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## Skagway | Optional Shore Excursions

### Skagway Wildlife Safari | SGY-008

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 6.5 hours | This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea

Haines is home to magnificent wildlife and breathtaking views of the natural world! With an experienced naturalist as your guide, you will see and learn about the plants and animals that make up the 'wilds' of Alaska.

Your tour begins from Skagway on a 45-minute-high speed catamaran ferry to small town of Haines, Alaska. Upon arriving in Haines, we'll start with a narrated drive through historic Fort Seward, the first military base in Alaska. Leaving town, we will journey through the amazing Chilkoot Valley. On our journey to the Chilkoot River corridor, we take in coastal views along the longest fjord in North America. We may spot seals, sea lions, porpoise and whales feeding in these rich waters.

The Chilkoot River is home to some of the best wildlife viewing in Alaska! The river's huge salmon runs bring good numbers of bears every year. Situated among rugged glaciated peaks, it is home to numerous brown bears, mountain goats, salmon, river otters, and bald eagles. This area is a birdwatcher's paradise with abundant resident and migratory birds. Powerful spotting scopes and binoculars allow close-range views of mountain goats grazing in high alpine meadows and nesting eagles.

After capturing images and experiencing the incredible natural beauty and wildlife of the Chilkoot River corridor, we'll enjoy a seaside picnic of sandwiches, chips, fruit, and cookies. A few more stops for photos and a short drive back to town brings us to the ferry for the return journey to Skagway.

Don't forget your camera!!!!

### Rainforest Bicycle Adventure | SGY-010

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 3 hours

Cycle through a portion of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park, all while experiencing the natural beauty and history of the Taiya River Valley, during this 3 hour bicycle excursion.

Meet your guide on the pier and board the transfer van for the approximately 25-minute narrated drive out towards the former gold rush boomtown of Dyea. Once the staging area for the trek along the Chilkoot Trail and into the Yukon; Dyea was Skagway's rival city. Today, nature has reclaimed the land, leaving only ghosts of its Gold Rush past. On its place now stands a lush rainforest, which is home to an

array of natural beauty. Your driver takes you along the spectacular coast of the inlet, to the beginning of the historic Chilkoot Trail.

After gearing-up and a safety briefing, follow your professional guide, versed in the ecology and history of the area, on a bike route, covering approximately five miles (eight kilometres). The terrain is relatively flat, allowing for easy pedaling.

Ride through the rainforest, visit historic ruins, the Chilkoot trailhead and the coastal tidal flats where eagles, salmon, colourful wildflowers, and dazzling mountains are often in view. Stop for a close-up look or photos of some of the sights along the way. This tour is ideal for those seeking mild exercise in the fresh Alaskan air.

After approximately an hour and a half, dismount your bike and re-board the transfer vehicle for the drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires pedalling a bicycle with handbrakes for approximately 1.5 hours / 5-6 miles (9 kilometres) on negotiating rough sections of dirt road and trails on mostly flat terrain. It is recommended only for those guests who are physically fit and is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Dress warmly in layers and wear closed-toe shoes; rain gear, mandatory helmets, and gloves are provided. Guests must sign a waiver to participate. Participants must be a minimum of 10 years of age, a minimum of 54 inches (137 centimetres) in height and weigh less than 250 pounds (113.39 kilograms/17.85 stone). Space is limited.**

## Last Frontier ATV Adventure (Self-Driven) | SGY-012

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 6.5 hours | A meal is included in the excursion.

Discover adventurous Alaska via razor style ATV on this exhilarating 6.5 hour excursion with scenic mountain, river and wildlife viewing opportunities abound.

Your adventure begins with a high-speed catamaran ride from Skagway to Haines. This catamaran ferries you along the deepest and longest Fjord in North America. Relax and enjoy the 45-minute ferry ride as sea life and nature abounds. There are regular sightings of eagles, seals, sea lion and whales.

