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# RUSSIAN FAR EAST: OPTIONS AND IDEAS

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Heritage Expeditions also has a close connection with Richard Beneville of Nome Discovery Tours in Alaska. Richard assists clients who depart on our charter flights from Nome to Anadyr and can arrange excursions in the region. Please make enquiries or bookings direct with him on [discover@gci.net](mailto:discover@gci.net).

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## PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY CITY TOUR

<b>Duration:</b>	3 hours
<b>Indicative Price:</b>	US\$174 per person
<b>Transport:</b>	Walk
<b>Grade:</b>	Easy
<b>Description:</b>	City tour of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, including Regional Museum

During this excursion in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy you will visit a number of important historical and cultural monuments including the main historical museum. The city, founded over 260 years ago, has an exciting and diverse history. Through exhibits at the museum you will learn about famous sea explorers such as Vitus Bering, La Perouse and Charles Clerke. At the Kamchatka Regional Museum of Local Lore you will gain an understanding of the natural history of the peninsula, exploration of the area and the lives of native people. You will also enjoy stunning panoramas of Avacha Bay, visit a fish market and souvenir shops.

**Price includes:**

**Transfer to/from hotel and services of a guide/interpreter.**



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**KAMCHATKA REGION**  
EX-PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY, RUSSIA



## HELICOPTER EXCURSION TO THE VALLEY OF THE GEYSERS

<b>Duration:</b>	7 – 8 hours
<b>Indicative Price:</b>	US\$1,000 per person (18 seater) US\$1,700 per person (2 seater) Prices are approximate, payable locally and is dependant on minimum numbers being met.
<b>Transport:</b>	Helicopter
<b>Grade:</b>	Easy
<b>Description:</b>	Visit world famous Valley of the Geysers Nature Park and Caldera of Uzon Volcano by helicopter

Discovered in 1941, the Valley of the Geysers is a beautiful and rare natural phenomenon, which has the second largest concentration of geysers in the world. This unique valley is difficult to reach, with helicopters providing the only feasible means of transport.

You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the helicopter pad near Elizovo to board the waiting helicopter. It will take over an hour to get to the Valley of the Geysers. During the flight you will be able to enjoy aerial views of active and extinct volcanoes, mountain ranges, taiga, rivers and lakes. Of particular interest are two volcanoes – Karymsky (1486m) which is very active (if you are lucky you may see a small eruption) and Maly Semyachik (1560m) which has an acid lake in its crater. After landing there will be a guided walk to view some of the more than 20 big geysers in the valley including Velikan (Giant), Zhemchuzhny (Pearly), Fontan (Fountain) and Shchel (Split). Some geysers gush every 10-12 minutes while others may erupt once every 4-5 hours.

In June 2007 a massive mudflow covered the Valley of the Geysers blocking a small river which caused a thermal lake to form in the valley, but the waters have receded since then to expose some of the submerged features. Velikan (Giant), one of the field's largest geysers was not buried in the mudflow and has recently been observed to be active. The extent of permanent change from the mudflow is not yet clear, but the Valley of the Geysers looks a lot different now than prior to the event. However it still remains one of the most spectacular natural wonders in Russia. The wreathes of steam, fountains of boiling water, incredible colours of slopes, hot water streaming along them and profuse greenery of grasses and trees create an enchanting spectacle. There is a range of walking options in the valley.

As this excursion is operated by helicopter, favourable weather conditions and minimum numbers are required.

**Price includes:**  
**Picnic lunch (excluding beverages), transfers to/from hotel, helicopter flight and services of a guide/interpreter.**

**KAMCHATKA REGION**  
EX-PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY, RUSSIA



## PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY PRE CRUISE BIRDING EXTENSION – EXTENDED

<b>Date:</b>	26 May 2015
<b>Duration:</b>	11 hours, pick up from Hotel Petropavlovsk 0600 (min:12 max:20)
<b>Indicative Price:</b>	US\$140 per person
<b>Transport:</b>	Vehicle and special off road vehicle
<b>Grade:</b>	Moderate
<b>Description:</b>	Birding Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy

This full day tour is available in conjunction with the Russia's Ring of Fire expedition departure only, it offers the opportunity to experience bird species in town and in the forests close to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy. You may want to start with an early morning walk to a site near the hotel where it is possible to view Lanceolated Warbler, Middendorff's Grasshopper Warbler and the Siberian Rubythroat.

After breakfast we visit the forests near the village of Paratunka about 40 minutes drive west of the hotel. There are a number of species to look for here including the Grey Bunting, Rustic Bunting and Rufous-tailed Robin. Other species include the Olive-backed Pipit and the Common Rosefinch. From Paratunka we travel to Forest Lake where highlights could include Eye-browed Thrush, Siberian Rubythroat, Three-toed Woodpecker, Kamchatka Leaf-warbler, Common Rosefinch and Asian Brown Flycatcher. At a small roadside lake on the way back to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy we might be rewarded with views of Black-headed Gull, Common Tern and Greater Scaup and Falcated Ducks.

