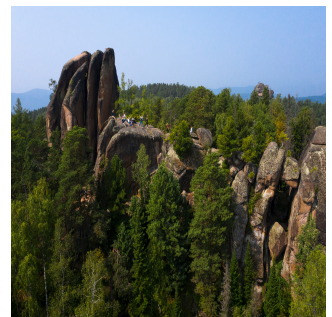




# The Siberian Wilderness

The cruise cruise along the Yenisei River



Go down into the depths of the permafrost, climb the Putorana Plateau, visit the archaic old believers' village, and get acquainted with the amazing culture of the indigenous peoples of the North.

You will go to the heart of the Siberian taiga to discover a completely untouched natural world. Join our cruise along the Yenisei River on a comfortable ship 5\*!

# Experiences you'll have

## River cruise from Krasnoyarsk to Dudinka

The picturesque landscapes of the Yenisei River, the world-famous nature reserves, and peculiar settlements hidden from the world in the depths of the Siberian taiga – this journey will bring you many discoveries. Touch the history, get acquainted with the culture of the amazing Northern peoples who have preserved their traditional way of life, and visit places where no one has ever set foot before.

Siberia

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Difficulty



Group size

Duration

11 days

Accommodation at the trip



10  
nights

Языки



guide

from 8 300 EUR

Traveling along the Yenisei River, you will visit:

**Stolby Nature Reserve** – here you will see the unique 450 million-years-old rocks of the most amazing shapes

**the Putorana Plateau** – you will reach it by helicopter and admire amazing panoramas of mountains without peaks, riddled with deep gorges and thousands of waterfalls

**the city of Yeniseisk** – here you will find old merchant houses, monasteries, narrow streets, and the spirit of an ancient city with a 400-year history, which has preserved its original appearance to the present day

**the village of Galanino** – you will visit the Cossack huts, hear old Cossack songs, and try to make a souvenir from birch bark

**the village of Nickulino** – there is no TV, mobile phones, or Internet in this ancient settlement of Siberian old believers, and people have been conserving their traditions and religious way of life for centuries

**the village of Vorogovo** – you will find a bright Siberian fair with national songs and dances, as well as traditional Siberian cuisine and local taiga delicacies

**the village of Verkhneimbatsk** is a place where the unique heritage of the indigenous peoples of the North and natural artifacts are carefully preserved. To get here, you will have to perform a mystical ritual and pay homage to the Spirit of the taiga

**the city of Igarka** – you will visit the Arctic Circle, participate in a special rite to become a polar explorer, and visit the unique Russian Museum of Permafrost

**the village of Ermakovo** – you will see the northernmost railway built by GULAG prisoners

the village of Artel – you will meet the reindeer herders, visit a real chum (a national shelter similar to a yurt), and be able to feed the deer

**the city of Dudinka** – you will get acquainted with the history and culture of the indigenous peoples of Taimyr and learn about the natural treasures that this land is full of

The cost of the cruise depends on the category of the selected cabin. Please, contact us for details.

Children under 14 years old receive the discount of 25 %.

**Note:** we will provide English-speaking accompaniment if there is a group of participants who need an interpreter.

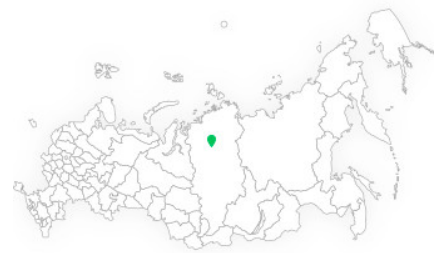
## Itinerary

The journey begins in Krasnoyarsk, where you should travel to on your own. Please, note that return tickets should be purchased with departure from Norilsk, where the route ends. We are ready to help you with the purchase of tickets, if necessary, leave a comment in the application.

