# The World's Southern Most Hotel

## Silversea: The Cormorant at 55 South



# 'Shore Excursions'





**Much like an expedition, the 'shore excursions' on offer at The Cormorant at 55 South are destination-led.**

Options range from bird-watching and cultural hikes, led by birding specialists and naturalists, to kayaking on the crystal-clear waters of the Beagle Channel and its tributaries, and horse-riding.

For those who'd rather stay indoors, guided wine and pisco sour tastings are on the menu, along with water-colour painting. Or guests can relax, grab a coffee or cocktail from Bar Sur and soak up the ambience.

On the first afternoon the group opted for the birdwatching hike, with two local guides who shared insights into the region and its culture as well as the many birds. The birdlife is abundant in the world's southernmost forest—and we even



spotted the namesake cormorants (the black & white bird pictured) on the shores of the Beagle Channel. The next day it was time for a horse trek under the watchful guide of head gaucho Nelson (pictured). Horses are matched to rider's experience and it is suitable for all levels. Our trek was a relaxed lumbering pace, which meant time to sit back and take in the surrounding (and some photos) from a different perspective. The activities combine adventure, nature, culture and luxury, making the hotel an integral part of the Antarctic journey rather than simply an overnight stop, says Silversea's head of expedition Conrad Combrink.



And there are always post-excursion refreshments on offer, from cocktails (pictured above) to s'mores and hot chocolate.

## Endeavour Ship Tour




A highlight for the agents was a ship tour of Silver Endeavour, which was docked in Puerto Williams. The ship allows clients to explore some of the world's most remote destinations without sacrificing the Silversea space, service, dining or suite experience.

Endeavour has a PC6 ice-class rating designed for challenging polar conditions, with advanced navigation and exploration technology, plus a



fleet of Zodiacs for shore excursions. There are 110 suites, with approx. one crew member per guest, and Silversea's all suite accommodation complete with butler service.

The dedicated Mud Room, where guests prepare for shore excursions, was a hit for the agents. There's gear storage, drying facilities and more. The ship has multiple observation spaces for watching landscapes and wildlife, and a pool. There's also four restaurants including La Dame, as well as an Arts Café, Otium Spa and more. *Pictured*: Quay Travel's Donna Hill and Wendie Schneller from BCD Travel onboard the Silver Endeavour.

## The Culinary Offering



When it comes to dining, a buffet breakfast and lunch are served daily at the expansive Latitude 55 restaurant, which has floor-to-ceiling windows and views over the river and surrounds. The buffets have all the hallmarks of a five-star hotel offering as well as local dishes, from hearty soups to empanadas and quinoa salads.

The evening dinners are served family-style, which encourages conversation, and weather permitting, dishes will include Cordero al palo (lamb, slow roasted over coals) and smoked veggies (as pictured below).





Chilean wines, beers and liqueurs feature on the drinks menu—and a chat with resident sommelier Lucas is a reminder of the logistical feat just to get provisions to the isolated location at the bottom of the Earth.




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