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**TRANSPACIFIC VOYAGE**
**TOKYO to ANCHORAGE**

Japan’s Northern Islands • Kamchatka Peninsula • Bering Sea • Aleutian Islands

**ABOARD**
**SILVERSEA’S SIX-STAR, ALL-SUITE MV SILVER SHADOW**
May 5-19, 2016

- **Save $3000** per couple!
- Ultra-Luxury Small Ship—only **382 guests**!
- **100% Ocean-View Suites**—most with Private Veranda
- Special Low Air Add-Ons
Howdy, Ags!

Be among the rare travelers to explore the seldom-visited ports along the water and land bridges that served as a highway of human culture that connected the East and West. On this once-in-a-lifetime Transpacific Crossing to these dramatic lands, observe mysterious islands and historic waterways of the magnificent North Pacific.

Experience the fascinating culture of Tokyo and the spectacular natural wonders of Japan’s enchanting and serene northern island of Hokkaido; marvel at the dynamic beauty of the remote Kamchatka Peninsula, a UNESCO World Heritage site; cruise the rugged yet inviting Aleutian Islands on the fringe of the Bering Sea; and explore the stunning wilderness and native heritage of Alaska.

During this comprehensive and exceptional voyage from Japan to Alaska, cruise aboard Silversea’s six-star, 100% ocean-view, all-suite MV Silver Shadow. This luxury, low-passenger-density ship carries only 382 guests and features six-star inclusions. Six-star accommodations include all-suite configurations; an Early Booking Savings of $3,000 per couple; complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages served at lunch, dinner and throughout the cruise; all shipboard gratuities; port taxes; complimentary butler service at your request; complimentary L’École des Chefs by Relais & Châteaux® culinary events; and fitness classes. Also, low air add-ons* are available from 45 cities.

In each port of call, you can choose to participate in fascinating shore excursions that offer unique insights into local culture and history, or explore the surroundings at your own pace. And, take advantage of an exclusive and unique opportunity to experience the ancient traditions of culture-rich Kyoto, dynamic Tokyo and the splendid natural wonders of Mt. Fuji in a pre-program option.

This popular travel program sells out quickly, so I encourage you to book now. You don’t want to miss this unparalleled travel opportunity and excellent value.

Gig ’em!

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Following In the Footsteps of Ancient Peoples

The North Pacific Ocean and the Aleutian Islands have served as a unique land and water “highway” for millennia and are a remnant of the 1000-mile-wide Bering Land Bridge that enabled human migration from Asia to the Americas 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 they settled, intermingled and flourished. These clans expanded, moved south and spread throughout the Western Hemisphere; the lineage of the Native American nations can be traced back to these prehistoric 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 and coastlines, one can still see the remains of native camps and artwork displaying the pride and craftsmanship 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.

Once-in-a-lifetime Transpacific Crossing experience.
Exclusive and unique itinerary.
Be among the few to experience rarely visited islands of the North Pacific.
Low Air Add-Ons from 45 major cities!*
Book Early, Save $3000 per couple!
Low-passenger-density ship.
Only 382 guests!
All Six-Star, ocean-view Suites.
Most Suites with Private Veranda.
Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages throughout the cruise.
All Shipboard Gratuities are included.
All Port Taxes are included.
Explore the rarely visited UNESCO World Heritage site of Kamchatka.
Special expert onboard lecturers.
Complimentary Butler Service.
Relais & Châteaux® Signature Dining.
Welcome Champagne and Fruit upon embarkation.
Complimentary L’École des Chefs by Relais & Châteaux® onboard culinary events.

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Tokyo, Japan
Once a small fishing village dating from 3000 B.C., Japan’s capital city today is the world’s most populous metropolis. Yet, at its heart you will find the inherent cultural core of the country’s time-honored traditions and compelling history, where shrines wreathed in incense smoke and wooden houses fronted by bonsai trees exist in today’s thriving business districts and amongst contemporary architectural achievements. The dignified Meiji Jingu, the city’s most renowned Shinto shrine, is set among a tranquil 200-acre forest of broadleaf evergreen trees, while the Imperial Palace—surrounded by stone-walled moats—occupies the site of the original Tokugawa shogun fortress, once the largest castle in the world. Enjoy a panoramic view of the city five hundred feet above its kinetic streets on the Grand Observation Platform of the soaring iron-lattice Tokyo Tower.

Kushiro
The beautiful coastal port of Kushiro, located 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 type 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 longevity.

Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka, Russia
Kamchatka, “the land of fire and ice,” is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. The region played a strategic role in the defense of Russian territory and was closed off to the world for decades until after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, resulting in the preservation of its vast, unique and pristine wilderness. Dotted with more than 300 volcanoes and inhabited by the world’s largest brown bear population, Kamchatka is home to almost one third of the planet’s Pacific salmon population and the powerful Steller’s sea eagle, native only to this part of the world.