## Day 1

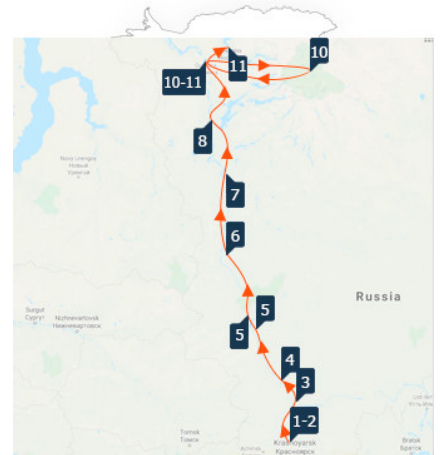
### Upon arrival in Krasnoyarsk, you will be met at the airport

and taken to the city. Here you will board the ship "Maxim Gorky". You will check into the cabins and get acquainted with the ship's infrastructure. After a welcome cocktail and lunch on board you will depart for the sightseeing tour by bus.



### During the excursion you will visit the Surikov's Estate (as

an example of the architecture and lifestyle in Russia in the XIX century), as well as the observation point on Karaul Mountain. It offers a magnificent view of Krasnoyarsk. The central part with ancient merchant houses and modern bridges, the largest factories and and the wild taiga surrounding the city — all this harmoniously adjoins each other and emphasizes the special, unique character of Krasnoyarsk. After a city-tour you will return to the ship and rest.



### If desired and for an additional fee today you can also

order "Night Krasnoyarsk city-tour".

## Day 2

### After breakfast onboard you will depart for a excursion

program in the city. You will see the "Tsar-Fish" monument and the Krasnoyarsk hydrostation — the second largest power plant in Russia. Then you will visit Bobrov Log Fan Park with an ascent by cable car to the viewpoint at the top. Next an eco-trail about 2 km is waiting for you.

### You will visit one of the seven wonders of Russia — the

Stolby nature reserve. In fact, these are rocks of volcanic origin, and they were nicknamed "pillars" because of their shape. They are narrow, tall (60 to 600 meters), extremely ancient (450 to 600 million years old) . Each "pillar" is unique in shape and even has its own name. The reserve itself claims to be included in the list of territories under the protection of UNESCO .

### If desired, and for an additional fee, you can also visit the

factory of precious metals "Krastsvetmet". You will have lunch at the local restaurant with national food "Master of Taiga". In the evening you will return to the ship and have dinner onboard.

## Day 3

### On this day, you will start a cruise along the Yenisei river,

and the first stop on the route will be the village of Galanino. Here in real Russian huts you will get acquainted with the everyday life of the Cossacks. You will be welcomed in the best traditions of Siberian hospitality, treated with local liquors and tea from a samovar with crusty pies.

### You will learn about the life of the Cossacks in Siberia,

hear old Cossack songs that have sounded over the Yenisei river for centuries. Also you will take part in master classes on making souvenirs from birch bark, basket weaving or embroidery. Then you will return to the ship and have dinner onboard.

## Day 4

### Early in the morning, the ship will approach Yeniseisk.

After breakfast onboard, you will go ashore and take a tour of this ancient city. You will visit the Yenisei Regional Museum. A.I. Kytmanova — one of the oldest museums in Siberia, as well as Museum-estate "Photo-izba", where is a unique collection of antiquities is presented, reflecting the life of Yenisei people. Also you will observe the Stagecoach driver's habitation exposition and see the largest collection of planers in the world at the local

"Planer Museum" listed in the Guinness Book of Records.

#### **Day 5**

#### **After breakfast, you will land in Nikulino, an ancient village**

of old believers who have honored their traditions and religious way of life for centuries. Old believers are effectively closed from the outside world: there are no TVs, computers, the Internet and mobile phones in their homes. It took incredible efforts to persuade local residents to show you at least fragments of their archaic life and unique culture, they will even show you how to extract cedar oil from cones in the old fashioned way.

#### **Then you will board the ship, have lunch and continue your**

journey along the Yenisei river to the village of Vorogovo. Here you will visit a bright Siberian fair with songs, dances, raw fish stroganina and souvenirs. You can try national treats and real homemade delicacies, play a shaman tambourine, as well as buy unique souvenirs from the Russian taiga.

