

## Cruise to the Sea of Okhotsk — Detailed description

Trip Length: 12 Group: 40-45 Departure: Fixed Period: June

### Trip overview

This cruise is for ones who want to get to know the soul of the Far East. Our expedition will reveal many secrets of unexplored terrain. During the cruise, we will visit several uninhabited islands, enjoy the pristine nature. We will see beautiful and rare ribbon seals, sea lions, northern fur seals. We will have a chance to see several species of whales, including rare gray whales and bowhead whales. We will observe thousands of seabirds such as tufted puffin and steller's sea eagle. It is also possible to fortunately see the great Kamchatka brown bear.

The cruise is held on board of the ship "Akademik Shokalskiy "

Technical description: year built - 1983, length - 65,9 m, width - 12,8 m, maximum speed - 10 knots, accommodation - 46-48 berths expedition.

### Highlights

- Immersion in the pristine natural beauty
- Animal observation
- Visit of unhabited islands
- Possibility to see brown bears
- Possibility of kayaking

### Tour type

CRUISENATURE

### Difficulty

Easy - nothing more than normal walking while sight-seeing

### Comfort

Upgraded — all nights in comfortable rooms.

### Begining / end of the tour

Tour starts: Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, End of the tour: Magadan

## Program

### Day 1 — Departure from the Sakhalin island

11:00 — Transfert hotel - Port of Korsakov (Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk)

12:00 — Embarkation

13:00 — Lunch on board

14:00 — Start of the navigation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the boat Akademik Shokalskiy, Triple cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

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## Day 2 — Tyuleniy Island

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Visit of the Tyuleniy Island

13:00 — Lunch on board

15:00 — Landing on th island

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

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Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

## Day 3 — Gray whales and Piltun bay

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — The north-west Sakhalin island

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the navigation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the boat Akademik Shokalskiy, Triple cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

## Day 4 — Island of seabirds

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Iony Island

13:00 — Lunch

14:00 — Continuation of the navigation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the boat Akademik Shokalskiy, Triple cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

## Day 5 — Shantar archipelago

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Discovery of the archipelago

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Animal observation

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the boat Akademik Shokalskiy, Triple cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

## Day 6 — Free day near the archipelago

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Free time

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the navigation

19:00 — Dinner

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Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the boat Akademik Shokalskiy, Triple cabin  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

#### Day 7 — Malminskie islands and Fiodorovsky bay

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Nature of the islands

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Observation of animals

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the boat Akademik Shokalskiy, Triple cabin  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

#### Day 8 — Acquaintance with Okhotsk

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Excursion to Okhotsk

13:00 — Lunch on board

15:00 — Return on board and departure

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

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Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

#### Day 9 — Talan island

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Acquaintance with the island

13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the excursion

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the boat Akademik Shokalskiy, Triple cabin  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

#### Day 10 — Natural reserve Magadanskiy

09:00 — Breakfast

11:00 — Green stops

13:00 — Lunch on board

15:00 — Continuation of the cruise

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the boat Akademik Shokalskiy, Triple cabin  
Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

#### Day 11 — Around Yamskiye islands

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Navigation along the islands shore

