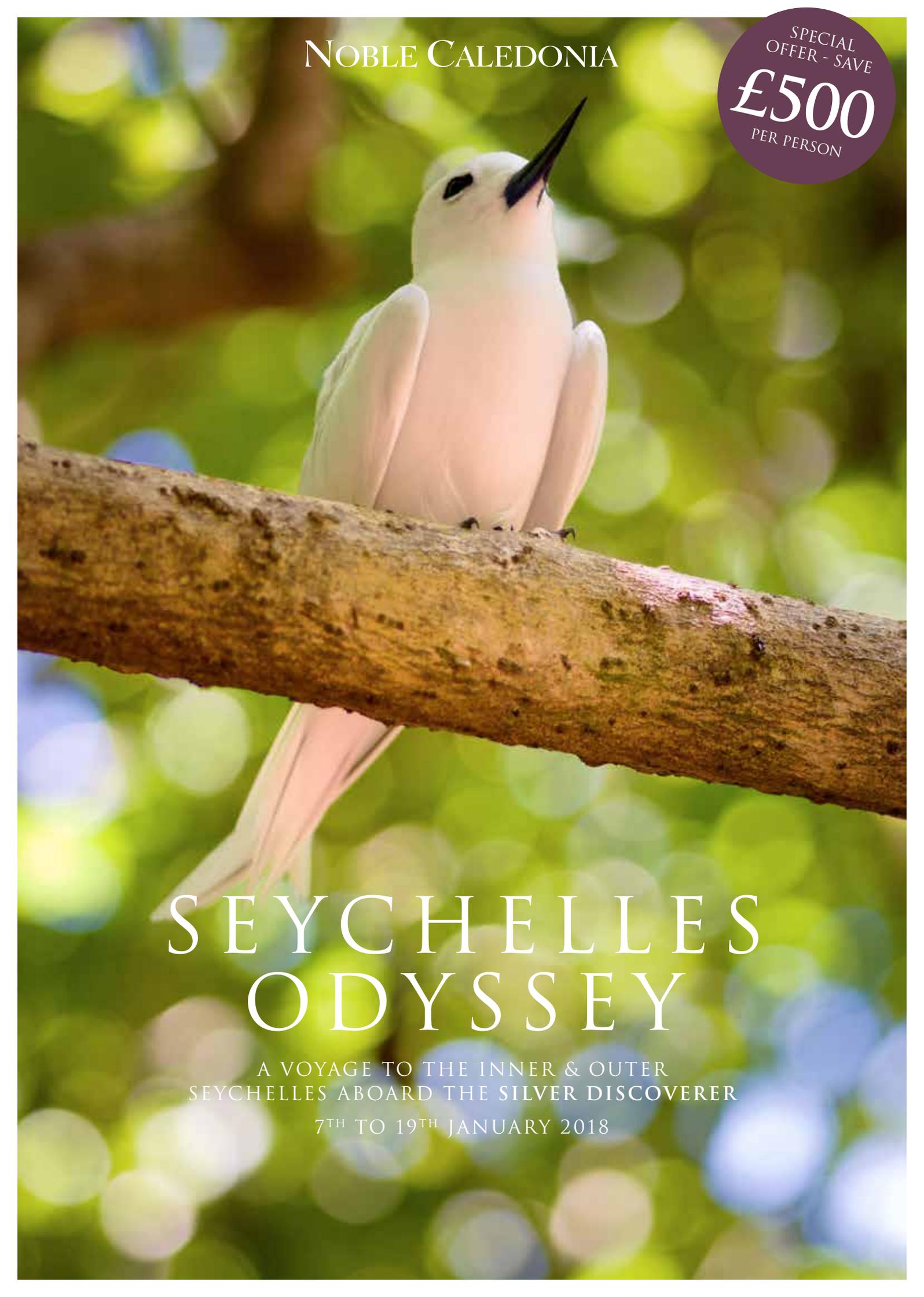


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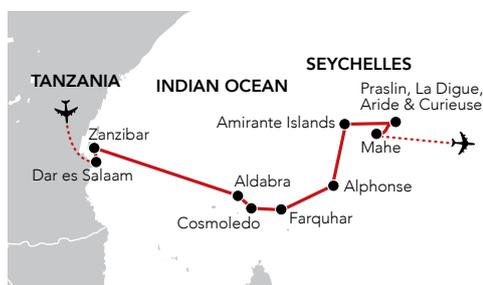
7TH TO 19TH JANUARY 2018



