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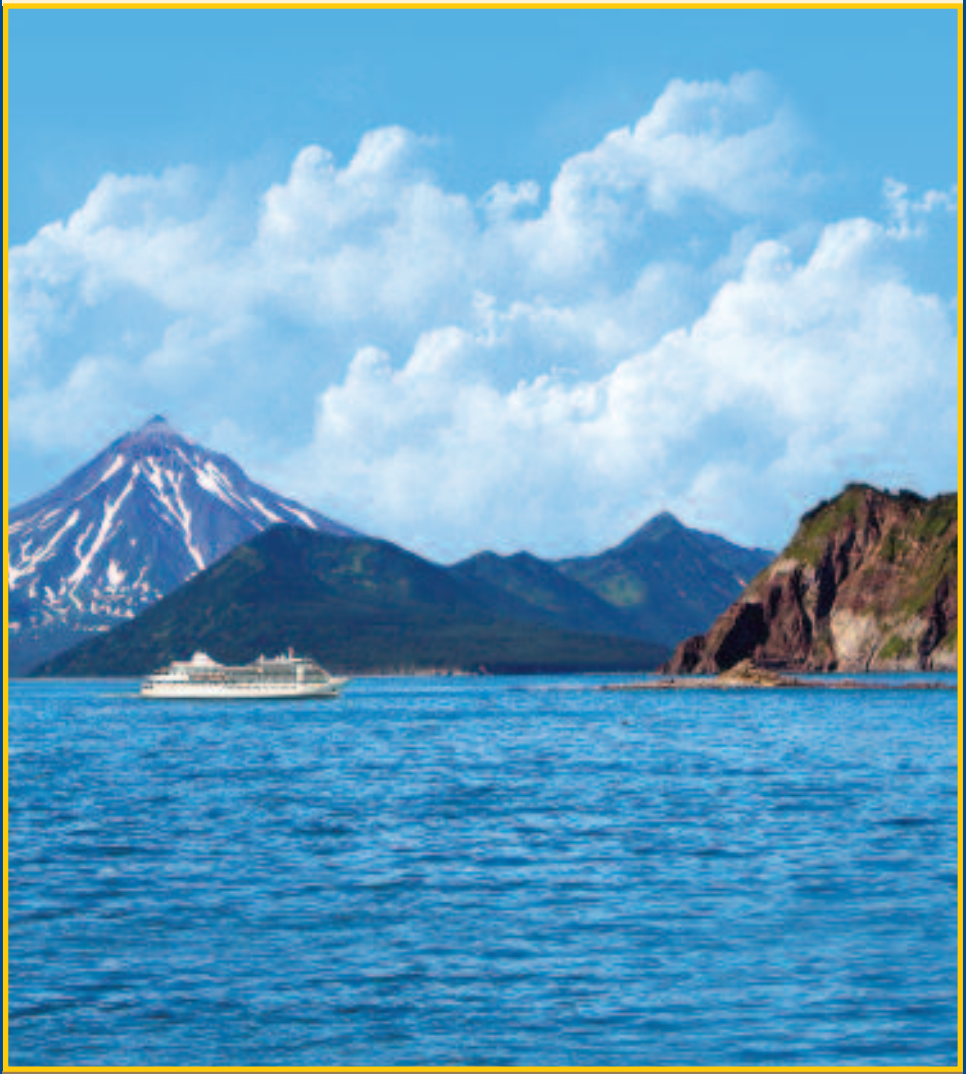

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Dear Smithsonian Traveler,

I am thrilled to invite you on a first-time transpacific crossing from Tokyo, Japan, to Anchorage, Alaska, aboard the six-star Silversea M.V. Silver Shadow – the ultimate in ocean cruising.

On this unique, 14-night voyage, we'll step ashore at seldom visited ports along the water and land bridges that served as a highway of human culture connecting the East and West. Along our route, we'll experience the natural wonders of Japan's stunning and serene Northern Islands; the dramatic beauty of Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula, a UNESCO Heritage Site; the rugged yet alluring Aleutian Islands; and the magnificent wilderness expanse of Alaska.

Our luxury vessel, the all-suite M.V. Silver Shadow, carries only 382 guests, and features an impressive list of inclusives, such as free air* from 43 cities, all shipboard gratuities, complimentary beverages throughout the cruise, and $1000 of shipboard credit that you can apply to fascinating land excursions and a host of onboard services. You may also wish to complement your cruise with exclusive Kyoto Pre-Cruise and Denali National Park and Fairbanks Post-Cruise touring programs.