Your knowledgeable guide will meet you at the dock in Haines. A scenic 26-mile drive along the National Scenic Byway and through the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve brings you to our remote staging area.

At the staging area, you'll receive an orientation and safety briefing on our Razor-style ATVs (Razor-style Side-by-sides) from your guides. Guests wishing to drive must be at least 21 years old and bring a valid driver's license. Driving is on a rotational basis to allow everyone to participate. There are a combination of 2-person and 4-person machines to accommodate varying group sizes and families. There are several spots along the tour where we can swap drivers to give everyone some time at the wheel. The ATVs are automatic transmission and drive similarly to a car for ease of operation. These high-performance ATVs are fun to drive and a great way to explore the Alaska wilderness.

Over the next 15 miles of gravel road, your guide will lead you through a series of remote areas and you'll explore the wilds of Alaska! As you drive along beaver ponds and mountain meadows you may spot swans, salmon, eagles, bears or moose along the way. You'll cross over Little Salmon creek and ascend to a series of viewpoints overlooking the Klehini, Tsirku and Chilkat River Valleys.

From our high point, you'll enjoy a picnic lunch while you bask in the surrounding mountain views. After lunch, you'll descend the mountain and make your way back to our private staging area before returning by bus back to Haines.

From Haines, you will be transported back to the fast ferry and on to Skagway. While onboard, you will be treated to the surrounding beauty of the Lynn Canal as you zoom back to your ship.

**Please Note: This tour requires a moderate amount of activity for approximately 183 metres (200 yards) at the dock and fast ferry terminal. It is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. The ramp to/from the fast ferry can be very steep depending on tide levels at time of departure. There is some optional walking during the tour if guests wish to exit the ATVs at photo stops and overlooks. ATV trail is uneven, natural terrain therefore it is not recommended for guests who suffer from motion sickness, those with back/neck problems or pregnant women. A waiver is required to participate and guests who wish to drive must be 21 years of age or older, have a valid driver license and wear closed toed shoes in order to operate the ATV. Due to the seatbelt system in the ATV's, guests must be between 22.6 - 136 kilograms (3.5 - 21 stone / 50 - 300 pounds) and over 125 cm of height (4'10") in order to participate. We strongly recommend guests wear closed toed shoes, wear layers to keep warm and bring a light rain jacket. Helmets are provided. In the event of rain, the picnic style lunch will be relocated to a covered/indoor location.**

## Eagle Preserve Float & Fjord Cruise | SGY-A

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 6.25 hours | A meal is included in the excursion.

Experience the world-famous Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, home to nesting bald eagles and offering visitors the greatest likelihood of sighting wildlife in their natural habitat in Southeast Alaska. Travel to Haines on and embark on a river cruise that provides an up-close look at the flora and fauna surrounding the water's edge.

### Skagway-Haines

Meet your guide as you disembark the ship and walk the short distance, about 125 yards (120 metres) to the Fast Ferry Terminal, where you board a catamaran with your knowledgeable naturalist guide providing details of the history of the Lynn Canal and Haines. Keep an eye out for any marine life that may be seen along the way.

### Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve

The world-famous Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve is 48,000 acres (19,425 hectare) of river bottom wilderness established to protect and perpetuate the world's largest concentration of bald eagles and their critical habitat. Virtually every portion of the preserve is used by eagles at some time during the year.

Upon arrival in Haines, board your touring bus for the 45-minute drive to the river 'put-in' location. After a brief orientation, receive any necessary outerwear, depending on the weather, and climb aboard an 18-foot (5.5 metres) inflatable raft for a peaceful rafting trip down-river, the best way to see the preserve.

### **River Rafting**

Travel along the different channels of the Chilkat River during your 1.5-2-hour river float. Admire the scenery in the heart of the Preserve that includes towering mountains, cascading waterfalls, hanging glacial ice and unspoiled wilderness. Bring extra jackets to keep you warm and dry on your adventure.

