



# Top of the world

Voyage to the North Pole in 2025



Cross the Arctic Ocean on a nuclear-powered icebreaker and find yourself on top of the planet. Explore historical sites on Franz Josef Land. View polar bears and walrus while riding expedition zodiac boats. Become one of the few travelers who have been to the North Pole: not many people can boast such a palette of experiences!

# Experiences you'll have

## Cruise to the North Pole in 2025

You will be traveling on one of the most powerful nuclear-powered icebreakers in the world, capable of overcoming centuries-old ice up to 3 meters. Along the way, you are likely to encounter walrus, and polar bears may approach the ship.

You will be accompanied by experts in wildlife, history and glaciology. They will share their knowledge during lectures on board and landings.

On this cruise, you will be accompanied by Russian and Chinese-speaking guides

### The main impressions of the journey:

You will find yourself at the point where all meridians converge: everywhere is south around you. The whole world will be literally at your feet!

Feel like a discoverer on the Franz Josef Land archipelago: much of it is still unexplored

Taking zodiac boat trips, you are very likely to see polar bears, seabird colonies, and walrus rookeries

You can send a postcard from the northernmost post office in the world, located in the Russian Arctic National Park

If the weather is favorable, you will fly by helicopter over a nuclear-powered ship in ice and the Arctic islands

As an additional option, you can take a bath in a mobile bathhouse, and swim in the Arctic Ocean.

In December 2024, we expect to open additional cruise dates **from July 24 to August 5, 2025**, with English-speaking guides. Contact us to join the waiting list.

**First-hand experience:** our travel expert Alexandra Kormiltseva visited the North Pole in summer 2019. Read her review and find out, [what it feels like to stand on top of the planet →](#)

## Itinerary

The journey begins in Murmansk, where you should get to on your own. We can help with the purchase of tickets. If necessary, leave a comment in the application.

*This is a general plan of the expedition, the route may vary depending on the weather and ice conditions.*

### Day 1

#### Upon your arrival at the airport, we provide a transfer to

your hotel in the city center. Today you will be able to explore Murmansk. It is the world's largest city, located behind the Arctic Circle.

### Day 2

#### In the afternoon you will board one of the most powerful

nuclear-powered icebreakers "50 Years of Victory". You will get acquainted with the ship and go out to sea through the Kola Strait.

### Day 3

#### On the way to the North Pole you will have the most

interesting programs. Under favorable weather conditions, you will have landings on the ice and helicopter flights over the Arctic Islands.

#### Polar experts will tell you about the Arctic wildlife. You will

also have a tour of the engine room, where you can see the nuclear reactor – the heart of the icebreaker. If you wish, you can visit the swimming pool, gym or sauna.

#### As you make your way through the ice cap, you can feel

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Difficulty



Age

from 8 y.o.

Group size

from 128 to 128

Duration

13 days

Accommodation at the trip



12  
nights

Языки



guide

from 3 145 000 EUR



the power of the ship when the massive ice blocks split under the sheer weight of the bow. The experience of being on deck at this time is unforgettable.

#### **Day 4**

#### **Welcome to the geographic North Pole! All meridians are**

met at this point. You will make the shortest circumnavigation of the globe just by going around 90° North.

#### **After carefully navigating, we ceremoniously drop the**

anchor on a sturdy stretch of ice and disembark onto the frozen sea. Right on the ice, you will have a barbecue and even take a dip in the Arctic Ocean.

#### **Day 5**

#### **These days you will explore one of the most inaccessible**

regions of the Arctic – the Franz Josef Land archipelago.

#### **Here you can easily meet polar bears, which in this place**

feel like full-fledged masters of the Arctic. Out of curiosity they often approach the very board of the ship and let you take unique photos. The 24-hour polar day allows you to observe the animals at any time of day.

#### **In addition to its natural treasures, Franz Josef Land is rich**

in the history of Arctic discovery. You will learn many names of scientists, explorers and adventurers and who have contributed to the exploration of Franz Josef Land.

#### **Tikhaya Bay is famous for well-preserved buildings of the**

first Soviet polar station. Now the base of the Russian Arctic National Park is located here, from where you can send your friends a postcard from the northernmost post office in the world.

#### **Day 6**

#### **The icebreaker is heading to Murmansk through the harsh**

waters of the Barents Sea.

#### **On one of the days you will have a final photo presentation**

– you will be able to relive once again the most impressive moments of the voyage. You are also invited to dinner with the captain!

#### **You can take advantage of the on-board facilities: polar**

library, volleyball court, gym, two saunas, warm seawater pool, souvenir store and massage treatments. Watching seabirds and whales is possible from the panoramic open decks as well as from the outside windows of the cabins.

#### **Day 7**

#### **After breakfast, you will be disembarked and transferred**

to the airport of Murmansk.