Join us aboard the luxurious Silver Discoverer as we explore the bountiful islands of the Indian Ocean. The Seychelles islands are some of the most captivating tropical islands in the world; spread out over a vast area of the Indian Ocean they offer everything from quiet sophistication and enchanting scenery to wild, remote and uninhabited nature reserves. From the little-visited Aldabra and Amirantes group to the relative sophistication of Praslin and Mahe, these islands offer the visitor a tropical beauty that is difficult, if not impossible to match anywhere else in the world.

Few ships in the world are allowed to visit the remote and environmentally fragile islands of the Outer Seychelles Group and we are fortunate that the Silver Discoverer is one of them. It is a great privilege to be able to land on the untouched beaches of Aldabra, the breeding ground for thousands of giant tortoise and home to some of the rarest birds in the Indian Ocean. To explore the abundant crystal clear waters of the vast lagoon and to set foot on atolls which have never been exploited by the hand of man is a rare experience.

We know the region well having operated vessels here for the past twenty five years and those who have sailed with us through these extraordinary waters have experienced the magic of dropping anchor off a remote atoll at first light to watch the dawn illuminate the watery horizon. Then, as the sun rises, we have ventured ashore by Zodiac, landing on a deserted beach to discover the rich bird and marine life, the exotic flora, nature reserves and working estates of cinnamon and coconuts, breadfruit and bananas and all wonder of strange tropical fruits. If ever there was a region perfect for expedition cruising it is here and the Silver Discoverer, which we have chartered for this expedition, is the perfect size and equipped vessel for our voyage.



EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Zanzibar's Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Swim and snorkel with rays and turtles
- Look for the Indian Ocean's largest red-footed booby colony on Cosmoledo
- Walk legendary "Source d'Argent" beach on La Digue
- Visit Aldabra and Vallee du Mai, the two UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Seychelles

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Dar es Salaam. Arrive today and transfer to the Silver Discoverer in the early afternoon. Enjoy dinner on board as we sail to Zanzibar.

Day 3 Zanzibar. Today we will visit the first UNESCO World Heritage Site of our voyage, Stone Town, which is a fine example of a Swahili coastal trading town. At the City Market we can see and smell the tropical fruits that are on offer as well as the freshly ground spices. Within walking distance is the Anglican Church, built over the old Great Slave Market where slaves from all over East Africa were brought and kept in underground

chambers. Our next stop will be a spice farm in the countryside. We will drive past the Old Arab Fort and Dr Livingstone's house en-route and at the spice farm enjoy a guided tour and taste some of the exotic spices and fruits grown here. The different plants are grown for food flavouring, for cosmetics, as dyes and for traditional medicine. Alternatively, you might want to go swimming and snorkelling at a sandbank. To get there you will be taken by traditional dhow and the crystal clear waters will invite you to explore the underwater world, looking for coral and fishes.

Day 4 At Sea. Make full use of our small, manoeuvrable ship while we start covering the vast expanse of the Indian Ocean. Our lecturers will



Eagle ray



Zanzibar



Red-footed booby



La Digue

offer talks preparing you for our visit to the Seychelles, be it about its historical aspects or natural history. In addition, you can unwind, relax, and make use of the gym or Spa, or any of the other amenities aboard the Silver Discoverer.