At the conclusion of your riverboat adventure, disembark your raft at the landing area for a picnic style lunch and hot drinks on the riverside.

The touring bus then returns you to the fast ferry pier to board your catamaran for the ride back to Skagway.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking for approximately 1000 feet (304 metres); however, guests must be able to embark/disembark the vehicles via steps and manoeuvre in and out of an inflatable raft with minimal assistance. Actual time on the river is approximately 2 hours. Raft is manoeuvred by guide with oars and does not require guests to paddle or row. This tour is not suitable for women who are past 20 weeks of pregnancy, guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. The minimum participant age is 7 years. The maximum weight limit is 350 pounds (158 kilograms) in order to comfortably fit in the raft. Dress warmly in layers; bring a hat, gloves and extra socks and a warm jacket. Life jackets, ponchos and rubber boots are provided. The sighting of wildlife cannot be guaranteed. Transportation between the ship in Skagway and Haines is via public ferry, not exclusive to Silversea and the distance is a 45-minute ride. The ferry schedule can affect the tour duration. Lunch is served picnic style on the riverside. We appreciate your understanding. There is no white-water rafting on this tour. The order of sights may vary. Dietary restrictions can be accommodated with a minimum of 48 hours advance notice, including gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, allergies.**

## **Skagway Streetcar City Tour | SGY-E**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 1.5 hours

Join your costumed conductor for an historic journey through Skagway's Gold Rush past during this exclusive, award-winning sightseeing tour aboard an authentic 1927 streetcar. Once the only way to see Skagway, the original streetcar used during this tour is as much a part of Skagway's story as the streets it travels on and the tales it tells.

Depart the pier aboard a streetcar for a sightseeing tour of Skagway.

### **City Tour**

Your streetcar proceeds around the waterfront, along the boardwalks of the downtown area's Historic District and up to the Scenic Overlook for panoramic views of the town, ship, and surrounding peaks.

### **Gold Rush Cemetery**

En route, your costumed conductor provides an engaging narrative about the harsh Skagway winters and small town life in Alaska. There will be a stop to explore the Gold Rush Cemetery and take photographs of the re-enacted Soapy Smith gunfight. Next, your streetcar passes through the residential neighborhoods of Skagway, the 'Garden City of Alaska', view historic homes, churches, city school and Alaska's most famous resident, the childhood home of Gov. Sarah Palin

Your unique sightseeing tour via streetcar concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves minimal walking; however, guests must be able to embark/disembark the streetcar via steps. Umbrellas are provided during inclement weather. The tour sequence may vary. Participation is limited.**

## White Pass Scenic Railway | SGY-G

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Minimal | Duration: 2.75 hours

Explore Alaska's Gold Rush past and spectacular natural beauty in style during this exclusive journey aboard the world-renowned White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad.

### White Pass & Yukon Route

Depart the pier for the brief transfer to the railway station. Climb aboard the legendary 'Scenic Railway of the World' for an exclusive on the rails adventure through Skagway's White Pass & Yukon Route. From the comfort of your vintage rail car, you can take in breathtaking panoramic vistas of mountains, gorges, waterfalls, tunnels, trestles, and historic sites. Also included is a full commentary about the history of the Gold Rush and how this railroad became an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

### White Pass Summit

The White Pass Summit, the international boundary between the United States and Canada, is reached after a 20.4-mile (32.6-kilometre) journey. At the Summit, trains meet, with their engines re-positioning to the opposite ends of the carriages. At the summit, receive a brass ornament of membership certifying your entry into the 'White Pass Summit Club', one of Alaska's most elite clubs. Exchange seats at this point to enjoy the views from the opposite vantage.