#### **Day 6**

#### **During the cruise you will watch the documentary "Happy**

people" by Dmitry Vasyukov and Werner Herzog, which tells about the traditions and life of hunters, fishermen and ordinary residents of the Siberian hinterland.

#### **The characters of this film live in the village of Bakhta,**

which you will visit today in the morning. You will have a heartwarming meeting with the people playing the major roles in the film and can ask your favorite characters any questions. Also you will have a tour along the river in wooden boats, go fishing (extra charge), picking berries in the forest and taste a traditional Fish soup ashore.

#### **Next, the ship will go to the village of Verkhneimbatsk.**

This is the first Russian settlement founded by Mangazeya Cossack in 1607 on the right bank of the Yenisei River at the confluence of the Verkhny Imbak River. Here you will visit the ethnic park, which presents the whole unity and diversity of Siberia.

#### **To get here is not easy: you will have to perform a mystical**

ritual to pay homage to the Spirit of the taiga and get the right to stay in these lands. You will see a Ket camp with household attributes, a lively spring with healing water, a museum of Cossacks and Pomors, listen to the performance of an ethnic ensemble, participate in a tea party and watch the mini-exhibition of the local artists' paintings.

#### **Day 7**

#### **Today you will arrive to Turukhansk. It is the central village**

of the largest region of the Krasnoyarsk Area. The living conditions here are severe: frosts reach  $-60^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and in summer the air temperature rises to  $+35^{\circ}$ . There are no railways in the region, only air communication, river and motor transportation. Nevertheless the beauty and natural reaches of this place are legendary.

#### **Your program ashore will include a walking tour around**

the town with visiting the Museum of Regional Studies of Turukhansk region and the memorial house of the Soviet revolutionary Yakov Sverdlov.

#### **Day 8**

#### **Early in the morning, the ship will approach the village of**

Yermakovo, whose history is associated with Stalin's repressions and the Construction of the Dead Road, which claimed the lives of

more than 300,000 Gulag prisoners tasked with delivering Stalin's dream of a 806-mile-long rail line to run between the Siberian cities Igarka and Salekhard. Upon Stalin's death the project was abandoned. After a short hike through the Siberian forest, you will see the remains of the northernmost railway, the Museum Building 503 dedicated to the Gulag (an abandoned steam locomotive in the forest). Then you can go fishing (optionally).

#### **Further you will return to the ship and continue your**

journey along the Yenisei river. Later in the evening, the ship will dock at the city of Igarka, built on the expanses of permafrost. In summer, the polar day lasts for 2 months, and in winter, the polar night reigns for 2 months.

#### **You will go ashore and have a bus tour to the Museum of**

Permafrost, where you will find yourself in the eternal ice zone. The museum is located in permafrost soil at a depth of 7-10 m, here you can see a unique natural phenomenon about 50,000 years old.

#### **Day 9**

#### **Today you will get acquainted with the reindeer herders.**

1000 deer, a real chum (a traditional shelter similar to yurt) and a big bonfire are waiting for you at the bank of the river. You will taste the cuisine of indigenous peoples of the North, get acquainted with the life of nomadic reindeer herders and take a pictures in the chum and with a deer.

#### **Day 10**

#### **On this day, the ship will approach Dudinka — the final**

destination of your trip. However, this is not the end of your expedition. You will visit the amazing open-air ethnocomplex "Taimyr Mow", where you will have lunch with national ethnic cuisine. You will also get acquainted with the rich exposition of the Taimyr Museum of local lore, one of the most valuable exhibits of which is the skeleton of the mammoth Zhenya, found in the Taimyr tundra.

#### **Also today you will find a helicopter tour to the Putorana**

plateau. "Putorana" in the Evenki language means "lakes with steep banks." The area of the Putorana Plateau is comparable with the area of Great Britain and reaches 2.5 million hectares. This is the second largest basalt plateau in the world, after the Indian plateau Deccan. The Putorana Nature Reserve is recognized as a World Heritage Site and is protected by UNESCO. During the helicopter tour, you will be able to visit the most unreachable and extremely picturesque places of the plateau, where no one has been before. You will see the deepest canyons, fjord lakes and the highest waterfalls in Russia.