Days 5 & 6 Aldabra Islands, Seychelles. During these two days we have the opportunity to visit part of the Outer Islands of the Seychelles. Aldabra is reputedly the world's second-largest atoll and has been described as "one of nature's treasures" and it will truly be a privilege to be able to visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Because of its extreme isolation, Aldabra is virtually untouched by humans. Its distinctive island fauna includes the Aldabra giant tortoise and about two thirds of the world population of giant tortoises live on Aldabra. As Aldabra lacks freshwater and is difficult to access, the island has not been developed for tourism. No airport has been built, and only a handful of smaller ships (with special permits) are allowed to call at this unique atoll. We will anchor off Aldabra for two days and enjoy exhilarating drift snorkels as the incoming tide whisks us into a lagoon populated with eagle rays, turtles, and coral gardens teeming with marine life. Time and tides permitting, we cruise via Zodiac through narrow channels between fossilised coral islands, and between mangrove-covered islands to observe large colonies of nesting boobies and Great frigatebirds soaring overhead. As the tides pump water in and out of the lagoon, massive numbers of fish come and go through channels to feed. We can snorkel in these same channels, allowing the current to carry us along a magical scene. We will go ashore to visit the small scientific research station on Picard Island and photograph the mighty

tortoises living on this isolated island that few travellers have the privilege to see.

Day 7 Cosmoledo. Cosmoledo is an atoll about 85 miles almost due east of Aldabra. The atoll has more than 20 small islands and islets and has been repeatedly used by humans for guano exploitation, harvesting of local resources and fishing. Abandoned in 1992, the islands not only have recovered naturally, but a conservation organization has tried to eradicate introduced species. Cosmoledo is an Important Bird Area and we will see the Indian Ocean's largest colony of red-footed boobies, the Seychelles' largest colony of sooty terns, as well as black-naped terns, crested terns and red-tailed tropicbirds. Two passes on the southern side permit Zodiacs to enter the lagoon and several beaches wait to be explored, while snorkellers will find an interesting underwater world to keep them busy.

Day 8 Farquhar. The Farquhar Group is some 400 miles southwest of Mahe and of this group, Farquhar Atoll is the southernmost. The two main islands of the atoll (Farquhar North and Farquhar South) look somewhat like a reined in seahorse, with the roads and an airstrip on North Island being the reins. North Island has a small settlement. We plan to go ashore by Zodiac to the make use of North Island's beaches and to meet some of the rarely visited inhabitants. Hawksbill and green sea turtles come to the atoll for nesting, and several of the Farquhar Group's islands are Important Bird Areas. Goelettes, the southernmost of the atoll's islets, holds sooty terns, brown noddies and black-naped terns.

Day 9 Alphonse Islands. Some 220 miles south of Mahe is the

seven square miles Alphonse Atoll. Alphonse Atoll has one island – Alphonse Island – which in turn has one small airfield. There is a population of less than 100 who work primarily in the small resort, fish or farm. Despite the presence of people, wedge-tailed shearwaters breed on Alphonse and hawksbill and green sea turtles nest here. More than 100 bird species have been recorded and (pending permission) we will visit nearby Bijoutier and Saint Francois, true uninhabited paradises for birding, swimming, snorkelling and diving.



Coconut crab

Day 10 Amirante Islands. Desroches Island is one of the Outer Islands of the Seychelles and the main island of the Amirante Islands. Located 230 kilometres southwest of Mahe, it has a land area of only 3.24 kilometres squared, but 15 kilometres of fine sand beaches. The northern part of the island is run as a coconut plantation and farm and there is a settlement on the northern shore. The first coconut plantations were started in 1875 and copra is still processed on the island before being transported to Mahe. We spend the morning exploring the beautiful beach before returning to the Silver Discoverer for lunch. During the afternoon there will be time for a lecture to prepare you for the other spectacular islands

and another UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 11 Aride & Curieuse. Aride is the northernmost island of the granitic Seychelles. The island hosts one of the most important seabird populations in the Indian Ocean with more breeding species than any other island in the Seychelles. Eighteen species of native birds -with over one million seabirds- breed on Aride. This includes the world's largest colonies of lesser nody and tropical shearwater, the world's only hilltop colony of sooty terns and the western Indian Ocean's largest colony of roseate tern. The island has the only breeding colony of red-tailed tropicbird east of Aldabra and huge numbers of brown nody, white tern and wedge-tailed shearwater. Thousands of great frigatebirds and lesser frigatebirds soar over the northern cliffs. The island is largely covered in native woodland, including the endemic wright's gardenia, a shrub with beautifully scented flowers found nowhere else in the world. During lunch the Silver Discoverer repositions to Curieuse Island. Curieuse has had a very checkered and tragic history; it was used as a leper colony and remained so until 1965. The doctor's residence, which dates from the 1870s, is now a museum and educational centre. There are also more than 500 tortoises walking around the island and eight different species of mangrove trees. Birders will be on the lookout for the Seychelles black parrot. The islands of Curieuse and Praslin are the only places in the world where the Cocco de Mer grows naturally. The plant holds three world records including the heaviest seed at 17.6 kilograms, the largest flower on any palm tree and the largest fruit so far at 42



Giant tortoise, Adabra



Zodiac cruising

kilograms. Today, it is a protected species and an ornamental tree.