Then, commence the return 90-minute southbound journey back to Skagway, and return you to the ship.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking for approximately 300 feet (92 metres) with three steps to embark/disembark the train. A wheelchair-lift carriage may be arranged with advanced notice to [ShoreConcierge@Silversea.com](mailto:ShoreConcierge@Silversea.com). Scooters cannot be accommodated. Silversea guests will have exclusive train cars, subject to a minimum number of participants. Guests will not get off the train at the summit.**

## Glacier Discovery by Helicopter | SGY-K

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate | Duration: 2 hours

Leave all traces of civilisation behind and experience the infinite beauty of Alaska's remote glaciers during this memorable helicopter adventure and glacier discovery.

Depart the pier for the brief transfer to the heliport. Following a safety video, you are outfitted with boots and vests prior to boarding the helicopter. After lift-off from the historic Skagway waterfront, your flight proceeds over a rugged region of mountains, majestic valleys, and massive glaciers.

Flight routes and landing zones are selected daily based on prevailing weather forecast to ensure that you see the finest vistas the area has to offer. Among the many wonders to see are the jagged peaks towering over the Chilkat Glacier, cascading waterfalls surrounding the Ferebee Glacier and the spectacular Meade Glacier, the 'river of ice'.

Upon arrival at your glacial destination, experience the rare opportunity to explore one of Mother Nature's greatest marvels during a guided, approximately 40-minute glacier walk. Along the way, experienced glacier guides will answer your questions and explain the awesome forces at work beneath your feet.

Following your visit, re-board your helicopter for the approximately 20-minute flight back to the heliport. After turning in your gear, your tour concludes with a transfer to the ship.

**Please note: This tour requires guests to walk a minimum of 200 feet (60 metres), and has a moderate amount of walking for the duration of the tour. Guests must be able to climb in and out of the helicopter via (18 inch) steps with minimal assistance. The walk on the glacier involves uneven, potentially slippery, snowy terrain. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Operation of this tour is weather dependent and may be cancelled on short notice. The total flight time is approximately 40 minutes, with approximately 40 minutes spent on the glacier. These times will vary depending on weather and glacial conditions. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as individual safety and comfort, passengers dressed in outdoor gear and weighing 250 pounds (113 kilograms/18 stone) or more will be charged an additional \$120 to reserve adequate space on board the helicopter. Seating is based on weight distribution and is assigned at the pilot's discretion. For security purposes, no bags, iPads/tablets, GoPro selfie sticks, drones are allowed on the flight. A secure place is provided at TEMSCO headquarters to store personal items. You should dress in layers, including a hat and gloves, for the varying weather conditions; umbrellas are not permitted. Safety vest and glacier boots are provided. Space is extremely limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment. Due to the limited capacity and high demand for this tour, it is non-refundable unless cancelled by 12:00 p.m. on the day after embarkation.**

## Rock Climbing and Rappelling (All Levels) | SGY-P

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 3.5 hours

Boost your adrenaline on this exhilarating climbing adventure over the smooth granite walls of the White Pass. Climbs are available for all abilities and no experience is required. None of the climbing is mandatory, and all guests will enjoy the cliff-side snack and stunning views.

Depart the pier and enjoy a short interpretive drive through historic Skagway en-route for the White Pass Mountain. From the Klondike Highway, you'll hike for approximately 300 feet (91.5 metres) to the base of majestic rock cliffs. Here you will don rock climbing shoes, helmets and harnesses.

After a brief climbing introduction from the guides, your professional mountain guide will rope you up on one of more than a dozen routes from which to choose from, some are easy and some are much more challenging, but all offer stunning views of the Skagway River, the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad, and the surrounding wilderness.

Additionally, you can experience rappelling down the high cliffs. This adventure is perfect for those looking for a first climbing experience, but also for experienced climbers.

At the conclusion of the tour walk back down the trail to your awaiting vehicle for the return drive to Skagway. On arrival re-board the ship or walk to town to continue your adventures.