Lectures by study leader Patrick Abbott will acquaint you with the unique character of Pacific geology. This cruise is not only fascinating – it is also an outstanding value. If you book by October 23, 2012 we'll take up to $3,000 off per couple. I do hope you will join us!

Sincerely,

Amy Kotkin

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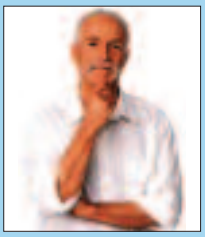
Director

P.S. I encourage you to book now while space and early booking savings are available.

Free Air from 43 cities and Low Air Add-Ons have limited availability and are not guaranteed.

Our Smithsonian Expert
Patrick Abbott



Patrick Abbott has a Ph.D. in geology from The University of Texas at Austin. He is a long-time Professor of Geology at San Diego State University.

Pat's research on reconstructing ancient continental positions has focused on the region stretching from coastal Mexico to coastal Alaska. His college textbook, *Natural Disasters*, published by McGraw-Hill, is in its ninth edition, and discusses in detail the plate tectonics, earthquakes, climate change, and volcanic history of the Pacific region. He appeared in the TV series *The Real Gilligan's Island* on TBS and contributed to a History Channel program in spring 2012 on geological and meteorological phenomena.

Pat will lecture on the plate tectonics and volcanic activity in the areas visited on this cruise, and why these regional phenomena are significant on a global scale.

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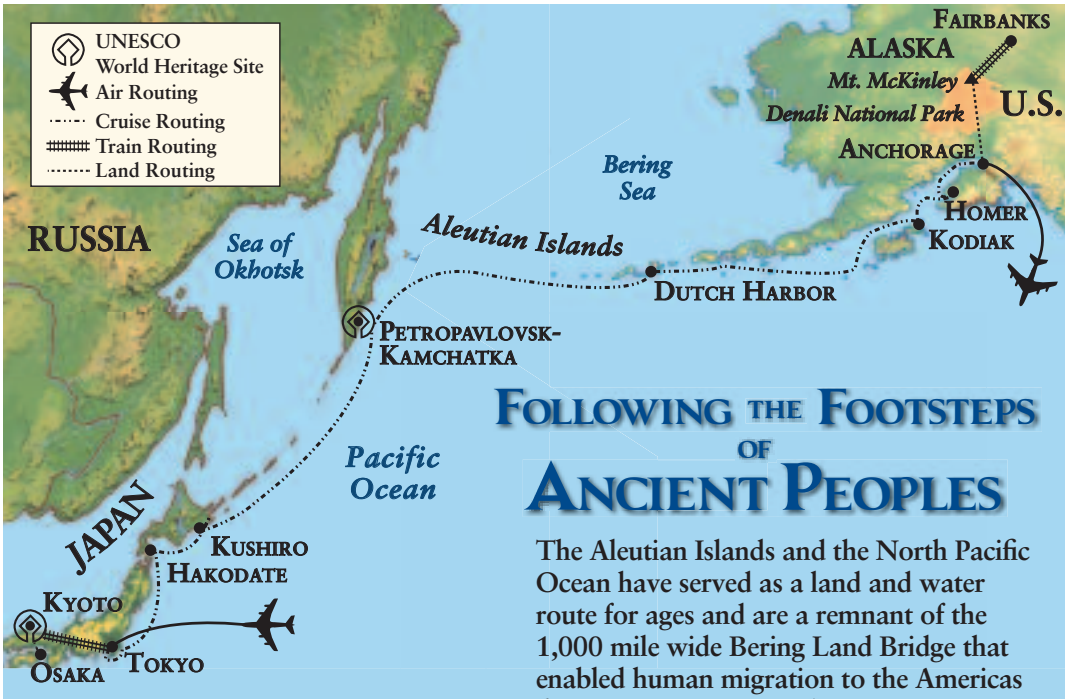

Following the Footsteps of Ancient Peoples

The Aleutian Islands and the North Pacific Ocean have served as a land and water route for ages and are a remnant of the 1,000 mile wide Bering Land Bridge that enabled human migration to the Americas from Asia approximately 30,000 years ago. Waves of Paleoindian tribes from northern Japan and eastern Russia crossed the Bering Sea to Alaska and Canada's northern territories where different cultures settled, intermingled and flourished. These tribes expanded and moved south and spread throughout North America; the lineage of the Native American Cherokee and Cree tribes can be traced back to those ancient explorers. The subtle markings of this ancestral heritage are evident today in the artwork, tools and methods of subsistence living that enabled these people to dwell in such remote wilds. Today, along the beautiful windswept islands, one can now see the remains of native camps and artwork displaying the skill and pride of one of the world's oldest cultures.