Day 12 La Digue & Praslin. La Digue is probably the best-known island of the Seychelles: its rock formations are so spectacular that the huge granite boulders that are scattered along the shore resembling modern art sculptures have been featured in many books and on many postcards. Apart from its brilliant white beaches and strangely shaped rocks, the island has a nature reserve and colonial houses — all making for excellent photography. Take a step back in time and visit L'Union Estate — see a traditional copra mill and kiln and watch the antics of the estate's population of giant land tortoises or stroll around the majestic Plantation House framed by giant granite boulders in landscaped gardens. This is classified as a National Monument. The estate is also home to one of the most pristine beaches in Seychelles — the legendary 'Source d'Argent' — among the most photographed beaches on earth. In the afternoon we anchor off Praslin Island, the site of the

fabulous Vallee de Mai, one of the Seychelles' two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We disembark after lunch via Zodiac to the picturesque Baie Ste Anne jetty and then drive up the scenic coastal road through a quaint fishing village and dense forest of contrasting shades of green to Vallee de Mai Nature Reserve. Praslin has substantial tracts of tropical forests with over 6,000 Coco-de-Mer palms with enormous fan-shaped fronds. These trees can grow more than 100 feet tall, living 800-1,000 years and are home to endemic birds, such as the Seychelles bulbul and the Seychelles black parrot. During our walking tour you will discover this mystical World Heritage Site famous for the Coco de Mer. Capture the cathedral feel of this primeval forest and listen for the high pitched whistles of the black parrot. Later we depart Vallee de Mai for the beautiful Cote d'Or Beach, where we have time for an afternoon swim.

Day 13 Mahe to London. Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled indirect flight to London. Arrive this evening.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

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Cat	Cabin Description	Brochure Price	Special Offer Price
1	Explorer Suite	£7295	£6795
2	View Suite	£7495	£6995
3	Vista Suite	£8595	£8095
4	Veranda Suite	£9595	£9095
5	Medallion Suite	£9995	£9495
1	Explorer Suite for sole use	£8795	£8295
2	View Suite for sole use	£8995	£8495

Price Includes: Economy class scheduled air travel, 11 nights aboard the Silver Discoverer on a full board basis including all drinks, shore excursions, onboard team with lecture programme, butler service, gratuities, transfers, port taxes.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visa.

NB. Flights schedules are yet to be released at the time of going to print and the itinerary may change on their release.

PRE-CRUISE SELOUS SAFARI EXTENSION 3RD TO 8TH JANUARY 2018



Elephants, Selous Game Reserve

Only 200 kilometres west of Dar es Salaam lies the mighty Selous Game Reserve, one of Africa's least known yet wildest conservation areas. At 55,000 square kilometres, Selous is four times larger than the famous Serengeti in the north. Fed by the mighty Rufiji River the reserve is home to over 1,000,000 large animals and over half of Tanzania's elephant population. However, one of the major attractions has to be the mighty river itself, home to one of the largest crocodile and hippo populations in Africa, swarming with fish which in turn bring about some of the world's best water birding. Our stay coincides with the perfect season for bird and plant lovers and it is also the main reproductive time of year so a good time for seeing young animals.

Siwandu Camp

Siwandu Camp is situated on the banks of Lake Nzerakera in what is one of the most photogenic areas of the Selous Game Reserve. All safari tents are widely spaced along the lake shore and each tent sits atop its own raised timber platform with two large verandas on either side where one can sit with a cup of tea in the morning watching the bush come to life at sunrise, or nursing a gin and tonic as the bush gets ready for the night at sunset. The spacious tents are luxuriously appointed, with en-suite bathrooms and open air hot-water showers. The camp has its own swimming pool, enabling guests to cool off in the heat of the day. There is a well-stocked bar and dining area and chefs produce the finest cuisine complimented by a good wine selection.