**Please Note: This tour requires an extensive amount of activity/climbing and is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Approximate climbing time is 2.5 Hours with 600 feet (183 metres) of hiking. Guests with pre-existing injuries may not participate in the climbing portion of the tour. Harnesses accommodate up to 52 inches (132 cm) waist and there is a maximum 300 pound (136 kilos) weight restriction. This tour is not recommended for guests under 6 years old. Climbing shoes, waist harness and helmet are provided. We recommend guests wear closed toed shoes and warm layered clothing. GoPro cameras are available to rent on location for an additional cost at the guests expense.**

## Inside Passage Sea Kayaking (Haines) | SGY-Q

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 6 hours | A meal is included in the excursion.

Set out with a professional guide and naturalist on a sea kayak paddling adventure in one of Alaska's most pristine and treasured places in Haines.

### Ferry Ride to Haines

Your journey begins with a short 45-minute high-speed catamaran cruise along North America's longest and deepest fjord to Haines where you will enjoy spectacular glaciers and historic commentary as your guide points out marine wildlife - watch for whales!

### Kayaking

Upon arrival to Haines you will be greeted by your professional guide for the salt water kayak trip of a lifetime. The 2-person kayaks will be set up on the beach; a short 5-minute walk from the ferry pier at Portage Cove. Here we will choose from a variety of beautiful ocean paddles depending on current sea conditions and weather. Depending on the current weather conditions and for the safety of the guests, an alternate kayaking location on Chilkoot Lake will be substituted. This is a fresh water kayak experience sheltered by mountains and remains quite calm.

Your guides will outfit you with a personal flotation device, spray skirt & ponchos if needed. A short but informative safety presentation and introduction to the kayaks will take place before setting off and paddling. You will be on the water for approximately 2-3 hours with the dramatic backdrop of the Chilkat Mountains. No previous experience is necessary and expert guides will make everyone quickly at ease.

## **Picnic Lunch**

Next, return to the private beachside shelter for a waterside picnic lunch and some time to rest.

Your tour concludes with a 45-minute ferry ride back to Skagway. Re-board the ship or walk to town for some more exploration.

**Please Note: This tour requires an extensive amount of activity and is only suggested for guests in good physical condition. It includes approximately 2-3 hours of paddling and is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Paddle, Spray Skirt, Personal Flotation Device, rain gear & rubber boots are provided. We recommend guests dress warm and in layers and bring extra pair of socks. Guests are welcome to bring binoculars and a camera on the kayak. Guest over 6'8" (2.03 metres) or 300 pounds (136 Kilograms) may not fit comfortably in the kayak. This tour is not recommended for guests under 8 years old. Alternate kayaking site may be substituted depending on weather conditions. Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed. Dietary restrictions can be accommodated with a minimum of 48 hours advance notice, including gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, allergies.**

## **Chilkoot Trail Hike & Float Adventure | SGY-S**

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 4.25 hours

Trek the path of those stamperders who ventured along the Chilkoot Trail in search of gold on this halfday hike and raft excursion down the Taiya River.

Board your private van at the pier and head through Skagway and drive out of town along the coast for approximately 30 minutes, to historic Dyea where your off-the-beaten-path excursion begins.

### **Chilkoot Trail Hike**

The Chilkoot Trail, once a Tlingit trade route over the Coast Mountains, is a 33-mile (53-kilometre) trail through the Coast Mountains that leads from Dyea, Alaska, to Bennett, British Columbia. It was a major access route from the coast to Yukon goldfields in the late 1890s and today is the centre piece of the Gold Rush National Historical Park. During the Klondike Gold Rush, prospectors disembarked at the port in Dyea and used the Chilkoot Trail to head off in search of gold. Although Dyea is no longer the town it was, many animals such as brown and black bears feeding on salmon in July and August, and eagles are known to frequent this U.S. National Historic Landmark.

Begin your hike along the first two scenic miles (3.2 kilometres) of the Chilkoot Trail, now a tranquil place of incredible beauty. On this fast paced hike, walk through a rain forest alive with birds and wild flowers as your guide explains the natural history of the trail, as well as the folklore and legends of the gold-rush era.