Photo this page: *Watch for magnificent humpback whales feeding in the North Pacific's krill-rich waters.*

Cover photo: *Cruise along the rarely visited Kamchatka Peninsula into the remote and spectacular wilderness of Avacha Bay.*

On-Board Highlights

- Free Air from 43 major cities!
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- Only 382 Guests.
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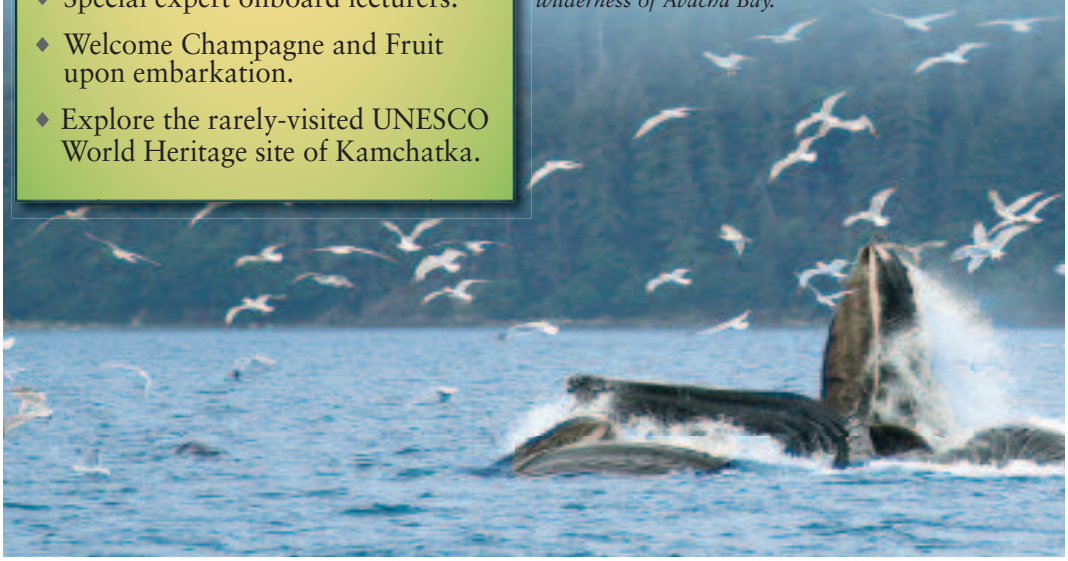
- Complimentary Butler service.
- Special expert onboard lecturers.
- Welcome Champagne and Fruit upon embarkation.
- Explore the rarely-visited UNESCO World Heritage site of Kamchatka.



Tokyo, Japan

Experience Japan's capital and the world's most populous metropolis. Beneath the thriving business districts, the latest architectural achievements and the wellspring of Japanese pop culture, you can find the cultural core of this historic city. Intricate Shinto shrines and neighborhood public baths still reveal time-honored old traditions.

Hakodate

Located on the southern shores of the largely untamed isle of Hokkaido, Hakodate opened as an international port in 1859. The city retains the ambiance of a bygone era with old-fashioned streetcars running leisurely through the historic Motomachi district, which is laden with turn-of-the-century American and European architecture.

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The city's highlights include a Russian Orthodox church built in the Byzantine style; an antebellum mansion which houses the city's public hall; and Asa Ichi, a fish and vegetable market brimming with local Japanese color.

Kushiro

The beautiful coastal port of Kushiro, situated in the southeastern part of Hokkaido and facing the Pacific Ocean, is known as "the town of mist," and has been a base for deep-sea fishing for over a century. The thriving Washo fish market sells fresh seafood such as saury, hairy crab, salmon, shishamo (a kind of smelt) and scallops. Nearby, the largest wetland in Japan, Kushiro Marshland, is renowned for its unique ecosystem, which can be observed directly from a wooden walkway. It is home to about 600 plant species, and offers habitats for migratory birds and the enormous Japanese crane, a traditional symbol of both longevity and Japan.

