

North East Passage — Detailed description

Trip Length: 28 Group: 54-10 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

Russia controls one of the major sea routes in the world, widely known as the Northeast Passage. Until recently only a few expedition vessels could have ever gone this way through. Though recent changes in sea ice conditions turned this route accessible for common tourists. Considering this, apparently it's the right time for us to invite you to be part of our history making expeditions through the Northern Sea Route.

During this cruise you can discover how diverse is the nature of the Arctic: unique geological formations, fascinating culture of indigenous people, bears, walruses, musk-oxen and birds. The programme covers the visits to the Wrangle Island, Cape Dezhnev, the Novosibirsk Islands, Severnaya Zemlya (the North Land), Franz Josef Land and Spitsbergen. A journey to these breathtaking places awaits you!

Highlights

- Acquaintance with culture of Chukchi and Eskimos
- Visit of Whale Bone Alley
- Visit of different islands
- Observation of animals
- The shortest seaway between the western part of Russia and Far east

Tour type

CRUISENATURE

Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

Beginning / end of the tour

Tour starts: Anadyr, End of the tour: Murmansk

Program

Day 1 — Departure from Anadyr

10:00 — Arrival to Anadyr
11:00 — Transfer to the sea port
13:00 — Lunch on board
15:00 — Departure
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 2 — One day at sea

09:00 — Breakfast

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10:00 — Free time on board
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Preobrazhenia bay (Transfiguration)
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 3 — Whale alley and hot springs

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Whale bone alley
13:00 — Lunch on board
14:00 — Gil'mimyl Hot Springs
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 4 — Aboriginal peoples in the Arctic

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Arrival to Cape Dezhnev
11:00 — Debarkation and walking around
15:00 — Visit of local villages
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 5 — Kolyuchin island

09:00 — Breakfast
09:00 — Wintering place
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Debarkation on the island
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 6 — Wrangel island

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Arrival to the Wrangel island
13:00 — Lunch
14:00 — Landing on the islands
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 7 — Flora and fauna of the island

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Excursion on the island
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 —
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

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Day 8 — Bird-watching

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Landing on the island
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Continuation of the cruise
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 9 — East-siberian sea

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Navigation in the East-siberian sea
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Free time
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 10 — Reindeer herders of Chukotka

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Landing on the Ayon island
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Acquintence with locals
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 11 — Medvezhyi islands

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Visit of islands
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Continuation of the navigation
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 12 — Sea navigation

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Free time of board
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Continuation of the cruise
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 13 — Novossibirsk islands

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Stop near the Novossibirsk islands
13:00 — Lunch

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15:00 — Liakhovskie island

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Day 14 — Continuation of the excursion to the islands

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Visit of the Anzhu islands

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Day 15 — De Long islands

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Visit of the De Long islands

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the cruise

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Day 16 — Laptev sea

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Commencement of sea passage

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the navigation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Day 17 — Further crossing of the sea

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Free time

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Free time

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Day 18 — North land

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Visit of the archipelago North land

13:00 — Lunch

16:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Day 19 — Northern fiords and glaciers

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09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Stop near the glaciers
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Free time on board
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 20 — Acquintence with the Arctic animals

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Arctic fauna
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Continuation of the cruise
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 21 — Kara sea passage

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Sea passage
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Continuation of the navigation
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 22 — Continuation of the navigation

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Free time on the board
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Free time
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 23 — Franz Josef land

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Stop neat the archipelago
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Landing
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 24 — The Polar Bears

09:00 — Breakfast
10:00 — Debarkation on the coast
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Bear observation
19:00 — Dinner

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Overnight on board

Day 25 — Bird watching

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Visit of rookeries
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Landing on the shore
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 26 — Barents sea

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Day in sea
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Free time on board
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 27 — Continuation of the navigation

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Sea crossing
13:00 — Lunch
15:00 — Free time on board
19:00 — Dinner
Overnight on board

Day 28 — Arrival to Murmansk

09:00 — Breakfast
11:00 — Arrival to Mourmansk and debarkation
12:00 — Transfer port - airport/hotel

Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
31.07.2017	27.08.2017	20800.00 USD

Note

The price is given for the Standard Twin Deck with Simple comfort accommodation, toilet and shower outdoors. Port charges - 500 \$. To book the others categories, the following supplement is applied: + 1 600 \$ for the Superior Deck + 4 400 \$ for the Superior Plus Deck + 5 400 \$ for the Mini Luxe Deck + 7 400 \$ for the Capitan Luxe Deck

What's included

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Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Letter of invitation

Price does not include

- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Beverages
- Airline tickets

Checklist & Equipment

If you are traveling in the spring or autumn, please check with your manager for a list of recommended equipment and an approximate weather forecast.

Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
raincoat / windproof and waterproof jacket with HOOD!
sunglasses
towel
wet wipes and antibacterial hand gel
water bottle/flask
fleece jacket/sweater with collar
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About the boat**Akademik Shokalskiy**

Cruise ship «Akademik Shokalskiy» is a comfortable three deck vessel (Akademik Shuleykin-class). Built in Finland in 1982. The Cruise ship is equipped with modern navigational facilities and exceeds the speed of 26 km per hour (around 16 Mph).

Specifications:

- Length - 71.06 m
- Width - 12,82 m
- Draught - 4,5 m
- Passenger capacity - 54
- Crew - 30

Vessel features:

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- Restaurant
- Bar- restaurant
- Lounge
- Conference hall/bar
- Library
- Medical room
- Sauna
- Laundry

Accommodation:

- 11 Standard Twins
- 8 Superior Deck
- 4 Superior Plus Deck
- 2 Mini Luxe Deck
- 1 Capitan Luxe Deck

Meals

Three meals a day on shipboard, cuisine, based on fresh products and caught fish.

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

Visa

You need a tourist visa to travel to Russia. It can be issued for a maximum period of 30 days. Your passport has to be valid for at least six months after the expiry date of your visa and to have at least two blank pages.

BaikalNature offers visa support and has created "BaikalNature letter of invitation" package. If you buy a BaikalNature tour, this package is absolutely free; when you buy any other BaikalNature service, you will have to pay for this package.

For questions regarding obtaining an electronic visa, please contact your tour manager.

Money

The Russian currency is ruble. The cost of travel and other services is always fixed in rubles. Please note that cards from foreign banks do not work in Russia at the moment. Tourists can obtain a bank card from a Russian bank in advance or travel with cash. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities. It is also worth noting that the exchange rate at airports is usually not the most favorable. It is better to exchange in big cities (you can check the current exchange rate online). Important! Only new banknotes without defects or any traces are accepted for exchange.

Tipping

All persons who compose the BaikalNature travel team (guides, drivers, cooks, etc.) are paid a decent wage for their services and do not expect any tips from you. So you have no obligation to leave anything. If you really want to express your satisfaction by leaving a gratuity, and if it is in foreign currency, be aware that torn or glued coins and banknotes cannot be exchanged. Anyway, thank you for your tips, left at your discretion in envelopes.

Health

No compulsory vaccination.

Emergency Contact

You can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 924 531 87 01 (What's App, Telegram, Viber)

In addition, your call will be forwarded to your manager, reachable 7/7.

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Legal Mentions

Professional Guarantees: BaikalNature LLC (ООО "БайкалНейче"), United Federal Register of Tour Operators number: RTO 009402.
Financial Guarantee: "Gaide insurance company" JSC (АО "Страховая компания Гайде"). Insurance contract N 4875/2422-49 from August 6, 2024. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Travel Insurance

In addition to your personal insurance, you have an opportunity to purchase local insurance. Please, do not hesitate to ask us about our services.

Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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