Petropavlovsk, located in one of the world’s most spectacular settings at the edge of Avacha Bay, surrounded by wilderness sanctuaries and snowcapped mountains, is one of Russia’s oldest towns. In 1740, the explorer Vitus Bering reached Avacha Bay and from here embarked on his voyage, which led to the discovery of the Aleutian Islands.
Transpacific Crossing
Cruising between port calls in the Kamchatka Peninsula and Alaska’s Aleutian Islands, be on deck to 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. Enjoy the ship’s Six-Star amenities—onboard lectures, live entertainment, Relais & Châteaux® dining and exclusive L’Ecole des Chefs culinary events, complimentary fitness classes, a casino, 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 in which culture and commerce have coexisted since the mid-1700s. Located at the confluence of the North Pacific and the Bering Sea, Dutch Harbor is the only natural deepwater port in the Aleutian Islands and leads our nation in both volume and value of seafood caught with more than 800 million pounds processed annually for export.

Here, the Museum of the Aleutians exhibits native artifacts from these islands, which indigenous Aleut people have continuously inhabited for close to 9000 years, while military remnants testify to the area’s strategic value during World War II.

Kodiak
Twenty thousand years ago, massive glaciers covered most of the Kodiak Archipelago; their retreat created scenic peaks, fjord-like bays and wide U-shaped valleys ideally suited for abundant land and marine life to thrive. These natural resources attracted the Alutiq, Kodiak’s first inhabitants, who practiced their subsistence lifestyle here as far back as the fourth millennium B.C. Russian fur trappers came to Kodiak in pursuit of sea otter pelts in the 18th century. Following the United States’ purchase of Alaska a century later, Kodiak’s economy shifted to whaling and salmon fishing, and today, its salmon- and cod-rich waters make it one of the busiest fishing ports in the country.

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

Homer
Charming, colorful Homer sits amid lofty snowcapped mountains and blue glaciers on the beautiful Kachemak Bay, a sheltered arm of lower Cook Inlet. Archaeologists have identified that inhabitants have cooked mussels and clams on these beaches for thousands of years, beginning with the indigenous Inuit and Tanaina. In the 1800s, homesteaders and coal miners comprised the area’s population. Today, however, Homer is known as the “halibut fishing capital of the world,” and is home to an eclectic mix of fisherman, artists and outdoor enthusiasts drawn by a wilderness setting adjacent to the clear-water bay and the slower pace of life.

Seward/Anchorage
Enjoy a scenic transfer from Seward to Anchorage by rail car offering expansive views of magnificent Turnagain Arm and the Kenai Peninsula’s towering snowcapped peaks and glacier-fed waterfalls. Watch for pods of orca or beluga whales feeding in the coastal waters and Dall sheep grazing along the steep cliffs bordering the train tracks.

Blanket tosses once allowed hunters to scan the horizon in search of whales, seals and caribou and more recently have served as a ceremonial end to the hunting season.
SIX-STAR ALL-SUITE SILVERSEA M.V. SILVER SHADOW

REFINED LUXURY SHIP
The low-density, 382-passenger, Six-Star M.V. SILVER SHADOW is among the premier Silversea fleet, consistently voted one of Travel + Leisure magazine’s “World’s Best Small Ship Cruise Lines.” The ship features the most expansive Suites of its class at sea, the finest personalized service with almost one-to-one crew to guest ratio and the ultimate in complimentary amenities, yet it is a sturdy 28,000-ton vessel.

ALL DELUXE, OCEAN-VIEW SUITES
“Bon voyage” with complimentary champagne and fruit in your Suite upon embarkation. Silversea’s spacious, 100% ocean-view Suites offer the highest ratio of space per guest of any fleet. Veranda Suites (345 square feet including veranda) feature an expansive floor-to-ceiling glass door and a private teak balcony, and Vista Suites (287 square feet) provide a large picture window. All Suites have two twin beds convertible to one queen bed, deluxe hotel bedding, a sitting area, marble bathroom with shower, writing desk, vanity table and in-Suite complimentary beverages replenished upon request.

WITH COMPLIMENTS!
A selection of complimentary nonalcoholic and alcoholic beverages are served throughout the ship during the entire cruise; all shipboard gratuities, port taxes, Wi-Fi throughout the ship and a program of lectures are included. There is in-Suite dining and 24-hour room service.

RELAIΣ & CHÂTEAUX® SIGNATURE DINING
Savor exclusive epicurean delights created by the prestigious international Relais & Châteaux® for Silversea. There is an open seating dining policy, which allows you to choose with whom you wish to dine, the time, venue and fare from The Restaurant’s international cuisine, La Terrazza’s authentic Italian cuisine or Le Champagne, the only Relais & Châteaux® wine restaurant at sea. There are exclusive and complimentary L’École des Chefs by Relais & Châteaux® culinary events on board.

