Hudson Bay, Baffin Island & Greenland
Onboard Silver Cloud
August 4 – 22, 2020
To see the High Arctic, after a lifetime spent imagining it, is an experience that is at once familiar and completely astounding. This is the realm of legends, from Norsemen to John Franklin, to Inuit communities that have thrived on the unforgiving ice for thousands of years. Join Apex on this 19-day Arctic journey, sailing by the legendary Northwest Passage and Nunavut. Get up close to Beluga Whales in the Churchill River. Visit ancient Thule ruins and the majestic fjords of Northeast Baffin Island, with a chance to spot Narwhal, Minke and Bowhead Whales, seals, Polar Bears and seabirds. Explore the crystalline icebergs and colorful cliffside villages of western Greenland. Sail on the celebrated ice-rated Silver Cloud and take advantage of the long daylight hours during the Arctic’s most energetic season.

Due to the expeditionary nature of this itinerary, voyage highlights and wildlife listed are possible experiences but cannot be guaranteed. Your Expedition Team will work hard to ensure that opportunities for adventure and exploration are the best possible, taking into account the prevailing weather and wildlife activity.
Tuesday, August 4: Arrive Winnipeg, Canada
Arrive in this metropolis on the prairie and transfer to your hotel. Meet your fellow travelers and Apex expedition team over a welcome briefing and dinner. Overnight at the Fairmont Winnipeg.

Wednesday, August 5: Winnipeg / Churchill / Embark Silver Cloud
After breakfast, return to the airport for your charter flight north to Churchill, known worldwide as the “Polar Bear Capital of the World.” Transfer to the port on Hudson Bay, where your ship and home away from home for the next 16 nights, the Silver Cloud, awaits. Enjoy lunch then settle into your cabin and attend a briefing. Dinner and overnight aboard the Silver Cloud.

Thursday, August 6: Churchill
Though it may be best known for its Polar Bears, Churchill is home to another wildlife spectacle from June through August, when up to 3,000 Beluga Whales gather, with their newborns in tow, to feed in the brackish waters of the Churchill River in front of town. Conditions permitting, spend the morning cruising in Zodiacs at the mouth of the river to get a closer look at these majestic creatures. Afterwards, enjoy lunch on board, then be on deck as the Silver Cloud departs Churchill for points north.

Friday, August 7: At Sea
Settle in for a cruise across the Hudson Bay. Spend time on deck with the expedition team, looking for seabirds, dolphins, seals and migrating Humpback, Fin and Blue Whales. Attend lectures on the natural and cultural history of Baffin Island, the largest island in Canada and the fifth largest in the world. Located in the Arctic territory of Nunavut, Baffin has been continuously inhabited by Inuit.
peoples for centuries and has been the subject of Norse exploration since pre-Columbian times.

**Saturday, August 8: Cape Dorset, Baffin Island**
Cape Dorset, called Kinngait, or “high mountain,” in Inuktitut, is best known as the “Capital of Inuit Art” for its globally renowned native artists. It is a stark and beautiful hamlet on Dorset Island, off the southern shore of Baffin Island. Here, you have the opportunity to visit the West Baffin Eskimo Cooperative and learn about the printmakers’ and carvers’ processes, and how art became the economic mainstay of the community. Return to the ship this afternoon and continue east through the Hudson Strait.

**Sunday, August 9: Lower Savage Islands**
Late this morning, arrive at the Lower Savage Islands, a group of three main rocky islets off the southeastern tip of Baffin Island. Here, Polar Bears are known to spend the summer months, as they have plenty of land to roam while giving each other a wide berth, plus opportunities to feed, as the ice vanishes with the summer season’s warming temperatures. Conditions permitting, spend the day cruising in Zodiacs through the narrow channels between the islands to search for bears and other wildlife among the unusual rocky formations.