THE ITINERARY

Day 1 London to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Dar es Salaam. Arrive today and transfer to the Serena Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay.

Day 3 Dar es Salaam to Selous. After breakfast we transfer to the airport for our 45 minute flight to Mtemere Airstrip in the Selous Game Reserve. On arrival transfer to the Siwandu Camp and this afternoon enjoy your first game experience with a boat safari on the Rufiji River or on a nearby lake looking for hippos, crocodiles and birdlife. This evening enjoy dinner at the camp.

Days 4 & 5 Siwandu Camp, Selous Game Reserve. Enjoy two full days in the Reserve with included game drives each day. Maybe enjoy a full day game viewing with a picnic lunch or a half day walking safari through the bush with a ranger. Alternatively join another boat safari or simply relax in your tent.

Day 6 Selous to Dar es Salaam. Enjoy a final safari option after breakfast before transferring to the airstrip for your flight to Dar es Salaam where we transfer to the Silver Discoverer for embarkation.

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Twin: **£1495** Single: **£2195**

Price Includes: Overnight accommodation in Dar es Salaam on a bed and breakfast basis, three nights accommodation at Siwandu Camp on a full board basis including non premium brand alcoholic drinks, round trip internal flight between Dar es Salaam and Selous, soft drinks, tea and coffee, Selous National Park entry and permit fees, excursions at the camp, taxes, transfers.

Not Included: Travel insurance, visas, gratuities.



SILVER DISCOVERER

Formerly known as the MS Clipper Odyssey, the 120-passenger Silver Discoverer began her new life with Silversea Cruises in March 2014. Having been associated with the vessel for over ten years, we know her to be an ideal vessel for expedition cruising in the region. The vessel's shallow draft will allow us to navigate in areas which larger ships would not be able to access and with the fleet of 12 onboard Zodiacs and expert expedition team we will be able to land on isolated shores. Whilst cruising, the vessel benefits from spacious deck areas from where you can watch for passing wildlife and admire the beautiful scenery. The atmosphere on board is relaxed and informal with the focus on the wonders of the destination you are visiting, which combined with the luxury surroundings, excellent service, superb cuisine and expert expedition team make for an expedition of a lifetime.

ALL INCLUSIVE POLICY

All this included in the price of your expedition voyage aboard the Silver Discoverer.

- Economy class return scheduled air travel from London
- 11 nights aboard the Silver Discoverer on full board basis with cuisine inspired by Relais & Chateaux
- Complimentary Champagne, wines and spirits throughout the vessel
- In-room bar setup and refrigerator stocked to your preference
- Room Service 06.00 to 23.00
- Onboard gratuities
- Shore Excursions
- Butler service for all suites and staterooms
- Expert Expedition Team
- Transfers
- Port & Airport taxes

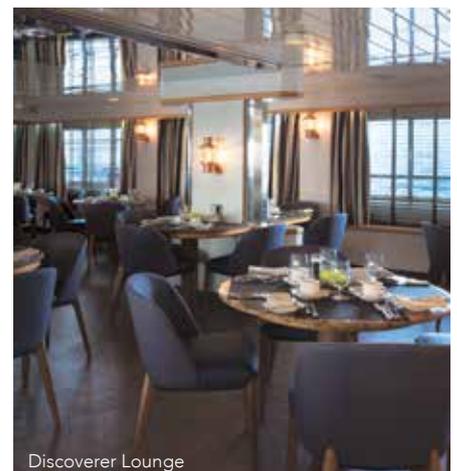
Your Suite

Accommodation on board is arranged over four decks. Each suite affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom and outside views. Suites are spacious ranging in size from the View Suites at 181 square feet to the Medallion Suite which measures 408 square feet. All suites feature butler service and your suite's refrigerator and bar are stocked with your preferred beverages including wines and spirits. Your butler will replenish them upon request. Amenities in the suites include luxury Pratesi bed linen and bath amenities, ipod docking station, flat screen television with on-demand movies, music and satellite news programming, plush robe and slippers, hairdryer and WiFi internet access (charges apply). The beds in each suite offer exceptionally comfortable mattresses and can be configured as double or twin.