**Price includes:**

**Picnic lunch (excluding beverages), transfers to/from Hotel Petropavlovsk only and services of a guide/ornithologist.**

*Due to an early start arrival into Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy needs to be the day before.*

*If you require a private option on an alternative day, please contact the office for a quotation.*

**KAMCHATKA REGION**  
EX-PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY, RUSSIA



## PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY PRE CRUISE BIRDING EXTENSION

<b>Date:</b>	27 May 2015
<b>Duration:</b>	9 hours, pick up from Hotel Petropavlovsk 0600 (min:12 max:20)
<b>Indicative Price:</b>	US\$125 per person
<b>Transport:</b>	Vehicle and special off road vehicle
<b>Grade:</b>	Moderate
<b>Description:</b>	Birding Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy

After an early morning pick-up from the Hotel Petropavlovsk, we head out of town to visit the Khlamovitsky Reserve. On the way there is a chance to see the Rough-legged Buzzard as this species is reasonably numerous in the area. The reserve comprises of a large marsh and if conditions allow, we will walk out to an area where gulls and terns breed. The biggest attraction is the possibility of finding Aleutian Tern. This species only breeds here in very small numbers and does not seem to be present every year. Both Black-headed Gulls and Common Terns breed at the reserve in reasonable numbers and whilst the gulls are the same as in Western Europe, the Common Terns are of the subspecies *longipennis* which is distinctly different from the birds most people will be familiar with as they have jet black bills. There are a selection of waders which also breed here with the possibilities including both Long-toed Stint and Far Eastern Curlew. At the end of the half day excursion this tour returns to the hotel and is followed by a transfer to the ship in the afternoon for commencement of the voyage.

### Price includes:

**Picnic lunch (excluding beverages), transfers to/from hotel and services of a guide/ornithologist.**

*Due to an early start arrival into Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy needs to be the day before.*

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## KAMCHATKA DOG SLEDDING ADVENTURE “SNOW DOGS”

<b>Duration:</b>	3 hours
<b>Indicative Price:</b>	US\$560 per person
<b>Grade:</b>	Easy
<b>Transport:</b>	Vehicle
<b>Description:</b>	Introduction to indigenous culture and dog sledding

This excursion offers a great opportunity to interact with natives of the Kamchatka region and learn about their culture.

The 'Snow Dogs' kennel lodge is operated by the native community of smaller people of the Kamchatka region, 'The Children of the North' which was founded for revival and development of traditional dog sledding. The lodge grounds have been arranged as an ethnic style village and will introduce you to the culture of indigenous peoples of Kamchatka such as the Koryak and Itelmen. The lodge is located beside a small lake and from the lawn spectacular views of the Koryakskiy and Avachinskiy Volcanoes can be admired. The hosts will share the history of the aboriginal people with you and present a colourful local ethnic dance programme. During the presentation you will have the opportunity to learn the basic movements of the national dance.

Later we will learn about the history of the Kamchatka Sled Dogs breed, hear stories about the sport of dog sledding and traditional Arctic and Kamchatka sled breeding. Your

hosts will show you how to harness sled dogs, outline the training process and talk about how to care for the dogs.

You may also have the opportunity to take part in a traditional crafts master-class and play some traditional games. There will be unique opportunities to be photographed in traditional costumes, ride horses and become acquainted with the lifestyle and living conditions of the indigenous peoples of Kamchatka. Guests may also be invited to try some hot, fragrant Ukha soup and other traditional foods before being transferred back to the hotel.

### Price includes:

**Visit to the kennel and village, photo in national costume, museum visit, lunch (excluding beverages), transfers to/ from hotel and services of a guide/interpreter. There is an optional additional charge of US\$40 per person (payable locally and subject to availability) to go dog sledding.**



## MUTNOVSKIY VOLCANO

<b>Duration:</b>	7 – 8 hours
<b>Indicative Price:</b>	US\$750 per person
<b>Grade:</b>	Moderate
<b>Transport:</b>	Vehicle/snowmobile/walk
<b>Description:</b>	Take a closer look at the Mutnovskiy Volcano and experience its large craters, glacier and beauty

Mutnovskiy Volcano (2323m), situated 70km south of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy, is considered to be one of the most beautiful places in Kamchatka. This giant is calm now, but showed its power 15 times in the last century. The entire massif comprises of four volcanic cones and has two craters. The first crater, called 'Central' stretches over an area of 2 x 1.5km. Here one can see different displays of volcanic activity, with beautiful blues and yellows dramatically colouring the scene and one slope covered with an impressive glacier. Due to the volcanic activity some parts of the glacier have melted and a volcanic lake has appeared. The second crater is smaller but shows strong fumarole activity.

