:30	17:30
11 Oct 17	Cienfuegos, Cuba	09:00	19:30
12 Oct 17	Day at Sea		
13 Oct 17	Santiago de Cuba, Cuba	07:30	16:00
14 Oct 17	Day at Sea		
15 Oct 17	Cartagena, Colombia	14:00	20:00
16 Oct 17	San Blas Islands, Panama	13:00	17:30
17 Oct 17	Colon, Panama	06:30	



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Admire the dazzling tropical fish and colourful corals underwater
- Enjoy the beaches, and luxuriant tropical landscape of San Blas Islands (currently known as Guna Yala)
- Relax on the powdery white beaches of spectacular Isle of Youth
- Get driven in a vintage car to a cigar factory in Havana
- Enjoy a traditional Cuban Tropicana Evening Show
- Visit Santiago de Cuba's San Pedro de la Roca Castle, Old Havana and the town of Trinidad - UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Be on the lookout for toucans, tanagers, hummingbirds, kiskadees
- Visit Cartagena's fortified old quarters –a UNESCO World Heritage Site



SILVERSEA EXPEDITION'S ALL-INCLUSIVE LIFESTYLE

- Uniquely curated itineraries sailing to all 7 continents and over 350 destinations
- Highly qualified expedition team with experts in their field (marine biologists, ornithologists, historians and more)
- Excursions and activities: Zodiac® cruising, diving, hiking and snorkelling
- Personalised service with a butler for all suites and the highest crew to guest ratio in the industry
- Fine dining even in the most remote places of the planet
- Comfortable amenities with the largest expedition suites at sea
- Inclusive room-service, wine and spirits throughout the ship
- Free WiFi* throughout the ship
- Exclusive partnership with The Royal Geographical Society

* One hour free WiFi per day for all guests. Unlimited free WiFi for guests sailing on select suite categories



SILVER EXPLORER

Silversea's purpose-built *Silver Explorer* expedition ship, which carries 130 guests, has been designed specifically for navigating waters in some of the world's most remote destinations. There are two dining venues on board, The Restaurant and The Grill, and public areas include the Observation Lounge that boasts exceptional views overlooking the ocean, the Panorama Lounge, a sophisticated yet amicable space where you can relax and unwind, The Theatre where you can hear fascinating tales of adventure or learn about the region's endemic wildlife and remarkable nature or The Spa to indulge in a luxurious spa treatment. A fleet of Zodiac boats allows guests to visit even the most off-the-beaten path locations and an expert Expedition Team provides insight and understanding to each unforgettable adventure.



Day 1 — Nassau, Bahamas

Embark *Silver Explorer* for our spectacular 11-day expedition.

Day 2 — At Sea

As we sail towards Cuba, guests can join the Expedition Team on the outer decks and watch for birds, whales and dolphins, or head to The Theatre to learn more about Cuba and its unique culture and history - as Christopher Columbus said: "the most beautiful land that eyes have ever seen".

Days 3-4 — Havana, Cuba

Enjoy a guided tour taking in the highlights of Havana. We will start our journey to the metropolitan and Modern Havana driving to the military fortress Castillo de Los Tres Santos Reyes del Morro, from where we will have a commanding view over the city. We will then continue to the Revolution Square, a memorial to the Cuban independence hero Jose Marti. From there we drive to the colonial part of the city to explore Havana by foot through the Historical Centre of Old Havana.

After an early dinner onboard the *Silver Explorer*, we set out to enjoy a typical not-to-miss Havana Tropicana Show. The luxurious and spectacular show, performed under the stars, offers Caribbean music and all the varieties related with the cabaret ambiance.

During our second day in Havana, we depart for a tour to see, sample and enjoy three things Cuba is famous for: vintage American cars, cigars, and mojitos. Join us on a drive in vintage American cars to the 'Cigar Factory'. Learn about the history of cigars and see how Cuban cigars are hand-rolled, before we continue to the National Hotel for THE Cuban cocktail: a mojito.

If you prefer to explore Havana on your own, the "Havana Rum Museum" is in walking distance and has guided tours explaining the process and history of rum and the Havana Rum company.

Day 5 — Punta Frances, Isle of Youth, Cuba

This enchanting island was discovered by Columbus in 1494 during his second America-voyage, set in the Canarreos-Archipelago, between Cuba and Mexico. We will tender ashore at the Punta Frances Maritime National Park. Join our onboard Marine Biologist for a snorkel tour and learn to identify damselfish, jacks, surgeonfish, trumpet fish, parrot fish, triggerfish and turtles. Alternatively, explore more of this National Park by foot and be on the lookout for iguanas and pelicans.

Day 6 — Cienfuegos, Cuba

Cienfuegos ("hundred fires") is the city of Cuba with an exceptional colonial flavour. The city was founded in the early 19th century by French colonists and has been called The Pearl of the South. On our tour we will visit the nearby town of Trinidad declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. Founded by Diego Velázquez in 1515 as Villa de la Santísima Trinidad, it still preserves its colonial style: cobble-stoned streets, tiled roofs, the filigree of its grilles and inner patios remain from colonial times. We will visit the Romantic Museum, Brunet Palace and La Canchánchara tavern where you can sample a special drink made with honey, lemon and rum originally given to slaves in Colonial times.

Day 7 — At Sea

A day at sea always gives good opportunities to assess the things seen so far and to prepare you for the different destinations still to be visited. Help our birders spot some of the seabirds found far away from their nesting grounds. There are many ways to enjoy the day while *Silver Explorer* cruises the Caribbean.

Day 8 — Santiago de Cuba, Cuba

Cuba's second-largest city will reveal its most intriguing sites today. We will drive through the main streets of Santiago de Cuba on our way to the Morro Castle, originally called "San Pedro de la Roca Castle", declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. A brief stop is made at the Revolution Square before we visit Santa Ifigenia Cemetery and the Cuban independence hero's mausoleum. Before heading to Céspedes Park, the heart of the city, where Santiago's beautiful Cathedral overlooks the square, a stop will be made at *Caney's Rum Bar*, related to a famous brand that has a bat in its logo.

Alternatively, leave Santiago de Cuba on an excursion that will take the road to La Gran Piedra, one of the Sierra Maestra Peaks. There we are able to admire wonderful views of the coast and surrounding countryside.

Day 9 — At Sea

A leisurely day at sea allows time to exchange notes with fellow travellers and to recap our stay in Cuba with our Expedition Team. Take advantage of the luxurious amenities aboard *Silver Explorer*.

Day 10 — Cartagena, Colombia

Since its founding in 1533 by Francisco de Heredia, Cartagena de Indias has been one of the most important ports of Spanish South America. Enclosed by extensive walls and 'protected' by several fortresses, the old part of Cartagena is known as "the walled city" and was declared a Colombian Heritage Site in 1959, while UNESCO declared it a World Cultural Heritage Site in 1984.

During the afternoon we will visit the walled part of Cartagena with its colonial houses, narrow streets, many galleries and restaurants. Inside this protected area are the Museum of the Inquisition, the Museo de Oro (Gold Museum), and the Museum of Modern Art, as well as the Film Museum, the Naval Museum, and the imposing Teatro Heredia.

Day 11 — San Blas Islands, Panama

We will board our Zodiacs and visit one of the 365 islets and islands of Guna Yala, formerly known as the San Blas Archipelago, where we will visit one of the uninhabited islets for swimming and snorkelling.

Day 12 — Colon, Panama

Following breakfast, disembark *Silver Explorer*.

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