

The World's Southern Most Hotel

Silversea: The Cormorant at 55 South

Rugged Beauty And Luxury Combine



The view from the rooms at The Cormorant at 55 South, over the river to the Beagle Channel and the mountains of Argentina in the background.

Silversea became the first cruise line to open its own hotel in Chile's Puerto Williams in Oct.

But a visit to The Cormorant at 55 South highlights that it is far more than just the addition of a hotel. It's also the final element of a Silversea-operated ecosystem that puts the cruise line in control at every step of the (sometimes weather-affected) journey, as its luxury offering continues to evolve.

So what does it feel like to check in at the southern edge of the world?

Arrival at the hotel is actually breathtaking. The raw beauty of Patagonia surrounds the property, and the hotel offers an immediate sense of warmth and refuge from the wild landscape.

There is a quiet, understated elegance to the space inside, where natural textures, earthy tones and thoughtful design reflect the rugged environment.

The key feature, aside from the hanging and wall-mounted sculptures, is the floor-to-ceiling windows that bring the dramatic outside scenery in. Yet inside, there is a feeling of calm, intimacy and comfort, with a welcoming atmosphere that encourages visitors to slow down and take it all in—complete with fireside rocking chairs (1). Bar Sur (2) offers everything from a full bar to barista coffees, cocktails and fine wines.





The verdict? It feels less like checking into a hotel and more like finding a sanctuary at the very bottom of the world—a place where adventure, isolation and understated luxury meet. And that, says Silversea's head of expedition Conrad Combrink, is where the journey itself becomes part of the luxury experience. ***See an overview of the hotel HERE.***

Rooms With A View



The Cormorant at 55 South is a purpose-built retreat where fly-cruise guests spend a night before and after they fly across the Drake Passage. Check-in is seamless; keys are waiting outside your allocated room. The compact rooms are designed to connect visitors with the rugged landscape outside and feature blond woods, earthy tones, comfy beds, a minibar, espresso machine and luxe Persea toiletries. The great water pressure deserves



a mention, too! But the real luxury? The window bench seat. You may not spend much time in your room, but having a place to sit, slow down and simply take in the scenery of the world's southernmost frontier is something special. Sometimes, the greatest luxury is just stopping and watching. ***See a sneak peek of the Cormorant At 55 South hotel rooms HERE.***

The Silver(sea) Skies



Silversea uses wet-leased Embraer E190s in a two-two configuration to fly its charter flights between Santiago and Puerto Williams (and then Puerto Williams onto King George Island in Antarctica).

The VIP experience starts with a red-carpet welcome to a private terminal at Santiago International Airport. Following a refreshment stop and passport check, clients can board the aircraft. Weather permitting, the views on the flights are incredible. The flight passes along the snow-covered Andes and over deep mountain valleys and glacial lakes. The further south, the more remote and wild the scenery becomes before the views turn distinctly Patagonian, with fjords, islands and coastlines carving through Chile's southern tip.



The scenic flight includes a business class-style meal that includes starters and drinks, followed by a plated selection of hot and cold items.

The flight time between Santiago and Puerto Williams is just over three hours. The cruise line can minimise the disruption to passengers if there are any weather issues. ***For an overview of the flight, see HERE.***

Agents At The 'End Of The World'



Wendie Schneller BCD Travel and Quay Travel's Donna Hill in Puerto Williams.



Expedition-ready: Quay Travel's Donna Hill and Wendie Schneller from BCD!



Pictured at 'the end of the world' are BCD's Wendie Schneller and Michael Menzies from Ultimate Cruising



Ultimate Cruising's Michael Menzies, with Donna Hill from Quay Travel, BCD's Wendie Schneller and Chris Voysey from Silversea.