The last eruption at Mutnovskiy took place in 2000, but even in quiet periods, the volcano excretes a large amount of energy in the form of fumarole gases and numerous powerful thermal springs. This is one of the largest geothermal deposits in the world.

**Price includes:**  
**Picnic lunch (excluding beverages), transfer to/from hotel and services of a guide/interpreter.**







## KURILSKOYE LAKE – THE ‘KINGDOM OF BEARS’

**Duration:** 6 – 7 hours  
**Indicative Price:** US\$3,440 per person (2 pax maximum)  
**Grade:** Easy  
**Transport:** ‘Robinson’ Helicopter/walk  
**Description:** Watch bears on the shores of one of the most beautiful lakes in the world  
*Option only available following Jewel of the Russian Far East due to presence of bears*

Lake Kurilskoye is located on the southern tip of the 1,000km long Kamchatka Peninsula in an area surrounded by pristine wilderness. A large bird colony occupies a small rocky island called ‘Alaid’s Heart’ (because it bears a strong resemblance to the human heart) in the southern part of the lake. The lake was formed according to different estimations 8-50 thousands years ago and fills a giant volcanic caldera covering an area of 9 x 12km with a depth of over 300m. If weather conditions permit, we will take a cruise on the lake to Alaid’s Heart and North Bay.

This lake is famous for being one of the largest salmon spawning areas in Kamchatka. Spawning lasts from August until November and reaches its highest point in October. During this period one can see a lot of large and small animals appearing along the lakeshore. The fish also attract Kamchatka’s huge brown bears, so a special safe viewing tower has been built for visitors to observe the fascinating scenes of bears fishing in their natural habitat. The best time to view bears is late August to October.

On the way back to Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy we will visit a hot spring and enjoy further opportunities to view the picturesque Kamchatka Peninsula from the air.

As this excursion is operated by helicopter it is subject to favourable weather conditions and minimum numbers.

**Price includes:**  
**Picnic lunch (excluding beverages), helicopter flight, landing fees, 1 hour boat excursion, swimming in thermal waters, transfers to/from hotel and services of a guide/interpreter.**

**SAKHALIN ISLAND REGION**  
EX-YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK, RUSSIA



## YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK CITY TOUR

<b>Duration:</b>	Option a) 2 hours    Option b) 3 hours
<b>Indicative Price:</b>	US\$190 per person (2 hrs)    US\$270 per person (3 hrs)
<b>Transport:</b>	Walk
<b>Grade:</b>	Easy
<b>Description:</b>	City tour of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk

Both the 2 and 3 hour city tour options include a visit to an Orthodox Church, city squares, souvenir shops and Gagarin Park of Culture and Leisure. Opened in 1947 this park covers an area of 90ha and is a popular leisure centre where many local birds can be seen and heard. On the eastern corner of the park there is a trail leading to the top of a hill where nice views over the city and surrounding area can be enjoyed.

The 3 hour city tour also includes entrance to the pagoda roofed Regional Museum of Local Lore and History. This is the best museum in the city and the building was home to the Karafuto administration before the USSR seized the island from the Japanese in 1945. The museum has three floors and exhibits hundreds of local items belonging to the aboriginal people of Sakhalin Island from both the Japanese and Russian period.

**Price includes:**  
**Transfers to/from hotel, museum entry and services of a guide/interpreter.**





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## BIRDING SAKHALIN

<b>Date:</b>	8 June 2015
<b>Duration:</b>	10 hours
<b>Indicative Price:</b>	US\$140 per person (min:12 max:20)
<b>Transport:</b>	Bus/Walk
<b>Grade:</b>	Easy/Moderate
<b>Description:</b>	Birding

The island of Sakhalin at approximately 600 miles long is the largest in the Russian Far East. Many exciting birds can be found here, including several which we are unlikely to see on the main expedition. On this short excursion we will concentrate on looking for two of the most range restricted bird species, the Sakhalin Leaf-warbler and Sakhalin Warbler.

Our excursion begins when we disembark from the *Spirit of Enderby* shortly after the vessel arrives alongside the wharf. The intention is to keep the itinerary flexible to maximize on our birding opportunities but we plan to start the day by visiting an area of woodland not too far from the Port of Korsakov where we will look for Sakhalin Leaf-warbler. Although this *Phylloscopus* warbler breeds on the Southern Kuril Islands, it appears to be rather rare there but we stand a good chance of finding it this morning, with other possibilities including Pacific Swift, Oriental Turtle Dove, Red-flanked Bluetail, Narcissus Flycatcher and Lanceolated Warbler.

