

**Silversea Cruises Ltd.**

**Non-technical Project Proposal Summary**

**for Expedition Cruising in the Canadian Arctic**



**MS Silver Explorer**

**North Atlantic Adventure**

**31 August – 15 September 2017**

**Voyage 7719**

## NON-TECHNICAL SUMMARY

The MS Silver Explorer is a small expedition passenger cruise ship carrying up to 128 passengers, 120 crew and 13 expedition staff. Plans are to operate one 16-day voyage, including three days in Nunavut, operating from Kangerlussuaq, Greenland to St. John's, Newfoundland. (Map attached.)

Planned activities feature a visit to the capital (Iqaluit) where pre-arranged locally-guided cultural tours will be offered, as well as Zodiac boat tours at two wilderness locations: Lower Savage Islands and Akpatok Island, all in the Qikiqtalluk Region of southeastern Baffin Island, for experiencing the scenic beauty as well as the wildlife that these uninhabited islands have to offer.

A Canadian Arctic-experienced Expedition Leader will lead the voyage. A distinguished team of lecturers and naturalists is aboard to assist by providing an in-depth educational program through an on-board series of presentations and small group guidance while in the Zodiacs.

The itinerary is as follows:

31 Aug 2017	<b>Kangerlussuaq, Greenland</b>
01 Sep	Sissimiut, Greenland
02 Sep	Saqqaq, Greenland
02 Sep	Eqip Sermia Glacier, Ilulissat, Greenland
03 Sep	Ilulissat, Greenland
04 Sep	At Sea
05 Sep	At Sea
06 Sep	Iqaluit, Nunavut
07 Sep	Lower Savage Islands, Nunavut
08 Sep	Akpatok Island, Nunavut
09 Sep	Torngat Mountains National Park
10 Sep	At Sea
11 Sep	L'Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland
12 Sep	Woody Point, Newfoundland
13 Sep	Iles-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec
14 Sep	<b>St. John's, Newfoundland</b>

Authorizations will be obtained in advance. Copies of permits, licenses or other authorizations will be carried on board and be provided upon request.

Operations have been planned to be fully self-sufficient, with activities managed by experienced personnel and within the search and rescue capability of the Company, including for medical evacuation.

A multi-year Environmental Impact Assessment, compiled by an outside consultant, has been compiled to evaluate environmental aspects of the planned operations of the vessel to document operational procedures and ensure compliance with requirements under international and Canadian laws and regulations.

Provided that minimization and mitigation measures are adhered to, it is concluded that the proposed activity will have less than a minor or transitory impact and that the activity should be authorized/permitted to proceed.