#### **Congratulations! Now you are among the few travelers**

who have been to the very top of the planet.

# Accommodation at the trip

Your cruise to the North Pole will take place on the ship "50 Years of Victory" – one of the world's most powerful nuclear-powered icebreakers. It is capable of overcoming thick and hard ice while being comfortable for passenger accommodation.

The ship is equipped with a new-generation digital automatic control system. The biological protection system of the nuclear power plant has been modernized.

Features aboard: restaurant, 2 bars, library, lecture hall, music room, gym, sauna, swimming pool with heated seawater, satellite TV.

Access to the navigation bridge overlooking the sea is open almost around the clock. The gift shop is open daily during the cruise and the expedition office is open 24 hours a day.

## Rates depend on the type of cabin:

July 13 – 25, 2025

Standard Twin — ~~3 245 000~~ 3 145 000 rub/pp (32,991 USD)  
Mini Suite — ~~3 845 000~~ 3 745 000 rub/pp (39,286 USD)  
Junior Suite — ~~4,445,000~~ 4 345 000 rub/pp (45,579 USD)  
Grand Suite — ~~4,545,000~~ 4 445 000 rub/pp (46,628 USD)  
Victoria Suite — ~~4,845,000~~ 4 745 000 rub/pp (49,774 USD)  
Arktika Suite — ~~5,045,000~~ 4 945 000 rub/pp (51,872 USD)

The price is valid for bookings made by **March 31, 2025**.

**The base rate is in RUB. The price in USD depends on the exchange rate of the [Central Bank of Russia](#) minus 2% and is valid as of February 10, 2025. The price is per person with double occupancy in a cabin.**

*Bank charges (6%) are not included in the USD price.*

## Descriptions of cabins:

### Standard Twin (46 cabins)

One lower berth, one sofa bed, private facilities with a shower, TV set and DVD player, opening windows. The square is 14 sq.m

### Mini Suite (6 cabins)

Sitting area with sofa bed, sleeping bed separated from the sitting area, private facilities with a shower, TV set and DVD player, refrigerator, opening windows. The square is 21-22 sq.m

### Junior Suite (4 cabins)

Bedroom, sitting room, private facilities with a shower, windows, bed, sofa, refrigerator, TV set and DVD player, coffee maker. The square is 24 sq.m

### Grand Suite (3 cabins)

Bedroom, sitting room, private facilities with a shower, bed, sofa, refrigerator, TV set and DVD player, coffee maker. The square is 27 sq.m

### Victoria Suite (1 cabin)

Large bedroom, sitting room, 4 windows, private facilities with a shower,



bed, sofa, refrigerator, TV set and DVD player, coffee maker. The square is 28 sq.m.

### Arktika Suite (5 cabins)

Very spacious bedroom and sitting room, sofa bed in sitting room, private facilities with a bathtub, refrigerator, TV set and DVD player, coffee maker, opening windows. The square is 33 sq.m.

## FAQ

### Do I need an insurance?

All passengers under the age of 85 are covered by medical travel insurance of €100,000 pp, which includes emergency evacuation and repatriation. Travelers over 85 years must purchase their insurance policy with coverage of at least EUR 100,000. Such a policy must cover repatriation/evacuation risks from extremely remote areas and must be sufficient for travel to the High Arctic. Any risks not covered by the provided insurance policy shall be covered by passengers at their discretion and expense. The insurance is valid only on board the vessel and off-board as soon as the vessel leaves port.

### Letter of invitation

This document should be presented to the Russian Consulate in your area to obtain a Russian Visa. Please, contact the Russian Consulate to learn more about the procedure for obtaining a Russian Visa. Let us know if you have any difficulties in visa processing.

### Special offer

Purchasing this cruise will give you a 5% discount on all future journeys with RussiaDiscovery.

## Booking

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

- shipboard accommodation in a cabin of the chosen category
- 1 night pre-cruise hotel accommodation in Murmansk (with breakfast)
- transfers as per program: airport - hotel - port - airport
- shipboard breakfasts, lunches, and dinners; coffee, tea, and cocoa available 24 hours
- professional expedition leadership
- all shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by helicopter and zodiacs; shore landings included in the daily program
- program of lectures and informal discussions by experienced expedition team and guest lecturers

#### Extra charge:

- [airfare to and from Murmansk](#)
- passport and visa expenses (if required)
- state arrival and departure taxes (if levied)
- excess luggage charges on international and local flights
- telecommunication services, laundry, bar and beverage charges aboard the vessel
- tips for stewards and other service personnel aboard (at your discretion)

- letter of invitation
- personalized medical insurance covering the risks of evacuation and repatriation (coverage: 100,000 EUR)
- all miscellaneous service taxes and port charges throughout the program
- wellington boots for landing, branded expedition jacket

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from 3 145 000 EUR



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