During the afternoon, we plan to head to a park a short distance from the hotel in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk where we will

look for Sakhalin Warbler. Although this bird is sometimes 'lumped' with Gray's Grasshopper Warbler, recent studies suggest it should probably be given full species status. We will aim to find this bird although its skulking nature means getting good views can be a challenge. This park is also an excellent location for another tricky speciality, the Rufous-tailed Robin. We stand a good chance of finding this bird here as well as a range of other species including Japanese Pygmy Woodpecker, Asian House Martin and Pallas's Leaf-warbler. Depending on the weather, the park can be alive with migrants and on occasions, we have seen four species of flycatcher here – Dark-sided, Asian Brown, Taiga and Narcissus, so we will hope to end the extension in the late afternoon with a nice selection of Siberian specialities.

**Price includes:**

**Picnic lunch (excluding beverages), transfer to/from Mega Palace Hotel and services of a guide/interpreter.**

*If you require a private option on an alternative day, please contact the office for a quotation.*



## “FROG” ROCK

<b>Duration:</b>	4 hours
<b>Indicative price:</b>	US\$330 per person
<b>Transport:</b>	Mini van/Walk
<b>Grade:</b>	Easy/Moderate
<b>Description:</b>	Climb a hill to see a famous rock formation

A mini bus will transport us from Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk to the village of Vestochka. From there we will walk the up the slope of Mt Gorbunova and take the steep but short climb to the top of 'Frog Rock'. In good weather climbers are rewarded with beautiful views of the Korsakov Plato, Anivsky Creek, Lake Tunaicha and Lake Izmenchivoe. Once all participants have descended the rock, we will return to the vehicle and drive back to Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk.

**Price includes:**  
Transfer to/from hotel and services of a guide/interpreter.





## MAGADAN CITY TOUR

<b>Duration:</b>	3 – 4 hours
<b>Indicative price:</b>	US\$260 per person
<b>Transport:</b>	Car/Walk
<b>Grade:</b>	Easy/Moderate
<b>Description:</b>	City tour of Magadan, including Regional Museum

After being picked up from your hotel, we commence this tour at a popular viewing point that looks out over Nagaev Bay. The original town of Magadan was originally named after this bay in 1928. From here we proceed to the 'Mask of Sorrow' Monument which was built in 1996 as a memorial to the victims of the Gulags. This monument is testimony to the history of the region and consists of a large concrete statue of a face with tears coming from the left eye in the form of small masks. The right eye is in the form of a barred window. The back of the mask portrays a young woman weeping and a headless man on a cross. Inside the mask is a replica of a typical Stalin-era prison cell. Below the 'Mask of Sorrow' are stone markers which bear the names of many of the forced-labour camps of the Kolyma, as well as others designating the various religions and political systems of those who suffered there. From the hill on which this monument is built there are great views over Magadan, Nagaev Bay and the Sea of Okhotsk.

Later we will visit the Magadan Regional Museum of Local Lore, one of the largest scientific/educational institutions in the Russian Far East. It has an extensive display devoted to

the Kolyma Gulags with many artefacts from them. Exhibit rooms contain historic information on the notorious Kolyma Gulags and Dalstroy (the administration of the Gulags), the natural history of the Russian Far-East, the impact of World War II in this region and geological information on local rocks.

After the museum visit there will be an opportunity to return to your hotel to change and freshen up before re-joining the tour for a special meal. We join a local family in their home to experience an authentic Magadan lunch or dinner, a delicious meal based on local products collected or grown in and around the region. This will be an opportunity to try products such as crabs, trumpeter, local halibut, salmon and home-made berry juice.

**Price includes:**  
**Transfer to/from hotel and services of a guide/interpreter.**  
**Meal (excluding beverages).**



## KOLYMA GOLDFIELDS AND THE GULAGS – A SPECIAL 4 DAY TOUR

<b>Duration:</b>	4 days
<b>Indicative price:</b>	Please enquire
<b>Transport:</b>	Vehicle KAMAZ
<b>Grade:</b>	Moderate
<b>Description:</b>	The Goldmines and the Gulags – a special four day tour (min/max numbers apply, spaces limited)

This special four day tour is available in conjunction with our Sea of Okhotsk expedition; it will further expand your knowledge of the history of the Gulags and the Kolyma region. You will visit the 'Mask of Sorrow' monument erected to the memory of the victims of the Gulags, experience Ust-Omchug, one of the oldest settlements of the Magadan region and a Gulags historical museum. The tour also includes a visit to Susuman, the town which was the base for one of the Soviet Union's largest Gulags from 1949 until 1956 and the remains of the Dneprovsky Gulag Camp, founded in 1941. Please enquire for further information.