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 in the elegant Show Lounge, Casino and Panorama Lounge, or quiet retreats in the Observation Lounge, Library, Connoisseur’s Corner and Internet Café. There is a pool and boutique.

REFRESH THE BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT
Complimentary group fitness 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.
**Included Features**

- Early Booking $3000 Savings per couple!
- Low Air Add-Ons* from 45 major U.S. and Canadian cities.

**In Tokyo**
- One night in the ideally located, Five-Star ANA INTERCONTINENTAL TOKYO, with breakfast.
- City tour featuring the Imperial Palace Plaza, Meiji Shrine and Tokyo Tower, with lunch.

**On board the Six-Star, All-Suite Small Ship M.V. SILVER SHADOW**
- Thirteen-night cruise from Tokyo, Japan, with port calls at Kushiro, Japan; Petropavlovsk-Kamchatka, Russia; and Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, Homer and Seward, Alaska, U.S.
- Spacious, Six-Star, ocean-view Suite accommodations.
- All Shipboard Gratuities are included.
- Port Taxes are included.
- Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic Beverages are served throughout your cruise.
- Complimentary Six-Star Butler Service in all accommodations.
- Complimentary Champagne and Fruit upon embarkation.
- Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Gohagan & Company Private Reception.
- Special expert onboard lecturers to provide educational enrichment.
- All gourmet meals, featuring Relais & Châteaux® specialty menus, served at single, unassigned seatings.
- Complimentary In-suite Dining and 24-hour Room Service.
- Complimentary unique L’Ecole des Chefs by Relais & Châteaux® culinary events.
- Complimentary Fitness Classes.
- Six-Star amenities and facilities aboard this luxurious small ship.
- Live entertainment each night.

**Enhanced Travel Services**
- Transfers airport/hotel and hotel/pier on the day of embarkation and pier/train and train/airport on the day of disembarkation included only with the Low Air Add-Ons Program.*
- The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- A program of optional shore excursions will be available in each port of call at additional cost through Silversea.

*Limited availability. Low Air Add-Ons (Silversea’s Silver Sky Air Programme) are economy class and based on contractual agreements between Silversea and respective airlines; Gohagan & Company and the sponsoring associations/organizations have no control over availability.

*Complimentary Wi-Fi is one hour per day per passenger. Wi-Fi service and speed will vary dependent on the location of the ship and time of day.
Kyoto’s Golden Pavilion, built in 1397 and adorned with gold leaf, is now a Zen Temple surrounded by tranquil gardens.

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Pre-Program Option

Begin your transpacific voyage in the land of the rising sun and explore Japan’s deep-rooted heritage and natural beauty. Experience the timeless city of Kyoto, where thousands of Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines and tranquil gardens comprise the historic monuments of ancient Kyoto—a UNESCO World Heritage site—and stand in testament to 11 centuries of Japanese history and culture. Enjoy a high-speed transfer on the Bullet Train to the dynamic city of Tokyo, your base for a full-day excursion to Hakone to view the tallest peak in Japan: iconic Mt. Fuji—a UNESCO World Heritage site, sacred setting and source of inspiration for generations of Japanese artists—and for a scenic cruise on picturesque Lake Ashi. Accommodations are for three nights in the ideally located, Five-Star KYOTO HOTEL OKURA and one night in the prestigious, Five-Star ANA INTERCONTINENTAL TOKYO. The Pre-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

En route to Tokyo aboard the Bullet Train, look for majestic Mt. Fuji, Japan’s highest mountain.
Silver Sky Air Programme Low Air Add-Ons® from $1,690 per person (dependent on departure airport) to Tokyo, Japan, and from Anchorage, Alaska. Pricing for Low Air Add-Ons to Kyoto, Japan, will be quoted on an individual basis.

Departure gateway cities: Atlanta; Austin; Baltimore; Boston; Charleston; Charlotte; Chicago; Cincinnati; Cleveland; Columbus, OH; Dallas; Denver; Detroit; Ft. Lauderdale; Houston; Indianapolis; Kansas City, MO; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Memphis; Miami; Milwaukee; Minneapolis; Montreal, QC; Nashville; New Orleans; New York; Orlando; Philadelphia; Phoenix; Pittsburgh; Portland, OR; Raleigh-Durham; Sacramento; San Antonio; San Diego; San Francisco; Seattle; St. Louis; Tampa; Toronto, ON; Tulsa; Tucson; Vancouver, BC; Washington, D.C.

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.

LAND CRUISE TARIFF
(perso, based on double occupancy)

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Look for powerful brown bears fishing for salmon in the roaring rivers of the Kamchatka wilderness.

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By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms contained in this Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement.

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The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

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