The Russian Orthodox Church of the Holy Ascension evokes the Russian heritage of Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

Petropavlovsk, Russia

Petropavlovsk, at the edge of Avacha Bay, is one of Russia's oldest towns in the Far East and has one of the world's most beautiful settings. The city is a commercial center of Kamchatka. In 1740, the explorer Vitus Bering reached Avacha Bay, and subsequently from here embarked on his voyage which led to the discovery of the Aleutian Islands leading to the coast of America. The region has since played

The Nijubashi Bridge leads to the spectacular Imperial Palace in Tokyo, where the imperial family lives among the large park area surrounded by moats and massive stone walls in the center of the city.

a strategic role in the defense of Russian territory and was closed off to the world, resulting in the preservation of its vast and unique wilderness. Kamchatka is inhabited by the largest brown bear population in the world; the world's largest eagle, the Steller's sea eagle; and almost one third of the world's Pacific salmon population.

Transpacific Crossing

On deck, look for marine wildlife such as Orca and Humpback whales, harbor seals, sea otters and one of the most dense populations of sea birds on Earth between port calls in Russia's Petropavlovsk and Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

Itinerary

Day	
1	Depart the U.S.
2	Tokyo, Japan/ Embark m.v. Silver Shadow (D)
3	Tokyo (B,L,D,R)
4	Cruising the Pacific Ocean (B,L,D)
5	Hakodate, Hokkaido (B,L,D)
6	Kushiro (B,L,D)
7-8	Cruising the Pacific Ocean (B,L,D)
9	Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka, Russia (B,L,D)
10-11	Transpacific Crossing/ International Date Line (B,L,D)
12	Dutch Harbor, Alaska, U.S. (B,L,D)
13	Cruising the Aleutian Archipelago (B,L,D)
14	Kodiak (B,L,D)
15	Homer (B,L,D)
16	Anchorage/ Disembark m.v. Silver Shadow/ Return to home city (B)

Enjoy onboard lectures, live entertainment, Relais & Châteaux cuisine, complimentary fitness classes, onboard spa treatments and stargazing. Or, simply wrap up in a blanket and relax on deck with a complimentary beverage of your choice while contemplating a panoramic view of the Pacific horizon.

Dutch Harbor, Alaska, U.S.

Dutch Harbor has a diverse history where culture and commerce have coexisted since the mid-1700s. At the confluence of the North Pacific and the Bering Sea, it is the only natural deepwater port in the Aleutian Islands, and vessels from around the world call here each year. Since 1988, the town has led our nation in both volume and value of seafood caught with more than 800 million pounds of seafood processed annually for export. Beyond the fisheries at the center of town, explore the terrain and wildlife of the island in the path of the indigenous Aleut people who have continuously inhabited these islands for approximately 9,000 years.

Kodiak

Twenty thousand years ago, most of the Kodiak Archipelago was covered by glaciers that left scenic peaks, fjord-like bays and wide U-shaped valleys that became ideally suited for abundant land and marine life. The Alutiiq, Kodiak's first inhabitants, were drawn to the region by its plentiful fish and sea mammals. Russian trappers were led to Kodiak in pursuit of sea otter pelts and established the first capital of Russian Alaska here in 1784. When the United States purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867, the economy shifted to whaling and salmon fishing. Today, the town is home to over 700 fishing vessels.

Explore the island's historic landmarks highlighting the Native American and Russian legacy and experience a wildness that is matched in few places on Earth.

Homer

Charming, colorful Homer, at the end of Sterling Highway, sits amid towering snow-capped mountains and blue glaciers on beautiful Kachemak Bay, a sheltered arm of lower Cook Inlet. People have inhabited the area for thousands of years, drawn to its diverse land, mild climate and abundant marine life. In the 1800s, homesteaders and coal miners comprised the area's population until commercial fishing became the mainstay of the town. Today, Homer is known as the 'Halibut Fishing Capital of the World', and is home to an eclectic mix of artists, fisherman, and outdoor enthusiasts drawn by the slow pace of life and wilderness setting by the clear-water bay.

Anchorage

Anchorage, Alaska's largest city was founded in 1914 as a work camp for the Alaska Railroad and boomed due to oil from Prudhoe Bay. With all the comforts of a U.S. city, the town maintains its frontier façade evident in the world's largest floatplane sea base, Lake Hood. The Alaska Native Heritage Center features Alaska's native culture, language, heritage and traditions.

Blanket tosses once allowed hunters to scan the frozen horizon in search of whales, seals and caribou; and more recently as a ceremonial end to the hunting season.