## THE KOLYMA HIGHWAY (ROAD OF BONES)

<b>Duration:</b>	7 days
<b>Indicative price:</b>	Please enquire
<b>Transport:</b>	Vehicle PAZ
<b>Grade:</b>	Moderate
<b>Description:</b>	A rare opportunity to explore the one of the more important historical regions in the Russian Far East (min/max numbers apply, spaces limited)

This seven day tour is available in conjunction with our Sea of Okhotsk expedition. Experience one of the world's greatest road trips the infamous 'The Road of Bones', which stands as a lasting memorial to those prisoners from all over Russia who suffered indescribable hardships under the rule of Stalin. This is more than a road trip – it is a journey. You will visit Magadan, Yakutsk, the Pole of Cold and much more. Please enquire for further information.





## ANADYR TOUR

<b>Duration:</b>	2½ hours
<b>Indicative price:</b>	US\$80 per person + US\$250 for English Speaking Guide per group. Please note the cost for an English speaking guide is for the entire group. The per person cost will therefore be dependent on the number of persons within the group and will be determined locally.
<b>Transport:</b>	Car/Walk
<b>Grade:</b>	Easy/Moderate
<b>Description:</b>	Tour of Anadyr, including the museum

During this tour you will explore the town centre, view the harbour and local attractions including the Chukotka Heritage Museum to learn about the history and heritage of Chukotka. The museum first opened in 1935, starting out as a small 34sqm house. It has now grown into a modern 3 storey museum with a collection of over 40,000 artefacts including nature, art, bone carvings and displays of how the Chukotka people live.

**Price includes:**  
Transfers to/from hotel and services of a guide/interpreter.







## WRANGEL ISLAND – OVERLAND TRAVERSE

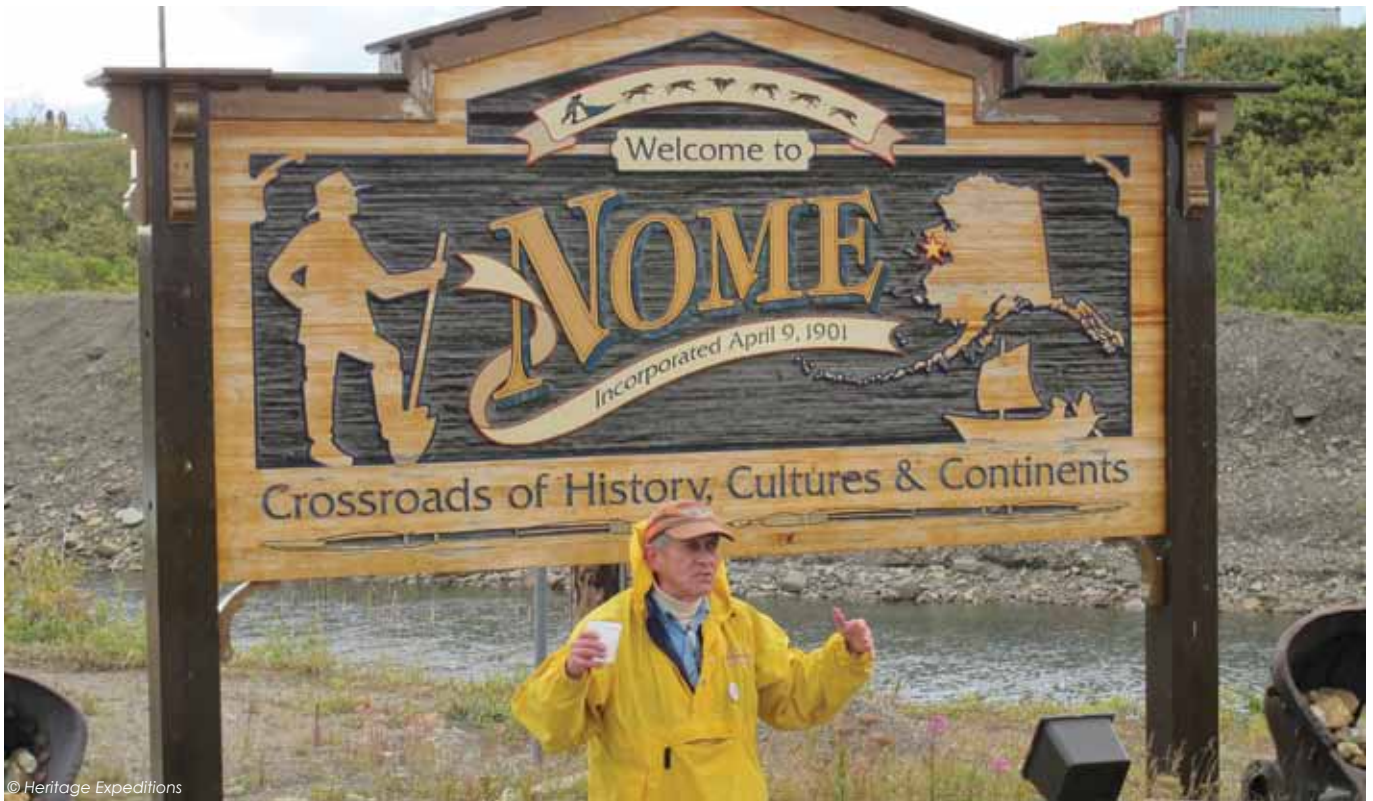
<b>Duration:</b>	3 day / 2 nights
<b>Indicative price:</b>	US\$1,450 per person
<b>Transport:</b>	Tundra Vehicle/Walk
<b>Grade:</b>	Moderate
<b>Description:</b>	Explore the heart of Wrangel Island's incredible landscape

