



Siberia's eastern coastline is undoubtedly one of the most remote and least visited regions of the globe. It is home to several groups of indigenous people, including the Itelmen, Koryak, Even and Chukchi, as well as to rare and endangered species of animals and birds.

# Experiences you'll have

## Expedition to Russian Far East

In this journey you will discover the unique and diverse Far Eastern nature:

you will visit the hard-to-reach islands, see the Chukchi tundra and admire the picturesque Pacific coastline  
take unique pictures of the surrounding wildlife during boat trip and hiking routes  
watch whales and walrus, brown bears and Kamchatka marmots in its natural habitat

The cost depends on a type of selected cabin. See details in the "Accommodation" section.

## Itinerary

The journey begins in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, and you should travel to on your own. Please, note that return tickets you need to take from Anadyr, where the route ends. We are ready to help with the purchase of tickets, if necessary, leave a comment in the application.

Here is a general plan of the expedition, the route may vary depending on the weather conditions.

### Day 1

#### Arrive into Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, the capital and

administrative centre of the Kamchatka Region and transfer to the port to board the Spirit of Enderby.

### Day 2

#### We plan to spend the morning Zodiac cruising on the

Zhupanova River. Our main target here is the Steller's Sea Eagle and there are usually some occupied nests close to the river. Good numbers of Larga Seals are also often sprawled out on sandbars in the river and we should see a good variety of waterfowl and waders.

By late afternoon, we should be over deep water heading for the Commander Islands and new species to look for include Laysan Albatross, Mottled Petrel and the Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel. The Kamchatka Trench can also be excellent for cetaceans and we have previously seen Blue Whales on this crossing.

### Day 3

#### The wildlife-rich Commander Islands were first discovered

by the Commander Vitus Bering when his ship was wrecked here in 1741. We intend to explore the islands through a combination of landings and Zodiac cruises and our first stop will be the village of Nikolskoye, where there is an interesting museum.

Zodiac cruising is often spectacular and we hope to encounter Red-faced Cormorant, Red-legged Kittiwake, Pigeon Guillemot, Horned Puffin, as well as Parakeet, Crested and Whiskered Auklets and Sea Otters. Our plans also include a cruise along the southern coast of Bering Island, as this area is excellent for cetaceans with Humpback, Sperm, Northern Minke, Orcas and Baird's Beaked Whales all being regularly encountered.

### Day 4

#### Our proposed landing site is a patchwork of boggy tundra,

ponds and shingle spits where an interesting range of waders can be found including Pacific Golden Plover, Red-necked Stint and Red-necked Phalarope. We also hope to see Bluethroat and Pallas' Reed Bunting.

### Day 5

#### Verkhoturova Island has some huge seabird colonies and

by following a short trail to the cliff top we should be able to enjoy

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some fantastic views of Tufted Puffins, Brunnich's Guillemots, Pelagic Cormorants and Black-legged Kittiwakes. Both Steller's Eider and Harlequin Duck come here too and we may also see some Steller Sea Lions, as they often lay out on some offshore rocks. Later in the day, there will be either a Zodiac cruise or landing on the Goven Peninsula. Good numbers of brown bears can often be found here.

#### Day 6

##### **During these days of the expedition we will travel along**

this largely unknown part of the coast. It comprises deep forested fiords where we should see brown bears, Red Fox and with luck, mountain sheep and Kamchatka Marmots. In the many lagoons and shallow bays there is a vast array of birdlife including Tundra Bean Goose, Steller's Eider, Great Knot, Long-tailed Stint, Gyrfalcon, Siberian Accentor and Asian Rosy Finch.

This area is also a stronghold of the Kittlitz's Murrelet and we should see several during our journey. In our previous expeditions we have explored much of this coastline, documenting the distribution and abundance of many species. In 2011 we recorded a previously unknown breeding population of Spoon-billed Sandpiper. Working alongside researchers from BirdLife International and Birds Russia who will be travelling with us, we plan to revisit many of these areas to monitor changes and search for new breeding colonies. There will be unique opportunities for photography, for hiking and 'birding' in country where literally only a few 'westerners' have ever been and we know there is a rich diversity of species.

#### Day 7

##### **Meinyopil'gyno, located on a 40km long shingle spit is the**

most important site in the world for breeding Spoon-billed Sandpiper. Here about fifteen pairs are monitored by members of the Spoon-billed Sandpiper Recovery Taskforce. We will be guests of the Taskforce and if possible we may be guided to one of their monitored nests. The area is extremely rich in other wildlife, so we may also find Emperor Goose, Pacific Diver, White-billed Diver and Sandhill Crane. The lagoon entrance often has Larga Seal, Gray and Beluga Whales and a spectacular number of gulls.