**Monday, August 10: Monumental Island / Lady Franklin Island**
Early this morning, enter the Davis Strait, and arrive at the isolated island of Monumental. Weather permitting, cruise in Zodiacs around its exposed rocky cliffs, an excellent place to spot Black Guillemots, Gyrfalcons, and Peregrine Falcons. Walrus have been known to haul out here. We’ll look for them here and on the many skerries to the east of the island. There is also a chance to spot a stranded Polar Bear. This afternoon, head to nearby Lady Franklin Island, named for the wife of Sir John Franklin, the Arctic explorer who died trying to discover the Northwest Passage. Lady Franklin is home to striking vertical cliffs of Archean rocks, likely some of the oldest stone in Canada. The waters around the island offer an abundance of seabirds, ducks, seals, and Walrus. With a bit of luck, it is possible to see Atlantic Puffins and even a rare Sabine’s Gull.

**Tuesday, August 11: At Sea**
The lecture series continues with presentations on the fjords of Northeast Baffin. Be sure to join the naturalists on deck as they continue to search for whales, dolphins and seabirds.

**Wednesday, August 12: Isabella Bay**
Your first stop in Northeast Baffin, pending permission, will be the shoreline and islands of Isabella Bay, which was folded into Canada’s Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area (NWA) in 2010, providing key protection for an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 Bowhead Whales that inhabit the area during the late summer and fall feeding periods. Bowheads have been recognized as threatened in Canada, and this is the first sanctuary in the world designed especially for them. Bowheads are known for their massive bony skulls, which they use to break through ice up to 24 inches thick to breathe. The Ninginganiq NWA also supports healthy populations of Polar Bears, Ringed Seals, King Eiders, Long-tailed Duck, Dovekies, Northern Fulmars and Narwhal.
Thursday, August 13: Sam Ford Fjord
The low light of sunrise is perfect for spotting the faint blow of the Narwhal in stunning Sam Ford Fjord. Adventure travelers and climbers alike have called this 68-mile waterway lined with vertical walls etched into the mountains by ancient glaciers, one of the most impressive sights in the world. A cruise up the fjord will give you more chances to spot bears, seals and whales.

Friday, August 14: Gibbs Fjord
Today, enjoy a spectacular cruise into Scott Inlet. Upon entering, feast your eyes on the impenetrable fortress of 4,000-foot walls, towers, and buttresses that is Sillems Island, dividing Gibbs and Clark Fjords. As you circumnavigate the ice-capped island, look for the rare Bowhead Whale and Narwhal, as well as Polar Bears and seals on the ice floes, and Caribou roaming the mainland. Stops will be made to stretch your legs, with a chance to see Thule ruins, Arctic wildflowers and staggering views of the surrounding glaciers.

Saturday, August 15: At Sea
Attend lectures on the wildlife and history of Greenland as you make the roughly 500-mile trip across Baffin Bay. Up on deck, watch for White-beaked Dolphins, Minke Whales, seals and Walrus. Birders may spot Pomarine Skuas, Little Auks, Thick-billed Murres, Northern Fulmars, and Glaucous Gulls.

Sunday, August 16: Qeqertarsuaq, Greenland
Be on deck early this morning as you arrive in Disko Bay, strewn with icebergs of every shape and size. Dock at Qeqertarsuaq, the only town on the 3,300-square-mile Disko Island, standing verdantly amid the stark white of the icebergs packed all around it. Basalt rock formations stand at odd angles around Qeqertarsuaq, and the hulking Lyngmark Glacier towers above it. In town, visit the church, called the Lord's Ink Pot due to its characteristic octagonal shape, as well as the museum, located in the old bailiff’s house, which showcases everyday life during the colonial period, when the colony ‘Godhavn’ held a powerful position. Conditions permitting, enjoy a walk to a waterfall near the village.

Monday, August 17: Ilulissat
It's on to mainland Greenland, and Ilulissat, whose name means “icebergs” in the Kalaallisut language. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the town sits beside the Ilulissat Icefjord, a magnificent waterway whose towering glacier calves up to 20 million tons of ice per day—one of the fastest and most productive glaciers in the world. In town, see a demonstration of ancient fishing methods and stop in at the small museum located in the former home of Greenlandic folk hero and famed polar explorer, Knud Rasmussen. The afternoon tour continues via fishing boat, to navigate amongst the brilliant white and turquoise icebergs that often clog the fjord’s entrance. Alternatively, you have the option to purchase a helicopter excursion to see the magnificent Ilulissat Icefjord by air and land atop the mountain at Kangia, in the middle of the preserve.