For curious explorers who are travelling with Heritage Expeditions on 'Across the Top of the World' expeditions we would like to offer an opportunity to explore Wrangel Island that very few people will ever experience. We are offering a limited number of places on two very special three day (two nights) Overland Traverse excursions through the heart of this incredible High Arctic landscape. For more details on these rare opportunities please contact our office. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

**Price includes:**

**Transport, accommodation (basic field huts) and meals.**  
Please note this is in addition to the cost of Across the Top of the World voyage.





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## NOME DISCOVERY TOURS

<b>Contact:</b>	Richard Beneville, Nome Discovery Tours
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<b>Email:</b>	discover@gci.net
<b>Description:</b>	Explore and learn about the history of Nome and the Eskimo people

Experience Alaska's dramatic scenery with the owner and guide of Nome Discovery Tours, Richard Beneville. Richard's passion for the Far North (his home for the past two decades) will rub off on you. Discovering Nome with him is a truly authentic local experience you won't want to miss! Richard provides an informative background to the State and loves to share his extensive knowledge of 10,000 years of Eskimo culture.

A half day Nome tour includes the port, cemetery, a tour through town and a drive into the country to experience the amazing Alaskan tundra. Out of town there are additional opportunities to explore with half and full day tours encompassing history, culture and the chance to view wildlife in its natural setting.

Notify Richard you are travelling with Heritage Expeditions. He has been helping our expedition groups for a number of years and is familiar with our programme.



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## ACCOMMODATION

Heritage Expeditions have collated trusted hotel accommodation throughout Russia for overnight stays, whether you are transiting via a city or would like to spend extra nights in one location. Our in-house partners at Just Russia Travel can make reservations at selected hotels, however some accommodation can only be booked directly with the property. Where we are unable to make a reservation for you we have indicated that a reservation should be made directly with the accommodation.

### PETROPAVLOVSK-KAMCHATSKIY

#### Hotel Petropavlovsk



Offering magnificent views to the Koryaksky and Avachinsky Volcanoes, conveniently located just minutes away from the city centre, this 3-star hotel offers

90 clean and comfortable rooms. Each room has a private bathroom, telephone, radio, satellite TV and a refrigerator. There is a restaurant complex on site, bar, and a business centre offering internet access, fax & copier. The approximate price for a one way shared transfer to or from the airport is US\$30 including an English speaking guide.

Address: 31A Karl Marks Av, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy  
Tel: +7 (4152) 252 525

Indicative price: Single standard room US\$210 per room per night  
Twin standard room US\$240 per room per night

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Email: [hotel@hotel.petropavlovsk.ru](mailto:hotel@hotel.petropavlovsk.ru)

Website: [www.petropavlovsk-hotel.ru/en](http://www.petropavlovsk-hotel.ru/en)

#### Avacha Hotel



This hotel is ideally located in the city centre, close to the main market, Central Square, Avacha Bay and 10 minutes from historical downtown. It has a

3-star rating. There are 94 rooms, all with private bathrooms, TV, telephones and refrigerators. There is a restaurant complex on site, sauna and a business centre. Wi-Fi Internet connection is available in all rooms. **Accommodation and airport transfers must be booked directly with this hotel.** The approximate price for a one way shared transfer to or from the airport is US\$30 including an English speaking guide.

Address: 61 Leningradskaya Street,  
Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy

Tel: +7 (4152) 427 201

Email: [travel@avacha-hotel.ru](mailto:travel@avacha-hotel.ru)

Website: [www.avacha-hotel.ru](http://www.avacha-hotel.ru)

### YUZHNO-SAKHALINSK

#### Mega Palace Hotel



This quality accommodation is located near the Susunaiski Mountains and in immediate proximity to Gagarin Park which is teeming with birds. Each

standard room has a comfortable king size bed or 2 single beds, private bathroom, desk, safety box, mini-bar, satellite TV, phone, climate control system and internet access. Entrance to the sauna & fitness centre is free of charge. Free Wi-Fi internet connection is available on the first floor of the hotel. The approximate price for a one way private transfer to or from the airport is US\$90 including an English speaking guide.