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Your Deluxe Ocean-View Suite

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With *Compliments*!

A selection of *complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages* are served throughout the ship during the entire cruise; all Shipboard Gratuities and Port Taxes are included; in-Suite dining and 24-hour Room Service are at your request.

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Apply your $1000-per-couple Passport to Luxury Shipboard Credit toward select shore excursions, specialty restaurants, spa treatments, personal trainer, laundry service, or boutique purchases.

At your Service

A professional—Leading Hotel Schools of the World-trained—Butler will provide Six-Star service.

Refined Luxury at Sea

Enjoy daily entertainment or quiet retreats among the elegant Show Lounge, Panorama Lounge, Observation Lounge, Library, Connoisseur's Corner, Casino and Internet Café. There is a pool and boutique.

Relais & Châteaux® Signature Dining

Savor exclusive epicurean delights created by the prestigious international Relais & Châteaux® for Silversea, featuring an open seating policy, which allows you to choose the venue, the time and with whom you wish to dine. Select from The Restaurant's international cuisine; La Terrazza's authentic Italian cuisine; or, Le Champagne, the only Relais & Châteaux® wine restaurant at sea.

Veranda Suite

Dining Room

Alfresco Dining

Refresh the Body, Mind and Spirit

Complimentary group classes led by professional trainers, state-of-the-art fitness equipment, saunas and steam rooms, a pool and whirlpool, full-service spa and beauty salon (services at additional cost) are available. "CruiseLite Dining" options are offered daily.

❖*The Passport to Luxury Shipboard Credit has no cash value, unused portions will be forfeited and restrictions apply.*

Kyoto's Golden Pavilion, built in 1397 and covered in gold leaf, is now a Zen Temple surrounded by tranquil gardens.

Kyoto Pre-Cruise Option*

In Kyoto, old bamboo forests and cherry trees dot the landscape, and 17 UNESCO World Heritage sites, thousands of Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines and tranquil gardens stand in testament to eleven centuries of Japanese history and culture. Enjoy a first-class transfer on the Bullet Train to Tokyo to begin your voyage. Accommodations are in the centrally located ANA Hotel Kyoto for three nights.

Denali National Park and Fairbanks Post-Cruise Option*

Explore Alaska's former frontier trading post, Fairbanks, and travel to the pristine wilderness of Denali National Park. Enjoy one night in Anchorage, then, a scenic transfer to Alaska's splendid six-million-acre Denali National Park. Journey into the heart of Denali, where a park guide will help you spot its amazing wildlife. Travel aboard a domed train offering open-air observation platforms and stunning 360-degree views of the majestic mountains during the journey to Fairbanks where you can learn about daily frontier life a century ago. Accommodations include one night in the modern Anchorage Marriott, two nights in the scenic Grande Denali Lodge and two nights in the picturesque Pike's Waterfront Lodge in Fairbanks.

**Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

See Mt. McKinley, the tallest mountain in North America, 20,320 feet above sea level, and the centerpiece of Denali National Park, renowned for its undisturbed natural ecosystem.

What is Included

- Free Air* from 43 major U.S. and Canadian cities and Low-Air Add-Ons.
- $1000 Shipboard Credit* per couple.
- Fourteen-night cruise aboard the luxury small ship M.V. Silver Shadow.
- Expertise of a Study Leader, Travel Directors and local guides throughout the tour.
- All accommodations (based on double occupancy).
- Meals including Welcome and Farewell Receptions, as noted in the itinerary and complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served throughout your cruise.
- Pre-tour information including a reading list.
- Gratuities to drivers on included transfers and shipboard personnel.
- Port taxes.
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad on the day of embarkation/disembarkation for participants who make air arrangements through the Silversea Free Air/Low Air Add-Ons Program.*
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants on the pre- and/or post-cruise options whose arrivals/departures coincide with the scheduled group transfer.
- Emergency evacuation insurance (up to $50,000) and access to emergency assistance service.