Tuesday, August 18: Sisimiut
Further down the Greenland coast stands Sisimiut, a former whaling port and the second largest town in Greenland with a population of 5,600. Sisimiut’s main trade is fishing, and the town accommodates a large fleet of trawlers and a modern shrimp-shelling factory. It is the southernmost town on Greenland’s west coast in which sled dogs are used. Pass under a large arch made of Bowhead Whale bones
to visit the historic district and town museum housed in a charming jumble of 18th-century wooden buildings. Stop in at one of the local handicraft workshops to see a sampling of the locals' beautiful native stonework and sealskin garments.

**Wednesday, August 19: Nuuk**
Established in 1728, Nuuk is Greenland’s first town, and the current capital, housing nearly 30 percent of the nation’s population. It’s practically cosmopolitan compared to Greenland’s other towns, but still possesses a plethora of charm. Enjoy a walking tour to see Inuit ruins, the home of Nuuk’s missionary founder, Hans Egede, the parliament building, and the Church of our Saviour. At the Greenlandic National Museum, see the famous Qiliaktsiq mummies and an outstanding collection of traditional dresses.

**Thursday, August 20: Evighedsfjord / Kangaamiut**
Look for Humpback, Minke and Fin Whales as you head north. You will come upon the nearly 50-mile-long Evighedsfjord, or “Fjord of Eternity,” reaching up to half a mile in depth, with cliffs on each side that can exceed 6,500 feet. Travel partway up Evighedsfjord, cruising to the first of 12 glaciers—Sermitsiaq, which is the widest and most unique, in that it flows into two fjords at once. Conditions permitting, take Zodiacs to the glacier and surrounding cliffs for a better look. Look for the area’s abundant Caribou as you sail back out to the mouth of Evighedsfjord, where the hamlet of Kangaamiut stands. A visit to the town will give you a first-hand look into life in a small Greenlandic community—there are only 350 inhabitants here. This evening, enjoy a last toast to the adventure at a farewell dinner aboard the ship.

**Friday, August 21: Kangerlussuaq / Reykjavík**
Awaken at the port in Kangerlussuaq, and disembark. A former U.S. military base, Kangerlussuaq is located just above the Arctic Circle, and a short distance from the immense, 1,500-mile-long, 2-mile-high Greenland Ice Cap. Keep watch for your last glimpse of shaggy Muskoxen, Gyrfalcons, Peregrine Falcons, and Caribou as you transfer to the airport for your charter flight to Reykjavík. On arrival, transfer to the Canopy by Hilton Hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Saturday, August 22: Reykjavík**
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights homeward.
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B – Churchill
C – Cape Dorset
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N – Kangerlussuaq
O – Reykjavík
Kevin Clement
Not many people can say they live year-round inside Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park, but Kevin Clement is one. He also lived for many years in Denali National Park. Nowadays, however, he spends most of his time guiding ecotourism and adventure trips on all seven continents. Kevin has served as the Denali Foundation instructor for natural history and as a boat operator in Glacier Bay's wilderness waters. As a Certification Instructor for the Wilderness Education Association he led month-long outdoor leadership courses. He has guided groups in whitewater rafts, on cross-country skis, by dog sled, and on foot, earning certifications in scuba diving, swiftwater rescue, and wilderness medicine, as well as a Coast Guard Master's license. Most recently he's been coordinating and leading sea kayaking excursions in Antarctica and the Arctic. And as he always has, he still draws and paints. His first career was as an illustrator, and his work has appeared in various juried art shows, several times winning juror's or people's choice awards. He never travels without his sketchbook. Or his sense of humor.