Address: 4 Detskaya Street, Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk

Tel: +7 (4242) 450 450

Indicative price: Single standard room US\$210 per room per night  
Twin standard room US\$240 per room per night

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

Email: [office@megapalacehotel.ru](mailto:office@megapalacehotel.ru)

Website: [www.megapalacehotel.ru](http://www.megapalacehotel.ru)

### VLADIVOSTOK

#### Hotel Primorye



This hotel is located in the historic downtown business district, a short walk from the railway station, passenger marine terminal and city square.

Hotel Primorye has 110 standard bedrooms with private bathroom, TV, telephone, Wi-Fi Internet. Facilities include a restaurant complex on site, sauna, gym, business centre and a beauty salon. It also has English speaking reception staff. Payment is accepted by cash, Visa or Master cards, but cheques are not acceptable. **Accommodation and airport transfers must be booked directly with this hotel.** The approximate price for a one way shared transfer to or from the airport is US\$55. Alternatively the Aero Express train operates a service to/from the airport to Vladivostok central city station. Tickets can be purchased at the ticketing office at the station, airport or rail terminals in the city centre. The price for a one way ticket is approximately RUB200.

Address: 20 Posyetskaya Street, Vladivostok

Tel: +7 (4232) 411 422

E-mail: [reception@hotelprimorye.ru](mailto:reception@hotelprimorye.ru)

Website: [www.hotelprimorye.ru/eng](http://www.hotelprimorye.ru/eng)

## Venice Hotel (Airport Hotel)



This hotel is located 6km from Terminal A at Vladivostok airport Knevichi. The airport is 50km (at least one hours drive) from the Vladivostok city centre. If you

are arriving at Terminal A (international) you will need to transfer to Terminal B (domestic) where this hotel is located.

A hotel minibus can be pre-booked to deliver you to/from the hotel upon arrival/departure. This transfer service is RUR 100 per person per one way trip. During the night (22:00-06:00) an additional charge will apply. Advanced booking is required and your flight details are mandatory. Delivery time from Terminal A to the hotel is approx. 10-15 minutes.

A comfortable hotel where all standard bedrooms have private facilities, desk, satellite TV, IDD telephone, video player, individual safe, minibar and Wi-Fi Internet. All rooms have central air conditioning and heating. Non-smoking rooms are available. There is a restaurant on site offering European and traditional Russian cuisine. Room rates do not include breakfast. English speaking reception staff are employed. Payment is accepted by cash, Visa or Master cards, cheques are not accepted. **Accommodation and airport transfers must be booked directly with this hotel.**

The approximate price for a one way shared transfer to or from the airport is US\$20. Alternatively the Aero Express train operates a service to/from the airport to Vladivostok central city station. Tickets can be purchased at the ticketing office at the station, airport or rail terminals in the city centre. The price for a one way ticket is approximately RUB200.

Address: 39 Portovaya Street, Artyom  
Tel: +7 (4232) 307 601, 620 320  
Fax: +7 (4232) 307 602, 620 321  
E-mail: hotel@venice.vladavia.ru  
Website: www.venice.far-east.ru/en/main/index.php

## KHABAROVSK

### Sapporo Hotel



A modern mini-hotel located in a historical part of city centre, approximately 30 minutes drive from the airport. Close to cafes, restaurants, theatres and museums. This hotel has 20 comfortable rooms all equipped with minibar, fridge, air conditioning, Wi-Fi Internet. Daily room service and continental breakfast is included in price of each room. There is a bar on site offering breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Other facilities & services include a sauna, conference room, airport meet & greet and transfers.

The hotel has English speaking reception staff. Payment is accepted in cash, American Express, Master Card, Visa and Diners Club International. **Accommodation and airport transfers must be booked directly with this hotel.** The

approximate price for a one way shared transfer to or from the airport is US\$55.

Address: 9 Komsomolskaya Str, Khabarovsk  
Tel: +7 (4212) 304 290, 306 745  
Fax: +7 (4212) 306 075  
E-mail: sapporo1@gin.ru  
Website: www.sapporo-hotel.ru

## MAGADAN

### Hotel Magadan



This hotel is ideally located in the city centre, close to the Central Square. There are 83 rooms, all with private bathrooms, TV, telephones. Wi-Fi Internet connection is available in all rooms and breakfast included.

The approximate price for a one way shared transfer to or from the airport is US\$60.

Address: 8 Proletarskaya Street, Magadan  
Tel: +7 (4132) 60 45 57  
Indicative Price: Single standard room US\$210 per room per night  
Double/Twin standard room US\$240 per room per night  
Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast  
Email: gostmagadan@mail.ru  
Website: www.magadanhotel.ru (only in Russian)

## ANADYR

### Chukotka Hotel



This modern hotel is located in the centre of Anadyr, close to the Central Square and museum. There are 2 suites, 13 single superior rooms and 9 standard rooms. Each room has an

ensuite bathroom, a desk and TV. There is a restaurant, billiard room, bar, sauna, and business centre. The cost of a shared airport transfer to/from this accommodation is US\$60 one way.