#### ***The helicopter program is carried out in favorable weather***

*conditions, the duration is about 5-6 hours.*

#### **Day 11**

#### **After breakfast you will enjoy the music performance**

presented by local ethnic ensemble in the Taimyr House of folk art. After that you will be taken to Norilsk airport to depart for home.

## **Accommodation at the trip**

You will travel with the **ship "Maxim Gorky"**. In 2020, this vessel will undergo a major upgrade to the 5\* level according to international standards. On the upper deck of the ship, a SPA zone with a gym, a massage room and a Siberian bath complex is organized. On the boat deck you will find a large restaurant complex with an area of 240 m<sup>2</sup> for 112 seats with a bar and a premium wine library. The special fish restaurant "Catch of the day" offers a large selection of fresh fish and delicacies. If you wish, they will also prepare

your catch according to the best national recipes. Now a 5\* luxury ship, Maxim Gorky has ultra-modern features combined with comfortable interiors inspired by the rugged Siberian landscape which will be seen out of every window.

### Types of cabins:

**Standard Single cabin** (9 sq. m.) has a single bed, a wardrobe, a refrigerator, an air-conditioner, a TV, two windows, a bathroom with hairdryer, an electric socket for 220 V. A cabin is located on the middle deck.

**Deluxe** (18.7 sq. m.) has twin/double bed, a wardrobe, a refrigerator, an air-conditioner, a TV, a bathroom with hairdryer, radio, two windows, an electric socket for 220 V. Cabins are located on the main, middle and boat decks.

**Deluxe Triple** (18.7 sq. m.) has a double bed, a sofa, a wardrobe, a refrigerator, an air-conditioner, a TV, a bathroom with hairdryer, radio, two windows, an electric socket for 220 V. Cabins are located on the main, middle and boat decks.

**Suite** (21-25 sqm) are spacious cabins in ethnic style with a large lounge area. Located on the middle and boat decks. Each cabin has a double bed, a sofa, a wardrobe, a refrigerator, an air-conditioner, a TV, a bathroom with a hairdryer, a radio, two windows, and a 220 V power socket.

**Note:** extra beds are provided only in Deluxe Triple and Suite cabins.

## FAQ

### Who will be my guide

Experienced guides will be with you throughout the tour.

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### Meals

The cost of the program includes three meals a day onboard the ship. Coffee station 24/7 includes coffee, decaf, hot water, milk, cocoa, packed tea, sugar, sweetener and cookies. During the trip, you will taste a variety of dishes of Siberian and Northern cuisine.

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### Helicopter tour to Putorana plateau

The program price includes a helicopter tour to the Putorana plateau on day 10. However, if it is canceled due to weather conditions, the cost of the tour will be compensated to you.

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### Can children take part

On this cruise you can go with children of any age. Children's fare is valid for ages up to 14 years (inclusive), the age is fixed on the day of the start of the tour.

Children under 2 years old can travel free of charge without provision of seats, meals and excursion services and be accommodated in a cabin of any category. Children from 2 to 5 years (inclusive) are accepted free of charge without providing accommodation and excursions, but with the condition of obligatory payment of child meals.

The cost of the cruise for children under 14 years old (including a helicopter tour to the Putorana Plateau) depends on the category of the cabin and the date of booking. Please call or write us for details.

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### Changes in the program

The ship's schedule, cost and excursion program are preliminary and are subject to change - please contact us at the time of booking to clarify the details.

Port of departure, check-in and boarding times will be indicated in the boarding pass, which you will receive after making a reservation.

## Booking

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

- accommodation in cabins of selected type
- full board
- airport transfers
- on-shore Excursion and onboard Activities
- a helicopter tour to Putorana Plateau
- visiting gym & SPA onboard
- an expedition outfit

#### Extra charge:

- [airfare to Krasnoyarsk and from Norilsk](#) (starting at 345 EURO for a round-trip ticket)
- excursions, not included in the program
- accommodation in a hotel of Krasnoyarsk before the cruise start day



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