Gerald Broddelez
Gerald has been leading wildlife-focused expeditions to some of the planet's most rewarding destinations for over 30 years. As a veteran Expedition Leader and lecturer on expedition ships, Gerald has travelled on all the world's oceans, spending most of his time in the high Arctic, Antarctic and Polynesia. His life-long passion for nature and conservation has taken him to over 170 countries and every continent, during which he has seen over 8,000 species of birds, over 1,000 mammals and most of Europe's butterflies. Gerald also helped produce natural history documentaries, both as a cameraman and a writer, for Belgian, British and Azorean television networks. In recent years, Gerald has also been involved in field training courses for nature guides, working closely with local tourism boards in several European countries. Belgium is home and in addition to speaking his first languages of French and Flemish, he is also fluent in English, German, and Spanish.

Mike Boyce
Mike developed a love for the outdoors at a very young age. He credits his mother with spotting and nurturing his deep love of nature. This passion for the natural world steered Mike to serve as a naturalist guide at Everglades National Park, as well as California's Sequoia National Park. But, he considers his time in Denali National Park to be his formative years, backpacking through the Alaskan wilderness in the summers and dog mushing in the winters. It wasn't long before Mike's explorations expanded and his desire to work further afield led him to accept a number of assignments at Arctic and Antarctic research stations. In early 2000, Mike decided to pursue a lifelong passion for sailing and obtained his Master's License. This was followed by nearly a decade as a professional sailor aboard yachts, traveling to pristine natural places in Greenland, the Canadian Arctic, Svalbard, Cuba, the Galapagos, and the South Pacific for extended periods of time. He considers the ocean to be its own kind of wilderness, and found a joy there similar to what he experienced in Denali. When he is not traveling or leading an Apex expedition, Mike works as a Captain and narrator sailing through Kenai Fjords National Park, out of Seward, Alaska.
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**Vessel Information**

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**Suite Categories**

- Vista Suite
- Veranda Suite
- Deluxe Veranda Suite
- Medallion Suite
- Silver Suite
- Royal Suite
- Grand Suite
- Owner’s Suite

**Rates Per Person**

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**Guest Specifications**

- Length: 514.14 feet
- Width: 70.62 feet
- Speed: 18 knots
- Tonnage: 16,800
- Ice-class Rating: 1C
- Guests: 240
- Crew: 212
- Refurbished: 2017
- Passenger Decks: 2017
- Registry: Bahamas

**All Suites Include:**

- Twin beds or queen-sized bed with a choice of pillow types; refrigerator and bar stocked with your preferences;
- Complimentary WiFi; Plush Etro© bathrobe; BVLGARI© bath amenities; iHome docking station; writing table; walk-in wardrobe with personal safe; hair dryer; dual voltage 110/220 outlets, flat screen television with interactive media library; daily suite service, with nightly turndown.

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Expedition Details

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19 Days   Trip Length
240 Guests   Group Size onboard Silver Cloud
Winnipeg / Reykjavík   Start/End

Included
The Apex rate includes, as noted in the itinerary, a welcome reception and dinner in Winnipeg with local beer and wine included; dinner in Reykjavík with local beer and wine included; one overnight in Reykjavík with breakfast, all transfers; and all gratuities. In addition, the voyage rate includes, as described in the itinerary, one overnight in Winnipeg; accommodations onboard the Silver Cloud; activities and excursions as described in the itinerary; charter flights Winnipeg to Churchill and Kangerlussuaq to Reykjavík; services of Apex Expeditions leaders, as well as the full onboard lecture team and expedition staff; all meals and beverages onboard the vessel (except certain premium brands of alcohol); all gratuities; permits; entrance fees; and taxes.

Not Included
Costs not included in the price of your Apex expedition include travel to and from the start and end point of trip; select premium brand drinks and liquor; travel protection (Trip Cancellation and Interruption, as well as Emergency Medical and Evacuation insurance, are highly recommended); airport departure taxes; equipment rental; excess baggage fees; passport and/or visa fees; items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, souvenirs, etc.); and independent travel arrangements pre- or post-trip.