Address: 2B Rultyegin Street, Anadyr  
Tel: +7 (4272) 22 26 61  
Indicative price: Single standard room US\$250 per room per night  
Double standard room US\$370 per room per night  
Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

## Anadyr Hotel



Anadyr hotel is situated close to the Chukotka Hotel in the centre of the town. There are 21 standard twin rooms. Every room has an ensuite bathroom, a TV and desk. The cost

of a shared airport transfer to/from this accommodation is US\$60 one way.

Address: 14 Otke Street, Anadyr

Tel: N/A

Indicative Price: Single/Twin standard room US\$250 per room per night

Board Basis: Bed & Breakfast

## Gostevoi Dvor Hostel



The four-storied Gostevoi Dvor Hotel building is located in Anadyr city centre. Each floor is divided into blocks, and each block has 4 rooms and a shared kitchen, where guests

can cook by themselves. The hotel rooms include comfortable beds, multi-purpose table, bedside tables, fridge, electric kettle, TV with terrestrial channels, coffee table, armchair. All rooms share the hostels communal bathroom facilities which are fitted with shower cubicles. All guests are offered breakfast – additional costs will apply. Three meals a day can be ordered as well. Housekeeping is provided. Iron, hair-dryer and slippers are available upon request. In addition, the hotel provides taxi call and laundry service. The cost of a shared airport transfer to/from this accommodation is US\$60 one way.

Address: 24 Otke Street, Anadyr

Tel: N/A

Indicative Price: Single room only US\$100 / Two people sharing a room US\$85 / Three people sharing a room US\$50 / Four people sharing a room US\$45 / Five people sharing a room US\$40. All prices per person per night

Board Basis: Room Only

## NOME

### Aurora Inn & Suites



This comfortable hotel built in 1999 provides good, comfortable accommodation. Located in the heart of historic Nome there are great views of the Bering Sea

from most windows. There are 54 rooms available, all with ensuite bathrooms. Amenities include full phone service, cable television, laundry facilities, wireless internet and guest access to a sauna. **Accommodation and transfers must be booked directly with this hotel.** The cost of a shared airport transfer to/from this accommodation is approximately US\$10 one way by taxi.

Address: 302 East Front Street, Nome

Tel: +1 (907) 443 3838

Email: aurorainn@gci.net

Website: www.aurorainnome.com

## Nugget Inn



Located in the heart of Nome, the historic atmosphere at the Nugget Inn will pull you back into the days of the Gold Rush and the great Iditarod Dogsled races. The Gold Dust Lounge

decorated with lots of Alaskan Nostalgia offers panoramic views of the Bering Sea and has accessible wireless internet. There are 47 rooms all with ensuite bathrooms, cable TV, wireless internet, small refrigerator/microwave and free local calls. It has a convenient downtown location, near to local restaurants.

**Accommodation and transfers must be booked directly with this hotel.** The cost of a shared airport transfer to/from this accommodation is approximately US\$10 one way by taxi.

Address: 315 Front Street, Nome

Tel: +1 (877) 443 2323

Fax: +1 (907) 443 5966

Website: www.nomenuggetinnhotel.com

## FLIGHTS

Moscow, the main gateway into Russia from Europe and the USA, has three main airports – Domodedovo (airport code DME), Sheremeyevo (airport code SVO) and Vnukovo (airport code VKO). They are many miles apart so plenty of time is required if you need to transfer between them. Those travelling from the southern hemisphere will probably fly via Asia, entering Russia through Vladivostok or Khabarovsk. Russian airlines generally do not to release their domestic flight schedules until between six and three months before our departure dates. We realise that this can be frustrating, so Heritage Expeditions offers charter flights from Nome, Alaska, which connect with most voyages originating and terminating in Anadyr and will suggest flight itineraries to other cities as details become available.

## TRANSFERS

A complimentary transfer is provided to the ship from the airport and central city on embarkation day, and vice versa on disembarkation. The only exception to this is when the ship arrives in Magadan when only a port to city transfer is available. Passengers should not book onward flights until the following day and transfers are available at additional cost. We do encourage travellers however to arrive at least one day prior to embarkation to explore and settle into the new time zone to maximise the expedition experience. If direct flights from Moscow to Anadyr arrive on the day the expedition begins, those are the flights we recommend for a seamless transfer to the vessel. If you would like to spend more time in Anadyr we strongly recommend pre-booking a transfer from the airport to the town as all passengers arriving in the strictly controlled border region of Chukotka will be closely scrutinised. Transfers on days other than embarkation and disembarkation are available at additional cost. Please refer to the suggested hotels for a guide to transfer prices which will be confirmed at the time of enquiry.



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