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A luxurious cruise means many things to many people, but Silversea's owners, the Lefebvre family of Rome, and countless numbers of delighted guests feel that Silversea's small ship cruises personify the true meaning of comfort and intimacy. Their ships are small enough to visit exceptional destinations, yet large enough to make sure that you experience everything you could dream of. That's real luxury.

Founded in 1994, with its headquarters in Monaco, Silversea Cruises pioneered all-inclusive cruising with its first ship, Silver Cloud. Twenty five years on, the fleet of soon to be 10 small luxury ships carrying between just 100 and 596 guests, has built a reputation for exclusivity and exemplary service. You will enjoy spacious suites, all featuring ocean views and many with a private teak veranda, diverse onboard activities, gourmet cuisine, free-flowing premium wines and spirits, plus full butler service for every guest; even gratuities are included.

2019 has offered a plethora of itineraries, many with overnight stays. Whether you dream of snow-filled plains or iconic cities, these small-scale vessels can

sail to remote ports in more than 900 destinations across the globe, enabling you to choose unique excursions like a guided tour of Ephesus or a train journey to Moscow.

2020 will see the sister ship of the Silver Muse launched. The Silver Moon will be the epitome of 21st century luxury travel. There will even more immersive itineraries in the Galápagos on the new Silver Origin and the first world cruise ever to offer its guests the chance to set foot on all seven continents, including bucket-list destination Antarctica. Leaving Fort Lauderdale for Amsterdam, this 140-day journey onboard Silver Whisper is selling out quickly.

Silversea has a dedicated Silver Shore concierge to help you find shore excursions that meet your interests. Land-based excursions can include picturesque nature hikes, walking trails, bicycling, birdwatching, horseback riding, golf, kite-flying, and flightseeing. Seal and whale-watching, mariculture, canoeing, sea-kayaking, surfing, windsurfing and kitesurfing, fishing, boating, Zodiac tours, snorkelling, scuba diving, sailing .... there is just so much to choose from.

Travellers looking for more action-packed adventures should book a cruise on one of the Silversea Expedition vessels. Excursions from these ships are included in the cruise fare and offer guests the opportunity to explore the wildlife, geology and landscape of each destination in a more physical way. Silversea Expeditions cruises have an additional secret weapon: the ships' expedition staff of highly trained guides and naturalists. They give lectures and accompany shore excursions so they can impart everything you need to know about the region's flora, fauna and indigenous culture.

You can attend expert lectures covering topics like history and science, photography on Antarctic departures or cuisine on select cruises that cater to foodies and wine lovers. In addition, voyages are often built around visiting experts, such as dancers Daria Khokhlova and Artemy Belyakov from Russia's Bolshoi Ballet. It's this level of access to experts that typifies Silversea voyages.

So, whether it's a luxury or an expedition voyage, you can be certain Silversea will change the way you look at cruising forever.