Payments & Terms
25% of the trip cost will confirm your place on the expedition. The final balance is due 150 days prior to departure. All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Per person pricing is based on double occupancy. The solo rate is paid by participants who specifically request single accommodations and is subject to availability. If you are traveling alone and wish to share accommodations, we will try to match you with a roommate of the same gender. However, if a roommate is not available, the published solo rate will be charged. Upon confirming your reservation you will be required to pay the published Solo Rate, if we are able to pair you with a roommate, the applicable difference will be refunded at the time that the final trip payment is due for all participants. Please note that solo accommodations are limited and cannot always be guaranteed throughout. For our full set of Terms & Conditions, please visit our web site at www.apex-expeditions.com/about/terms-conditions/

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Suite Details – *Silver Cloud*

**Owner’s Suite**
587 sq. ft., including veranda (145 sq. ft.) • Large teak veranda with patio furniture and floor-to-ceiling glass doors • Living room with sitting area • Separate dining area • Marble bathroom, with full-sized bath and separate shower • Walk-in wardrobe with personal safe • Vanity table with hairdryer • Writing desk • Unlimited premium WiFi • Bose® Sound Touch 30 with Bluetooth connectivity • Illy® espresso maker

**Grand Suite**
1,019 sq. ft., including veranda (145 sq. ft.) • Two teak verandas with patio furniture and floor-to-ceiling glass doors • Living room with sitting area • Separate dining area • Marble bathroom, with full-sized bath and separate shower • Walk-in wardrobe with personal safe • Vanity table with hairdryer • Writing desk • Unlimited premium WiFi • Bose® Sound Touch 30 with Bluetooth connectivity

**Royal Suite**
736 sq. ft., including veranda (126 sq. ft.) • Large teak veranda with patio furniture and floor-to-ceiling glass doors • Living room with sitting area • Separate dining area • Marble bathroom, with full-sized bath and separate shower • Walk-in wardrobe with personal safe • Vanity table with hairdryer • Writing desk • Unlimited premium WiFi • Bose® Sound Touch 30 with Bluetooth connectivity

**Silver Suite**
581 sq. ft., including veranda (92 sq. ft.) • Teak veranda with patio furniture and floor-to-ceiling glass doors • Living room with sitting area • Separate dining area • Two marble bathrooms with shower • Walk-in wardrobe with personal safe • Vanity table with hairdryer • Writing desk • Unlimited premium WiFi • Bose® Sound Touch 30 with Bluetooth connectivity

**Medallion Suite**
517 sq. ft., including veranda (81 sq. ft.) • Teak veranda with patio furniture and floor-to-ceiling glass doors • Living room with sitting area • Separate dining area • Marble bathroom with shower • Walk-in wardrobe with personal safe • Vanity table with hairdryer • Writing desk • Unlimited premium WiFi • Bose® Sound Touch 30 with Bluetooth connectivity

**Deluxe Veranda / Veranda Suite**
295 sq. ft., including veranda (49 sq. ft.) • Teak veranda with patio furniture and floor-to-ceiling glass doors • Sitting area • Marble bathroom with shower (some with bath/shower combination) • Walk-in wardrobe with personal safe • Hairdryer • Writing desk • Unlimited standard WiFi

*Deluxe Veranda Suite offers preferred central location with identical accommodations to Veranda*

**Vista Suite**
240 sq. ft. • Large picture window providing panoramic ocean views • Sitting area • Marble bathroom with shower (some with bath/shower combination) • Walk-in wardrobe with personal safe • Hairdryer • Writing desk • Unlimited standard WiFi
### Reservation Form

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**Person 1: (Primary Contact)**

- **Passport Name:**
- **Preferred Name:**
- **Date of Birth:**
- **Email Address:**

**Mailing Details:**

- **Address:**
- **City:**
- **State:**
- **ZIP Code:**
- **Country:**
- **Home Phone:**
- **Mobile Phone:**

**Cabin Category Preference**  
- Double  
- Solo

**Person 2: (If applicable and at same address, otherwise please submit a second Reservation Form.)**

- **Passport Name:**
- **Preferred Name:**
- **Date of Birth:**
- **Email Address:**

**Deposit Information: 25% of total tour fare**

- **My deposit check is enclosed**  
- **My deposit check will be mailed separately**  
- **Charge my deposit to my:**  
  - VISA
  - MasterCard
  - American Express

- **Card #:**  
- **Expires:**  
- **CCV Code:**

**Name on Card:**

**Signature:**

*Please return this completed form to Apex Expeditions.*

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