Your Space

The spacious public areas on board include the open seating restaurant and the Main Lounge where daily briefings, lectures and recaps from your expedition team will take place. For your convenience it is also possible to follow the onboard lectures from the comfort of your cabin. In addition to the Main Lounge there is the Discoverer Lounge with a 24-hour tea and coffee station, comfortable seating and a well stocked

travel library with reference books pertaining to the destinations we will be visiting. The Discoverer Lounge is the perfect venue to relax with a good book, recount your experiences with fellow travellers or to simply enjoy a pre-dinner drink watching the ever-changing scenery through the picture windows. Other facilities include a pool on Deck 5 with outside seating area, bar and Grill, a beauty and massage centre, sun deck and fitness centre.



Discoverer Lounge



View Suite

The Restaurant



Explorer Lounge

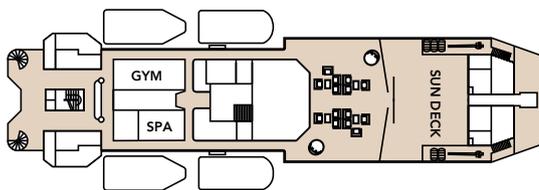
Your Dining

Silver Discoverer offers four all-inclusive dining options. Select wines, premium spirits and speciality coffees, as well as juices and soft drinks are complimentary in all bars and lounges. No matter what dining option you choose you will savour fine cuisine with menus inspired by Relais & Chateaux, Silversea's preferred culinary partner. The Restaurant serves contemporary, international cuisine with menus featuring local specialities. The Restaurant is elegant yet casual with no formal evenings and no assigned times or tables allowing you the freedom to dine with whom and when you please. In addition there is the convenience of the poolside Grill for breakfast, lunch and dinner. For lunch you may prefer fresh pizza from the oven pizza or lighter fare and in the evening, fresh seafood and prime cuts are grilled tableside at The Grill on a heated volcanic rock plate. Alternatively you can enjoy a light breakfast or lunch in the casual atmosphere of the Discoverer Lounge or choose to have breakfast delivered to your suite or a formal dinner ordered from The Restaurant menu. Lighter fare is always available from the room service menu from 6am to 11pm.

Please note that outside dining will be weather dependent and you will be advised each day of the options available.

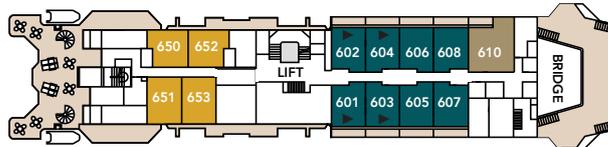
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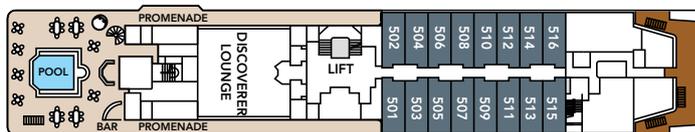


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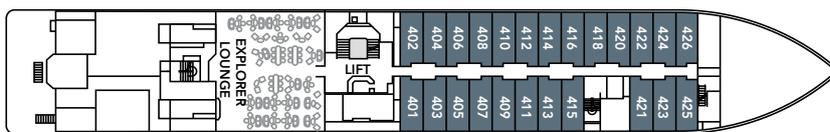
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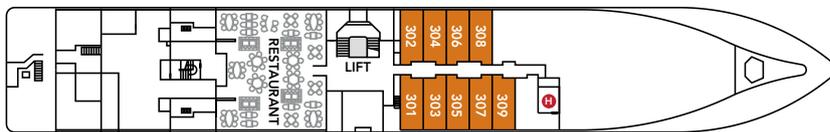
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DECK 3



During this voyage you will be visiting out of the way destinations and will be accompanied by an expedition team. Landings and excursions will be made by Zodiac landing craft. This cruise will appeal to the more adventurous and those who enjoy the natural world.

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