

The Bering Strait Expedition

The legendary route from Chukotka to Alaska



Just imagine: -35°C, 80 kg of equipment in a sledge, 500 km of the ski route and 2 continents, between which there is only unpredictably drifting ice and no civilization. Only a few ski expeditions crossing the Bering Strait are known in history. This is truly an extreme adventure and a unique experience that is impossible to get somewhere else on Earth.

Experiences you'll have

Ski route across the Bering Strait

The Bering Strait Expedition is an international program headed by the famous Polar traveler Viktor Simonov. Your goal is to cross using skis one of the widest straits in the world, which connects the Pacific and Arctic oceans and serves as the border between Eurasia and North America.

You will complete the legendary historical route from Chukotka to Alaska with a total length of 500 km. The conditions of the expedition would be extreme: you will face with low temperatures, harsh overnights in Arctic tents and will move maneuvering around water obstacles and drifting ice.

The expedition goes through extremely harsh areas of the Russian North and North America, through the areas of permafrost and ice deserts where the strait is located. From February to March it is covered with broken ice. And these drifting ice floes are the favorite place to settle down of the lord of the Arctic – The Polar Bear.

We accept bookings for groups of 6 or more

Viktor Simonov, the famous traveler and Polar instructor will be the leader of the team. His expedition experience is more than 30 years

Note: depending on ice conditions, the route may change and may be completed in a shorter or longer term.

Itinerary

The journey begins in Moscow, where you should travel to on your own. Then the group will meet and make together a charter flight to Anadyr (Chukotka Autonomous Okrug, Russia).

The itinerary and transportation during the expedition may change due to the weather and ice conditions and extraordinary circumstance.

Day 1

Upon arrival to Anadyr you will be met and taken to the

hotel. Here you will meet with the guide, get acquainted with other members of the expedition and discuss the upcoming route. Next the safety briefing, as well as an equipment check are waiting for you.

Day 2

These days you will go to the NorthEast coast of Chukotka,

to the starting point of the expedition — Enurmino village by "Trecol" all-terrain vehicle.

Then there will be the final preparation and packaging the

equipment. You will be told about the features of the ice situation in the Bering Strait, as well as psychological and physiological adaptation to low temperatures.

Day 3

Today you will start the ski expedition crossing of the

Bering Strait with a total length of 500 km. The narrowest part of the strait has a width of 86 kilometers. In winter it is covered with broken ice. Those parts of the route that have open water spaces appear unexpectedly and they freeze quickly, creating dark nilas, through which you can't sail using boat and can't go using skis. So, you will have to maneuver around water obstacles and drifting ice floes.

Everything that we traditionally call ice is unpredictably

moving under the influence of wind and water currents. So, you will move as slowly as possible. The speed of ice in the strait

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Difficulty



Group size

to 6

Duration

20 days

Accommodation at the trip



13 nights

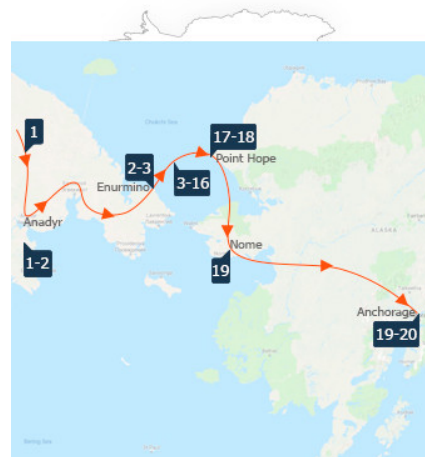
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Языки



guide

from 17 200 EUR



reaches 7-8 km/h under the influence of Southern winds.

It is planned to move during day time and take 9–11 hours

a day depending on weather and ice conditions. Air temperature is usually from -35 to 0 degrees Celsius.

Every evening you will communicate with expedition

headquarters to get information on ice condition and correct the route if needed. Also you will have a daily briefing, as well as will keep an expedition diary and make a photo report.

Day 4

Today you will complete the ski expedition, reaching the

western coast of Alaska, in the area close to Point Hope. For night you will stay in the village (in tents or if there is a local house, a warm night will be organized).

Day 5

You will have a flight from to Point Hope to Anchorage.

Here you will stay at the hotel and rest. In the evening Gala dinner is waiting for you. You will celebrate the successful finish of the expedition and can share your impressions with the other participants.

Day 6

Today you will go to the airport of Anchorage to depart

home.

Accommodation at the trip

The first and the last nights of the expedition you will stay at the hotels in Anadyr (Russia, Chukotka region) and Anchorage (USA, Alyaska). If possible, 2 warm nights at the start of the route in Vankarem (North-East coast of Chukotka) and at the finish in the village of Ukivok (Alaska, USA) are also planned (included in price).

Throughout the ski expedition through the Bering Strait, you will live in arctic tents (2 participants in a tent). There are no residential settlements during along the expedition route.

FAQ

Who will be my guide

The expedition will be headed by the famous traveler and Polar instructor Viktor Simonov. He is a master of Sports of Russia and expeditionary leader of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation in the Arctic region. Victor Albertovich has spent in expeditions to the Arctic for more than 15 years.

Also Artur Chubarkin — a famous Russian traveler, Polar instructor, and psychologist, will accompany you on the route/

Meals

The expedition cost includes 2 times a day (hot meals in the morning and in the evening) and snacks on the move (meat products, tea, nuts, dried fruits, chocolate). Hot meals include sublimates and convenience food products. Special arctic drinks (herbal blends, tea, coffee) with high content of vitamins and convenient packaging for expeditions are also provided.

Can I take part

This expedition has the highest difficulty level and takes place in the extreme conditions. It is suitable for people with good physical training, experience of winter hiking and willingness to endure low temperatures. Every day participants carry their personal items and equipment in a special sledge (80kg per 1 person) moving using skis for 9-11 hours a day.

What equipment is provided

Main equipment includes: skis, sledge, special Arctic tents and sleeping bags that can withstand temperatures up to -70°C . Polyurethane mats, basic dishes for cooking food and ovens are also provided for participants temporarily for the duration of expedition.

In addition, each participant will receive a personal branded expedition jacket, sewn on a unique technology specially for polar expeditions.

What will be the weather like

You need to be prepared for extreme cold and sudden temperature changes. The temperature can drop from -35 to 0°C .

What should I bring with me

- warm arctic jacket
- bib-Overalls
- windproof jacket
- windproof trousers
- fleece set: jacket and pants
- set of thermal underwear (2 sets of thin, 1 set of medium)
- thin fleece Gloves (3 pairs) and thin fleece mittens (3 pairs)
- 1 pair of warm mittens
- backpack for personal items
- baul (70L)
- 3 pairs of warm socks
- 2 hats
- thermos and personal thermomug

Booking

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What's included in the price:

- flights Moscow — Anadyr, Point Hope — Anchorage (with baggage 20 kg per person)
- hotel accommodation before the start of the expedition and at the finish (2 nights)
- three meals a day
- group transfer to the starting point of the expedition in Enurmino

Extra charge:

- [flight tickets to Moscow \(Russia\) and from Anchorage \(Alaska, USA\)](#)
- Russian Visa, American Visa
- individual equipment and medicines
- individual health insurance

- group insurance in case of emergency
- rental of necessary general equipment used during the expedition
- helicopter support in case of emergency
- all fees for the documents required for the expedition (border permissions, customs registration, etc.)
- services of the expedition leader and the polar instructor
- first aid kit, overhead expenses and branded expedition jacket



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