#### Day 8

##### **This coastline is rich in marine mammals and one creature**

we will be looking for in particular is the walrus, as there is a known sunning spot. The animals do regularly move between locations, so finding them is always very much a matter of luck, although we have had success here in the past.

##### **Good numbers of Gray Whales often congregate here too.**

To the north of Cape Navarin is Keyngypilgyn Lagoon. On the previous visits we have found this excellent location for waterfowl and waders including Emperor Geese, Greater White-fronted Geese, Brent Geese, Whooper Swan, King Eiders, Red Knots and Aleutian Terns.

#### Day 9

##### **As we cruise into Anadyr Bay, there is an excellent chance**

of seeing more Beluga Whales and after a final breakfast on board the Spirit of Enderby, it will be time to disembark. We will provide complimentary transfers to a downtown hotel and the airport.

## Accommodation at the trip

Your cruise will take place on the ice-class expedition ship "**Spirit of Enderby**". It was specially equipped for navigation in areas where navigation of larger ships is impossible. Onboard there are a bar, a cosy lounge, a lecture hall and a library with a big collection of thematical books. A spacious bridge is always open for passengers. You can also view sea animals from open decks.

**The cost of the cruise depends on the type of cabin:**

**Triple cabin accommodation — 7380 USD pp**

There are two lower sleeping berths and one upper sleeping berth in the cabin. A desk, a wardrobe and a nightstand. A wash-basin. The nearby showers and toilets are shared with other cabins. There is an illuminator in the cabin.

**Double cabin accommodation — 8640 USD pp**

There are two lower sleeping berths in the cabin. A desk, a wardrobe and a nightstand. A wash-basin. The nearby showers and toilets are shared with other cabins. There is an illuminator in the cabin.

**Superior cabin accommodation — 9280 USD pp**

There are two sleeping berths — one lower and one upper one. A desk, a wardrobe and nightstands. A bathroom: shower, toilet, a wash-basin. There is a window in the cabin.

**Superior Plus cabin accommodation — 10 000 USD pp**

There are two lower sleeping berths in the cabin. A desk, a wardrobe and nightstands. A bathroom: shower, toilet, a wash-basin. There is a window in the cabin.

**Mini Suite accommodation — 10 420 USD pp**

There is a bedroom with a double bed and a living room with a single bed in the cabin. A bathroom: shower, toilet, a wash-basin. There is a window in the cabin.

**Heritage Suite accommodation — 11 430 USD pp**

There is a bedroom with a double bed and a living room with a single bed in the cabin. A bathroom: shower, toilet, a wash-basin. There are panorama windows in the cabin.

*The price is per person. Payment is made in rubles at the exchange rate of the Central Bank +3%.*

## FAQ

### Who will be my guide

The crew of the ship is Russian-speaking, there are both Russian and English speaking guides.

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### Meals

The cost of the tour includes a full board: breakfast — buffet, lunch — main course, salad and dessert, dinner — main course, vegetables and dessert.

Cooks can prepare meals according to your diet if you inform them in advance.

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### What to bring with me

#### Personal equipment required

When choosing clothes and shoes, consider the features of the cruise. The temperature on the Northern route points can drop to 0°C.

**Clothing:** warm pants, waterproof pants, thermal underwear, sweater, turtleneck, wool cap, covering ears, balaclava/scarf, warm socks, waterproof windproof jacket with hood. At the last retirement party you can bring dressy clothes (heels not advised).

**Shoes:** boots with a grooved sole will allow you to stand most steadily; rubber boots are necessary, but they can be given on the first day of the cruise for free. If you plan to take your own boots, they should be up to mid-calf or higher with a thick ribbed non-slip sole. In some landings will have to step into the water to a depth of 25 cm. Also it can be quite slippery on the ice and on the shore. Make sure the boots sit comfortably on a woolen sock, it is important to bring warm insoles. In addition, you need sandals, sneakers or any other comfortable shoes for the ship and slippers for the shower.

**Other:** a small backpack for landings (preferably waterproof), warm and waterproof gloves, sunglasses, cream, chapstick, binoculars, earplugs.

**Documents:** passport, boarding pass on board (issued or sent by mail), plane ticket, copy of insurance.

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# Booking

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#### What's included in the price:

- on board ship accommodation
- meals (full-board)
- pre/post cruise transfers
- all expedition shore excursions
- lectures, presentations and services of expedition leader and guides
- information materials sent to the participants before start of the expedition

#### Extra charge:

- [international and domestic flights](#) to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, private charter flight from Anadyr to Nome (+1000 USD per person)
- local payment (+500 USD)
- hotel accommodation, meals and additional excursions before and after the cruise
- visa
- health insurance with an emergency evacuation coverage (required)
- all items of a personal nature, laundry, drinks, gratuities
- tips (optional)



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