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13:00 — Lunch

15:00 — Continuation of the cruise

19:00 — Dinner

Overnight on board

Hotels: Accommodation on the boat Akademik Shokalskiy, Triple cabin

Comfort: Comfortable accommodation, WC and shower on the floor

## Day 12 — Acquaintance with Magadan

09:00 — Breakfast

10:00 — Arrival to Magadan

11:00 — Debarkation

11:30 — Transfer port - hotel/airport

## Departures

Start	End	Basic price per person
14.06.2022	25.06.2022	6590.00 USD

## Note

The price is given for the Standard Triple Deck / for 1 person (one upper and 2 lower berths, simple comfort accommodation, toilet and shower outdoors. The cabin has one bunk (one upper and one lower) and one lower berth, wardrobe, drawers, a desk and wash basin). Port charges - 500 \$. Kayaking - 1 025\$ (the price of 2018). To book the others categories, the following supplement is applied: + 1 160 \$ for the Standard Twin Cabin with simple comfort accommodation, toilet and shower outdoors. The cabin has one bunk (one upper and one lower) and one lower berth, wardrobe, drawers, a desk and wash basin. + 1 680 \$ for the Superior Cabin (bunks (an upper and lower berth), wardrobe, drawers, a desk, a private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. These cabins have windows. + 2 410 \$ for the Superior Plus Cabin (two lower berths, wardrobe, drawers, desk, a private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin. These cabins have windows. + 2 830 \$ for the Mini-Suite Cabin (a separate bedroom with a double bed and a single bed or a sofa in the lounge, wardrobe, drawers, a desk and a private bathroom with shower, toilet and washbasin). The Mini Suites have windows. + 3 780 \$ for the Capitan Luxe Deck (a large lounge area, a separate bedroom with a double bed, a single bed in the lounge, writing desk, wardrobe, drawers). There is a private bathroom with a shower, toilet and washbasin. There are large forward and side facing windows to allow great views.

## What's included

### Price includes

- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Transport as per itinerary
- Meals
- Transfer from airport / railway station on first day
- Transfer to airport / railway station on last day

### Price does not include

- Medical insurance
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Kayak and equipment rental
- Beverages
- Airline tickets
- Accident insurance

## Checklist & Equipment

We recommend you to pack all your stuff in two bags: a small backpack and a large travelling bag.

SMALL BACKPACK: will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day (camera, film, personal medication, bottled water, etc.) You will also use it as hand luggage during air travel for all your heavy (to lighten the travel bag in the luggage compartment), fragile

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(camera, etc.) and necessary (toilet bag, etc.) things.

BIG TRAVEL BAG or BIG BACKPACK: must contain the rest of your stuff. It will be in the luggage compartment during the flight. It will be transported by vehicles.

### Recommended checklist

Sunglasses

Raincoat or wind and waterproof shell jacket (with hood !)

POLARTEC or similar pullover

Windproof waterproof pants and jacket (GORE-TEX, EVENT, SIMPA-TEX)

Long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts

Shorts

T-shirts

Down jacket

Fleece jacket or warm sweater

Comfortable pants

Wool gloves and winter cap

Warm gloves or mittens

Important travel documents: Passport and visa, original or electronic airplane tickets (with a sets of photocopies kept separately), bank card

Binoculars

Charger and spare battery for camera/phone

Photo / video camera

Tour vouchers and programme

Currency in euros, dollars

Seasickness remedies

### About the boat

#### Spirit of Enderby

Expedition vessel «Spirit of Enderby» is a comfortable six deck vessel (Akademik Shuleykin class). Built in Finland in 1993. This vessel is equipped with modern navigational facilities and exceeds the speed of 22,2 km per hour (around 13,7 Mph).

Specifications:

- Length - 71 m
- Width - 13 m
- Passenger capacity - 50
- Crew - 30

Vessel features:

- Restaurant
- Bar- restaurant
- Library
- Sauna
- Laundry

Accommodation:

- 2 Standard Triples
- 11 Standard Twins
- 4 Superior Decks
- 8 Superior Plus Decks
- 2 Mini Suite Decks

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- 1 Grand Suite Deck

### **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:

- 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 more information please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Visa Application Center.

### **Money**

The Russian currency is ruble. In all cities and many large villages of Russia, you can easily withdraw rubles, using a Visa or MasterCard, from ATMs, located in banks, department stores or hotel lobbies, some of them are open 24 hours a day. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities, seldom in the countryside. However, it can be difficult to exchange traveler's checks, even in cities.

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## 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.

You need to get a health examination before a great trip. Consult your doctor. Get a dental checkup. If you have health problems that could worsen during the trip, make sure you have taken all your medications with you.

## Medical Form

No particular physical condition is required.

## Emergency Contact

In Western Russia, you can contact BaikalNature by phone: +7 499 705 65 58

## 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 10058/21-49 from October 08, 2021. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC 119A Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 13 664007 Irkutsk Russia

## Cancellation Options

Cancellation policy:

If cancelled more than 180 days before embarkation – refundable deposit minus \$ 1500 (processing fee)

179-121 days before embarkation – non-refundable deposit

Less than 121 days before embarkation -100% of cruise price is non-refundable

## 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

The travelers' security is our primary aim and also the long-term reputation of our travel agency. First-aid kit, adapted for this tour, is available at your guide.

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