### **Taiya River Float Trip**

Arriving at the shore of the Taiya River, board an 18-foot (5.5 metre) inflatable raft for the relaxing trip back to Dyea. As you float along this scenic river, through the temperate rainforest, keep an eye out for the variety of fauna and flora in the valley. Although fed by small glaciers and the icefield, the water is relatively shallow. Gain a sense of what the early settlers experienced during this 40-minute trip.



Following the river voyage, come ashore to enjoy a light snack before the return drive to Skagway.

**Please note: This tour is suggested for guests in good physical condition able to walk for approximately 2.5 miles (4 kilometres) over unpaved and uneven terrain with a 350-foot (over 100metre) elevation gain. Total time on the river is approximately 30-40 minutes. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair, or guests who exceed 350 pounds (158 kilos). Dress in layers, wear comfortable hiking shoes, and bring insect repellent and an extra pair of socks. Rubber boots, life jacket (for rafting), trekking poles and rain gear are provided where needed. Guests must sign a waiver to participate. Space is extremely limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment. Please note the minimum age to participate in this tour is 7 years old.**

## Heli Hike & White Pass Rail Adventure | SGY-T

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Physically fit | Duration: 4 hours

Experience the land of the Klondike prospectors with a unique look from the air and the rails on this half-day excursion. A scenic helicopter flight to glacially-carved valleys, followed by a hike along the raging Skagway River, ending with a trip on the historic and scenic White Pass railway back to Skagway makes for a truly special Alaskan adventure.

### Helicopter Flightseeing

Depart the pier with your passport in hand, travel to the heli-port and watch a safety video before gearing-up to board your helicopter. The approximate 15-minute flight over the Juneau Icefield offers stunning scenery and gives you a true sense of the immense size and power of this glacial wonder. The mountains, valleys, and the ice field are rugged yet majestic. Touch down at Glacier Station, leave your aircraft and prepare for the hiking portion of your excursion.

### Tongass National Forest Hike

Set off with your guide on a trail that winds through the Tongass National Forest. Your 2 to 4 mile (3.5 to 6-kilometre) trek takes you along the remote upper Skagway River and through a pristine old-growth, coastal, temperate rain forest on your way to view the magnificent Laughton Glacier. Your guide provides information about the region's unique natural history, plants, and animals throughout your journey, allowing plenty of time for wildlife viewing and photographs. Bears, mountain goats, moose, and other forest creatures call the Laughton Valley home.

### White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad

Returning to Glacier Station, board the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad for the 14.1-mile (22.5kilometre) scenic ride back to Skagway, while enjoying a cooler of 'backcountry' snacks en route. Listen as the guides share information about the train and its history. They are there to answer any questions during the 50-minute train ride back to Skagway.

Return to the pier having truly experienced the Klondike.

**Please note: This excursion does not enter Canada; however participants of all nationalities must bring their passport.**

**Please note: This tour involves hiking for 4-5 miles (6.4-8 kilometres) and is recommended only for guests in good physical condition and able to hike for up to 3 hours over unpaved and uneven terrain, with a nominal elevation gain. It does not involve hiking on the glacier itself. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those utilise a wheelchair. Guests must sign a waiver to participate. Distance hiked is dependent upon trail selected by the guide after assessing the group capabilities.**

**Dress in layers and wear comfortable hiking boots with good ankle support. Rain gear and other items such as insect repellent, hats, gloves, trekking poles are provided. Due to weight restrictions on the helicopter, no bags are permitted, only a camera. The sighting of wildlife cannot be guaranteed. Operation of this tour is weather dependent and it may be cancelled on short notice. The total flight time is approximately 15 minutes. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as guest safety and comfort, seating is at the discretion of the pilot and guests weighing 250 pounds (113 kilograms/18 stone) or more will be charged an additional half-fare to reserve adequate space on board the helicopter. This tour is not recommended for children under the age of 9.**

**OPTIONAL** Shore Excursions.

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