What is Not Included

- Passport fees.
- Optional shore excursions available in each port of call through Silversea.
- Personal items such as premium wines and liquors, meals other than specified and Le Champagne restaurant reservation fee.
- Gratuities to hotel staff.
- Expenses incurred by our tour operator in making travel arrangements in conjunction with the tour.
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who make their own air arrangements on the main program.
- Other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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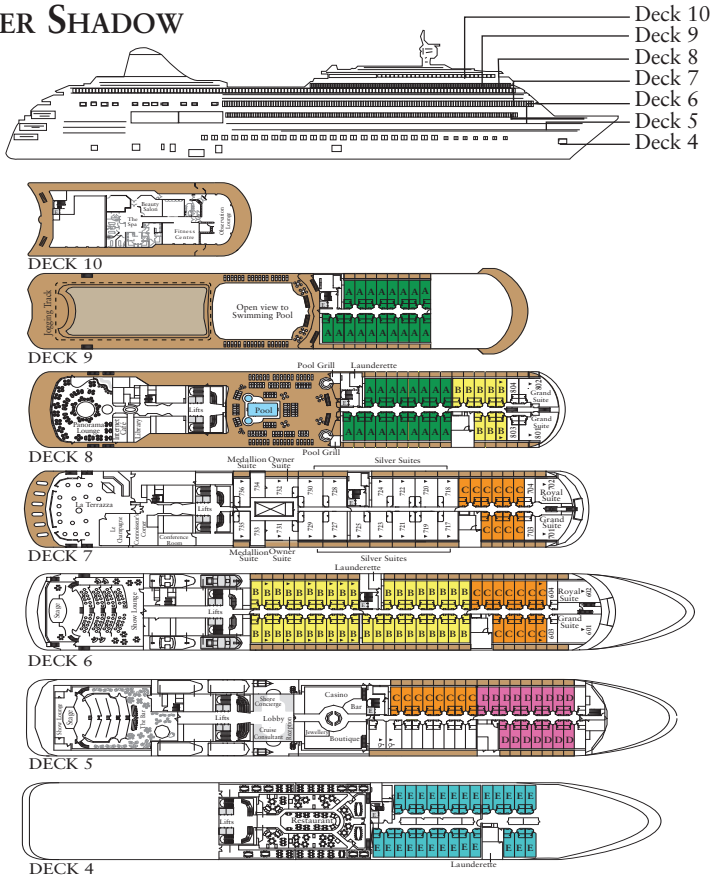
Lands and Islands of Mystery A Transpacific Voyage *Highlights*

- Experience a once-in-a-lifetime transpacific crossing from Japan to Russia and Alaska featuring fascinating cultures and spectacular natural wonders.
- See the dynamic beauty of Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Cruise aboard the luxury, all-suite, M.V. Silver Shadow which carries only 382 guests and offers a $1000 shipboard credit per couple.
- Enjoy complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served throughout the cruise.

M.V. Silver Shadow



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Low Air Add-Ons* from $448 from 30 U.S. and Canadian cities.

Note: *Due to limited flight schedules, Silversea's Silver Sky Air Department reserves the right to impose an overnight stay (hotel, transfers, meals, etc.) in the arrival and/or departure gateway city or in any intermediate/transit city at the participant's expense.*

Cruise/Air Tariff *(per person, based on double occupancy)*

Suite Category	***Description*** *- All Suites have two twin beds convertible to one queen bed, butler service, private Italian marble bathroom with full-size bath and separate shower, walk-in wardrobe, sitting area with writing desk, dressing table with hair dryer, plush robes and slippers, minibar, flat-screen television with DVD and satellite reception, direct-line telephone, safe and climate control.*	***Early Booking Price through October 23, 2012***	*Regular Price after October 23, 2012*
E	Vista Suite with large picture window. 287 sq. ft. *Deck 4.*	**$5599**	$7099
D	Veranda Suite featuring floor-to-ceiling glass doors and teak veranda with furniture. 345 sq. ft. (includes 60-sq.-ft. veranda). *Deck 5, forward.*	**$6999**	$8499
C	Veranda Suite featuring floor-to-ceiling glass doors and teak veranda with furniture. 345 sq. ft. (includes 60-sq.-ft. veranda). *Deck 5, midship; Deck 6; and Deck 7, forward.*	**$7199**	$8699
B	Veranda Suite featuring floor-to-ceiling glass doors and teak veranda with furniture. 345 sq. ft. (includes 60-sq.-ft. veranda). *Deck 6, midship and Deck 8, forward.*	**$7499**	$8999
A	Midship Veranda Suite featuring floor-to-ceiling glass doors and teak veranda with furniture. 345 sq. ft. (includes 60-sq.-ft. veranda). *Decks 8 and 9.*	**$7699**	$9199

- Additional Suite category tariffs are available upon request.
- Singles are available in category E at $10498 and in category B at $14298 on or before October 23, 2012. Add $1500 for reservations made after October 23, 2012.
- Port taxes are included.

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